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This is an unusual photo for the cover but it depicts and represents a very significant event in the history of the MGCCQ – the establishment of the first Chapter of the Club (the Wide Bay Chapter) on Australia Day 2005. This proved to be so successful that the Chapters now total six. The anniversary is celebrated by the Chapter every year and brings back memories of the first Coordinator of the WBC – Ian Bryant – who set the standard for all other Chapter Coordinators and who is still fondly remembered by all who were fortunate to know him.



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VICE President's Report

As most members of our club are aware, our President, Peter May, has had ongoing issues involving both back pain and knee problems. He was finally forced to commit to major surgery in February, which I believe has included a full replacement of his right knee. Consequently Peter is out of action for a couple of months and, as Vice-President, I have been press-ganged into filling in.

We understand that his operation was successful but he is still in a lot of pain. Strong pain killers, among other things, are preventing him from driving and he claims they also mean his brain isn't working 100%. On behalf of the club's Management Committee and its membership we wish Peter a speedy recovery. Personally I can't wait to welcome him back to the chair.

After a very successful catered Christmas Party at the end of 2019, we have seen a busy and successful start to the new year but we have also experienced some difficulties. The primary one of these has been membership renewal which has not gone the way we planned. The management committee have, for some time, wanted to progress to an electronic membership renewal system which we hoped would speed up the process, save postage and stationery and make it easier for members to renew. Last year, Jim Scott, the club's membership secretary, committed to putting such a system in place but it has proved to be far more difficult than we thought and we sincerely apologise to those members, primarily competitors, for whom it has caused problems. Hopefully, by the time you read this, you will have received your new membership card and the new on-line portal will be operating as planned.

On a more positive note, the Annual Club Dinner and Trophy Presentation was held on Saturday 15 February at the Normanby Hotel in Brisbane where we had the pleasure of the company of Dick and Jill Johnson. Dick, our club patron, was invited as a special guest to receive his Honorary Life Membership certificate, plaque and badge.

Following the presentation, he was more than happy to speak to the gathering about his club experiences, time in motor racing and even progress on the development of the tribute Tru Blu XD Falcon they have been building for Steve to drive in this year's Touring Car Masters. One significant point of interest for me was that he revealed that the MGCCQ was



Ken looks comfortably Presidential as he presents a trophy to Don Webster.

the only car club that he has ever been a member of, since joining it when he was 14 years old.

Significant trophy winners on the night included Barry Smith who was presented with the Brian Tebble award by Andrew Willesden. The Miles E Hunter trophy was presented to Max Johnson by Don Webster but as Don explained on the night, it was really an acknowledgment of the joint efforts of both him and Noeline, in making the National Meeting the great success that it was. As Noeline is not a financial member she is not eligible for the trophy. Congratulations to Max, Noeline, Barry and all the other trophy winners from 2019.

Due to very heavy rain and some flooding that we received early in the year, the motorsport Expo promoted by Motorsport Australia at the Beenleigh Showgrounds was cancelled and our Come and Try event at Mt Cotton Hillclimb was postponed by a week but the Carric/Tighe Cams Hillclimb Series was scheduled to kick off with the first round commencing at Mt Cotton on 29th February. I understand all of our chapters around Queensland have also started the year strongly.

Barbara and I are now starting to get prepared for our trip to Albury-Wodonga for the 2020 MG National Meeting at Easter where I believe we will have a strong contingent from MGCCQ. The other event looming large later in the year will be our promotion of the Australian Hillclimb Championship at Mt Cotton, just some of the things for us all to look forward to in 2020.

Happy MG motoring, Ken Wasley, Vice-President

Some Words from Elaine

Firstly, an apology from all of us involved with the printing of the last Octagon for the strange 'extra' which appeared on page 52 and which was not there when the final proof was approved for printing. Needless to say, our printer has apologised for it but is just as much in the dark as to how this happened as everybody else is. Anyway, to make amends to those winners of major 2019 Hillclimb trophies whose names were affected, the full table of winners has been reproduced again in Competition Corner.

The major Club event held since the last issue was the Annual Dinner and Presentation of trophies held on February 15 and I'm delighted that space has allowed for the publication of a good many photos from the night all reflecting the happiness and spirit of fellowship of the evening. Thanks go to Mark Wellard for taking the photographs as I was unable to attend on the night.

As I said in the last Octagon, in order to build up interest in the major event for this year – the Australian Hillclimb Championships being held at Mt Cotton for the first time for some years – I will be publishing items of interest from previous Australian Championships held at Mt Cotton with greatest focus being on the 1970 event, the first ever Australian Championships held at Mt Cotton.

The event prompted at least one Letter to the Octagon Editor about the organisation of the event which reinforces the belief that with some things, the more things change, the more they stay the same. The second item is a reaction after the event from one of the organizers.

While searching through the old 1970 Octagons for articles about the Australian Hillclimb Championships, I came across an interesting report entitled 'Snow White and the 7 MGs' and would be interested to hear from any of you who know the full details of the event described. I know that Brian Tebble was involved in the promotion of unusual events and was probably responsible for this – I think he even had the Beatles in MGs on their visit to Brisbane back in the 60s - and he was certainly responsible for getting Leonard Teale to the hillclimb as a competitor - one who proved to be a huge draw card and I don't know if we have ever had as many spectators at the Hill as were there to witness his 'prowess' at hillclimbing – but I have a curiosity about this event which was years later than the Beatles' visit. I've contacted one of the people listed in the article as a participant in the event

but he has no memory of the event at all – maybe it just wasn't memorable though someone did take the time to write about it and get it published. Please let me know...When you are reading the Chapter reports you will notice that the Wide Bay Chapter celebrated its 15th birthday on Australia Day – it's quite a milestone and must have brought back fond memories and tales of Ian Bryant, the founder of the Chapter who, sadly, died quite suddenly and unexpectedly some years ago but will be forever remembered for his organisational abilities, his dynamism and his wit.

Also inside is part 2 of the story of the MG TF featured in the Jan issue. This includes a table of the car's ownership which is still being researched and hopefully will be updated when part 3 features in the next issue.

Also, David Hall has continued his description of the cars in his collection, the result of his obsession with MGs. Watch for Part 7 in the next issue because there are still more cars to come.

There are two articles of great interest despite neither of them being about an MGCCQ event – but each feature MGCCQ members.

One is about one of our busiest motorsport officials – Leigh Evans who is seen spending a lot of time working on the starting line at Mt Cotton. She also travels to work at other events around Australia. In her spare time she indulges in her other passion of bush walking. You'll be interested to read about her forthcoming plans in this area of interest.

The other comes from the seemingly ageless Trevor and Joy Jones – well known for their enthusiasm for their many and varied cars including a beautiful prize-winning MGA. However it was a Mustang that was chosen for the event reported on here. Don't miss it.

Finally, thanks go from all of us to Club Vice President Ken Wasley for picking up the Presidential 'pen' and providing an excellent beginning of year report for us in Peter May's absence and a reminder to all that items for the next Octagon, the May issue, are needed by the end of April – and hopefully will include some tales of travel and participation of those who ventured south for the 2020 National Meeting in Albury/Wodonga. You'll find these on pages 18 and 19.

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Notice Board

The Clubrooms are open on the first and third Friday nights of each month with hot food starting at 6.30 pm priced as low as \$4. The goal will continue to be to have something special happening on the first Friday of each month. Your suggestions are welcomed.

Working bees are held at the hillclimb on most Wednesdays and are therefore not listed below. For further information, contact Malcolm Spiden.

(CP) after the name of an event means Competition Points and indicates that the event is pointscoreing for Club trophies. (SP = Social Points) for attendance at car display events such as Motorfest and the Macleans Bridge Display.

Please consult the online calendar for any update and also for Chapter events to which all members are always invited. You will also find that motorsport events promoted by other clubs and also events in regional areas are listed in our online calendar.

APRIL

- Fri 3 Noggin 'n' Natter at the Clubrooms
- 10-14 National Meeting at Albury/Wodonga
- Fri 17 Noggin 'n' Natter in the Clubrooms
- Sat/Sun 18/19 Mt Cotton Hillclimb Series Rd 2 (CP)
- Sun 19 Motorkhana or Khanacross (to be confirmed)
- Wed 22 Midweek run organised by Trevor & Joy Jones
- Sun 26 Sunday run to Marburg which will be covered by a Permit. – Make your own way in your own time to arrive at the Marburg Hotel , Edmond St, Marburg at 12 noon. Please RSVP to ehoger@bigpond.net.au by Monday 20 April to organise table seating.

MAY

- Fri 1 Noggin 'n' Natter at the Clubrooms
- Sat/Sun 2/3 Mt Cotton Hillclimb series Rd 3 (CP)
- Fri 15 Noggin 'n' Natter at the Clubrooms
- Sun 17 Motorkhana/Khanacross (CP)
- Sun 24 McLeans Bridge Display at Belmont (SP)
- Wed 27 Midweek run organised by Bruce Bayliss
- 29-31 Qld Hillclimb Championships at Mt Cotton

Have you paid your 2020 membership?

You can renew your membership, manage your own profile (personal record), create an Impromptu Event, Join a Club social event, and pay for entry to those events.

In case you haven't received any information (email or ordinary mail) about your membership, please go to www.mgccq.org/portal to complete your 2020 membership renewal.

MAJOR NEW EVENT DATE CLAIMER

11 -14 SEPTEMBER

David Miles (MGCCQ Chapter Liaison) has indicated that planning for a proposed MGCCQ Combined Chapter Meeting in Hervey Bay from Friday September 11 to Monday September 14, 2020 which will be hosted by Wide Bay Chapter is progressing well.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – Wide Bay Chapter "intend to run it similar to a mini National Meeting the ONLY DIFFERENCE WE WELCOME ALL MAKES AND MODEL CARS so be prepared for a great weekend."

Additional information will be added as and when received.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the Club and wish them a long and happy association with it.

Martin Alback	Walloon
Christopher Holmes	Mount Cotton
Philip Boekenstein	Kedron
Kerry Slater	Kedron
Narelle Fraser	Blue Mountain Heights
Sandra Ryan	Indooroopilly
James Mcallister	Thornlands
Allan Todd	Burrum Heads
Wayne Carey	Victoria Point
Luke Tomkins	Cedar Vale
Rex Holt	Hillcrest
Christina Holt	Hillcrest
Jonathon Vautin	Ashgrove
Ian Tristram	Mermaid Beach

Bits'n'Pieces



An S2E (Tracker) aircraft pilot, Mike Killingsworth, purchased his TC in Melbourne in the 70's and asked permission

to carry it to Sydney on HMAS Melbourne as he was flying from the ship at the time. He was granted permission and the car was duly tied down in C Hangar at the back of the after (rear) aircraft lift. After a while a pipe was made across the ship's loudspeakers for Sub Lieutenant Killingsworth to report to the Bridge. Thinking he was in trouble, Mike arrived at the Bridge with a worried expression only to be sat down by the Captain to talk about the lovely car... Later it was brought up for the cameras and put on the catapult as if ready to launch! Mike still has the car along with many other great cars and still has a great sense of humour. I am sure he is still in the Victorian branch of the MG club...

By Peter Dore' MGCCQ Wide Bay Chapter Q 5003; photo made available to Peter Dore by Mike Killingsworth.



The name of the outright winner of Concours is always withheld until the Club's annual dinner and presentation of trophies, held this year on 15 Feb. At that function, Barry and Julie Evans' TF was announced as the worthy winner.



If you thought the hillclimb has been beset by rain this year, this photo shows that the same circumstances occurred in March 2019. The photo shows a waterlogged venue with only one spectator in sight – a lone wallaby – wondering when the ontrack action is going to start!



Jim Heymer sent in this photo of the latest member to his pit crew who appears to be getting ready to hand him the next item he will need from the parts tray. I wonder if it also provides the music as they work.

MG CAR CLUB ANNUAL GALA DINNER AND TROPHY PRESENTATION

By Don Webster; photos by Mark Wellard.

The Dinner was held at the heritage listed and newly refurbished 100-year-old Normanby Hotel on Saturday 15th February. While this is an important occasion in the Club's calendar when members who were successful in the 2019 competition year receive their awards, it was overshadowed by a particularly special event - the presentation of Honorary Life Membership to long-time patron and club member Richard "Dick" Johnson. Dick was the 8th recipient of this award since the club's inception in 1954, quite an exclusive group. We as a club have been extremely fortunate to have Dick as our Patron. He gives his time freely to support the Club's motorsport activities whenever he is asked and is available. Dick spoke briefly of his time in the Club, starting with joining in 1962 and subsequently taking out Life Membership – the 'best decision he ever made'!

In the absence of our club President Peter May due to illness, Vice President Ken Wasley presented the trophies, ably assisted by young Charlize Tighe who did all the leg work in fetching the correct trophy and delivering it to the happy recipient. (I think there could be a job for her on the Committee as she was such a willing

worker!) Speed Certificates were also given to those who had broken records at Mt Cotton Hillclimb during the year.

Ken interspersed the presentations with a number of Trivia questions, all of them MG related. Unfortunately, the audience was not as knowledgeable as Ken on some of the more arcane points, so prizes were awarded to 'best guesses'.

A list of award recipients is below, however special mention needs to be made about what is a major trophy of the club - the Miles E Hunter for Centre Achievement. This is awarded to a club member who has contributed above and beyond expectation throughout the year. For 2019, the recipients were a couple, Max and Noeline Johnson, for their work in the preparation and running of the MG Golden Anniversary National Meeting at Redlands. Unfortunately, only Club members are eligible to receive this award, so Max's name is on the trophy. However, it is jointly awarded in appreciation of their combined efforts.

Overall, a pleasant evening enjoyed by all those who attended, and I encourage you to attend next year to support your club and the individual trophy winners.



2019 CLUB TROPHY WINNERS

Appleby Trophy for the Top Six Challenge	Warwick Hutchinson	1st
	James Milliner	2nd
	Dean Tighe	3rd
	Paul Van Wijk	4th
	Edward McCane	5th =
	Warwick Hutchinson	5th =

CLUB TROPHY WINNERS FOR 2019

G.C.Reid trophy for CTA Driver	Don Webster
M.E.Hunter trophy for CTA Navigator	Ann Webster
M.E.Hunter motorkhana trophy	Malcolm Spiden
The Khanacross Trophy	Malcolm Spiden
Viscount Nuffield Speed trophy	Geoff Cohen
Geary Sportscars Concours Trophy	Barry Evans
Howard trophy for Best All-Round	Chrystellee Semple
Peter Uscinski trophy for Marque Speed	Flavio Paggiaro
Ladies Trophy	Chrystellee Semple
The David Miles Perpetual Shield for Participation in Club Events Driving a Pre-war MG	Ross Kelly
The T-series trophy	Don Webster
Best MG Trophy	Flavio Paggiaro
The McConnell motorkhana trophy for MGs	Malcolm Spiden
Racing Driver's Trophy	Geoffrey Kingston
Motorkhana Junior Encouragement Trophy	not awarded
The Miles E Hunter Trophy For Centre Achievement	Max & Noeline Johnson
Brian Tebble Award for contribution to Mount Cotton Hillclimb	Barry Smith



MARK WELLARDS PHOTOS OF THE FUNCTION REFLECT THE SPIRIT OF THE NIGHT





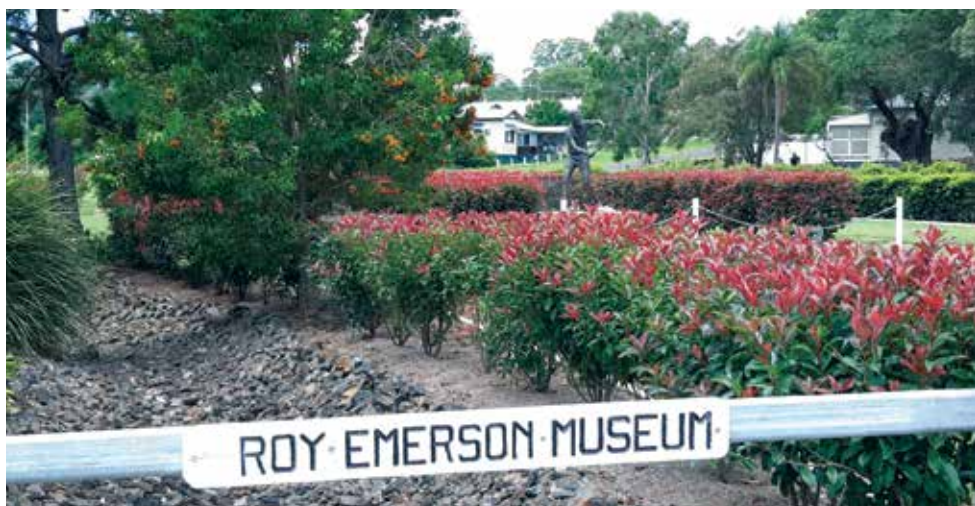






February Midweek Run

report by Allan Tebbutt, photos by Sue and Ray Edwards





Overnight run 26th -27th February by Allan Tebbutt

A fine sunny day greeted all with the first run of the year attracting 17 cars – 7 real MGs -3 New pretend MGs and 7 others. We had a nice leisurely run through Dayboro over Mt Mee to morning tea outside of Woodford

While amazed at how some rain can make the country side so green so quickly. It was then on to lunch at Nanago where, as usual, It was difficult to get everyone moving after lunch and lots of talking but because we were stopping at Wondai for Second hand and antiques plus opposite shops with a Museum thrown in, everyone was at their cars early waiting for me. After another casual drive past a couple of wineries (which only open on weekends) we arrived at Wondai where quite a few purchase were made before everyone made their own way to Kingaroy.

Happy hour was popular as always and was followed by dinner at the RSL.

Some decided to head straight home on Thursday but nine cars continued on to Bunya mountains to be greeted with fine weather and dry roads. There was time for coffee at the cafe then good driving on more scenic roads to get to Blackbutt for lunch, more shopping and a look at the Roy Emerson museum for some and then back to home. All in all a great drive with good weather and good company.

Participants were:

Allan and Joyce Tebbutt	Audi
Errol and Wendy Hoger	MG3
Trevor Mills and Denis Thomas	MG6
Dennis and Diana Kelly	MX5
Lloyd and Karen Thomson	BMW
John and Pat Walker	MGB GT
Brian Purvis and Di Robertson	MGB
Barry Lutwyche	MGB

David and Meryl Miles	MGB G
Jan Burke	MGB
Alex Cairney	MGB
Val Horgan	MX5
Greg and Rhonda Hannant	MG3
Neil and Kate Robson	BMW
Ray and Sue Edwards, Diane Davies	Outlander
John Davidson	MGB GT
Aaron and Vanda Langford	Mazda 3



1970

AUSTRALIAN HILLCLIMB
CHAMPIONSHIPS
AT MT COTTON

As part of the 'build-up' to the 2020 Australian Hillclimb Championships being held at Mt Cotton, I am including some items from 2007. Those included on the following two pages are responses published in the June 2007 Octagon - one is by someone on the organising Committee of that event and the other is from a member of the public and they both make interesting reading.

THE OCTAGON 6. JULY, 1970

1970 AUSTRALIAN HILLCLIMB CHAMPS

Thank God that's over. Our first attempt at holding a championship event has come and gone.

On the day, it was a success, but not before many mistakes had been made during the preparation beforehand. The reason for these mistakes? ----

Not enough people knew enough about what they were doing.

BECAUSE....

Not enough people were doing enough.

We have over 200 members in our club, surely some of them know something about advertising, design, printing costs, etc., etc...

Unfortunately the committee does not have the time to sift through the records of each and every member to find this information. It must be offered on a voluntary basis.

So in future....

Enough complaining. We should be grateful to the many people who did offer their services, and whose help we could not have done without.

On the day we attracted enough paying spectators to cover costs and make a small net profit. It wasn't as much as we had hoped for, but it could have been worse. More important, I believe that most of the crowd would come again.

I shall now hand my pen over to someone who doesn't know whether he's a doctor, racing driver, or poet. Now that I've read his poems and seen his driving, I have assured him that he is, in fact, a doctor.

READERS LETTERS CONT'D.

Dear Sir,

Firstly, let me congratulate your club for the excellent job you did in promoting and running the 1970 Australian Hill Climb Championships. I went in a group of four, and we thoroughly enjoyed the day.

However, as a casual observer, I feel I should make some constructive criticism which, it noted, will not see some spectators leaving from boredom, as I saw happen on June, 14th.

The first two runs through were tremendous and incident free. However, when the cars started to prang, the disorganisation was painfully obvious. The cure?

If a car stops on the track, the tow truck should have it back in the pits within five minutes. No excuse for the delays.

In case of delays such as oil on the track, something to keep the spectators alive. A Public Address system that could be heard would have been more than beneficial.

Finally, at presentation time, men who have risked their necks deserve more than a few words of congratulations.

Don't get me wrong, I'll be back again, as I am sure that the majority will. For a first effort, excellent. Maybe the few rough patches will be smoothed out next time.

Yours sincerely,

A FAN.

Mystery Event from 1970

Whilst hunting through Octagons of 1970 (the first time the Australian Hillclimb Championships had been held at Mt Cotton) I came across the article reproduced below and it intrigued me. Although I was an active member of the Club at the time I have no knowledge nor memory of this intriguing event and nor does the one person on the participant list who is still a current Club

member! If there is someone reading this who can throw light on the event – and who were Snow White and the 7 MGs who apparently were met by a group of Club members in their MGs. What is the reference to Princey??? The questions come thick and fast and I hope someone has some answers for me.

THE OCTAGON 10 JULY, 1970

SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN MG'S

On 3rd May this year, Snow White, Prince Charming, The King, The Wicked Old Witch, and seven dwarves invaded Brisbane.

Rumour has it that they were only looking for an audience, but by the look of Prince Charming they were really looking for a "male" to play the part of Snow White.

However, when they alighted from the plane, they found 10 MGB's waiting to take them for a sprint through the city. We all tried to get Princey but when he saw John Stanley's darling little red MG, he just HAD to ride in it. I notice John sat down all the time.

Your's truly ended up with Miss White but by the end of the day gladly threw her back to the dwarves.

After a visit to the Lion Park (the Prince just loved those big pussies) the rest of the day consisted of a mad thrash back to Brisbane.

I would like to thank the following people who gave up their day for what was undoubtedly a very worthy cause----

BLMC, Will Charlton, David Hall, Steve Austin, John Stanley, Max Greaves, Barry Hardy, Doug Jackson, Bill Gollan, Bruce Collins and John Smith.

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My Wonderful MG TF 1500 Episode 2

by Jan Edwards, member 5073.

We have been in contact with Greg McGirr (Dubbo) who had the car from 2001-2012, reluctantly selling. He said the owner before him was from Whale Beach NSW who had bought the car from Victor Chang.

As yet we have not been able to contact him, but Gregg is still looking for his history. Greg has, meanwhile, sent pictures, reproduced below, one of his daughter going to her wedding in the MG and one of himself with his grandson, obviously now a fan of the MG forever.

His grandson is enjoying the MG as much as our grandson does (with Glen Miller music "In the Mood") We also had photos of photo clippings of this very well known car and driver from Central West's 'Magnificent Wheels', and Western Districts' Antique Auto Club 'Anything Old' day.

We hope to catch up with Greg and perhaps more provenance on his next visit to Cooroy.

Vanessa Chang messaged to say she had found the picture she was looking for, her in front of a red MG car. But it was a

red Range Rover. Still looking! At least Vanessa is still looking when she has time off from the Victor Chang Foundation.

We are putting the ownership history of the car in chart form. The current information is below:



MGTF 1500 OWNERSHIP CHART (229XLA)	
24 March 1954	Built
May 1954	Imported by P & R Williams, NSW distributors arr. June 1954 on the <i>Ramon de Laringa</i>
June 1954	Sold to E Bartlett, 68 Hawkesbury Rd. Westmead, NSW
June 1954 - ?1988	Unknown history so far.
?1988-1990	Dr Victor Chang (sold by Dr Chang) Sydney.
1990-2001	Owner, Whale Beach , NSW
2001-2012	Greg McGirr, Dubbo, NSW
2012-2014	Rod Dean, Orange, NSW
2014-2017	Stuart Smith, Buderim, Qld (imported car from NSW)
2017-	Jan & Rick Edwards, Cooloola Cove, Qld.

MG SICKNESS PART 6

by David Hall

Well the sickness carries on with the purchase of another MGB GT LE currently stripped down and partly restored. We halted this job to refurbish a home that Lyn was renting and the tenants left it in a bad state of repair. I haven't managed to get back to work on it yet.

We also purchased a 2003 MG TF from Sydney that had head gasket problems and had been immobilised for a period of time. On stripping the head off we found the sleeves of the cylinders were corroded due to it sitting with coolant in them for so long. We then decided to do a complete engine rebuild and it is running very sweet now.

We also picked up an MGB Roadster that needed a real tidy up. The main trouble was that the interior was well worn and after a complete trim kit and a lot of rechroming it has turned into a nice club car.

We had an offer of a cheap MGF which was full of sand and dog scratches all over the paint work. The lady used to take her

dogs to the beach every day and this was her beach buggy. I stripped all the inside of the car and cleaned buckets of sand out, scrubbed the seats and carpets and the interior is quite good now. It is currently on the hoist awaiting its new suspension.... and then some paintwork to bring it up to an acceptable level.

Our friends Jim & Raye from our Chapter wanted to sell their MG6. We ended up buying it from them and I must admit it is handy on a Hot Day to have the Air Conditioner and extra comfort. Unlike all the other MGs we own we didn't have to do anything on this baby - just drive it!

However, in the meantime, on the way home from the Tasmanian National Meeting a couple of years ago we stopped into the Shepparton Motor Museum. Sitting there in among all these lovely cars was a 1934 MG PA, Australian assembled in Melbourne Victoria. It stood out as a special car to us both so Lyn enquired if the owner may be interested in selling it. Well before we knew it we had an MGPA to restore. It has been stripped down and paint removed to bare metal. It may have had some race history as a Supercharger came with the car; however, it is not fitted at the moment and is just running the twin SU Carbies. She is a pretty little car with Cambridge Blue Guards and Sequential Cream Body. We are going to leave the original trim that was in it when we purchased it. There are only a few more things to complete before we can get it registered and hope to get it on the road for some of our runs very shortly.

MG SICKNESS PART 6 continued on page 53



PA in Shepparton Museum



PA at home under restoration

CHAPTER Chatter

BUNDABERG CHAPTER

**On Sunday 16th of February
by Dave Cook**

We held our Noggin & natter at Steve & Tracy Gable's house at Moore Park Beach. We did not have a large turnout but the people who attended had a very enjoyable day. Of course many problems were discussed along with news on who is doing what in the near future. People arrived around 12:00pm and left at around 5:00pm. Tracy & Steve provided an excellent facility and food which was supplemented by others who brought some very nice sweets while the chapter provided hamburgers, sausages & bread.



**Bargara Run on 02.02.20
by Dave Cook; photos by Eric Beckman**

On the hottest day of the year we all met at the usual spot in Key St for our second get together for the year. We had a good turnout of nine cars, with Dave coming with the permit and cash tin as he could not attend the run.

A short run along the river took us to the Kirby Wall picnic area for morning coffee (BYO & Chairs).

There was another short drive to Port Marina for an ice cream then on around the water front to Bargara to the Golf club.



The Golf Club really does have million dollar views and reasonably priced casual meals to match. Participants for the day were:-

Robyn & Dave Seaton VW, Ian Brooke MGB, Steve & Tracy Gable MGF, Adrian Titmarsh MX5, Bob & Sue Murray Porsche

Macan, Peter & Val Walkington CRV, Eric & Janelle Beckman MGB, Alan Dansie MGBGT, Clive Pearce MGF Trophy & Our tour leader & organiser Judy O'Donoghue MGB.



CHAPTER Chatter

CAPRICORN CHAPTER

VALE - ROSCO JAMES OF CAPRICORN CHAPTER

by Jim Armstrong and Phil Henry



We learnt on Monday afternoon (Jan 20) that, sadly, our mate Rosco James had passed away after a fairly long illness. Rosco's family had indicated that his funeral was to be very private so, rather than us attending a funeral they asked if we, The Capricorn Chapter of the MGCC of Qld inc, could pay our respects by attending a small wake at his home.

After rallying around and at very short notice, 11 of our members gathered at Kershaw Gardens car park and then travelled to Rosco's home, a short distance away. On our arrival, Rosco's relatives, friends and some neighbours were waiting to witness the little convoy of MGs coming up the street and to welcome us. We were then invited in for some light refreshments. The family was presented with a sympathy

card which was previously signed by those present on behalf of our Chapter.

During the gathering, we learned a few interesting things about Rosco - things that Rosco tended to keep to himself as he was a very quiet and unassuming man. For instance: Rosco's association with the MGCC of Qld goes back as far as the seventies when he was involved with the development of the Hill Climb at Mt Cotton. His name appears in the book "History of the Hill", a book about the Mt Cotton Hill Climb.

Rosco and his mate built an open wheel hill climber and competed in events there in the early days. Another thing about Rosco, he had owned two Datsun 2000 sports when he was younger, they were a very high performance machine in their day.

Rosco had a keen interest in radio controlled air planes and had quite a sizeable collection, some of which were on display.

After what we thought was a respectable time, our members said their goodbyes and paid their respect once again. The family group then gathered around and all came out to watch us go (as did a lot of the neighbours in his street). They were taking videos as we slowly drove past his house.





Farewell Rosco. Rest in Peace old mate, you will be sadly missed.

Those in attendance were; Martin Adamson, Gary Kunst, Tom Coe, Robbie and Gary Galloway, Gurney Clamp, Clare Lynam, Jo Emmert, Neville Funch, Phil Henry, Jim Armstrong.

Mt Archer 1st Run 2020 Report by Jim Armstrong

Well the 40 degree heat didn't deter 18 vehicles and 33 people from taking the trek up Mt Archer for our yearly 1st run get together and Bar-b-Que.. It was a little different from previous years because of the election of a new Coordinator and subsequently a restructure of the Run Advisory Committee with yours truly being elected as Chapter Coordinator,

Clare Lynam, Assistant Coordinator, Jo Emmert as committee member and Phil Henry rejoining the run advisory group as committee member. We (the run committee) are all looking forward to a fun filled year serving the Chapter and its members.

The trip up the mountain claimed a few cars with overheating issues as normal; however, we all made it up there safe and sound looking forward to a really good catch up after the Christmas and New Year break.

All two of the council supplied bar-b-ques were working this year; however, Neville and Barbara Funch, Laurie Chetter and his partner Beth Dunlop and Dave and Anna Tempest, had the foresight to bring their own portable bar-b-ques along as well. This sped up the cooking process somewhat and soon enough we were all tucked into a hearty evening meal.

With the absence of Jo Emmert, who is currently holidaying in Hawaii with her daughter Katie - poor girls - Clare Lynam took over Jo's famous poker run. Today's winners were Ian and Rosemary Carleton who are most likely sitting on their lounge in their air conditioned living room munching on their winnings.

After dinner, most participants simply sat and chatted until the light started to fade. Then some started to dissipate - particularly those who ventured up in their MGs and oh mustn't forget, one bug eyed sprite, a Daimler Dart and a Chevy Corvette.

Those who attended were; Terry Dywer and Anne Burbidge, Rick and Michell Taylor, Bob and Yvonne Holbeck, Gurney Clamp, Phil and Margaret Henry, Gary Kunst, Dave and Anna Tempest, Tom and Janelle Coe, Laurie Chetter and Beth Dunlop, Neville and Barbara Funch, Brian and Glenis Russel, Pat and Stephanie Sullivan, Ian and Rosemary Carleton, John Rowe, Trevor Andersen and Glenys Benson, Martin and Narelle Adamson, Clare and daughter Grace Lynman, Jim and Sandra Armstrong.



**7 February - Friday Feast at Yeppoon.
(our version of a Noggin 'n' Natter)**

The Pacific Hotel was an almost perfect place to have our first 2020 get together on such a hot, balmy evening. The recently renovated outside eating area proved quite cool though, with the huge ceiling fan and a nice cool breeze blowing through the side entrance.

On arrival, our members gathered and partook in cool refreshments before settling in and ordering their evening meals. However the hotel was well patronised and some meals were a bit slow presenting.

It was pleasing to note that members were having an enjoyable time chatting amongst themselves, swapping yarns and in fact staying for some time after eating. Most were in no hurry to leave, all happy and

enjoying each other's company.

Whilst we had a relatively small contingent from the Rockhampton members, those who did attend were Clare and Paul Lynam, Terry Dwyer and Anne Burbidge and Stephanie and Pat Sullivan. Yeppoon members consisted of Jack and Rae Cowie, Ian and Judy Hamilton, Trevor Andersen, Rick and Michelle Taylor, Gary and Julie Kunst, Gurney and Gloria Clamp and Sandra and myself. We also had the pleasure of the presence of Sandra's and my son Lloyd and his two older children James and Elizabeth for a short time.

In all, an excellent evening with good friends and fellow Capricorn Chapter members. Next run is a Sunday run, starting with breakfast at Beaches (Kemp Beach) on 23rd Feb, see you all then, Jim Armstrong, Coordinator. Ph 0417544222.



CHAPTER Chatter

DARLING DOWNS CHAPTER

Wednesday 22nd January – Twilight Run

After a long hot and dry summer, our first run of the year was planned as a twilight event to avoid the heat of the day. The timing was perfect, for ducks at least, as the first heavy rains for some time hit Toowoomba – heavy enough for us to make the choice: cancel the drive and head straight to the pub for dinner. The historic Downs Hotel in Drayton was the venue for our first get together and the food, ale and camaraderie were enjoyed without a complaint about the weather, given how desperate the region has been for rain.



Wednesday 12th February – Lunch Run

What a wonderful start to 2020, finally the Downs has had much needed rain over the last few weeks. Not enough, but certainly substantial, putting lots of smiles on the dials and providing plenty to discuss.

Our first lunch for 2020 was held at Club Glenvale in Toowoomba, due to the inclement weather, and was organised by Marilyn and Phil O'Brien who have once again come up with a diverse range of locations for our lunches throughout the year.

We had a great turn out that included 6 MGs that ventured out. Hopefully, everyone made it home before the heavy rain as we departed on our various ways two hours later, with extra full stomachs and extremely hoarse voices.

It was great to see familiar faces and cars after our a seemingly long Christmas New year break.

Both Brian and Rob have vehicles nearly ready for road use, so all are hoping to see them mobile for our March luncheon at the Warwick Golf Club.



Participants on the lunch run were:
Phil & Marilyn O'Brien (Chrysler 300c)
Gene & Faye Lucas (49 MG TD)
Brian & June Phillips (MGB GT)
Gary Lawrence (Mazda BT50)



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The following abbreviations are used for Chapter names:

CAP = Capricorn; FNQ = Far North Qld; DDC = Darling Downs; WBC = Wide Bay; WHI = Whitsundays BUN = Bundaberg & District

MARCH		
1/03/2020		MGCCQ - Mt Cotton Hillclimb series Rd 1 (CP)
1/03/2020	FNQ	Chapter day run
6/03/2020	CAP	Friday dinner
6/03/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Noggin 'n' Natter and Rocker cover racing
7/03/2020	BUN	Cars Crumbs & Coffee
8/03/2020	BUN	Dooley Park
8/03/2020	MGCCQ	Interclub motorkhana at the Sleeman Centre (CP)
8/03/2020	WHI	Covered in Chrome
11/03/2020	DDC	Lunch Run
20/03/2020	MGCCQ	Noggin'n' natter
22/03/2020	CAP	Crocodilian adventure
25/03/2020	MGCCQ	Midweek run
26/03/2020		GEAR day at Lakeside
27- 29/03/2020		Motorsport Australia Championship Races Rd 1 at Morgan Park (CP)
27- 29/03/2020		Motorsport Australia Championship Races Rd 1 at Morgan Park (CP)
29/03/2020	DDC	Monthly Run
29/03/2020	BUN	Agnes Waters
APRIL		
3/04/2020	MGCCQ	Noggin'n' natter
4/04/2020	BUN	BUN Cars Crumbs & Coffee
4/04/2020	CAP	CAP - Bonfire at the Galloways
5/04/2020	FNQ	FNQ Chapter day run
8/04/2020	DDC	DDC Lunch Run
10/- 14/04/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - National Meeting at Albury/Wodonga
11/04/2020	BUN	BUN Bargara Fish & Chips
12/04/2020	WHI	WHI Covered in Chrome
17/04/2020	MHCCQ	MGCCQ - Noggin 'n' Natter
18 - 19/04/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ
18 - 19/04/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ

19/04/2020	BUN	BUN Arkarra Gardens
19/04/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Motorkhana/khanacross (to be confirmed) (CP)
19/04/2020	CAP	CAP - Byfield run
22/04/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Midweek run organised by Trevor and Joy Jones
26/04/2020	DDC	DDC Monthly Run
26/04/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Sunday run
30/04/2020		GEAR day at Qld Raceway
MAY		
1/05/2020	CAP	CAP - Touch of Thai - Friday night dinner run
1/05/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Noggin 'n' Natter
2/05/2020	BUN	BUN Cars Crumbs & Coffee
2/05/2020	BUN	BUN Mingo Crossing
2/3/05/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Mt Cotton Hillclimb series Rd 3 (CP)
3/05/2020	FNQ	FNQ Chapter day run
9/05/2020	HRCC	HRCC - Autumn races at Morgan Park
10/05/2020	CAP	CAP - Terry's tour
10/05/2020	WHI	WHI Covered in Chrome
13/05/2020	DDC	DDC Lunch Run
15/05/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Noggin 'n' Natter
17/05/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Motorkhana/khanacross (CP)
17/05/2020	CAP	CAP - Ross Creek sizzle
24/05/2020	BUN	BUN Noggin & Natter
24/05/2020	MGCCQ	MacLeans Bridge display at Belmont Rifle Range - date to be confirmed (SP)
27/05/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Midweek run organised by Bruce Bayliss
28/05/2020	BUN	Bundaberg Show
28/05/2020		GEAR day at Lakeside
29-31/05/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Qld Hillclimb Championships
30/05/2020	CAP	CAP - Fun on the farm
31/05/2020	DDC	DDC Monthly Run
JUNE		
5/06/2020	CAP	CAP - Kinky Kinka Ketchup - Friday night dinner
5/06/2020		Motorsport Australia State Championship races Rd 2 at Morgan Park (CP)
5/06/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Noggin 'n' natter
6/06/2020	BUN	BUN Cars Crumbs & Coffee
7/06/2020	FNQ	FNQ Chapter day run
10/06/2020	DDC	DDC Lunch Run
13/06/2020	BUN	BUN Gin Gin Markets

13/06/2020		All British Day - Townsville
13/06/2020	HRCC	HRCC - Noosa Winter Hillclimb
14/06/2020	WHI	WHI Covered in Chrome
19/06/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Noggin 'n' Natter
21/06/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Motorkhana and khanacross (to be confirmed) (CP)
21/06/2020	CAP	CAP - On top of Ol' Smokey
24/06/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Midweek run organised by Errol Hoger
25/06/2020		GEAR day at Qld Raceway
28/06/2020	DDC	DDC Monthly Run
28/06/2020	BUN	BUN Mt Perry
JULY		
3/07/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Noggin 'n' Natter
4/07/2020	BUN	BUN Cars Crumbs & Coffee
5/07/2020	FNQ	FNQ Chapter day run
5/07/2020	CAP	CAP - Pooch and partners
5/07/2020	CAP	CAP - Paws for partners (optional)
8/07/2020	DDC	DDC Lunch Run
11/07/2020	CAP	CAP - Gold Rush Hill
11/07/2020	HRCC	HRCC - Historic Queensland
12/07/2020		RACQ Motorfest - Date to be confirmed (SP)
17/07/2020	CAP	CAP - Sporty Spice
17/07/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Noggin 'n' Natter
19/07/2020	DDC	DDC Monthly Run - Jumpers & Jazz Warwick
19/07/2020	CAP	CAP - The British are coming
22/07/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Midweek run with optional o/n stay in Warwick organised by Neil Taylor
23/07/2020		GEAR day at Lakeside
25/26/07/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Mt Cotton Hillclimb series Rd 4 (CP)
25/26/07/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Mt Cotton Hillclimb series Rd 4 (CP)
26/07/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Motorkhana/Khanacross - to be confirmed (CP)
AUGUST		
1/08/2020	BUN	BUN Cars Crumbs & Coffee
2/08/2020	FNQ	FNQ Chapter day run
2/08/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Geary Sports car concours and Club display at TradeCoast Heritage Park (CP)
2/08/2020	CAP	CAP - Byfield Bash
7/08/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Noggin 'n' Natter
12/08/2020	DDC	DDC Lunch Run
16/08/2020	CAP	CAP - Progressive foodie

21/08/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Noggin 'n' Natter
15/16/08/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Mt Cotton Hillclimb series Rd 5
15/16/08/2021	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Mt Cotton Hillclimb series Rd 6
26/08/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Midweek run organised by Alex Cairney
27/08/2020		GEAR day at Qld Raceway
28/08/2020	MGCCQ	Motorsport Australia State Championship Races Rd 3 at Morgan Park (CP)
30/08/2020	DDC	DDC Monthly Run
30/08/2020		A day in the country
SEPTEMBER		
4/09/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ -Noggin 'n' natter
5/09/2020	BUN	BUN Cars Crumbs & Coffee
5/09/2020	CAP	CAP - Dad's Day Eve run
9/09/2020	DDC	DDC Lunch Run
11-14/9/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ Combined Chapter Meeting in Hervey Bay organised by the Wide Bay Chapter
13/09/2020	FNQ	FNQ Chapter day run
13/09/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Motorkhana/Khanacross - to be confirmed; date may change to 20 Sept
18/09/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Annual General Meeting and Noggin 'n' Natter
20/09/2020	CAP	CAP - Gladstone Gallop
23/09/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Midweek run organised by Barry Lutwyche
24/09/2020		GEAR day at Lakeside
26/09/2020		CAMS (Motorsport Australia) Club Challenge hillclimb at Mt Cotton
27/09/2020	DDC	DDC Monthly Run
OCTOBER		
2/10/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Noggin 'n' Natter
4/10/2020	FNQ	FNQ Chapter day run
4/10/2020	CAP	CAP - Archer to the Caves sprint
11/10/2020	MGCCQ	MG Car Club 90th birthday - details of celebration to come
14/10/2020	DDC	DDC Lunch Run
16/10/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Noggin 'n' Natter
17/10/2020		Australian Motorkhana Championship at the Sleeman Centre (CP)
17/10/2020	CAP	CAP - Gem of a trip
22/10/2020		GEAR day at Qld Raceway
25/10/2020	DDC	DDC Monthly Run
28/10/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Midweek run organises by Denis Thomas
NOVEMBER		
1/11/2020	FNQ	FNQ Chapter day run
5-8/11/2020	MGCCQ	MGCCQ - Australian Hillclimb Championships at Mt Cotton

Owen Douglas (MGB)
Rob Frazer (D Max Isuzu)
Kevin Wruck (D Max Isuzu)
Greg & Beth Newey (MGB GT)
Glen Hadfield (HSV Ute)
Cheryl Francis (MG GS)

Sunday 23rd February – Monthly Run

It's been a slow start to the year in terms of getting the cars out for a decent run, with the (welcome) weather playing havoc, but Sunday was near perfect – cool enough and only a little drizzle.

Kingfisher Café in the Springs Garden complex was the location to kick off the day, with 22 members arriving for breakfast. Welcome to Kevin and Ann Wruck on their first run. Although the outdoor terrace is very pleasant, this was an indoors meal because of the threat of rain.

After a good catch up over the large breakfast, we headed off on a run south of Toowoomba to see how the recent rains had transformed the valleys and rolling hills of the area from a barren and brown outlook just weeks previous, to the almost luminous greens and black soils of the area. The smaller villages of Wyreema, Nobby,

Greenmount and Clifton saw our convoy which added even more colour to their surrounds.

There was some light rain as we ventured into the lower lands on our way west to Pittsworth. What was obvious were the areas where recent flooding had cut off the roads, but no trouble for us today, despite the drizzle. Surprising was the fact that the combination of cool, wet weather and a few miles still didn't see any participants taking advantage of a quick toilet break at Clifton.

Centenary Park in the middle of Pittsworth is the ideal location for morning tea, with a large shelter from the rain (or sun), surrounded by the well managed rose gardens. The local press noticed our entry to town, which meant photos and commentary for the paper.

Afterwards, all made their way home following an enjoyable morning out.

Participants were Glen and Bev Hadfield, Ron and Judy Gillis, Gaye Hawkshaw and friend Debbie, Helen Goodfellow and Del Jensen, Ian and Jenny Roberts, Brian and June Phillips, Michael and Marilyn Keating, Rob Fraser, Kevin Wruck, Andrew and Susan Willesden, Phil and Marilyn O'Brien and Cheryl Francis.



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CHAPTER Chatter

FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND

Sunday 2 February 2020 Ellis Beach to Mossman Run

Participants – John and Cherie purple Ford ute, Tony red TD, Leon red Midget, Graham and Pauline burgundy Daimler, Dave and Val white MGB, Alan and Eileen burgundy MGF, Ken Spain blue MGB Kim and Fiona black MX5, Brendon and June white MGB, John and Helen yellow MGB, Bob and Patty white Hilux, Ken and Irene blue MGB, Harvey and Kay green TD, Tony and Yanti black Porsche.

Sunday run (first for FNQ's year), with the starting point being Smithfield in the park and then moving on to morning tea at Ellis Beach. Excellent turnout of numbers today for our little North Qld Chapter.

Weather was steamy today, not unusual for the tropics at this time of year, but gladly the rain held off and some chose to enjoy the

sunshine with the lids off. Coffees and teas drunk overlooking the beach at Ellis, bit of cake for some and late breaky for others, then we were on our way.

Following the coast line, overlooking the beautiful expanse of the Pacific Ocean, so sparkling and blue we made our way up past Port Douglas on to the little township of Mossman. Original plan was lunch in the main street at the Exchange Hotel; however it was still being renovated, and had a few days left until reopening, so, unfazed, we headed down the street and ended up swamping the Mossman Bowls Club instead with nice food, air-conditioning, and time for a catch up chat. See sign, lucky our Club colours aren't considered in the banned groups, haha. All in all a great start to 2020.

Photos taken at the Smithfield meeting point, Ellis Beach and the Mossman Bowls Club.





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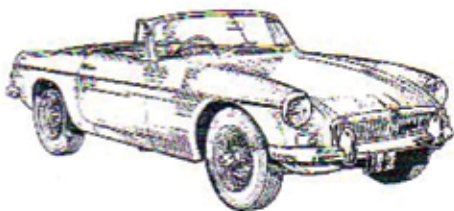
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P.S. No photos (oops forgot to take some), but on 12 January we had wonderful attendance for our New Year get together, meeting at the Hepburn's place - back deck overlooking Graham's impressive vehicle sheds, with hoist and all types of paraphernalia collected over the years. Great opportunity to discuss and make a decent list of ideas for potential trips/adventures for the year ahead, as well as receiving some appreciated volunteers offering to assist helping run the Chapter a bit more. Thanks goes to all for bringing a plate to share and to Graham and Pauline for holding the gathering at their residence.

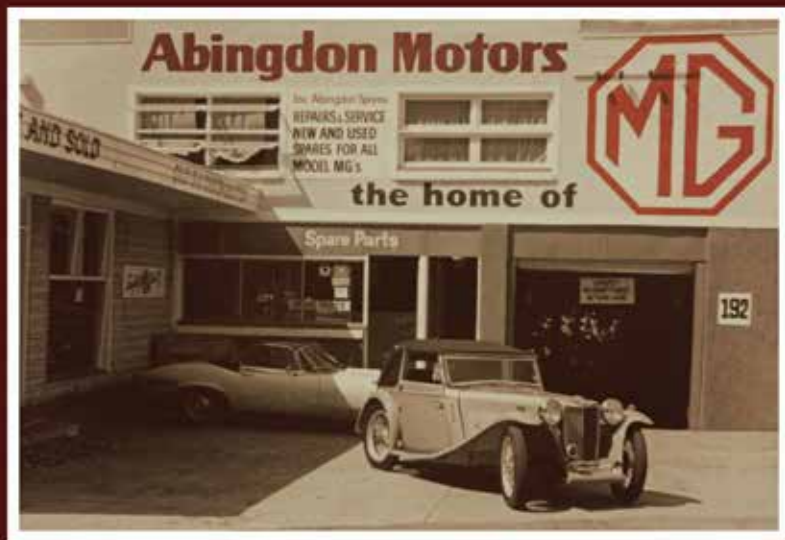




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CHAPTER Chatter

WIDE BAY CHAPTER

by David Hall and Lyn Hayward with the help of roving reporter, Loraine Wilson.

Wednesday 15th January 2020

The Wide Bay Chapter had its first run for the year to River Heads.

A keen group of members assembled at the Information Centre at Hervey Bay all ready and willing to do it all over again in 2020.

MGs and their proud owners were everywhere - 13 in total, the most MGs seen on a Wide Bay run for quite some time. We also had the little Bug Eyed Sprite, a Porsche, a BMW and a Morris Minor Woody as well as a couple of moderns. There were 28 Members in total and it was great to welcome new member Roger Park and his MGB roadster and also two Guests - Stuart & Dawn Stephenson - looking to join our club and buy their first MG. Now that's a good sign for the future.

It would be remiss of me if I did not mention Darrel Martin's completed restoration of



his Magnificent MGB Roadster. It is white with red leather trim, wood grain dash, along with reversing camera, GPS and Entertainment system. But how about this? A total conversion of the rear brakes to disc brakes!! I think we need to get Darrell to give a write up to the Octagon Magazine on how this conversion was completed to such a very high standard and also about other conversions he has done on his MGB roadster to bring it into the 21st Century.

After all the greetings and telling of tales of the Christmas and New Year break was over a group photo was taken and we headed for the road through the Countryside of Hervey Bay area arriving at the River Heads Cafe for a lovely morning tea.

Great company, great food and coffee and, to top it off, the best view in town looking over the entrance to the Great Mary River! Let's do it all again on Australia Day!

Saturday January 26th is always a special day for the Wide Bay Chapter of the MG Car Club of Qld as this is the day we celebrate our birthday, with this year marking 15 years since it all began.

Around 30 members joined in the for the occasion. We started at Hervey Bay and then travelled to Maryborough where we joined a few members and then had a



short drive onto Teddington Weir Picnic Ground where we all enjoyed morning tea and, although we had a bit of rain, it didn't dampen our spirits one little bit.

It was lovely to see Shaun and Dinie's beautiful new British Racing Green MGB and we hope to see it on many more occasions.

A lovely welcome speech was made by long term member Bob Mortimer and he told us all a bit about the history of the club. After that, he did the honour of cutting into our beautiful birthday cake which was supplied by John & Cheryl Nash. A big thank you guys.

We then packed up for a leisurely drive back through Maryborough and onto Burrum Heads Hotel where we enjoyed a great lunch and of course a refreshing ale or two. A great day was had by all and as always, a big thank you to David & Lyn for organising the day.

By our roving reporter
Loraine Wilson



Wednesday 5th February

A few members assembled at our RV1 with most having their day cars. We had a lot of rain overnight with more forecast and no one wanted to take their beautiful baby out in the rain.

We travelled to Maryborough to meet up with a few more members at Wharf 71 Cafe. Twenty-one members enjoyed great coffee and the 'to die for' scones with jam and cream - definitely not on weight watchers list of preferred foods.

It absolutely poured with rain while we were there, making the decision to leave our classics at home the right one. The rain also brought out the resident Water Dragons.

It gave us more time to catch up with each other and also talk about our next venture which will be trip on the Mary River Rattler on February 16th. A great morning had by all.





and some fabulous cheese and wine tasting. Always good to try local produce. So much better than shop bought.

Then we made our way back to Gympie station where we all enjoyed a fantastic roast dinner buffet. There was beef, pork or chicken all served with beautifully cooked roast veges, a salad and bread roll.

Sunday 16th February

Thirty four members drove down to Gympie to have a ride on The Mary River Rattler. It is a heritage railway line that conducted steam train trips and tours from Gympie through the Mary Valley in the Gympie region. It is now one of the region's biggest tourist attractions and is managed by a not-for-profit organisation.

Even though it was an exceptionally hot and humid day, we all enjoyed ourselves immensely and it great to see a part of Queensland's history and we learnt a lot along the way from our fabulous volunteer guide.

We took our day cars as no one wanted to leave their classic cars sitting in a car park in the heat all day long - except for Lewis and Carol who took their Classic 1976 Porsche 911S for its first club run and what a magnificent sight it made.

Friday the 28th February saw 18 members enjoying our monthly Noggin'n' Natter - not as many as we usually have, so a bit disappointing. But, in saying that, we all had a great evening enjoying the sausages and salad. Afterwards there was dessert to be savoured. A big thank you to all the ladies for bringing salads and desserts. It was all fabulous.

We boarded the beautiful old train at 10.00 am for a leisurely ride through beautiful countryside to our destination, Amamoor. We alighted from the train so the engine could be turned around ready for our trip back. We had 45 mins in the little town where we enjoyed morning tea and a few market stalls. Heading back, we then stopped at Dagon for approx. 40 mins. Here the was some great live music by the locals

David welcomed us all and thanked us for coming and he then went on to talk to us about our plans for the rest of the year and said he would send through the prospective dates and places which he did later that night. He also brought us up to date on the plans for the Combined meeting in September. The plans for that are coming along nicely.



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WHITSUNDAYS CHAPTER

12th January 2020

“Covered in Chrome” Mackay Harbour followed by social gathering Eimeo Pacific Hotel by Richard Collier & Roger Green.

A new year has ticked over, resolutions have been made and, no doubt, some already broken or, at the very least, tarnished. Attendee numbers for the first “Covered in Chrome” in 2020 were outstanding, estimated to be in excess of 150 cars and bikes, some cars on display not previously showed. Parking bays were at a premium, resulting in cars being spread over a large area. Some needed a “cut lunch” namely yours truly in order to park and join the main group. On the day, humid hot conditions presented themselves, somewhat offset by a breeze from the south and the forecast for hotter conditions developing throughout the day.

Seven cars participated in “Covered in Chrome”: attendees included Jim & Lorna Forest (MG F); John & Sue Evetts (MG B GT); Col & Fay Robinson (MG Y); Roger & Lesley Green (MG Rover RV8); Rod Pacey & Noel Funk (Porsche 911); Bruce Ramsden (MGB) and Richard Collier (MGA MKII) with apologies from three. Bob

Evetts also provided support on the day, his car (orange MG B roadster) is currently in Melbourne for use during family holiday. Given the well dispersed parking and the limited communication over the festive season break, the group consensus was for participants to disperse around 08.30 hrs and make their own travel arrangements to meet at the Eimeo Pacific Hotel at 10.00hrs for brunch and/or morning tea.

The Eimeo Pacific Hotel which is steeped in local history is located approximately 10km from the City of Mackay, perched on a small rocky outcrop which offers stunning Pacific Ocean views. After some deliberations, an extended table was chosen on the patio which would accommodate the group of 10 attendees. Cold and hot drinks and “weight enhancing deserts” were ordered by attendees. Not long after settling down to some serious festive season communication, John & Sue Evetts’ son Chris overflew the hotel complex in his light plane, acknowledging the group by dipping his wings during the fly pass. The table service was quick, and the food was very well received. After a couple of hours of “natter and chatter” including proposed activities for February post “Covered in Chrome”, it was proposed and accepted



View from the patio at Eimeo Pacific Hotel.



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by the group that a plan be developed to accommodate a fun run to “The Old Station Tea House” on the Cape Hillsborough access road, 40km north of Mackay. This activity will provide an opportunity for Northern Region Whitsunday Chapter group to participate in a group get together. A monthly southern region group dinner is also scheduled for the fourth Friday of the month at North Mackay Bowls Club which is in accordance with our stated Chapter Deliverables.

9th February 2020

Participate in “Covered in Chrome” Mackay Harbour and social run to Old Station Tea House, Cape Hillsborough, report by Richard Collier.

“Covered in Chrome” was well underway when we arrived at the Mackay Harbour. The hot humid conditions so early in the morning made for unpleasant conditions, with very little breeze to assist in cooling. The heat was on in more ways than one. Yours truly started the day by leaving home without a hat and as I would soon discover matters would continue to “go south before heading north.” Roger & Lesley Green (MG Rover V8) were unable to join us on the day as Roger fell off a ladder whilst pruning banana trees at home, the net result being an extended stay in hospital. Chapter members wish Roger a speedy recovery. Six cars participated in “Covered in Chrome”, attendees included Jim & Lorna Forest (MG F); John & Sue Evetts (MGBGT); Chris Evetts (Toyota Supra);



The old station teahouse deck

Col & Fay Robinson (MG Magnette); Ian & Eileen Hall (Cobra) and Richard Collier (MGA MKII).

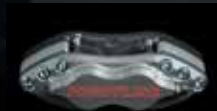
The driving instructions for the social run nominated a group departure from the Greenfields Mount Pleasant carpark of 0915hrs. Upon returning home to get a hat prior to going on the social run, damning evidence on the garage floor implied that the MGA had a leaking right rear brake. The Mitsubishi Swift was quickly drafted into action as the MGTF was not available due to planned maintenance. The journey north along the Bruce Highway was uneventful, with the MGBGT setting the pace. With plenty of shade trees available, upon arrival cars were parked, we were met by our host and provided with an introductory welcome and shown to our reserved table on “the deck.” The Old Station Tea House is steeped in local history. Located approximately 40km north of Mackay, it is a turn of the century railway station building that was relocated from its original home (Marian) into a rainforest setting along with rambling gardens close to the popular Cape Hillsborough National Park. The table service was quick, and the food (scones, jam and cream) was well received, with a drink focus on milkshakes along with the tea and coffee. The group settled down



The old station teahouse

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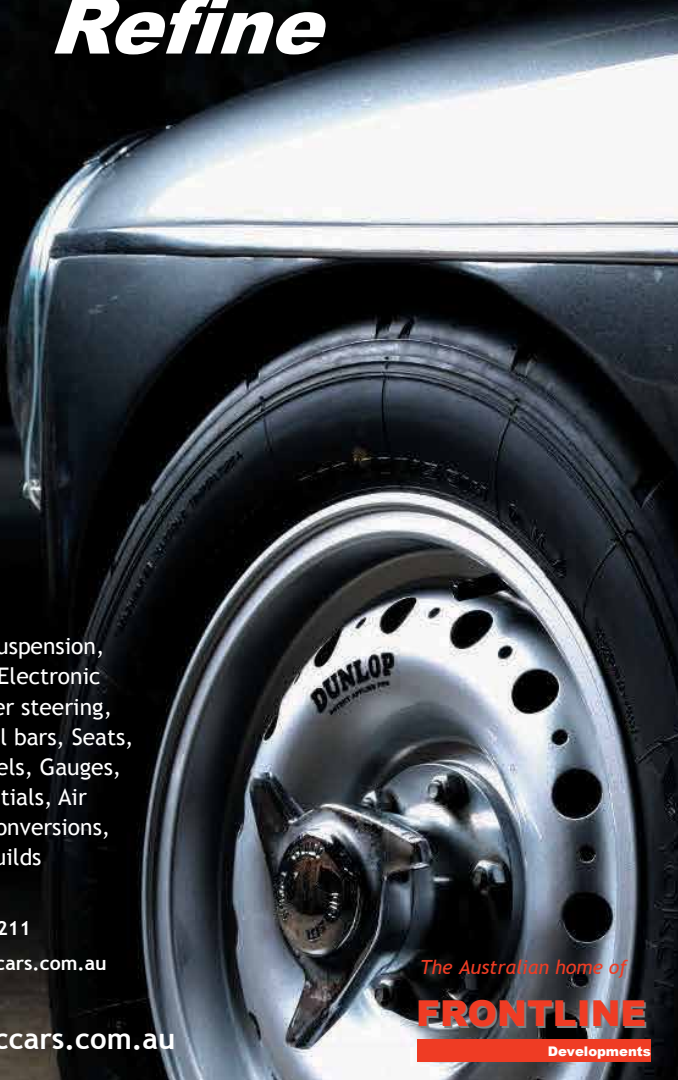
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to serious discussions ranging from world events to general aviation. After “solving” some of the world issues, the group dispersed with some taking the opportunity to explore local beaches while others headed for home, but not before confirming that the next scheduled group outing will be our bi-monthly dinner on Friday 28 February 2020, details to be forwarded under separate cover.

8th February 2020

Participation in Natter and Chatter and dinner at North Mackay Bowls Club

One of the deliverables from the recent ‘Whitsunday Chapter Re-set’ was the scheduling of bi-monthly Chapter dinner outings, February being the first for 2020. Attendees were responsible for their own travel arrangements to and from the venue. Table reservations were in place with a ‘meet and greet’ at 1800 hours.

Following heavy rains and ongoing humidity, it was good to enjoy the cooler surroundings

offered by the venue. Pre-dinner time provided and opportunity to rekindle acquaintanceships and for some to lubricate their throats (partner lost toss, designated driver. Roger and Leslie Green (MG Rover V8) were able to join us on the night following Roger’s recent hospitalisation after his fall off a ladder (see previous report). Other attendees included Bob Evetts (MGB), Jim and Lorna Forest (MGF), John and Sue Evetts (Toyota Supra), Ian and Eileen Hall (Cobra) and Richard and Lynn Collier (MG TF). Meal orders were placed and upon delivery to the table clearly provided a challenge for many due to the portion size. After meeting the challenge of dinner, the group settled down to serious discussions ranging from future Chapter outings to world events. An enjoyable dinner was had by all, excellent food, beverage and an atmosphere which encouraged interaction and building on relationships ensured a successful group outing.

The next formal Chapter dinner is scheduled for Friday 24 April 2020, details will be circulated once arrangements confirmed.

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TF at Brooklyn House, Howard



One of the ‘new’ MGFs under restoration



MGB known as ‘Bessy’ under restoration



‘Bessy’ MG on the road again at Gatakers Bay

THE TWO PASSIONS OF OUR VERY ACTIVE YOUNG MOTOR SPORT OFFICIAL AS TOLD BY HER



Leigh on a starting line at each of her passions - one at Mt Cotton and the other at the starting line for a trek at Kosciusko – each of them full day undertakings.

Some know her as LEIGH EVANS while others like to call her MINI MOUSE!

Here is an update on the activities of our very active young motor sport Official – Leigh aka Mini Mouse – Evans who is most often found expending a lot of energy ‘manning’ the start line at Mt Cotton.

As many people would know my main hobby is motorsport officiating but a lot of you may not know that when I’m not at work or at a race track you can find me in the great outdoors hiking and bushwalking. A few years ago I participated in a fundraising group trek in California USA where we each hiked 100km through Yosemite National Park and raised \$250,000 for Dementia research.

When I travel to motorsport events interstate I always try to include a hike or two into my travels. Recently I drove to Bathurst for the 12hr Intercontinental GT race and on the way I hiked The Pyramid in Girraween National Park. I have stopped to go into into Bald Rock on a previous occasion and have hiked many of the longer tracks within the Blue Mountains as well.

In April this year I will be undertaking my most challenging trek to date. From April 21

I will be hiking the Owen Stanley Range in Papua New Guinea and taking on the 96km Kokoda Track.

My grandfather (Dad’s father) served in Papua New Guinea in the 1940s. When he was living at Manly he signed up as a militia soldier. Militia soldiers were never meant to serve overseas. They were to assist with local military operations. But up until 1975, PNG had Australian administration so when he was called up for service he ultimately had to go. He served at Milne Bay and some of the stories he had told us about his time there were just terrible.

Each ANZAC Day I am up to attend my local Dawn Service. I feel that this is my way to say thank you to those that have fought and returned and for those we have lost not only in PNG but across the world across all generations.

My training has involved a daily 6km run and hiking on weekends, when I’m not volunteering at motorsport of course. On Christmas Day I hiked Mt Warning and New Years Day I walked to the top of Mt Coolum and a few days later Mt Cooroora. Each weekend you can find me somewhere in

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Targa Great Barrier Reef 2019

By Trevor and Joy Jones

This was a wonderful adventure we experienced when we ventured to Cairns to participate in the 2019 Event. As our son, Russell, lives in Cairns we thought it a good advantage for Father and Son to participate in Targa Great Barrier Reef.

The event was very well run as we believe all Targa Events are. Based at the Convention Centre with 252 cars participating and parking under the building, the drivers, co drivers (navigators) and support staff mingled at every occasion possible. Memories of previous Targas throughout Australia were relived.

We were entrants in the "Touring" Section, with the "Shannons Insurance Group". This had been organized by Phil Ross of Shannons with Phil leading his group in his Porsche.

The fanfare connected with the event had Cairns businesses and locals showing tremendous interest. The start with photo shoot and interviews was through the entrance of the Casino.

Our 1965 Ford Mustang carried the Team No S22. From when the Flag was dropped after the exit from the Casino, the fun began.

If any of our readers have visited the Cairns area you will understand that the winding, mountainous, narrow roads can get the adrenaline going. First Day, Green Hill via Gillies Range, Atherton, Little Musgrave, Lake Morris to Copperlode - total distance of 218.47 km. Second Day we clocked up 288.78 km from Springmount, via Mareeba, Upper Baron, North Johnstone to Yungaburra. Such a fun course as this consisted of 5 courses. The following day, Fathers' Day, was a little different. Joy was only to be a backup navigator if desperately needed for an emergency. Well Phil Ross decided that Trevor should be his navigator for the day in the Porsche and that Joy would be navigator for son Russell in the Mustang. Luckily Russell knows the Kuranda Range, the first stage, very well. Joy hung on and soon learnt what a Targa is really about - certainly not going for a leisurely drive up the mountain. The next stage was then very serious navigation for Joy and Phil was pleased with his navigator, Trevor, for the day. Day three consisted of the Kuranda Range to Malanda, great run. Then from Moregatta, via Millaa Millaa to Ravenshoe for the Lunch Stop. It was announced at Lunch that two accidents had occurred on the ground we had just covered so therefore the "reverse" downhill trip was then cancelled. No one was hurt but one of the...decided that it was better to try to go across a one lane bridge sideways as it was more fun. The other racer decided that



Son Russell and Dad Russell



The start at the casino in Cairns.

an electric pole to some farm was not really needed for the farmer. Not a happy girlie was Joy as she was just getting into the hang of being a navigator.

On the Saturday night, all the cars were on display on the Esplanade of the Cairns foreshore. The interest by the Cairns folks in viewing and talking and sharing time with drivers and crew was special. The restaurants did a roaring trade. The media reports of the night classed it as a big success.

The social agenda was well catered for. The Welcome dinner at the Casino was special, music was great, lunches, breakfasts,



Our group lined up behind Phil Ross in the Porche.

and company, volunteers, scrutineers, controllers, time keepers did a mammoth job and of course the numbers of spectators cheering the cars along the journey was wonderful. In Cairns, the spectators were there at the beginning and end of every day.

It was so interesting to watch the REAL competitors. They, of course, take Targa very seriously. The winners in the Dodge Viper were deserving winners of the three day event.

And Yes we would love to do it again. Maybe this year. What you can do today should never be put off till tomorrow.



Phil Ross's Porche at the start.

The Two Passions of Our Very Active Young Motor Sport Official as Told by Her

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the outdoors hiking a minimum of 10km a day. The recommended training schedule for a trek of this type is around 12 weeks; however, I started earlier.

I am participating in this trek as a personal challenge for myself. I suffered a back injury in July 2019 and it has been a tough road to where I am today both physically and emotionally. I am not 100% in either aspect; however, I feel I have prepared enough and I am extremely excited to be on my way and to get start already. I leave Monday 20 April after round 2 of the Mt Cotton Hillclimb series. I am dedicated to both passions.

To follow my travels we are known as Anzac trek 2 and the tour company I booked with has social media accounts they will update when they can as there is no internet or phone service on the track. They can be found by searching for: 100percentkokoda on Facebook and Instagram.

If you wish to know about everything that goes into organising and preparing for this undertaking go to <http://www.1hundredpercentkokoda.com/>

Competition Corner



Because of a fault in the printing of the January Octagon where all hillclimb trophy winners for 2019 were listed but not all

names were legible, that list is being repeated here with all that information now clearly visible.



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2019 Mount Cotton Hillclimb Series

MG Car Club of Qld. Inc

Awards for the 2019 series

Outright

1st	Geoffrey Cohen
2nd	Greg Tebble
3rd	Phillip Dalton

Best Racing Car

Geoffrey Cohen

Best Sedan

Phillip Dalton

Russell Crew Memorial Trophy for the Best MG

Bruce Jackson

Class Awards

All Wheel Drive Forced Induction	Sebastian Black
Circuit Excel	Mark Pryor
Clubman Sports Cars - up to 2000cc	Brian Pettit
Formula Libre up to 1300cc	James Milliner
Formula Libre 1301cc & over	Warwick Hutchinson
Group K	Barry Smith
Group Q - sports	Geoffrey Cohen
Group R - Racing	Greg Tebble
Group S	Bruce Jackson
Group V	David Dumolo
Improved Production up to 1600cc	David Smith
Improved Production 1601 to 2000cc	David Sidery

	Improved Production 2001cc & over		Kenneth Graham
	Modified Production Sedan Cars - up to 2000cc		Noel Dore
	Modified Production Sedan Cars - 2001cc & over		Brendan Merrick
	Production Sports Cars - up to 1600cc		Ian Finglas
	Production Sports Cars - 1601 to 2000cc		Rod Thomas
	Production Sports Cars - 2001cc & over		Michael Larymore
	Regularity	1st	Lindsay Derriman
		2nd	Robert Martin
		3rd	Shaun Rankin
	Road Registered Sedan Cars - 1601 to 2000cc		Richard Marken
	Road Registered Sedan Cars - 2000cc & over		Matthew McGrath
	Sports 1300		James Heymer
	Sports Cars Open 2001cc and over		Jeffrey Graham
	Sports Cars Closed 2001cc and over		Stephen Torpey
	Sports Sedans up to 2000cc		Ross Mackay
	Sports Sedans 2001cc & over		Robert Souter
	Superkarts		Stephen Edwards
Encouragement Awards			
	Kay Hawley award for Ladies		Jo Reinke
	MGCCQ award for Males		Andrei Shinkarenko
	MGCCQ Best Young Driver Award		Jeremy Mattea



The first three placegetters at the 2007 AHC at Mt Cotton. Who was the winner and how many AHCs did he win before his retirement? Yes, Peter Gumley is the answer and he won 10.

RECIPIENTS OF 2019 SPEED CERTIFICATES

Hillclimbers who break Club and/or Open records throughout the year are presented

with certificates acknowledging those achievements. Below is a list of the 2019 Speed Certificate winners who were eligible to receive their certificates at the annual dinner and presentation of trophies.

MG Car Club of Qld. Inc				
2019 Mt Cotton Hillclimb Record Breakers				
Closed Meeting Formula Libre - 1301cc & over				
	Dean Tighe	Dallara-Judd 4.0	36.69 sec	23/06/2019
Series Excel				
	Mark Pryor	Hyundai Excel X3	51.00 sec	21/07/2019
Group O – Sports				
	Geoff Cohen	Bulant Mk 7L	47.25 sec	23/03/2019
	Geoff Cohen	Bulant Mk 7L	46.41 sec	07/09/2019
Sports Sedans – Up to 2000cc				
	Ross Mackay	Ford Escort Mk 1	44.41 sec	01/12/2019
MG's – 2001cc & over				
	Barry Evans	MG B GT V8	47.59 sec	24/03/2019
Open Meetings				
	Barry Evans	MG B GT V8	48.19 sec	02/06/2019

COME AND TRY/TEST AND TUNE

After a postponement due to bad weather, the Come and Try/Test and Tune day was held on 15 Feb and attracted quite a diverse range of cars; eight of them showing the diversity of the cars participating are pictured here thanks to the photography of Mark Pryor.

ROUND 1 OF THE MT COTTON HILLCLIMB SERIES

Because the timing of the Hillclimb event and the closing date for contributions to the Octagon were so close together, the report of this event has missed the deadline for this Octagon but will be featured in the May Octagon.



CARRIC/Tighe Cams Hillclimb Series Round 1

From the rain which occurred in February Mount Cotton looked a picture with the grass areas between the loops very green. The usual number of Formula Libre cars was down on previous events as some vehicles are still being prepared for the year with the Australian Hillclimb Championships scheduled for Mount Cotton in November. Dean Amos had hoped to compete in the Gould GR55B; however, once out of the trailer, it would not start the cause being the internal battery in the electronic computer unit. Unbeknownst to Dean the battery has a 5 year life and has to be returned to Nicholson McLaren for them to renew and test. The only bright side is the problem did not occur at any championship meeting.

REGULARITY

This class was a close contest between Lindsay Derriman (Toyota Camry) and Shaun Rankin (MGBGT) with only one point separating them after their final attempts. Shaun had not lost a point until his fourth run (minus 4 point), fifth run (less 6 points) and three on his final attempt for a total of 13 points whilst Lindsay was minus 5 by run four, down 8 on his next run and minus a total of 12 on his final climb. David Jackson was next in his Toyota Paseo with a total loss of 54 points then Phillip Bryan (Holden Torana, minus a total of 57 points) and Chrystellee Semple in her MGF TF with a total of 118 points.

HISTORIC

Class wins went to Glen Wesener (Holden Torana LJ GTR XU1, Group N Touring Cars, 50.21 seconds), Geoff Cohen (Bulant Clubman Mk7L, 46.96) from Alan Telfer (Lotus Seven, 57.58 seconds) in Group Q Sports Cars, Greg Tebble (Van Diemen FF2000, 42.73 seconds, Group R, Racing Cars) and in Group S Production Sports Cars) Bruce Jackson did a best run of 53.51 seconds in his MGBGT. This event is the first time in living memory Barry Smith did not run. The

problem was a leaking front brake wheel cylinder which, although found early, the unit had been repaired only to again leak. A new one was installed but, with the vehicle on the trailer, the car was ready to go until the new unit was found to be leaking.

SEDAN

Don Milner took the Road Registered Sedan Cars (1601 to 2000 engine capacity) in his Triumph Dolomite Sprint with a 51.30 best time from Christopher Balhatchet (Renault Clio, 51.90) with Jeff Watson (Honda Civic Type R, 52.13) being just 0.23 seconds separating them and Shawn Sheather recording a 52.94 time in his Peugeot 206 GTi. The larger capacity class went to Derek Holstein (BMW Cooper S turbo) in 49.89 seconds from Matthew McGrath (Ford Fiesta turbo) with a best run of 52.80 seconds.

Mark Pryor was the fastest in the Circuit Excel X3 class with a 51.99 time with David Evans (53.13) and Jeremy Mattea with a 58.41 run. David recorded his personal best run times with 53.56 and 53.13 seconds.

The All Wheel Drive Forced Induction class went to Sebastian Black (Subaru WRX turbo, 49.81) from Roger Williams (Subaru Impreza turbo, 52.56) and Cassie McQuilken (Subaru WRX turbo) having her first drive to record a 53.46 seconds time.

David Smith won the Improved Production up to 1600 cc engine capacity class in his Honda Civic with a best run of 49.94 seconds. David recorded a number of times in the 50 second bracket (50.48, 50.65, 50.92, 50.35, 50.11, 50.81, 50.85, 50.94) with his best on his fourth run on Saturday afternoon. The 1601 to 2000 cc was won by Dave Sidery on the final climb (VW Beetle, 49.35) from Sean Wade (Nissan Pulsar, 49.49), Greg Cameron (Hyundai Excel, 51.96), Derek Grant (Proton Satria GTi, 56.62) and Steffi Stehr in her Holden Barina with a best run of 58.69 seconds. Dave was the front runner on the first climb with a 50.72 second time to Sean's 51.79 before these positions changed to Sean's advantage with a 50.38 run. Run three to run six

had Dave (49.63) ahead of Sean (49.75) before Sean's seventh run of 49.49 seconds. The positions remained until the final run when Dave recorded his best of 49.35 to Sean's 49.49 seconds. Derek recorded times in the 58 to 56 seconds bracket (57.81, 58.59 and 57.25 on the Saturday runs with 56.62, 57.28, 57.09, and 56.95 during Sunday). Steffi recorded 60.27 and 60.09 on Saturday with her best on Sunday being 59.64, 58.69, 58.97, 59.39, and 59.16 second runs. The over 2 litre engine class went to Ken Graham (Datsun 1600 SSS, 46.74) from Pauline Graham (Datsun 1600 SSS, 47.04) with Terry Scharf recording a best run of 52.50 seconds in his Nissan Skyline turbo.

Karl Reinke was fastest in the Modified Production Sedan Cars up to 2000 cc in the Hyundai Excel with a best run of 57.07 seconds with Jo Reinke (Hyundai Excel, 60.01) and Richard Marken (Peugeot 307 CC, 60.32 seconds). Phillip Dalton (Honda Civic turbo) took the 2001 cc and over class with a best run of 48.43 seconds ahead of Nick Stavropoulos (Honda Civic turbo, 50.02), Brendan Merrick (Datsun 120Y turbo, 50.49) and Aaron Langford (Hyundai Accent turbo) with a best run of 54.07 seconds.

Ross Mackay won the under 2 litre Sports Sedans class who ran only once for the round. A very quick run in his Ford Escort Mk 1 for a 44.59 time some 0.18 outside his class record before attending his best friend's daughter's wedding that weekend. Gavin Taylor ran his Volkswagen Golf for a 45.46 time from Tyson Cowie (Ford Escort Mk2, 46.52), Jason Martell (Ford Escort Mk2, 50.80) with Robin Manning (Morris Mini) improving his times from a 57.90 on Saturday to 54.75 seconds after the Sunday runs. Both Gavin and Tyson had competed at the 2019 Australian Hillclimb Championships at Bathurst mountain straight course with Gavin being under the existing class record in 5 of his 6 runs to finish second in

class to Ross Mackay. Tyson finished sixth in class at the Championships.

Scott Anable in the Eurotune BMW 325i turbo was fastest in the 2001 cc and over class with a best run of 45.74 seconds from David Malone (Holden Torana GTR XU1, 46.52) Glenn Anable (Eurotune BMW 2002 turbo, 46.98) and Robert Souter (Datsun Sunny turbo, 47.09).

FORMULA CARS

Superkarts class was won by Luke Weiks in his Honda Arrow Super Kart in 46.46 seconds from Stephen Edwards (Silverline 125 Shifter, 48.67 seconds).

Rick Miles ran his Kookaburra FF91 Formula Ford to claim the class in 49.24 seconds however not before some repairs were required. Word is that a couple of the magnets inside the electronic distributor came loose and with the use of some superglue those elusive magnets were held in place for the runs on Sunday.

Formula Libre up to 1300 cc class went to Jay Matsen in his Empire 001 from David Quelch (Honda DPQ03) then Jeff Daniels (Nu Tec Formula Libre, 48.40) and Doug Daniels (Nu Tec Formula Libre, recording a 79.31 time which certainly pointed to some mechanical issue and retirement from the round. Jay Matsen (Empire 001) best time of Saturday was 43.34 following on Sunday with 43.04, 42.72, 42.84, 42.36, 42.54 and a 42.05 to take the class. David Quelch competed in his new design and home built (Honda DPQ03) recording a first run at 44.74 then 43.45 on Saturday with 43.57, 42.30, 42.98 and 42.54 during Sunday runs. Jay Matsen having his third meeting in the ex Chris Johns Empire recorded his best time to date for in previous rounds Jay recorded a 45.54 time (his first event in October 2019) and 42.55 seconds in the December 2019 round.

Fastest time for the round and class win in the 1301 cc and over went to Warwick Hutchinson in his OMS 28 RPV03 turbo

with a 38.51 where all but his first run were sub 40 second times with Brett Bull (Van Diemen RF03K turbo) recording a best run of 39.02 seconds. Brett's final three runs on Sunday were 39.52, 39.82 and 39.02 seconds.

SPORTS CARS

Clubman Sports Cars up to 2 litres went to Brian Pettit (Arrow Clubman) in a best run of 45.41 with Ainsley Fitzgerald in his Arrow Clubman recording a 47.26 time.

The Sports 1300 class went to Jim Heymer (Farrel L, 47.37) who completed only one run due to carburetor problems.

Jeffrey Graham took his Mazda MX5 Supercharged to the class win in the Sports Cars (Open) with a 49.31 run. Cameron Hurman was quickest in the Sports Cars (Closed) class in his Mazda RX7 turbo with a 50.43 time from Andrei Shinkarenko in the new to Mount Cotton Saker SV1(57.62) and Paul van Wijk (Saker SV1, 58.94).

Production Sports Cars up to 2 litres was won by Philip Rowen with a best run of 49.72 seconds in his Mazda MX5. At Saturday evening Rod Thomas was next with a time of 50.04 (Mazda MX5), from Greg King (Toyota MR2, 50.94), Peter Andrews (MGF TF, 53.04) and Chris Lake (Toyota 86, 58.43). On Sunday Darren Brett joined the class in his Mazda MX5 to record a 51.82 to be in fourth place on run 5 for the weekend, then 50.62 (third place on run 6), and finally 49.83 for second placing on run 9. Rod Thomas lowered his Saturday time to a 50.02 to finish from Greg King (50.94), Peter Andrews (52.69) and Chris Lake (58.43 seconds). Michael Larymore (Toyota MR2, 44.40) won the over 2 litre class from Dean Amos, able to substitute the family Lotus 2 Eleven for the Gould, with a best run of 44.95 and father Glen Amos (Lotus 2 Eleven) in 48.99 seconds.

TOP SIX SHOOTOUT

At Saturday evening the top 15 times were

Warwick Hutchinson (38.79), Brett Bull (40.16), Greg Tebble (43.14), Jay Matsen (43.34), David Quelch (43.45), Michael Larymore (44.40), Ross Mackay (44.59), Brian Pettit (45.71), Scott Anable (45.97), Gavin Taylor (46.11), Luke Weiks (46.46), Dean Amos (46.52), Tyson Cowie (46.52), David Malone (46.52) and Ken Graham (46.79). Top fifteen times at the completion of all runs for the weekend were Warwick Hutchinson (38.51), Brett Bull (39.02), Jay Matsen (42.05), David Quelch (42.30), Greg Tebble (42.73), Michael Larymore (44.40), Ross Mackay (44.59), Dean Amos (44.95), Brian Pettit (45.41), Gavin Taylor (45.46), Scott Anable (45.74), Luke Weiks (46.46), Tyson Cowie (46.52), David Malone (46.52) and Ken Graham (46.74).

TOP SIX SHOOTOUT

Michael Larymore (45.47), David Quelch (45.08), Greg Tebble (43.01), Jay Matsen (42.10), Brett Bull (39.14) and Warwick Hutchinson (38.82).

Best MG: Peter Andrews MGF TF 52.69
Fastest Time of Day: Warwick Hutchinson
Most improved: Cassie McQuiken



Pictured (above) are Warwick Hutchinson and (below) Brett Bull who took out first and second places in both the outright positions and also in the Top Six Shootout (Photos by Peter Buchanan).

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