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All the owners were inside the air-conditioned Club rooms on the hottest day this year



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General Meetings held at the Clubrooms on the third Tuesday of every month
(fellowship from 7:30, formal proceedings commence at 8:00 p.m.)
All members and visitors are welcome.



The winner of this months raffle is one of our new members Neil Magee. A nice welcome to the club

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President's Piece



Here we go again with another year of MaGic motoring and fellowship. At the recent AGM, I was re-elected as the Club President together with a full panel of Committee members. I am pleased to welcome to the Committee the new Club Captain, Julie McGrath and Vice-President, Iain Trainor. I would also like to thank Mike Smith the retiring VP for his valuable assistance and contributions during the past year. Thus, as we move into 2019 with a full calendar of events, both Social and Competition, I hope that we will see more of our members using their MG's for the purpose they were made, i.e. driving them.

It is the 95th anniversary this year of the MG Marque and it is great to see that around the world there are still many roadworthy examples of the early cars. Indeed 'Old Number 1', the first MG Sports car built in early 1925 for Cecil Kimber can still be seen out and about at MG events in the UK. If you would like to know more about the history of MG, there is an excellent book 'The Magic of The Marque' by Mike Allison, available on loan from the club's comprehensive library.

The Club membership continues to grow and the new models of MG, available from John Hughes, offer their new owners the opportunity to drive a very modern model and to join our Club, at no cost for the first year. It is encouraging to see the number of such members slowly increasing. The new MG company, are making good progress with the Marque and in the UK last year, MG had the largest sales increase of all the manufacturers selling in that market.

The Club calendar for February and March, offers a wide range of events for you, so now is the time to make sure that **you** join. You will be made welcome by the Organisers and you can enjoy the experience and fellowship of like-minded enthusiasts.

Many members experience challenges with their ownership of an MG and attending an event provides an ideal opportunity to talk with other owners. In my many years in the MG Car Club, I have found that at MG Gatherings there is usually another member present who is able to offer the benefit of their knowledge and experience. Amongst the Club there are a number of members with a very good understanding of all things MG who will share that information with you, just ask.

The Club would appreciate it if an MGF/TF owner would volunteer to become the MGF register coordinator. It is not an onerous task. If you feel that you would like to step forward, please contact me.

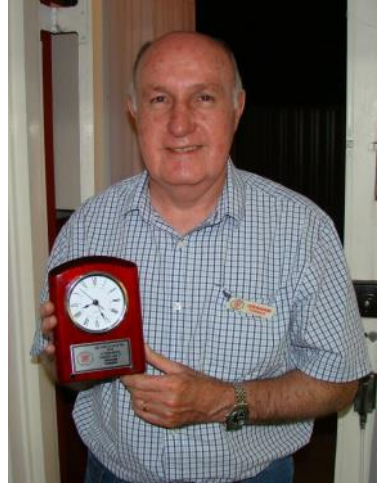
The Club annual, Show n Shine/Concours, is on Sunday 17th March at the Riverside Gardens, Bayswater

It will also include a 'Swap Meet', giving members the opportunity to sell some of those MG bits and pieces that are cluttering their garage/library.

Doug Bush

February 2019

*We were finally able to award
Graham Forbes
his trophy for a non-committee member's
Attendance Award*



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MGF Register run - Sunday 16th December

“Away in an MG, on a nice summers Day
It’s Christmas in Australia and we’re on our way
Out into the Hillside, the sights for to see
The tops down and we’re singing
“Happy Christmas to thee”

So five cars and only two were MG F’s. Still those there were going to make the most of a warm overcast day to enjoy a drive in our favourite cars with the tops down.



Setting off from Mundaring we travelled around in the back roads in the Hills. Some familiar and some places never seen before. Who knew what Wooroloo looked like?

I certainly didn’t! Before Sunday it had just been a name on a road sign. The scenery varied between forest and dry pasture. Up hilly and winding roads. All were a delight as was the fact that there was birdsong along the way. There was also plenty of honky nuts and small branches to beat a tattoo on the underside of the cars as we drove.

After much weaving and winding we finished at the back of the place we started at, the Mundaring Hotel. We knew it was Christmas time when we encountered a very small Rudolf on our way through the carpark. One Shetland pony with antlers and a huge red nose on his way to a nearby local Christmas Market to entertain the children.

A lovely meal was enjoyed and, as always, it is great to learn more about fellow club members who we have seen but not really spoken to before. What a delight it is to learn of the interesting lives of other club members when we have the time and space to stop and listen.



Well fed and content we wandered over to investigate the market stalls before heading homeward.

It was a great shame that there were not more cars to attend. But those who came had a great time, putting aside the frantic pace of the run up to Christmas to enjoy the calmness of our wonderful countryside and a lovely drive.

By the way sing the verse, at the start, to the tune of Away in a Manger if you had not already figured it out.

Just writing this reminds me of the sign seen some years ago, outside a local church to advertise their Christmas services.

Below was a picture of the manger *“The Greatest Gift came in a Manager”*

Pat and Andy Shaw

**The Deadline for articles to be included in the February edition
of the Octagon will be Thursday 24th January**

Thank you M & G Editors

Midweek Run 10th January 2019

A total of 12 MG's assembled at Mundaring shopping centre car park on Thursday the 10th of January for the midweek brunch run. Cars participating were 1 MGA , 7 MGB's, 1 RV8, 1 MGF, 1 MG3 and 1 ZR.

After a few words from organizer Tony which included a warning to beware of cyclists and kangaroo's, route sheets were handed to navigators. A member also warned of an Emu that could be carrying some yellow paint.

We headed south. The route took us via Mundaring Weir through very scenic areas of Bickley, Pickering Brook and various wineries. The winding roads in the forest country made MG driving such a pleasure.



All went well until the lead driver took a left turn then stopped to allow a local driver to pass; lead driver thinking he had made a wrong turn proceeded to enter into a three point turn.

Some drivers wondering what the problem was, by-passed the turn and pulled over as the road name in instructions matched the left turn. Lead driver then realized the error (perhaps an

excuse to do a donut) and all were then back on route.

After a short quick run along Brookton Highway there were more twisting and scenic roads around Karragullen then back onto Brookton Highway to our destination which was Avocado's Restaurant.





There was some bad luck for Tony who managed to pick up a puncture right at the entrance. Avocado's is situated in a delightful setting on the edge of the Canning River on which there is a small weir and many water lilies. Many stories were told while enjoying the varied breakfast menu which all looked delicious and very suitable for brunch. Thank you to Tony Ford for a most enjoyable drive.

Neville Frearson



Southern Chapter Run

Sunday 13th January



We met at the Crooked Carrot Cafe, enjoying a coffee and a talk.

Leaving there at 10.30 to turn right into Buffalo Rd off Forrest Highway.

Going along Cathedral Ave seeing the swans in the Leschenault inlet, it was amazing how many there were.



Turning into Australind going to Busselton Bypass, driving to Roberts Rd Stratham.

Some nice scenic places, with Tuart trees years old, along the way.

Turning into Tuart drive going to Busselton, driving to Port Geographe Marina.

Arriving at the Marina to have lunch at the Deck Restaurant.



Lovely venue over looking the water and with many boats, and great weather. Had a nice lunch then we all departed for home.

Steve and Jessie McDonald





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SOCIAL EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

All Club members are welcome to participate in these social events. As they are listed on the Club's events calendar, your concessionally registered car can be driven to, from and during each event.

Southern Chapter Run - Sunday 10th February

Meet at the **Waroona Bakery at 10:00am** for a 10:30am start. The Run will venture along pleasant rural byways to Preston Beach – bring a picnic lunch and drinks. All are welcome. Contact is Ted and Robyn Mullins (0419 925 632).

Midweek Brunch Run – Thursday 14th February

The February Midweek Brunch Run on Valentine's Day, Thursday 14th January, will start from the **Old Narrogin Inn** off Albany Hwy in Armadale, **meeting at 9:15am** for a prompt 9:30am start. The Run will travel around 70km along scenic winding roads for brunch at the Blue Wren Café in Dwellingup. We will be joined on the Run by the Morgan Owners Club so expect to see a few Moggies in the convoy!
Contact is Eddie Preston (0402 135 090).

Southern Chapter Valentines Night – Thursday 14th February

Meeting at **Koombana Beach, Bunbury**, from **4:30pm** for a convivial gathering. Access is via Koombana Drive (off Eelup Roundabout if coming from the Australind Bypass) and Anchorage Cove (off the small roundabout at the Dolphin Discovery Centre) – look for the sign to Koombana Beach. There is parking near the Koombana Sailing Club, bring chairs and a picnic or partake of fish and chips (available nearby after 5:00pm).
Contact is Steve and Jessie (0409 958 589).

Nog'n'Natter – Tuesday 19th February

The monthly Nog'n'Natter will be held at the Clubrooms on Tuesday 19th February, meeting 7:30pm for an 8:00pm start. The usual convivial Nog'n'Natter and light supper will follow a short briefing on Club matters and events by Committee members.

Twilight Run – Sunday 24th February

The twilight run on Sunday 24th February will start from: The Middle Swan Reserve Car Park at the end of the Middle Swan Road, which can be found as the 1st Left turn off the Reid Highway, after the West Swan Rd junction if going Eastbound towards Midland. It is signposted for the 'Bandyup Women's Prison. If going Westbound along the Reid towards the West Swan Road, Take the Left Turn onto Harris Road [SP Mandoon Estate], then immediate left, then take 1st left under the Reid and 1st Right onto M S R road. Assemble for a 4-15 PM start for an easy run to a riverside picnic area.
Don't forget your fold-up chairs. Doug & Christine Bush, 0452561398.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Southern Chapter Run – Sunday 10th March

Meet at the **Crooked Carrot Cafe** on the Forrest Highway at Myalup at **10:00am** for a 10:30am start. The route covers some 109 kms, all on sealed roads, and finishes at the Waroona Hotel for lunch at around noon.

Contact is David Lovett (davron11@westnet.com.au).

MG Show'n'Shine and Concours d'Elegance – Sunday 17th March

This annual event will be held on Sunday 17th March at **Bayswater Riverside Gardens**, commencing at 1:00pm with the access gate (at the end of Milne St) open from 12:00pm. All members are encouraged to come along to this prestige event to display their cars (entering the Concours is optional) and enjoy some MG fellowship with other owners. Vehicle entry is by 'Gold Coin' charity donation at the gate.

We are also holding a "Swap Meet" for those wishing to clear out stock.

MGCC Forthcoming Events in 2019

February

Sun 3 rd	Autotest, Midvale Speed Dome	Comp	TSOA
Tues 5 th	<i>Committee Meeting</i>		
Sun 10 th	Southern Chapter Run	Social	MGCC
Thurs 14 th	S.C. Valentine's Day Run	Social	MGCC
Thurs 14 th	Midweek Brunch Run	Social	MGCC
Tues 19 th	<i>General Meeting & Nog & Natter</i>	Social	MGCC
Sun 24 th	Twilight Run	Social	D.Bush

March

Tues 5 th	<i>Committee Meeting</i>		
Sun 10 th	Southern Chapter Run	Social	MGCC
Tues 12 th	Track Day Barbagello	Comp	JCC
Thurs 14 th	Midweek Brunch Run	Social	MGCC
Sun 17 th	MGA Register Brunch Run	Social	MGCC
Sun 17 th	Show'n'Shine / Swap Meet	Comp/Social	
Tues 19 th	<i>General Meeting & Nog & Natter</i>	Social	MGCC
Sat 23rd	British Auto Classic Busselton	Social	
Sun 24th	Shannons Classic Car Show	Social	CMC
S 30 th S 31 st	Collie Icebreaker Collie Motorplex	Comp	VSCC
Sun 31 st	State Motorkhana round 1	Comp	MCC

RIDING FOR THE DISABLED RAFFLE PRIZE

At the second night's dinner on the 2018 Safety fast run No-one could have been more surprised than I was to hear my raffle ticket number called as winning this prize for the second year running.

I couldn't wait to text my son and grandsons to let them know, in the hope that they would join me again. The reply was swift- a resounding "yes" and so it was arranged.

This year we were offered a choice of times so we opted for the twilight ride.

6.00pm on Wednesday 19th December saw us mounting up. We only needed 10 minutes in the arena this time, we must all have been good pupils as we could very promptly get our horses to walk, stop and have them line up in the order specified by the wonderful Julie who was to take us on our ride. After one quick trot we were ready for the wide-open spaces.



It was a lovely balmy summers evening and we were treated to a leisurely ride which included a few small hills and a walk across the edge of a small dam where our horses could enjoy a drink. More riding along the pathways through the bush until Julie decided to make it more interesting and we left the bush track to ride through the scrub. This was a test as, of course, all the horses wanted to stop at every bush to sample the flavours of the different plants. We were accompanied on our ride by flocks of cockatoos and some of the party even saw some bats.

As the sun started to set we headed back to the stables where we were expected to remove saddles etc and then brush down the horses. A perfect, if dirty, end to a great evening. Thanks, once again, to the riding for disabled at Capricorn. I will be trying for the trifecta at Albany.

Pat Shaw

Expression of interest

Drive your MG to Base Camp, Mt Everest in 2020

By way of introduction, Ross Letten and I and our wives have driven our classic MGs around the world – literally – and now wish to conquer Base Camp Mt Everest. Previous trips include Beijing to London, Cape to Cairo, Pan-American Highway and Trans-Canada. All have been self-organised to keep costs to sensible levels without stinting on best accommodation available.

Experience has shown us that the optimum size for such a group is between four and six classic MGs. Further, it is useful if the cars are sufficiently similar so that they share spare parts and can be prepared to be rugged. In other words, we are looking for between two and four MGA or MGB owners to join us. Could you be one of them?

At this stage, we believe we will be the "First MGs to Conquer Mt Everest Base Camp".

The trip will start in Bangkok, Thailand in April 2020 and will visit attractions, many being UNESCO World Heritage sites, in Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos, en route to meeting our personal guide in southern China.

In China and Tibet, we will visit such sites as Dali (Chongcheng pagodas and Erhai Lake), Lijiang (UNESCO World Heritage site), Tiger Leaping Gorge (third deepest gorge on earth), Zuogong (pass of the 72 curves to Ranwu Lake at 4,000 metres), Nyintri (Switzerland of the East), Lhasa (Capital of Tibet), Tsedang (first palace built in Tibet) and then Everest Base Camp!

For obvious reasons, it's important to realise that this offer is open to MG Adventurers who can work on their own cars and who don't mind chipping in to assist where needed. Affable types with well-prepared cars would be most welcome!

Please get in touch with me by email or phone with your questions so that you can make an informed decision – this will definitely rank as "A Trip of a Life Time!"

Long may we shock the classic car world as to what these little MGs can do when prepared well and driven sensibly!

Safety Fast!

Dave and Laurel

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Ross and Shez Letten



MGCC SHOW n SHINE

Incorporating the MGCC's Concours d'Elegance

Sunday 17th March 2019

The 2019 Show n Shine is being held at Bayswater Riverside Gardens again this year (same venue as the past few years). This is a very pleasant and attractive location on the banks of the Swan River. Entrance off Milne St off Guildford Rd

We wish to encourage as many MGs to be displayed as possible - of all varieties and whatever condition. It would be great to have a wide variety of MG models represented. So please bring out all your Midgets, MGAs, J Types & T Types, Classic Sedans, moderns etc and put them on display! We would love to see you there and allow others to have an opportunity to admire your car.

The event is a great opportunity to socialise and chat with fellow MG enthusiasts, as well as compete in the event if you wish. It is also a great time to invite your friends and family to join in as well. The event can be enjoyed with a BYO picnic under the trees on the banks of the river.

For the serious Concours buffs, the usual formalities and procedures will apply. A copy of the Judging Sheet and Entry Form have been provided with this flyer. The Judging Sheet has been provided to allow entrants to be familiar with the criteria used in judging so that they can present their cars appropriately. This should help achieve a "level playing field" for those new to Concours competition. **Please note that an entry form is NOT required if you only wish to display your vehicle and do not want to participate in the formal Concours.**

All Concours entrants will be eligible for trophies should they gain a 1st or 2nd place in the competition.

The event is covered by a CAMS permit, which provides public liability cover. If you are displaying your MG and not participating in the formal Concours, entry will be free - but you will need to sign an attendance sheet for insurance purposes. If you are not a member of the MGCC and wish to participate in the formal Concours, a small fee of \$5 will be charged. This very modest fee will be levied to help us offset some of the costs of the formal event (trophies, equipment hire, etc).

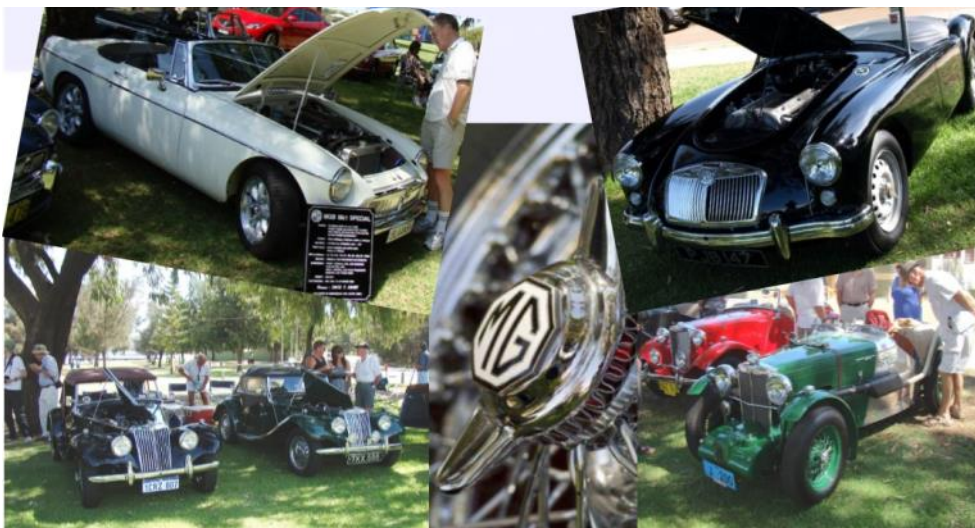
Please note that vehicles are required to be in place by 1-00 pm (gates will open by 11:30 am) with trophy presentation at approx 4:30 pm for those entering the formal Concours. To alleviate pressure on the volunteers running the event.

Concours entries will not be accepted after 1-30pm and display-only vehicles may be refused entry after 2.00 pm.



Help the organisers – if you wish your car to be judged, please submit entry form ASAP (not required for display only).

Contact Doug Bush on 0452 561398 should you have any queries.





Concours d'Elegance 2019 Entry Form*

*** Only required if you wish your vehicle to be judged**

Gates Open 11:30 am

Event Details	
Date:	Sunday March 17 th
Start Time:	1:30pm - Formalities done and car in place by then please
Prize Giving:	Approximately 4-30 pm
Location:	<u>Bayswater Riverside Gardens</u> . Entry off Milne Street
Entry Fee:	Gold coin donation is requested for all cars. [<u>Concours Entry \$5-00</u>]
BYO:	Picnic
Judging:	Can you help on the Day? <input type="checkbox"/> YES
Mars hals:	Can you help on the Day? <input type="checkbox"/> YES

Please enter my MG in the "MG Concours d'Elegance"	
Name:	
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Phone Work:	
Email:	
MG Model:	
Rego No:	
Year:	
Colour:	
Class:	<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-War MG's <input type="checkbox"/> MGA SERIES <input type="checkbox"/> MGB SERIES <input type="checkbox"/> MG MIDGET SERIES <input type="checkbox"/> MG's 1995-2018 <input type="checkbox"/> MG SPECIALS <input type="checkbox"/> MG CLASSIC SEDANS <input type="checkbox"/> TC's/TD's & TF's <input type="checkbox"/> MG RV-8's <input type="checkbox"/> MG Modern Sedans & SUV's
Are you a member of:	<input type="checkbox"/> MG Car Club of WA <input type="checkbox"/> MG Owners Club <input type="checkbox"/> MGTC Owners Club

If you are NOT a member of the "MG Car Club of WA" you must sign the Honorary Day Member Sign-on Sheet on the day.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please Post or email your entry form to Doug Bush, 29 Horseshoe Circuit, Henley Brook, 6055, or e-mail to: dougmgwa@msn.com . Helpful hints: 1) to email: save form to a separate file in your computer before completing it and then email to Doug as an attachment. 2) To fill in check boxes on your PC, Double click on a check box and select "checked"

Concours Entry will be \$5-00 payable on entry [please have a \$5-00 note ready.]



Concours d'Elegance Judging Form 2019

Name:	Entrant No:	
Model:	Year:	Rego:
Class:	Club Name:	

#	Item	Max Points	Score	Total Score
1	<u>EXTERIOR:</u> Paintwork: 20 Body Condition: (excluding paint) 20 Chrome & Bright Work: 20 Rubber & Seals: 20 Windscreen/Glass & Side Curtains: 20	200		/100
2	<u>INTERIOR:</u> Seats & Trim: 20 Carpets & Mats: 20 Soft Top or Head Lining: 20 Boot/Tool Compartment: 20 Dash & Instruments: 20	200		/100
3	<u>TOOL KIT:</u>	10		/10
4	<u>ENGINE BAY:</u> Paintwork: 34 Cleanliness: 33 Wiring: 33	100		/100
5	<u>UNDER SIDE:</u> Floor Pan / Chassis: 30 Wheels & Tyres: 30 Suspension: 30	90		/90
6	<u>ORIGINALITY & AUTHENTICITY:</u> Exterior & Underside /100 Interior inc under Bonnet & in Boot. /100	200		/200

TOTAL:

/600

THIS SHEET MUST REMAIN ON THE WINDSCREEN OF THE NOMINATED CAR UNTIL REMOVAL BY THE JUDGES.

GENERAL MEETING. 15th December 2019: Minutes

Meeting opened at 19.58pm.

Club President in the chair.

Visitors: Paul Bowerman, Denis Hextall MGA Red, Jim Double White MGA

Apologies: John & Liz Carruthers, John & Val Goff, Lyn Whitehurst, Christine Bush

Minutes of previous meeting: 11th December 2018 published in the Octagon: Motion to accept Minutes: Proposed by Alley Mulcahy seconded by Don Wylie and agreed as a true record.

Correspondence: 2 x Club Membership Renewals, 1 x Membership Application and 1 x Invoice from City of Kalamunda for deposit on Stirk Park

Business arising: Nil

REPORTS:

VP's Report: Doug welcomed Iain into the position.

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report: Chris Hart advised that the club funds as of the 31st December 2018, total of all accounts is approx. \$xxxxxx (Including the Safety Fast account). Chris then advised that the following cheques be proposed for payment; City of Kalamunda – Deposit on Stirk Park \$300.00, D Pitcher – Raffle Prize \$26.49 & J McGrath – Supper \$40.98.

Proposed by Chris Hart seconded by Heather Forbes and agreed as a true record.

Membership Sec's Report: Richard advised total membership is 158 renewals paid so far, round about same time last year 106 to go.

Richard also nominated new members –

Paul & Sandi Bowerman 1948 Maroon MG YA

Ian Sangston & Elaine Myers 1967 BRG MGB

Kevin Rumble Red 1976 MG Midget

Seconded by John Bell and approved by the meeting.

Competition: Pete McGrath advised first event

Sunday 3 Feb Auto test Midvale

March is pretty busy.

Social Report: Tony advised the following events - All events advertised in Octagon

Sunday 20th Jan organised by the Rolls Royce Club to Stirk Park 4pm / 4.30pm start

Southern Chapter Run 10th Feb

Thursday Mid week 14th Feb – 9.15am Narrogin Inn

Southern Chapter Run Thursday 14th Feb – details in Octagon.

Editors: Graham advised that the closing date for this coming Octagon is due in by the 24th January.

Safety Fast Run: Terry advised he is heading down to Albany regarding food with CWA and checking if venue can take 150 people.

First meeting to be held in February.

Club Captain: Was welcomed to the committee by Doug. Julie then advised no new badges to give out due to badge company still on holidays.

Regalia: Chris advised plenty of stock and blue hats now in stock.

Librarian: David mention have 3 new books in library but we have 5 missing books outstanding, unfortunately they hadn't been signed out – Please if you have any of those books – Please return.

Doug also advised that it's not hard to please sign 'out and in' the books from the club library.

Webmaster: Ian advised web up to date and has put the latest Octagon on and to keep sending photos of events – please.

Any Other Business:

Doug thanked Mike and his wife Jeanette for organising a very excellent Christmas event.

Doug also advised on behalf of the committee we are giving each registered member a pen and to contact Doug to arrange to collect yours – additional partners can purchase an MG pen at \$2.00 each.

Peter Mittler from Canada advised and invited us to visit their 30th Anniversary in 2022 around June in Toronto.

Meeting closed at 20.25pm

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LIBRARY INFORMATION



Firstly, **HAPPY NEW YEAR** to all Club Members.

I would remind everyone that the MGCCWA has an extensive library of Motoring related items with particular emphasis of course on the MG Marque.

The stock, totalling 404 items, contains Books, Manuals and DVD's plus a selection of motoring magazines. Borrowing items from the library is FREE and very simple - just make your selection from the shelves then sign and date the items out on the appropriate numbered page in the stock list - not forgetting of course to sign/date them back in the catalogue on return.

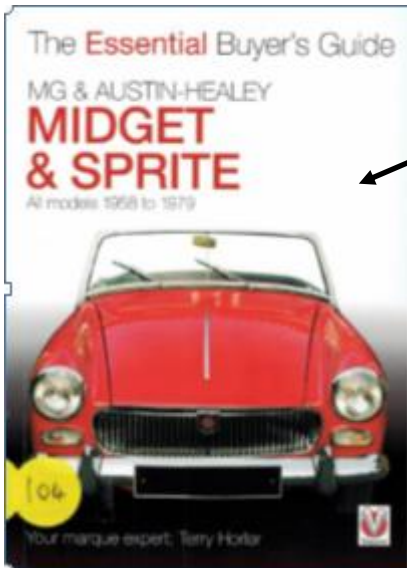
Operating on an honour system, the loan period is normally one month (between general meetings) so obviously as a courtesy to other club members who may be waiting for a certain book or DVD it is requested that borrowers adhere to this time frame.

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No item may be borrowed consecutively for more than three months without consulting the librarian.

Most models of MG are covered in the current stock list and new publications covering the very latest models since China took over production of the Marque may be added as and when they become available.

To start off the year 2019 here are two new additions to the Library stock.



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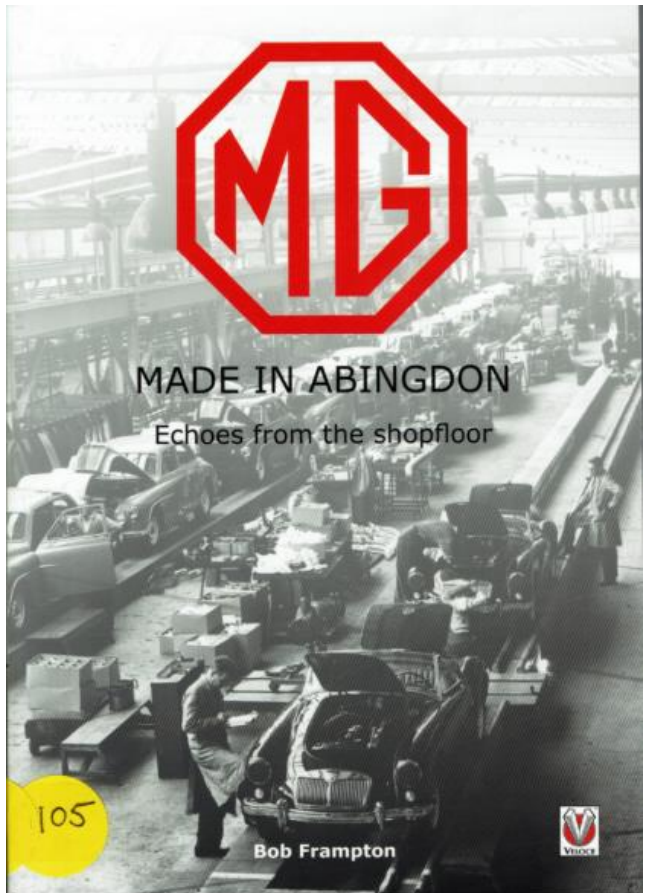
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NEW LIBRARY BOOK

The complete
library stock list
is available for
perusal on the
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There have been several publications covering the history of the MG Factory at Abingdon.

However, this little book approaches the subject from a different angle, telling the story from the point of view of the shopfloor workers, the engineers, apprentices, tea boys and girls and the competition drivers as well as the management.

Memories from the production line to recollections of racing incidents, the untold story of MG from the men and women who worked in the Abingdon factory is revealed for the first time through a series of interviews and notes compiled by the author **Bob Frampton**.

MG became an international success, bringing the small market town of Abingdon onto the global map.

Despite several corporate take-overs, including BMC and British Leyland, people were still proud to work for MG and happy to work for a company which they considered treated them well.

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A PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON DRIVE

Sunday 20th January

We all woke that morning to a hot summers day. By the time we arrived at the Club Rooms it was the "hottest Summers day of the year" at 42 degrees. Only mad dogs and MG drivers were present along with a few R.R. drivers and one little wus who arrived in an air-conditioned BMW ! The cars were abandoned on the street, as we all headed for the relative comfort of the air-conditioned Club Rooms. After an exchange of views, mainly on the weather, we had the drivers briefing, and a suggestion that we depart. Some very reluctantly returned to their blast furnace of a car, and headed off up the hills in a circular route towards Kalamunda.

It was a very pretty drive along leafy country lanes, well away from most other traffic. When we arrived at Stirk Park, there was a little confusion as to where we should enter the park, but Alley soon sorted us out, and we were soon parked under the trees. The temperature had dropped to a much more pleasant 37 degrees, and we all set up our chairs and pulled our chosen beverage out of the numerous eskies. (No alcohol, of course !!)

After a drink and some tasty picnics, and much chattering, many of us headed over to Stirk Cottage, the oldest surviving house in Kalamunda. Alley gave us a very interesting talk on the history of the Stirk family, who settled there in 1881.



By then, the sun was dipping below the horizon, and those with poor, antiquated headlights, decided it was time to make a move. The run down the hill was a very pleasant end to a great afternoon out. Many thanks to Tony, Alley and the crew, for organizing it.

Chris Hart





Most people were able to find some relief under the trees.

Diane McGrath presented the club with a Poster from 2004 combined RR and MG Safety Fast Run



Birthday Calendar

If anyone would like to add their name to the birthday book, please just send your information through to the Editors, Thank you.

So for those celebrating a February birthday, the committee would like to wish you a **MaGic** Day

February Birthdays



Thursday 7th

**Kan Phusasai
Lovella Pearce
David Rose**



Wednesday 13th

Erica Ward

Wednesday 20th

**Karen Bell
Karen DeKlerk**

Thursday 21st

Julie McGrath

Friday 22nd

Barbara Hunt-Davies



Wishing you all a very

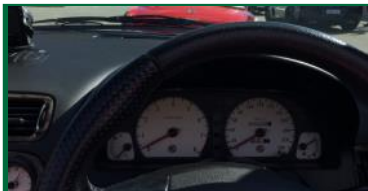
Happy Birthday

On your special day

In this edition of the Octagon we have had several contributors who have taken photographs or supplied articles that were used throughout the magazine.

David Pitcher, Doug Bush, Peter Mittler, Steve & Jessie McDonald, Pat & Andy Shaw, Neville Frearson and Chris Hart .

Thank you



WACKY RACES

with Peter McGrath

A slow start to competition this year sees our first event, the TSOA Autokhana at Midvale on Sunday the 3rd of February. Hopefully we have a good turn out of MGs taking part in this great event. Entries close on 30th January, details already emailed out, but you can find them on the TSOA website.

March is when it all kicks off with multiple events:

The Collie Icebreaker Sup regs at Collie Motorplex is on the 2nd and 3rd.

Also, on the 3rd is the Barbagallo Raceway 50th anniversary.

The Jaguar Track Day is a little earlier this year. Previously advised as being the 27th, it is going to be held on the 12th instead.

The WASCC Come and try track Day is on the 14th at Barbagallo Raceway, followed three days later on the 17th by the Motorkhana Come 'n' Try day at the Tiger Car Club.

Also, on the 17th, is a competitive event of a different nature, our very own MGCC Show 'n' Shine, incorporating the Concours d'Elegance at Bayswater Riverside Gardens.

More details will be emailed out as the invites come in from the various organising car clubs.

Later in the year, we are still looking for a suitable venue to host the Grass Gymkhana in September. Any ideas, please let any of the committee members know, so we can investigate it.

As always, if you hear of a competition that your fellow MG drivers could participate in, please let me know .
Here's to a rapid and fun February!



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Rostyle Wheel, 1

badge missing



MGF Fuel Filter (new) Brake pads rear (new)

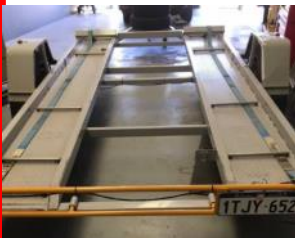
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