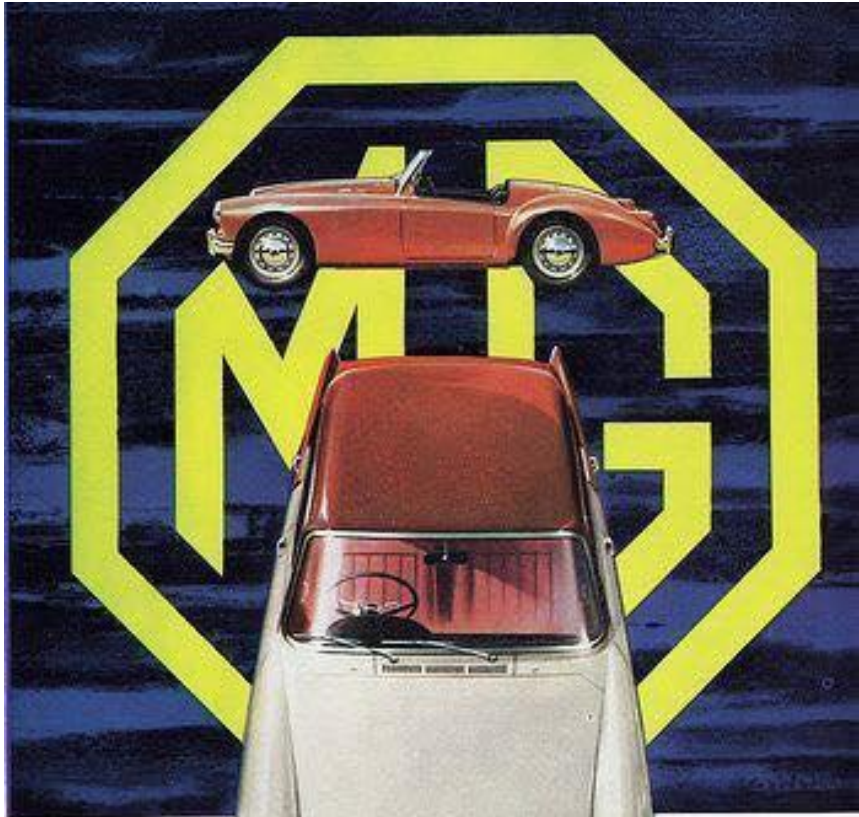


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<b>Postal Address North</b>	PO Box 682, LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	
<b>North West</b>	Meets Second Thursday night of the month: 6.00pm for meal and social evening. Bass & Flinders Motel, Ulverstone	

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## **LIFE MEMBERS**

Joe Paul (dec)	1969	Robin Wilmot	1998
Bob Moore (dec)	1974	Bill Griffiths	2007
Arthur Twining (dec)	1976	Tony Gurnhill	2009
Ian Wade	1984	Cheryl Gurnhill	2013
Terry Atkinson	1984	Greg Bannon	2013
Dennis Burgess	1984	Bronwyn Zuber	2013
Chris Ellis (dec)	1985	Craig Twining	2014
John Sluce (dec)	1994	Phillip Tilley	2017

### **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](http://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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**EDITOR'S NOTES**

Here it is. My last MG Monthly Motoring News.

When I took on this position twelve months ago, I had a number of aims; some of which I have achieved, some where I have achieved a level of success, and some failures. But I have tried!

It is important to me to have a magazine which represents the whole club, all areas. This, I believe, has been achieved with the support of you-the members.

Husband Tony and I have proof read every article, editing where we thought necessary (e.g. plural of MG is MGs, no apostrophe). I know some errors slipped through.

Also, Tony has sought articles from online and other magazines, which he thought may be of interest to some members. Some of you may not have read these, hopefully some have.

I asked for names of members with each photo, and names for owners of the cars in the photos. This proved difficult, and I have to admit to limited success.

The Member Profiles have received many positive comments; a huge Thank You to those who put pen to paper and gave us some insight in to their time with the Club.

The big advance this year has been the change to colour magazines. President Mark requested this for the July magazine, celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I thought that was the end of colour. BUT, our printers, Impress Print, suggested it would cost little more to continue with this; State Committee gave the approval, and the rest is history, as they say.

A huge Thank You to Tony, proof reader extraordinaire, calming mentor when I needed it, assistance with the taping and posting process, sourcing extra articles, etc, etc. And Thank You to Don & Susan Fraser for taping and posting the magazines for three months while we were caravanning on the big island.

Best Wishes to the new editor-I will give you any assistance I can. Not an arduous task, a few hours each month, and a sense of satisfaction when you post the magazines -providing valuable information to our members.

Cheryl Gurnhill  
Editor  
MGCC Tasmania

**NOTE**

An email from the Post Vintage Car Club informed us that in sending out the invitation to the PVCC 2020 rally, last year's application form was inadvertently attached.



Contact Brendon Adams 0407 052 063 or Geoff Burns 0409 189 800 for the Entry and Indemnity Form



## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The November committee meeting at Ross was the last for this year for the current committee. The committee members have been willing contributors to the decision making process and happily assumed their roles. This makes the president's task a lot easier.

So I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their assistance throughout the year.

We have finished the year with some matters to carry over, such as the MG Race Committee's running of race meetings at Symmons Plains for the 2020 competition year. It had become apparent from our discussions with Hobart Sporting Car Club that there was no one "waiting in the wings" to take our place for the 2020 year. Therefore we have decided to run the three meetings for the next year to give any potential promoters twelve months to make arrangements to take on the task of running these meetings, commencing at the beginning of the 2021 competition year.

We have advised the Hobart Sporting Car Club, our partner in the Championship Series, that the current committee will not be running race meeting beyond the end of 2020.

The highlight of the club's activities was the get together at Campbell Town for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club's foundation. What was highlighted was that there are many that have a keen interest in the club's activities even though they have let their membership lapse and it was great to be able to finally put faces to the names that appear on our extensive trophy list.

The social activities in the club are expanding in that the numbers coming along to the events have grown and we have many new members joining the club to participate in the social activities. The social activities are developing as the heart and soul of the club and I am hoping to foster activities next year around the many external events such as the St Mary's Car Show and the Britain to Bunna Car Show so we can have joint gatherings with members from across the state. The thinking behind this is that we can meet up with all MG Club members and all we as a Northern Sub Centre or Southern Sub Centre need to organise is to get there and back home and let the MG members do what they do best, that is talk and socialise.

The other component of the drive to an event that we have lost somewhere over the years is the run sheet which makes the drive more interesting. The "winner" usually receives a prize from the extensive trophy cabinet in the local BWS or the like bottle shop, or whatever can be begged, stolen or borrowed.

My endeavour for the next year, if re-elected, is to attend more of the area meetings in an endeavour to get crossover of events etc. and to see what everyone is doing as there are many different ideas between the groups and it's getting harder to run events without the venues becoming too repetitive.

We have the AGM and Concours coming up at the end of the month so give a thought to attending and meeting members from the other areas of the state.

Mark Dilger  
President

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

### **Storage of MGCCT equipment**

With the State Committee having looked at two options for the storing of club competition equipment, be it either a fully enclosed trailer or a storage unit, the decision was made at Monday night's meeting to continue with the current arrangement of storage, that being a complete set of motorkhana equipment being held in the South and a set held in the North West; the new electronic timing system is also in the North West.

### **Confederation of Australian Motorsport**

An email from CAMS President Andrew Papadopoulos announced that as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 CAMS will change its name to Motorsport Australia. CAMS members existing licences will remain current and when the licence is due for renewal, members will receive a new – look Motorsport licence. Logbooks also remain current and do not need to be replaced; and of interest CAMS has more than 27,000 active licence holders, almost 11,000 licensed officials and close to 600 affiliated car clubs.

### **Tasmanian Circuit Racing Championship for 2020**

The MG Race Committee has decided to run the 2020 Symmons Plains meetings but the current MG Race Committee does not envisage being involved in holding race meetings beyond that year. Should the Race Committee hold race meetings beyond 2020 there would be a number of conditions put in place.

One of those conditions would be that there are no less than 60 plus 10 Regularity entrants, officials of no less than 50 and that entrants enter through the Motorsport Australia portal. (no paper entries)

### **MGCC Tas ---MGA Register**

The State Committee has agreed that the Club could form an MGA Register similar to the Square Rigger Group. This includes maintaining the history / records etc of all known MGAs in Tasmania. The Register Coordinator is Col Cleaver of the Northern Sub Centre.

### **Annual Concours and AGM**

It was suggested that consideration be given to holding this annual event in the centre of the state in the interest of attracting more members and move it to the months April / May or maybe even hold the Annual Concours at another time. The club's constitution at present does not allow for this, so consideration is now to be given to maybe holding future events in early October.

Regards  
Greg Bannon



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

This month we welcome three Northern members, Paul Beauchamp, from Waverley was nominated by Mike Paine, and is interested in motorcycle riding and collecting, and travelling both in his motorhome and overseas. Paul joins us with a blue MG Midget

Also with a Midget, but a red one this time, are Angela and Morgan Howie from Riverside, nominated by Don Fraser. They have shared interests of music, travelling, reading and cooking. Morgan joins as a Junior Member.

We hope you all enjoy your time with the MG Car Club and look forward to seeing you at an event soon..



Cheryl Gurnhill (standing in for Wayne Jessup, Membership Officer),

MG CAR CLUB of TASMANIA.



- **Please note that Membership Fees are now overdue.**
- **This will be your last magazine if you are unfinancial**
- **There will not be a reminder posted to you if you have not renewed.**
- **Non financial members cannot vote at the A.G.M.**



## MG CAR CLUB OF TASMANIA

### STATE CONCOURS, AGM & PRESENTATION DINNER,

22<sup>ND</sup> – 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019

#### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

**Noggin & Natter**

7.30p.m.- 9.00p.m. Bass & Flinders Motor Inn, 45-51 Eastland Drive, Get Together - Drinks at Bar Prices, some finger food provided.

#### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

**Concours D'Elegance**

10.00a.m.-2.00p.m. Tobruk Park, 1-17 Helen St, Ulverstone. \$10.00 Registration Fee to be paid on the day.

**Partners Coffee/Lunch**

11.30a.m-1.30 p.m. Coffee & Lunch at Cafe in Ulverstone for the female gender (if sufficient interest). Please email or text Colleen Jeffrey if you wish to attend. **Mobile** 0408 580 507; email: colleenjeffrey3@bigpond.com. Cost: pay on day per your order

**Annual General Meeting**

3.00p.m. Bass & Flinders Motor Inn; 45-51 Eastland Drive. All welcome. Note-only financial members can vote and hold proxies.

**Presentation Dinner**

6.30p.m. for 7.00p.m. Ulverstone Golf Course, Lobster Creek Road.

Three course menu-three choices for each course; coffee/tea and mints. Plus bottle of red and white wine per table  
Two person band providing music for the evening.  
**\$60.00 per head**

#### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November

**Farewell Breakfast**

from 8.30a.m. onwards.  
Otto's Grotto Park, 12 Dial St, Ulverstone. Free bbq breakfast provided.

RSVP-Early reply would be appreciated to allow planning. Dinner money (\$60.00 per head) **must** be received **by Friday November 15<sup>th</sup>**.

Please direct deposit money to

**MG Account-BSB 067 600 Acct No. 1099 3837,**

indicating surname and your Sub Centre/Group; as well as emailing or texting your attendance **for each event** to:

Terry Jeffrey: [northwest-coord@mgtas.org.au](mailto:northwest-coord@mgtas.org.au) Mob: 0417 344 369

**Accommodation for weekend – 22 to 24 November**

As of the 27/10/19 Bass and Flinders Motor Inn have one queen room, one twin room and 2 family rooms (each accommodating 4 people) still available. (6425 3011)

If Bass and Flinders cannot accommodate you, the Beach Way Motel, 1 – 5 Heathcote Street - a couple streets over from Bass and Flinders Motor Inn, as at 27/10/19, have 4 standard rooms available @ \$110.00/night. (6425 2342)

**Taxi Service** Should visiting members require a **taxi service** for Saturday night, Ulverstone Taxi Service offers a Maxi service that accommodates 7 people as well as the normal service. Suggest you book the service/s if they are required prior to the night - **Phone: 6425 1093.**

**Annual Concours. Tobruk Park, Ulverstone.**

Entry to the Concours site is from 8:00am and from here you will be instructed where to park.

The park does have a semi enclosed BBQ area with two tables and seating for maybe twelve, but spread around the concours area is a number of tables also with seating and we will be providing extra seats.

For MGCC members wishing to vote for the “Members Choice Trophy” forms will be available from the MG Gazebo and for the Shannons People’s Choice Trophy these voting forms can be collected from Rodney Belbin in the Shannons Gazebo.

Each car on display will be given a number to place on the windscreen and these numbers are also available from the MG Gazebo and lastly should any member male or female who has never been involved in judging and would like to do so, please let it be known and we will place you with experienced judges.

Regards

Greg Bannon

**Diet requirement – Dinner Saturday Evening**

If you have special dietary requirement for the meal on Saturday evening please email or text Colleen – asap. Mob: 0408 580507 / Email: colleenjeffrey3@bigpond.com

**Ladies Coffee/Luncheon – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – 11.30 – 1.30 pm at Thirty Three Cups Café – 26 King Edward Street, Ulverstone.**

There has been enough interest shown to go ahead with the Coffee/Luncheon. Ladies can still nominate to attend but we would like final numbers to Colleen by Friday evening 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Any ladies requiring rides from Tobruk Park (Concours) contact Colleen. It’s approx. 10 minute walk from Concours.

## **Driving Instructions – for the Weekend Venues**

**Noggin & Natter and Annual General Meeting** - Bass and Flinders Motor Inn,  
45 – 51 Eastland Drive Ulverstone.

**Concours D'Élegance** - Tobruk Park (off Helen Street)

1. First turn to left once over the Leven River bridge into Helen Street
2. Straight ahead – turn left at the Tobruk Park-Boom Gate sign
3. Cars assemble on the lawn to the left in the designated areas.

Partners Coffee/Lunch – Thirty Three Cups Cafe - 26 King Edward Street, Ulverstone  
(approx. 10 mins walk or 3 mins car drive from Concours)

Over Bridge and up Reibey Street into King Edward Street.

Ladies requiring a ride from Concours please contact Colleen - Mob: 0408 580507

**Presentation Dinner** - Ulverstone Golf Club – Lobster Creek Road

From Bass and Flinders Motor Inn 45 – 51 Eastland Drive, Ulverstone -

1. Turn Right onto Eastland Drive - proceed ahead
2. Continue straight ahead and bear right into Main Street and continue ahead – over Leven River Bridge
3. Straight ahead along South Road until roundabout is reached
4. Take the 4<sup>th</sup> exit at roundabout and follow the Golf Club sign
5. At the blue Lobster Creek/Golf Club sign - turn left as indicated
6. Follow road ahead until next Golf Club sign.
7. Turn left – over bridge and straight ahead to Golf Club car park
8. Entrance to Golf Club rooms - on left.

**Breakfast BBQ** - Otto's Grotto Park – 12 Dial Street, Ulverstone - from Bass and Flinders Motor Inn, 45 – 51 Eastland Drive, Ulverstone -

1. Turn Right onto Eastland Drive – continue ahead - bear right onto Main Street
2. Continue on Main Street, turn right at Victoria Street
3. Turn left onto Dial Street
4. Proceed along Dial Street to the BBQ parking area.

Cheers, Colleen and Terry

**The Square Rigger run** following the farewell breakfast on the 24<sup>th</sup> will head to Wynyard via an interesting Burnie MG residence, turning south to complete the day at the Tullah Lakeside Lodge. Contacts below.

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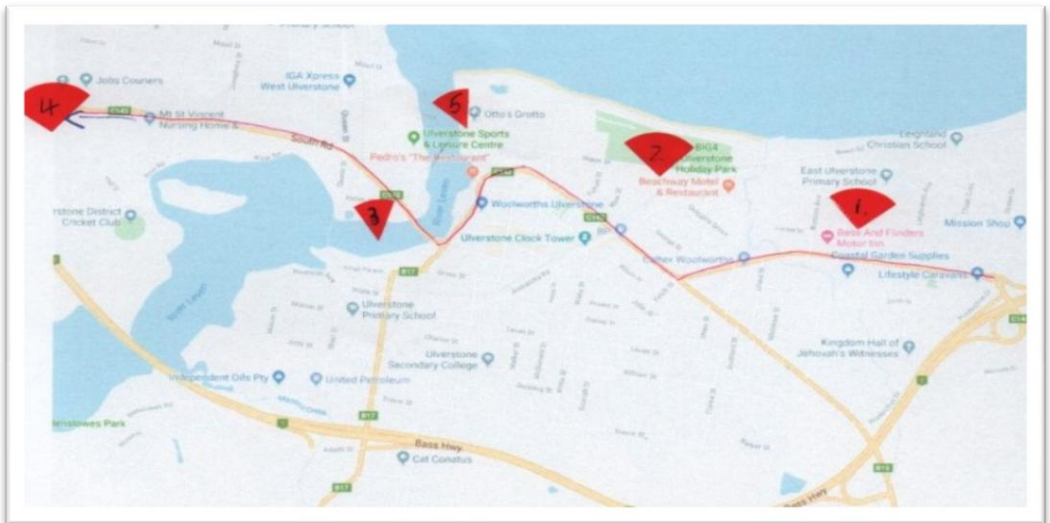
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Map Ulverstone –

1. Bass & Flinders Motor Inn;
2. Beachway Motel;
3. Tobruk Park off Helen Street;
4. South Road on route to Golf Club - off Lobster Creek Road;
5. Otto's Grotto Park – Dial Street

**NORTHERN NOTES**

**PAST EVENTS**

40 members attended, meeting northwest coasters at Deloraine for coffee.. Good sealed road all the way to Miena .. Good generous meals served hot. And good choices on the menu including rainbow trout. All members had a wonderful time mingling & chatting with each other.





On the morning of **Friday October 25<sup>th</sup>** NSC members drove off from the Launceston Motor Museum under overcast skies after receiving directions of the proposed route to the Deloraine Deli for a morning coffee.

One of our longest serving members, John James, advised us that he needed to top the trustworthy TD with fuel. As we were meeting Frank and Margaret Brooks along with, Bruce and Robyn Keogh as we passed through Carrick, John said that he would also join in the convoy there.

We had a ground check at Westbury Village Green where we received a phone call from who else but John. “Where are you?” he asked. “You are not at Carrick”. “No John we are at Westbury and we will wait for you”. “Thanks” he replied. And we waited and waited. Eventually John arrived.

We recommenced our tour of magnificent Meander Valley country roads but had a very prompt redirection due to new road works and the bane of all car lovers-- sludge and dust. A hasty turn around finally brought us to Exton without any further delays and on to a brisk exciting drive through Reedy Marsh onwards to Deloraine. We were joined there by 6 NW members who looked very hale and hearty as they had they had enjoyed their morning tea whilst waiting for us. It was great to catch with them even though most had chatted to them on the previous Sunday at the Great Lake lunch. So back to John and all of his “C” troubles-

Firstly he had to top up with CALTEX although he took enough time to get Avgas from the airport.

Secondly he suffered the CURSE of TD electrical problems but they were soon overcome by John’s canny know how of replacing a fuse.

Thirdly his CAP. His new cap that Jill gave for his birthday blew off under his haste to rejoin the group. Fearful of Jill’s reaction to losing his present John had to turn around, pick up his cap and proceed. He replaced his hat with his beanie but his top tank overheated so in an effort to cool down he elected to proceed hatless.

All 33 members who attended (including John) enjoyed a wonderful morning catch up.

Wes Saunders Organiser

The “trusty” TD of John James



## **COMING EVENTS**

**Due to an increase in numbers attending events, members are asked to advise organisers at least 3 days in advance or acceptance may be refused.**

**Members who have accepted to attend events and are unable to do so PLEASE notify the Organiser.**

**Wed Nov 13<sup>th</sup>:** Midweek Dinner at Blenheim Inn, Longford. Leave Old Motor Museum at 6.00 pm. RSVP Andrew Merry 0408 331 612 by Nov 11<sup>th</sup> please.

### **22/23/24 November**

**Concours and MG Annual General Meeting,** Ulverstone.

Anyone attending on Saturday meet at Old Motor Museum at 8.30 am.

Contact Andrew Merry 0408 331 612 or Mike Paine 0407 271 926.

**Fri Nov 29<sup>th</sup>:** Coffee Run TBA RSVP by Nov 26<sup>th</sup> to Mark Dilger 0408 271 029

**Sunday Dec 8<sup>th</sup>:** Shannon's Classic Car Charity Run, Campbell Town in aid of Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. This event is sanctioned by State Committee. Show from 10.30 am to 2.30 pm. Leave Old Motor Museum at 9.30 am.

**Sunday Dec 15<sup>th</sup>:** North & North West Christmas Party venue Deloraine Caravan Park. BYO everything. Further info contact Andrew Merry 0408 331 612.

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec;** Coffee Run TBA Frank Brooks RSVP 0418 134 262.

**At the October Committee Meeting a motion was passed that as from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, ALL NSC Events will leave from the VCCT Clubrooms, Lawrence Vale Road, Launceston.**

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Jan:** "A" Register gathering at Col Cleaver's. Contact Col 0419 772 554. More details elsewhere in this magazine.

**Sunday 19th January 2020:** Carrick House Soirée. Picnic/ barbecue from 5.00 pm.

**This event is BYO Everything.** Kindly hosted at their magnificent property by Chester & Sally McKaige 0407 113 516. Members from other areas who would like to attend can stay at Hawthorn Villa Estate. This was once the family home of the Monds family who ran the Carrick Mill back in the 1800s. Now owned by Nicole and Innes Pearce, this residence offers four cosy loft type accommodation units situated in their lush private garden about a two minute drive from Carrick House.

For further information and booking, please ring Nicole Pearce on 0427 936 150.

Members attending meet at VCCT Clubrooms, Lawrence Vale Road. Further details TBA

**Sun Feb 9<sup>th</sup>:** John James Mystery Run RSVP John by Feb 6<sup>th</sup>. 0409 432 665.  
Leave from VCCT Clubrooms, Lawrence Vale, Launceston.

**March 6-7-8:** Longford Motorama, Longford Village Green.

**Sun Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>** Devonport Motor Show- New venue Northern end of Victoria Parade.

Entries and enquiries [www.devonportmotorshow.com.au](http://www.devonportmotorshow.com.au)

## **EMBLEMS FROM 1924-PRESENT**



## NORTH WESTERN NOTES

### Past Events

**October Dinner Meeting** – Bass and Flinders Motel, Ulverstone - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October - 19 Members gathered for dinner and fellowship.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October - Early Morning Breakfast** - 13 Members and 1 guest took to the road for our breakfast run to Sheffield. Members and their MGs enjoyed the country side taking the back by-roads and eventually arriving at Gurnhills for breakfast and chat. Thank you to Tony and Cheryl for arranging this run and their hospitality. It was enjoyed by all. Terry Sansom, Moira and Mike Wellman joined us from the North. Thanks to them both for making their time available for our run.

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Joined the Northern group for a run to the Great Lakes and surrounds.** 11 members participated in the run to the Great Lake. We enjoyed a meal at the Central Highlands Lodge (thoroughly recommend) and then took the Poatina route home. All members voiced their enjoyment on the days outing. Thanks to Frank Brooks and John James from the northern group for organising the run.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** (we were asked at late notice) to join the northern group for a ‘Greet and Meet’ coffee morning at the Deloraine Deli Café. 5 members were able to join the Northerners.

### Coming Events

**Coffee/Lunch Run – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November** - to the Blue Berry Coffee House at Frankford departing from Bunnings car park, Devonport 10 am.

**November Dinner Meeting Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>** – Bass and Flinders Motor Inn, Ulverstone –

**22 – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019 Concours/AGM/Presentation Dinner/Farewell Breakfast**

I hope that all members are able to join in the weekend activities as it is always a fun filled two days and allows us to socialise with members from the Northern and Southern groups. If you are not registered yet we would like you to do so together with money for the dinner paid by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. See details re the weekend elsewhere in this magazine.

**December Christmas Dinner Meeting** has been changed from Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December to **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December** at the Bass and Flinders Motor Inn – from 6.30 pm. Bring a present for Santa to give out to the value of \$5.00. Marked male or female accordingly.

**North and North West Christmas Get Together – Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup>** – venue Deloraine Caravan Park. More details later.

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***TJ's Humour for Month of November***

*What goes up but does not come down?*

*Our age*

*What runs across the floor without legs?*

*Water*

*What puzzles make you angry?*

*Crossword puzzles*

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## **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

### **MG Car Club of TAS INC**

The Annual General Meeting of MG Car Club of Tasmania Inc. (MGCCT) will be held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019, commencing at 3.00 PM, at. Bass & Flinders Motor Inn 45-51 Eastlands Drive, Ulverstone,

#### **AGENDA**

1. Apologies and Proxy Votes
2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
3. Business arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasures Report
6. General Business
7. Election of committee (all positions, with the exemption of Immediate Past President, are deemed vacant)

#### **NOMINATION FORM**

We ..... (Name of Proposer) And  
..... (Name of Seconder) Being financial members  
of MGCCT hereby nominate, ..... for the  
position of ..... Signed:  
..... (Proposer) .....  
(Seconder)

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION**

I ..... (Name of Nominee) Being a financial  
member of MGCCT accept the above nomination. Signed:  
..... (Nominee)

#### **PROXY VOTING FORM**

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## **BRITAIN TO BURRA CAR SHOW**

The show held on October 20th in the Triabunna Village Complex attracted quite a few MGCC people from all areas with eight MGs on display. Also Bill Griffiths was there with the AC- Bristol and Barry with the big Healey. Just to keep our flag flying this year the trophy for the most popular car went to Bill with the AC-Bristol.

*Photos and story-Phil Rollins*



Maybe next year this could become a state-wide event, an overnighter at Swansea/Orford/Triabunna and then the Car Show. Food for thought!

*Cheryl Gurnhill*





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## SOUTHERN NOTES

### **PAST EVENTS**

**19<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> September** – Baskerville Historics. Another great event celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Elfins and the Minis which were featured in the lunchtime grid walk on the Sunday. With 200 entrants providing some spectacular racing, the event was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. A bit of rain added to the spectacle. Don Elliott was this year's patron and we were graced with the presence of gentleman Jim Richards who gave freely of his time. We received many comments on how well run it was.

**29<sup>th</sup> September** – Run to Kempton. The day looked rather ominous as we departed the Civic Club at about 10.20am. but apart from a bit of drizzle it turned out OK. We were privileged to be joined by 12 Sunshine Coast members in 6 cars. A total of 37 members in 16 MGs and only 4 conventional cars ventured to Kempton via Sorell, Fingerpost Road, Tea Tree Road and the Midland Highway to Kempton. We stopped at the Red Square Café in the Cambridge Centre for coffee being very efficiently served. The drive was about 80k taking about one and a quarter hours through nice countryside in the Coal River Valley where quite a few fruit tree plantations are in progress with the now plentiful supply of water. The Huntington Tavern was easily able to cater for our numbers with a four choice main and 2 desserts for \$25.00. A very enjoyable outing, maybe a little cool for our guests from Queensland! We wish them all the best for their remaining time in Tasmania. I believe the next stop is the West Coast just for a bit of variety.

Some of our group considered that fortune favours the brave and that they knew a quicker way to Kempton and would skip the coffee stop. However when they got there the Tavern was closed. When we arrived they were halfway through their main and made a hasty exit when they finished their meal presumably to avoid the wrath of the fine master!

### **20<sup>th</sup> October – Dover Run**

Our club run to Dover RSL started from the Civic Club Hobart. The day was overcast. We had 15 vehicles attend which included 7 MGs and 26 people.

We headed South down the Southern Outlet in convoy to Huonville for our morning coffee stop.



After our coffee fix and again in convoy, we headed South to Waterloo where we turned left along the Coast Road through Police Point and around the very scenic coast to Dover.

The staff at the Dover RSL was very organized and the meals were enjoyed by all.

A very pleasant day out!

Stephen Huntley

**22<sup>nd</sup> October – Southern Sub-Centre Annual Area Meeting.** Done and dusted. We say farewell with thanks to Ches Bogus, Brian Sharman and Lyn Cengia and welcome new members; Bronwyn Zuber, Brian Harrington and Kevin McGuire.

The new Committee is:

Chairman – Chris Wagstaff

Secretary – Bob Leeson

Treasurer – Robin Wilmot

General Committee – Richard Holtsbaum, Stephen Huntley, Bronwyn Zuber, Mark Harrington and Kevin McGuire.

### **COMING EVENTS**

**2<sup>th</sup> November** – Working bee at the Civic Club at 10.00am. **Check with Chris Wagstaff what tools to bring.** *For further information please contact Chris Wagstaff: 0438 055 199.*

**22-24 November** – State Concours/AGM/Dinner, Ulverstone. Refer to details elsewhere in the magazine. RSVP now. Southern members wishing to attend in convoy please contact Chris Wagstaff for details on when and where to meet. *For further information please contact Chris Wagstaff: 0438 055 199*

**1<sup>st</sup> December** – Classics on the beach. An informal gathering of collectable cars at Long Beach Sandy Bay on the first Sunday of each month from around 09.00am to noon. All are welcome to attend. *For further information please contact Bob Leeson: 0362 296 006*

**4<sup>th</sup> December** – Wayne Goninon's mid-week run:

During 2019 these mid-week runs will be conducted on the first Wednesday 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. **This the final run for 2019.** Next run will be in February 2020. *For further information please contact Wayne Goninon: 0408 388 881*

**10<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas BBQ at the Civic Club. Activities will commence at 6.00pm. Cooking again by our renowned chefs and hopefully help again from the ladies for dessert (Di Leeson will co-ordinate). Lucky door prizes. *For further information please contact Chris Wagstaff: 0438 055 199*

**8<sup>th</sup> December** – Shannons Classic Car Charity Run. It is proposed to conduct a combined charity run to Campbelltown featuring non-perishable food donations. Refer to enclosed flyer for details. Southerners will meet at Brighton’s Best Bakehouse at 8.30am to be at the Campbelltown Memorial Oval at 10.30 am. Finish is at 2.30 pm. We will endeavour to meet with the Northerners at Campbelltown so that we can arrive at the venue together and park in a group. *For further information please contact Bob Leeson: 0362 296 006*

**18<sup>th</sup> January** – **South East Rally. A fantastic event not to be missed.** Commencing at Wrest Point from 8.00am. This event is arranged by the Post Vintage Car Club of Tasmania and is held in January each year. It is a timed event with competitors leaving at 30 second intervals from the Wrest Point car park. If you are interested entry forms available at the Civic Club or for download from their website. *For further information please contact Bob Leeson: 0362 296 006*

Bob Leeson



*A couple of photos from our run to the Dover RSL*







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The Secretary,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Post Vintage Car Club to invite members of your club to participate in the **TWO-WAY TAXI TRUCKS SOUTH EAST RALLY** to be run on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

This is a timed event for veteran, vintage and classic cars and motorcycles, pre 2010 for approximately 180 km. A BYO lunch is advised.

There are several categories for entry from veteran through post vintage, classic and modern. Please see entry form for all categories.

Winners will be announced and trophies awarded at a lunch on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January at Riverfront Motel, Rosetta.

Entry forms for the rally are available from the club website, [www.postvintage-tas.org](http://www.postvintage-tas.org)

Further information please call: Rally Director on 0407 052 063 or 0409 189 800 or check the website for details and any updates.

Would you please forward a copy of this invitation to each of your club members and include it in your forward calendar of events. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Brendon Adams

Rally Director

Ps. A display of cars will be held on the lawn at Parliament House on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> of January. Bring your car along, enjoy the day and perhaps visit the market.



## **MGCC TAS - MGA REGISTER**



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At last month's MGCCT State Committee meeting it was agreed that the Club would form an MGA Register similar to the Square Rigger Group to cater for the owners & enthusiasts of the MGA.

MGA Registers exist in a number of the other state centres & of course the main Club in Abingdon.

The remit of this Register would be:

- 1.** To prepare & maintain records & history, where possible, of all known MGAs in Tasmania. This would be maintained electronically via Xcel Spreadsheet or similar, updated whenever new MGAs or further details became available.
- 2.** Provide a few times a year technical help, including garage meets & social runs to cater for owners & restorers of our favourite MG & generally raise participation of the MGA in club life.
- 3.** Issue MGA Notes intermittently both through the club newsletter & by email directly to members when lengthy items of particular interest to MGA owners arise.

Initially it would be appreciated if interested MGA owners would contact me by email with details of their car ie. Year, Model, Roadster or Coupe, Colour, Rego No, Chassis & Engine No & any history known - to enable me to get the spreadsheet underway.

At this stage, due to the rather busy next couple of months, it is intended to have the kick off Garage Meeting at my place on Sat 18<sup>th</sup> of Jan 2020.

Octagonally,

Col Cleaver (NSC) – MGCCT - MGA Register Coordinator

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Col at Goodwood during the 2015 MGA60 Anniversary Tour - with part of the Australian contingent.

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## **MG METRO 6R4**

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The MG Metro 6R4

(6 cylinder R rear

engine 4 wheel drive) was a

pure out and out competition

car that retained a couple of

panels from the original

Metro body, but enough to

clearly identify it as a Metro.

It was built with the active

assistance of Williams GP

Engineering who at the time

the project was started (1981)

were at the pinnacle of F1



success and interestingly Austin Rover was a sponsor of Williams at this time.

The car was built just for the purpose of achieving international rally success for Austin Rover and based upon a space frame chassis. Suspension was then attached direct to this chassis with suitable space being present for the rear mounted engine and four wheel drive system. The car was built to the famous Group B international rally specifications and this group included such well known competitors from other manufacturers such as the Audi Quattro Sport, Peugeot 205 T16, Lancia Delta S4 and Ford RS200.

Notably the big difference with the Metro compared to all others in this group was the fact that it was the only one using a larger capacity naturally aspirated engine, where all the others were using smaller capacity forced induction engines. It has to be remembered that at this time turbo charging had become the fashionable way to creating performance versions of mainstream cars as it was cheaper to add a turbo to an existing engine than to develop a larger capacity new one.

Even so turbo charging on cars was relatively crude and one common shortcoming was a condition known as turbo lag, the time between operating the throttle and when the engine saw boost and accelerated hard. The larger capacity non turbo engine would provide instant throttle response by comparison and so the theory was that it would more than offset the loss of top end power over the boosted rivals.

Whilst that theory was no doubt true at the start of the 6R4 programme, developments saw a reduction of the lag and significant increases in the top end horse power, so the 6R4 was never truly competitive. However, that is not to say it wasn't quick as the acceleration and traction even by current standards is staggering. The international specification cars would achieve a 0 to 60mph time of around 3.0 to 3.2 seconds and the G forces pinning you to the seat would, from the author's experience, try and fold your face around the integral head rests of the seats. The gearing was obviously low to

maximise the acceleration so that top speed would equate to maximum rpm and be achievable on the specific routes the car would be driving. Read that to be a maximum usually set at between 110 and 120 mph at around 9000rpm.

Clearly the engine able to deliver this was something special, like the rest of the car. It was a special one off designed 2997cc V6, which was originally loosely based on the Rover V8. Indeed the first development engines used to power prototype cars was a Rover V8 with two cylinders lopped off. The finished engine was designated V64V standing for V6 for the configuration and 4V denoting four valves per cylinder. It was a completely new engine designed just to power the 6R4 and utilised normal advanced race engine technology of the period, which is commonplace in the 21st Century. However, even today a V6 with quad cams and four valves per cylinder producing around 410bhp with a rev limit of 9000rpm, will be regarded as very interesting. In 1985 it was a specification to drool over.

To comply with homologation rules of the period cars had to be made in a production run of at least 200 cars, plus for an 'Evolution' model a further 20 cars must be made. Interestingly records show that only 205 were made in total. Most cars were built to what is know as the 'Clubman' specification which used less focussed specification with the main difference being the use of a single throttle injection system rather than a multiple throttle system, and a 'cooking' power output of 250bhp, still outstanding for the day when 150bhp was a rare sight.

The top spec factory car was known as the 'International' spec with the obvious connection to it being built to International spec Group B rules. Initially the engines in this spec delivered 'only' 385 bhp, but as with most active competition development, that was to rise.

Indeed after the banning of the Group B cars because of safety worries (the cars were simply too quick and delivering comparable acceleration to Formula 1 cars) the 6R4 was to see a continuing successful and active career in various arms of motorsport with further power developments and some smaller 2.5 litre versions of the V64V engine to help cap power which was similar in this capacity to the earlier 3 litre capacity engines, plus the shorter throw crank aided the rev capacity of the engine and reliability. The most powerful and in some aspects the most successful versions were seen in the hands of Will Gollop in international Rallycross where his turbocharged 700 plus bhp 6R4 scored many international victories and took him to several titles.

The MG Metro is not seen as one of the favoured MG classics but there is no mistaking that the MG Metro 6R4 is one of the greatest rally cars of all time and as such makes it one of the greatest MGs too

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## COMING SOCIAL EVENTS

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(More details can be found in the Sub Centre Notes)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Meet At...</b>	<b>Coordinator</b>
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Evening Run/Meal NSC	Old Motor Museum	Andrew Merry
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Dinner Meeting NW	Bass & Flinders, Ulverstone	Terry Jeffrey
<b>Nov 22-24</b>	<b>State Concours/AGM/Dinner</b>	<b>Ulverstone</b>	<b>Terry Jeffrey</b>
Fri Nov 29 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Run NSC	Old Motor Museum	Mark Dilger
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Classics on the Beach		Bob Leeson
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Wayne Goninon's Mid week Run		Wayne Goninon
Sun Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>	Shannons Classic Car Charity Run N/NW/S	See Sub Centre Notes	
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas BBQ SSC	Civic Club	Bob Leeson
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner Meeting NW	Bass & Flinders, Ulverstone	Terry Jeffrey
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	NSC & NW Christmas Party Deloraine	TBA	Andrew Merry
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Coffee Run NSC	Old Motor Museum	Frank Brooks
Sat Jan 18 <sup>th</sup>	"A" Register Gathering State	See notice elsewhere in the magazine	
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	South East Rally	See notice elsewhere in the magazine	
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Carrick House BBQ NSC	VCCA Clubrooms	Chester McCaige
Sun Feb 9 <sup>th</sup>	John James Mystery Run	VCCT Clubrooms	John James
March 6/7/8 <sup>th</sup>	Longford Motorama	TBA	TBA
Sun Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Devonport Motor Show		

## SQUARE RIGGER NOTES

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

This time of the Club year will find many members preparing for the annual concours and wind-up presentation dinner and so a theme for this Square Rigger page in the historic sense, some pics of mediocre clarity and relevant. And to lead is a great shot of MC Brian (Humphrey) Roberts and Arthur (String) Twining presenting trophies (probably 1969). Concours' depicted at Launceston with the Monza heading the T Types and John Scott then with his TC and another top line-out.



More T and Y Types at the 2010 concours Roundhouse Park Devonport and in the 90s on the Derwent. Finally the last word in wind-up and humour, another great Club stalwart Cliff Cook presenting at an annual dinner.

The Square Rigger run following the farewell breakfast on the 24<sup>th</sup> will head to Wynyard via an interesting Burnie MG residence, turning south to complete the day at the Tullah Lakeside Lodge.

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