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IDEAL ARTICLE SIZE

1500 words and three good quality photos which equates to about 3 pages in The Octagon when we use a reasonable font size for legibility. Technical stories might be shorter and touring stories might be longer of course, the above is simply a guide to restrain overzealous authors.

PHOTOS ARE ALWAYS BETTER THAN WORDS

A good quality photo is always better than 1000 words. You may not be the world's best writer, but your photos might just capture the event perfectly!

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Vern & Elaine Hamilton MEMORIAL SERVICE

As many of you know, Vern Hamilton passed away in October 2025. Now, one year on, Elaine Hamilton has also passed.

Vern and Elaine's family have invited the club to participate in their memorial service.

Date: Sunday November 1st
Time: 2pm
Location: Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron – Flags' Room
Address: 578 Royal Esplanade, Manly
Parking: Parking onsite
Access: Lift access available

The memorial service will begin by celebrating and honouring Elaine's rich life and interests, hence the location by the bay. Elaine loved the Wynnum-Manly waterfront, so water views and bay breezes are fitting for her farewell.

The service will follow a book theme throughout, and the family asks guests to think ahead and prepare some book titles to contribute to Elaine's Life Bookshelves.

These titles can be serious, funny, general, or rather obscure in-jokes. You will also be invited to include your name/initials/pseudonym as the author.

When the family farewelled Vern last October, they were restricted in space, choosing a venue that ensured Elaine could be present.

The family acknowledges that many of Vern's friends would have liked the opportunity to honour and farewell him. So, this service will culminate in a celebration of Team Hamilton, and the family will invite guests to say some words about Elaine, Vern or their powerful joint force as Team Hamilton.

Vern and Elaine's family are happy for you to come in your classic cars, and even make a day-run of it, if you wish. All are welcome.

Please RSVP by Sun Oct 25 to 0479 193 297 or heatherjoyhamilton@gmail.com

3-day Christmas in July Run

July 22-24
Destination – Evans Head NSW

What a great turnout for the Christmas in July 3 Day Run to Evans Head – 13 cars turned up at the meeting point – Peak Crossing Park at 9am.

After a morning tea natter we set off at 10am travelling via Boonah and then onto Rathdowney where Denis Thomas, Vicki Kocsis, Mike and Yvonne Wade were waiting to join the run. Everyone was looking forward to travel on the Lions Road – what magnificent country side and a challenging road.

To think the Lions Road was initially built as an unsealed track by volunteer labour in 1971 by the Lions Clubs from Beaudesert and Kyogle – Google the story, it's well worth a read.

We reached the top of the range about 11.45 for lunch at the Lions Road lookout. The view from the lookout is spectacular over the ranges and a small view of the railway line which is now difficult to see due to the trees. I have been told it was a popular place to view the trains climbing the switch back track to get over the mountain range.

After lunch we continued on via Kyogle, Casina and Coraki to Evans Head. By the way, I lost count of the number of road works stops we had – our taxes at work.

Although it was pleasing to see the amount of work being carried out on the Lions Road to make the drive easy. We arrived at our accommodation at the Evans Head Bowls Club cabins at about 3pm – a great place to stay in a secure gated facility with 20 cabins.

We were greeted by others members who had made their own way there. Greg and Rhonda, Allan and Joyce, Michael and Judy, Neil and Kate, Mike and Kay, Paul and Virginia, Andrew and Rosemary – making 22 cars for the run.

We missed the company of Barry and Jan due to a bereavement (so sorry to hear about your brother Barry) and also Ross and Shez Letten (bad back).

Much merriment was had with the usual 4 o'clock drinks in the driveway followed by dinner in the bowls club – Susanne won a meat tray in the raffle (a roast however not big enough to feed the multitude).

Next morning around 20 members went to the Aviation Museum where we had a private tour conducted by Simon Griffiths -the manager. The highlight was the F111



donated by the RAAF. Simon gave a great tour particularly about details of the F111 and Caribou. The museum hosts a large display of aircraft and memorabilia.

During WW2 the airfield was a major training facility for pilots and gunners. The gunnery range coped a real pounding during training and is still used today however only dummy bombs are used now. Have a look at their website to see the history and size of scale during the war.

Back to the Bowls Club to collect everyone for the lunch run to the Coraki Hotel for lunch – sorry about the condition of the roads which are still recovering from the floods. Oakland Road was a challenge although sealed but very rough but the scenery along the river was spectacular. After an enjoyable lunch everyone made their own way back to Evans Head.

Sometimes Google maps gets it wrong, just ask Allan Tebbutt and those who followed him. It does not understand about rough pot-holed, unsealed roads!!

The Christmas in July dinner was held in the Sandbar Restaurant at the surf club – a pity it was dark as the view from the club is amazing.

Thanks to those members who contributed prizes for the raffle – the prize table was full. Everyone received a raffle ticket for the draws and a lot of happy members took a prize home. The charity for the Charity Envelopes was Nexus Care based in Everton Park – a total of $495 was raised.

Thank you everyone for your donation.

I could tell that everyone was having a enjoyable evening by the volume of the noise generated by 44 members – loud means enjoyment!

Next morning dawned – weather was spectacular for the drive back home. A few stayed on for another night to relax for a leisurely drive home on Saturday.









I would say a very successful enjoyable 3 days.

PARTICIPANTS: Lloyd & Karen Thomson – red MGB, Dennis & Diana Kelly – red Mazda 3, Jeff Heslewood – grey Hyundai N line, Ray Edwards & Susanne Sommers – blue MGB, John Cranley & Jonette – McLaren, Brian Cranley & Annika – white Abarth, Mark Lacy & Sharon Hill – yellow MGB, John & Pat Walker – red MGBGT V8, Barry & Julie Evans – red MGB, Malcolm Campbell & Kathy – white Golf GTI, Neil & Margret Taylor – white Rav4, Rob & Lenore Jeckells – grey Mazda BT50, Val Horgan – red Mazda 5, Greg and Rhonda Hannant – red MG5, Allan & Joyce Tebbutt – white Audi, Michael & Judith Salt – blue Commodore Crewman, Neil & Kate Robson – black BMW, Denis Thomas & Vicki Kocsis – BRG MGB, Michael Garratty & Kay Hawley – red MX5, Mike & Yvonne Wade – BRG Sprite, Paul & Virginia Young – white HiLux, Andrew Manfield & Rosemary Rucinski.















2027 MG NATIONAL MEETING – LAUNCESTON

Monday 12th April – Friday 16th April
Bulletin # 2 – September 2026

The MG Car Club of Tasmania extends a warm invitation to members to attend the 2027 MG National Meeting to be conducted in and around Launceston, Tasmania.

We have already had a great response with expressions of interest from a large number of members. If you would like to be added to the mailing list please email Tim Grant, Secretary2027natmeet@mgtas.org.au with your name, preferred email address and Club name. An expression of interest for the event means you will be kept up to date with the latest information and sent details of how to register. It does not mean you are registered for the event.

Our base will be the Tailrace Function Centre (TFC) at Riverside, approximately 10 minutes' drive from the Launceston CBD. This will be the centre for all the social events.

The program for the meeting is as follows:
Monday 12th April – Registration & Scrutineering, Noggin & Natter/ Rocker Cover Racing at TFC
Tuesday 13th April – Concours at the Village Green, Longford
Theme Night, 'Cecil Kimber's Birthday Party' at TFC
Wednesday 14th April – Motorkhana - Buckby Motors Symmons Plains Raceway
Kimber Run, leaving from Longford
Thursday 15th April – Super Sprint - Buckby Motors Symmons Plains Raceway
Discovery Run leaving from TFC
Formal Dinner at TFC
Friday 16th April - Farewell Breakfast and Delegates Meeting at TFC

The concept for the Theme Night will be 'Cecil Kimber's Birthday Party', given that his birthday coincides with Day One of the Nat Meet. We ask that members come dressed for a party in fashion appropriate for the age of their MG.

The eagle-eyed amongst you will note the new Spirit of Tasmania is illustrated above. The ships commence service in November 2026. We have spoken to the TT Line and they have confirmed that they still have plenty of space for cars and passengers on the Friday 9th, Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th April 2027 sailings into Devonport at the moment. We recommend that you book your shipping early, especially if you are towing a trailer. Group bookings can be organised by contacting the TT Line. www.spiritoftasmania.com.au

Launceston has a wide variety of accommodation options all within easy travelling distance of the Tailrace Centre. The following link will provide a complete listing of accommodation options. https://visitnortherntasmania.com.au/accommodation-launceston-and-surrounds-tasmania

If you are not familiar with Launceston and its surrounds, have a look at this link for some great touring ideas either before or after the Nat Meet. https://visitnortherntasmania.com.au/the-ultimate-guide-for-travelling-to-an-event-in-northern-tasmania-and-beyond

Registration will open in early January 2027 and close late February 2027.

Regalia: To allow our regalia suppliers to source and produce the items, orders for regalia will close on the 1st FEBRUARY 2027. At this stage we anticipate offering short-sleeved polo tops in ladies' and men's styles, a unisex long-sleeved polo shirt, a cap, a bucket hat, and a stubby holder.

Planning is now well advanced and we will keep you all informed as more details are finalised. Book your accommodation and travel details and watch out for registration details. Please direct any general enquiries to Don Fraser at *director2027natmeet@mgtas.org.au* .

August Mid Week Run

August 26
Due to one of our members having an unfortunate accident, a volunteer was needed at short notice to set the August midweek run.

Ray & Susanne Edwards stepped up to organize lunch at the Beerwah Hotel and Jeff set a short run starting from BP Truckstop Caboolture. Numbers have been excellent this year and we again had 31 members and friends setting off at 10:30 with 4 more to meet us at the hotel.

There were 17 cars including 10 MG's which headed up the Bruce Highway to the D'aguilar Highway turnoff with the weather looking a little threatening.

Thankfully there was no rain and we passed through Wamuran and Woodford before heading up the Bellthorpe Range Road. Most had not travelled this rather challenging drive before, and were rewarded with quite a pretty run through the Bellthorpe National Park followed by some magnificent views across dairy farming country to the Glasshouse Mountains in the distance.

We then continued down the mountain and along Commissioners Flat Road, arriving in Beerwah for lunch at around 12:00 pm.

Another enjoyable day with good food and the usual camaraderie of this great group of people. Looking forward to the next one !!

PARTICIPANTS: Allan & Joyce Tebbutt - MGB, Greg & Rhonda Hannant - MG5, Neil & Kate Robson - BMW, Jeff Heslewood - Hyundai, Lloyd & Karen Thomson - MGB, Dennis & Diana Kelly - Mazda 3, Barry Lutwyche - MGB, Jam Burke - MGB, Mark Lacy - MGB, Michael Garratty & Kay Hawley - MX 5.




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September Mid Week Run

September 23
Meeting Point Upper Coomera Community Centre: Destination – Hinz Dam

A small crowd turned up 9.30 for morning tea prior to setting out on the run.

I have to wonder about the navigational skills of some of our members – no names however one of our members was lost at the BP servo after driving around and took the easy option of ringing Denis to come and rescue them. I believe a few others had trouble but managed to find the Community centre in time for a cuppa. Meryl Miles and daughter along with Jeff joined us for morning tea.

At 10.30 we proceeded out of the car park to be met by traffic lights and roundabouts which spread the cars out but luckily with road works red lights we all seemed to catch up again. Normally these are a curse but can sometimes be helpful.

We eventually got on the road to Mt Tamborine – what a lovely drive with fantastic scenery. Mt Tamborine Village was bustling what with school holidays and road works we were soon on the Eagle Heights Road. What a great drive with single lane sections and steep downhill grades.

The route then took us down Beechmont road to Advancetown. I spied a couple of really nice cafes on the way which will be investigated next time.

It was then a short drive to the Hinz Dam picnic area and photo op. 8 MG's lined up looking magnificent (see photos)
For future reference watch the thieving kookaburra looking pretty in the trees – he is trained on swooping down and talking the food right out of mouth – just ask me as it happened twice to me so gave up after that. What a wonderful resourceful bird our kookaburra is!

Everyone agreed that it was a great drive with magnificent scenery with the roads built for MG driving (must add a Camaro and Mazdas as well)

These was written by Denis Thomas's secretary – all errors and correspondence to Denis please.

PARTICIPANTS: Denis Thomas – BRG MGB, Lloyd & Karen Thomson – red MGB Jan Burke – red MGB, Barry Lutwyche – red MGB, Trevor Jones & Robyn Jenvey – Camaro, Denis & Diana Kelly – red Mazda 3, John & Pat Walker – red MGBGT V8, Bruce Bishop – gold MGB
Michael Garratty & Kay Hawley – red MX5, Mark Lacy – primrose MGB, Michael Salt & John Mulhall – green MGBGT.















Chapter Chatter

DARLING DOWNS

August 12
It is always a challenge to find somewhere we haven't already been for our lunch venues and end of month runs. When someone suggested the Wheatsheaf Hotel in Greenmount, south of Toowoomba, on the New England Highway, I thought...great let's give it a go!

The Wheatsheaf Hotel has been standing for a very long time, although the original building constructed in the 1880's burned down, and the current building was moved there in 1935.

It was closed for many years, but has recently been re-opened by new owners who have done a great job of getting it up and running again. So, if you are up this way and looking for somewhere to have lunch, give it a go.

We had 16 people register for the lunch but only 3 MGs amongst the vehicles. That's unusual for our Chapter. Never mind, we all enjoyed a lovely meal from the varied menu on offer. Lots of chatter and laughs as is always the way on any of our outings.

PARTICIPANTS: Michael & Marilyn Keating (Mazda BT50) Owen Douglas & Ken (MGB) Col Schiller and Christine (MG NE) Ian & Jenny Roberts (VW) Mark & Leanne Calam (Hyundai) Alan & Deb Maskell (MGBGT) Brian & June Phillips & Colleen (Mazda) Jim Carstens (Falcon)






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Chapter Chatter

WIDE BAY CHAPTER

The year 2026 continues to roll along in the Wide Bay chapter. Kevin Charlton, our coordinator continues to do us proud with an ongoing events calendar to keep us all busy!

The month of July commenced with a run to the famous Miners Arms pub in Torbanlea. 17 members of the wide bay chapter attended. The group assembled at the Hervey Bay Information Centre and then travelled via the Australian Bush Craft & Farm for Morning Tea.

The craft shop come farm is a fascinating place to stop. You have to experience it to appreciate it. Weather was good, good to see a convoy of lovely cars. A really friendly bunch adding up to good, friendly, chatter. Seems like everybody enjoyed themselves and thank you for the positive feedback.

July 29
29th July was the chapters Morning Coffee at the Hervey Bay Boat Club, which seems to get bigger month by month. Fortunately, there's plenty of room at the club and it has a great atmosphere.

It is the end of August already, so that means Coffee Morning Wednesday 26th August at 10.30 am at the Hervey Bay Boat Club.

These Coffee Mornings have proved to be very popular. It's a good time to sit around and casually chat to fellow members.

During the month we said goodbye to long term members Lorraine and Rodger who arrived in Hervey Bay in November 2017.

They remember their introduction to the club when driving along the Esplanade one day where they saw a bunch of MG's in the All Abilities Car Park. At the time they had a Gold coloured MGB.

The morning tea at the boat club was well attended and they were thanked for the years of club participation and being involved in all aspects of the chapter, being regulars on club runs and attending the Coffee Mornings with a smile and willingness to help out at events. They are heading back down to the Newcastle area and left on September 9th we are sure they will make themselves know to a chapter down there.

There were about 19 members in attendance on that occasion taking in the views of the Boats in the Marina, Charter Boats coming and going and views across to Fraser Island.

September 5
The next event was planned for the 5th September at the Maryborough Airport Classic Aircraft Display who invited MG Car Club Wide Bay Chapter to display our vehicles as part of the Maryborough Military Aviation Museum event. It was interesting to say the least, the pictures tell the story!

Sunday 13th September was next for a Sunday Lunch run at Boonaroo Bowls Club 23 members. Our own David Hall led from Hervey Bay Information Centre to the Rose Garden in Maryborough where everyone assembled for the final leg to the bowls club. A great time was had by all!

Well worth a mention was a Charity Garden Party for Fraser Coast Mates on Sunday the 27th September at David and Lyns MG Museum in Torquay. Whilst not exclusively for the Wide Bay Chapter members we were very much invited to be part of the activity. Approximately 70 people attended. All who attended had a wonderful time with good food great entertainment and a chance to see the MG collection.

Lastly, the clubs Coffee Morning

Wednesday happens as normal on 30th September at the Hervey Bay Boat Club.

As always it was a great morning and provided a chance to drive our classic cars, alongside good coffee, good conversation!

“Reminder” BTW… Don’t forget the Christmas Party (see Below).
It is only 9 weeks and getting closer.

The Car Club Christmas Party is scheduled for 28th November 2026
at the Hervey Bay Boat Club, 11am - 3pm

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September
We arrived at the Information center Hervey Bay for a 9am trip to Maryborough and Brendan Hansen Park where we picked up the remaining members all waiting for our run down the Cooloola Coast road to Tin Can Bay.

There were 18 members present with many different range of cars - some modern and some MG's - this was due to the inclement weather we were having at that time.

We arrived at Poona park for morning tea. The surf was up and the wind was blowing a gail however it didn't deter the enthusiasm of our members having a great time together.

Looking around, we had lost Jim and Rae who were in their Nightfire Red RV8. We called them on the phone to discover they had blown a head gasket right at the entrance to Poona and they were awaiting the RACQ tow truck.

After morning tea we fired up the cars for a trip down to Tin Can Bay and along the way we came across a bad accident where a single car had left the road and hit a tree.

The Police were present and so we continued on to the Tin Can Bay Country Club where we came across a little maroon MGYA which was parked in the Carpark with club members Peter and Delia there to greet us.

All present enjoyed a lovely Chinese lunch with most of us ordering the $14 special which was very good value this day and age.

After lunch all had a safe trip home with Jim and Rae still awaiting a tow truck from the RACQ. We hope it can be sorted out before the next run.











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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

OCTOBER	
2 Friday	MGCC Noggin N Natter at clubrooms
3 Saturday	Mount Cotton hillclimb 5
4 Sunday	Mount Cotton hillclimb 5
7 Wednesday	Working bee at hillclimb
9 Friday	Bathurst 1000 V/8 races round 11
10 Saturday	Bathurst 1000 V/8 races round 11
11 Sunday	Bathurst 1000 V/8 races round 11 / MGCCQ Lunch Run / Bundaberg Chapter Cordalba Pub run
14 Wednesday	Working bee at hillclimb
16 Friday	MGCC Noggin N Natter at clubrooms
17 Saturday	Australian Khanacross Championship (dirt) at Awabawae Park Newcastle
18 Sunday	Australian Khanacross Championship (asphalt) at Ringwood Newcastle / HSCCQ Inter Club Challenge
	Khanacross at Queensland Raceway / Capricorn Chapter October Run
21 Wednesday	Working bee at clubrooms
23 Friday	Gold Coast V/8 races round 12
24 Saturday	Gold Coast V/8 races round 12
25 Sunday	Gold Coast V/8 races round 12 / Bundaberg Chapter BBQ Mt Perry
28 Wednesday	Working bee at hillclimb / Mid Week Run
29 Friday	Australian Hillclimb Championship at Jack's Hill Western Australia / Australian Motorkhana
	Championship at Bendigo
31 Saturday	Australian Hillclimb Championship at Jack's Hill Western Australia / Australian Motorkhana
	Championship at Bendigo
NOVEMBER	
4 Wednesday	Working bee at hillclimb
6 Friday	Motorsport Australia State Championship Races 6 Morgan Park / MGCC Noggin N Natter at clubrooms
7 Saturday	Motorsport Australia State Championship Races 6 Morgan Park
8 Sunday	Motorsport Australia State Championship Races 6 Morgan Park / Bundaberg Chapter Agnes Waters Markets
11 Wednesday	Working bee at hillclimb
14 Saturday	Noosa hillclimb / State Super Speed event at Morgan Park
15 Sunday	Noosa hillclimb / State Super Sprint at Morgan Park / Capricorn Chapter November Run
18 Wednesday	Working bee at hillclimb
20 Friday	MGCC Noggin N Natter at clubrooms

22 Sunday	HSCCQ Motorkhana at Willowbank Raceway Driver Training Centre
25 Wednesday	Working bee at hillclimb / Mid Week November Overnight Christmas Run
28 Saturday	Mount Cotton hillclimb 6
29 Sunday	Mount Cotton hillclimb 6 / Bundaberg Chapter Christmas Party
DECEMBER	
2 Wednesday	Working bee at hillclimb
4 Friday	MGCC Noggin N Natter at clubrooms To Be Advised / Capricorn Chapter Christmas Party
5 Saturday	MGCC Christmas Party at clubrooms in afternoon To Be Advised
6 Sunday	HSCCQ Christmas Party at MG clubrooms
9 Wednesday	Working bee at hillclimb
13 Sunday	Bundaberg Chapter Lunch at Goodies
16 Wednesday	Working bee at hillclimb
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Competition Corner

INTER CLUB HILLCLIMB CHALLENGE

REGULARITY

Chris Lake was successful in this class in his Toyota 86 with Lindsay Derriman Toyota Starlet next in the class.

SEDAN CARS

Harry Doling won the Road Registered Sedan cars up to 2000 ccs in his Toyota Celica with a 48.17 time from Rhys Ellison (Renault Clio RS 197, 51.01) with a gap of 0.88 seconds from Arpad Romandy (Honda Civic Type R, 51.87), Cameron Billiau (Toyota 86, 52.68) with Lily Schofield running a 55.22 time in her Toyota Celica.

The Over 2000 ccs Road Registered class went to Daniel Youd (Honda Civic Type R, 47.11) followed by Todd McGuire (Renault Megane RS 265, 51.22) and Christine Murphy (Mini Cooper S, 58.09).

Brendan Merrick won the Modified Production Cars with his best run of 48.34 seconds in his turbocharged Datsun 120Y sedan.

Daniel Laycock was quickest of the All Wheel Drive Forced Induction cars in his Ford Focus RS with a 44.67 run followed by Brendan Martin (Subaru WRX Imprezza, 48.62) with a 0.35 gap from Peter Martin (Subaru WRX Imprezza, 48.98), Julie Huynh (Volkswagen Golf R, 51.06) just 0.29 of a second from Christopher Ryan (VW Golf R, 51.35) with Anika Thoren (Ford Fiesta, 55.14).

The smaller engine Sports Sedans class went to Clinton Walz-Ford in his Peugeot 206 GTi recording a 53.91 time.

Michael Bird won the larger engine capacity class with a 48.42 time in his BMW E46 M3 with Geoffrey England (Ford Falcon XR8, 49.44) and Richard Marken in his Peugeot 405 M16 with a best run of 50.63 seconds.

SPORTS CARS

Class wins in sports car categories went to Terry Sproston in his Aussie Racing Car with a best run of 47.45 seconds in the SuperSports/Sports 1300 class, Jeff Graham (supercharged Mazda MX5, 50.06 seconds, Sports Car class), Jon Young (Caterham S3, 51.57 seconds, Clubman class) and Ashley Eade (Eunos Roadster, 55.18 seconds, Production Sports Cars up to 1600 ccs class).

The Production Sports Cars 1601 to 2000 ccs went to Ben Stevens (Lotus Elise) with his best run of 48.57 seconds from John Jones (Lotus Elise, 50.26), followed by Mazda MX5 competitors Craig Smith (51.84 seconds) just 0.08 from Craig Bryant (51.92), with a gap of 0.30 seconds from Callam Roseneder (52.22), Henri van Roden (53.27) and Damien Veness (54.23 seconds).

Production Sports Cars over 2000 ccs was the Porsche class. Kim Morgan-Short improved her times to claim the class in her Porsche Boxster with a 50.87 time from Craig Bartley (Porsche 718 GT4, 51.11) and Peter Owen (Porsche Cayman S, 52.07).

The lead between Craig and Kim swapped throughout the day with the gap at 0.20 of a second before Kim recorded her quickest time of 50.87 seconds.

FORMULA CARS

Ross Mackay recorded the quickest time of 39.01 seconds in his Macspec024 to win the Up to 1300 ccs class as well as the Fastest Time of Day.

Next in the class and in second place overall was Camm Morris in his 750 ccs engine capacity LaBase Crosskart with a best of 43.51 followed by Greg Tebble in his Speads RM11 recording a 44.42 second time. Ashley Neuendorf having his first run at

Mount Cotton won the 1301 to 2000 ccs class driving his Speads RM11 with his best run of

46.70 seconds.

Top fifteen times set during the event were Ross Mackay (39.01), Camm Morris (43.51), Greg Tebble (44.42), Daniel Laycock (fastest sedan car, 44.67), Ashley Neuendorf (46.70), Daniel Youd (47.11), Terry Sproston (fastest sports car, 47.45), Harry Doling (48.17), Brendan Merrick (48.62), Michael Bird (48.42), Ben Stevens (48.57), Brendan Martin (48.62), Peter Martin (48.98), Geoffrey England (49.44) and Jeff Graham (50.06).

MOUNT COTTON HILLCLIMB 5

Two class records were broken at the October hillclimb event. Chris Beahan set a new record for Formula Vee whilst Daniel Youd set a record for Road Registered Sedans.

From the runs on Saturday the quickest times set by those driving the Formula cars were Warwick Hutchinson (38.83), Ross Mackay (39.02), Luke Weiks (41.89), Doug Daniels (42.09), Paul van Wijk (42.38), Declan McGee (42.94), Greg Tebble (43.52), Connor Tebble (43.66), Mick Harders (44.39), Camm Morris (44.23).

Fastest three of the sports cars were Jason McGarry (46.34), Jim Heymer (47.28), Terry Sproston (47.65). Best five times set by Sedan drivers were Gavin Taylor (45.32), Steven Hampton (45.42), Tyson Cowie (45.75), Alex Daniels (46.91) and Ken Holwell (47.04).

REGULARITY CLASS

Winner of this Regularity class this event was Jeff Watson in his Subaru WRX followed by Geoff Messer (MGB), Chris Lake (Toyota 86), Shaun Rankin (BMW Z4), Lindsay Derriman (Toyota Starlet).

HISTORIC GROUP

Group F Historic Formula Ford group was won by Ross Rundle with a best run of 49.70 seconds in his Reynard 84FF.

SPORTS CARS

Ben Stevens won the Production Sports Cars class in his Lotus Elise in 48.29 seconds. Jeff Graham took the Sports Cars class in his Mazda MX5 with a 49.92 run from Andrei Shinkarenko recording a 51.19 time in his Saker SV1.

Andrei has been able to overcome the issue of the Subaru engine (which is supercharged and turbocharged) going into limp mode through his run. The engine developed some air bubble in the oil system which the MoTec recorded as no oil and would shut the engine down. He has now fitted an accumulator along with other modifications.

The Sports 1300/SuperSports class was won by Jim Heymer (Farrel L, 47.28) with a gap of 0.37 of a second to Terry Sproston in his Aussie Race Car 47.65 whilst the Clubman class went to Jason McGarry (Caterham R300, 46.34) from Ainsley Fitzgerald (Arrow Clubman, 47.68 seconds).

SEDAN CARS

Road Registered Sedan up to 1600 Daryll Serale won the Road Registered Sedan up to 1600 ccs class in his Suzuki Swift in a 58.53 time whilst the under 2 litre class was won by Mark Cunningham (Toyota Celica, 48.89) from Chris Balhatchet (Renault Megane, 49.06) followed by Arpad Romandy (Nissan Pulsar SSS, 53.32), Lily Schofield (Toyota Celica, 55.25) and Tim Smith having his first event at Mount Cotton in his Honda Civic with best run of 57.82 seconds.

Daniel Youd set a new class record in the 2001 ccs and Over class with a 44.73 time in his Honda Civic Type R from Hannah Youd (Honda Civic Type R, 47.91), Ray Balhatchet (Nissan Skyline, 52.21), Tate Matthews (Volvo C30, 53.83). Daniel commenced competing this year and lowered the class record which was 46.70 set in 2015.

Brendan Merrick won the Modified Production Sedan class driving his Datsun 120Y turbo with a 47.96 time.

Steven Hampton (Mitsubishi Evo X, 45.42) took the All Wheel Drive Forced Induction class from Ken Holwell having his first event driving his Subaru WRX for a best time of 47.46 seconds followed by Brendan Martin (Subaru WRX, 48.56, Peter Martin (Subaru

WRX, 49.23, Julie Huynh (VW Golf R, 51.65 seconds).

The Improved Production class was won by Waco Hamlin (Honda Civic, 47.61) with Dan Kelly (Ford Falcon, 56.63) and Luke Cecil (Ford Falcon, 57.02).

In the Sports Sedans up to 2 litres we saw a tight contest for most of the weekend between Gavin Taylor and Tyson Cowie with the gap varying between 0.04 of a second to 0.44 of a second before Gavin extended the lead to 0.91 of a second for the win. Gavin's best run in the VW Golf was 44.35 from Tyson (Escort. 45.26) with Clinton Walz-Ford in his Peugeot 205 GTi recording a 51.0 time.

Alex Daniels was quickest in the Over 2 litre Sports Sedan class with a best run of 45.92 in the Escort with Sean Murphy (Renault, 47.67), David Malone (Holden Torana GTR XU1, 48.02), 0.11 of a second from Dean Verrills (Escort, 48.13), with Geoff England (Ford Falcon, 48.95).

The Escort driven by Alex Daniels is powered by a Toyota Supra engine with gearbox to a Nissan Skyline differential. Dean Verrills is competing in the ex Roger Bartlett Escort and although started life with a Ford engine and manual gearbox was changed to a Nissan SR20 engine with an automatic gearbox as Roger has an artificial leg. With this modification Roger was able to enjoy his sport.

FORMULA CARS

The Formula Vee class record was 48.62 set in 2024 by Chris Beahan in his 1600 ccs engine Phoenix Vee was reduced to 48.02 by Chris on the second run and again to 47.40 seconds on his third climb.

Mick Harders was quickest in the SuperKarts class in his Energy Corse with a best of 43.82 from Luke Garrad driving his JCKZ for a 45.20 seconds run and Mark Arnold (CRG Road Rebel, 46.60). Luke had travelled from Lismore to run at this event.

Formula Libre up to 1300 ccs went to Ross Mackay (Macspec 024, 39.02), followed by Connor Tebble (Speads RM 11, 41.09), Doug Daniels (NU TEC Formula Libre, 41.16), Declan McGee (La Base CrossKart SX01, 41.82), Luke Weiks (Empire 001, 41.83), Paul van Wijk (OMS Hornet, 42.35), Greg Tebble (Speads RM 11, 43.52), Camm Morris (La Base SX01, 44.01) with Stephen Edwards (GS Yamaha, 49.02). The NU TEC driven by Doug is powered by a 1000 cc Kawasaki ZX10R and has been undergoing some repairs from a broken drive shaft at the last appearance.

David Quelch was the faster in the 1301 to 2000 ccs in his Suzuki DPQ 003 with a 43.90 time with Matt Read in the Readster MTR1 running a 45.32 time.

Winner of the larger engine capacity class and Fastest Time of Day was Warwick Hutchinson (OMS 28 RPV turbo, 38.83) with Stan Pobjoy from Nana Glen driving his homebuilt supercharged VW Special with a best run of 45.83 seconds.

TOP SIX SHOOTOUT

The drivers who compete in the Top Six Shootout are invited from those who set the fastest 10 times.

Those who chose to run in the Shootout for this meeting were Connor Tebble (40.36), Doug Daniels (41.85),Luke Weiks (41.92), Declan McGee (42.55), Paul van Wijk (42.91), Mick Harders (43.71).

Fastest Time of Day: Warwick Hutchinson (38.83).

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