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Phill and Sophie Tilley driving in the Targa Touring Event? During the Riana Stage.

Photo courtesy of Angryman Photography.

The sad site of John and Dawn Irvings MGB being towed to Renmark

#### **Inside Cover Photo's**

2106 National Meeting photo's.

MGCCT contingent preparing to cross the 90 Mile Straight

Tony Lansdell Detailing in preparation for Concourse

Greg Bannon's spare wheel mount to make room for the luggage

MGCCT Members scrubbed up for the Presentation night!

L-R: Don Fraser, John Irving, Greg Bannon, Margaret Bannon, Tony Lansdell, Addison Marshall, Ronda Thomas, Max Wood, Neale Marshall, Margaret Hartley, John Hartley, Susan Fraser, Peter Scott, John Sadler. Front: Wendy Lansdell, Dawn Irving, Margaret Wood

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#### **Perth National Meeting 2016**

Part 1

Our journey started on the refurbished Spirit. The new layout on the uppermost deck was most conducive for a gathering. Team Tasmania consisted of the following members: Bannon's - MGB BL, Frasers - MGA, Wood's - RV8, Irving's - MGB BL, Lansdell's - ZT along with Ronnie Thomas - MGB and Neale and Addison Marshall - MGB RN. The Hartley's - Magnette, had gone ahead and Peter Scott and new member and co-driver John Sadler - MGB GT BL would be departing Melbourne the following weekend.

With our arrival in Melbourne on Tuesday morn, all went their separate ways (this was decided prior to our leaving the South Isle). Our plan was to hook up at Port Augusta on Thursday night and travel in a convoy together across the Nullabor.

Things didn't quite go to plan though as Wendy and I found out on Wed. arvo. Having just checked in to our overnight digs in Mildura and enjoying my second frothie, we received a phone call from the Irving's saying that they had some car trouble and had managed to get to Culleraine, which by the way, is in the middle of no man's land.

Mildura that day was a balmy 37.5 C. The decision was easy - go to your mate's aid - so we repacked the car, checked out of the motel and headed towards Renmark.

We found Dawn and John about 50 odd klms down the road settled under what shade they could find. We hooked up the tow rope to the ZT and proceeded to Renmark. John did well having to cope with the setting sun and a shortish tow rope. We thought we'd do it the same as J & D, we opened the sunroof and windows and had the A/C off. The RAA was called once we arrived in Renmark and it was quickly established that dirt was the problem in John's Weber carbie. The mechanic was a dirt track racer and was familiar with these carbies but it was soon apparent that it was not going to be an easy fix.

The lesson to be learned from this is that make sure you have a filter just before your carburettor no matter where else you've got one.

Wendy and I had to leave Dawn and John next morning whilst they waited for a kit to arrive from Adelaide. We travelled through some glorious countryside noting just how dry



it was away from the river. The other thing to note was the number of wind generators located in both Vic. and SA.

We arrived in Port Augusta mid Thursday afternoon and prior to settling in, Wendy and I had a look around town picking up supplies and refuelling.

Dinner that night was at the in-house restaurant which had an Indian flavour.

Most of us enjoyed a curry but I do have to say that I was gobsmacked when my meal was delivered. I had ordered Tandoori chicken and what I received was no less than a whole chicken. Yum Yum! As it was St Patrick's day, Ronnie and Wendy enjoyed a Irish Coffee. Well sated, we retired for a good nights sleep.

Our next stop was the big 4 caravan park in Ceduna and with dedicated cabins waiting. The journey there was uneventful. We took a walk around town to find the supermarket to decide what to have for dinner. The girls continued discovering Ceduna while the boys headed back to do what they do best. As a group we decided to take over the communal facilities and enjoyed a BBQ dinner with the odd drop or two.

We departed next morning after refuelling and headed for our lunch stop at Head of the Bight. This is about 10 kms off the main hwy on a sealed road. Boardwalks take you to the cliff face for whale watching. None at this time of year though. After lunch we headed for overnight Saturday at Border Village. Settling in to our digs and enjoying a drink or 2, some of us decided to have a BBQ dinner and the rest went to the in-house restaurant.

Sunday and up early again next morn to get through the border quarantine check and the 11 klms up the road to Eucla for refuelling (it's at least 5 to 10 cents/ltr cheaper in WA).



Another shortish day (we had planned around 500 klms /day for those not in comfortable vehicles) Lunch at the picnic tables at the Cocklebiddy Hotel (see April mag cover photo) before tackling the 90 mile straight. I'm pleased to say that Marg B, Marg W, Ronnie and Wendy all drove this long and boring section.

We arrived at Balladonia midafternoon Sunday and settled in quickly. Cold drinks all round whilst the guys checked cars and the ladies played games. As we

were less than 500 kms from Kalgoorlie, Greg and Marg decided to get up very early next morning and try to get to Perth to see family before they headed back to the mines for work. Neale & Addison were also keen to get away early as they were heading south after Norseman. Cars were reshuffled so as not to disturb those still asleep next morn.

An early start meant that we were in Norseman by 9am having brekky.

Neale had phoned us earlier to warn us of kangaroos. He had been struck by 2 about 30 klms before Norseman. Thankfully not enough damage to halt their progress.

We arrived in Kalgoorlie around lunchtime and were fortunate enough to be able to check in to our accommodation. After settling in and having a quick bite to eat we wandered off to have a look around. Wendy and I caught up with a family friend. She and her hubby had relocated here some 10 years ago. She started out as a dental nurse but nowadays she is a parole officer - some career change.

Another hotel was found to have dinner at. Meals are very expensive compared to normal. We twigged later that's it's due to the fact that there are no pokies to subsidise the hotels runnings and that also it's a mining town - everything is dearer. The only pokies are at the Casino in Perth!

Tours were booked for the next day for those staying a second night.

John and Dawn arrived mid arvo Tuesday after no more problems until just before Kal when a stone was collected on John's windscreen.

Wednesday morning was overcast and cool. Our last leg was around 600 klms. Those of us left travelled in convoy until the outskirts of Perth where we went our separate ways. We were leapfrogging some East-coast hotrods regularly. They were having their Nat meet at Busselton. We had rented 3 houses between the 17 of us. 2 were in Belmont between the airport and the racecourse and the other was on the far side of the airport. Wendy and I settled in for our 1st night alone in a week. Finally, a good nights sleep in comfortable surroundings. The Bannons weren't arriving until Thursday arvo and Scotty and copilot John were arriving sometime Thursday arvo as well.



Thursday was the "get the car clean" day for us. The usual preparations for a concours - a wash, a light polish (the car bra had done its job) and all that fine detailing needed for a good result. Greg and Marg arrived mid arvo and for the 1st time that I'd seen, Greg was actually washing and polishing his car!

Just as I had put the finishing touches to the ZT, low and behold, a blue BL GT pulls into the driveway. Exhausted but in high spirits, Peter and John were glad to alight from their "cockpit" and walk around with a coldie in their hands.

After tales were told and another coldie to ease the memories of the past few days, Peter was goaded into doing the

"team thing" and preparing his car for the concours. All of us got stuck into it and less than an hour later - Peter has never seen his car so gleaming. It was magnificent!

Dinner was prepared by Marg & Wendy with a very sociable evening to follow with the wine and beer flowing freely.

We had arrived. All of us had dealt with challenges ranging from mechanical issues, both prior to leaving and during the trip, and animal incidents. The weather had been a lot cooler than expected. A special mention



to Ronnie Thomas. She had set herself the task of driving the entire distance herself. Her car did not miss a beat and neither did she. Well done to all but the job is only a third the way through.

Next time - The Event itself

Wendy & Tony Lansdell

#### The Fox Classic Car Collection

Whilst in Melbourne recently we took time out to visit the Lindsay Fox Car Collection at Queens Warehouse. The collection is on show for 8 months of the year displaying around 70 cars, which represents a small portion of Lindsay Fox's total collection which is one of the largest private collections in the world. There was the 3 T's TC, TD and TF. Some very unique and interesting cars, including a Mercedes C130 AWD with 2 x 1.8L Turbo motor, 1 up front and 1 in the rear. Only 4 were built. The display is easy to find, parking is free and only \$20 to get in.



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		Man O Ross Hotel, Ross, 7:30 pm	

#### **Presidents Report**

How quickly is the year progressing, the shortest day will be here in no time.

We have heard a small selection of "happenings' from the National Meeting at Perth WA. (It may sound silly commentating as Perth WA, but there is also a Perth in Tassie, and currently there is a "Bank" TV ad running here about a couple buying a house in Perth, and the bank person says I used to live in Perth, what suburb are you intending to buy ...... couple say Perth Tasmania), however I'm sure more will eventuate in the coming months.

Competition wise we conducted the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the Tasmanian Super Series at Symmons Plains on April 24<sup>th</sup>. We had a good number of entries, good racing and good weather. We have a new Chairman of our Race Committee, Mr. Phillip Tilley, welcome aboard. As President and part of the Race Committee I would like to thank our former Chairman, Mr Kevin Knight (he is stepping down from the Chairman position, but will remain on the Race Committee) for his work, support and being the Clerk of Course for our race meetings for the past 7 years, (which he will continue).

Our next competition event is on May 22<sup>nd</sup> for a Club Day at Baskerville, combined with the Mini Car Club. Supplementary Regulations and Entry Form available on MG website – <a href="https://www.mgtas.org.au">www.mgtas.org.au</a>

In regards to editors comments in the last magazine regarding sending the magazine via email mail to members, it is still an ongoing discussion re decision, but may I say that the club has *no intention of increasing the club's membership fees in the foreseeable future*, regardless of the magazine being posted to members in its current format.

The club has accrued the services of Mr Bruce Lindsay (thanks to Phillip Tilley) to compile the history of the MG Car Club of Tasmania Inc.

So come on members find and share your photos of antics and events of years past, and stories also, (extreme care will be taken of any photos and returned to you in the condition as given).

Primary contacts: Tony Lansdell 0418 378 214 (North-west); Bruce Hills 6248 9480 (South) or any State Committee Member (after hours).

It would be good that photos etc be available for Bruce Lindsay by the end of June to start compiling our book.

Happy MGing



(Bronwyn Zuber)

#### **Ed Says**

Following last month's editorial, I have had many emails and phone calls about the magazine. Similar to previous discussions this topic triggers a very lively debate.

I promised that I would provide the members with a complete financial report so our debate can be fully informed. So what are the facts and how does it impact on our membership.

Firstly lets sort out some terminology, our club has 294 members, however we have 198 paying memberships, where joint members are considered to be one membership and life members are non paying. Therefore when I refer to cost per membership, I am referring to the 198 paying memberships.

With the latest increase imposed on us by Australia Post our magazine cost were:

	<b>\Month</b>	\Year	\$/Copy	\$/Mem
Printing (250) Avg	\$465.00	\$5,580.00		
Postage	\$218.00	\$2,616.00		
Total	\$683.00	\$8,196.00	\$26.86	\$34.32

We receive income of \$1,400 from our advertisers and this makes the annual costs:

\$26.86 per copy printed, \$34.32 per membership (55% of dues)

This is the first time since I started as editor that the magazine has broken the 50% mark.

The decision by State committee at the March meeting to discontinue sending printed copies to other clubs and organisations has reduce the monthly cost by \$83.00.

This brings our current annual costs to:

\$26.13 per copy printed, \$29.29 per membership (45% of dues)

The annual cost per magazine to print and post for reduced numbers are:

150 magazine: **\$34.88** per copy printed 100 magazine: **\$41.28** per copy printed 50 magazine: **\$60.00** per copy printed

The reason the cost increases is because the fixed setup/handling costs are divided across a smaller number of copies. Also once we go below 100 copies our post costs increase by 15% as well.

So then the big question is what discount do you provide to a member who does not opt for a printed copy, realising that you will not be able to provide full discount whilst we do continue to print the magazine. That is an argument I will leave for another day.

So briefly the facts are:

- Our club demographics means that we cannot go completely away from printed magazines
- Feedback confirms that a considerable number of members still want their printed copies of the magazine.
- The fewer magazines we print the higher the cost per copy

- Any members electing to take up electronic magazines would not receive full discount for taking that option.
- Any members electing to receive printed copies cannot be expected to pay full cost for the privilege.

So where to from here?

There are a number of options been suggested by the members who have contacted me or other state committee members:

One of these is to reduce the quality of the paper for the magazine and print on standard A4 80 gsm paper. Further to this might be for the club to purchase a reasonably priced laser printer and print the fewer number of magazines on standard paper.

Another is to go to a bi-monthly magazine.

Both suggestions have merits and both have practical as well as emotive constraints to their effectiveness.

Then there is the consideration of our advertisers, by reducing the overall cost of the magazine by going predominately electronic, must we then entertain reducing our advertising cost structure?

I would also like to add, that our current printer is very supportive of the club in terms of their charges. Over the years I have had many printing companies approach me to try and win our business, their starting offer has consistently been over 25% higher than we currently pay. I firmly believe that our loyalty to our printer has provided the club with the best pricing we can expect. I see no good reason to jeopardise this relationship.

I hope all this information is not too confusing.

I will end this particular rhetoric by advising that the state committee has accepted my recommendation that given that we have effectively reduced the cost per membership back to where we were, that we all now stop take a deep breath and have good think of what we want our magazine to be, and how to produce, print and distribute it the most cost effective way, without any short term pressure.

#### **Club History:**

I would hope that all members would be aware that our club has been in existence for 57 years and in that time a lot has happened. Much has been captured in our monthly magazine. Much is captured in photos held by current and past members, and much is in the memories of our members.

The State Committee has engaged an independent motoring writer to compile the history of the Club in Tasmania. Members are requested to please consider supplying anecdotes, histories, event and car photographs and their own recollections of club events to the nominated club members, in each sub-centre who will then collate this material, and forward it to the writer.

Initially the sub-centre representatives are:

NW Group: Tony Lansdell

North: TBA South: Bruce Hills

Others will be called upon to assist as this project gains momentum.

Please feel comfortable about writing down your own experiences in whatever form you like, since all such contributions will be carefully edited. Photos can be accepted either as originals (which will be returned undamaged after scanning) or as high resolution (not less than 300dpi) scans, colour or mono. Please would you offer such material as early as possible, to enable this project to get off the ground. The writer has been provided with all copies of the club magazine as reference and he may also contact individual members to provide additional information to supplement that material.

Initially we would like submissions to be provided by the end of June 2016. Requests for specific information will be printed in this magazine, if you are able to assist with any of those requests please do so in a timely manner so as not to unnecessarily delay the collation and editing process.

On a completely different topic, those who are motor sport aware will have heard of the passing of Peter Williamson, a very talented driver who competed at the Bathurst 1000, in a Toyota Celica. He was the first driver to talk on camera whilst driving around Mount Panorama, and I have watched some YouTube clips from his on board camera bringing back many memories of the multi class racing of the day. And also negotiation recovery trucks on the circuit whilst racing without safety cars just waving white flags. OH&S professionals would have a field day!!

The revised National meeting results have been issued and the only change to those published last month is Don winning the Rocker Racing following a protest against the car that knocked him out. Apparently it was running on only 3 wheels. Well done Don, all that engineering has not gone to waste.

Ed.

Poster given to MGCC Members on their arrival in Perth by John Irving's ex next door neighbour.





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## **Membership Report**

This month we welcome new members: Alan and Linda Eastoe from Dilston. Alan owns a Black TC and spends time between Tasmania and Queensland

Sue-Anne Midgley Membership Officer

## **Historics Report**

The final planned showing of the Baskerville Movie is on 12<sup>th</sup> May. Shannons are flying Jim Richards down for the night and he will be joined by long term Targa partner and friend Barry Oliver. Barry will be conducting a mini Car Torque with Jim at the end of the first session and both will mingle with the crowd during and after the show. Don't miss this opportunity to spend some time with one of Australia's most influential and respected drivers.

The ticket form is attached – please note sales end on 9<sup>th</sup> May which is less than two weeks away.

Ticket form can be downloaded from the Mg website or contact Ed to send one out.

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Robin Wilmot	1998	Bill Griffiths	2007
Tony Gurnhill	2009	Cheryl Gurnhill	2013
Bronwyn Zuber	2013	Greg Bannon	2013
Craig Twining	2014		

#### **MGCCT Facebook Page**

#### The MG Car Club of Tasmania Inc

For those members that are facebook users, we now have a MGCCT facebook page. Feel free to add events photos and videos, just remember that anything offensive or not relevant to the club may be removed at the discretion of the administrator

#### **MGCCT** Website

#### www.mgtas.org.au

A copy of this magazine can be downloaded from the MGCCT website.

Membership application and change of address forms are also available for download. Latest Events information and links to other MG Clubs and car clubs.

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#### **PAST EVENTS**

10<sup>th</sup> April – A Cryptic run to The Salmon Ponds: 24 people tried to match wits with Peter Shaw to find answers to his cryptic clues on the run to lunch at the Salmon Ponds. The 15 cars comprised 2 MGBs, 2MGFs, 1 each of MG1100, MG Midget, MGTC, and MGA as well as a Healey, BMW Z3, MX5 and 4 family hacks, the owners of which all had impeccable reasons for not bringing their MGs.

Peter said he felt a need to change the name of the event, eliminating the word cryptic, because he thought there were too many straight clues. This was also cryptic as none of the clues seemed straight. We should have guessed what was to come when the first answer (supposedly visible on leaving the Civic Club) was Keens Curry, which I am sure has not been visible for the last 10 - 15 years. Driving along the Brooker and then heading to Molesworth we passed "Berridale toilets keep for future use" (Berridale convenience store), and "Flame allows now needed" (Fire permits required). At Molesworth we discovered "Recent heavy drug restraint forward" (New speed limit ahead) and "Walking

sticks (religious) placed here" (Staff parking), before heading to the Patchwork Café for a well-deserved coffee. But on the way we also learnt that Boyer is an ancient Russian aristocracy name. It was here that Wayne and Paula Goninon baled out, claiming they intended coming for coffee only, as they had to pack for an overseas trip.

It was then past "Painful condition related to herpes, by stream, small houses" (Shingles Riverfront Cabins) and "Dark blemish plan" (Black Spot Program) to the Salmon Ponds for an excellent buffet lunch. While everyone felt mentally lost during the run, the award for being totally lost went to Alan Briggs and Patricia Murray in the TC who went through Collinsvale and turned back when they got to a narrow gravel road and heard banjos playing. The dubious honour of being most capable of thinking like Peter Shaw went to Kevin and Irene McGuire.

For those who did not go, please look at the following. These are possibly the straight clues, in which case it should not be too difficult to work out:-

Near New Norfolk: "Factory river upward motion point"......

and more universal: "Commercial vehicles instructed to dress down"......

#### Kevin McGuire



13<sup>th</sup> April – Wayne Goninon's mid-week run. On a nice day for tops down 49 people ventured to the Richmond Arms Hotel where we had an enjoyable 2-course lunch with a

choice of 3 mains and 2 desserts. A roundabout route took us via Lauderdale, Seven Mile Beach, Sorell and through the back road to Richmond.

**24**<sup>th</sup> **April** – Shannon's Show and Shine. 10 vehicles from the MG Car Club attended this event at Rosny. We were treated to the usual huge array of vehicles of all makes and vintages. Our involvement was managed by member Ian Campbell.

#### **COMING EVENTS:**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May** – A combined run to the Picnic at Ross. The Northerners will be leaving Longford at10.00am. The plan is to meet them on the Main Street in Ross. The Southerners have the option of leaving the Civic Club at 9.00am or join the T type group at McDonalds, Bridgewater where they will be leaving at 9.30am.

For further information please contact:

Chris Wagstaff: 6239 1341 or Mark Dilger: 6327 1028

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May** - Wayne Goninon's mid-week run. These runs are conducted Wednesdays in the middle of the month. They all commence at the Rivulet Café, 64 Anglesea St, South Hobart where we partake of a coffee before heading off to our destination around 11.30am. The remaining dates are: 15<sup>th</sup> June, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 17<sup>th</sup> August, 14<sup>th</sup> September, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 16<sup>th</sup> November and 14<sup>th</sup> December.

For further information please contact Wayne Goninon: 0408 388 881

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June** – Run to Orford for a BYO BBQ at David Scott's. Depart Civic Club at 10.00am. Salad will be provided. RSVP to David for catering purposes.

For further information please contact David Scott: 6257 1508

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July** – Run to Oatlands via Runnymede with a meal at the Stables Restaurant. Depart Civic Club at 10.00 am.

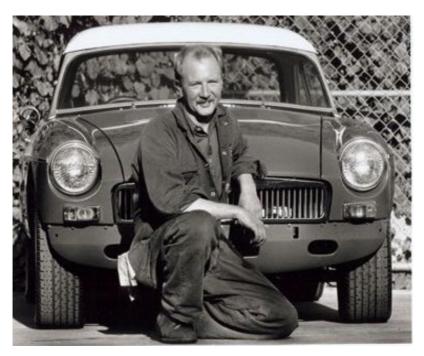
For further information please contact David Scott: 6257 1508

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August** – Mountain Breakfast Run. Details for this run are being finalized. For further information please contact Chris Wagstaff: 6239 1341

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September** – Evening run to Franklin for fish and chips combined with a Poker Run. For further details please contact Garry Rusden: 0428 523 592



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			30 pm for meeting. VCCA Rooms,	
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# PreWar MG Register of Australia

National Rally, Yamba 2017

Friday 13th - Monday 16th October 2017 Presentation Dinner Monday 16th October 2017

Angourie Rainforest Resort - Yamba NSW www.angourieresort.com.au

Register your Interest Email: prewarMG2017@gmail.com

#### MG Car Club of Tasmania – MG Monthly Motoring News, May 2016 North West

Position	Member	Partner	Contact Details	
Co-	Roy Stuart	Kathy	(m) 0419 589 316	
Ordinator			northwest-coord@mgtas.org.au	
Club Meeti	ing Details	Second Thursday night of the Month:		
		6.00 pm for meal and social evening.		
		Bridge Hotel, Forth		

I received a phone call from Targa Tasmania requiring course Marshalls for the Riana stage with only a few days' notice, I made a few phone calls and soon had the required amount of officials including members and friends. We must have performed our tasks in a professional manner last year to be considered again. What a fantastic day to be up close to the competitive vehicles. On several posts we were a little understaffed but all members had a memorable day. Our day didn't start that well with our illustrious leader (no names) presumably getting lost before we were even out of Ulverstone. Terry Jeffrey assumed command and led our party to Riana two young future members in Felix Jeffrey (grandson of Terry and Colleen Jeffrey) and Noah (Snowy) Hacker, Grandson of Roy and Kathy Stuart helped out on the day.

Tony and Wendy Lansdell's social run is on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>. This promises to be a fabulous day contact Tony or Wendy for further details.

Max and Margaret Wood have only just disembarked off the Spirit of Tasmania 1 from the National Meeting in Perth and are busy organising their social calendar for the MG Club, M & M will be hosting a "Dirty Dicks" theme night at their house. This night replaces our customary "Whiskey and Pizza Night". The afternoon/evening will include spit roasts, roast vegies ETC. Margaret will have her usual and new exciting games to play. RSVP is mandatory to Myself or Max and Margaret. The ladies are asked to bring dessert and gentlemen will be required to make a donation of \$10 towards meat. The date is 18<sup>th</sup> June. Put this on your calendar as you will not want to miss a night filled with fun, friends, good food and most of all plenty of laughter.

Planning is in the final stages for the Midgley's Mid-Winter Getaway 8<sup>th</sup> July once again one of the top events on our social calendar, contact Ed or Sam (Sue-Anne) if you haven't registered.

I had the pleasure of catching up with several members who attended the Nat Meet in Perth over Easter. All were still smiling and reminiscing about the fantastic time they had. Plans are underway for the next meet, with John Irving already taking numbers and planning for Adelaide (I think john would drive back to Perth next year if they had it again).

I will not be available to organise the canteen at either Motorkhana at Latrobe this year. Any members that would be able to take on this task please contact me.

Just a reminder with the winter conditions arriving SLOW DOWN and DRIVE to the conditions

Red Rules Roy Stuart

# MG Car Club of Tasmania - MG Monthly Motoring News, May 2016 2016 National Meeting Delegates Meeting

**Extracts** from the National Delegates meeting held in Perth following the National Meeting a full copy of the minutes can be read on the MGCC of Western Australia web site

#### Natmeet Rules: Heading 1.2.3 MG Specials

The vehicle will have all equipment to make it road registrable "notwithstanding the fitting of safety equipment [DM 2015]"

Delegates ratified this amendment.

#### 4.3 Natmeet Rules: Heading Concourse d' Elegance

d) The need for judges working as a team is to be stressed at the Judges Briefing. "Tools are not to be displayed outside the car and no enhancements are allowed until after the judging has been completed."

TCOC moved that amended wording be adopted, being "Tools may be displayed outside the car during judging. However, no enhancements such as previous trophies, restoration records incuding photographs or information placards relating to the car model are to be displayed either outside or within the car until judging has been completed." This was seconded by WA. Rob Grantham distributed a written rationale for the amendment and spoke for the motion.

Victoria proposed adding '...no **other** enhancements..' and this was agreed by the proposer of the motion.

Delegates voted in favour of the amended motion.

#### Natmeet Rules: Heading 1.2.3 MG Specials

e) The vehicle will have all equipment to make it road registrable "notwithstanding the fitting of safety equipment [DM 2015]"

Delegates ratified this amendment.

#### Natmeet Rules: Heading Motorkhana

WD times are to be taken from a similar class if not able to be established within a class, at the Host Centre's discretion.

This was ratified by the Delegates.

## Natmeet Rules: Heading Rocker Cover Race Guidelines: added

At the DM 2015 it was recommended that the Rocker Racers are subject to scrutineering to conform to the rules.

This was ratified by the Delegates.

Natmeet Rules: To be added just before the Observation Run heading: Duty Of Care – Road Events: there is a Duty of Care to establish that due consideration is given to factors like road condition, road works and traffic flows at the proposed time of the event.

This was ratified by the Delegates.

**Observation Run** – no issues raised, however there was considerable debate over whether a CAMS licence was required for the Observation Run. SA's view was that a

licence was not required. WA noted that this matter was extensively canvassed prior to the 2015 Natmeet and it appeared to be clear then that a CAMS licence was required for the Observation Run, as it falls within the CAMS definition of a Touring Assembly with an Observation Test classed as a Non-Speed Event requiring a L2NS licence. The Natmeet Rules under the 'Observation Run' heading state that:

e) The Driver in an Observation Run/Rally/Economy Run must have a minimum 2NS CAMS licence. (DM 1997)

Delegates agreed that this requirement for a CAMS licence be deleted from the Natmeet Rules, as it is the responsibility of the Host Centre to ensure that all current CAMS requirements for the National Meeting are known and complied with, including any CAMS licence requirement for the Observation Run.

Kimber Run – NSW proposed that the Kimber Run be considered as counting towards the Wratten Trophy, say one point allocated to each driver. Delegates agreed that NSW (John Bastian) would develop a proposal for consideration at the 2017 NM

#### **Timing of future National Meetings:**

Motion proposed by the MG Car Club of Western Australia:

The Host Centre for a National Meeting in any year may, at its sole discretion, resolve to hold that National Meeting at any time during the months of March, April or May as an alternative to the Easter period. Where the Host Centre so resolves, the dates of the National Meeting will be advised 2 years prior to that National Meeting. This was adopted by the Delegates 8/2.

Qld advised that all Perpetual Trophies and carrying boxes should be signed for and proposed that the Natmeet Rules include this requirement. Delegates agreed with this proposal. It was suggested by the Chairman that where any Perpetual Trophy does not have a carrying box, the 2016 recipients could make /obtain a suitable carrying box.

Qld proposed that the Natmeet Rules requirement for the Nuffield Oceania Trophy to be insured by the recipient be replaced by a requirement for the winning Centre to sign for it on a form provided by MGCCUK, which will insure the Trophy.

Delegates agreed with this proposal.

Nominated Delegate Don Fraser

Following the National Meeting I sent out an email to all the participating people, to provide their view's of the event, I thank them for their replies. Overall the comments were very positive and the 3 WA Clubs are to be commended on their efforts to host the National Meeting. The feedback will be very useful at our next 2018 National Meeting committee meeting.

Overall Tasmania once again punched well above their weight Placing  $3^{rd}$  in the Wratten Trophy &  $2^{nd}$  in the Nuffield Oceania Trophy

2018 National Meeting Chairman Don Fraser

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# Midgley's Mid-Winter Getaway

Plans are being finalised for this years weekend, we are about to finalise the accommodation so if you are thinking of attending the weekend then please get in touch before I let the uncommitted houses go.

Lunch on Friday will be at the Wagu Pie Company in Devonport, selection will be off the regular menu.

We will be gathering at the surf club on the Friday night, the majority of replies thought that we should let the ladies have the night off. So the only food you will need to bring with you is your breakfast.

Stay tuned for updates and watch out for those email instructions on payment for the accommodation.

Sue-Anne Midgley

# 2016 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Targa Tasmania



Sophie Tilley

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#### **Exhaust Notes**

#### Hello MGCCT Members

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I believe it was owned by Kieran Scheeman, around 2006, whilst living in Tasmania. I am enquiring as to whether any member of the MGCC of Tasmania has any information on this vehicle in your records.

#### Regards

Stuart Duncan, Gold Coast, QLD Email: lesley stuart@bigpond.com

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Safety Fast Cloth Badges Black/Cream Crackers/Red/Yellow	\$4.00		
Cloth Badges, Tasmanian Logo	\$9.00		
Grill Badges Red & Black/Cream & Green	\$30.00		
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Contact Andrew Midgley 0458 949 881			

#### MG Car Club of Tasmania – MG Monthly Motoring News, May 2016 The Funny Bone

An Irishman was flustered not being able to find a parking space in a large mall's parking lot.

"Lord, "he prayed," I can't stand this. If you open a space up for me, I swear I'll give up drinking me whiskey, and I promise to go to church every Sunday."

Suddenly, the clouds parted and the sun shone on an empty parking spot. Without hesitation, the man said, "Never mind, I found one."

Paddy and his missus are lying in bed listening to the next door neighbour's' dog barking. It had been barking for hours and hours.

Suddenly Paddy jumps up out of bed and says

"I've had enough of this".

He goes downstairs.

Paddy finally comes back up to bed and his wife says,

"The dog is still barking. What have you been doing?"

Paddy says "I've put the dog in our yard . Fookin' see how THEY like it!!

Paddy was tooling along the road one fine day when the local policeman, a friend of his, pulled him over.

"What's wrong, Seamus?" Paddy asked.

"Well didn't ya know, Paddy, that your wife fell out of the car about five miles back?" said Seamus.

"Ah, praise the Almighty!" Paddy replied with relief. "I thought I'd gone deaf!"

An Irish man walks into a pub. The bartender asks him, "what'll you have?"

The man says, "Give me three pints of Guinness please."

So the bartender brings him three pints and the man proceeds to alternately sip one, then the other, then the third until they're gone. He then orders three more. The bartender says, "Sir, I know you like them cold. You don't have to order three at a time. I can keep an eye on it and when you get low I'll bring you a fresh cold one."

The man says, "You don't understand. I have two brothers, one in Australia and one in the States. We made a vow to each other that every Saturday night we'd still drink together. So right now, my brothers have three Guinness Stouts too, and we're drinking together".

The bartender thought that was a wonderful tradition. Every week the man came in and ordered three beers. Then one week he came in and ordered only two. He drank them and then ordered two more. The bartender said to him,

"I know what your tradition is, and I'd just like to say that I'm sorry that one of your brothers died."

The man said, "Oh, me brothers are fine----I just quit drinking."

She followed her husband to the public house.

"How can you come here, to this horrid place" she said, taking a sip of his pint of Guinness, "and drink that awful stuff?"

"Now!" he cried, "And you always said I was out enjoying meself."

# **Calender of Events**

Events in italics are not Club Points Events

Event	Location	Co-Ordinator	Date
PVCC Pienie Day	Ross	Chris Wagstaff Mark Dilger	Sun, 15 May 16
NW - Lunch Run	Penguin	Tony Lansdell	Sun, 15 May 16
SSC - Mid Week Run	TBA	Wayne Goninon	Wed, 18 May 16
NSC - Morning Tea Run	Launceston	Phil Paine	Sat, 21 May 16
TSS-Round 3	Baskerville	HSCC	Sun, 22 May 16
NSC - Coffee Walk	Launceston		Fri, 27 May 16
SuperSprints	Baskerville	Robin Wilmot	Sun, 29 May 16
Classics on the Beach	Sandy Bay		Sun, 05 Jun 16
NSC - Mid Week Run	North	Mark Dilger	Wed, 08 Jun 16
NSC - Morning Run	TBA	Rhonda Matthews	Sat, 11 Jun 16
SSC - Social Run	Orford	David Scott	Sun, 12 Jun 16
SSC - Mid Week Run	TBA	Wayne Goninon	Wed, 15 Jun 16
SSC - Social Run	Oatlands	David Scott	Sun, 12 Jun 16
THS - Round 2	Baskerville	CMI	Sun, 10 Jul 16
NSC - Social Run	Winnaleah	John James	Sun, 19 Jun 16
NSC - Coffee Walk	Launceston		Sat, 24 Sep 16
SMS-Round 3	Symmons Plains	MSCT	Sat, 25 Jun 16
SMS Round 4	Latrobe	Club Captain	Sun, 03 Jul 16
Midgleys Mid-Winter Getaway	Tasmania	Sue-Anne Midgley	Fri, 8 Jul 16 - Sun, 10 Jul 16
SSC - Social Run	Oatlands	David Scott	Sun, 10 Jul 16
SSC - Mid Week Run	TBA	Wayne Goninon	Wed, 13 Jul 16
May Trial	TBA	TBA	Sun, 17 Jul 16
TSS-Round 4	Symmons Plains	Robin Wilmot	Sun, 31 Jul 16
Motorkhana	Bothwell	Club Captain	Sun, 07 Aug 16
SSC - Mid Week Run	TBA	Wayne Goninon	Wed, 17 Aug 16

#### **SQUARE RIGGER NOTES**

All Pre War, T and Y Type MG's.

The Square Rigger run to Deep Bay with thanks to Alan and Jeanette McKenzie for their hospitality. In attendance were Alan and Trish Briggs MGTC, Chris and Daun Morris MGTC, Richard and Shona Taylor MGTC, Rob and Di Leeson MGTF, David and Tricia Taylor MGTF, Peter Shaw MGA, Brian and Glenda Sharman MGB, Shane Manley MGF, Rod and Wendy Harris Lexus.





And a shot of the preferred means of transport for this driver, that's a vehicle with time delay between ignition and power, acceleration of an echidna on steroids, open air driving with no need of a cabin heater, suspension of the ridgid variety, draw a good crowd of oriental tourists. And the M Class would also do.

#### Square Rigger contacts:

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