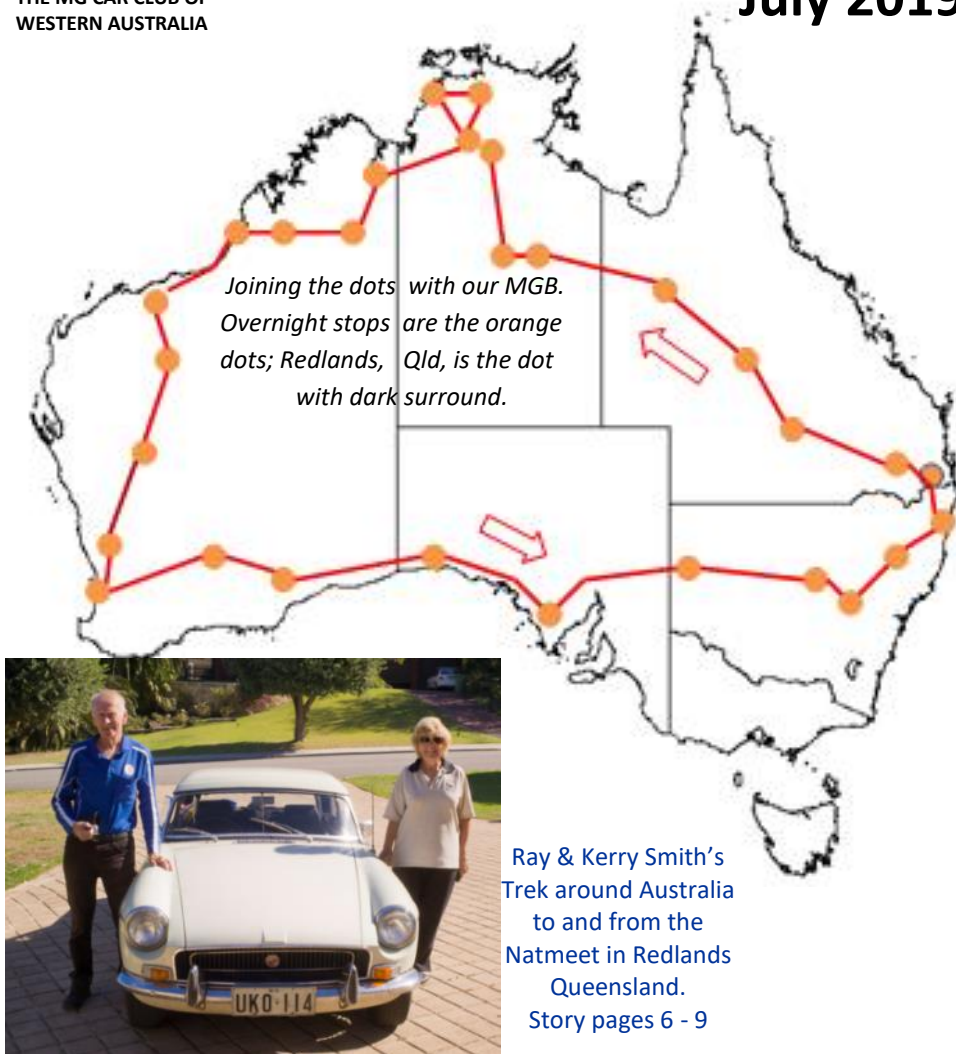


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**All members and visitors are welcome.**



*Franz Brinkmann, a new member,  
was the winner of this month's raffle.*

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## President's Piece

The shortest day of the year has now passed, that means we are moving into the times when we can all get our MG's out, to enjoy driving them, without worrying about getting wet, [as if MG owners would!]. The picture above is of MG's new E-motion concept car, which has appeared 'in the flesh' in China. It is an all-electric, sports sedan with a claimed 0-100km/hour in 4 seconds with a 500Km range. Now all MG have to do is build a convertible hybrid model of the car and they would have a winner.

There is now a waiting list for the Club annual awards and Xmas Party on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, as the limit on the numbers that can be accommodated by the venue has been reached. It promises to be a great night out at the Pagoda, thanks to Mike and Jeannette Smith's organising skills.

My TD has been on display in the Motor Museum as part of the 'Volunteers Corner' for the last three months but is now back home. However, I have been busy organising an eclectic display of MG models at the MM for July to September, with many thanks to all the owners who have agreed to loan their cars for the display. The cars being displayed vary from a 1933 K3 to a 1995 RV-8, with a good cross section of the different MG models.

Members of all three MG clubs in WA have provided the cars. The display should bring the Marque and the clubs some good publicity.

Even though we are in the 'winter' season there are still opportunities for you to drive your MG, with the Mid-Week run on the 11<sup>th</sup> and of course the Winter Woolies run on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Plus, if you have time spare on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July, why not go along to the Kwinana Motorplex and support our guys and girls, driving in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the WA State Motorkhana Championship.

I have been researching Michelin XZX tyres for my TD and have found that buying a set of 4 from the UK and having them shipped to Perth is considerably cheaper than buying the same tyres in Perth, what is going on? Whilst on the subject of parts for our cars, if you are looking at Clutch replacements, be aware that there are a number of poor quality parts appearing on the market, so be sure to check the manufacturer and warranty of your parts before purchasing them.

The Club is looking for a member to take on the post of running the Library at the Clubrooms. The previous librarian, David Pitcher did an excellent job in getting the contents, catalogued and made readily available for members use. Thus, it is an easy post to pick up and ensure the continuance of a good service for member's.

Your club needs just one volunteer to contact me .

*Doug Bush*

# **BANTONS BIG BREAKFAST**

**WHEN - Sunday 18th. August 2019**

**TIME - MGCC CLUBROOMS**

**Depart 0800hrs** for scenic pre breakfast drive.

*Full Buffet Breakfast including: Selection of Cereals, Fresh Fruit Platters, yoghurts, Pastries and a BIG HOT BREKKY - Eggs, Grilled Bacon, Sauteed Mushrooms, Grilled Tomatoes, Crispy Hash Browns, Sausages, Baked Beans and Fresh brewed Coffee and Tea*

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**Payment at Clubrooms prior to start (be early)**

**Big Breakfast - 0900 hrs.**

**Venue - T.B.A.**

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**Confirm Bookings - [terwan@iinet.net.au](mailto:terwan@iinet.net.au)**

**Ph. 0407 452 910**

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**BOOKINGS are now OPEN**

*Please confirm your booking by the First of August (1.8.2019) or by the above as organiser has TMB Disease  
(Too Many Birthdays)*

## The Redlands Nationals 2019

### Around Australia solo in our MGB

When contemplating the driving trip from Perth, to and from the Redlands Nationals meeting, Ray put it to Kerry that it would be an opportunity not to be missed to come back via Darwin - provided three factors were normal: our MGB remained trusty, ourselves being well, and the weather. (Cyclonic rain can cut the roads in Qld and NT for weeks at a time). We, two seniors in our seventies (Ray in his 79th year) sharing the driving, would be doing this trip alone. We had done this previously for the Adelaide Nationals in 2017 (Octagon article, June 2017) and Tassie Nationals in 2018 (Octagon, June 2018). The Easter period, coupled with school holidays, puts pressure on motel accommodation. Accordingly, we pre-booked accommodation for the whole trip.

If anything went wrong this would mean a lot of inconvenience and many phone calls. However, our little MG just purred along beautifully, we met all our accommodation bookings, all went exactly according to plan and, thankfully, we did not have to use our rudimentary camping gear. Our trip involved a total of 13,548 km of driving, the same as the road distance linking Vladivostok (far eastern Russia) - Paris - London - Land's End (Cornwall) to John O'Groats (Scotland) and essentially double the distance of The Silk Road which is some 7,000 km in length.

The way over was our fifth crossing of the Nullarbor in our MGB in the last three years. Familiar territory, the Nullarbor is a delight to drive. This time after Port Augusta, we took the Barrier Highway to Broken Hill, Wilcannia, Cobar and Nyngan. This highway was much more like a minor road, a bit twisty and suffering a lack of maintenance. Furthermore, drought conditions seemed to bring out an abundance of kangaroos, goats and sheep as road hazards during the day.

Cruising on from Mudgee, through Armidale to Ballina is enjoyable, scenic country.

The drive on through the Gold Coast to Redlands was characterised by large volumes of holiday traffic in both directions. This was the Thursday before Easter and beginning of

school holidays. It seemed that almost every car was towing a boat.

The 2019 National Meeting was the Golden Jubilee - the 50th year of MG Car Clubs meetings - hosted by the MG Car Club of Queensland. A major undertaking that was very well done. Although we have not seen official figures, we understand that there were some 250 registrants.



*Dedicated judges in the rain, Redlands Concours*



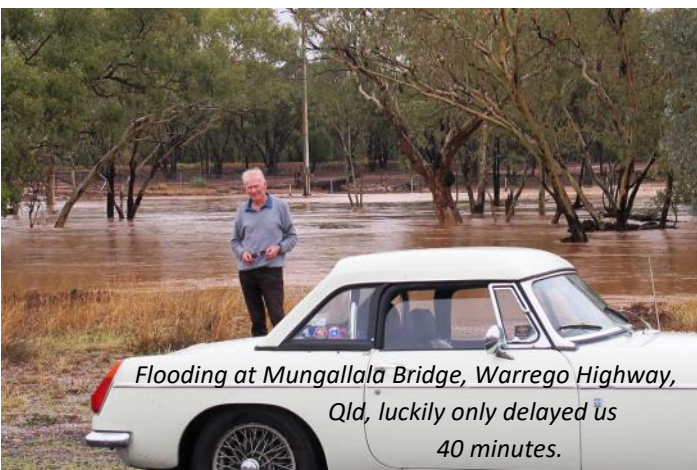
Kerry and I were the only members from WA. We got "adopted" by the Hunter Club, NSW, which had seven members present. This friendly gesture made the whole meeting very special to us.

Registration, scrutineering, the dinners, take off points for trips, the farewell breakfast and the Delegates Meeting were all held at one place, the Alexandra Hills Conference Centre, which was very convenient and the staff and facilities were excellent. Many members were staying at the Centre. However, we stayed in a modern "granny flat" in an adjacent suburb, mainly because we wanted secure parking for our car.

The Concours was held on the foreshores of Moreton Bay. It rained intermittently posing extra challenges for competitors, especially those with roofs down - or no roof at all - and for the dedicated judges. The Observation Run was within the suburbs of sprawling Brisbane with busy traffic. This was OK for testing answers to complex questions yet not really attractive for a social run. The Kimber Run got out of the suburbs to Tamborine Mountain in the hinterland. Yet still the local traffic was heavy and we saw only three MGs go by. Again, unfortunately, no socialising opportunities.

In retrospect, it would have been better for us to be spectators at the Motorkhana. The dinners were characterised by good company, good food and excellent service. Furthermore, they did not suffer from the extreme loudness of music as occurred at the Ulverstone Nationals dinners in 2018 in Tasmania. Accordingly, conversation was generally fine. However, the announcing and handing out of an endless array of medals characterised both dinners and conversations terminated while these announcements were going on. I understand that there were a total of 300 medals for 250 registrants. Far too many!

Puzzling to some attendees, including us, was the presenting the "Most Travelled Award" to a couple who boarded a plane and flew from the UK to Brisbane. Some members who were also members of the Austin Healey Club said their club's most travelled award goes to the member(s) whose car *was driven* the most miles to/from the meeting and that an Austin Healey pulled on a trailer is ineligible. It is hard to picture anyone driving their MG further than Kerry and I were in the process of doing



for this Nationals - unless they were to drive around Australia twice! All up, this Golden Jubilee Meeting and the program flow were very good. For us, the best were friendships developed. Not surprisingly, we had many comments when people heard that we had not only driven our MGB from Perth, but were driving

*A triple trailer freight truck,  
Great Northern Highway,  
central Yilgarn, WA*



it back via Darwin.

Comments ranged from that is "a courageous decision" to "good on you!"

We allocated twenty days for the return journey, passing initially through central and west Qld, and NT to Tennant Creek. In so doing we were cruising some of the main Beef Roads.

The volume of triple trailer trucks loaded with cattle was amazing as were the quads of ore trucks carrying coal, base metal ores or concentrates. Ray found it particularly fascinating cruising across so much of the northern part of the Great Artesian Basin seeing, for example, vegetation evidence for artesian springs or seeps.

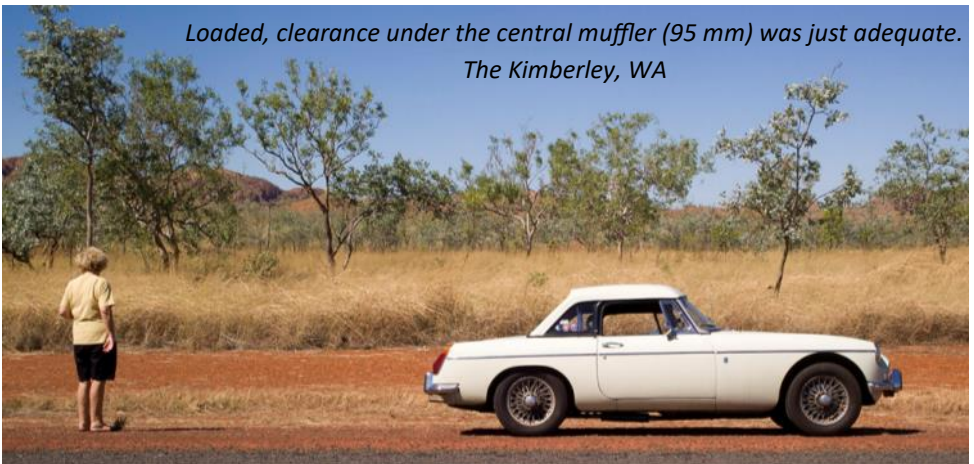
Unusually intensive cyclonic rains in 2018 and 2019 resulted in lush pastures through the Mitchell Grass Downs of Central Qld and the Barkly Tablelands of NT.

Our trip brought home to us how important is cattle grazing in these regions of northern Australia.

*Ranges along the Victoria Highway, NT.*



*Loaded, clearance under the central muffler (95 mm) was just adequate.  
The Kimberley, WA*





It was fascinating to visit towns like Charleville, Longreach (the historic home base for QANTAS), Winton, Cloncurry and Mount Isa. Winton has become important for the dinosaur discoveries there.

The research and visitor centre, called "The Age Of The Dinosaurs" is excellent, a credit to those dedicated people who established and run it. Winton seems likely to become a world leader in the field aspects of dinosaur research.

We stopped overnight at Tennant Creek, then moved north through the Victoria Plains tropical savannah to Mataranka, then further north to Katherine, Kakadu and Jabiru where we saw the transition to tropical woodlands, monsoonal wetlands and rainforest of the Top End characterised by corypha palms and boab trees in addition to eucalypts and melaleucas. Kerry did a welcome clothes wash in Darwin where we did some sightseeing. Thereafter, we cruised through the Kimberley overnighting in Broome. Next was Port Hedland, BHP's port for export of iron ore. From Port Hedland was through one of Ray's regional field research areas (the Hamersley Basin) but mostly new to Kerry. Thereafter we had an overnigher at a donga style motel at Meekatharra. Our last stop was at the historic Old Convent at Dalwallinu. We arrived home, exactly on schedule, lunch time Mothers' Day.

Highlights of the trip were the dinosaur centre at Winton and its surrounding terrain, cruising the Mitchell Grass Downs bioregion, and rock formations of the ranges along the Victoria Highway, and ranges in the Kimberley and Hamersley provinces of WA.



*Kerry with a friendly dinosaur  
at "The Age of Dinosaurs"  
Visitors' Centre  
Winton*



*Boab trees, Victoria Highway, NT.*

***Kerry and Ray Smith***

## State Motorkhana Championship Round 2 - Albany

*Saturday 1st June 2019*

The weather was absolutely perfect, though we had a little rain overnight which cleared away as we drove out of Albany about 10k to the CBH site at Mirrabeeena. A great big area with no close walls or other obstructions., just great for this type of event.

Sarah was doing the hill climb first at Mt Clarence on slightly wetter roads then driving out to compete with us in a team event against our mortal enemies (*Joking*) the Mini Car Club. Always friendly banter.



The MG's were represented by Jason Goff, Peter Harper, Sarah Fry, Moyra Mitchinson and myself.

There were 6 different courses with 2 runs at each one. It doesn't matter that you may have done them before on earlier events there is always that moment when you think you know which way you should be going just before you panic then hopefully

realize that you are actually doing it right. It is always a lot of fun and you don't have to thrash your motor to participate.

*Graham M*

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Graham M	37.06 37.02	33.05 32.59	37.07 36.67	29.98 30.45	35.77 35.74	32.19 31.98	409.55
Moyra M	36.55 36.03	34.35 32.96	36.26 35.45	30.59 29.81	35.52 42.04 <sup>ww</sup>	32.23 32.16	413.94
Sarah F	37.81 37.26	33.67 33.84	37.02 37.83	31.66 31.82	38.41 35.80	32.42 32.22	420.02
Peter H	53.91 40.81	50.22 <sup>ww</sup> 35.80	51.58 39.42	33.05 35.38	42.63 <sup>ww</sup> 36.00	32.56 32.37	483.75



## Albany Classic “Round The Houses 2019”

*Sunday 2nd June*

The Albany Classic is a unique event which sees the streets of Albany come alive each year on the June long weekend with the sights and sounds of the classic cars.

Mt Clarence Hill climb is held on the Saturday and “round the houses” is held on the Sunday. The town embraces the event by putting on fun and entertainment for everyone along with displays, local art and craft stalls, food, bands and children entertainment.



This was my 3<sup>rd</sup> year of attending the hill climb and the second time of competing in the classic Round the Houses.

I was in group 4 along with the very experienced Rami Brass and Richard Gusterson who were more than willing to give me advice on some safe driving tips.

I had an absolute blast, once on the grid the nerves went and on the most pleasant of days I touched top speeds of 110kms down the back straight. Poor Peter was left standing on the sidelines with sweaty palms watching which was not much fun for him.

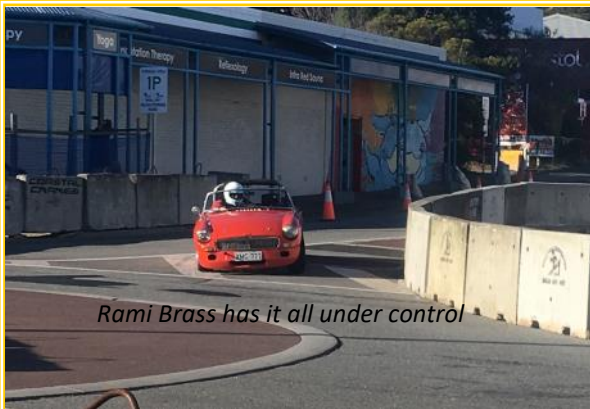
A few cars met with the barriers during the day damaging only their cars which lead to reduced laps and us not getting our 4<sup>th</sup> ‘race’ in before the

sun setting and the event had to finish.

Group 3 (*see the photo on right*) comprised of only Minis of all colours and models as they celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in true style.



*Sarah Fry  
The height of concentration*



*Rami Brass has it all under control*

Congratulations to the VSCC for organising this event and for Vicki Clark for getting all of Albany behind her to make this such a great event.

Next year I may be forced to sit back and let Peter have a turn. Unless we can get 2 cars up and running of course!

*Sarah Fry*



*Richard Gusterson*



*The red MG above was one we noticed with a for sale sign which we think said "only driven on Sundays"*

*The photo below shows just how beautiful the weather was for the whole weekend*





## MGCC Forthcoming Events in 2019

### July

Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Committee Meeting</i>		
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	Classic Midweek Run	Social	MGOC
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	State Championship Round 3	Comp	MCC
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	<i>General Meeting/Nog'n'Natter</i>	Social	MGCC
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	MGA Register Run	Social	MGCC
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	Southern Chapter Xmas in July	Social	MGCC
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Woolies Run	Social	MGCC

### August

Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Committee Meeting</i>		
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	Classic Midweek Run	Social	AHC
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	Economy Run	Social/Comp	MGCC
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	State Championship Round 4	Comp	MCC
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	Banton's Big Breakfast	Social	MGCC
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	<i>General Meeting/Nog'n'Natter</i>	Social	MGCC
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	CAMS Club Challenge - Hillclimb	Comp	CAMS



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**TAV – 0408 955 717**

## SOCIAL EVENTS IN JULY

***All Club members are welcome to participate in these social events.***

*As they are listed on the Club's events calendar, your concessionally registered car can be driven to, from and during each event.*

### **Classic Midweek Run – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

The July Classic Midweek Run will commence from the Olde Narrogin Inne in Armadale, gathering at **10:00am** for a 10:30am start. Join the usual collection of assorted MGs, Austin Healeys, Jaguars, Triumphs, Aston Martins and sundry classic cars for a pleasant drive and lunch at a country pub. Contact is Richard Gusterson ([richgus@bigpond.com](mailto:richgus@bigpond.com)).

### **Nog'n'Natter – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

The monthly Nog'n'Natter will be held at the Clubrooms on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, meeting 7:30pm for an 8:00pm start. The usual convivial Nog'n'Natter and light supper will follow a short briefing on Club matters and events by Committee members.

### **MGA Register Run – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

The MGA Register will be hosting a Lunch Run on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July, meeting at the **Mundaring Village Shopping Centre** (car park at eastern end off Stoneville Road behind KFC) at **10:00am** for a prompt 10:15am start. Café Cinco Gallos, upstairs in the shopping centre, is open for breakfast and/or coffee and cake for the early risers while there is also a bakery for those partial to patisseries. The run will cover around 120km through scenic hills country and finish at a suitable lunch venue.

Please advise Tony Ford, mobile 0400 202 474 or email [tonyford@westnet.com.au](mailto:tonyford@westnet.com.au) for catering purposes if you are participating.

### **Southern Chapter 'Christmas in July' Lunch – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

Also on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July, the Southern Chapter is hosting a **Christmas in July** lunch run, meeting at the Waroona Bakery at **10:00am** for a 10:30am start in festive spirit and dressed for the Christmas season! The run will proceed to **Ye Olde Quindanning Inne** for lunch, with a two course meal and mulled wine for \$30pp. Contact is Ted and Robyn Mullins, 9537 7424 or 0419 925 632 or [robymted01@hotmail.com](mailto:robymted01@hotmail.com).

Northern members are of course welcome to meet up with the Southern Chapter for lunch at Quindanning. *For catering purposes, please advise Ted if attending by Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July!*

### **Winter Woolies Run – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

The annual Winter Woolies Run will be held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July - come rain, hail or shine! This is a traditional event for the Club and hardy intrepid MG owners will be up bright and early, topless of course, to celebrate the midpoint of the winter season. Organisers Ian and Lis Campbell have a great run lined up, finishing at a lunch venue for a feed of hot food to warm the cockles (and other body parts). The run will commence from **Guildford**, Stirling St adjacent to Stirling Gardens meeting at **10:00am** for a 10.30am start.

### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

### **Economy Run – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August**

This year's Economy Run on 11<sup>th</sup> August will start at **10:00am** from the carpark of the Mundaring Village shopping centre, off Stoneville Road (near the Great Eastern Hwy traffic lights). The Run will cover approximately 160 km (100 miles) and will finish in time for lunch at a local park – bring your own picnic or buy lunch from nearby food outlets. The usual prestigious (and delicious) prizes will be awarded to category winners and the results count towards the Club Championship trophy. If you don't wish to compete, come along anyway for a pleasant scenic drive!

Organiser is Tony Ford, 0400 202 474 or [tonyford@westnet.com.au](mailto:tonyford@westnet.com.au).

### **Banton's Big Breakfast – 18<sup>th</sup> August**

The ever popular annual Banton's Big Breakfast run on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August will depart the **Clubrooms** at 8:00am sharp, so make sure you arrive by no later than **7:45am** in time for the route briefing! A full breakfast will be available at the destination, including: Selection of Cereals, Fresh Fruit Platters, Yoghurts, Pastries and a BIG HOT BREKKY – Eggs, Grilled Bacon, Sauteed Mushrooms, Grilled Tomatoes, Crispy Hash Browns, Sausages, Baked Beans and Fresh brewed Coffee and Tea. **Cost is \$20pp payable in cash to Terry Banton at the Clubrooms prior to departure** and is subsidized by the Club.

Southern Chapter members can join this event at the breakfast venue, which is located south of Perth, without having to drive to the

Clubrooms in Bayswater. *Contact Terry to advise him if you are intending to meet the group at the venue.*

If you have not yet advised your attendance to Terry Banton, please contact him by email ([terwan@iinet.net.au](mailto:terwan@iinet.net.au)) or phone (9291 8877) **by 1<sup>st</sup> August** as numbers are limited! For Southern Chapter members, please cc your email to Ted Mullins, [robynted01@hotmail.com](mailto:robynted01@hotmail.com).

### **Two Day Wheatbelt Museum Tour – 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

A two-day driving tour (in MGs, of course) of museums in the central wheatbelt will be held during the spring wildflower season on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September. The tour will cover a total of around 540km over the two days, starting from Mundaring and overnighting at Merredin, with stops at the following museums: Cunderdin Museum (formerly the No. 3 Pumping Station on the Golden Pipeline)

Kellerberrin Pioneer Museum

Merredin Railway Museum

Merredin Military Museum

Nungarin Heritage Machinery and Army Museum

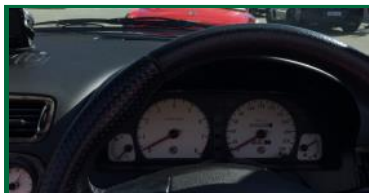
Wyalkatchem CBH Agricultural Museum

Slater Homestead, Goomalling

Please register your interest in participating in this tour by emailing Tony Ford ([tonyford@westnet.com.au](mailto:tonyford@westnet.com.au)) - 25 people have registered to date.

### **Christmas in Las Vegas – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Yes, we know it's not until December but this will be a fantastic event and you should put it in your diary now! The **Christmas in Las Vegas** and Club Awards Night will be held at the Pagoda Ballroom in South Perth on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Dress will be 1920s-1930s (the Prohibition Era and all that jazz!) with a Christmas buffet, prizes and surprises! Cost will be \$40pp for Club members and \$60pp for non-members and is subsidized by the Club. Register your interest with Mike Smith at email [m7rs@icloud.com](mailto:m7rs@icloud.com) or mobile 0413 837 282!



# WACKY RACES

with Peter McGrath

June saw the most significant competition event on our calendar take place, with the Albany Classic on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup>. A number of MGCCWA members went down to watch and offer support to their fellow members, who were taking part in the three separate events over the weekend. Perfect conditions for spirited driving really made the weekend, with blue skies, little wind and temperatures in the 20s during the day.

On the Saturday, the Mount Clarence Hill Climb and Round 2 of the State Motorkhana Championship took place. Sarah Fry in her MGB roadster managed to take part in both events, in what must have been a hectic day for her and husband Peter. The hill climb circuit was superb with some very impressive times posted. Five MGCCWA members took part in the Motorkhana with Peter Harper in his MGB, Graham and Moyra Mitchinson in "Bruiser" the MGB and Jason Goff in his MGA also taking part.

Sunday saw the "Round the Houses" Regularity races on the street circuit through the Albany town centre. This must be one of the best street circuits outside of the Formula 1 circuits of Monaco, Singapore and Baku! Perfect conditions made it a great spectator event. Four MGCCWA members took part in three races on the day. Ray Morgan in his MGB GT, Sarah Fry in her MGB, Rami Brass in his MGB and Richard Gusterson in his recently repaired MGB all taking part. All four, racing cleanly and avoiding any mishaps. Unfortunately, there were a few accidents during the day in other classes, which lead to limited track time and some races being cancelled. Our intrepid MG drivers still managed to take part in three races though.

Also, in June on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup>, the Jaguar Car Club of WA arranged one of their regular track days at Barbagallo Raceway. The weather was the complete opposite of Albany, with wild storms and heavy rain spoiling the day. Only two MGCCWA drivers braved the conditions in Peter Fry and yours truly. The JCCWA volunteers were there ready for the day with marshals and organisers in place to scrutineer our cars and oversee the action. Unfortunately, only eight drivers turned up, making the event unviable. We waited in the hope that a further seven cars may show up, but it was in vain. On a positive note, however, the Jaguar Car Club have managed to secure use of the circuit again for Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> July. Hopefully the weather will be kinder this time!

One more event takes place in June, with Round 4 of the Point to Point series at Barbagallo on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup>. I haven't had a chance yet to take part in this series, but I'd love to hear from any members who have tried it out.

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July events:

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Jaguar Car Club Track Day at Barbagallo Raceway (Re-arranged) –  
Scrutineering starts at 7:30am, Drivers' briefing at 8:15am. – I'll send out a  
reminder email in early July.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> - Round 3 of the State Motorkhana at Kwinana (Perth Motorplex)

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> – TSOA & HSV Clubs Supersprint at Barbagallo Raceway

We've been informed that scheduled Motorkhana events in August and September  
have been changed, cancelled and added as follows:

Round 4 of the State Motorkhana has been moved from the 25<sup>th</sup> August to the 8<sup>th</sup>  
of September due clashes with other events at Tiger Kart Club.

This in turn has led to the cancellation of the Practice Motorkhana which would  
have been on the 8<sup>th</sup> September.

The Mini Car Club have added an additional event for the 18<sup>th</sup> August - Bitumen  
Khanacross at Tiger Kart Club (please note, this date clashes with Banton's Big  
Breakfast for those already signed up).

Please let me know if you need more info on any upcoming events. As always if you  
hear of any competitive events that we haven't promoted, please let me know so I can  
pass it on to your fellow MGCCWA members.

**Here's to a rapid and fun July.**



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# 2020 MG Nat Meet

## Albury - Wodonga



### Your Invitation

This is your personal invitation to join the MG Car Club Victoria for the 51<sup>st</sup> running of the MG National Meeting.

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

The location has been especially chosen for its central position to encourage all our friends from interstate to join us in celebrating 50 years since Victoria ran its first National Meeting in Melbourne.

We look forward to welcoming you and your MG for a fun filled weekend in Albury – Wodonga

### All the traditional activities and events will be included over the weekend.

The Concourse will utilize Gateway Park on the mighty Murray River shoreline.

Social events will be held in top class Council owned facilities in both Albury and Wodonga.

Our competitive comrades won't be disappointed with the 1.6km track at the Wodonga TAFE where the Sprints and Motorkhana will be held.

Accommodation is plentiful and ranges from Resorts along the Murray River, Caravan Parks and Hotels / Motels in Albury – Wodonga, some within easy walking distance to the social events.

However, please book early, as the area is very busy over Easter

### Contacts for more Information

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

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### Friday - Registration & Noggin n Natter

Will be held at "The Cube" in Wodonga. This Council multi-purpose facility will be ideal for Friday Registration and Noggin n Natter including the Rocker Cover Racing plus Tuesday's Farewell Breakfast.



### Saturday - The Concourse

Gateway Lakes Park is halfway between the two cities on the banks of the Murray River. It is a wide-open space with plenty of room for all our cars. The adjoining Arts Precinct is also worth exploring.



### Sunday and Monday - Speed Events

Wodonga TAFE Logic Centre will be the centre of activities and boasts a tight very technical 1.6km track, which will test even the best drivers.

### Sunday and Monday - Touring Events

The quaint historic hamlets of Yackandandah, Beechworth, Myrtleford, Rutherglen, Corowa and Yarrawonga await participants of the MG Touring events. You will enjoy the scenic landscape and the questions won't be too cryptic.



### Saturday and Monday - Social Events

The Theme Night and Presentation Dinner will utilize the Albury Entertainment Centre in the heart of Albury.

## GENERAL MEETING. 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019: Minutes

**Meeting opened at 20.00 pm.**

Club President in the chair.

**Visitors/New members :** Jean Paul (JP) Tedeschi

**Apologies:** Heather Forbes, John & Elizabeth Carruthers, John Goff, Peter and Zoe Hagarty

**Minutes of previous meeting:** 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019 published in the Octagon: Motion to accept Minutes: Proposed by Alley Mulcahy seconded by Graham Forbes and agreed as a true record.

**Correspondence:** 2 x Magazines from other clubs, 1 x Letter from Ken Cranfield re: Concessional Registration

**Business arising:** Nil

### REPORTS:

**VP's Report:** Iain advised he is still waiting on two committee position description

**Secretary's Report:** Nothing to report

**Treasurer's Report:** Chris Hart advised that the committee has separated the accounts to have a Reserve Account ( for major projects) and an Expensive Account( (for day to day) which has \$15,060.00).

Chris then advised that the following cheques be proposed for payment; Advance to M & J Smith for Raffle Prizes ect, for Christmas Party \$900.00, C Bush -Supper \$47.00, A Mulcahy - Raffle Prize \$28.50 & Stationery \$20.00 Total \$48.50.

Proposed by Chris Hart seconded by Julie McGrath and agreed as a true record.

**Membership Sec's Report:** Richard advised that total membership year to date is 267.

Richard also nominated the following new members –

Jean Paul & Jennifer Tedeschi 1977 Red MGB

Seconded by Graham Mitchinson and approved by the meeting

**Competition:** Pete advised start of the month we had a healthy participation for the Albany Classic.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June Barbagallo Jag Track day, 8 cars turned up – cancelled till the 9<sup>th</sup> July

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June Barbagallo point to point Round 4

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July State Motokhana Championship Kwinana Round 3

**Social Report:** Tony advised the following events - All event advertised in Octagon  
Albany Classic was a great event

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June Mid week run – 21 cars

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 8.30am - 9am start heading to Swan Valley, Mundaring Hotel and back to Swan Valley.



Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July Mid week run – details to follow

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July MGA register run leaving from Mundaring

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July Southern Chapter run – organised by Ted & Robyn Mullins Xmas in July - Quindanning Hotel

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July Winter Woolies run organised by Ian and Liz Campbell's starting from Guildford area.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August Banton's Big Breakfast organised by Terry & Wanda Banton

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> & Thur 12<sup>th</sup> Sep – Overnight run in wheat belt area organised by Tony Ford

Mike advised we have reached the max 130 people and there is a waiting list - Christmas Party 7<sup>th</sup> December Pagoda 1920 – 1930 theme Los Vegas.

**Editors:** Graham advised deadline is closing on the 27<sup>th</sup> June and please send articles and photo's separate due to recent corrupt file sent to Octagon file.

**Safety Fast Run:** Terry advised that we should have received emails have been sent out regarding entries but asked to please fill out forms and payment as soon as possible. Terry also advised the regalia for SF looks smicko.

**Club Captain:** Julie advised no badges to give out tonight.

**Regalia:** Chris advised red polo shirts are now in stock.

**Librarian:** Doug advised we are still looking for a Librarian & MGF Register Organised.

**Webmaster:** Ian advised web up to date please email Ian if you wish to have anything added.

#### **Any Other Business:**

Doug mentioned the Motor Museum is doing a display of MG's from the 7<sup>th</sup> July for nearly 3 months and has nearly got all the models he requires for display.

Doug also mentioned he attended the CMC meeting and there has been another minor change to the 404 concession vehicles booklet and the DOT are doing checks on 404 cars to make sure that they haven't been modified.

If you modified a concession vehicle after it has been inspected it is the owners responsibility not the Clubs.

Doug asked if you are interested to go online to Dept of Road regarding changing the speed limits and take the survey (takes about 15 minutes), he found it very interesting.

David Rose mentioned that Tav (Vintage Classic) has moved premises to Carlisle, address has been changed in Octagon.

Mike Smith mentioned about some suppliers, suppling clutches and asked if you are getting your clutch done ask where motor parts are coming from as some parts are inferior.

**Meeting closed at 20.44pm**

**The Deadline for articles to be included in the August edition  
of the Octagon will be Thursday 25th July**



## **COMBINED CLUBS MIDWEEK RUN**

### **Finishing at Mt HELENA TAVERN**

*13th June 2019*

In spite of the weather we all congregated at Ginger's Roadhouse on the Great Northern Highway ready for a 10.30am start. Miraculously the rain had stopped.

Twenty one cars from the various clubs had arrived. After a briefing and mud map handout by Richardson Gusterson we all proceeded northwards. We turned off from Bullsbrook into Chittering Rd. and noticed the huge new subdivision that is being

developed for the area, which is conveniently situated near a couple of schools.

The Country side through the Chittering Valley was very lovely after the

recent rain. New lambs were seen, some emus, a few cattle and some alpacas. Apart from these, things seemed very quiet in the countryside.

Next we drove down Julimar Rd. for the COMFORT STOP in Toodyay – Very necessary at our stage of life !!

We handed in our sheets guessing the mileage (not kilometers) to the lunch venue. Then we were off to would you guess ? the Mt. Helena Tavern. Just prior to lunch the winners were announced for the big guess distance. Brendon Hagarty, Sue from the Austin Healey club and Ian & I were the winners. Thank you Annette for organising this competition.





Lunch and a glass of goodness went down very well and the sun was still out until we reached Kalamunda and it RAINED again. Such is life !!

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# Ladies Very Social Run or Girls on the Run

*Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June*



Although the weather wasn't looking too great, we had five MG's and eleven ladies turn up for the inaugural MG ladies Run (the bonus of the modern MG is that they can carry more than one passenger).

We met at the clubhouse at 8.30 for a 9am start, before taking the usual indirect route to our first stop of the day – The Swan Settlers Markets in Herne Hill, where we wandered around the stalls – mostly hand made goods ranging from foods to soaps to clothes to jewellery. Some ladies indulged in a belated breakfast (or early morning tea) while others supported the small retailers.



All the girls from behind







Discussing 'secret' women's business, lol

This market is well worth a visit if you like to support small businesses – and they have a great range of food available, I will certainly be heading back for lunch on a future weekend.

Next up, we climbed back into our cars and set off on a nice winding route through Brigadoon and the hills before arriving at Mundaring Hotel for lunch. Some ladies were braver than others when dealing with the big hills in the middle stretch, which some of you would have

experienced when we did the Twilight Picnic Run organised by Doug back in February. Luckily all the kangaroos and emus spotted in the paddocks decided to stay put and not argue with any of our cars.

Lunch was delightful, a great range of food, served in the undercover area with a roaring wood fire keeping us all toasty warm.

The final leg was a direct run from Mundaring back to the Margaret River Chocolate Company in the Swan Valley, where we indulged in some wicked hot chocolates and coffee before making our own way home.

The day was a great success, giving us a chance to chat with people that we may not have had many dealings with in the past, and those of us who bought girlfriends from outside of the club as our navigators all seemed to enjoy themselves as well.





*All the girls enjoying a natter before lunch.*

*Thanks to Alley's friend Carol who is behind the camera.*



We were reasonably lucky with the weather – although the on/off rain prevented us from going topless, it wasn't heavy enough to cause concerns when driving – except for a couple of minor

leaks reported by Alley in Agatha.

I'm sure this won't be the last ladies run, and I certainly look forward to the next one, hopefully in better weather so we can drop our tops and get some wind in our hair.

Thanks to Alley for organising the day, and I hope more ladies will join in on the next one.

**Julie McGrath**

How they started



In this edition of the Octagon we have had several contributors who have taken photographs or supplied articles that were used throughout the magazine.

**Kerry and Ray Smith, Sarah Fry, Julie McGrath, Lis Campbell, Robyn and Ted Mullins , Rob Hagarty**

*If you have a Story about your MG or an adventure with it, please send it in to us.*

**Thank you M & G**

## Birthday Calendar

If anyone would like to add their name to the birthday book, please just send your information through to the Editors, Thank you.

So for those celebrating a July birthday,  
the committee would like to wish you a **MaGic Day**



### July Birthdays

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>

**Yanni Keenan**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup>

**David Katz**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>

**Michael Flanagan  
Moyra Mitchinson**



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