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Prewar & T Type Register report

### **Richmonds, the jewel in the crown.**

Members were spoilt rotten with the abundance of “jewels” laying about in the showroom for classic and prestige cars at Richmonds on Richmond Road Richmond. The connotation that one needs to be rich to own some of the fine thoroughbred cars is probably right, however the addition of our own MG T Types & Arthur’s Prewar ND certainly added to the ambience in the showroom for the Register night.

Our thanks to Andy Morgan, owner and our Chris Hunt for hosting the meeting for us which went off without a hitch despite the stormy conditions outside, hoods up were mandatory for our cars. Manipulating them into the showroom was aptly supervised by Andy Morgan who carefully watched the MG’s reversing near his prized merchandise,

**Numbers :** Happy to report that Convid regulations were not breached but we did run close to the wind, 59 members signed in , 14 Register vehicles confirmed. A little short of the record at Artfur’s Register in January (30) however the weather was better then.

**Apologies:** Happy to report that the following members did not turn up otherwise we would have people standing outside waiting to get past the doorman , Peter Lancaster with his lethal umbrella at the side door. Thankyou Peter & Diane, a job well done, most helpful.

Now I refer to, Mike Osborne,Lachy Kinnear, David Liebrandt, John Tamke, Ian Burman & maybe a couple of others that I did not write down.

**Election of officers :** Nominated by Bob Schapel, seconded by Bob Schapel and appointed by Bob Schapel unanimously I, John Bray was re-elected Boss of The Register for another year, hence the title BOTR21

**The \$80K TC for sale:** Seen on the internet from interstate I have never heard so much fuss being made over what appeared to be a most attractive unit, red with 16 inch wheels , thick black tyres no less. The absolute self appointed guru of MG , AC Pearson.com, claims 13 defects on what appears to be a perfect MG TC. I guess we have to bow to his expertise in these matters but keep him away from your cars , immediate devaluation could be the result of his esteemed and authoritative appraisal. This overshadowed Goldy’s attempt to get in on the act with his take on the matter of imperfection.

**Guest:** Bob Schapel introduced Harry Aust who has a long history with racing. Harry is building a TC Special looking for a set of 16 inch wheels, maybe Don Walker can sell him a set from his latest acquisition, however Harry gave an insight into his aspirations with the MG and hopefully we will see him more often in Bob’s company at Register meetings.

On matters racing historics, Phillip Island is out this year due to Convid , British at the Bend track at Tailem Bend is a new event to be held over the 13-14Feb weekend.

**Birthdays :** Christopher TF Bennett celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> last month, congratulations. Peter “perfect” Auld turned 80 years of age that week and will celebrate at home with family, Chris

was eager to score a bottle of wine in the raffle , and I can see why. Congratulations Peter, hopefully we will have a Register at Torrens park one day not too far away to acknowledge your octogenarian status. Besides Chris always likes the garage clean up.

**TC swap arounds.** It goes something like this .

TC 9214 Blackwood to Goolwa Beach, then TC 7691 Goolwa Beach to Coromandel Valley, TC 8755 Hawthorndene to Blackwood.

TC 8755 previously owned by Craig Fergusson (deceased) a great friend of mine , is now in my care at home in Blackwood. It's a lovely car and it means a great deal to me.

My car TC 9214 went to "The Ghost Who Walks" Don Walker at Goolwa Beach who is rebuilding the motor with great care.

Andrew "Willow" Wellington has taken TC 7691 Special from Don Walker back up to Coromandel Valley to complete its rebuild.

Stan Shepherd, mate you need to keep an eye on these movements of TC's lately, it takes some keeping up with, but they are all here in SA and listed in your data sheets.

**TC 9693** owned by Richard Venning over on the York Peninsula is for sale and will be advertised in the magazine. Cream with green seats and trim, it is in good condition, 16 inch wheels and the engine is good. About \$38k he says but check out the magazine and website.

**Voice in the crowd:** Colin "Doc" Whyatt was his usual vocal self questioning the cost of the vehicles on display in the showroom, just asking he says. I am really quite surprised that a retired medical practitioner would even need to ask the question. I will leave it at that Colin.

**Secretary of Registers:** Ken Burke made a passionate plea for members to consider joining the MGCCSA inc (our car club) committee and nominate at the forthcoming AGM. Ken is working on a new register of cars in the club which is a considerable task. Hopefully we will see a new format for tracking ownership of our cars and those of many others one day soon.

**Vale; Nick Proferes.** At the time of writing this report , a great friend of the register, Nick Proferes (TD) sadly passed away unexpectedly in hospital on 28 January suffering pneumonia while at the same time undergoing chemo treatment for lymphoma. Nick was a member of the Sporting Car Club SA and will be eulogised at a memorial service on 18 February. I for one always enjoyed his company at our meetings with his old brown coloured TD.

**Terry Wright:** At the time of writing this our great friend and talented photographer is undergoing serious neuro surgery to remove a growth that has affected his eyesight badly. I am sure that you all will join me in wishing him the best that is on offer for his journey out of this difficult and invasive situation. Terry was happy that you be informed of his predicament.

Check out Terry's photos of the night, cars in the showroom, they are brilliant.

**Faces in the crowd:** David Herbert up from Mt Gambier and a long lunch at the Uraidla Hotel and a special wine tasting with MG friends. David's wines are now on sale in the dining room.

Paul "Doc" Dallwitz, back with us , Trevor Driver back from surgery, Hugh Wilmott-Griffiths & partner, Brian Forth sporting a sore knee, to name a few.

**David Bates** has his left arm in a sling still, proudly announcing that he can continue polishing the chrome on the TD one handed like the rest of us. My advice forwarded from Paul "Doc"

Dallwitz to use flat Coca Cola has now been discarded for a quality metal finish polish. This is real progress David , the soft drink might have been a red herring maybe, but it got you going.

**One for the road:** My attempt to take on Anthony Pearson in his Y Type, loaded with mother Joy and Ian Curly Curwen-Walker at the lights going home was rather deflating to see the taillights disappearing ahead. Pays to release the TC handbrake in these situations, bugger!

**Next meeting: March 4** Hallett Cove, home of John & Sue Davies, Tigress Ave Hallett Cove in the cul de sac. Usual Convid conditions apply.

April meeting to be advised, May 6 will be hosted by "The Vicar" Peter Cundy.

That's all folks , thankyou for your support to the Register.

John Bray BOTR 21