

MG NATIONAL MEETING 2015 FUN AND FRIENDSHIP in the Yarra Valley, Victoria

Easter 2015: Friday 3rd April – Tuesday 7th April

BULLETIN 2

UPDATES TO PROGRAM

Since the publication of Bulletin 1 in early May, additional planning has resulted in some positive changes to our program. The major amendment is a <u>new venue</u> for the Presentation Dinner – now to be held at the Karralyka Centre in Ringwood, not the Yarra Glen Racing Centre. This venue is larger and more central, with excellent on site, safe parking for 300 cars. Also, being so close to the accommodation hub and with good parking and ready availability of taxis, buses will be unnecessary. Google Maps reference to the venue is attached. Another change is the provision of minibuses on Saturday, running from the Concours into Healesville and return. This delightful township is only 15 minutes from the Concours venue and boasts a range of shops, a Saturday morning market, cafes and restaurants – providing an alternative to car watching.

The **Updated Program** is set out below:

Friday	8.30am-4pm 2 - 4pm	Registration (<i>York on Lilydale, York Rd, Mt Evelyn (cnr York & Swansea Rds</i>) Optional road speed familiarisation session (no helmets) at Historic Rob Roy Hillclimb (<i>Clintons Road, Christmas Hills</i>)
	7-11pm	Noggin n Natter - Welcome and Opening Ceremony (our theme event) plus Rocker Cover Racing (MGCC Vic Clubrooms, Unit 53, 41-49 Norcal Road, Nunawading)
Saturday	8.30am - 3.30pm	Concours (Rochford Winery, 878-880 Maroondah Highway, Coldstream (Yarra Valley)
	9.30am – 4pm	Coaches to and from the Healesville for those who might like a break from the Concours.
	7-11pm	Free Night / Optional BBQ at our MGCC Victoria Clubrooms
Sunday	8.30am – 5pm	Hillclimb Speed Event and Picnic Day at Historic Rob Roy (<i>Clintons Road</i> , <i>Christmas Hills</i>)
	10am – 3pm	Observation Run - Competition Event (<i>Yarra Valley, BUT concluding at Historic Rob Roy</i> so you can participate in the Picnic Day) Free Night.

Monday 8.30am – 3pm Motorkhana (METEC Driving Centre, 112 Colchester Road, Bayswater North

(Yarra Valley fringe)

10am – 3pm Kimber Run (*Yarra Valley*)

6.30 pm –11.30pm Presentation Dinner (*Karralyka Centre, Mines Road, Ringwood*)

Tuesday 7am – 9.30am Farewell Breakfast (*York on Lilydale*)

Delegates' Meeting (MGCC Vic Clubrooms)

ACCOMMODATION:

A reminder that you need to organize your own accommodation. There have been no changes to the Accommodation Guide that was with Bulletin 1. Be aware that the guide is no more than that and please make sure you get on with making your own arrangements as soon as is possible. Note: The York on Lilydale accommodation is now fully booked but there could always be cancellations. Our Accommodation Coordinator would appreciate feedback on bookings and an "Expression of Interest" form to help you assist us with our planning is attached. If you have booked kindly return the form to our Secretary.

NEW GUIDELINES FOR THE MAGAZINE, PHOTOGRAPHY AND WEBSITE COMPETITIONS:

In order to streamline these competitions and avoid the need for participants to carry entries all the way to the Yarra Valley, all these events will now be pre-judged, and photography entries on display at Registration.

- a. **MAGAZINE COMPETITION.** Copies covering the 2014 year are required for judging, January to December 2014 inclusive. This will allow an assessment of each submission based on a full calendar year. The copies to be judged are to be received by 30th January 2015. Please forward to the National Meeting Secretary, address below.
- b. **WEBSITE COMPETITION:** Each website will be judged during December 2014. This allows a significant time frame for adjustments and changes where appropriate and affords each club the opportunity to be prepared and for judges to observe and assess the website in what is usually a busy month.
- c. **PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION:** Entries will be judged in the following categories: Best Action, Best Still, Best Novelty and Best Digital Photograph, meaning "substantially digitally altered from the original". Photographs are to be the registrant's own work and taken within the two years prior to entries closing. The maximum size of any photograph is to be A4 with the maximum size of any mount 400 x 300mm. Entries are to be forwarded to the National Meeting Secretary, address below, by the closing date, 28th February 2015.

If you have any queries regarding these 3 competitions please contact our Coordinator Peter Harris: Email: peterharris2@bigpond.com Mobile: 0418 427 747

NOGGIN N NATTER

As mentioned in Bulletin 1, we are replacing the theme night at the National Meeting by expanding the Noggin N Natter into a new exciting "Olympic Games" style theme. Along with the traditional Meet and Greet and Rocker Cover Racing, there will be more!

This will entail the arrival of the Club Banners or Flags from each participating Centre, with a team representative as "Flag Bearer". We ask that each Centre's members wear a casual "team" uniform for the night and that each Centre arrange to bring a banner or flag.

It will be fun and a fitting start to the weekend of competition and friendship.

CONCOURS JUDGING

At the Ballina "soft" Meeting, Concours judging was undertaken using the "Peer Judging" method. Our Management Team considered this approach but has decided that Concours judging will be undertaken in the traditional manner. We are keen to utilize as many experienced Concours judges from amongst registrants as possible. If you would like to assist, please contact Concours Director Paul Vermont:

Email: paul@vinwire.com.au Mobile: 0414 186 267

HISTORIC ROB ROY

Don't forget there is an optional opportunity to familiarize yourself with the track at Historic Rob Roy (at road speed) on Friday 3rd April from 2-4 pm. We are also preparing short videos covering important aspects of track procedures and these - the start, finish, and return road techniques - will be made available on YouTube.

REGISTRATION

We are committed to providing you with excellent value for money and are making every effort to keep costs as low as possible. It is still too early to confirm a firm Registration Fee, but please watch the website (mgcc.com.au) and remember, numbers are capped at 400, and an Early Bird Discount Registration Fee will be available – valid from 1 December 2014 to 15 February 2015.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The more advance notice we get from those intending to attend the National Meeting the better, as it will assist us greatly in our planning. If you intend or are seriously considering joining us we would appreciate you returning our "Expression of Interest" form or emailing our Meeting Secretary. This will in no way bind you to attending but will help us with our planning. You will also go on the address list for future Bulletins and updates.

REGALIA

Smart, well-designed and well-priced regalia will be available by pre-order, in advance of the Meeting. Details and order forms will be available shortly.

NAT MEET SECRETARY AND COMMITTEE

Your main contact for queries about the NatMeet, and to join our Bulletin email distribution list, is the National Meeting Secretary. And we have a new Secretary – Rod Wilson is taking over from Louise Grills. The email remains the same, but the mobile changes – details below:

MGCC NatMeet Secretary PO Box 273, NUNAWADING VIC 3131

Email: natmeetsecretary@mgcc.com.au Mobile: 0419 702 223

And don't forget to visit our website – http://www.mgcc.com.au/mgcc/default.shtml

WHY SHOULD YOU COME TO THE 2015 NATIONAL MEETING IN THE YARRA VALLEY, VICTORIA?

The M.G. Car Club Victoria is delighted to be hosting the 2015 National Meeting and is committed to providing a reasonably priced, enjoyable and friendly event.

The Yarra Valley area is famous for its food, wine, scenery and café society. Also, a chance to compete at the Historic Rob Roy Hillclimb is not to be missed. Don't forget Sunday at Historic Rob Roy is a Family Picnic Meeting - your Registration Fee will the cover the cost of lunch that day for all registrants and available at an extremely reasonable cost for family and friends

Remember: FRIENDLY, FUN, FOOD, FAST AND ECONOMICAL AT THE 2015 MG NATIONAL MEETING IN VICTORIA. It's a promise!!!

ROBIN PAGE 2015 NATIONAL MEETING EVENT DIRECTOR 10th August 2014