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# October Midweek Run

**February 25**

By Jan Burke

The first Wednesday run for 2026 started from a freshly mown Samford Conservation Park at Ferny Hills with 43 participants in 26 vehicles signing on, 19 of those vehicles being MGs of various models.

The weather was fine and the morning tea area was comfortable. Most members arrived between 9:30AM and 10:00AM and moved quickly into "catchup chatter" mode after the three months break since the last midweek run in November 2025.

Prior to departure Meryl Miles called the troops to order and announced that Mark Lacy had won the raffle conducted on Australia Day. Run Coordinator Jeff Heslewood then provided information relating to accommodation availability for the overnight runs in July and November.

After a quick brief on the run sheet, Barry welcomed new members Aidan Davey

and Rosie Gilbert. Brad Hart and Meryl and David then left for home. Three other participants advised that they were unable to complete the full run and would meet us at the lunch venue at Jolly's Lookout.

Then we were finally on our way with MGs leading the push.

The route took us to Samford Village then through numerous rural backblocks of Samford Valley, Draper, Cashmere and Joyner to Whiteside via the eastern side of Lake Samsonvale. Then onto Dayboro now with the opportunity to put the accelerator pedal to the metal on that stretch of road.

A short rest stop was taken just south of Dayboro then onto Mount Samson and soon after onto the steep gradient of Clear Mountain Road which provided magnificent views back over to Lake Samsonvale and also to the distant skyscrapers of Brisbane city to the south.

A shortcut onto the Mailman's Track at



Draper then took us down to more rural backblocks at Camp Mountain and Wights Mountain before turning onto the Mount Glorious Road for the ascent up to Mount Nebo Road and arriving at Jolly's Lookout for lunch where we were met by those participants who had departed the start point to do a shorter version of the run.

Thank you everyone for your wonderful company and especially the kind comments after the run.

**PARTICIPANTS:** Barry Lutwyche - Red MGB, Terry Jones - White MGTC, Jan Burke - Red MGB, Michael Salt & John - White MGB, Kay Hawley & Michael Garratty - Red MX5, Neil & Margaret Taylor - White RAV4, David & Meryl Miles - Green Subaru, Allan & Joyce Tebbutt - Blue MGB, Lloyd & Karen Thomson - Red MGB, Jeff Heslewood - Grey Hyundai, Greg & Rhonda Hannant - Red MG5 Brad Hart Cream - MGTD, Trevor Jones & Robyn Jenvey - Green Alfa Romeo, Paul & Virginia Young - Blue MGBGT, Don Webster Blue MGTD, Aidan Davey - Green RV8, Neil & Jenny Summerson - Green MGB, Charlie Provis - Red MGBGT, Barry & Julie Evans - Red MGB, Rosie Gilbert - Yellow MGB, Mark Lacy & Sharon Hill - Primrose MGB, Neil & Kate Robson - Black BMW, Val & Kerry Horgan - Red Mazda, Bill & Cathy Turly, , John Davidson - Blue MGBGT, John & Pat Walker - Red MGA, Greg Jorgensen - Red MGA.



# Chapter Chatter

## WIDE BAY CHAPTER

### January 23

It was decided at a meeting held towards the end of last year that we would organise to have a coffee run to River Heads Cafe once a month in 2026.

We had about 20 starters meeting at the Cafe with the best Coffee in River Heads and a magnificent view looking out over the mouth of the Susan and Mary Rivers where the waters flow into the Great Sandy Strait.

Everyone enjoyed the get together as they all had a great time out for the first outing for the year and the venue was exceptional.

We will continue to have these coffee runs at the River Heads Cafe on the last Wednesday of the month for the next few months to see how the attendances go and if viable will continue on for the whole year.

### February 11

Mid week Run to the Miners Arms Torbanlea via a morning tea stop at Burrum Heads in the shade and the lovely breeze with good company and chit chat.

The run was originally planned to go to the Grand Hotel Howard but unfortunately a young person that worked at the Howard Hotel died in a car accident and the Hotel was closed for the day out of respect and for the funeral.

At the start we had 29 starters of the day but unfortunately 27 finishers as the MGTF of Julie and Barry refused to start, so after a push start it was taken home for a little loving care and some first aid.

The convoy consisted of 18 MG's of various models, from my MGBGT to the TF and models in between. Amongst the non MG's there was a lovely Jaguar, a couple of lovely Mercedes Coupes, a very quick Sprite, Toyota 86, MX5 and a Pajero.

After morning tea we had a short drive from Burrum Heads to Torbanlea where lunch was served (which was very good BTW despite the service being a touch slow due to having a Chef shortage but the staff were very obliging).

Well, That's all folks .. onwards and upwards as they say... until next time



# Chapter Chatter

## CAPRICORN CHAPTER

By Phil Henry

Photos by Phil Henry

One of these days, spring and summer will return, heralding fewer impediments to trouble-free monthly runs. Simultaneously, your humble correspondent will not need to mention the weather.

Suffice to say, February produced an onslaught of (mainly inaccurate) forecasts for rain, storms, plague, pestilence and who know what else. Based on these wildly misleading reports, an executive decision was taken to delete the two preliminary stops and instruct those who had signed up for the run to just head direct to the Byfield Store.

Future important changes to run details will be signposted with "UPDATE" or similar. For reasons at which you are free to guess. In the end 11 fearless souls braved the quite delightful sun as they traversed the Byfield road. That's a bit of poetic licence,

there was some mist that a good road speed would have handled easily. Not so for Jo, Paul and Clare who encountered more challenging conditions in Rocky and turned back.

As always, the Byfield Store delivered coffees, sanggers, burgers and so on without delay and all participants were extremely happy with their choices.

In Gary Whight's absence Paul Davey handled the lucky number draw, but with so few participants failed to fill the card, which has jackpotted.

In all, a short but successful run, we all look forward to March.

**PARTICIPANTS:** Jim & Sandy Armstrong - Praaaado, John & Gail Newton - Some utilitarian vehicle, Ewen & Meredith Sutherland - BMW Z3, Brian & Glenis Russell - MGB, Paul & Joanne Davey - MGB, Phil Henry - MGTF (late model).



# Chapter Chatter

## DARLING DOWNS

**October 25**

By Peter & Jenny Wild

Our outing commenced at Peacehaven Park in Highfields. After introductions and a welcome to some newcomers and visitors, the convoy of 14 cars headed off through Highfields.

At the junction with the New England Highway, we headed north, travelling via Cabarlah, Geham and Hampton to Peachey where we turned left. Despite the dry landscapes, the country vistas were beautiful, and drivers enjoyed the long hills and the sweeping bends of the roads to Goombungee, where the main street was lined with flowering Jacaranda trees.

From there we made our way along more

country roads towards Oakey.

Our first stop was at the very pleasant outdoor area at the Oakey Army Flying Museum. Following refreshments, we were given a very informative tour of the museum by curator Scott Downs. Scott has a wealth of knowledge about the various aircraft on display as well as Australian military history.

After the museum tour, it was a short drive into Oakey for lunch at the RSL club.

**PARTICIPANTS:** Gene & Faye Lucas, Gaye Hawkshaw & Debbie Schier, Michael & Marilyn Keating, Brian & June Phillips, Peter & Jenny Wild, Geoff & Wendy Messer, Ray Formosa, Andrew & Susan Willesden, Clint & Vivienne Wilson, Jim Carstens, Mal & Barb Campbell, Rob and Narelle Fraser, Pat Bermingham & Graham, Ian & Jenny Roberts.



## November 30

By Pat Bermingham with Gene Lucas's assistance

After quite a stormy week in the lead up, our Sunday morning arrived with clear skies and full sunshine. As this was our last Sunday run for 2025, and weather being excellent, we were impressed with the arrival of 13 participating cars.

6 MGBs, 2 MGB GTs, 1 MG A, 1 MG TC and 3 family cars arrived at Ernest Peak Park in Drayton to take on the morning tea and lunch run.

After chatting and distribution of run sheets, we headed off in a westerly direction from Toowoomba, driving through Wellcamp and into the country, passing by Toowoomba Wellcamp Airport, and on to Biddeston, Evanslea, Norwin, and finally arriving at Mt. Tyson for a leisurely BYO morning tea in the town's park. The shade-covered playground proved the popular spot for setting up chairs

and chatting throughout morning tea. Although there had been several storms earlier in the week, any roadworks we came across were fine to negotiate and there was no water over roads.

After plenty of time having morning tea and checking any issues that might have arisen with our cars, we then headed off for a short drive to Pittsworth, where we were booked in to the Pittsworth Hotel Motel for lunch. All 24 participants on the run enjoyed a satisfying lunch and refreshments, before individual cars then headed home.

**PARTICIPANTS:** Pat Bermingham & Graham Glover, Michael & Marilyn Keating, Helen Goodfellow & Dell, Bill & Del Fischer, Gaye Hawkshaw & Debbie Schier, Owen & Kay Douglas, Rob & Narelle Fraser, Jim Carstens, Alan & Deb Maskell, Janis & Kieran Lawrence, Andrew & Susan Willesden, John & Bernadette McPhail and Trevor Martin.





# Chapter Chatter

## WHITSUNDAY CHAPTER

by Paul Octrin

### August 7

August events started with a mid-week run on the 7th, commencing at the Good Guys car Park then following along the Pioneer River continuing on the Northern side along the Devereux Ck road and then turning back onto the Pioneer Valley road into Mirani.

This mid-week run was a small gathering only consisting of 2 cars and 3 members plus a partner. Morning Tea was obtained from the local Kookaburra's store and consumed in the shade of the large mango trees in the park across the road.

August 10th, being the second Sunday of the month saw quite a large gathering of likeminded enthusiasts at the Mackay Marina for the local Covered in Chrome event, followed by our chapter short run to Lamberts Beach Seabreeze Tavern for morning Tea. A smaller gathering attended by 4 cars and members.

Eungella Chalet Lunch August 24th. Departure the good Guys 9.30, leisurely drive along the Pioneer river on the northern side crossing at Pleystowe. Further onto Mirani where a pitstop was taken and coffee enjoyed in the shade under the trees in the park.

Further up the Pioneer Valley through the small villages of Garget, Pinnacle, Finch Hatton and Netherdale before starting the steep winding climb up to the top of the Eungella Range. Once again, a delightful meal at the Challet and what a view down the valley. Our Hosts are also very accommodating and allowing the cars down on the grassed area below near the old hand gliding launch ramp.

Our Bi-monthly dinner was held on the

29th August at the Railway Hotel Marian and was well attended. An excellent meal was enjoyed by all, but as usual the conversation and enjoyable company made the evening.

### September 14

Septembers Covered in Chrome event held on the 14th was greatly different to Augusts gathering and only a small number braved the not so perfect weather. Although the passing showers were somewhat of a deterrent coffee and conversation, inspecting other vehicles all made for an enjoyable outing.

After we reconvened at the Good Guys car park for a short run to The Botanical Gardens, Lagoons Cafe for Brunch / Morning tea. A total of 11 members were seated at a veranda table, and numerous conversations had with the sound of the passing showers falling on the tin roof.

### September 28

28th September was a reshuffle as our booked destination had closed down, so a previously planned cancelled run was reinstated.

A 9.30 departure from the Good Guys took us north on the Highway, turning onto the ring road back onto the Bruce at Bakers creek and then navigating the traffic south where we then turned onto the Hay Point road. With time plentiful until our lunch booking, we continued into Hay Point where we knew there was a coffee van situated at the start of the break wall. We were greeted by friendly staff who served an excellent coffee that we enjoyed under the shade of the trees from the adjoining park.

The coffee van staff were excited to see the line-up of MG's (and other) at their van and were keen for photos. 10 out of 10 for their hospitality.

Departing Hay Point we ventured back to the Alligator Creek store and turned onto the Grasstree beach road then after meandering through both cattle and cane paddocks turning onto Sarina Beach road.

With 7 cars and 12 people arriving at the Palms Restaurant at the Sarina Beach Motel we were greeted by the most welcoming of staff and seated at our table under an open veranda overlooking the beach across the road.

An excellent array of meals was on offer which we all enjoyed. Although there was a singer as entertainment, we could still partake in conversation but also enjoy the great music she performed.

Well done to the Palms restaurant , and we are so glad we reinstated this previously cancelled run.







# Social & Motorsport Calendar

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

| <b>MARCH</b> |  |
|--------------|--|
| 1 Sunday     | State Championship Races round 1 Queensland Raceway  |
| 4 Wednesday  | Working bee at hillclimb   |
| 5 Thursday   | Qatar Airways Australian Grand Prix with V/8 round 2   |
| 6 Friday     | MGCC Noggin N Natter at clubrooms / Qatar Airways Australian Grand Prix with V/8 round 2         |
| 7 Saturday   | Qatar Airways Australian Grand Prix with V/8 races round 2                                       |
| 8 Sunday     | Qatar Airways Australian Grand Prix with V/8 races round 2                                       |
| 11 Wednesday | Working bee at hillclimb   |
| 18 Wednesday | Working bee at hillclimb   |
| 20 Friday    | MGCC Noggin N Natter at clubrooms  |
| 21 Saturday  | Mount Cotton Hillclimb 2   |
| 22 Sunday    | Mount Cotton Hillclimb 2   |
| 25 Wednesday | Working bee at hillclimb / Mid Week Run  |
| 27 Friday    | State Championship Races 2 Morgan Park   |
| 28 Saturday  | State Championship Races 2 Morgan Park   |
| 29 Sunday    | State Championship Races 2 Morgan Park   |
| <b>APRIL</b> |  |
| 1 Wednesday  | Working bee at hillclimb   |
| 3 Friday     | Bathurst 6 Hour / MGCC Noggin N Natter at clubrooms To Be Confirmed                              |
| 5 Sunday     | Bathurst 6 Hour  |
| 6 Monday     | Bathurst 6 Hour  |
| 8 Wednesday  | Working bee at hillclimb   |
| 15 Wednesday | Working bee at hillclimb   |
| 17 Friday    | MGCC Noggin N Natter at clubrooms / Australian Rally Championship Round 1 at Gympie              |
| 18 Saturday  | Australian Rally Championship Round 1 at Gympie  |
| 19 Sunday    | Australian Rally Championship Round 1 at Gympie / possible ComeNTray with TestNTune Mount Cotton |
| 22 Wednesday | Working bee at hillclimb / Mid Week Run  |
| 27 Monday    | MG National Meeting Hahndorf   |
| 28 Tuesday   | MG National Meeting Hahndorf Concours at Wrigley Park  |
| 29 Wednesday | MG National Meeting Hahndorf Motorkhana at The Bend  |
| 30 Thursday  | MG National Meeting Hahndorf Sprints at The Bend   |
| <b>MAY</b>   |  |

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| 1 Friday     | MG National Meeting Hahndorf / MGCC Noggin N Natter at clubrooms |
| 6 Wednesday  | Working bee at hillclimb   |
| 8 Friday     | HRCC Spring Classic Races at Morgan Park                         |
| 9 Saturday   | HRCC Spring Classic Races at Morgan Park                         |
| 10 Sunday    | HRCC Spring Classic Races at Morgan Park                         |
| 13 Wednesday | working bee at hillclimb   |
| 15 Friday    | MGCC Noggin N Natter at clubrooms                                |
| 16 Saturday  | Redlands Coast AdventureFest Hillclimb round 3                   |
| 17 Sunday    | Redlands Coast AdventureFest Mount Cotton Hillclimb round 3      |
| 20 Wednesday | working bee at hillclimb   |
| 22 Friday    | State Championship Races 3 Morgan Park                           |
| 23 Saturday  | State Championship Races 3 Morgan Park                           |
| 24 Sunday    | State Championship Races 3 Morgan Park                           |
| 27 Wednesday | working bee at hillclimb / Mid Week Run                          |
| 30 Saturday  | Queensland Hillclimb Championship Mount Cotton                   |
| 31 Sunday    | Queensland Hillclimb Championship Mount Cotton                   |
| <b>JUNE</b>  |  |
| 3 Wednesday  | working bee at hillclimb   |
| 5 Friday     | MGCC Noggin N Natter at clubrooms                                |
| 6 Saturday   |  |
| 7 Sunday     | NSW State Hillclimb  |

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# 2026 MG NATIONAL MEETING – HAHNDORF



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Hello again and we're really getting to the pointy end now! At the time of writing this (early February) there were 240 registrations . . . a reminder that registrations will close when we reach our cap of 300 so if you haven't yet entered, please get onto it! Note: there will be a Waiting List, in case of later cancellations.

Full details of the National Meeting are on the dedicated event website, [2026mgnationalmeeting.com.au](http://2026mgnationalmeeting.com.au)



If you want to go straight to the registration form, the link is [Registration Form: 2026 MG National Meeting Hahndorf](#)

Something different for Regalia this year: be prepared for the cool autumn nights with the MG National Meeting Hahndorf 2026 Beanie. Check out the full range of Regalia at [MG Car Club of SA | National Meet 2026](#)

A reminder of the program:

- Monday April 27 – Registration; Noggin'n'Natter/Rocker Cover Racing
- Tuesday April 28 – Concours at the historic Oakbank Racecourse
- Tuesday April 28 - Theme Night Dinner: **Magical EveninG**
- Wednesday April 29 – Sprint; Discovery Run
- Thursday April 30 – Motorkhana; Kimber Run; Presentation Dinner
- Friday May 1 – Farewell Breakfast.

A new feature at the **Magical EveninG** on Tuesday will be an auction – details to come later.

We'd like to acknowledge our event sponsors: Shannons Motor Insurance; The German Arms Hotel Hahndorf; Karkoo Nursery; Lofty Radio 88.9. Lofty is a local community radio station and they will be giving pre-publicity to the Concours and broadcasting live from that event on the Tuesday morning.

A note/reminder to all Clubs who want to enter the magazine competition. Your hard copies and/or e-bulletins **MUST** be with the SA Club President, Stephen Marlow, no later than 5pm on Friday March 13<sup>th</sup>. I will then deliver them all to

our judge and she will complete judging by April 10<sup>th</sup>. Any entry received after March 13<sup>th</sup> will not be judged.



There are two other events, one either side of the National Meeting, which are proving popular.

These are a Collingrove Hillclimb on April 26<sup>th</sup>, details at [www.sportingcarclub.com.au](http://www.sportingcarclub.com.au) and the Peter

Hall 6 Hour Teams Regularity on May 3rd at Mallala, details [www.msccasa.com](http://www.msccasa.com)

Of course, there's also plenty to do in and around Hahndorf and if you're still looking for ideas, go to <https://southaustralia.com/destinations/adelaide-hills> which will give you plenty of ideas of the local attractions.

Any general enquiries about the National Meeting should be made to Tim Edmonds at

[Chairman2026natmeet@outlook.com](mailto:Chairman2026natmeet@outlook.com)

See you at Hahndorf.

# Competition Corner

## Mount Cotton February Hillclimb

First event for the year saw competitors eager to try the new smoother surface. Drivers using some caution to find any differences from the previous conditions.

After the first runs on Saturday the quickest twelve times set were by Ross Mackay (40.54), Steve Woodbridge (40.88), Warwick Hutchinson (42.13), Jim Milliner (42.75), Greg Tebble (43.20), Paul Van Wijk (44.00), Matt Read (44.25), Ian Rennick (44.28), Michael Larymore (44.36 and quickest sports car), Cody Collins (fastest Sedan, 44.54), Mick Harders (45.04), David Quelch (45.34 seconds time).

### REGULARITY

From the times set on Sunday the Regularity class went to Robert Martin (Daihatsu Handi) with a loss of 7 points from Chris Lake (Toyota 86) down 9 points, Shaun Rankin (BMW Z4, 29 points), Stephen Callaghan (MGB, 33 points) and Lindsay Berriman (Toyota Starlet, 59 points). For the earlier runs Chris would be ahead by 1 point then equal with Robert then ahead by 2 points until their final climb when Robert claimed the class by those 2 points.

### HISTORIC

Ross Rundle ran his Reynard FF82 for a best run of 49.61 seconds. A little slower this meeting as the gearing was more suited to a local circuit than the hill.

### SPORTS CARS

Class wins to Ian Power in the Production class up to 2000 ccs with a time of 56.01 in his Mazda MX5, and Jim Heymer (Farrel L sports powered by a Suzuki twin cam engine) with run of 47.11 for the SuperSports/1300 class.

Ainsley Fitzgerald won the clubman class in a time of 48.51 in his Arrow Clubman ahead of Jon Young (Caterham Super 7, 51.19). The Sports Car over 2000 ccs went to Simon Rhodes with a best run of 48.73 followed by

Jeff Graham (55.58) and Andrei Shinkarenko in his Saker SV1 with only 1 run at 66.00 seconds.

Jeff usually seen in his Mazda MX5 ran his Nissan 370Z this meeting. Simon's BMW is powered by a Chev LS2 with a 6 speed sequential gearbox, BMW M5 rear suspension and big brakes.

Michael Larymore set a new class record of 43.85 seconds for the Production Sports cars over 2000 ccs in his Toyota MR2 turbo. This lowered the previous record of 43.87 set by Mark Crewspan set during the April 2015 meeting.

Next in class was Greg Turnham (Porsche 914-6, 45.45) with Dave Roberts recording a 50.11 time in his MGB. Greg advised he brought the Porsche home in a box trailer some 6 years ago. After a few years Greg commenced reworking the car with the original 4 cylinder 2.4 litre engine replaced by a 6 cylinder 3.6 litre unit plus some modifications to the standard suspension.

### SEDAN TYPE CARS

Class wins in the Improved Production classes went to Rob Souter (Up to 1600 ccs) with a run of 55.32 in his Toyota Corolla, Ian Dagleich (Volkswagen Beetle, 66.74) in the 1601 to 2000 ccs class and Waco Hamlin recording a 48.12 time in his Honda Civic to take the 2001 cc and over.

Daryll Searle won the Modified Production Sedan up to 2000 ccs class with a 59.38 run in his Suzuki Swift whilst the over 2001 ccs class went to Brandan Merrick (Datsun 120Y turbo, 48.13) with Michael Bradtke (Audi TT, 49.24) and James Herold (Mitsubishi Lancer, 53.27). Brendan found his normal tyres he used on Sunday were better than the road tyres he tried on Saturday.

Cody Collins won the All Wheel Drive Forced Induction class with a best run of 43.92

seconds from Scott Adlet recording a 50.60 in his Volkswagen Tiguan. Cody is driving the Subaru which father Michael campaigned so successfully about 15 years prior. The Subaru is powered by a Subaru Tribeca engine now at a 3.0 litre capacity.

Road Registered up to 2000 ccs class went to Harry Doling in his Subaru BRZ with a 48.75 with Warren Amos (Toyota Corolla, 55.17) and Lily Schofield recording a best on the new surface of 58.96 in her Toyota Celica.

Harry had won his class at 2025 Australian Hillclimb Championship at the Bend and followed this with a class win at the 31 Bends to Barrington in North Tasmania.

This is a 2.8 kilometre climb promoted by the North West Car Club.

Hannah Youd was quickest in the Over 2001 cc class with a 48.39 time in her Honda Civic Type R turbo from Chris Balhatchet (Renault Megane turbo, 49.45), Ray Balhatchet (Nissan Skyline turbo, 52.71) with Barrie Hurst in his Ford Falcon utility only on the Saturday with a 59.80 time. Hannah drove the Honda Civic in her first competition event at Mt Cotton.

Tyson Cowie won the Sports Sedans up to 2000 ccs in his Ford Escort with a 47.95 followed by Robert Souter (Datsun 1200, 50.54), Jason Martell (Ford Escort, 51.62) with Robin Manning recording a best run of 54.76 in his Mini Clubman.

The larger engine capacity class went to Jae Collins (Nissan 180SX, 48.35) with a 0.32 second gap to Michael Bird (BMW E36 M3, 48.67), David Malone (Holden Torana GTR XU1, 49.78), 0.30 of a second gap to Stephen Natoli (Volkswagen Beetle, 50.08) and Brian Melbourne (Ford Escort, 59.10).

Brian competes in an ex rally car owned by Anthony Tanza from Central Queensland where the Escort was used in 37 rallies in 18 months.

## FORMULA CARS

Mick Harder won the SuperKart class with a 44.86 time driving the Esprei KZ Kart and

Natalie Fossey with a best run of 55.27 in the Arrow Kart. Natalie's time improved throughout the weekend with her technical adviser adjusting the engine acceleration tune during the weekend.

The Formula car up to 1300 ccs went to Ross Mackay with a best run of 39.64 seconds in his Macspec 024 followed by Jim Milliner (OMS 2000 M, 41.94), Connor Tebble (Speads RM 11, 42.16), Ian Rennick (Eliminator LC 600 powered by a Yamaha 600 cc engine, 42.71), Greg Tebble (Speads RM 11, 43.20), Paul Van Wijk (OMS Hornet, 43.42), Matt Read (running the Readster MTR 1 on old tyres for a 43.46), Ed McCane (OMS CF04, 43.98), Camm Morris (La Base Crosskart powered by a Suzuki GXR 750, 45.20), Michael Ciccotelli (Gladiator LC 500 powered by a Suzuki 750 cc engine, 45.32), Luke Weiks (Empire 1, 46.98) with Darren Rath (DPQ 02, 47.68).

Luke's weekend ended with a right rear suspension failure when powering up the second loop. Fortunately only mechanical damage.

Steve Woodbridge was the faster on the Formula cars over 1301 ccs to 2000 ccs class in his Dallara F394 Hayabusa with a 40.68 time then David Quelch in his Homebuilt DPQ 03 in a time of 43.96 seconds. Unfortunately Steve's Sunday ended with a gearbox issue.

Dean Amos recorded the Fastest Time of Day to win the over 2000 ccs class in his Gould GR55B. Dean's times were 37.74 ad 38.02 seconds. Warwick Hutchinson recorded his best on the day of 39.39 seconds which included some oversteer over the finish line.

Unfortunately the rain arrived which encouraged most drivers to place their cars on their trailers. Therefore the Tip Six Shootout was not run.

Next hillclimb event is scheduled for 21 and 2 March.



# MG CAR CLUB OF QUEENSLAND INC.

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The MG Car Club of Queensland Inc was formed in November 1954 by a group of owners and enthusiasts of MG motor cars.

The Club has always prospered under the magical influence of the MG name. The Queensland club occupies clubrooms at 8/16 Collinsvale St, Rocklea.

The club's committee organise many types of competitive and social events, including hillclimbs, navigation runs, sprints, race meetings, and motorkhanas which give you a chance to develop your driving skills without harm to either yourself or the car. A large range of perpetual trophies are sought after each year. They cover every type of event that the club engages in, and the winners receive replica trophies which are presented at the club's annual presentation night.



The Mount Cotton Hillclimb, where events are held frequently, is a thrilling bitumen sealed course about 30 kilometres from Brisbane and is owned and organised by the MG Car Club of Queensland Inc. Probably the best part of being a member of the MG Car Club is the friendly and informal atmosphere which prevails. It is not essential to own an MG, owners of all makes of car may join as well as their friends.

The committee and members of the club invite you to join - we know you'll be pleased that you did.



Hillclimbs



Concours



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