

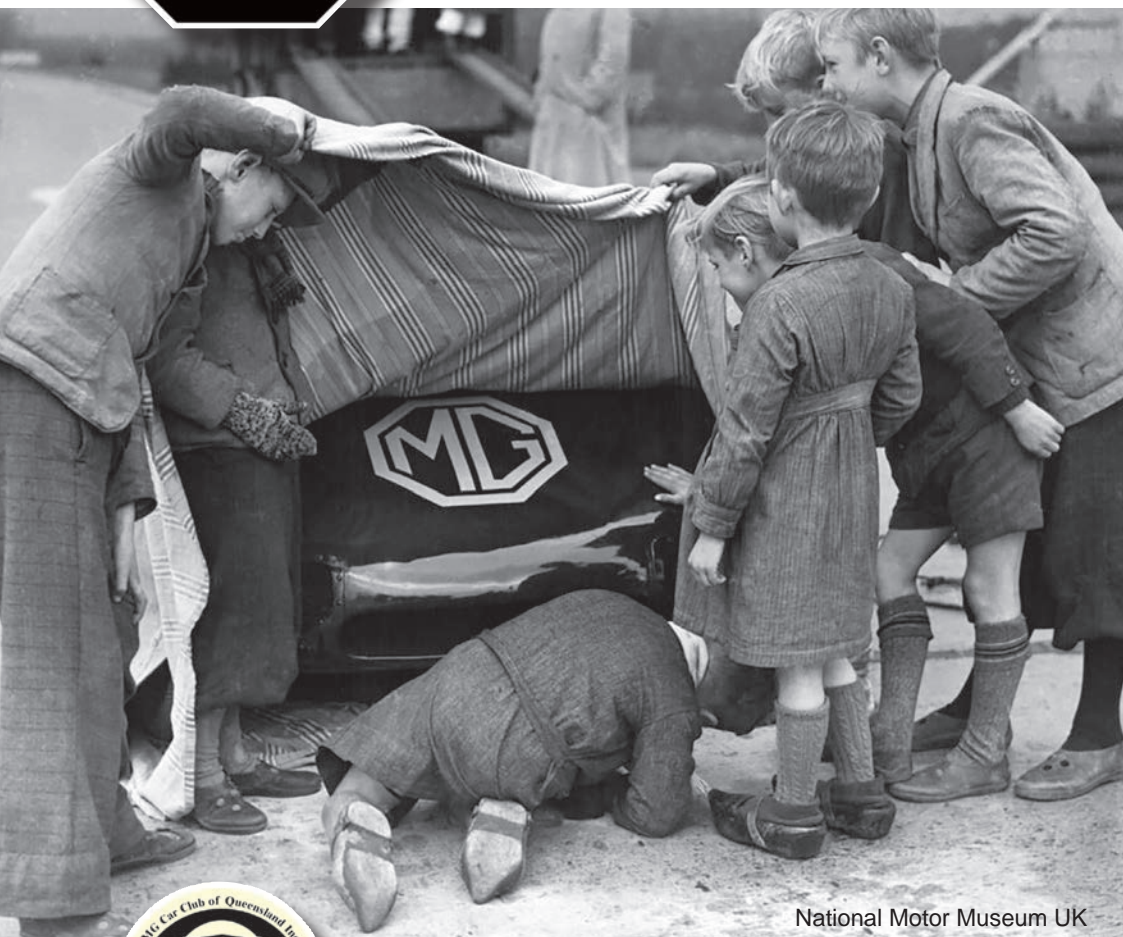
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President's Report

Welcome everybody to the end of 2024 and the beginning of 2025.

As a club we have moved in a forward direction throughout the year with a good number of new members joining the club and also some old members returning.

This to me is very important as it's the gauge I use to tell if we as a committee are doing the right thing by our members. After all, the members vote with their feet if not happy, and that is not good for any club to have happen.

As we have now concluded activities for 2024 the year and are into the next year, it gives me time to reflect on the year that has been.

Firstly I would like to thank all members who have attended events run by the club during the year. Overall the number of attendees at events has been on the rise with both new and old members attending, and it has been very heart warming to see many of our senior club members interacting with our new members, and in particular our new young members, helping them to understand what the club stands for and the history involved in the club.

As well we have a very diverse range of nationalities and ages joining the club helping to solidify that this club really is for everyone.

While the holiday season is upon us it doesn't change the work load for the committee with much time spent on planning for the upcoming year and some planned maintenance and

upgrades on club owned assets.

I will be covering off on these early in the new year once all documented and sorted. Like anything, our assets require upkeep and while this is normally undertaken by our amazing midweek workers, some jobs require the input of skilled professionals to achieve the goals set. Our volunteers quite often enjoy being able to stand back a bit and oversee the works going on.

A little birdie has informed me that the upcoming year will most likely see the return to competition of some very special vehicles within the clubs history, so this will be worth keeping an eye out for both at our hillclimb track and also on the circuit at Morgan Park or maybe even Carnell Park. I wait to see who pilots these historic vehicles during the year.

I hope everybody has a safe and productive holiday period and I hope to see you all at events or in your chapters during the year.

- Neil Lewis



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OCTOBER Club Midweek Run

October 28-30

This event was organised many months ago by Denis Thomas and it was certainly worth the wait.

It was a combined event for members of both Brisbane and Gold Coast MG Clubs with 33 attending from Brisbane and 28 from Gold Coast. There were 13 MGBs, 4 MGFs, 2 or three of the Chinese variety and an interesting assortment of others, 33 cars in total, with Gold Coast members in particular proving that you are never too old to drive an MGB.

Most of us got together at Arthur Earle Park, Nerang with light rain falling for the usual chat and morning tea followed by a briefing from Denis.

We set out at 10:30 for our lunch destination of Burringbar for a picnic in the park with no more rain. That all changed north of our destination Yamba, when a wild storm hit, thankfully no hail, with many of us choosing to pull over due to near zero visibility.

Undaunted by that small delay, we arrived at our motel pretty much on time, settled in and pretty soon, happy hour was under way, followed by an evening BBQ. This set the tone for the next couple of days as members from the two clubs got to know each other and Denis gave us a talk on the next day's activities including the drive to Grafton.

Another of our members came up with an alternate route for the drive from Yamba to Grafton and it was a cracker. The drive along the Clarence River was very enjoyable, but after passing through the great little township of Maclean, followed by another scenic run including Woodford Island, our next treat was crossing the Clarence on the Bluff Point Car Ferry.

We then passed through Lawrence Village before arriving at our lunch destination of the Crown Hotel in Grafton.

There was plenty of time to poke around town looking at the spectacular Jacarandas and preparations for the annual festival. You may even see "Queen Jan" in one of the photos on the website or Octagon. Lunch on the deck at the Crown Hotel overlooking the river with a welcome cool breeze seemed to be enjoyed by all.

Everyone eventually made their way back to the motel and there was still room for another round of socialising in the form of happy hour.

One of the Gold Coast ladies looked after booking tables for our final event, dinner at the Yamba Bowls Club. I can only speak for our table, but the food was excellent and we even got a discount by presenting our motel key. We eventually wandered back to our motel just a couple of hundred metres down



the road and collapsed into bed. No late night partying after a big day.

Wednesday morning some went into town for breakfast, then at 10am, Denis rallied the troops one more time for a photo session followed by the drive back to Tweed Heads for a fresh seafood lunch from Scales Seafood. A few of the MGS had minor hiccups on the trip home but nothing too serious.

It really was a great couple of days and our sincere appreciation was passed on to Denis. One standout for me was how the "MG camaraderie" was developing between the 2 clubs and by the time we headed for home there were plenty of calls to have another combined event in the future.

Well done Denis & everyone who participated !!

BRISBANE CLUB PARTICIPANTS: Mark Lacy & Sharon Hill- MGB, Lloyd & Karen Thomso - MGB, Dennis & Diana Kelly - Mazda 3, Robyn Jenvey & Kay Williams - Kia, Brian & John Cranley - Fiat Abarth, Malcolm Campbell & Kathy Burford - VW Golf GTI, Jeff Heslewood - Hyundai, Peter Lefrancke - MGF, Val Horgan - Lexus Michael & Aaron Salt - MGB, Trevor & Joy Jones - Mustang, Kay Hawley & Michael Garratty - MX5, Barry Lutwyche - MGB Jan Burke - MGB, Ross & Shez Letten - MGB, Neil & Margaret Taylor - MGF, Neil & Kate Robson - BMW, Greg & Rhonda Hannant - MG5, Allan & Joyce Tebbutt - Audi.0







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OCTOBER Club Midweek Run

November 27-29

Our last midweek run for the year was organized by Greg & Rhonda Hannant and as expected it was exceptional. Greg is a former rally navigator and uses the "tulips" from those days to help point us in the right direction in his route instructions which is quite unique.

We made our way individually to Jubilee Park, Beaudesert to meet for the usual pre-run briefing and morning tea. In all there were 32 of us in 19 cars (Including 8 real MG's) who set off at around 10:30 for the drive to Ballina. We passed through Rathdowney and Woodenbong on the way to our lunch destination of Kyogle.

Losing an hour to daylight saving, we had a shortish lunch stop then pressed on, passing through the spectacular countryside around Uki, Chelmsford and Rock Valley. After passing through Lismore we headed towards the coast through the beautiful Teven Valley enroute to our accommodation in Ballina.

Greg provided some historic background to many of the areas we passed through & was also good enough to give us advanced warning of the many potholes to be avoided on the country roads. Our group checked into the Ballina Beach Resort and settled in

for the usual afternoon happy hour. Here we were joined by Allan & Joyce Tebbutt and Neil & Kate Robson who had driven down the previous day.

There was much chat about the most enjoyable drive we had completed, again using roads many of us had not seen before, then Greg gave us a briefing on plans for the following day. Most of us settled in for an evening BBQ, more chat with many laughs and a few more drinks.

Thursday brought another beautiful morning as we headed off with a warning of many more potholes to be aware of. Once we cleared Ballina it was another spectacular scenic drive through the countryside, passing through Alstonville and continuing on to Coraki for a short stop and to allow a few lost souls to catch up. The final leg of the morning took us through some historic farm land, with Greg again providing some interesting reading on the history of the region.

Our lunch stop was Summerland Farm which was quite an eye opener & provided a shopping mecca for the ladies.

We eventually found our way back to Ballina to prepare for the Christmas function at the resort. This was of course preceded





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by another happy hour with plenty of tales about the days proceedings. Dinner did not disappoint, with a fine buffet enjoyed by all.

There were many comments about the efforts Greg & Rhonda put into these few days. It takes a lot of time and planning for an event like this to be so successful and to result in the fantastic time we all had.

Of course the wonderful camaraderie and friendship always displayed by our group played a big part as another great year of midweek runs came to an end.

PARTICIPANTS: Greg & Rhonda Hannant - MG5, Dennis & Diana Kelly - Mazda 3, Lloyd & Karen Thomson - MGB, Peter Lefrancke - MGF, Wendy Hoger - MG3, John & Pat Walker - MGB GT, Jan Burke - MGB, Mark Lacy & Sharon Hill - MGB, Jeff Heslewood - Hyundai, Barry Lutwyche - MGB, Denis & Vicki Thomas - MGB, Meryl & David Miles - Subaru, Ross & Shez Letten - MGB, Neil & Margaret Taylor - Subaru, Malcolm Campbell & Kathy Burford - Golf GTI, Val Horgan - Lexus, Kay Hawley & Michael Garratty - MX5, Michael & Judith Salt - Nissan, Sue Panuccio & Trevor Penson - RAV4, Allan & Joyce Tebbutt - Audi, Neil & Kate Robson - BMW.



Chapter Chatter

WIDE BAY CHAPTER

by Ian Andrew

October

October proved to be an interesting month for the Wide Bay Chapter commencing on Wednesday 2 October with a trip on the "The Mary Valley Rattler" out of Gympie to the town of Amamoor in the Mary Valley!

The event was organised by Trevor & Sylvia Collins where everyone met at the Granville Hotel car park on the outskirts of Maryborough where they then proceeded in convoy along the through the State Pine Forests on the Cooloola Coast Gympie Road to the old historic town station in Gympie.

A total 18 people attended the event which took the participants on the trip to Amamoor where market stalls and café for coffee and cake was available for purchase.

The locomotive pulling the heritage passenger carriages was a magnificent C17 Locomotive (number 967) which was built at Walkers in Maryborough.

When arriving at Amamoor one of the many highlights of the trip was watching the train engine being rotated for the return journey

on the station turntable.

As nearly always the train was very popular and fully booked for the trip and a very enjoyable day, especially the good company, was had by all.

The next event held on Wednesday 23 October 2024 the Chapter had a social car run with some "observation checks" for those that wanted to participate.

The run could not be classified as an observation run because CAMS have declared that answering questions from your car is not a safe practice (which is reasonable) especially with all the latest transport regulations in place due to safety concerns.

The event was brilliantly organised by Gery & Wendy and commenced from the Met at the United Servo in Hervey Bay.

The group of 16 cars (32 participants) drove in convoy around the Hervey Bay area dutifully following provided instructions but notably "without" completing the questionnaire.

The drive which took in the beautiful driving along the Hervey Bay water front



was completed on arrival at the Burrum Tavern for lunch where delicious food at a reasonable price was available. It was generally agreed it was a wonderful run and great social time at the Tavern.

Lastly, the final event for the month was where the club attended the Show n' Shine at Maryborough Special School on Sunday 27 October 2024

The event which was organised by David Hall & Lyn Haywood, met at the Atlas Service Station on the outskirts of Maryborough near the airport. They drove in convoy to the event. 6 cars were put on show, these being beautifully displayed by

their proud owners.

The weather gods were kind to us on this day with the sun shining the entire event was a great success with many magnificent cars of all breeds on display. This day was a great day being with friends and like-minded people attending what will become a regular event for charity raising for the school.

Special thanks go to David and Lyn for acting as Marshals for the day and doing a magnificent job organising cars into their places for display.

Anyway as you can see, all is good in the Wide Bay MG Chapter Scene.



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Chapter Chatter

CAPRICORN CHAPTER

October 20

By Phil Henry

Photos: Phil Henry and Jim Armstrong

Well summer has arrived in all its glory, so having a relatively short run was a good choice after the original destination became unavailable.

Not only that, but a lunch venue renowned for cold beer – for those of us who partake – was also well planned.

And therein lies most of the report. The run was memorable for not being memorable or demonstrating any unusual characteristics, hijinks or unfortunate incidents. Although... a large coastal crowd had gathered at the Oaks and left on schedule. On arrival at Cawarral, the Rocky crew were already tucking into smoko.

We had the shelters to ourselves and so there was about enough shade and room for everyone.

With no time pressure everyone mixed, mingled and chatted to their hearts content. Once that attraction had started to wear a little thin, suggestions were sought for how best to fill in the time until lunch, which had been booked for midday at the Keppel Sands pub.

The agreement was to head down the Rockhampton Road to Yeppoon, then track along the Scenic Highway to Emu Park before heading back inland, including a detour to look at the water reservoir on Buccaneer Avenue.

This choice turned out perfectly, delivering us to Keppel Sands bang on midday. The renovated pub looks great and, with very efficient staff, delivered food and drink to our group in good time.

The poker run was won by Ian and Judy Hamilton and the lucky door prize by Clem and Jean Hill.

Now about the lack of unfortunate incidents – was there one involving a mobile phone? Any anonymous whispers would be welcomed.

PARTICIPANTS: Paul & Jo Davey, Gary Kunst, Gurney Clamp, Trevor Andersen, Meredith & Ewan Sutherland, Kev & Yvonne Carr, Ray & Jack Cowie, Lyle & Pat Fielding, John & Gail Newton, Ian & Judy Hamilton, Jo Emmert, Bob & Wendy Schoevaart and Wendy's sister Sue, Rick Taylor and dogs, Clare & Paul Lynam, Juan & Frances Nin, Jim & Sandra Armstrong, Clem & Jean Hill, Phil Henry.





Christmas Party - December 7

By Phil Henry

Photos by: Jo Emmert, Katie Emmert, Phil Henry

The 2024 Christmas Party was held at the historic Glenmore Homestead, which served up their traditional roast dinner followed by damper.

These dishes were devoured with gusto by the party faithful.

Jim Armstrong, in his farewell address as outgoing Coordinator, ranged over the various high points of his five years in the role.

He noted in particular the Chapter's successful hosting of the 2022 All Chapter meeting, which was recognised by the head club and others as having set a very high bar.

This Chapter's other distinguishing characteristic is the Long Run – no other Chapter does such events – which has resulted in high levels of interest by members of other Chapters to join us. This, over time, has presented us with a dilemma in terms of devising and implementing these longer events, particularly in relation to accommodation and food venues. More on this at the end of this report.



The annual Janelle Thomasson Award for club members of the year was presented to Jean and Clem Hill for the two memorable lunches they provided, at Kemp Beach and their home in Biloela. These meals are cooked sous vide style in a beer keg, converted by Clem to a unique adaptation of this style of cooking.

The Broken MG Award, which used to be hotly contested, was won easily by Bob and Wendy Schoevaart following a couple of memorable instances of automotive capriciousness by Bob's Mustang.

In awarding the prize, Jim meticulously described how the points are awarded. As Bob and Wendy were unable to attend at the last minute, they will be presented with their award on the first run of 2025.

Jim presented gift cards to the other retiring committee members, Jo Emmert and Clare Lynam, as well as yours truly. Jim also thanked his wife, Sandra, for her work on the All Chapter meeting as well as her support over his term as Coordinator. Sandra's contributions were well recognised and applauded by those present.

Jim also informed the group about John Rowe's unfortunate accident with a ladder. Jo Emmert circulated a get well card for everyone to sign. Further advice will be provided about John.

Jo then conducted the lucky door prize lottery, too many winners to list! This was followed by the distribution of Secret Sandra presents, again conducted by Jo and Katie with support from volunteers.

At this stage I took over the mic, first to present Jim with an award to recognise his 5 years of very hard work on behalf of the Chapter and its members - see photo (thanks Katie!).

Then, joined by committee members Gordon, Gary and Paul, we acknowledged the suggestions received from members for the 2025 calendar, which we will get out before the first run of 2025. This will be on

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

| FEBRUARY | |
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| 1 Saturday | Short Circuit |
| 2 Sunday | Short Circuit Mount Cotton Come & Try and Test & Tune |
| 8 Saturday | SCMSA at Morgan Park |
| 9 Sunday | SCMSA at Morgan Park |
| 15 Saturday | HRCC TTT at Morgan Park |
| 16 Sunday | HRCC TTT at Morgan Park |
| 22 Saturday | QSSS A1 |
| 23 Sunday | QSSS A1 |
| MARCH | |
| 1 Saturday | QSSS B1 |
| 2 Sunday | QSSS B1 |
| 8 Saturday | Mount Cotton Hillclimb 1 / Phillip Island Historic |
| 9 Sunday | Mt Cotton Hillclimb 1 / Phillip Island Historic |
| 13 Thursday | Australian Grand Prix Melbourne |
| 14 Friday | Australian Grand Prix Melbourne / QSSS C1 |
| 15 Saturday | Australian Grand Prix Melbourne / QSSS C1 / Queensland Rally Championship Round 1 Manubar |
| 16 Sunday | Australian Grand Prix Melbourne |
| 21 Friday | Motorsport Australia State Championship Races 1 at Morgan Park |
| 22 Saturday | Motorsport Australia State Championship Races 1 at Morgan Park |
| 23 Sunday | Motorsport Australia State Championship Races 1 at Morgan Park |
| 29 Saturday | Mount Cotton hillclimb 2 |
| 30 Sunday | Mount Cotton hillclimb 2 |
| APRIL | |
| 5 Saturday | QSSS A2 |
| 6 Sunday | QSSS A2 |
| 12 Saturday | Mount Cotton hillclimb 2 (5 weeks after 8 March) (MY GUESS) / QSSS B2 |
| 13 Sunday | Mount Cotton hillclimb 2 (MY GUESS) / QSSC B2 |
| 18 Good Friday | MG National Meeting Albury/Wodonga |
| 19 Easter Sat | MG National Meeting Albury/Wodonga |
| 20 Easter Sun | MG National Meeting Albury/Wodonga |
| 21 Easter Mon | MG National Meeting Albury/Wodonga |

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| 22 Tuesday | MG National Meeting Albury/Wodonga |
| 26 Saturday | Motorsport Australia State Races 2 at Queensland Raceway |
| 27 Sunday | Motorsport Australia State Races 2 at Queensland Raceway / IWMAC Dirt Sprint |
| MAY | |
| 3 Saturday | Short Circuit/possible Test and Tune pre QHC 5 weeks after 13 April) |
| 4 Sunday | Short Circuit |
| 9 Friday | HRCC Autumn Races at Morgan Park |
| 10 Saturday | HRCC Autumn Races at Morgan Park |
| 11 Sunday | HRCC Autumn Races at Morgan Park |
| 18 Sunday | IWMAC Dirt Sprint |
| 24 Saturday | Bribie Classic Regatta Car show / Queensland Rally Championship Round 2 Coffs Harbour / QSSS C2 |
| 25 Sunday | Bribie Classic Regatta Car Show / QSSS C2 |
| 31 Saturday | Queensland Hillclimb Championship at Mount Cotton / Hi Tec at Morgan Park |
| JUNE | |
| 1 Sunday | Queensland Hillclimb Championship at Mount Cotton / IWMAC Dirt Sprint / Hi Tec at Morgan Park |
| 7 Saturday | NSW State Hillclimb 5 Mountainview hillclimb, Grafton / Motorsport Australia State Race Championship Round 3 at Morgan Park |
| 8 Sunday | NSW State Hillclimb 5 Mountainview Hillclimb, Grafton / Motorsport Australia State Race Championship Round 3 at Morgan Park |
| 15 Sunday | Short Circuit / RACQ Motorfest |
| 20 Friday | V8 Supercars in Darwin |
| 21 Saturday | V8 Supercars in Darwin / Mt Cotton hillclimb 3 (3 weeks after 1 June) (MY GUESS) |
| 22 Sunday | V8 Supercars in Darwin / Mt Cotton hillclimb 3 (MY GUESS) / IWMAC Dirt Sprint (MY GUESS) |
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Sunday 19 January and again to Mt Archer – but there might be a surprise. Pencil it in your calendars anyway.

Then Gordon took over to outline the 2025 Long Run, to be known as the Eight Beaches Run, these being: Tin Can Bay, Hervey Bay / Urangan, Woodgate, Bargara, Elliott Heads, Agnes Water and 1770.

Here is the outline, with thanks to Gordon:

Day 1 Monday 4 August

Rockhampton to Gayndah

Day 2 Tuesday 5 August

Gayndah to Tin Can Bay

Day 3 Wednesday 6 August

Tin Can Bay to Hervey Bay / Urangan

Day 4 Thursday 7 August

Second night in Hervey Bay / Urangan

Day 5 Friday 8 August

Hervey Bay to Bargara

Day 6 Saturday 9 August

Bargara to Agnes Water

Day 7 Sunday 10 August

Agnes Water to Rockhampton.

Within the period there will be a selection of activities, identified by Gary and others. These will be refined to provide enough excursions of interest while not overburdening our delicately ageing bodies. Also, with the exception of day 1, all the driving distances are quite short.

Now, the key points, deliberately in bold:

- We already have substantial interest in participating from outside the Chapter.
- Most of our overnight destinations are small townships, with limited accommodation options.
- Gordon has contacted and identified preferred accommodation, with some reporting they already have heavy bookings and can't reserve rooms.
- To obtain preferred accommodation providers, you need to book now.
- We will give you the list of accommodation only after you advise us you want to come and provide a \$20 per person deposit (which is not refundable but will be used for expenses on the run, such as donations to charities.)

- We will also send you a request for personal particulars to include, as organisers, in our mandatory run information, as we did for the Great Northern and Toowoomba All Chapter meeting.

- We request that you do this by Sunday 14 December to have any chance of getting preferred accommodation (other options will be provided).

- After this we will be inviting other Chapters.

The Chapter's bank account is:

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With that, your new committee wishes you and yours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and we look forward to being with you for another interesting and enjoyable year of club activities.





Chapter Chatter

BUNDABERG CHAPTER

October 27

Ten Members from the Bundaberg Chapter took part in our three-day run to Gympie, Mary Valley and Tin Can Bay in October 23-25. Our objective was to stay off the highway and take as many back roads as possible, and avoid dirt roads, well, that was our plan. Our first stop was Howard, and a full assault on the local bakery was a must. From Howard we enjoyed a well-earned lunch break at Theebine Hotel. After lunch we headed towards Gympie avoiding the highway, which was a little disappointing, after waiting ten years for the Gympie By-Pass to open we turned off towards the back roads.

During our run to the lovely village of Amamoor in the Mary Valley, the group experienced the intersection from hell (no lights, no roundabout) in Gympie, with vehicles coming from both directions it took 15-20 minutes to get our five cars through. Certainly, an intersection to avoid. After Amamoor we headed towards our accommodation in Gympie and looked forward to a nice meal & wine at the Gympie RSL Club.

Day 2, After Brekky at Soma Soma café in Gympie, we travelled the back roads to the quaint villages of Cooran & Pomona where

some of the women found time for retail therapy.

After Pomona the short enjoyable drive to Kin Kin for morning tea was welcomed. Whilst at Kin Kin, Ian Ninnies discovered his MG V8's battery wasn't charging. Thankfully for Ian one young lady who worked in the Kin Kin Hotel & Bakery had her own 12v battery charger, which was enough to get Ian back on the road. Rarely do you find a young lady who works in a pub and has her own 12v battery charger, she's certainly a keeper!

At this point in the story is where you'll hear conflicting versions of our trip from Kin Kin to Tin Can Bay. Eager to stay off the main roads, we ventured down the back roads and encountered some, may I say, unsealed roadway.

Upon reflection, I'm sure it was only a few kilometres, to prove it I supplied photographic evidence I can't believe in



2024 any road east of the Bruce Highway is still un-sealed. Anyway, we finally arrived in Tin Can Bay and was looking forward to dinner at Tin Can Bay Golf Club.

Day 3 The group enjoyed a very nice Brekky at the TC Bay Yacht Club, while we enjoyed a bite to eat, the local sandflies enjoyed themselves also.

Friday 25th October was also the funeral for long time Bundaberg's MG Club member Steve Gable. Our thoughts go out to Tracy and his family.

Graeme Brown & Larry Lipscombe would like to say thanks to our members for making the trip very enjoyable.

ATTENDEES: Larry & Brenda Lipscombe - Alfa Romeo, Ian & Tracy Nines - MGRV8,, Graeme & Paula Brown - Mercedes, Dave & Jenny Cook - MGF. Darryl & Laura Copithorne - MX5, Larry Lipscombe & Graeme Brown.

November 17

After what I thought was to be a small group of members turned out to be a good turnout. We left from Quay St at 9am heading to the ring road & on to the Goodwood Rd to Foley's rd. turning right on to Farnsfield Rd, we then travelled on to Knockroe Rd to the Isis Hwy to Apple Tree Creek, where we met Peter & Val for morning tea. After a long very enjoyable chat with each other we headed on to Biggenden Grand Hotel. We were met there by the licensee who gave us a good welcome & herded us in to the Airconditioned dining room which was well received. The meals & service was what we have come to accept from this Hotel, we had a very relaxed meal with lots of friendly banter & stories on where members had been since the last run. On the way home Jenny & I checked some alternate roads for next year's runs.

A very enjoyable day with good friends.

ATTENDEES: Keith & Di Charman MGF, Denis & Imelda Logan Dodge Ram, Peter & Val Walkington Honda, Bob & Sue Murray

Porsche, Larry & Brenda Lipscombe Alfa Romeo, Brian & Carol Crossley Subaru, Allan & Joy Kruger MGF, Dave & Jenny Cook Mitsubishi, MGF broke. Darryl & Laura Copithorne MX5 were coming but Darryl had a misadventure so had to cancel.
- Dave Cook





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MG NAT MEET 2025 BULLETIN 2



We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to Albury Wodonga, the twin cities on the Murray, for our Easter 2025 National Meeting. Events will commence on Good Friday 18 April and run until Tuesday 22 April.

All venues are booked for the competition and social events. See below for more details.

The National Meeting website at [Nat Meet 2025](https://www.natmeet2025.com.au) is now live. The website includes useful information, including these Bulletins, and will be used for Registration.

Registration will open on 1 December. Numbers will be capped at 320 due to venue capacity limits, so please register without delay from 1 December to avoid missing out. If you haven't done so already, please put in your expression of interest to Jan Rattray, the Nat Meet Registrar. Jan's contact details are below.

The traditional Observation Run is now called a Discovery Run. Due to Motorsport Australia requirements, we are not able to hold an event that involves answering questions from the car due to safety concerns. The Discovery Run will still involve following a designated route, but competitors will stop at a checkpoint in a town to receive their questions, which will need to be answered and handed back to officials prior to continuing.

THE PROGRAM

Friday 18 April

- Registration and Scrutineering at The Cube, 118 Hovell Street, Wodonga
- Noggin 'n' Natter with Rocker Cover Racing also at The Cube

Saturday 19 April

- Concours d'elegance at Gateway Lakes Park, Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga
- Theme night dinner - **Flappers, Gangsters and All That Jazz** - at the Commercial Club, 618 Dean Street, Albury

Sunday 20 April

- Motorkhana at Winton Raceway Motorkhana Pad, Huntley Street, Winton
- Kimber Run around the picturesque back roads of the border country
- Free Night

Competition Corner

MOUNT COTTON HILLCLIMB NOVEMBER

The last competition event at Mount Cotton for the year was on 16 and 17 November. The weekend gave competitors two different weather patterns.

On Saturday the rain came down whilst Sunday was beautiful and thus one new class record was able to be achieved on that day.

The constant rain on Saturday possibly dissuaded a couple of regular competitors to remain at home for the weekend.

Those who ventured out on Saturday were in closed cars, on treaded tyres.

Those who only had slick tyres wisely waited for a surface with some grip.

Best of the times set on Saturday were by Jeff Graham (Mazda MX5, 55.09), Brendan Merrick (Datsun 120Y turbo, 55.83), Michael Bird (BMW E46 M3, 57.72), Chris Balhatchet (Renault Megane turbo, 57.93), Mark Cunningham (Toyota Celica, 58.27), Alex Gardner (Renault Megane turbo, 58.45), Michael Green (Hyundai Excel, 59.59), Brock Hall (Subaru WRX turbo, 59.70), Ben Stevens (Lotus Elice, 60.11), with Brad Smith (Circuit Excel, 60.64).

SUNDAY

First group were those running in the Regularity class. This went to Rob Souter (Toyota Corolla, loss of 17 points) from Robert Martin (Daihatsu Handi, 24 points), Shaun Rankin (BMW Z4, 27 points), Lindsay Derriman (Toyota Vienta, 34 points), Chris Lake Toyota 86, 56 points), Philip Bryan (Ford Mustang, 59 points) with Chrystellee Semple (MGF/TF, 170 points).

HISTORIC

Barry Smith finished his first run at 58.71 seconds in the Ford V8 Special in the Post

Vintage Thoroughbred class before attacking not only the Queensland Nut shell barrier but the safety wire fence behind.

He reports the cause of this mayhem was that his foot was caught under the brake pedal.

The more sedate drivers in other classes were class winners David Malone (Torana GTR XU1, 53.01) in Group N Touring Cars, with Roy Davis (Triumph GT6, 47.75) and Barry Campbell (Bowllell Mark 7, 54.34) in Group T Sports Cars.

SPORTS CARS

Class wins went to Ben Stevens in the Production Sports Cars 1601 to 2000 with his best run of 48.44 seconds in his Lotus Elice and Denis Cotton in the larger engine capacity class with best time of 57.02 in his Porsche 914.

Other class wins were by Jeff Graham (Supercharged Mazda MX5, 48.22) and Jim Heymer (Farrel L Clubman, 45.39) followed by Terry Sproston (Aussie Race Car, 47.52) in the Supersports/Sports 1300 class.

SEDAN TYPE

Class wins in the Road Registered Sedans cars were by up to 1600 Anthony Loveridge in the under 1600 cc engine class with his best of 61.43n in his Volkswagen Beetle, Mark Cunningham recording a 49.78 to take the 1601 to 2 litre class in his Toyota Celica whilst the Over 2 litre class or Renault cars went to Phillip Rowen (Renault RS250 turbo, 48.53) from Chris Balhatchet (Renault Megane turbo, 50.62), with a 0.68 second gap to Ray Balhatchet (Renault Megane turbo, 51.30) with Alex Gardner running his best time of 52.08 seconds in his Renault Megane turbo. Alex's times in the dry were 53.48, 52.50, 52.20 and his best 52.08 seconds.

Sean Wade won the under 2 litre Modified Production Sedans in his Nissan Pulsar in a time of 48.59 seconds from Noel Dore in his

Volkswagen Beetle (57.92 seconds).

Brendan Merrick took the Over 2 litre class in his Datsun 120Y turbo (48.21) with Jeff Watson recording a 49.44 time in his Honda Civic Type R.

In the Improved Production Cars Andrew Harris won the under 2 litre class in his BMW E36 318s with a best run of 57.13 seconds from Ian Dalglesh who only ran on the wet Saturday in his Volkswagen Type 3 Fastback to record a 76.25 time. Waco Hamlin won the Over 2 litre class with a best run of 47.87 seconds in his Honda Civic.

The Steuart family ran their Ford Anglia in the PRC Rally Cars with Aaron Steuart recording a 55.21 time whilst Riley Steuart keeps improving his times since commencing running this year at Mount Cotton with a 59.31 second time.

All Wheel Drive Forced Induction Peter Martin (Subaru WRX turbo 52.27) 0.60 of a second from Brock Hall (Subaru WRX turbo, 53.87) with a gap of 0.59 of a second to Brendan Martin (Subaru WRX turbo, 53.46).

Brock had the lead for the first two runs with a 53.61 on Sunday before Peter recorded a 52.37 then 52.27 seconds.

Brad Smith won the Circuit Excel X3 class Excel with his best run over the weekend of 52.84 seconds.

Sports Sedans under 2 litres went to Michael Green (Hyundai Excel, 50.75) followed by Mark Baker (Alfa Romeo Alfetta, 94.37). Mark was another driver who competed on the wet Saturday. Michael Bird took the Over 2 litre class in his BMW E46 M3 with a 49.89 run from Richard Marken recording a 60.97 time in his Peugeot 405 Mi16.

Richard, a fellow competitor only running on the Saturday due to previous commitments on the Sunday.

FORMULA CARS

The record lowered on this final event was by Chris Beahan in his Phoenix Formula

Vee 1600. Chris improved the Formula Vee 1600 record of 49.20 set by Craig Hughes on 25 February 2017 to the new mark of 48.62 seconds.

Fastest times in the Formula Racing classes were by Luke Weiks (Empire 001, 40.95), Jim Milliner (OMS 2000M, 42.54), Stan Pobjoy (Supercharged VW Special, 43.74), up from Nana Glen in northern New South Wales with Ed McCane, ably assisted by the best dressed pit crew, recording a 44.92 time in his OMS CF04.

As the track became warmer on Sunday so the times set by those in the Formula cars improved. Jim Milliner was the quickest over the first three runs on Sunday with 47.93, 45.08 and 43.68 from Stan Pobjoy (44.69) and Ed McCane (46.45) before the track was at its best over the weekend and Luke ran 42.96, 41.16 and then his best 40.95.

Our thoughts went to Connor Tebble who was entered to drive father Greg's Speads RM 11 Formula 1000.

On his first run Connor made it through the first corner before the CV joint in the rear suspension broke, probably more shattered thus ending his weekend. Connor had impressed all at the Come N Try in February this year having his first steer of the Formula car. After a cautious start Connor recorded a time of 42.86 seconds.

TOP SIX SHOOTOUT

Of the top ten who qualified to accept the invitation to run in the Shootout 5 drivers accepted the challenge. Top times were Luke Weiks (41.94), Jim Milliner (42.23), Stan Pobjoy (43.26), Ed McCane (45.90) and Brendan Merrick (48.02).

Fastest Time of Day: Luke Weiks
Top Six Shootout: Luke Weiks
Fastest MG: Chrystellee Semple

Proposed event dates for 2025 are:

2 February Sunday – possible Come N Try/
Test N Tune To Be Confirmed
8 and 9 March - round 1
29 and 30 March - round 2

3 May Saturday - Test N Tune pre Queensland Hillclimb Championships
24 and 25 May Queensland Hillclimb Championships
21 and 22 June - round 3
26 and 27 July - round 4
6 September Saturday - Inter Club Challenge hillclimb
27 and 28 September - round 5
29 and 30 November - round 6

Australian Hillclimb Championship, South Australia at The Bend, Eastern Circuit, 9 to 12 October

HSCCQ KHANACROSS

Final event held by the Holden Sporting Car Club was a khanacross. Again the event was held on the very smooth bitumen area set aside for the drift events in the car park at Queensland Raceway.

The usual suspects attended to compete over the three design tests throughout the day.

Dan Callan (Subaru WRX) edged out Brett Davidson (Mazda MX5), Rhys Ellison (Renault Clio) and Chris Rahan (Subaru BRZ).

The proposed 2025 calendar for Motorkhana and Khanacross events is:

16 February – Khanacross at Queensland Raceway drift area
6 April – Motorkhana at the Driver Training Centre Willowbank
27 April – Motorkhana at the Driver Training Centre at Willowbank
22 June – Khanacross at Queensland Raceway drift area
13 July – Qld Motorkhana Championship with Inter Club Challenge Motorkhana at Queensland Raceway drift area
31 August -Khanacross (possibly the Queensland Khanacross Championship TBC at Queensland Raceway drift area
19 October – Motorkhana at Queensland Raceway drift area
9 November – Motorkhana at Queensland Raceway drift area



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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.



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