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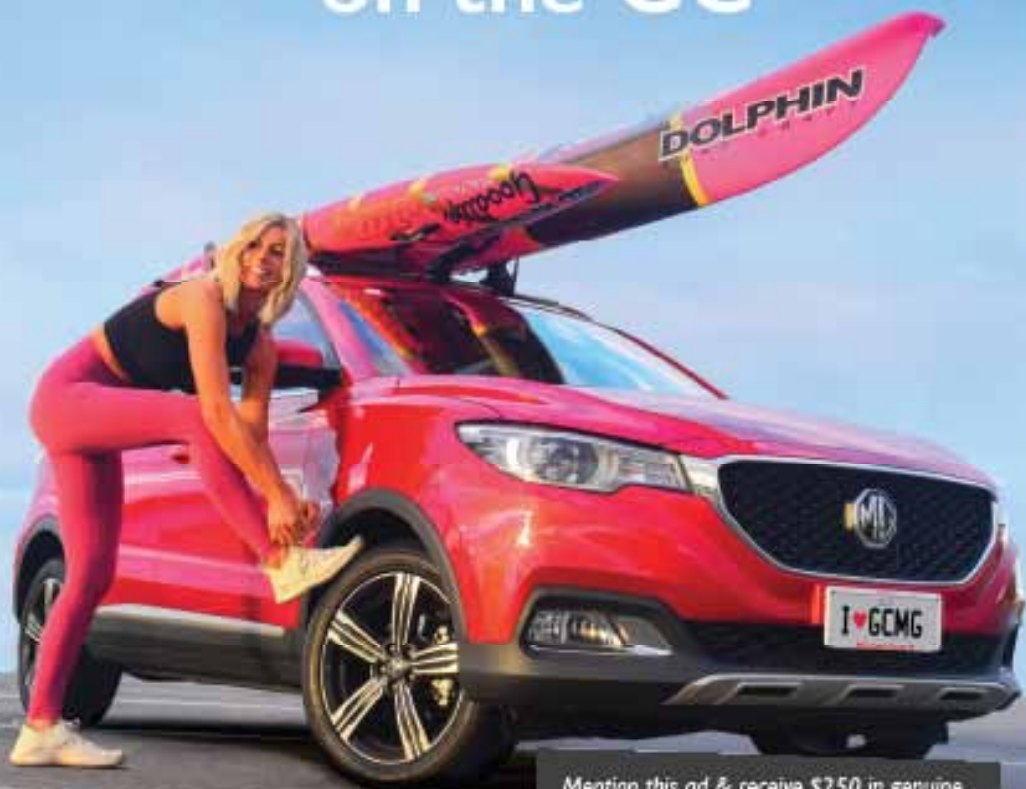


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It is of great regret that I have decided not to renew my membership of the Gold Coast MG Car Club.

Recent years have seen a gradual decline in my ability to participate in Club events, compounded by the fact that I now spend a great deal of my time taking care of my wife Kerry, who has been in poor health for the past two years.

I have been a member of the Gold Coast MG Car Club for around 20 years and have enjoyed many drives, events and great times with great people. Prior to the sale of my MGB earlier this year I had owned the car for over 21 years. It was always a great pleasure to drive, restore and enjoy.

I take this opportunity to wish the Club well for the future and to thank the Club for being such a valued part of my life and the many fond memories it has provided.

Kindest regards, Charles Dickson.

## REGISTER CO-ORDINATORS

Peter Kerr - T & Pre War  
John Crighton - MGB

Gary Lock - MGA  
Other MGs - TBA



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



It is pleasing to inform members that I have now had two opportunities to chair GCMGCC Meetings on my return from a UK holiday. Thanks so much to Peter Johnston for chairing one meeting while Janine and I were still on vacation in Scotland!

Disappointingly, I missed the Club's Annual Display and Concours Day by one day, arriving at Gatwick, in England, just as the Club event was being staged at Burleigh Heads on 29<sup>th</sup> of September. I am both pleased and proud to say that the feedback on the event was terrific and very positive comments came back to me from attendees, participants and the judging team. Many thanks to all who put the event together and also for the 60 folk who attended and presented their MGs so well. As everyone knows many hands are involved in putting the day together and I have or will personally thank all associated with the great success of the event.

Great feedback came to me about the "Ride the Red Rattler" weekend away to the Gympie region. This was held on the first weekend in October. Again, I was in transit from the UK and missed this MG adventure

On Wednesday, October 9, I managed my first adventure as Club President. The "Fish and Chip Run" ended at the Heritage Park on the Terranora Inlet in the Tweed – right near where I live. The food was brilliant, the weather and the run were exceptional and did I mention the comradeship? There were two brand new members on the run and they could not believe their luck!

Saturday, October 19, I had further good fortune as I joined a very merry band of members at the Eagle Heights Hotel up on Mount Tamborine. The weather held out for us as there were showers around. This event again emphasised that members are getting right behind the Saturday and Monday Coffee Runs and many people are appreciating the "short, sharp and friendly runs" which exemplify the coffee trips.

Many members have reported that they like the fact they can make their own way directly to coffee venues and can arrive early for breakfast, stay for coffee and even hang around with friends for lunch too. A number of attendees of Coffee Runs are also agreeing to head home together maintaining the spirit of the Club which goes with driving in groups of vehicles.

The Last Sunday in the Month was a run to Tropical Fruit World and I confess I attended an annual GC600 commitment! If you read the story of this run I think you will find that anything that could go wrong for our intrepid lady organiser did go wrong! She was still able to laugh about it at the end of the adventure and pleasingly all who attended had a great time.



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## Many Thanks for your Support!

Technicians Steve and Rob have had an influx of existing customers return after a long period of time. I hope that the trend continues and that our customers and friends receive the service and respect they deserve. I have classic cars myself and know how important it is to have someone skilled take care of the servicing, repairs and upgrades for me – which ensures my classics are reliable and available. Obviously, the same attitude must be relevant for our current and new customers...

So, when your classic car is ready for a service or repairs, please get in touch and give us a go! We are here to help!

*Dave Godwin – Classic Car Clinic*



One of the GCMGCC ‘must attend events’ of the calendar year was held at our Club Rooms in Mudgeeraba on Friday, November 1. The intrepid MG adventurers, John and Marian Crighton, were nominated as guest speakers. Club members will immediately realise that this evening was always going to be drawcard. We even had a magnificent piece of culture from our charismatic Coral Cogzell poet extraordinaire! The Crightons told of their adventures on the Peking (Beijing) to Paris Rally in their legendary MGBGT.

What’s happening on the Committee side of things? Like all new Committees we are settling into our roles week by week and with 5 of the 12 Committee members being either new to the Committee, or to our roles.. The two meetings I have chaired have been passionate, animated and well directed by Committee members. We have also held several informal meetings outside Committee Meeting.

Our Club Captain has been ably supported as the Committee endeavours to get the Impromptu Runs meeting the Government’s requirements, and insurance requirements and the Club’s requirements and... it is never as simple as it seems! Setting up a web-based solution has seen several of us tearing our hair out to make this work – simply!!

We are discussing ideas for “creative runs” and some concepts for “incentives” for members to attend some activities.. We might even trial a couple of things in the new year.

Our Vice President has flagged he will be looking at chatting to schools about the MG marque in the not too distant future. The President will drive to the Gold Coast MG Dealership to see what our partnership with the dealership might look like in 2020. We are also looking at discussing and drafting some plans to enact over the next year as we promised to do at the AGM.

The Committee has had some animated discussions around what we might offer as ideas to the members around the use of our invested funds.

I am looking forward to our Presentation/Christmas Luncheon at the Royal Pines Resort. This is a cracking venue and worthy of hosting our great marque. This should be a wonderful culmination to the events of the 2019 calendar year.

Safe and joyous driving in your MG’s over the festive season and I hope the big guy with the white beard finds you and gives you some lovely presents to make your motoring all the merrier in 2020 – especially if you have a red chariot like Santa!

Cheers,

*Richard Patterson*

*GCMGCC President*

## DISPLAY DAY SEPTEMBER 29

The MGs in attendance totalled 45, being 10 concours, with the balance participating in Pride of Ownership. Concours MGs include 2 TDs, 2 TCs, an MGA, an RV8 and 3 modern TFs.

The 3 class winners were -  
Pre MGA – Don Smith's TD,  
Post TF, pre 1980 - Rob Gibb's MGA, and  
Post 1980 - Rob Gibb's TF 160

The Concours Judges were, for the T-types, Brian Hockey and Peter Kerr; other MGs, Ian Cowan and Barry Grey. Rob Baylis and Gary Lock judged the overall Concours winner (to be announced at the Presentation Lunch).

Other MGs in attendance – the Pride of Ownership judging were MGs not included in Concours, but placed on show were; 1937 SA, TCs, TF, MGAs, MGBs, MGC, RoverV8, F, TF, ZT Saloon, MG6. Gary Lock, Steve Begley and Gerry Cronin selected 5 MGs which were considered for this award and judged on exterior, interior and underneath presentation, with the overall winner being Bob Theobold's MGA.



*A good display of T-Types.*







*Thank you to Anita Lock and Phil Sherriff who cooked the sausages. Anita worked on the gate for a while and then helped with the barbie. Also thank you to David Godwin for the use of his vehicle to cart all the equipment.*



*The only Pre-War MG on Display was Murray Arundell's SA.*



*MGA roadsters, a coupe and a twin cam*







MGMGC  
to RV8,  
F, TF, ZT  
and MG6





# CATCHING THE GYMPIE RATTLER

## – OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND

The Mary Valley Rattler is a steam loco pulling 50+ year old passenger carriages, doing tourist runs for about 20km along the original Mary River valley railway track, starting at the old and original Gympie Railway Station.

Life Member Murray Arundell in July sought members expressions of interest in a run to Gympie with participants taking a ride on the Mary Valley Ratter – this being the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the run.



Being a Long Weekend half of the 19 members attending, drove their MGs up from the Gold Coast or Brisbane on the Friday evening to avoid the Bruce Highway bottleneck. Yours truly, decided to take a risk and departed the Gold Coast early on Saturday in my MG Y Tourer up the M1, across the Gateway bridge and along the Bruce Highway, all at between 85 and 90kph. I had no problems and could have done a bit higher speed but didn't want to push the engine as it has less than 500km on it. A number of passing vehicles took photos of the Y as they passed.

As we were not meeting at Eudlo until 1pm, I decided to visit an old Darwin mate, now living at Maleny. The YT had no problems getting up the range to Maleny. My problem was keeping the engine within a suitable rev. range. The engine has a roller cam and lifters so has a few extra HP than a standard XPAG engine.

Being the last to arrive at Eudlo, on my arrival we started our drive along the old Bruce Highway and other sealed roads to Gympie, only doing the last 5km on the Bruce Highway.



That night, dinner was at one of the few good restaurants in town. We again feasted there on Monday evening when they especially opened for us.

Sunday morning breakfast was at the Historic Gympie Railway Station, before boarding the First Class carriage for our ride to Amamoor and back.

## Cut off date for next magazine 10th January 2020

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

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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!

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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



Other than one other couple, we had the carriage to ourselves. As part of the cost each passenger had a cheese platter and cold drink during the ride. At Amamoor, is an engine turntable, so after being in the front carriage on the ride down, we were now at the rear and could watch, through the open rear door, the bushfire tender following the train.

On returning to Gympie we rested and freshened up before heading back up to the other good restaurant, near the railway station.





Monday morning saw some heading home, whilst others joined Murray for a short run to one of his mates' places to view their TC and inspect their historic School house (now a BnB), before ending at Cooloola Berry Farm for lunch.



After lunch some of us headed back to Gympie detouring along 7km of dirt road (each way) to the Salmon Lookout.

Late Tuesday morning saw those of us still in Gympie heading back to Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

Overall a very enjoyable weekend thanks to Murray and Bernie's organisation.

*Stuart Duncan*





# A VISIT TO THE MG CAR CLUB AT ABINGDON-ON THAMES – THE HOME OF MG!

Many Gold Coast MG Car Club members would know that Janine Prichard and myself have had a fast and furious (nothing to do with the film franchise!) entry into the World of MG. This education and adventure is continuing for us as we increasingly become involved in the marque and its history.

From late August through to early October this year (just after the AGM) Janine and I headed off to the UK for a five week trip through England, Wales and Scotland. Janine suggested we should divert from a planned trip to Oxford and instead spend time at the MG Museum and Headquarters in the beautiful town of Abingdon in Oxfordshire, the home of MG



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As a new chum to MGs (I did own one for 5 years in the 90's) I confess it was inspiring for Janine and I to go on a magical mystery tour of the Museum and to meet a couple of its characters. We had the good fortune to meet an electrical engineer from the days of the MGA and MGB, Peter Neal, and his lovely accomplice in history and heritage, Ineke Sherman, who gave us a tour of the Museum. I confess to having Peter Johnston's remarks around the electrical and lighting foibles of MGs (and other members comments too) ringing in my ears when electrical engineer, Peter Neal showed us design drawings and memorabilia around the Museum.



*London to Sydney MG Rally Car housed at the museum*

There are a number of observations Janine and I would love to share as GCMGCC Committee members:

1. If you are in the UK it is well worth the visit to Abingdon to see the town which was the home of MG. Blenheim Palace, the home of Winston Churchill, nearby and Oxford, the beautiful university town.
2. To know that the housing estate adjacent to the MG Museum was once the site of the massive MG production line/factory is inspiring. The photos, the memorabilia and the stories are wonderful.
3. To understand that this little town, a fraction the size of the Gold Coast, was a thriving manufacturing hub for MG cars is simply amazing!
4. To drive the streets of Abingdon and know that every MG car which came off the production line also drove in the streets of Abingdon is humbling. You can even drive the streets where the test drivers drove these great cars – what a treat!
5. To know that the majority of MG workers were recruited via friends and family highlights the loyalty of the company to the staff





6. We were shown some of the employment aptitude tests for potential new employees. A bit of a chuckle in relation to what we might expect of employee tests in 2019.

7. Janine and I can attest to the wonderful welcome and hospitality we received from Peter and Ineke. They showed us into the archives, designs, photos and memorabilia on the back of our connection with the Gold Coast MG Car Club.

8. Spending several hours at the Museum in Abingdon has also enabled us to cement a stronger relationship with the folk at Abingdon. They are keen to see other members visit the Museum and home of MG in the UK.
9. The team at Abingdon will be encouraging UK members to visit us when they visit Australia – we hope this will see more members from the UK make the effort to see us on the Gold Coast.
10. Our Vice President, Dale Hansen, has indicated he is hoping to visit Abingdon during his work-related visit to the UK in late November 2019. The newly elected President and Vice President are keen to strengthen the communications between our two countries.

Abingdon is worth the trip when members visit England. It is a lovely town and there are other really great tourism icons nearby which are also worth the visit. Knowing so many of our members visit the UK each year we would encourage each of you to call in to have a look at where our marque began and where people like us are working diligently as great servants of MG to maintain its history.

Having been a General Manager of a Museum myself I can confirm that maintaining exhibits and presenting history and heritage is a critical role for both paid staff and the volunteers dedicated to maintaining any Museum. Please help and respect the work of these loyal servants of the MG Museum and Car Club in England by a visit.

*Richard Patterson  
and Janine Prichard*

*Come on in!*





## BULLETIN TWO

SEPTEMBER 2019

# 2020 MG Nat Meet

## Albury - Wodonga



### When and Where

The event will be held in the twin cities of **Albury – Wodonga** over the Easter Weekend, 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> of April 2020.

### Registrations

We are intending to open Registrations at the beginning of November 2019. Early bird entries will be accepted until the end of January 2020 with full price entries available to the end of March 2020.

Registrations will be online only.

### Next Bulletin

The next Bulletin will be published during October.

### Theme Night

Our Theme for next year's event will be **Australian Movies**.

This will give you all plenty of scope to emulate the characters from Mad Max to Priscilla Queen of the Desert or anything else that takes your fancy.

### Accommodation

As previously advised accommodation options include Resorts along the Murray River, Caravan Parks and Hotels / Motels in Albury and Wodonga, some within easy walking distance to the social events.

However, please book early, as the area is very busy over Easter with a number of exhibitions and sporting tournaments. We have heard that many Motels are already fully booked

Talk to your state coordinator about your Club's preferred location.

### Registration of Interest

To ensure you receive the latest information directly to your inbox, email the Secretary - John Lane ( see below ) with your contact details.



### Contacts for more Information

Website - [www.mgcc.com.au/natmeet2020](http://www.mgcc.com.au/natmeet2020)

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The months of December and January are light on for Club events due to holidays falling on the last weekend of each month and inclement (hot and wet) weather conditions.

## December 2019

### **P – Coffee Run – Monday 2 December**

10.00 am Garage Twenty5, Coomera Boat Works, Coomera. RSVP to Stuart by email [lesley\\_stuart@bigpond.com](mailto:lesley_stuart@bigpond.com) or txt 0405 402 745 by Friday 29 November. Members will have access to Tony Longhurst's Garage25 museum (at no cost) to see the vehicles on display, for photos visit <https://www.espressotwenty5.com.au/gallery>

### **P – Midweek Run – December 11 – Christmas run**

Your host is Stuart Duncan. Meet at Club Rooms, Mudgeeraba, at 8.45am for a 9.15 am departure. There will be no morning tea stop. The run is via Natural Bridge and Crystal Creek to the Coolangatta Tweed Golf Club. RSVP to Stuart Duncan on [lesley\\_stuart@bigpond.com](mailto:lesley_stuart@bigpond.com) or txt 0405 402 745 by Sunday 8 December. As the Club is usually full, late bookings may have to sit away from our Club Group.

**No LSIM run due to Christmas & New Year holidays**

**Have a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year**

## January 2020

### **P – Midweek Run – Wednesday 8 January**

Your host is Stuart Duncan. Meet at Hinterland Regional Park, Hardy Rd, Mudgeeraba at 8.30am for a 9.00 am departure. Morning tea (BYO) will be at Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens and finish at the Historic Rivermill, Mt Nathan, where you can purchase lunch from their café. Numbers needed. RSVP to Stuart Duncan on [lesley\\_stuart@bigpond.com](mailto:lesley_stuart@bigpond.com) or txt 0405 402 745 by Monday 6 January.

### **P – Coffee Run – Saturday 18 January**

10.00 am at Nook & Kranny Café, Beechmont Rd, Lower Beechmont. To assist with café catering, RSVP to David Willmott on [davidanthony56@hotmail.com](mailto:davidanthony56@hotmail.com) by Thursday 16 January.

# EVENTS

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No January LSIM run due to it falling of Australia Day long weekend, however Murray Arundell is organising a 3 day “Stanthorpe Wine & Dine Run” Details and contact elsewhere in Magazine.

## February 2020

### **P – Midweek Run – Wednesday 12 February**

Meet at Hinterland Regional Park, off Hardys Rd, Mudgeeraba at 8.30am for a 9.00am departure. Bring your own Morning tea. Lunch will be at a pub or club. No need for numbers. For more information contact Harry Darke on 0400 775 139.

### **P – Coffee Run – Monday 17 February**

10.00am at Pasture & Co Eco Village, Currumbin Valley

To assist with café catering, RSVP to David Willmott on David Willmott [davidanthony56@hotmail.com](mailto:davidanthony56@hotmail.com) by Friday 14 February.

## Messages from Stuart Duncan -

### Website

#### **Did you know:**

- that photo of some Runs and events are available for viewing on the Club website Gallery 2019 webpage.

### Impromptu Events (Runs)

The Club's Impromptu Event (run) registration form and process has been modified to meet the Queensland Govt SIV Concessional Rego Guidelines concerning club member initiated “Impromptu Events”.

Now after members complete and submit the advice form, the website will check your name, email address and membership number, against club data and if they match, your advice will automatically be published on a blog page on the website.

A link to the Impromptu Event (run) registration form can be found on the website's homepage.

### Club Captain - events

Whilst I am absent (overseas) from mid January to mid March, Dave Willmott will be the Acting Club Captain.

The Club needs members to volunteer to organise and host Last Sunday in Month (LSIM) runs in 2020. Unless members step forward, these runs may not happen. The only LSIM run a member has volunteered to organise is in February. Please email me if you are willing to organise a LSIM run.

All Mid Week runs up to September have organisers.

### **Proposed Extended Runs**

The **MG National Meeting 2020** is being held in the border cities of Albury and Wodonga over Easter (10-14 April). Rooms have been booked in the Australia Park Motel in Albury. If interested in participating on want more information, contact Peter Johnston on [pe.johnston04@gmail.com](mailto:pe.johnston04@gmail.com). Murray Arundel has organised runs down and back to the Gold Coast.

**Christmas in July (Wed 8-Thur 9 July)**. Jim Lutherborrow, after 10 years of organising this great trip away, has stepped down and Peter Johnston is organising next year's run to a new destination, travelling on beautiful country roads there and back.

For those wishing to attend this iconic night away, book now with Marie, our Club Secretary, as the allocated rooms will sell fast.

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

## **New Members**

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to our Club and hope to see them participating in our runs. New members and 'old' members, we would love to hear your story of how you come to have an MG.

- Rob Purcell and Joan Organ of Tallebudgera Valley with a 1995 RV8.

The photos in the magazine have been contributed by Carole Cooke, Peter Kerr, L & S Duncan, Peter Johnston, Marie Conway-Jones, Kate Careless, Janine Pritchard, Richard Patterson, Ian Cowen, Internet



# STANTHORPE WINE & DINE RUN

Things are pretty crook in Stanthorpe at the moment with the drought coming down hard on the good folk there. Happily they're still producing lots of lovely wine, so the least we can do is support our friends in the bush so am organising a trip up to Stanthorpe across the Australia Day Long Weekend in January 2020. The basic details are:-

## Saturday 25th January

- Early morning meet up at Jubilee Park
- Morning Coffee & Cake provided at start, no need to bring your own.
- Head up to Stanthorpe via a circuitous route.
- Dinner Saturday evening at a local Vineyard Restaurant. Mini Bus Transport to & from provided.

## Sunday 26th January

- Own arrangements for breakfast.
- 09:30 - 10:00 Mini Bus arrives to take us out for our wine tour.
- Lunch will be taken at a winery during our tour.
- Dinner @ Local hotel.

## Monday 27th January

- Farewell Breakfast at local restaurant/cafe.
- Set sail for home in plenty of time to avoid traffic.

Pricing yet to be calculated and accommodation yet to be booked. So at this point I am looking for **expressions of interest**.

Now of course it is fairly certain that its going to be warm, probably hot, most probably bloody hot. Which is why we're hiring a an air-conditioned coach/mini bus (depends on numbers) to take us on our wine tour. So those of you who are lucky enough to own MGFs etc which are air-conditioned then this run is for you. If you don't have an air-conditioned MG then (said begrudgingly) bringing your Daily Driver will be ok.

Contact:-

- **Murray Arundell** [mgarundell@me.com](mailto:mgarundell@me.com) mb 0418 783 435

Please consider sending articles and photos in to me for the Time Machine. Email - [cazcooke30@gmail.com](mailto:cazcooke30@gmail.com)



## AUSTRALIAN HISTORIC VEHICLE INTEREST GROUP

Dear Fellow Historic Vehicle Enthusiast,

We need the Australian Federal Government to Remove the Luxury Car Tax (LCT) on Historic Cars. Australians take immense pride in our heritage buildings, historical artefacts, famous artworks and other items of cultural significance. Our motoring heritage is just as important. Because of their significance, many examples of our early motoring history have become valuable, sought-after and have, in many cases, left the country. The LCT has proven to be a major barrier for many of these vehicles ever returning to Australia.

The LCT was introduced in 2000 as part of a sweeping reform of the taxation system and replaced the previous Wholesale Sales Tax (WST) and was intended to continue the degree of protection to the local car manufacturing industry. The WST, however, was never intended to apply to the importation of historic vehicles.

Historic motor vehicles often offer little in the way of creature comforts and can prove challenging to drive. These vehicles are, for the most part, anything but luxurious and have never presented a competitive threat to the local motor manufacturing industry.

The LCT is having a negative impact on the importation, or re-importation, of many historic cars. Not only that, but historic cars currently contribute very little to LCT revenue (less than ¼ of 1% of all LCT collected). It is proving to be a one-way valve to our unique motoring heritage and is a major blow to Australia's vibrant Historic Vehicle Movement. Not only does it affect the enjoyment of our hobby, it limits the provision of opportunities for our historic vehicle repairers, allied trades and suppliers.

As like-minded individuals who pursue their love of historic motoring, we should not have to suffer this punitive tax. It no longer serves the purpose for which it was intended and generates little in government revenue. The removal of LCT on historic cars is also supported by the Australian Historic Motoring Federation Inc. For further information please see our Facebook page.

We are asking for your support in removing the LCT on historic cars 30 years of age and older by signing this on-line petition. The petition will be used by AHVIG to encourage immediate bi-partisan political action to address this issue. Thank you for efforts in supporting this.

Kind regards,  
Doug Young. Chair. Australian Historic Vehicle Interest Group

*For more information contact Dave Godwin (email - [murphgod@hotmail.com](mailto:murphgod@hotmail.com))*

# DON'T BE CAUGHT WITH YOUR HEAD IN THE SAND - READ THIS. IT MIGHT AVOID A NASTY ACCIDENT.

Now that your attention is focused, answer this Question. When did you last check your wheels for loose/broken spokes?

Wheel spokes are made from heat treated steel, with a head on one end - and a thread, on the other. They become brittle, in time. The heads pop off. Also, sudden change in temperature can make them break, i.e. a frosty climate issue (when your car is left out in the frost, at a Motel over night!)

A sharp road impact will break a head from a spoke. How should you check all your wheels, including the spare?

It's simple - look at each spoke carefully. Don't get spooked with the number of spokes to examine. Take a plastic handled screwdriver, and tap, tap each spoke. The paint will be O.K. Like the strings on a musical instrument, the strings under tension "twang!" Each spoke will have a sharp sound when they are tensioned properly, too. If one sounds dull, it will be un-tensioned, or broken. Trouble. GET THE WHEEL FIXED!

And while on the subject of wheels, "are your tyres out of date?" Get them all checked! Old tyres tend to remain fitted to our cars. And forgotten. Tyres have a use-by date embossed on them.

Three Club Members have recently experienced a shredded tread from what looked to be a good a Radial Tyre. These tyres were all out of date. Blowing a tyre in a light motor car at speed, is not a pleasant experience - it could well have awful consequences.

Got the message? It's not rocket science.

Be safe.

*Nuffield.*





## MIDWEEK RUN - SEPTEMBER 11

The day started off cool and clear despite the recent bushfires in the hinterland and our starting point was Schuster Park, Tallebudgera. As the highway was congested, we delayed leaving till 9.30. However, it was great to see Bruce Corr back after surgery fighting fit and co pilot to John Muirhead. We also had visitors from Brisbane - Sue and Trevor who were warmly welcomed.

There were 18 cars on the run as we headed to NSW via the Tomewin Mountain Rd and could see smoke haze to the west and our hearts went out to the fire fighters and all who are affected by the fires. It was an uneventful run (i.e. no lost cars!) via Murwillumbah to our morning tea stop at Burringbar Park



Opposite the park was an antique shop that proved interesting to a few members. The raffle was won by Bruce Corr which made his day. While we were enjoying our tea a few drops of rain sent some off to put their tops up. However it did not last long and we were soon

ready to depart once again. There was some confusion leaving the park – some went left and some right but thanks to Jim Lutherborrow's good navigation we ended up headed in the right direction in convoy once we were on our way along the Burringbar Range Way out to the coast through Pottsville to our final destination.

We arrived well ahead of time for lunch at Cabarita Beach Bowls and Sports Club so we had great opportunities to catch up and chat before we moved up to the dining room for lunch.



Thanks to David Willmott for organising a relaxing run.

*Sue Craig*

## MID WEEK SEAFOOD RUN OCTOBER 9

A total of 13 cars met at Upper Coomera for the Annual Fish & Chip Run to Tweed.

It was decided by Denis and myself that as there had been some problems with who ordered what on previous runs, we would issue tickets for hot or cold meals and payment would be made prior to leaving Upper Coomera so that Scales Seafood would have the right orders and not have some meals left over. It worked perfectly and everyone had their ordered meals.

After the usual announcements, updates, jokes, etc. we headed out to our morning tea stop at Bochow Park at Lyons Crossing near the Natural Arch on the Nerang/Murwillumbah Road.

Marie Darke and Harry's partner, Sam, joined us at morning tea for the Run, making 14 cars in all. The raffle was organised by Laurie and Kaye Roberts. The prize was a wheel alignment and this was won by Laurie Roberts!

After morning tea, we headed towards our lunch stop at the Tweed Maritime Museum Park on Kennedy Drive. The Run went towards Chillingham, then to Tyalgum and on towards Murwillumbah, past the showgrounds and through the canefields of North Tumbulgum, into Hogans Road, past Seagulls Leagues Club and then into the Park for lunch. This route is one of the prettiest MG drives that you can do with lots of winding, scenic roads.

Lunch was excellent and great value at \$15 per person.

On behalf of all those who attended, I would like to thank Denis for a very enjoyable MG day out.

*Bruce Bishop*



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# COFFEE RUN TO EAGLE HEIGHTS MOUNTAIN RESORT – SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER

Although the morning was not the best for open MG motoring, 37 members gathered on the outdoor terrace overlooking the distant Gold Coast, to enjoy coffee and cakes.

A special welcome was made to Roger Parkinson who attended his first Club run, although he has been a member since 2012.

*Stuart Duncan*



# COFFEE DOWN BY THE RIVER - MONDAY NOVEMBER 4

Fourteen members dropped by for coffee beside the river at Chinderah on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> November. The small group meant everyone got the opportunity to mix around the conversation across a few tables. A later start time of 10.00am Queensland (11.00am NSW) was trialled to see if the 'experience' of driving down the M1 through the traffic could be lessened.

With only fourteen attending it was difficult to evaluate the success of the time slot as many members had just attended the very successful and enjoyable Noggin & Natter on the previous Friday night. However there was lots of storytelling as everyone stayed on for quite some time.

The coffee runs are proving quite successful and with Stuart sorting the paperwork for impromptu runs there will be more opportunities for members to enjoy their MGs, and a coffee.

*John Careless*



*This 1962 GAN-1 is together and going again after 57 years. The Sunshine Coast Daily rang Peter Kerr as they wanted a classic car for a double page spread in the paper. They sent a photographer to take photos and we photographed him!  
Editor*





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## LSIM OCTOBER 27

A bright sunny day for our October Sunday Run, 21 members arrived for another adventure.

The countryside was a kaleidoscope of vibrant colours and textures, jacarandas in full lilac bloom, bougainvilleas in bold bursts of vibrant pinks, apricots to purple. We meandered past lush green pastures with plump happy cows, horses standing in the shade, having a chat. All perfect in our world!

Uki was our morning tea stop in a shady park, next to the old Norco Butter Factory, which now houses an eclectic mix of shops and a bakery. A good natter was had by all.

Getting ready to leave, a member discovered Cheryl's MGBGT had a flat tyre, which resulted in her returning home with the RACQ tow truck.!

We headed off through beautiful countryside, passing through Stoker's Siding, Mooball, over the range to Pottsville and arrived at the Tropical Fruit World for lunch. What a lovely day.

A big thanks to Cheryl from all of us.

*Caren Sattler.*





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# NOGGIN & NATTER - NOVEMBER 1

An excellent turnout for our N&N. Nearly 60 members came for a delicious meal and a film and photo night by John Crighton on his recent adventures with Marian. A 36 day rally called Peking (Beijing) to Paris with many other classic cars, some worth up to \$1M! Thank you John for your talk, always enjoyable.

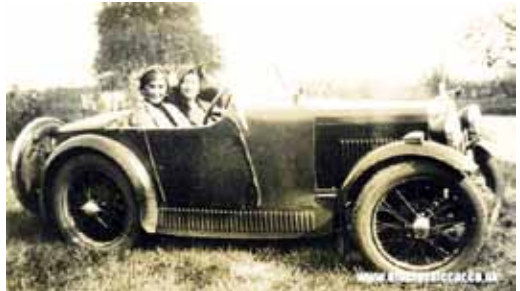
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# HISTORY OF MG -PART 15 - PRE WAR

We celebrate 90 years of the M-Type Midget which is 90 years since the first MG Midgets left the Morris Garages assembly lines to establish a small British sports car that over the next few years came to dominate their section of the market. It was fortuitous that just at a time when the MG marque was developing that William Morris should decide to build a car to challenge the Austin Seven at the lower end of the market. With the acquisition in 1927 of the bankrupt Wolseley Motors by Morris gave him access to the talent and capacity to design and build a small OHC power unit, to drive entry to produce a much needed entry model for the Morris range.

The simple chassis for the Morris Minor had half-elliptic springs all round, a 78-inch wheelbase and a 42-inch track. The four-cylinder engine had a stroke of 847mm, giving a capacity of 847cc, 100cc greater than the current Austin Seven. The government rating was 8hp, resulting in an annual tax of 8 pounds. The car appeared at the 1928 Motor Show in two forms, a fabric covered, two door plus a four-seater saloon in lightweight construction and a four seater tourer. The saloon cost 135 pounds and the open car 125 pounds. No engine was installed but reaction was positive. A smaller version of the MG radiator designed for the 18/80 headed the fabric covered, two-seater . The





Midget attracted a lot of attention at Olympia. This car was used for the first sales brochure although it differed in some respects from production cars.

By 1930 several changes were introduced and metal bodies were introduced and Bowden cables operated from a cross-shaft with the handbrake. This gave four-wheel braking on the handbrake and remained in use on all the MG models up to the introduction of hydraulic brakes for the T-series in 1936.

The boat-tailed two-seater sports was initially offered as a Fabric body but was a metal panelled body version later. The MG sold well with 3235 built and production exceeded all previous models.

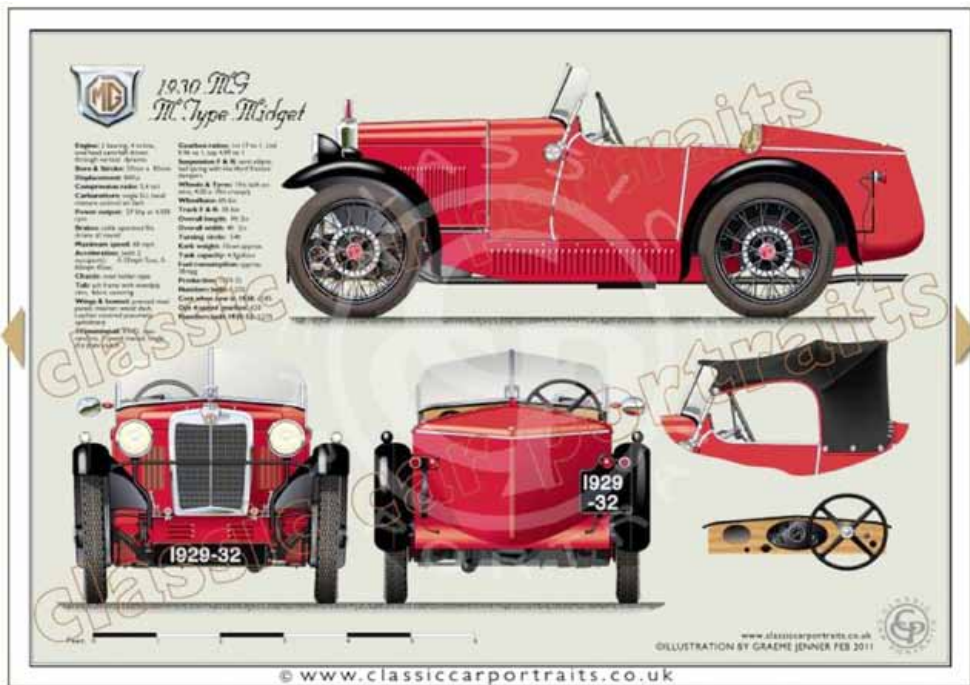
*Peter Kerr*



*Above - M type service van  
Right - M type 12/12*







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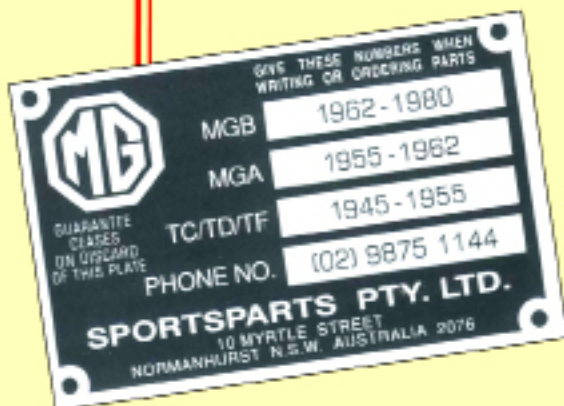
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