

# **MG Car Club of SA Inc**



## **CLUB ACTIVITIES BOOKLET**

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## History of the MG Car Club of SA Inc.

In early 1956 a group of MG owners decided to organise a meeting for other MG enthusiasts to see what interest there was in the Marque. Their response was far better than they ever expected with 103 people turning out to this inaugural meeting on the 10th April, 1956, and consequently the MG Car Club of SA was formed.

Originally the club was predominantly competition orientated, having its own dirt track "Lanac Park" at Mount Compass and this with mud Sprints, Navigational Trials, Gymkhanas, Auto Crosses etc., pursued their object to provide competition to suit MGs of all types.

Out of this developed comradeship and fun times and in 1958 a social program was introduced to supplement the competition events.

Meetings were held at different places like Scout Halls, etc., and then in April 1973 it was decided to purchase an old house at 93 Chief Street Brompton to renovate and be used as Clubrooms. Today we are still using these premises for Club Meetings, programmed social events and general socialising.

### Original objectives of the Club - 1956

- To promote the sport and pastime of motoring in all its branches, and in particular to further the interest of owners and drivers of MG cars.
- To promote, organise and hold motor-car race meetings, competition gymkhanas, reliability trials, speed trials, speed hill climbs and other similar events, whether athletic, motoring or otherwise to offer prizes and awards in respect thereof, and to make such arrangements as may be determined for any such purpose.
- To extend to owners and drivers of MG cars and their friends and to all persons interested in motoring Sport, the hospitality privileges and conveniences enjoyed in connection with a Club.

**Amended 1993** to include the following paragraph.

- To foster the restoration, preservation and maintenance of MG cars and to encourage their display and use.



### Clubrooms

Open every Friday night from 7.00-10.00 pm for a social 'Noggin & Natter', a place for people to meet on a casual basis and bring a friend along if they wish. Times may vary for other events besides 'Noggin n Natter'.

Complimentary tea and coffee are available through the bar. The Clubrooms are smoke free zones.

On meeting nights, the car park at the rear of the clubrooms (accessible by a back lane Hayman Street) is restricted to MGs and special interest vehicles (as defined by the Committee) unless space is available after 8pm.

## **General Information**

### ***Applications for Membership***

Applications are welcomed from anyone, and each application is put forward to the Committee for approval at Committee meetings held 1st Tuesday each month.

Upon approval applicants will be advised and asked to attend one of the forthcoming meetings to be introduced and receive their membership pack.

### ***Club magazine -MG Motoring***

The magazine is automatically posted to all financial members on a regular basis, and gives details of club activities, social and competition events, technical information plus articles of interest from members.

The Magazine is also available online via the club website.

Articles and photographs are always welcomed by the Editors, and please feel free to drop them a line with your comments on how you enjoyed a particular event etc. Use our 'free to members' Wanted to Buy or Sell Column' to source MG parts or cars.

We appreciate support from our advertisers and sponsors, so please support them whenever possible

### ***Club Website***

The club has a web site presence at [www.mgccsa.org.au](http://www.mgccsa.org.au). Here you will find details of the Club and what it has to offer its members.

### ***Club Facebook Page***

The club's Facebook site is available to members to post club events and activities. <https://www.facebook.com/MGCarClubofSA/>

### ***Club Library***

*The Club has a collection of MG books and videos which can be borrowed by members free of charge. This can be arranged through the librarian or a committee member at the clubrooms.*

### ***Club Registration***

Historic Club registration is available to financial members who own vehicles over 25 years old. Club Registration provides reduced Registration premiums with the condition of no more than 90 days of road use in a 12-month period. See the Club's website or contact one of the Club Registration officers listed in the Club's "MG Motoring magazine" for further details.

## **Meetings**

### ***Monthly General Meetings***

Held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8pm at the clubrooms at which members and friends are welcome. The official part of the meeting includes reports from all areas of the club, introduction of new members and a general business segment where members can have their say and advise of items to sell or wanted to buy etc. and the meeting normally concludes between 9 and 9.30pm. Occasionally throughout the year added attractions are arranged including guest speakers, demonstrations, a video, etc. When this occurs, the meetings may close a little later. There is usually some time for socialising and catching up on details of the latest events.

### ***Committee Meetings***

Held the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at the clubrooms. The committee is formed by members elected at the AGM. These members volunteer their time to manage and supervise the running of the club.

### ***Annual General Meetings***

Held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of March following the Monthly General Meeting. Annual reports are given by the Treasurer and Secretary, and election of Office bearers are made for the

coming year. Annual awards are presented to members for various contributions to the club during the year.

### ***Register Meetings***

The MG Pre-War & T Type Register was formed in 1966 to foster interest in the older MGs and to encourage their use, preservation and restoration. Membership is open to those financial members of the MG Car Club who are current owners of MGs up to and including those cars fitted with the XPAG engine.

The Register holds informal meetings on the 1st Thursday of the month normally at members' homes. These are usually an informal "Noggin & Natter" get together where we are able to see the progress on restorations, discuss maintenance difficulties, etc.

This concept has now been extended to other types of MGs and each Register maintains a record of club members' cars and holds regular meetings or get-togethers for social runs, visits etc. for those members wishing to participate.

All members of the club however are invited to participate in any Register event.

### ***Tech Nights***

These meetings are held on a periodic basis at various locations including the Clubrooms, members' homes, or business premises, where general knowledge, maintenance and restoration advice etc. can be learnt. All members wanting to know more about their cars are most welcome to attend.

### **Social Events**

The Club encourages a wide variety of social events to cater for the many different interests of members, including outings where you can participate in your car.

### ***Parades & Displays***

The Club is often called upon to supply a group of cars for either a display or a parade, the latter sometimes requiring to transport a passenger. Members are pleased to volunteer for such outings.

### ***All MG Day***

It is a Display and Picnic Day where everyone can relax and enjoy a Social outing with their MG. This event is open to MG owners – including non-members.

### ***Concours***

The event is called a Concours to strike a tone midway between a Concours d'Elegance and the Concours d'Etat (originality), thus establishing some common ground between the two schools of thought. It is also a display of MGs, some which are not entered in the judging competition but simply a gathering of people interested in the Marque.

If you want to be in the competition, the cars are judged on Body & Exterior General Appearance, Interior, Engine and Engine Compartment, Chassis and Running Gear, Mechanical Condition, Originality & Authenticity.

### ***Breakfast Runs***

On one Sunday morning a month, members and families or friends normally leave a designated venue at 9.00am and travel in convoy via a pre-determined route to a designated location for breakfast. It is BYO everything from chairs to what you wish to eat. A pleasant mornings' outing and you can normally expect to be home by lunch time. However, occasionally something special is arranged where breakfast is catered for. Run Sheets are available on the Club website.

### ***Midweek Lunch Runs***

Once a month, members meet at predetermined venue and drive in convoy to a destination already booked for lunch.

### ***Observation Runs***

A light-hearted event where instructions will be given to follow via a particular route and may include collecting items on the way. This can be a lot of fun and a great family outing.

### ***The Weekender***

An event over a weekend period, spent touring around a selected country region, and including one or two over-night stay and dinner etc.

### ***Australian Cecil Kimber Run***

An annual run is held in memory of the late Cecil Kimber, the founder of the MG Marque and managing director of MG Car Club Limited. It is open to all MG owners, and we meet at a designated location, and travel by a planned route for a lunch and social gathering. It is a popular event attracting over 100 MGs on the run.

### ***MG National Meetings***

A gathering of members from MG Car Clubs around Australia, and sometimes visitors from Overseas, for a full weekend of Social and Motorsport Activities, and great comradery. Traditionally held at Easter, MG Car Clubs from around Australia alternate to organize and host the event. Events typically include Concours, Social Dinners, Motorsport Events, Observation and Social Runs.

The first MG National Meeting was held in Sydney in 1970 and National Meeting events are always well attended.

### **Motorsport**

Club Competition for young and old -  
Driver & Car against the clock.

Motor Racing is one of the most exciting sports available. It also offers the satisfaction of self-improvement and the opportunity to build new friendships.

### ***Come and Try Events***

Most motorsport disciplines hold 'Come and Try' events during the year where newcomers can get a taste for the sport and test their skills in a non-competitive and fun environment.

It's also a great place for young drivers who can compete in Motorkhanas from twelve years of age and learn basic car control skills. For speed events (ie Super Sprints and Hill climbs), the minimum age is fourteen years. It's great fun, challenging and a very sociable day while you compete and watch other participants.

A 'Come and Try' Motorsport Licence is available through event organizers or Motorsport Australia website event Entry system.

### ***Driver Training Day***

Normally held at Mallala racing circuit and designed to improve motor vehicle handling with tests being set up for braking exercises in wet and dry conditions, cornering technics, etc. A theory session is held beforehand to familiarize participants on car handling and what to expect. Then with assistance from professional driving instructors and experienced competition drivers, move to the track to help instruct members and friends on the handling of their car around the circuit. You do not normally have to be a member of a club to participate in this event, and it is a great opportunity to drive on a circuit if you have not done it before.

### ***Motorkhana***

An event designed to test the acceleration, braking and general manoeuvrability of the motor vehicle, and the skill and judgement of the driver.

A motorkhana comprises of a number of manoeuvring tests set out on an open area e.g. car park or skid pan. On arrival competitors are given a copy of the nominated tests, and the competitors compete one at a time and are required to negotiate the test by the correct method in the fastest possible time.

Motorkhanas are a lot of fun and must rate as the most inexpensive, low risk way of enjoying your MG in Competition and another great opportunity to improve your driving skills. This type of event is where many of the champions of motor sport began.

*A Motorsport Australia Competition Licence is required for all speed events and details can be obtained via the Motorsport Australia website or contact the Motorsport group at the Club for details.*

### **Auto Khana**

An Auto Khana is an extended version of Motorkhana in that it is a manoeuvring test between markers and incorporates corners and chicanes - similar to a mini circuit.

### **Hillclimb**

These are events run against the clock on a closed section of road or special Hillclimb track (Collingrove near Angaston is the one most commonly used by our Club). New competitors usually have a sighting run on the track before the official competition begins.

### **Super Sprint**

Several cars are on the track at one time, and cars are normally lined up in pairs on the grid and flagged off in pairs at intervals – the faster cars being up front. A practice period is provided before the event on the day to establish times for 'newcomers' for grid positions. They will also be given the opportunity to be positioned at the rear of the field, and when confident, it is their choice if they wish to move up amongst the field on the grid. Rolling starts some times used for a variation to the event.

It is an ideal introduction to circuit racing and can be entered with road going cars as well as modified vehicles. As with all Motor sport, safety checks on vehicles are done before each event - this is called Scrutineering. Mallala Motorsport Park is ideal for club events, and the most used venue by our club. In 2018 a new Motorsport Park was developed near Taillem Bend, and sometimes used for something different, but the costs to participate here are much higher than Mallala.

### **Regularity Run**

A Regularity run is a great motorsport event for either the beginner or the most experienced competitor.

Regularity events are a form of Motorsport where outright speed and pure lap times have no bearing on the overall results. In competition, entrants will nominate a benchmark time following practice. That competitor will then aim to get as close as possible or maintain that nominated time in a series of runs following the practice session.

Penalty points are awarded for times away from their nominated time whether slower or quicker. Therefore the driver with the least number of points at the conclusion of an event will win. So, even if a competitor sets the slowest time, he or she could still win the race by lapping consistently at their nominated time.

The Peter Hall Memorial 6hr Regularity team event is also held annually.

### **MG Club Challenge**

The event originally started some years ago between South Australia and Victorian MG Car Clubs, with a weekend of motorsport and friendly rivalry.

Traditionally held over the June Long weekend, the two States alternate to organize the event.

In recent years, the invitation to participate in the event has been extended to other Australian MG Car Club members, and is now not restricted to MGs.

### **Annual Awards**

Each calendar year Annual awards are presented at the Annual General Meeting to members based on their attendance and participation at Club meetings and events, so please ensure that you write your name in the attendance book at each of the following events:-

Monthly General meetings, All Register Meetings, Club Social Events, and activities such as Breakfast Runs, Lunch Runs, Weekender, Kimber Run, Parades and Displays, Concours; Club Working Bees, and Club Competition Events (competitors and attendees), including MG National Meetings MG Club Challenge events.

Additional events can be considered during the year providing advance notification is given to members through advertising the event.

Only events that are open to all members of the club and with no attendance restrictions are eligible for points. The Clubs' Financial year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December.

#### ***Club Member of the year***

An award to recognise the member who attended the most 'club activities and events' during a calendar year. The 'Club Member of the Year' is recognised by receiving a trophy at the Annual General Meeting, and their name on the 'Club Member of the Year' honour board.

All financial members of the MG Car Club of SA are eligible to win the award.

#### ***Pre-War & T Register 'Irving Cup'***

This is presented through the Pre-War & T Register to their member who drives their Register vehicle to the most Register Meetings & Monthly General Meetings and any other nominated events throughout the year. In the event of tied scores, all winners will be recognized.

#### ***MGA & Magnette Register Cup***

The MGA/Magnette Register trophy is awarded to the most active member in their Register who attends meetings and nominated events throughout the year. One point is awarded for attending each of Monthly General Meetings and calendared Register Meetings, with an additional point for attending in a Register Vehicle. The A Register Secretary may include other special events held throughout the year which will accrue points. In the event of a tied score, all winners will be recognized.

#### ***MGF & Modern MG Register 'The Tony Hick Trophy'***

A group dedicated to those members who own/drive MG's of the 'modern era' (MG's after 1995)  
Events are held during the year as advertised in the club magazine and on the club website.

One point is allocated for attending in a Register vehicle at each of Monthly General Meetings, Register Meetings and Register Runs. In the event of a tied score, all winners will be recognized.

#### ***President's Award***

Awarded by the President, to a Club Member for outstanding contribution to the Club throughout the calendar year. Recommendations from Committee may be forwarded to the President for consideration.

#### ***Club Competition Champion***

*(Performance in an MG)*

Awarded to the member who obtains the highest number of points at Club Competition Events throughout the calendar year. The applicable events are specified in the club competition calendar. Points are awarded as follows: 1st. in class 3 points, 2nd in class 2 points, 3rd in class and all other competitors 1 point. The fastest MG driver on the day, plus 1 extra point.

#### ***Ladies Competition Champion***

Points awarded as above, and the award presented to the lady obtaining the highest number of points. Originally introduced to encourage family participation in Motor sport.

### **Competition Novice Award**

Awarded to the highest placed Novice in the competition.

### **Competition Encouragement Award**

Awarded to the member who regularly takes part in events and continues to improve on their performance - even if they are not a class winner.

### **The Knox Trophy**

First awarded in 1981, to the most consistent individual performance by a South Australian member at a MG National Meeting in a single car/ driver combination.

How awarded: 6 points for 1st in class, 5 points for 2nd in class, 4 points for 3rd in class, 3 points for 4th in class, 2 points for 5th in class, 1 point for 6th in class plus one extra point for outright winner of the event

The above is adopted provided there is a minimum of 6 drivers in the class.

Where less than 6 drivers, points will decrease accordingly, e.g. 4 in class 1st = 4points.

An *outright* winner of an event will score the maximum of 6 points + 1 point regardless of the number in class.

### **Preservation of the Marque Award For Maintenance, Preservation and Restoration of the MG Marque**

The trophy was generously donated by Peter Auld, and first presented in November 2018.

Awarded to an MG Car Club member to acknowledge a high level of personal contribution to the club ideals as described in our club Constitution which was amended in 1993 to represent the change of direction and to include 'to foster the restoration, preservation and maintenance of MG cars and to encourage their display and use'.

There is no set time when it should be awarded i.e., annually or biannually, as it would depend on if and when any nominations are received by the Committee. Nominations can be submitted from any Register or club member, but it is a committee decision on the awarding of the trophy based on the guidelines of awarding the trophy which include: -.

- *Maintenance*  
To acknowledge a members' contribution towards the maintenance of MG Cars to the benefit of all MG Car Club members.
  
- *Preservation*  
To recognise a member of the club whose efforts and contribution assists in preserving MG Cars.
  
- *Restoration*  
To award and acknowledge personal input into the process of an outstanding restoration.