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Prewar and T Type Register report 3 March 2022

### **Chris Kinney's big yard, gum tree, shed and garden of unearthly delights.**

Giddy all, seems a long time since I penned a register report to you, what a night we had at Chris and Annette Kinney's home at Myrtle Bank.

Chris had been talking about it with me for quite a while and he went to a lot of trouble, as did Annette to ensure that all the tour group were adequately accommodated in the garden on the night.

It certainly was the "garden of unearthly delights" illuminated by the low hung Hills Hoist adorned with LED lights almost at eye level for me at 156 cm. History records two interesting facts, the hoist has not been raised since 1956, Chris Kinney's mother was not overly tall in any case. I know that I am being unkind but it made for a good story on the night.

Before I get onto the important factual stuff, I wanted to thank Annette and Chris for a marvellous evening held under the gum tree, stars and the aforementioned HH. Thankyou so much it was really a treat.

Speaking of "treats", once the shed door was opened ever so slightly by Chris for a select few to have a private viewing , the horde flooded in like the refugees from the Ukraine sliding across the Polish border. Really nice cars Chris all under covering like bodies in a mortuary, but very interesting and congratulations on keeping the marques alive.

### **Fact sheet report and general business**

There were 21 cars from the Register in attendance , most parked delicately in and around the River Red Gum whose bows remained still and in good order thank god!

However I will report that the red TF of Peter Auld was not one of them, parked privately in Fergusson Avenue. Not saying he is risk adverse , just careful it seems.

21 Vehicles, TC, TD, TF = 6 each, KN= 1 , Y Saloon = 2, total 21

39 Signed in, 47 said they were coming, 8 registered apologies. Apologies by surname only were: Forth, Micklem B, Ewart, Gibbs, Buckley, Tamke, Aiken, Hosking A, Wright T.

### **Visitor**

Significant visitor to the meeting was Simon Finch, son of Ray, owner of a TC housed at Pt Augusta, great to see father and son, both MGTC owners together at our meeting.

### **Birthday**

Forthcoming significant birthdays , Bob Schapel 70 on 11 March and Ken Fisher soon after we were told. Congratulations both of you joining the super seniors club.

### **Engine by the Beatles**

Russell Garth was congratulated on the engine rebuild in true Beatles style, " With a little help from my friends" , true fact , many hands made the engine work, would have been a lot easier though if the side panels were taken off the engine bay. Hard work RAA Thane ?

### **Bereavement**

Vale: John Elliot. Father of Wenona , Father in law to Anthony Pearson sadly passed away suddenly that week. Our condolences and sympathies were extended to both through Anthony.

The great Barry Bahnisch who passed away on 17 January was warmly acknowledged as a true legend of the MG CC SA and our register, sadly missed.

### **MG Racing**

Phillip Island Racing. Another contingent of MG register members was about to embark on the annual trip to the wind swept track on the island. The coffee machine is being loaded by ACPearson.com, suitcase are being chosen by Willow Willington, scotch biscuits baked by Terry 007 Wright, the plumber TJ Driver driving solo to Melbourne, alas I don't think the legend of Schapelli Racing will make it , he was principal organiser though.

### **MGC Book of the Century**

Ian Hobbs proudly displayed his book on the history of the MGC in Australia which has been forthcoming for some time now. Congratulations Ian, a most professional production indeed beautifully illustrated and detailed. Just as well you have a TC to cover your presence here as we may well have precluded your presentation to the meeting eh ?

### **Ghost who Walks speaks.**

Now you know who I mean , Jeanette's spokesman on all things social, organised by her of course includes a day out on 1 May to Howards Vineyard Mt Barker, lunch @ \$65 ea . The tom toms are beating so get with the jungle talk and prepare.

Another event on the 3 April unrelated is the Classic Car Display at Kay's Winery on the 3 April , some Kraut cars will be featured we were told. Wolf Blass said that they only got silver in WW11, so there is a need for British representation I think.

### **Hosking's MG Garage**

Urgent call out for TD hubs from the managing director Dean Hosking, any clues?

### **New Spot MG**

Ha, the Chinese need the presence of the pedigree on the floor of the showroom, the call is for a beaut MG T Type to be on display at the car museum, maybe Ken Burke knows more?

### **Gill Wood's TF**

Andrew Willow Willington has almost completed the restoration and brought Gill's car to the meeting. Like Sophia Loren, it's simply stunning for its age ! A wonderful reno job indeed , that's two TF's in a row Willow a credit to your skill and infinite patience, super well done !

### **Out gunned.**

Laurie Foody was rather pleased with himself that he was the last car in the driveway with the TD holding all to ransome upon leaving, however Herr Roland Harris arrives in the B to block him in, war games it seems but great to see them both again at the register.

**Next meeting : Richmonds!**

Thanks to Christopher Hunt, we are at Richmonds on 7 April, alcohol not permitted near the cars in the showroom but freely available for spillage in Chris's garage adjacent. More to come prior to the night, thankyou Chris.

That is about it from me, I have a feeling that I may have missed something but as I said I am a bit rusty doing the report.

In passing, it was a close call but I was elected for another term.

Best wishes and Safety Farts!     John Bray   Boss of The Register 22