

# THE TIME MACHINE

## August September 18

The Great Train  
Race was very  
successful.  
Here are MG  
members waving as  
the train goes by.



The Official  
Magazine of the Gold  
Coast MG Car Club

Registered by  
Australia Post  
Publication  
No. 100018127





# Classic Car Clinic

Servicing · Repairs · Restorations

Classic car servicing, Engine tuning, Engine and gearbox rebuilds, Classic auto electrical, Classic car bodywork repairs and paintwork, Classic car restoration and repairs, Spare parts, Roadworthy certificates

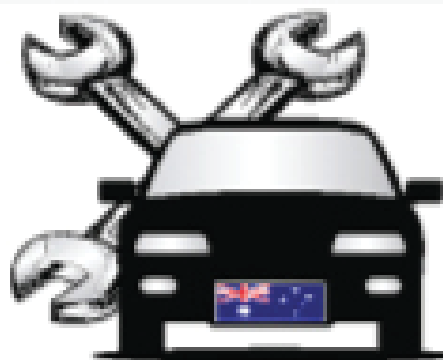


Contact us today to discuss your needs.

8/241 Brisbane Road  
Biggera Waters  
Ph. (07) 5529 1876



[www.classiccarclinic.com.au](http://www.classiccarclinic.com.au)



## BEST PRICE

### AUTO WORKSHOP

**Unit 7/241 Brisbane Rd, Biggera Waters, 4216.**

Qualified mechanics

All makes and models of cars, utes and vans

Thorough service and repairs at fair prices and we contact you with a price for approval **BEFORE** we do any extra work

Half-price vehicle rental when your vehicle is in our workshop or courtesy drop off service to Harbour Town



**Phone 5537 7424**



[www.bestpriceautoworkshop.com.au](http://www.bestpriceautoworkshop.com.au)  
- free quote on line





# THE TIME MACHINE

The OFFICIAL JOURNAL of the  
GOLD COAST MG CAR CLUB INC.

Affiliated with the MG Car Club UK



Club email: [goldcoastmgcarclub@hotmail.com](mailto:goldcoastmgcarclub@hotmail.com)

Club Web address: [www.goldcoastmgcarclub.com.au](http://www.goldcoastmgcarclub.com.au)

P.O. Box 1018, Southport. Qld 4215

Clubrooms - Heritage Centre, 238 Mudgeeraba Rd, Mudgeeraba

Peter Johnston (Liz)

(President)

Mobile - 0417 769 680

email - [pe.johnston04@gmail.com](mailto:pe.johnston04@gmail.com)

Steve Begley (Stuart)

(Vice President)

Mobile - 0402 255 744

email - [mgztfan@gmail.com](mailto:mgztfan@gmail.com)

Marie Conway-Jones

(Secretary)

Ph 07 5563 2137 Mobile 0411 181 725

email - [marieconwayjones@gmail.com](mailto:marieconwayjones@gmail.com)

Laurel Godwin (Dave)

(Treasurer)

Mobile - 0412 953 075

email - [laurelg81@gmail.com](mailto:laurelg81@gmail.com)

John Talbot

(Club Captain)

Mobile - 0421 185 419

email - [ejohntalbot6@gmail.com](mailto:ejohntalbot6@gmail.com)

Anita Lachowicz (Mark)

(Assistant Treasurer)

Mobile - 0450 716 768 evenings only.

email - [anita.lachowicz@gmail.com](mailto:anita.lachowicz@gmail.com)

Stuart Duncan (Lesley)

(Membership Secretary/  
Webmaster)

Mobile - 0405 402 745

email - [lesley\\_stuart@bigpond.com](mailto:lesley_stuart@bigpond.com)

Gary Stevens (Lindsey)

(Membership Liaison/  
Regalia)

Ph 07 5575-9934

email - [gsls65@hotmail.com](mailto:gsls65@hotmail.com)

Carole Cooke (Peter)

(Editor)

Mobile - 0481 480 017

email - [cazcooke30@gmail.com](mailto:cazcooke30@gmail.com)

Lindsey Stevens (Gary)

(Assistant Editor)

Ph 07 5575-9934

email - [gsls65@hotmail.com](mailto:gsls65@hotmail.com)

David Willmott (Ruth)

(Committee)

Ph 5593 2524 Mobile 0408 455249

email - [davidanthony56@hotmail.com](mailto:davidanthony56@hotmail.com)

Register Co-Ordinators

Peter Kerr - T & Pre War Gary Lock - MGA

John Crighton - MGB Other MGs - TBA

The Committee welcomes your phone calls, but please before 8.30 pm  
Q time

# PRESIDENTS REPORT

Greetings to all.

Next month will mark the two year period of my Presidency. Where has the time flown? On the 5th August we hold our AGM to select a Committee to steer the Club for the next twelve months. As this report is written prior the AGM I am unaware of the make up of the new Committee but I congratulate those Club members elected and wish them well for the 2018/19 year.



It is with much sadness that I report the passing of beloved long term Club member Derek Haynes. As many of you would be aware Derek was an active stalwart of this Club and will be greatly missed. On behalf of Liz and I and all members of the Gold Coast MG Car Club I pass on our condolences to June and family in this saddest of times.

Yesterday I had the pleasant duty as our Club President of handing over a cheque of \$1,000 dollars to our chosen charity, the St. John's Crisis Drop-In Centre Surfers Paradise. On arrival at the Drop-In Centre I had to weave my way past many homeless people waiting for the doors to open so they may have a hot meal, a hot shower, etc. When you see the great work this community organisation does for the city I feel proud that our Car Club contributes to those less fortunate.

Of course none of this would be possible without the generosity of Club members who dig deep and purchase our raffles tickets etc. This year Kay Roberts and her helpers raised in excess of \$1,200 dollars for charity. Yes that's right over \$1,200 dollars. Much of this money was donated by the Mid-Week Run participants and guests at our Nog & Natter nights and for that I say a big thank you. We may be crazy MG car lovers but we are also MG car lovers with a big heart. And that folks makes us a Club worth belonging to.

Looking forward towards the back half of the year, we're very busy. This years Display Day is going to be the best yet. We have secured Rudd Park in Burleigh again and Vice President Steve Begley has some real surprises in store for us. Naturally those members who display their cars will reap the benefits come our Christmas/Presentation Luncheon but more on that from Steve.

I must also offer a reminder to those members who hold Concessional Registration, please ensure you promptly renew your membership so as to protect your registration and car insurance. To all Club members I ask that we receive prompt payment of membership fees otherwise it becomes a long drawn out process for the Committee to balance the books.

I now wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all members for their encouragement and support whilst I held the position of Club President. Also a special thank you to the outgoing Committee, my wife Liz and all those who contributed to the management of this great Gold Coast MG Car Club. It really has been a most rewarding experience.

*Peter Johnston*

*President*

## FEATURES

President's Report	4
Club Charity Donation	6
Chance Meeting in Scotland	6
Obituary - Derek Haynes	7
MG Getting Back to Its British Roots	8
Confirmed - MG is building a New Roadster	9
Photos from Nationals 18 - Tasmania	10
By-Law No 11 Updated	13
Great Train Race - May	14
May Midweek Run	20
Noggin and Natter - May	21
Tour de Kiwi	21
Coming Events	22
LSIM May	24
Laurel's Lemon Slice	26
Midweek Run June	27
Ladies Day Challenge 2018	28
Website Report	32
History of MG - Part 7	35
Christmas in July - Tenterfield Trains	38
For Sale	42

## CLUB CHARITY DONATION

The Reverend Jon Brooks from the St. John's Crisis Centre Surfers Paradise was the happy recipient of a cheque for \$1,000 donated by President Peter Johnston of the Gold Coast MG Car Club.

Reverend Jon stated that the donation was most timely as their stocks of warm clothing and bedding was critically low due to the cold weather and greater demand on their resources that cold weather brings. The centre not only feeds and clothes the homeless but offers hot showers and hygiene materials for the poor. The centre also provides comprehensive counselling services when required. The centre has been operating as a drop-in centre for over 22 years and relies heavily on public donations to remain active.

President Peter said he was immensely proud of our Club members who supported this Club endeavour. He had a special thank you to Kay and Laurie Roberts and Kay's support team for conducting the raffles that exceeded all expectations in funds raised. He went on to say that the generous acts of giving such as our members have done just highlights the Club's strength in its support of those less fortunate.

*Editor*



## CHANCE MEETING IN SCOTLAND

Hi Bruce,

Have attached a photo taken at a pub in Pitlochery, Perthshire in Scotland last week.

Jill and I were on a 5 day break to the highlands to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary, just minding our own business walking up Pitlochery high street, when we bumped into Denis and Vicky Thomas. Can you believe it?



We only had 25 minutes before we got back on our coach so retired to the nearest pub for a quick drink together.

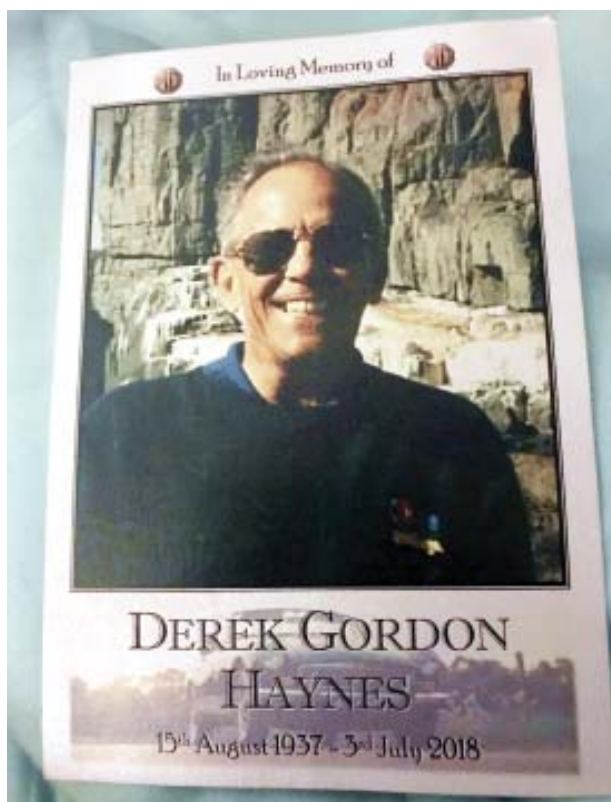


# OBITUARY - HAYNES, DEREK GORDON,

Sadly, our friend and fellow Gold Coast MG Car Club member passed away on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2018, at the age of 81 years, after losing a brave battle with cancer. Born on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 1937 in Buckinghamshire, England, Derek was a qualified Engine Reconditioner and served 6 months with the British Army during the emergency in Cyprus. In 1963 he and his family migrated to Auckland, New Zealand where he bought his MGBGT and MGA and became a Life Member of the MG Car Club of Auckland. He owned the MGBGT for 35 years and recently bought an MG6. The family moved to Australia in 1997, bought a house at Kipparing, Redcliffe Peninsula, joined the Redcliffe Mafia (a group of MG enthusiasts) and also joined the Gold Coast Car Club that year. Derek worked for Supreme Engineering before retiring.



Derek and June are much loved and respected members of the Club. Derek will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, June, sons Graham and Martin, grandchildren Ryan and Zoe.



Many Club members were able to attend the funeral and afterwards at the Redcliffe Leagues Club. Unfortunately the Club was on the Christmas in July Run, but we held a quiet reflection time to remember Derek at Beaudesert. *Editor*

*Obituary by Les and Diana Parry*

## MG IS GETTING BACK TO ITS BRITISH ROOTS. FROM THE MX5 CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE

Once known for light-weight, low-gravity sports cars, the nearly 100-year old British brand was recently sold to Chinese automotive giant SAIC and has been selling softer family-oriented vehicles since.

While the brand is currently focused on selling SUVs and its MG 3 hatch and MG 6 sedan, its head of design Shao Jingfeng said perception would quickly change.

The now rapidly evolving and expanding car maker has billions to spare and a desire to add traditional sports cars back into MG's line-up.

Speaking to Drive at parent-company SAIC's headquarters in Shanghai, Jingfeng confirmed MG would bring back a small lightweight roadster to rival the MX-5 - but not quite as we know it.

"Yes, yes we will [build an MX-5 rival]," he said. "This is MG B and MG A type car."

Jingfeng also confirmed it would be an EV roadster and unlike its Japanese rival (above) and the MG B, the revival will be all-wheel drive.

"Yeah, [it is like an EV roadster], new platform, totally new sports car, all-wheel drive.' Jinfeng, who previously worked as a designer at Volkswagen for 13 years, added that we can expect even more sports cars to come from the reinvigorated brand.

"And also a motorsports car, a sports car and two years later EV, all EV," he said. "I will make MG brand closer to history, because the brand stopped for several years and for customers [building SUVs] doesn't answer, 'who is MG?' So we need to get back to the beginning."

Jinfeng couldn't confirm an exact timeline or availability but it is likely that the new roadster will be made in right-hand drive and be on the cards for Australia.

A spokesperson for the company later added that MG was stuck between producing its range of new SUVs and investing in rebuilding its sports car heritage that SAIC bought when it purchased the company.

"Sports cars are the essence of MG in the past and we're trying to carry over this essence into our future plans," they told Drive.



“This is something people remember in the past but when you look into the auto industry you see a significant switch to SUVs.

“In the meanwhile, we need to look into the future trend and make sure that people are starting to see the future but keeping the heritage of the brand.”

- **Go behind the scenes on Drive at [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#)**



*MG to compete with the MX5*

## **CONFIRMED: MG IS BUILDING A NEW ROADSTER**

MG has begun work on a new two-seater sports car to succeed the MG TF and it will arrive before the end of the decade. A spiritual successor to the MG TF, the two-seat sports car will enter production soon, an inside source has confirmed. And although there's no official launch date it should be on sale well before the end of this decade.

Speaking exclusively to Auto Express, an MG insider confirmed bosses have been discussing a return to the open-top sports car market and want to make it happen just as soon as the British brand has re-established itself under SAIC ownership. As a result an exact timeframe has not yet been agreed. However MG recently revealed it's working on two new vehicle architectures, one of which will be designed to support a compact roadster, according to our source.

Both these platforms are being designed to accommodate similar levels of flexibility as with the VW Group's MQB layout, with the ability to accommodate large



numbers of components and engines to help slim down costs. And it's believed the twin architectures will see four new MG models launched across different markets by 2020.

**Auto Express UK**

*Concept MG*

## PHOTOS FROM THE TRIP DOWN TO TASMANIA FOR THE NATIONALS



*Above - Gary Lock's MGA at Sheffield on the way to Ulverstone  
Below - Nationals concours display at Ulverstone*







Left - waiting to board the ferry

MGBGT of Peter and Liz Johnston and MGB of Steve Begley at the concours.



The winning Pre-War F Magna is above Murray Arundell's SA.

Plus the MGB lineup and T-Type lineup



# STOP THE CLUNK !

WORN SPLINES & WHEELS ?



NEW CHROME OR PAINTED  
WIRE WHEELS AVAILABLE  
IN 14 X 4.5 OR 15 X 5.5 TO  
SUIT MGB MGA & MGC.

SPLINED HUBS TO SUIT  
ALL MG APPLICATIONS .

MG CENTRE OF SYDNEY  
26 COWPER ST GRANVILLE  
9682 6655



## **RV8 CARS AUSTRALIA**

**PH 9637-6204**

**NEW UPRATED FRONT COIL  
SPRINGS TO RETURN THE  
NOSE OF YOUR RV8 TO IT'S  
ORIGINAL HEIGHT**

**WHEEL CENTRE TO WHEEL ARCH 355mm  
PLUS OR MINUS 10mm**



The photos from the Nationals have been contributed by Gary Lock, Steve Begley, Peter Kerr, Matthew Magilton and Norm Richardson.



## BY-LAW NO 11 (UPDATED – JUNE 2018)

The Qld Special Interest Vehicle Registration Concession Scheme & NSW Historic Vehicle Conditional Scheme.

The Queensland & New South Wales Governments have Concessional Registration schemes available.

The Gold Coast MG Car Club is a State Government recognized participating Club for both the Queensland Special Interest Vehicle Registration Concession Scheme and the NSW Historic Vehicle Scheme.

It is Gold Coast MG Car Club member's responsibility to be informed and comply with current State Government regulations in regard to Concessional Registration. Information on these schemes is available via your local Ministry of Transport Office or their approved websites.

The Gold Coast MG Car Club only provides a dating service to manufactured MG branded vehicles.



# GREAT TRAIN RACE 2018 -MAY 4-7

After a cup of tea and other nutrients, the team left Beaudesert on time weaving a trail of MG autos and members to enjoy delightful aspects of Ozzie land on the way to Southern Downs region. We were presented with a cool, sunny morning, clear blue sky and bundles of interesting cloud formations. The journey through to Queen Mary Falls was awe inspiring, as we have come to expect, a wonderful vista of mountain ranges, rolling plains and impeccable greenery, especially alongside the winding track. Lunch at the Café, a surplus of food, enough to sustain any hungry traveller. And so, before we could blink or seek a little rest time, the entourage arrived at Warwick to unpack, unwind and enjoy a few hours of story-telling interrupted by some tales of certain “toilets” discovered on various journeys and assorted jokes! On to dinner at the Horse & Jockey (busy dining room) and then the weary sought early evening slumbers.

By Saturday morning though, the crews were ready to take on the mighty steam train known as the Southern Downs Dasher No. 971. Dasher puffed her way up the tracks, then reversed down the tracks at Warwick Railway Station to the happy sound of chatting passengers from Brisbane and roundabouts as well as the clinking of photos from cameras and smart devices. What a classic train, massive steam engine puffing loads of smoke (phew!), sturdy diesel engine in behind (if needed), accompanied by 4 passenger carriages decked out in traditional style of leather 3 seaters, pictures of past newsworthy events, windows that opened (no heads, arms, body parts allowed outside),





wrought iron and steel viewing platforms as well as several volunteer guards ensuring safety of the passengers.

The MG's and Dasher began to race. At all designated rail crossing, the cars showed each time the power of the auto engine, arriving several minutes ahead of the dedicated steam engine – a tribute to incredible inventors of their relative eras and a wonderful view for current day glossy machine enthusiasts! This followed by a tasty bbq sausage lunch, soft drink and tea/coffee provided by the local Lions Club at Inglewood Rail Station. Then onwards once more to rest for the afternoon and evening at the Goondiwindi Jolly Swagman Motor Inn. We enjoyed happy pre dinner chats, prior to a wonderful atmosphere throughout dinner. Again early to bed, to rise the next day, for on Sunday it was our turn to take a ride on the “Dasher”.

So we did, we travelled to Toobeah, taken care of by a kind guard, Michelle and her fellow associates. Lovely views along the cotton crops and fields, many Kangas jumping around, and some Emus running, were of particular interest. One of the most enjoyable train rides, as “Dasher” gently puffed and toot tooted without any difficulty along the way. Soothing to sit in the carriage, being gently rocked from side to side, and wondering about the prior journeys of many, many people throughout the years along this and other



associated rail tracks through time. Ellen's fabulous dark and light blue vintage 1936 model MGSA was also a delight to see as she paralleled on the side stream roadways, a perfect match to accompany “Dasher” through the challenge. What a wonderful time we had indeed!!

# Cut off date for next magazine 10th September 2018

Articles, letters to the Editor and suggestions from members are most welcome.

Email the Editor - Carole Cooke  
- cazcooke30@gmail.com

**Membership: \$70 per year (due June 30)**  
**Joining Fees: \$20 per person**

Membership forms available on our website  
- [www.goldcoastmgcarclub.com.au](http://www.goldcoastmgcarclub.com.au)

Payments made directly into the Club's bank account must include **payee's name as reference**

**National Australia Bank** Ferry Street, Nerang **BSB 084 852**  
**Account Number 14-920-3252**

**Account Name Gold Coast MG Car Club Inc**

Cheques to be made out to - Gold Coast MG Car Club Inc

**It is a pleasure to meet new members, we hope to see you as regular participants at our many outings. You will find us friendly, so just make yourselves known!**

**GOLD COAST MG CAR CLUB INC**

The Secretary,  
P.O. Box 1018, Southport Qld 4215

Membership at May 2018

Active 157 Family 122 Life 7 Honorary 4 **TOTAL 290**

The Life Members of the Gold Coast MG Car Club are -

Murray Arundell, Rob Baylis, Carol Brookman (dec), Bruce Corr, Marie Conway-Jones, Jim Haines, Phil Redding, Jeff Sattler



Oh and I nearly forgot, we had the most delicious morning tea at Toobeah provided by the Mums from the local schools. Again proving that home cooking is the most nutritious, tasty, albeit decadent and wicked way to thicken the waistline. Bend and stretch... step away from the Cake, tra, la, la. On the train back to Goondiwindi, coach to our Motor Inn, so jump into the MGs and head back to Toobeah for lunch at the local hotel. It was Labour Day weekend and the pub was doing a great trade, so we had to wait a while for our tucker. Never mind, we chatted and laughed our way around as the conversation took us.



Return to happy hour (so relaxing to sit and connect with everyone and to get to know one another better), then on to dinner once more. A quieter evening this time as we blended together with different seating and enjoyed a relaxing unwind. Though we did manage to sing a rendition of "Waltzing Matilda", Banjo's reminder of the often solitary trials of the Swagman. To bed, to rest, to dream.



Monday morning saw a trip to Texas, again with a very substantial morning tea provided by the Local Schools'



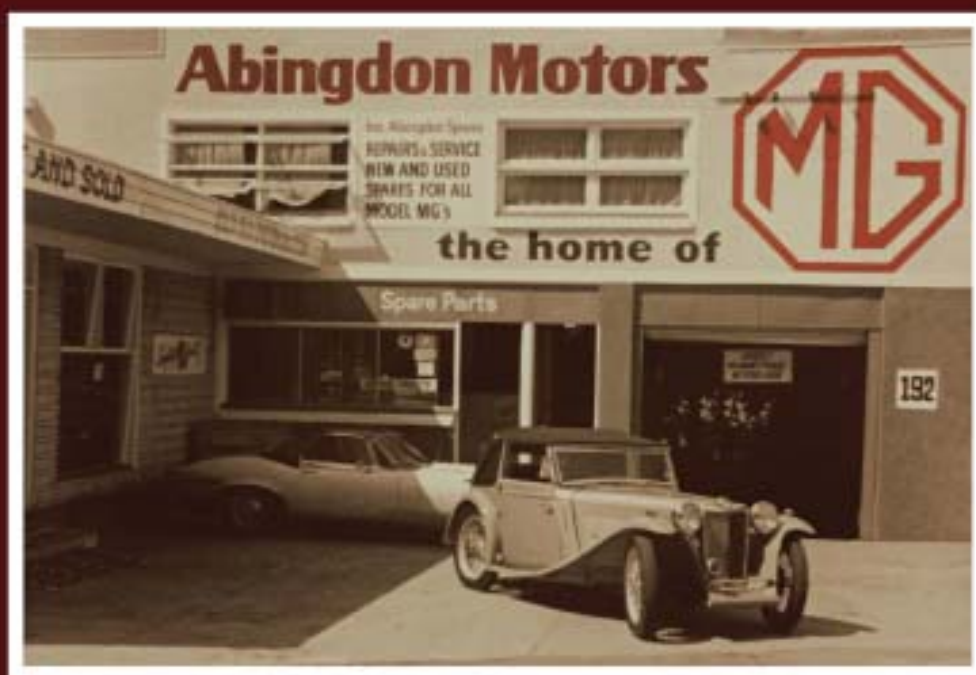




## ABINGDON MOTORS

*Run by Enthusiasts, for Enthusiasts*

New & Used Parts • Service & Repair for all Makes and Models • Restoration Services



Abingdon Forecourt 1977

*Abingdon Motors has been in business for close to 60 years, because our experience and friendly service is only rivalled by our passion for all things MG*

(07) 3844 2881 • [Abingdon@mgcity.com.au](mailto:Abingdon@mgcity.com.au)  
192 Annerley Road Dutton Park • [www.mgcity.com.au](http://www.mgcity.com.au)

Mums (superb) and served by the very gracious owner of the local hotel. Finally, for those able to consume more, lunch at the Stanthorpe RSL, a fine establishment.

Home to put the feet up and contemplate what a fabulous adventure, surely thoroughly a good time for us all. See you next time and soon!

*Sheron Humble*





## MIDWEEK RUN - MAY 9

The forecast weather was for showers. It turned out fine, 26/27 degrees and sunny. We met at the Shell/Hungry Jacks servo where Moya gave out the run sheets, even though it was Jim Lutherborrow's run (he was overseas). Then the 8 cars left on the run to morning tea at Beechmont.

The road was made for MG motoring except for the lollypop man with the Stop sign and the trailer mounted Stop/Go lights at Beechmont Park. The view was magnificent over the valley and the Hinze Dam.

We then left for Jimboomba, via Canungra. We said 'goodbye' to Bruce Corr who returned home. The remaining cars went to Jimboomba to the Rotary Park in Johanna Street which was very neat and tidy.

Jim and Moya Haines and Joe and Jan Evans arrived at Jimboomba to have lunch after attending appointments.

*G. Johnston*







## NOGGIN AND NATTER NIGHT - MAY 18

### Congratulations!

Neil Weenink was presented with his trophy from the Nationals for his Action Photo. Madeleine Weenink was presented with her trophy for GCMGCC Concours MGF and FTF



## TOUR DE KIWI 2020

If there are enough people interested in repeating our very successful 2008 tour, I will be looking at organising another.

One of the main attractions was Warbirds on Wanaka, but as this is held every second year (next is 2020) I can hold off until then.

If anyone is interested, please contact me with an expression of interest. 2020 is a long way off, for those looking for a once in a lifetime MG trip!

Costing?...well 2008 was in the region of \$9K per couple, including shipping of cars, but not airfares. I have been in touch with our previous travel agents, Southern World in NZ, and they are prepared to organise another brilliant itinerary.

**Gary Lock 0435 901150**





**P - Midweek Run - Wednesday August 8**

Meet at 7.30am for brekky and a natter at Arthur Earle Park. Leave at 9 am. This will be a BYO everything run. Your host is Bruce Ibbotson. No need for numbers.

Please  
RS  
for  
GCM  
eve

**P - Pride of Ownership / Concours**

DATE - SUNDAY 26th AUGUST 2018

VENUE - RUDD PARK, GOODWIN TERRACE, BURLEIGH HEADS. GATES OPEN - 8:00am. All cars to be in position by 9:30am. Event concludes at 2:00pm.

ENTRY FEE - Enter on line by Thursday 17th August - \$10 per car or on the day - \$20 per car

**P - Midweek Run - Wednesday September 12**

Meet at 7.30 am for brekky and a natter at Jabiru Island at Paradise Point. Leave at 9 am. BYO morning tea and lunch. Your hosts, Jim and Liz Lutherborrow.

**P** - Points earned towards the Roger Thompson Tray. This is the founding President's trophy and is awarded to the most successful MG, namely the car that earns its owner the maximum number of points by attendance at Gold Coast MG Car Club events.



# EVENTS

## ase VP all GCC ents **P - Midweek Run - Wednesday October 10.**

The run will start from the Coomera community Centre Abraham Road, Upper Coomera. 9am for a 9.30 start. BYO morning tea. Lunch at Tweed Heads cooked or fresh fish and chip run, \$15 per head. Orders will be taken at the morning start. As I will be away Bruce will lead the pack. Any inquiries to your host, Denis Thomas on 0401744667

## **P - LSIM Weekend away to Noosaville - September 29 & 30**

We will arrive Saturday, 29 September to attend the Noosa Beach Classic Car Show on Sunday, 30 September, 2018 at the Noosa Heads Lions Park. Full details for the show and entry form which must filled in at <https://www.noosacarclub.com.au/index.php/events/noosa-beach-classic-car-show>

Accommodation for 2 nights is at Anchor Motel Noosa at \$150 per night . A \$50 deposit is required by the Anchor Motel Noosa Ph.0754498055 email:[reception@anchormotelnoosa.com.au](mailto:reception@anchormotelnoosa.com.au) by August 25 to secure your room, the deposit is fully refundable up to 3 days before 29 September 2018. Please remember to tell the Motel you're from the GCMGCC as the 16 rooms available are reserved for us. Please advise me that you have booked to John Talbot by email [ejohntalbot6@gmail.com](mailto:ejohntalbot6@gmail.com)

## New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to our Club and hope to see them participating in our runs.

Richard Patterson and Janine Prichard -

Tweed Heads West - MGF

Jane Prindable - Chevron Island '65 MGB

John Willmott - Paradise Point - RV8

Matthew Loudon - Burleigh Waters - '67 MGB -

Welcome back

New members and 'old' members, we would love to hear your story of how you come to have an MG.

## LAST SUNDAY IN MONTH RUN MAY 27

Arriving at the Mudgeeraba Hinterland Regional Park at 8.30, I am assured we will enjoy that perfect clear crisp Autumn morning for MG driving. As normal on a Sunday morning the park was well populated with the locals and their dogs. Many stopped to admire our 15 MGs lined up for our fun day. An added element to the day was the four visitors who joined us. One in particular had an interesting reason to be there. This lady's name was Jasmyn Smith. Jasmyn's husband contacted Col



Hayes, President of the Antique Auto Club to ask if Jasmyn could go on a run in an MG. This request came about as Jasmyn has loved MGs since she was a child and always wanted to ride in one. With her birthday coming up Col contacted John Talbot to see if it was possible for her to go on an MG Run. Naturally, ever the gallant gentleman, John invited her to join him on the Sunday Run. Now I had an old mate from Perth with me so

I tried to do a swap with John but to no avail. Even Bruce Corr tried to get into the act but John wasn't interested in swapping. I can't blame John as Jasmyn was a most delightful addition to the group.

Anyway, after the group had to listen to my ever boring address we were away. The route John planned found us travelling south, parallel to the motorway until we reached Currumbin Creek. Then we travelled on the motorway across the Tweed River, then left the motorway to head to the Jack Bayliss Park, Hastings for morning tea.





After an hours stop we made our way to Pottsville then onto the Tweed Coast Rd. Following it south we meandered our way across the Tweed Valley before turning right onto Tweed Valley Way. Following the old Pacific Hwy we reached Murwillumbah RSL in a timely fashion for lunch. The club provided us with the enclosed balcony which was perfect for the group. At this point I have to say the route we travelled was just delightful. The countryside was lush green, the sun shared it's space with scattered clouds. The temperature never rose above 28 Celsius. I can't remember a more satisfying 110km drive.



As an aside, you sometimes have to be careful what you say to me. Poor David Willmott was sitting beside me at lunch and happened to mention in passing he had to enter hospital next week to have his pesky gall bladder removed. Without batting an eye I informed David I had had mine removed a few years ago. I went on to describe in detail the excruciating pain

involved in such an operation. The pain levels he could experience is only matched by the long recovery period required without liquor. I'm not sure if he believed me but when his meal arrived he only picked at it. Life can be so cruel.

But all jokes aside, I know I speak on behalf of all us when we wish David a very speedy recovery.





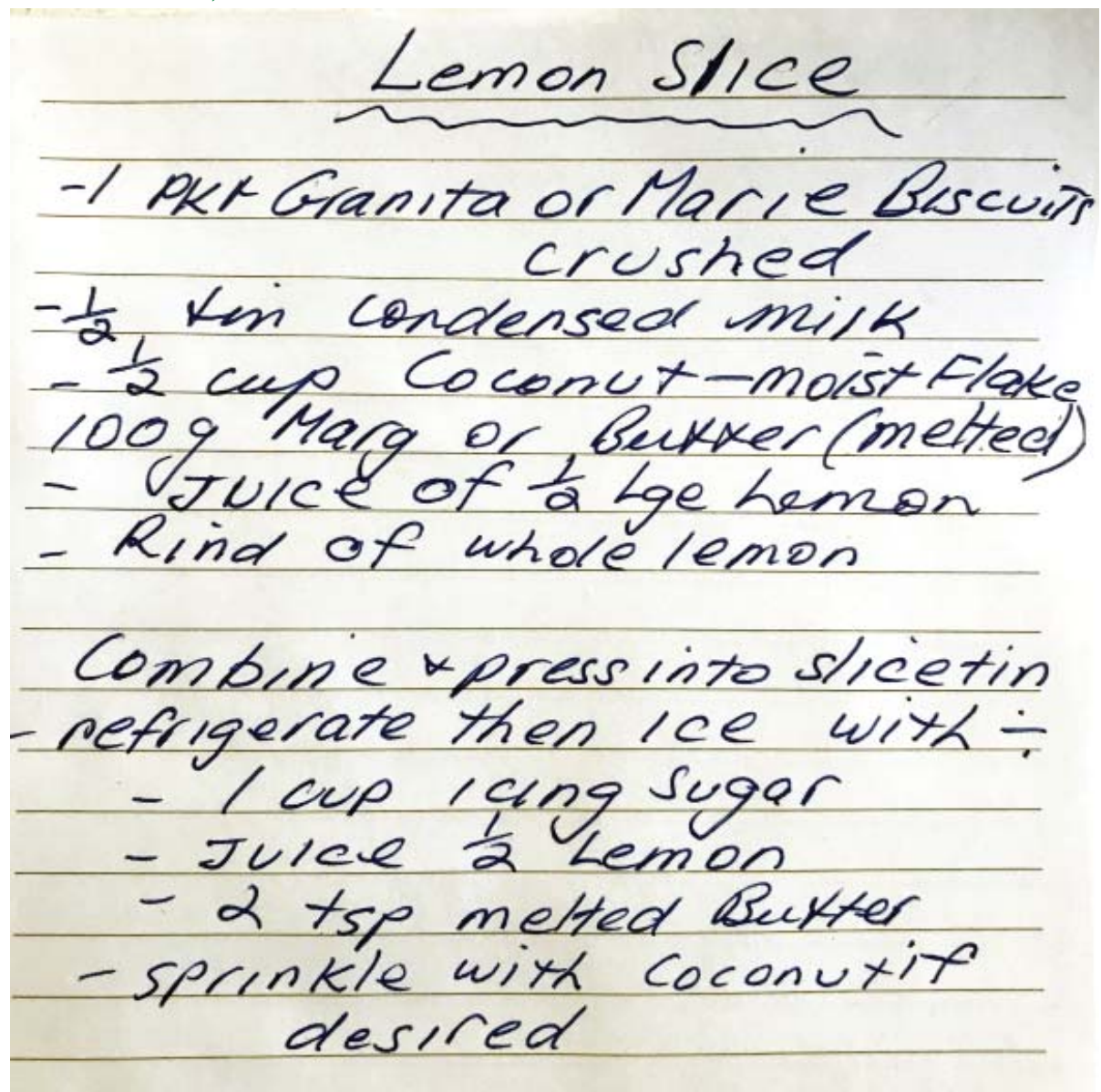
As so often happens we have to thank our Club Captain John Talbot for the wonderful day out. John single handed has grown this Sunday Run into the popular Club event we now come to expect and appreciate. Members are lucky to have such a dedicated man as we have in John. For those who wish to plan a run and seek advice, contact John as he is our go to man.



*Peter Johnston*



## LAUREL GODWIN'S LEMON SLICE





## MID WEEK RUN JUNE 13

Twenty cars and 37 members plus 1 visitor assembled at Arthur Earle Park in fine conditions for the June Run.

David and Ruth Willmott were our hosts for the day and handed out our instructions, after Jim's "joke of the month".

At around 9am, we departed heading through Nerang, winding our way up along Mt Nathan Road, Maudsland Road and picking up the Oxenford – Mt Tamborine Roads to Mt Tamborine and eventually on to the Mt Tamborine Sports Centre to partake of morning tea.

Nearly all drivers had the benefit of a navigator but not Bruce (Corr) with the result of him becoming "temporarily uncertain of his position". Fortunately, he turned up just as a few members began to get concerned about his non-arrival.

After morning tea and raffle, won by Peter Laing-Smith, we set off on Stage 2. After heading for the hills, this stage took us back to the coast. We wound our way down to the west to Tamborine Village, thence towards Beenleigh turning off onto Stanmore Road to Yatala, under the M1, past Staplyton to Jacobs Well and Harrigans Irish Pub at Calypso Bay.

Lunch was excellent (well mine was!) and its well worth a try if you've not been there. I expect it would be busy on Sundays.

We had a very enjoyable run – a bit of hills and a bit of coast. David and Ruth did a top job of organising it and our thanks to you both.

*Barry Grey*



The photos in the magazine have been contributed by Carole Cooke, Peter Kerr, Paul Rogers, Peter and Jill East, Peter Johnston, Stuart Duncan, Laurel Godwin, Bob Theobald, Internet and others already mentioned.

# LADIES DAY CHALLENGE 2018

What a beautiful day for a run. We had a great turnout 24 cars in all. The day was organised by Marie Conway Jones as the Ladies Perpetual Trophy 2018.

We met at the Clubrooms to find a beautiful spread of sandwiches and cakes for morning tea. Marie and her helpers had certainly been busy and the spread was enjoyed by all. Peter Johnson was showing off his new Porsche, are we envious of COURSE.

After the usual chatter and catch up Peter, John Talbot and Marie thanked us all for attending. John Talbot and helpers packed up and put everything away. We had a send off from a very excited Japanese couple as they waved and took a video of us all leaving the Clubrooms.



*Liz Johnston with Kanako Katsu, her partner and Gary Stevens*



The weather was exhilarating as we followed the set route. Once we crossed over the highway at Pimpama we had to answer some interesting questions as we drove toward Cabbage Tree Point. One question was "What costs \$4' his master's voice said 'horse manure' the answer was sugar cane mulch" 🤔🤔.

Arriving at our picnic spot right on the estuary, what a beautiful spot, we settled in for lunch.





**MODERN** CLASSIC CARS PTY. LTD.

**Enhance**

**Improve**

**Refine**



Brakes, Gearboxes, Suspension,  
Alloy heads, Wheels, Electronic  
ignition, Electric power steering,  
Cooling, EFI Systems, Roll bars, Seats,  
Exhaust, Fibreglass panels, Gauges,  
Limited slip differentials, Air  
conditioning, Engine conversions,  
Complete car builds

2A Arab Rd Padstow NSW 2211

Email : [sales@modernclassiccars.com.au](mailto:sales@modernclassiccars.com.au)

Tel : 02 9774 2169

[www.modernclassiccars.com.au](http://www.modernclassiccars.com.au)

The Australian home of  
**FRONTLINE**  
Developments





Marie had another questionnaire to test our basic knowledge ..... good fun. The winners for the Ladies was announced and Marie said it was close.... only half a point difference.

1st Liz Johnston. 2nd Madeleine Weenink. 3rd Carole Cooke. 4th Laurel Godwin. Congratulations well done girls.

This was really a lovely day and thanks go to Marie for a well organised and fun run.

*Marilyn Muirhead*



- [HOME](#) [ABOUT GCMGCC](#) [CLUB EVENTS](#) [JOIN THE CLUB](#)  
[MG CARS](#) [BUY & SELL](#) [LINKS](#) [GALLERY](#) [CLUB MAGAZINE](#)

## On Line Forms

Click the link or button below to open the relevant On-Line form.

### Contact Us (Online)

Use this form to Contact the Club Secretary who will forward it to the relevant Member



**Contact Club**

### Membership Application (Online)

Use this form if you wish to complete an On-Line Membership application.



**Sign-up Online**

### Update my Membership Information

Use this On-line form **if you are already a member** who wishes to update your address, email or phone #.



**Update my Info**



## WEBSITE REPORT

You may have noticed on your Membership Renewal Notices that changes to your membership and vehicle information can now be done Online. Also, you can add or delete a person to your membership.

For the past 5 months, all new membership applications have been online. The applicants have stated the online form has been easy to complete.

Members can now register their intention to display their MG(s) at the Club's 2018 Display Day on Sunday 26 August 2018 at Rudd Park, Burleigh Heads. Go to <https://www.goldcoastmgcarclub.com.au/2018-display-day-registration/> or use the link on the website Home page.

The following information may be of interest to you.

- The website is averaging around 50 pageviews per day, and
- The website is SSL certified (note the small padlock at start of web address indicating the site is secure). A requirement of Google.
- The website can be viewed on any device, including a phone, where you need to use the 3 bar / hamburger symbol to access the menu.

*Stuart Duncan*

*Web Master*

*The engine comes out of an MGTF. This way is the easiest, if you have a hoist*



The Y type ute is finally back at Abingdon Motors. David Wands is very pleased





**[liz@longstonetyres.co.uk](mailto:liz@longstonetyres.co.uk)**

**[www.borrani.co.uk](http://www.borrani.co.uk)**

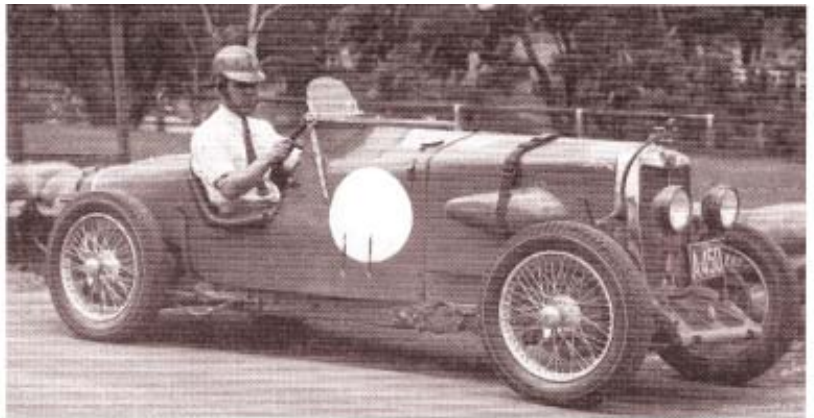
**Hudson's Yard, Doncaster Road,  
Bawtry, Doncaster, UK, DN10 6NX**



# HISTORY OF MG - PART 7 - BEFORE THE WAR

The MG supercharged 6 cylinder racers dominated and won all events in the early 1930s. The race organisers decided to make the game fairer as betting was losing popularity with the obvious winners being MG. Superchargers were banned in 1934. The K3 was too heavy and slow without the blower. Management at MG looked at the new N type OHC 6 cylinder model and it doesn't have the old ladder chassis. The rear wheels sat out wider so 7 NA chassis were taken off the production line and made into factory racers. These MGs won the major racers and the organisers did not remove MG dominance!

Two NEs 0516 and 0520 were imported into Australia by John Sherwood. They were raced by John Sherwood (right) and John Barraclough. They continued racing post war & later fitted superchargers when the ban was removed.



*Carole and Peter with Peter Briggs  
NA520*

I became involved helping Lance Dixon who added NA 0520 to his large collection of pre war racers. I worked on originality on his cars but he did not fit a blower as his wife Yvonne drove the MG as Lance handled the Alfes. The vendor had fitted a racing Holden engine with an MGTC gearbox. He said he drove the car up to Sydney regularly and needed an engine local garages could work on. Lance obtained a factory MG engine and a correct gearbox. The blueprinted Holden engine was sold to Warragul and I fitted the gearbox to TC9525. It is still perfect today and runs in my 1949 Clipper Blue MGTC.

# **MG AUTOMOTIVE**

*Sports Car Specialists*

## **FOR ALL YOUR SERVICE REPAIRS & SPARE PARTS FOR YOUR MG**

*With 37 years experience in the MG game  
call Barry for personal service*

- Full Workshop Facilities • RWC Inspection Station
- Large Range of Spare Parts in stock
- Mail Order • Licenced Motor Dealer
- Paint & Panel inc Insurance work
- Diagnostic Scan Tool for MGF & MGTF
- Suspension Pump MGF

## **FREE CHECK OVER & REPORT ON YOUR MG**

**By Appointment only**

**3889 9652**

Email: [mgautomotive@gmail.com](mailto:mgautomotive@gmail.com)

**Unit 3/20 Kenworth Place Brendale Q 4500**



AUSTRALIAN MOTOR SPORTS

## FOR SALE

### Super-charged M.G. Magnette



This M.G. has been named as the most successful racing car of these times in Australia. One of its five sisters won the 1935 Ulster race at an average of 73 m.p.h. This particular car being kept as reserve. It is the only car in the country to have won two major races at Bathurst and was the only machine of the whole field to finish the three races at Point Cook, for which it received a special award. Since that event the engine has been comprehensively reconditioned, the machining being carried out by H. F. Hollins Pty. Ltd. and the fitting and tuning by D. G. George and A. S. Stilwell. In addition a supercharger of Rolls Royce origin has been fitted which delivers 25 lbs., 10 lbs. or 1 lb., dependent upon the various gears available.

The following work has also been carried out over a period—new shock absorbers fitted, new steering gear box, new water pump, new trunnions, new universals, new bevel gears, new king pins, new steering wheel, brakes reconditioned from end to end, differential overhauled, instrument panel redesigned and replaced, all instruments replaced, bodywork reconditioned, auxiliary oil tank and automatic float chamber rebuilt, camshaft rebuilt from factory blueprints, special valves and valve seats manufactured and fitted, and a host of other items.

The Magnette is offered with a guarantee that no part of its mechanism can be adversely criticised. It is ready to race and has been conservatively assessed as being capable in its present form (8 lbs. boost) of 115 m.p.h. without distress.

With the car go the following spares:—

#### SPARE PARTS

- One instruction book.
- Six factory H.C. pistons and gudgeons ready for use.
- Two crown wheel and pinion assemblies of different ratios.
- Complete touring exhaust system, twin pipes.
- Ulster mudguards, folding windscreen, lamps, hood and frame-work.
- One set bevel gears.
- One camshaft.
- Two oversize S.U. carburettors.
- Ten spare tyres.
- One electric petrol pump.
- Many carburettor needles.
- Factory blueprint.
- Considerable correspondence from England.
- Complete photographic record of its career.
- Five sets, racing spark plugs.
- Full pit equipment, two mechanics (one married).

It is of interest to note that the M.G. was driven to Bathurst, raced and driven back on the same set of spark plugs.

P.P. £805.

**J. BARRACLOUGH**  
FLAT 37, 32 QUEENS ROAD, MELBOURNE, S.C.2

MAY 15, 1948

I moved to Queensland and Lance said he might dispose of his hundred plus collection. I said if he did I wanted the NE. He rang me and said sorry but Peter Briggs has bought his collection as he was starting his museum in WA. Lance said the NE was sold but Peter Briggs insisted buying the whole collection. I do enjoy seeing that MG these days and offered to buy it when I had morning tea with the current owners. Enough. Old MGs outlast us owners.

*Peter Kerr*



Above - Pete Thelander  
- California, USA - in his  
NE. Chassis NA518

Left - John Barraclough  
racing a K3



# CHRISTMAS IN JULY - TENTERFIELD TRAINS

The full article will be in the next Time Machine but it was suggested that we visit the Tenterfield Railway Museum. It is very comprehensive and enjoyable as you can walk through the trains, shed and the station .

*Carole and Peter.*

*Below -  
Train controls*



*Above - Peter with his  
'Bradshaws' (SBS show)  
in First Class*



*Left - Cutting sleepers*





*Top - Train and its firebox.  
 Under top - Station office and train carriage with display  
 Middle - Great model train set of Tenterfield station and surrounds.  
 Second Class carriage  
 Left - Meat van - lots of hooks!*

## News for Members - Our Trailer for Club Members to Use

Do you need to transport your car, for repair or to show, maybe retrieve it after a mishap or break down? Well, the great news is the Club has a tandem axle car carrier trailer which can be booked and used for a donation of only \$10 per day to solve your problems.

The Club Car Trailer is now with Ben Darke Ph: 0418753220

Address is: 203 Mudgeeraba Rd. Mudgeeraba.

## Free Hire Club Engine Stand and Engine Hoist

We have an engine stand and engine hoist for FREE use to any Club member. It will take the weight of a 6 or 4 cylinder motor and flat packs for easy storage. These are stored at the Clubrooms. **Contact - John Talbot on Mobile - 0421 185419, email - [ejohntalbot6@gmail.com](mailto:ejohntalbot6@gmail.com)**



John Crighton also offers the loan of a load leveller, which makes the task of manoeuvring the engine in and out of the car much simpler, as well as assorted chains, slings etc.. Contact him by email at [johnhcrighton@hotmail.com](mailto:johnhcrighton@hotmail.com)



## General Advertising Rates Colour prices for 6 Editions

Back Colour Cover	\$335	Inside Covers	\$300
Full Page Colour	\$300	Half Page Colour	\$180
Quarter Page	\$100	Business Card	\$60

### Modified Hi-Torque "Gold Spark" Starter Motors

Suits all TC, TD, TF, MGA & all MGB models plus MGF & TF specials to order

- Reduction geared - gives 200% more cranking torque
- Uses 50% less power than original starter
- Compact, lightweight + 50% lighter than original - weighs only 7 lbs
- Prices from \$250

Designed to start an engine regardless of compression or engine temperature.



Call Doug Hastie 03 9899 9302 or 0418 541 326, email, [dfshastie@gmail.com](mailto:dfshastie@gmail.com)

## NERANG MOTOR TRIMMERS

Custom Trimming  
Roof Linings  
Carpets  
Seat Repairs  
Ute Tonneaus  
Motor Bike Seats

Craig Griffin

3/20 Brendan Drive  
Nerang Qld 4211  
ABN 68 200 826 506

07 5596 1188

Australia's dedicated MG classifieds site, Already there's plenty of parts, manuals and MGs listed. Joining MG Buy Swap Sell is totally FREE, as is placing an ad. So if you have something MG related that you want to buy, swap or sell, you know where to go - [www.mgbuyswapsell.com.au](http://www.mgbuyswapsell.com.au)

Established Since 1986

# Red Devil

## RADIATORS & AIR CONDITIONING

We are specialists in the repair and replacement of all types of radiators and air conditioning systems for all makes of cars, vans and trucks.

**NERANG**  
5596 4296  
3/20 Spencer Rd

**Heavy Duty MG Radiators**  
Approx 30% More Efficient

**35 Years Old School**  
Experience Call Richard

Who else would you see for your overheating problems?

Experience the difference. Friendly service by qualified technicians who take the time to listen, and guarantee their work.

## FOR SALE

**MGA Unfinished Project**, Body off chassis Repaired and repainted. Engine and gearbox out of chassis . Engine stripped, new rings and bearings, new oil pump, head fully restored, gearbox stripped new reverse idler and one selector rod. All shock absorbers reconditioned, chassis painted. Body back on chassis, new wiring loom, 4 new chrome spoke wheels, car running and driveable. Still to do:- Guards, bonnet, boot lid, doors sandblasted and etch primed, need painting, paint supplied. New badges, new carpets plus old ones, bumpers rechromed, needs final assembly. Seats need recovering and new car doors made. My estimation to complete **\$3000 Price \$26000**, car located in Murwillumbah NSW. **Call Don MacTaggart 0400722633**



**For Sale** New Left Hand Door Mirror Flat stainless steel Part No GAM 259x in Moss Bros catalogue, for my MGB Ordered 1. but got 2 and paid for 2. Price each as per invoice \$60. Phone **Grahame Werrell 0418630511**



**FOR SALE- Personalised plates MG69. \$1,200 ono. Phone Kevin 0400 794 789**



**:For sale 1965 MGB - B grade condition club plates. Make an offer phone Joe 0412049409**

**Wanted 2 chrome wire wheels 15" by 60 spoke. Tyre size 175/75/14 for MGB in good condition. Will pick up. David 55 3777 889, email davidfl@optusnet.com.au**

### Classified Section

FOR SALE AND WANTED ADS ARE CHARGED IN BLOCKS OF 10 LINES OR PART THEREOF

A PHOTO IS EQUIVALENT TO ONE BLOCK

ONE BLOCK OF 10 LINES IS FREE OF CHARGE TO FINANCIAL CLUB MEMBERS.

ADDITIONAL BLOCKS ARE CHARGED AT \$10 PER BLOCK OR PART THEREOF PAYABLE TO G.C.M.G.C.C

A CHARGE OF \$10 PER BLOCK IS APPLICABLE FOR NON MEMBERS PAYABLE TO G.C.M.G.C.C.

PLEASE INFORM EDITOR OF SUCCESSFUL SALES

Ads will be removed after 3 issues of TTM unless requested otherwise





“NO ONE KNOWS YOUR  
PASSION LIKE SHANNONS.”



Shannons insurance is for motoring enthusiasts just like you, with features like:

- Choice of repairer ■ Agreed value ■ Multi-Vehicle & Multi-Policy discounts
- Limited Use & Club Plate cover ■ Laid up cover ■ One excess free
- windscreen claim per year ■ Total Loss Salvage options ■ Home Contents
- Insurance including \$10,000 enthusiast cover for your collectables & tools
- Towing & storage costs as a result of loss or damage ■ Pay by the month
- premiums at no extra cost

Call Shannons on **13 46 46** for a quote on your **special car**, **daily drive**, **bike** or **your home**, and speak with a genuine enthusiast.



**SHARE THE PASSION**

**INSURANCE FOR MOTORING ENTHUSIASTS | CALL 13 46 46 FOR A QUOTE | SHANNONS.COM.AU**

Shannons Pty Limited ABN 91 099 692 636 is an authorised representative of AAI Limited ABN 46 005 297 807, the product issuer. Some benefits only apply to comprehensive vehicle cover. Shannons has not taken account of your objectives, financial situation or needs. Read the Product Disclosure Statement before buying this insurance. Contact us for a copy.

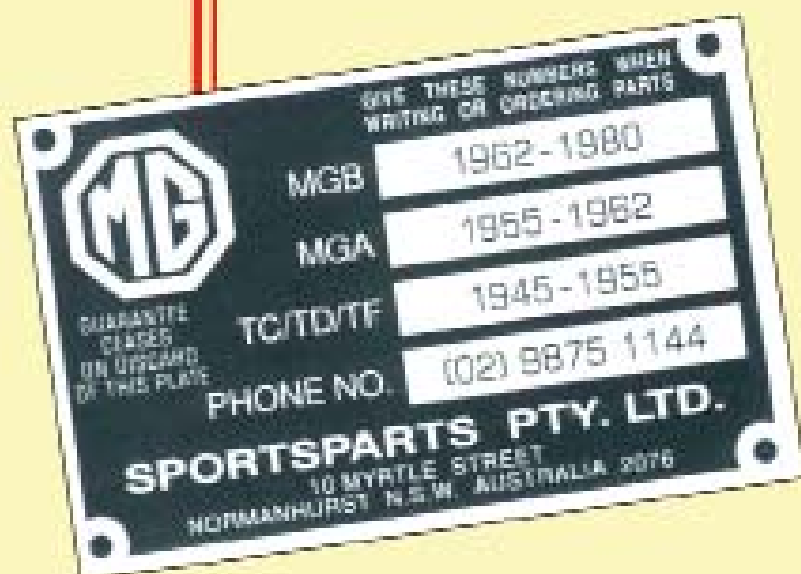


# Sportsparts Pty Ltd

*Parts and Technical advice  
for pre 1980 MGs*

- Specialists in original and reproduction MG parts for over 30 years.
- Buy your parts or accessories from us and get free and comprehensive advice on the best way to fit them.
- Visit our store or take advantage of our fast mail service. Our normal trading hours are 9.00am to 5pm but may vary if we have to visit customers or suppliers. Please call beforehand to ensure that we are at the shop to provide the parts you need.

**PROMPT MAIL  
ORDER SERVICE**  
Detailed catalogue  
available \$5.00



**Sportsparts Pty Ltd**  
10 Myrtle Street,  
Normanhurst NSW 2076

PO Box 2  
Thornleigh NSW 2120

Phone 02 98751144  
Fax 02 98751906

[www.sportsparts.com.au](http://www.sportsparts.com.au)