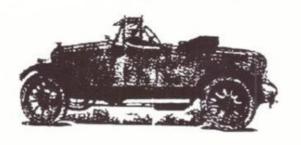
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# The M Super Sports Morris

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The first advertisement for an MG car, as displayed in the MG museum.

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#### **Cover Photo:**

Some of the Tasmanian contingent heading to the 2017 National Meeting in Adelaide. Pictured here at morning tea break in Waikerie, South Australia

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### Centenary of MG

In 1923 Cecil Kimber, the Founder of MG Cars, designed, built, advertised and sold his first MG sports cars. He called them the 'MG Super Sports Morris', with sporting coachwork by Charles Raworth. The first fully documented sale was to Oliver Arkell, of the Arkell Brewing dynasty, in August 1923. Under Kimber the company grew quickly to produce a plethora of sporting models, until he resigned from the Abingdon Company in November 1941. Kimber was tragically killed in a train crash in 1945, he did not live to see his legacy of hundreds of thousands of Britain's favourite sports cars produced. Car production ceased at Abingdon, the spiritual home of MG, in 1980, then continued at Longbridge until 2011, and continues to this day by SAIC China.

#### (Extract from MG Owner Club UK Website.)

There remains conjecture over when MG actually began, although the official recognition is as above and MG clubs all over Australia will be running events acknowledging the marques 100 years next year.

The 2023 National Meeting is dedicated to celebrate the 100 year achievement (see information later in the magazine).

MG May Day at the Tasmanian Motor Museum which is to be held on the  $30^{\rm th}$  of April 2023, is going to be one of our clubs events to acknowledge the 100 year milestone.

So why the conjecture over the date I hear you ask, well it goes something like this.

In 1922 Cecil Kimber was the General Manager of Morris. He started a side business modifying Morris cars in 1923, his first sale was August 1923 as noted above, a Yellow/Black modified Morris Chummy, but it was under the name "Morris Garage".

The octagon MG badge was first introduced in November of 1923 and appeared on the 14/28 which is universally recognised as the first MG car. The Morris Garage business name was registered on 1st of May 1924,

In March of 1928 the use of the name "MG Car Company" began.

April of 1928 an application was lodged to trademark the octagon MG badge. On the 21st of July 1930 the name "MG Car Company" was registered when Morris Garage moved from Cowley to Abingdon.

So take your pick on which you think is the real beginning of MG, I say lets just celebrate for the next 7 years. Below is a picture of Old number 1, you can just pick out the MG badge on the radiator, and then a picture of the MG Cyberstar EV which is MG's new roadster to be released into the market to celebrate the 100 years. The similarities are well --- none!! Colour maybe?





## **MG Car Club State Committee**

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## **MGCCT Facebook Page**

#### The MG Car Club of Tasmania Inc

For those members who are Facebook users, we have an MG Car Club Tasmania Facebook page. Feel free to add events, photos, and videos, but 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

Copies of this magazine can be downloaded from the MGCCT website. Membership forms and change of address forms are also available for download. Links to other car clubs are also available.

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## VC Registrations, Inspections and Renewals

Vehicle Club registration allows members of a recognised car club (approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles) to use their vehicle in either a club sanctioned event or for general use 30 days outside of club events. These vehicles attract a reduced rate of registration and third party insurance.

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## **President's Report**

We are in August, where the daylight is starting to "stretch" out but are still getting chilly mornings / days.

I have heard that the Northern Sub-Centre has had to cancel runs and their monthly meeting due to a few members having Covid. Hope you all get well soon so you can all get up and going on your runs. So far so good the other Sub-Centres are at this point in time OK.

Our next motorsport event is a Test n Tune Day (basically private practice) at Pepsi-Max Baskerville on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August. This event is open to all current members of a Motorsport Australia affiliated club. Cost \$100. Entry is on the day.

Documentation from 8:30am; Driver's Briefing 09:45am; Start 10:00am.

There will be a sausage / hamburger BBQ at a small cost.

All proceeds will go to the Baskerville Foundation to maintain the track and who are running the Baskerville Historic's between September 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> 2022. There will be 20 Group A and C Racing categories coming from interstate plus several "local" historic car owners. There will also be Pedal Car Racing for selected children on the Saturday.

The State Committee is continuing to investigate the Carbon Neutral Policy for the club, so when the time comes the club will be in front of the eight ball. Mark Harrington, (the secretary) has taken this arduous task on and is progressing well.

Reserve the dates  $16^{\text{th}}$  to  $18^{\text{th}}$  November for the club's Annual Concourse, Presentation Dinner, and Breakfast to be held at Sheffield. Details re venues for the weekend and accommodation suggestions are further in the magazine.

Mark Dilger has put his hand up to organise some arrangements for people wishing to attend the 2023 MG National Meeting at Glenelg in South Australia. People interested in going are responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements. At this stage Mark has 17 names interested in going.

Keep safe everyone and let's keep enjoying using our MGs on these cooler days.

# **Zube**(Bronwyn Zuber) President



## Life Members

| 01 | Joe Paul (dec)       | 1969 | 10 | Bill Griffiths  | 2007 |
|----|----------------------|------|----|-----------------|------|
| 02 | Bob Moore (dec)      | 1974 | 11 | Tony Gurnhill   | 2009 |
| 03 | Arthur Twining (dec) | 1976 | 12 | Cheryl Gurnhill | 2013 |
| 04 | Ian Wade             | 1984 | 13 | Greg Bannon     | 2013 |
| 05 | Terry Atkinson       | 1984 | 14 | Bronwyn Zuber   | 2013 |
| 06 | Dennis Burgess       | 1984 | 15 | Craig Twining   | 2014 |
| 07 | Chris Ellis (dec)    | 1985 | 16 | Phillip Tilley  | 2017 |
| 08 | John Sluce (dec)     | 1994 | 17 | Jim Brown       | 2020 |
| 09 | Robin Wilmot         | 1998 | 18 | Peter Shaw      | 2020 |

### **Ed Says**

Just 1 month untill Spring and 5 months to Xmas, I don't know about anyone else but to me Easter feels like it was only a couple of weeks ago. They say time flies when your having fun. I must be having an absolute ball.

Have you restored an MG or own a unique car, may not be an MG, but has a story. Please think about putting your experience and story into print and sending it in for the magazine. I have been lucky to have member profiles as researched by the late Wayne Goninon for the magazine prior to this year, but now I am coming to the end of my pool of backups for major articles. So give it some thought and get writing please.

We are fast approaching that time of the year where we start to focus on the end of the club year, renewing memberships and electing new officers to club positions. Being on a sub-centre or state committee is not a huge task, every member should be giving thought to being part of the administration of our club at some time.

Club Captain has remained a vacant position this year and this role has been shared between Don, Zube and Robin to keep the competition side of the club functioning. I think there is a total of 6 events each year that need to be administered, you don't have to have any special training, organisation is the key.

I also have to advise that this will be my last year as Editor and Regalia Officer. So if you are handy on the computer and can use Word, then the Editors role could be for you. Each magazine requires about 10 hours work before going to the printer and then another 2 hours to get the magazines ready for posting, so about 12 hours in the first week of each month.

Regalia Officer, you need to have space to store the 2 tubs of regalia and the 2 display stands. Attend the major functions and setup for display and sale. Then just process the orders when they come in. There is no cash to worry about, all sales are electronic. The hardest part of this job for me is getting our treasurer to collect and pay for the regalia, so if you live in Hobart this might not be as big an issue for you.

Ed



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## July 17<sup>th</sup> Motorkhana Results

|      |                    |                       |       | T1:CRAZY S  | QUARE      | T2:PLUM    | CRAZY          | T3: FLUER- D | E-LIS      |
|------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------|-------------|------------|------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| Plc. | Driver             | Car                   | Club  | Run 1       | Run 2      | Run 1      | Run 2          | Run 1        | Run 2      |
| 1    | Justin Nicklason * | Mitsubish i Lancer    | MS CT | 19.74       | 19.83      | 25.73      | 30.69 [1f]     | 20.93        | 20.75      |
| 2    | Stephen Turner     | Mitsubish i Mirage    | NWCC  | 19.2        | 19.08      | 26         | 36.2 [1f,1nfg] | 20.39        | 20.17      |
| 3    | Khauirul Bailey    | Mazda MX5             | MSCT  | 20.97       | 21.11      | 26.26      | 25.22          | 21.78        | 21.51      |
| 4    | Damien Midgley #   | Hyundai Excel         | MG    | 21.16       | 20.34      | 30.7 [1f]  | 26.44          | 21.57        | 21.79      |
| 5    | Adine Whitcombe *  | Mitsubish i Lancer    | MS CT | 30.39       | 20.15      | 26.64      | 27.7           | 22.3         | 21.86      |
| 6    | Cameron Howie +    | Mit su bish i Special | MG    | 21.09       | 21.8       | 27.97      | 27.82          | 21.57        | 22.66      |
| 7    | Kevin McGuire      | Mazda MX5             | MG    | 27.57 [1f]  | 21.83      | 26.84      | 27             | 22.85        | 22.45      |
| 8    | Kelli Large "      | Mitsubish i Mirage    | MS CT | 23.42       | 22.39      | 31.61 [1f] | 26.98          | 23.9         | 23.19      |
| 9    | Maklyn Midgley #   | Hyundai Excel         | MG    | 22.73       | 22.53      | 26.77      | 27.12          | 24.2         | 24.95      |
| 10   | Tony Howe          | Hyundai Excel         | MSCT  | 22.15       | 21.15      | 36.28 [1f] | 28.43          | 21.91        | 21.08      |
| 11   | Nathan Bates       | Mazda 3               | MS CT | 22.43       | 22.42      | 29.52      | 29.24          | 23.11        | 22.02      |
| 12   | James Large "      | Mitsubish i Mirage    | MS CT | 21.97       | 35.39 [WD] | 29.51      | 27.63          | 22.45        | 21.7       |
| 13   | Jason Jones        | Subaru Impreza        | MSCT  | 35.39 [WD]  | 21.15      | 27.81      | 28.29          | 26.72        | 22.45      |
| 14   | Jonathon Marshall  | Hyundai Excel         | MSCT  | 22.9        | 23.32      | 31.42      | 35.54 [1pog]   | 25.7         | 25.48      |
| 15   | Robin Wilmot       | MG ZS 180             | MG    | 29.24 [1f]  | 23.89      | 28.9       | 29.75          | 36.76 [WD]   | 29.06      |
| 16   | Angela Howie       | MG Sprite             | MG    | 27.64       | 24.77      | 31.68      | 31.61          | 27.83        | 26.14      |
| 17   | Don Fraser +       | Mitsubish i Special   | MG    | 35.39 [WD]  | 22.01      | 29.03      | 30.07          | 31.76        | 25.25      |
| 18   | Sarah Craggs ^     | Toyota Corolla        | MS CT | 26.3        | 25.34      | 32.3       | 31.09          | 26.49        | 26.35      |
| 19   | Levi Midgley #     | Hyundai Excel         | MG    | 28.31       | 25.51      | 33.31      | 31.03          | 36.76 [WD]   | 28.82      |
| 20   | Mark Harrington    | MGB GT                | MG    | 35.39 [dns] | 35.39[dns] | 38.31[dns] | 38.31[dns]     | 36.76[dns]   | 36.76[dns] |

Motorkhana results for the July 17th round of the State Series.

A small turn out meant that additional tests were able to be run giving everyone the best opportunity to record good results.

Thanks to the NW group who again provided catering for the day to ensure no-one went hungry or thirsty.

#### T4:OH WHAT A

| FEE        | ING T5:TRY ANGLES |              | MG N       | MG Members |     |         |           |        |        |              |
|------------|-------------------|--------------|------------|------------|-----|---------|-----------|--------|--------|--------------|
| Run 1      | Run 2             | Run 1        | Run 2      | Class      | Cat | Total   | MG Points | Ladies | Junior | MG's<br>Only |
| 46.09 [WD] | 28.7              | 29.59        | 29.18      | CF.1       |     | 124.092 |           |        |        |              |
| 29.83      | 29.67             | 30.62        | 30.89      | CF.2       |     | 125.544 |           |        |        |              |
| 29.42      | 29.24             | 29.6         | 30.16      | BR.1       |     | 126.54  |           |        |        |              |
| 46.09 [WD] | 29.27             | 29.48        | 29.77      | CF.3       |     | 127.92  | 4         |        |        |              |
| 34.64 [1f] | 30.42             | 43.12 [WD]   | 32.31      | CF.4       | F.1 | 131.38  |           |        |        |              |
| 31.01      | 30.77             | 31.6         | 31.64      | F.1        | J.1 | 132.85  | 3         |        |        |              |
| 31.54      | 31.2              | 31.34        | 32.46      | BR.2       |     | 133.66  | 3         |        |        |              |
| 30.97      | 30.56             | 31.36        | 31.55      | BR.3       | F.2 | 134.48  |           |        |        |              |
| 30.88      | 30.65             | 31.79        | 31.13      | CF.5       | J.2 | 135.28  | 2         |        |        |              |
| 33.03      | 30.95             | 43.12 [WD]   | 34.85      | CF.6       |     | 136.46  |           |        |        |              |
| 46.09 [WD] | 32.68             | 43.12 [WD]   | 33.2       | DF.1       |     | 139.56  |           |        |        |              |
| 30.05      | 35.72 [1nfg]      | 43.12 [WD]   | 38.22 [1f] | BR.4       |     | 139.57  |           |        |        |              |
| 46.09 [WD] | 39.07 [1f]        | 43.12 [WD]   | 33.49      | E.1        |     | 143.97  |           |        |        |              |
| 35.04      | 34.67             | 34.8         | 34.34      | CF.7       | J.3 | 148.81  |           |        |        |              |
| 34.7       | 33.83             | 34.37        | 43.12 [WD] | DR.1       |     | 150.05  | 3         |        |        | 3            |
| 36.31      | 35.07             | 36.11        | 35.82      | AF.1       | F.3 | 153.41  | 3         | 3      |        | 3            |
| 46.09 [WD] | 37.37             | 43.12 [WD]   | 43.12 [WD] | F.2        |     | 156.78  | 2         |        |        |              |
| 37.57      | 37.95             | 38.12        | 37.23      | DF.2       | F.4 | 157.584 |           |        |        |              |
| 41.09      | 42.7 [1f]         | 35.58        | 34         | CF.8       | J.4 | 160.45  | 1         |        |        |              |
| 46.09[dns] | 46.09[dns]        | 4 3.12[dn s] | 43.12[dns] | BR.5       |     | 199.67  | 3         |        |        | 3            |

#### 2022 MG Annual Events







#### Annual Concours, Presentation Dinner and associated events

Dates: Fri - Sat - Sunday, 18 - 19 - 20th November, 2022

This year the North West Sub Centre is running the annual events and the mural town of **Sheffield** is hosting the event for us. We hope as many of our members as are able, from all three centres, will come together to make this another successful event. Sheffield is a quaint country town. Venues chosen are close together, left or right of the main street, being a few minutes walking distance to each other. Sheffield has a small number of interesting.

Friday Night: 7.30 – 9.30 pm

Noggin & Natter

Venue: Sheffield Bowls Club

Saturday AM:

Concours D'Elegance

Venue: Health Park, Henry Street, behind Mural Park

Saturday 12 noon:

Coffee/Luncheon – for partners/wives Venue: Epicurean Café, 68-72 Main Street

Saturday 3pm:

**Annual General Meeting** 

Venue: Arts Centre Meeting Room, Mural Park

Saturday 6.30 pm:

Presentation Dinner and Trophy Presentation

Venue: Sheffield RSL Club

Sunday from 8.30 am B'que Breakfast

Venue: Health Park, B'que area, behind Mural Park

#### **Accommodation -**

The Tasmanian Schools Rowing Regatta is being held at Lake Barrington on the same weekend as our events. We expect that accommodation bookings will be in high demand in Sheffield due to that event, therefore we strongly encourage you to book your accommodation ASAP, even if you need to cancel at a later date. Sheffield is a small town with limited accommodation options. The following accommodation, the majority being the closest available to the main street of Sheffield, has been <u>block booked</u> for our use <u>up till 4 weeks</u> <u>prior</u>. I.e. (20th October). Please book direct, not through one of the booking agents, as in most cases the 18/19 November have been blocked out for MGCC on their booking sites. <u>Please indicate you are part of the MG Car Club when you phone</u>.

(Distance shown is from the centre of main street) *Note:* numbers available were as at June 2022. Some members have indicated they have already made their booking, so numbers available now will vary accordingly.

- **Sheffield Motor Inn** (250m) **03 6491 1800 (Kamryn)** 17 rooms, various configurations including singles (\$130/145/160 per night)
- Kentish Hills Retreat Motel (1 km) At the end of the Main Street -Devonport side 03 6491 2484 (Debbie) 12 rooms, various configurations including singles (\$130/164 per night)
- Sheffield Pioneer Holiday Units (50m) Mobile Kate 0439 911
   649 03 6491 1149 2 Units 3 doubles and 2 singles in each= total 16 persons
- Sheffield Cabins (50m) 03 6491 2176 (David) 2 Cabins 2 doubles/ 4 singles; 1 double/2 singles \$110 per double + extras \$20 head/night
- **Sheffield Hotel** (300m) **03 6491 1130 (Joe)** Has 1 double room with ensuite available; plus 2 rooms 1 double and 1 with 2 singles, but both with a shared bathroom. Price range \$90/70 night.
- **Grace Cottage** (200m) **0447 967 363 (Michelle)** Only available Sat 19<sup>th</sup> 1 Cottage 4 people 2 bedrooms \$300 for 4 persons.

No 3 Hills @ the Good Place - Studio - 2 people - Staverton (20 minutes by car) \$130 night (Michelle) 0447 967 363.

You will note the accommodation venues have various room configurations. It would be helpful if some members were willing to share accommodation with MG friends to get the maximum use of the rooms that are available within the complexes.

**Registration cost and payment details** for the weekend will become available in the September magazine. At this early stage we are just stressing the importance to book accommodation. It is much appreciated, the accommodation venues listed, have been willing to block out the dates in question for the MG Car Club up until 4 weeks prior I.e. **(20th October)**, but will then transfer any unfilled accommodation back into their booking agent's hands.

We look forward to welcoming as many of our MG family as possible to Sheffield, North West Tasmania, for another fun filled State get together.

Terry Jeffrey NW Co-ordinator Mob: 0417 344 369







## **Southern Sub Centre Committee**

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| Southern<br>Sub Centre<br>Meeting | Meet every Tuesday night at 8pm<br>Civic Club, 134 Davey Street, Hobart |   |  |  |  |
| Postal<br>Address                 | GPO Box 5, Hobart, Tas, 7001  |   |  |  |  |

#### Southern Notes

#### **PAST EVENTS**

#### 10th July - Hobart Mystery Tour

A small but enthusiastic group met at the Civic Club for a 'run' with a difference. Leaving our cars behind, we rugged up and walked down to the city. First stop was Retro Café in Salamanca Place for coffee. The winter sunshine was encouraging enough for us to choose to sit outdoors. Watching people come and go from the 'giant book sale' at Princes Wharf No 1 building made me reflect on my experience there earlier in the day. I had been very pleased with myself for picking up a few books at what I thought was a bargain price of \$1 per centimetre (yep, they stacked them up and measured the height of the stack!), only to return to my car and find my parking fee was almost as much as I had paid for the books. Not such a bargain purchase after all! Back to the present, and with caffeine levels boosted we moved on to Mawson's Hut Museum where we met our guide for the day, Wal Van Schie.

After a brief review from Wal of how, when and why the settlement of Hobart Town came to be, Wal took us for a walk around some of the older parts of Hobart. As you might expect, the earliest buildings in Hobart are immediately adjacent to the waterfront, or at least what was the waterfront 200 years ago, as the present wharf area is all on reclaimed land. We received a most interesting history lesson! We saw Hobart's oldest building and learnt how the 1960's extension of the Tasmanian Museum nearly resulted in its demolition. Wal toured us around many of the old sandstone buildings and provided us with a running commentary on what the buildings were originally used for and pointed out some architectural oddities, such as the new Executive Building which is square at ground level, but is oblique on one side higher up in order to satisfy an ancient law which states that the belltower in St George's Anglican church in Battery Point must have a line of site to Franklin Square, a hangover from the days when messages were passed by signaling from prominent landmarks. I had at times wondered why many old buildings have a window below street level, and Wal was able to confirm that today's street level is much higher than what it was when these buildings were constructed. It was interesting to find out that below the streets there are tunnels linking some of the buildings, such as the Treasury building, originally a court house, and the Law Society building across Murray

St that was originally a gaol. Bob was very proud to show us the gravestone of a First Fleet convict ancestor that is in the St David's park gravestone wall.

Wal's knowledge of Hobart and its early characters is impressive. They certainly didn't tell me at school that Abel Tasman was a philandering pirate who was sent to explore the southern oceans by a vengeful Governor Van Dieman when he found out that Tasman was having an affair with his wife! A historical gem.

An especially enjoyable and educational afternoon. A very big thank you to Wal for giving his time and sharing his extensive knowledge of Hobart's early history.

#### **COMING EVENTS**

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#### 14th August - National Park Hotel Run

Meet at 10am for a 10.30am departure from the Civic Club for a run to the National Park Hotel for lunch. We will order off the board. There will be a coffee stop on the way in New Norfolk at the Patchwork Café. To RSVP or for further information please contact Shane Manley: 0405 077

#### 15-18th September - Baskerville Historics Race Meeting

Thursday 15th is a practice day, with racing over the following three days. This year will see the return of Group C and Group A Heritage Touring Cars. It is the 50th anniversary of the LJ Torana, and cars from all around the country will be participating in a one-off Group N Torana race.

#### 25th September - Breakfast Run to Brighton

As an alternative to the Longley Hotel breakfast run, there will be a run to Brighton for a breakfast BBQ at Steve and Jenny Huntley's place. Meet at the Civic Club at 8am for an 8.30am departure. The club will provide food for a hot breakfast. There will be a \$10/head charge to cover catering costs. PLEASE RSVP to Bob by Friday 16th September so that we can ensure we have the appropriate amount of food.

To RSVP or for further information please contact Bob Leeson: 0457 354 645.

#### 15-16th October - BBQ and Britain to 'Bunna Weekend

This year the BBQ run to David Scott's place and the 'Britain to Bunna' car show run will be combined, with a BBQ lunch at David's on Saturday and the car show on Sunday. Members can choose to do one event or do both and stay overnight in Orford or Triabunna. Suggested places to stay are the Eastcoaster Resort, Blue Waters Hotel or Tandara Motor Inn. The car show runs from 9.30am to 1.30pm, with People's Choice and Judges Awards being presented at 1pm. Departure time and catering arrangements will be detailed in next month's magazine.

To RSVP or for further information please contact Chris Wagstaff: 0438 055 199.

#### 18-20th November - Annual Events

To be held in Sheffield this year. See the July magazine for details. If you are planning to attend and haven't yet made an accommodation booking you will need to do so ASAP if you want to stay locally.

#### **Greg Ellis Memorial Run**

The Greg Ellis Memorial run has been deferred. A run to Baskerville followed by lunch at a venue nearby is being considered. Date and details to be confirmed at a later date.

#### **Defibrillator Training**

A weekend defibrillator training course will be held at the Civic Club later in the year. Further details will be provided closer to the event.

#### **Hobart History Tour**

This run around Hobart visiting points of historical interest is been considered for January. Details to be confirmed at a later date.

Mark Harrington



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## **Northern Sub Centre Committee**

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| North West<br>Coordinator         | Terry Jeffrey<br>(Colleen)   | (m)0417 344 369<br>northwest-coord@mgtas.org.au |  |  |
| Northern Sub<br>Centre<br>Meeting | Committee meeting and social night: Last Wednesday night of the month at 7.30pm VCCA Rooms 67 Lawrence Vale Rd, Launceston |   |  |  |
| Postal<br>Address                 | PO Box 682, Launceston, Tas, 7250  |   |  |  |

#### **Northern Notes**

Well the activities in the North have been curtailed following an outbreak of Covid 19 after our last mid-week dinner with some 6 (that we are aware) from the 28 attendee being struck down.

Following consultation with the committee it was felt that discretion was the more prudent of the courses of action that we could take and cancelled our monthly meeting, end of month coffee run and the August mid- week dinner event.

Just when you think the coast is clear, back it comes again but we need to keep ourselves and others safe so remember the Covid 19 safety rules and let's keep everyone safe.

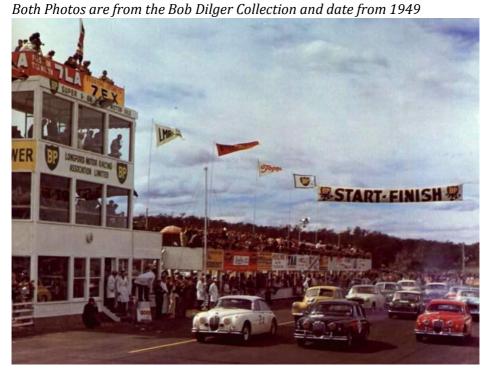
To continue with old photos of racing in Tasmania and some history that may be of interest



XK 120 followed by what may be an early version of "the goat" at Valley Field (I think).



Left to right at the rear is Donald Gorringe Skoda Special an MG TC (driver unknown) and the EJ  $Walkem\ Anderson\ Special\ leading.$ 



Following from last month's photos of member Frank Manley at Symmons Plains here is Frank in the FE behind the red Jaguar starting in a heat of the Australian Touring Car Championship at Longford.

Frank had qualified on the 4 place on the starting grid.

Photo courtesy of Frank Manley



Here is the same car at the Baskerville Historics in 2021 (I think) *Photo courtesy Mark Dilger* 

#### **Up Coming events:**

August 26: Coffee run: John James. St Leonards Café 9.30 am start from 156

St Leonards Rd Park on the road. RSVP to John on 0409432665

August 28: Test and Tune Day. Baskerville

August 31: NSC meeting. VCCA rooms, 7:30pm

Sept 14: Mid-week dinner. Details to follow

Sept 15-18: Baskerville Historics

**Sept 28:** NSC meeting. VCCA rooms, 7:30pm **Sept 30:** Coffee run. Phil Paine. Details to follow

Oct 30: Club Day. Baskerville

Nov 27: SUNDAY run to Calstock, Deloraine. Details to follow



The Monza MG owned by Peter Bergman which you previously would have seen in the hands of the late Brian Roberts but painted red with the number 99 on the side.

#### Mark Dilger Norther Notes Coordinator



#### **North West Notes**

| Position                  | Member<br>(Partner)   | Contact Details                                 |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| North West<br>Coordinator | Terry Jeffrey<br>(Colleen)  | (m)0417 344 369<br>northwest-coord@mgtas.org.au |
| North West                | Meets Second Thurs<br>6.00pm for meal and<br>Bass & Flinders Moto | S   |

#### **Past Events**

July Dinner Meeting – Thursday 14th... Members met at Bass and Flinders Motor Inn, Ulverstone for the monthly catch up.

#### **Up Coming Events**

**Thursday August 11th** - Dinner Meeting Bass and Flinders Motor Inn, Ulverstone from 6 pm.

**Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> -** Run to Woolmers "Homage" Restaurant, 658 Woolmers Lane, Longford for Lunch.

Leaving Bunnings car park 9.30~am. Coffee break at Deloraine, lunch at the restaurant at 12.30~pm.

Please RSVP to me by Sunday  $7^{th}$  August if you wish to participate.

**Thursday September 8th** - Dinner Meeting Bass and Flinders Motor Inn, Ulverstone from 6 pm.

**18th, 19th, 20th November** - 2022 Annual Concours, Presentation Dinner and Associated Weekend Events -

The NW Centre is organising the event this year and it is being held outside our local area in Sheffield.

Please see information about this event, that is available to this date, elsewhere in the magazine.

It is important that members requiring accommodation in Sheffield for this weekend book ASAP.



#### TJ's humour for the month of August



Bob ran out of gas and a bee flew in his car window...

"are you out of gas?" asked the bee.

"Yes" said Bob.

"Wait a minute" said the bee and flew away.

Minutes later the bee returned with the entire bee hive of bees, who flew into the petrol tank.

Moments later they emerged.

"Try it now" said a passing bee.

Bob tried and the car started. Bob so pleased said

"Wow!, what did you put in the tank"... BP replied the bee.

#### Terry Jeffrey

**NW Co-ordinator** 



## 113th Waynes Monthly Drive

On a quite cool but pleasant 9 degree day, 59 enthusiasts joined us for the 113th Wayne's monthly Enthusiasts' Drive. It was lovely to see Paula who dropped in to the C3 Café prior to our departure. The good numbers prove that Wayne's legacy is very much alive and well. We travelled to Margate via Ferntree, Longley and Sandfly. The Margate Tavern has been recently reopened by Peter Gray after laying dormant for many years. Parking was made a little difficult due to indiscriminate locals. Once inside Peter and chef Bec had everything in readiness for us with a 2-course meal. The food and service were excellent and we provided a boost to the newly opened venue. On a sad note we said farewell to one of our regulars, Mike Collinson. Our deepest sympathy and thoughts are with Judy and her family.

Wal Van Schie has kindly offered to conduct the August drive. I am hoping that his errant computer does his bidding and successfully delivers his missive to our 300 odd recipients on this occasion. Please ensure that your RSVP's go directly to Wal at: buddha21@bigpond.com.

Remaining drives for the year are as follows,

July – Wednesday 6th (113th drive) – to be arranged by Bob Leeson

August – Wednesday 3rd (114th drive) - to be arranged by Wal Van Schie

September – Wednesday 7th (115th drive) - to be arranged by Lyn Cengia

October – Wednesday 5th (116th drive) – to be arranged by Bob Leeson

November – Wednesday 2nd (117th drive) - to be arranged by Ron Bugg

December – Wednesday 7th (118th drive) – to be arranged by Paul Haddad

Cheers for now,

Bob Leeson (1953 MGTF, Merc. SLK230)

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### MG Buy and Sell

#### For Sale: Gear Knob

Glen Cole Industries, Circa 1962 timber gear knob with Austin Healey emblem in original box. Make an Offer. Keith Roberts 03 6223 6009.

(Ed: Equivalent SAAS one is \$42)

#### For Sale: MSX Alloy Cross Flow Head

Alloy Cross Flow Head to suit MG B-Series \_(MGB/MGA) Complete with twin HS6 SU carburettors and 4 branch manifold. Head and Carbs have been serviced since removal from engine No longer required as owner retired from competition.





Bargain at **\$3,500** Dennis 'Herby' Burgess 0409 128 341

For Sale: 1972 MGB GT



Full Restoration 2019, Very good condition, pleasure to drive. Reluctant sale to make room for new toys. **\$40,000** Bill Daly 0417 512484.

### **Exhaust Notes**



Isn't it great, to have members in the club who are able to assist to do those little jobs.

John James came to the rescue and assisted Jim Dickenson fix the rear brakes on his A.

Note the sizable pillow required to complete this task, however only for the bad knee!!

## 2023 MG National Meeting



# 2023 MG National Meeting 7-11 April July Update

www.natmeet2023mgcc.com.au/



The months are really flying by as we head towards next Easter's National Meet in Adelaide and already, we've had more than 100 expressions of interest. It's a terrific result but please keep them coming in.

Registration is scheduled to open early next year but we'll be keeping you closely informed between now and then on what you can expect.

There's more info on the National Meet website shown at the top of this bulletin, and names, e-mail contact and phone details for expressions of interest should be sent to our Registrar, Chris Bray, at Registrar2023natmeet@adam.com.au

If you have already done this, encourage your friends to send their details.

And a taster of how the organisation is coming along . . .

- The all-important sponsorship is going well and no doubt many of you will be pleased to hear we have a wine sponsor – crucial when you're coming to the Wine State!
- Key events like the Concours, Motorkhana, Super Sprint, Observation and Social Run, and the Kimber Run are all well in hand
- So are the social events including the Theme Party night: next year the theme will be 'Disney Characters' (a push to make the theme Port Adelaide Football Club fell short by quite a margin)
- We're close to finalising designs for the NatMeet regalia
- All venues are locked in.

Easter accommodation is always in high demand so please book early to avoid disappointment. MGCC SA cannot make bookings on your behalf.

The next update will be September, in the meantime please send any enquiries to:

Tim Edmonds, President, Chris Bray, Registration, Sandra Cardnell, Chairman2023natmeet@adam.com.au Registrar2023natmeet@adam.com.au Secretary2023natmeet@adam.com.au

See you in Adelaide next Easter!!

Cheers, Tim Edmonds President, MG Car Club of SA.

There is currently approx. 20 Tasmanian members who have expressed interest in attending the National Meeting next year, If you are considering attending please register your expression of interest as above and notify our club co-ordinator Mark Dilger on 0408 271 029 or

past-president@mgtas.org.au, so we know you are interested.

There may be enough interest to organise a run to and from the NatMeet.

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| Polo Shirts, Men                |                               | \$55.00  |
| <b>Colour Combinations:</b>     | Black with white logo         |          |
|                                 | Black with red logo,          |          |
|                                 | Navy with white logo          |          |
| Black Vests, Ladies and         | Men                           | \$95.00  |
| <b>Colour Combinations:</b>     | Black with white logo         |          |
|                                 | Black with red logo,          |          |
| Caps                            |                               | \$20.00  |
| Colours:                        | Pale Blue, Beige, Black, Grey |          |
| <b>Cloth Badges, Safety Fas</b> | t                             | \$15.00  |
| Cloth Badges, Tasmania          | n Logo                        | \$15.00  |
| Colours:                        | Brown & Gold on White         |          |
| <b>Grill Badges</b>             |                               | \$45.00  |
| <b>Colour Combinations:</b>     | Red & Black                   |          |
|                                 | Green & Cream                 |          |
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| MG Lapel Pins                   |                               | \$6.00   |
| Car Lapel Pins                  |                               | \$10.00  |
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| MG Leather backed Key           | Rings                         | \$15.00  |
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| Leather Log Book Cover          | s - Black with Club Logo      | \$25.00  |

Contact Andrew Midgley: 0458 949 881

## **Square Rigger Notes**

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

Continuing the theme recording race tracks and venues with photos from the archives, some of the Historic Racing Car Club and others, Square Riggers of many and varying types in competition. Some of these are broadly published. One favourite is the Anderson Ford Special in it's original form on the Muddy Creek hill 1950 with Jock Walkem and a shot of the day with A Hale and the Crawford Special on the Ridgley Flying Quarter of the NW Car Club 1954.











The Elliot SS100 partly stripped (as they did!) on Mt Dromedary c1953 and Tunbridge Air Strip 1955 with the AJB Austin Special of Jack Barker and the BF Special. One spectacular shot is at Bakers Beach 1962 with the Cooper Corvette Special of Austin Miller attempting to reset the Australian land speed record, achieved at 163.94 MPH.



The Penguin Hill Climb, it's history, characters and racing cars is very well presented in a publication thoroughly researched by Stephen Mott of Burnie. The great collection of photographs and stories is represented by this magnificent shot from the book of the pit area 1958 and below the Bruderlin & Thomas TC in the hands of Roger Tyson. A review of the book was published in the March 1922 edition of the Monthly MG News.





This shot of Harry Atherton and his 500 BSA needs publishing, shows a hill near Launceston depicting the need for speed, performance and competition in 1945.

Upcoming Square Rigger events are referred in the Events column of MG News.

#### Square Rigger contacts:

Launceston Frank Brooks Ph 0418 134 262, silverglade@bigpond.com.au Hobart Alan Briggs Ph 0475 089 560, alan.trish@optusnet.com.au

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#### **Club Social Events**

Events in red do not attract Club Points
(More details can be found in the Sub Centre Notes)

| Date                      | Event                                      | Meet At           | Coordinator    |
|---------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------|
| 14 <sup>th</sup> August   | SSC Lunch Run                              | Civic Club        | Shane Manley   |
| 14th Augost               | NW Lunch Run - Woolmers                    | Bunnings Car Park | Terry Jeffrey  |
| 26th August               | NSC Coffee Run                             | St Leonards       | John James     |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> September | Classics on the Beach                      | Sandy Bay         |                |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> September | Waynes 115 <sup>th</sup> Enthusiasts Drive |                   | Lyn Cengia     |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept     | NSC Mid-Week Dinner                        |                   |                |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept     | SSC Mystery Tour                           | Civic Club        | Alan Briggs    |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept     | Square Rigger Run                          | Baskerville       | Alan Briggs    |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept     | SSC Breakfast Run                          | Civic Club        | BobLeeson      |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept     | NSC Coffee Run                             |                   | Phil Paine     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> october   | Classics on the Beach                      | Sandy Bay         |                |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> October   | Waynes 116th Enthusiasts Drive             |                   | Bob leeson     |
| 15-16 <sup>th</sup> Oct   | Britain to Bunna Weekend                   | TBA               | Chris Wagstaff |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> October  | Square Rigger Tour                         | TBA               | Peter Scott    |
| 18th - 20th Nov           | MGCCT Annual Events                        | Sheffield         | Terry Jeffrey  |
| 20th - 22nd Nov           | Square Rigger Tour                         | Sheffield         | Frank Brooks   |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov      | NSC – Calstock Deloraine                   |                   |                |
|                           |  |                   |                |

## **Club and State Competition Events**

| Date        | Event             | Meet At     | Coordinator |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
|             |                   |             |             |
| 28th August | Test and Tune Day | Baskerville | MGCC        |
| 15th - 18th | Historics         | Baskerville | Baskerville |
| Sept        |                   |             | Foundation  |
| 30th Oct    | Club Day          | Baskerville | MGCC / MCC  |
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