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The Committee welcomes your phone calls but please before 9pm.

# President's Report



With this year's Annual General Meeting just around the corner, on Sunday 15 August, I thought I would give a brief run down on the past year.

The Club finished the year with 282 members of which 48 joined during the past year. Sadly a few members passed away, whilst others resigned due to the sale of their MG. 181 members have participated in at least one run / event during the year.

Attendance at runs during the year has average 30 on Mid week runs and 25 on Last Sunday in Month runs and Coffee get togethers. My thanks to the run organisers without whom you would not have had a couple of runs every month. Please think about offering to organise a run, as we have no ruorganiser for a number of runs in November, December and next year.

The two River Cruises supported by the Club attracted 59 members, whilst 89 members attended the November Presentation & Christmas Luncheon, at which Neil Anderson displayed his recently acquired NB MG. The RACV Royal Pines Resort has been booked for this year's Luncheon.

Just hope the footballers have returned south so our 2021 Luncheon can go ahead.

The mid-week and Noggin & Natter raffles again raised considerable funds which the Club topped up to enable us to donate \$1,000 to our designated charity Christmas Presents for Kids in Care.

Due to Council's COVID regulations requiring the Club to fence any public venue we used, the club's Concours and Display Day in 2020 was moved the Club rooms car park and grassed area. This year, the Committee was able to use a Council Park, but had to choose between a very public park and one not so well used. The Committee's choice was Croker Park in Mermaid Waters, which although not very public, was found to be an ideal venue with plenty of shade and easy access and egress.

At last year's AGM, a motion to spend \$5,000 on member hospitality was passed. Member hospitality this year has included subsidising members at the Presentation / Christmas Luncheon, Display Days, Noggin & Natters, on the two river cruises and providing gifts for members on the Valentine's Day and Christmas in July Run.

The club was successful in gaining a \$2000 grant from the Queensland Government to offset the effect of Covid 19 on our club activities.

I would like to thank Committee members:

- ⌚ John Careless, our club Run Co-ordinator, who has supplied the images for my the weekly emails, and been there when I needed another opinion;
- ⌚ Laurel Godwin, our Treasurer, who has moved our financial records from MYOB to Quick Books;
- ⌚ Carole Cooke, our esteemed magazine Editor, who we all agree has continued to produce excellent magazines;
- ⌚ Allan Ross, for looking after our regalia and organising for some new clothing items;
- ⌚ John Crighton, for stepping in as Secretary for the later part of the year;
- ⌚ Dave Godwin, Peter Kerr and Gary Stevens for helping when needed; and lastly
- ⌚ Marie Conway-Jones, our long-term Secretary who resigned through the year. Marie has for over 10 years been the Club contact and has a wealth of club knowledge.

The installation of the "Jackall" jacking system in my Y Type is nearly complete, just got to connect the chassis to rear axle hose, which should be done by the AGM, and test the system. Further to my comments in the last concerning fitting of seat belts, a check of Govt regulations and a Modification inspector, revealed my proposal was not feasible. I am investigating other possible anchorage options.

Your annual \$70 membership fee for 2021-22 is due. If you haven't already paid, please pay by EFT into the club bank account, details listed elsewhere in this magazine. Remember to be eligible to vote at the AGM you need to have your membership current.

Lastly, my thanks to Lesley for letting me take over the dining table as my club office.

Yours in MGing **Stuart Duncan**

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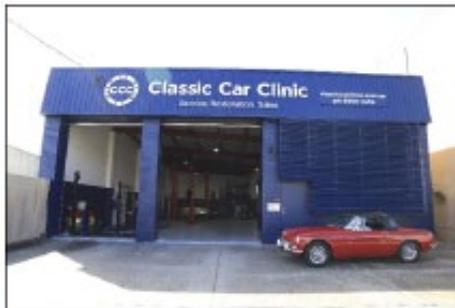
Our team has decades of experience working with all models of MG and it's an unusual day in the workshop if at least one or two MG's are not here. We thank the owners for bringing them into our care and look forward to seeing more MG's soon.

We've enjoyed a close relationship with the owners club and we're always here and happy to offer advice. We welcome your business and continued support.

Should it help in getting back from our location, courtesy transport can be provided.

Please like us on Facebook and keep an eye on our feed for updates and invites to future events.

Call us or email to make a booking and we look forward to seeing you and your MG.



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info@classiccarclinic.com.au

## Coffee Run - May 16

May 16 was designated National Day of Motoring. Our President, Stuart, organised a Coffee Run to the Albert River Winery for morning tea and invited the MG Car Club of Queensland to join us. It was a good day for us all and thanks Stuart.

*Carole Cooke*



# Toowoomba, Warwick & Darling Downs Run -21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (Organizers: Gary & Anita Lock)

## DAY 1

It was a gorgeous day for a run, although we were advised to take warm jackets with us. We were expecting about 16 cars to attend and do an estimated round trip of 720 kms in four days.

We met at the BP Coomera for a 9.45am start and handed a well-produced folder of instructions for this event. After the welcoming speeches by our organizers and the presence of President Stuart and Leslie wishing us Bon-Voyage, we set off in convoy up the M1 motorway, then the Logan toll-way to Ipswich.

The instructions then were to veer off onto the Warrego Hwy and then look for the Haigslea/Amberley/Rosewood turnoff for some fine countryside scenes.

This route took us through such areas as Walloon, Rosewood, out to Grandchester, Laidley and onto the back blocks of the Lockyer Valley to arrive in the small township of Forest Hill. Here we had lunch at the local popular Café 4342 (which is also the Forest Hill Post Office and Gift Shop). It was there we were joined by Dave Godwin and group who motored via Canungra to Ipswich (I am told) picking up their own journey to said Café!

After a well-earned rest for drivers and their passengers, we were off again taking in the sights for our journey to Toowoomba. It was on this section, we were made aware of the new Toowoomba 'bypass', which is well utilized by the truckers! The trip to Toowoomba township is now the A21.



We checked in at the Toowoomba Central Plaza Hotel, slap bang in the heart of town in Ruthven Street. After unpacking, messages were inundating our phones from Gary re which room to meet for the evening drinks, we settled at room 908, a grand apartment on the top floor with 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, and a balcony over-looking the city! The occupants were Jonette Waller and Cheryl Robinson. (The choice of where to go for the evening meal was left to us.) Next day we found out the historic Toowoomba "Empire Theatre" had a variety show on with famous 'Aussie' artists! The girls went and had a wonderful time!

## DAY 2

Our Hosts had arranged for us to go to 'AEROTECH' at the airport. Here was a magnificent display of old planes and interesting memorabilia. After spending time there in this unique hanger, we then went for lunch at the Meringandan Hotel. We were warned that the meals in this hotel were big – they were humungous! From there, we motored back to Central Plaza Hotel for a night out to the Toowoomba Sports Club, walking only two blocks down Ruthven Street. (Not forgetting the prior drinks and nibbles at Room 908 of course - the girls were great hosts) Our Organizers - Gary & Anita had our tables reserved at the club, and we ordered what we felt we needed!

## DAY 3

This was a pack up and leave the Hotel by 9.30am and head towards Warwick. We were on our way to a Winery called 'Between the Rocks' (intriguing name). The instructions were to take the New England Hwy to the 'Clifton' turnoff, onto



Leyburn, left at Ross St, and follow a dirt road - then the Winery appeared, in the middle of the bush, on a high plateau! There were plenty of vines, rows and rows of them. The winery itself looked new, great outdoor area with plenty of seating inside and out, firepits going, plus entertainment. We purchased lunch, and of course, our choice of red or white wines – rather delicious and exceptionally smooth, we were all quite impressed.



We then headed for Warwick and the Horse & Jockey Hotel Motel. After unpacking, we met up in the bar. It was a bistro night, tables reserved and socializing later. Many had an early night, and on looking at the klm's already done in our MG's, we still had a fair way to go.



#### DAY 4

Up early, packed, we had brekky at Garden Café, and then took off to Killarney and the Queen Mary Falls. Lovely open roads to get the MG's firing on all fours! Eventually got to the falls and was not disappointed, as it was flowing well. An easy walk both ways. We then took the scenic route to Boonah, some of the narrowest roads we have encountered for a long while, and this made the journey quite hairy! The scenery around that neck of the woods is awesome, well worth the drive!!



Thank you so much Gary and Anita Lock for putting the effort into this run. We thoroughly enjoyed the varied scenery, the varied places we attended and the comradery of the members of Gold Coast MG Car Club.



**Jan & Joe Evans**



## Toowoomba, Warwick & Darling Downs Run -21 to 24 May 2021 - Part 2

Most of the Gold Coasters met at Coomera for the start of a great run organized by Gary and Anita Lock. Having to leave our dog at the 'prison farm' north of the start point we continued out alone to Rosewood where we hooked up with the two beautiful MGA's, owned by Allan and Leola Ross and John and Denise Bromley, we continued on to Forest Hill to a really pleasant cafe for lunch. Our Brisbane members arrived to complete the group. A short run and we arrived to our hotel right in the heart of Toowoomba.



Two of our group, Jonette Waller and Cheryl Robinson, were sharing the penthouse and kindly opened their doors for the 'usual' car park party. Not only was it much warmer it was truly lovely to see the amazing sunset over the city and by the noise and laughter I think everyone was having a great time.



Some then went to the show at the Empire Theatre and others to a hot rock dinner.



Saturday morning we headed to Aerotec which was previously known as Zuccolis. Their hangar was full of World War and other vintage aircraft. Our guide had some interesting tales to tell and was very keen to share. Gary and Anita had arranged for lunch at a country pub at Meringandan and from all reports the meals were massive! The Japanese Gardens saw some of us



enjoying the beautiful park, different every time you see it. Once again we met in the penthouse for pre dinner drinks before we headed to the sports club just a short walk away.



Sunday dawned clear and cold (nice to have a chance to rug up) and we headed to Warwick on great country roads. Passed the Steele Rudd hotel (of Dad and Dave fame) and stopped in Clifton for coffee near the amazing bottle tree. Across the road it was a sad sight to see Gary and Janet Stephen's lovely TF with it's bonnet up. After much discussion it was decided the RACQ was the best option. On the way to the winery we took a small detour to see the 1949 Grand Prix site at Leyburn and a quick run around the town.



Between Two Rocks winery was a hidden delight! Beautifully set up, musician and good food and wine. After failing to find the 'two rocks' I asked the owner the meaning of the name. Apparently when they first purchased the site the father still had to work away and the mother and daughters were left to plant the vines. After a few rows of digging in rocky soil they had had enough and started to put the vines on the ground between rocks. The vines flourished and winery got it's start.

Once again great roads to Warwick and a motel room replaced the penthouse for drinks. Dinner was in the motel's dining room always a nice way to end the day.

Next morning our group started to disperse, some going straight home and others choosing to go via the beautiful Queen Victoria Falls then lunch in Boonah.



Thanks again Gary and Anita, it was a lot of fun

*Jim and Moya Haines.*

## 2nd Cruise on the Broadwater - May 30

'Captain' Gary Stevens organised a 2nd cruise, Surfers Paradise river cruise in lieu of the LSIM, on the Broadwater so that working members of the Club could attend this one. The 1st cruise was during the week. Some members who were on the 1st cruise came on this one too.

It was very enjoyable to see the Gold Coast from a different perspective. We then drove to the Club Southport for lunch (through some heavy traffic).

Thank you Gary for organising this great cruise.



*Carole Cooke*



## Cut off date for next magazine 10th September 2021

Articles, letters to the Editor and suggestions from members are most welcome

Email the Editor - Carole Cooke - [cazcooke30@gmail.com](mailto:cazcooke30@gmail.com)

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It is a pleasure to meet new members, we hope to see you as regular participants at our many outings. You will find us friendly, so just make yourselves known!

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**Membership at July 2021**

**Active & Family 270 Life 8 Honorary 4 TOTAL 282**

The Life Members of the Gold Coast MG Car Club are - Murray Arundell, Rob Baylis, Carol Brookman (dec), Bruce Corr, Marie Conway-Jones, Jim Haines, Phil Redding, Jeff Sattler, Jim Lutherborrow



## Midweek Run - June 9

On Wednesday 9th June, in overcast conditions and with the Weather Bureau forecasting freezing cold, rain and winds, the hardy owners of nine MGs met at the Clubrooms at Mudgeeraba. John Careless was there to greet us and Stuart Duncan turned up with the key to enable everyone to use 'the important room' before departing. We welcomed visitors, Caren's friend Lenore, and Aiden's mate Nigel.

At 9.15 two MG TFs, two MGBs, 1MGA and 1RV8 as well as three not so brave MGers in their road cars, hit the road, heading south, including the fearless Muirheads who travelled topless!!! We headed through Mudgeeraba Village to Somerset Drive, turning left then heading for Tallebudgera Creek Road and onto the beautiful Tomewin Mountain Road towards Murwillumbah noting lots of tree debris on the road from the big winds. As we crossed into New South Wales, the sun peaked through the trees and from then on we had beautiful blue sky and sunshine but cold winds. Maybe this should be an indication of what was to happen that night for the Blues in the State of Origin match. Through the cane fields and on to Chillingham passing a number of trees with beautiful autumn leaves, glittering in the sun. Low cloud over the mountains in the south, but Mt Warning took on its beautiful blue tinge and was clear.

Morning tea at Bochow Park, with many drivers asking who had seen the pot holes and most replying that they hadn't, but they had felt them! It was sunny but a lazy wind blowing as we enjoyed our coffee and chat. Jim Haines won the raffle, before the group hit the road again.

Back past The Hinze Dam, which is currently still full, on to Gilston Road then Worongary Road and Mudgeeraba Road, crossing the motorway. It was fun seeing the belted Galloway cattle with their big white stripe around their middle. But it's clear Barry Grey can't count as he mentioned two sets of traffic lights which turned out to be about ten!!! Our lunch stop was Pizzey Park where we sat by the lake and watched half a dozen dogs feel no pain as they frolicked in the water! Although the wind was cold, fun was had by all.

Thank you Annie and Barry Grey, for a beautiful drive

**Laurie and Kay Roberts**



## Square Gears!

Graham Cogzell brought along a novelty item to amuse attendees at the Display Day on 27 June 2021. A home-made set of square gears!



As unlikely as it might seem the two square gears rotate freely.

An engineer would point out that although the teeth mesh smoothly, the odd shapes mean that the load is not even on all teeth.

Another problem is that every tooth will interface with just one other tooth which could lead to inconsistent wearing. The ideal is for each gear to have a prime number of teeth so that each tooth meshes with every other tooth before repeating the pattern, allowing all to wear evenly.

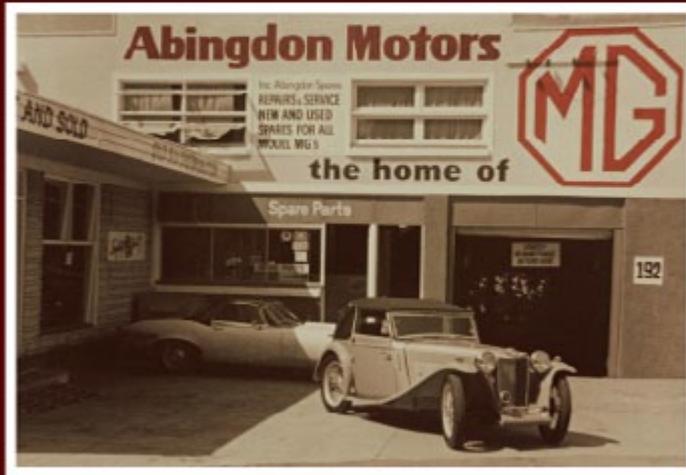
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## Coincidence!

These two classic MGs were parked next to each other at a motel in Mikes, Queensland in June 2021.

The owners met each other for the first time at breakfast the following day

The Coupe owner said he had recently sourced his MGA from Mackay, Queensland.



RIP's owner said "That's weird! I bought RIP from JerryMG in Mackay, Queensland in May 2004". The registration plate was JMG61

The Coupe owner then said "Yes, but my Jerry was Asian and the Coupe actually belonged to his father".

RIP said "My Jerry was also Asian and now that I think of it, Jerry said his father had a Coupe that he would never sell!".

So "never" must be 17 years...

**Dave and Laurel Godwin**



## New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to our Club and hope to see them participating in our runs. New members and 'old' members, we would love to hear your story of how you come to have an MG.

- Mike Lynch - Beaudesert - '72 BGT
- Perry & Jodi Collier - Arundel - '99 F
- Larry and Karen Broda - Runaway Bay - '72 B
- Neale Hollier & Kay Alexander - Main Beach - '70 B

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>  
August  
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# Annual General Meeting

GCMGCC Clubrooms

**REMINDER**

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## Pack the MG for the Three Day Yamba Run August 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup>

Stay - Yamba Aston Motel  
Day 1 - Yamba BBQ Dinner  
Day 2 - Maclean - Iluka via Ferry  
Bowls Club Dinner  
Day 3 - Tweed Heads Fish & Chips  
Please RSVP Denis Thomas  
0401 744 667  
[denisthomas47@bigpond.com](mailto:denisthomas47@bigpond.com)

Please send in articles and  
photos for the Time Machine to  
Carole at [cazcooke30@gmail.com](mailto:cazcooke30@gmail.com)

## DOGGY RUN - SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

Take the cute and cuddly ones for a run in the MG.  
Or if you don't have one then bring your partner along!



Please RSVP Jim & Moya Haines  
[jasperhaines@bigpond.com](mailto:jasperhaines@bigpond.com) - 0414 324 166

## CROSS BORDER RUN SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Hopefully, we won't be sneaking through  
the cane fields to cross the border!



Please RSVP John Careless  
0413 250 005 [rjcareless@gmail.com](mailto:rjcareless@gmail.com)

# Coming Events

## August 2021

### 2021 Census – Tuesday 10 August

#### **P- August Mid Week Run – Wednesday 11 to Friday 13 August**

Denis Thomas is organising a 2 night run to Yamba (subject to COVID border restriction) in lieu of the usual Mid week run, to be determined a week prior to run. Denis has arranged accommodation at YAMBA ASTON MOTEL (\$125.00 per night). To book your room phone Rhonda (02) 6646 2199 and let her know you are with the car club. No money is being taken on booking a room.

Day 1: Arthur Earle Park, Nerang to Yamba via the back roads

Day 2: Iluka via Ferry & Bowls Club for Dinner

Day 3: Fish & Chips, supplied by Scales Seafood, in Tweed area on the way home.

RSVP to Denis Thomas 0401 744 667 or denisthomas47@bigpond.com

#### **Gold Coast Car Show – Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 August**

This is a privately organised Car Show at Mudgeeraba Showgrounds.

Saturday appears to be when Classic Cars are displayed. 10.30am to evening, \$25 entry fee. More details at <https://goldcoastcarshow.com.au/>

#### **P - Annual General Meeting – Sunday 15 August**

The AGM will be held at the Club Rooms, Mudgeeraba, at 11am, please arrive by 10.30am.

A light lunch will be provided following the Meeting.

Proxy forms need to be handed to the Interim Secretary, prior to the meeting.

To allow for catering to be organised, an attendance RSVP is required by the Secretary John Crighton on [johnhcrighton@hotmail.com](mailto:johnhcrighton@hotmail.com) or 0418 232 093 by Wednesday 11 August.

#### **Grafton Motorfest 21 – Sunday 22 August**

Organised by Grafton Vintage Motor Vehicle Club. 9am to 5pm

#### **P – LSIM Doggie Run – Sunday 29 August**

Meet at the Doggy Park, north end of Hinterland Park - Hardy's Rd - Mudgeeraba, by 9.00am for 9.30am departure. BYO morning tea and picnic lunch. Message organizers Jim & Moya Haines on 0414 324 166 or email [jasperhaines@bigpond.com](mailto:jasperhaines@bigpond.com) for further information. P.S. All members are welcome to join the run even if you don't have or no longer have the enjoyment of a dog.

## September 2021

#### **P - September Mid Week Run – Wednesday 8 September**

Caren Sattler is organised the September Mid Week run starting at Arthur Earle Park, Nerang, at 9am, and heading inland with a BYO morning tea at Canungra and then the run heads to the picnic ground at O'Reilly's for a BYO lunch. For COVID purposes, please RSVP to Stuart Duncan on 0405 402 745 or [lesley\\_stuart@bigpond.com](mailto:lesley_stuart@bigpond.com).

#### **Noosa Beach Classica on Hastings St – Saturday 11 September**

Organised by Noosa Beach Classic Car Club. 4pm to 8pm  
More details at <https://noosabeachclassicaonhastingsstreet.com.au/>

#### **P - Coffee Run – Monday 13 September**

Venue to be advised closer to date.

#### **QLD School Holidays 18 September – 4 October**

#### **Brisbane All British Day – Sunday 19 September**

For more information visit <http://www.allbritishdaybrisbane.org.au/>

#### **P – LSIM Cross Border Run – Sunday 26 September**

Meet clubrooms at 238 Mudgeeraba Rd., Mudgeeraba from 9.00am for a 9.30am start.

BYO Morning Tea (probably at Uki) and finish with lunch at Seagulls Club, Tweed Heads overlooking the waters of Bingham Bay. Directions to get back north towards home avoiding the road works will be supplied.

NSW residents can arrange to meet up over the border.

Please RSVP John Careless by Friday 24th September on 0413 250 005 or [rjcareless@gmail.com](mailto:rjcareless@gmail.com)

## October 2021

#### **Pre War MG and TYme Canberra - Friday 1 – Monday 4 October**

#### **P - October Mid Week Run – Wednesday 13 October**

Graham & Coral Cogzell are organising a run starting at Arthur Earle Park, Nerang, at 9am.

*P - Points earned towards the Roger Thompson Tray. This is the founding President's trophy and is awarded to the most successful MG, namely we hope the car that earns its owner the maximum number of points by attendance at Gold Coast MG Car Club events.*

# The Trip Across Oz - Part 1

by Ross Letten



This was the sequel to the Trip to the Tip that RIP and Blue B completed in August / September 2020. As usual it was the product of Dave Godwin's quest for iconic challenges. Not that we were remotely the first travellers to venture across Australia – much of our route was plagiarised from the Trakmaster (caravan) Club 2009 trip. That club had done a considerable amount of research prior to departure and the following is an extract from their brief: "The planned itinerary.... traverses some historically important elements of Australian life and history, including parts of the Darling River system; the fabled Cooper / Diamantina system that drains into Lake Eyre; the 'corner country' of NSW, Queensland and South Australia; the Strzelecki / Birdsville and Oodnadatta tracks. And of course, the long and fruitless search for an inland sea."

## Impromptu Events

The Queensland Special Interest Vehicle (SIV) Concessional Scheme allows members with SIVs to use their cars for certain defined purposes, and for events endorsed by the Club.

Members need to be aware that in the event of an accident the authorities, (and your private insurer) may wish to satisfy themselves that the use of the SIV was in accordance with the SIV rules.

The general definition of a run or event endorsed by the Club is an event published in the Club's magazine (in our case TTM), or via club communications such as email or on our website.

The guidelines also allow for so-called 'Impromptu Events' – i.e. an event that with sufficient notice would otherwise have been notified to the Club membership in the normal way.

The guidelines require that the proposed event should (as with other club events) involve an invitation to other Club members to attend the event. It also needs to be endorsed in advance by the club.

The Committee advises that **Impromptu Runs** information on the Club's website has been extended.

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% Chest (CM)	45.5	48.0	50.5	53.0	55.5	58.0	60.5	63.0	65.5

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And we know anecdotally that Peter and Delia Rayment traversed the Birdsville, Oodnadatta and Docker River tracks through the Centre many years ago when the roads would have been much worse than they are now.

On this occasion, Shez had grand-children duties and so was unable to accompany Dave, Laurel and me. However, as far as Bourke, we were joined by Dave and Laurel's neighbours Jim and Carol in an AMG Mercedes Series E SUV (complete with 55ly fridge of food and grog – Dave) who were excellent company and thereafter by Julie, Laurel's full-of-life friend in a Lexus SUV (callsign "Princess") (also with a fridge full of the good stuff – Dave).



Our trip started at the Eastern-most point of Australia - the lighthouse at Cape Byron – where Dave chatted up the car park attendant to let us park across the access road so that the lighthouse provided the perfect backdrop for our first photo-op.

### The start

And this is where Blue B threw her first hissy fit – literally. It transpired that the after-market electric cooling fan thermostat had failed. Fortunately, I had a short lead with crocodile clips at each end in my bits box so we just by-passed the thermostat. And later, we commandeered the heater fan switch to serve as an Otter control for the rest of the trip (Explanation: when it gets 'otter' you turn the fan on...).

Thereafter an uneventful drive to our first stop-over stop at Tenterfield. Rule 1 of our various trips is to fill up with fuel for the next day before checking in to our accommodation. But Blue B again misbehaved: the pre-engaged starter failed to engage as advertised and merely produced a highly annoying whirring noise. A push start from the team got us off to Jumbuck Motor Inn where the lovely motel owner recommended a large repair garage with hoists and much activity diagonally across the road. But no, they had a two-week backlog of work and there was no way a little MG was going to worm her way in. However, one of the off-duty employees, also doubled up as a NRMA roadside assistance patrolman. He was called out but, although attempting the time-honoured trick of belting the starter motor casing with a hammer and drift, pronounced that he could do nothing further. But very helpfully he made a phone call and arranged for us to drive out to a retired auto-electrician the following morning.

Vic Brown turned out to be immensely experienced and friendly and after Dave and I had pulled the starter motor out, he dismantled the unit to discover that the bit described in the workshop manual as the “Roller clutch action” was no longer clutching; just spinning. Unfortunately, no spares for this part could be sourced despite extensive phone calls.

However, the ever-helpful Classic Car Clinic on the Gold Coast found a reconditioned motor which was soon winging its way to an AusPost collection centre in Bourke. In the meantime, the team had to put up with push-starting poor old Blue B.

On the way to our second night’s accommodation at Mungindi, RIP decided to show some solidarity with Blue B and started leaking oil from an over-filled steering rack which found its way onto the hot exhaust with impressive results. Fortunately, just clouds of blue smoke spewing from underneath and nothing serious.

Shortly after our first flood fording experience on the road to Dirranbandi, Blue Bs overdrive packed up. Fortunately, I’d copied the example of several of our fellow MG adventurers during our 2012 Cape to Cairo trip by cutting a small inspection flap in the sheet metal on the left hand side of the transmission tunnel,

giving access to the inhibitor switch. And sure enough, the water pressure had pulled the connector off the terminal. So, another easy fix – would that they all would be!

Next stop was Lightning Ridge – a historic opal mining town in Outback NSW.



*Lightning Ridge*



*Déjà vu - same backdrop but different miscreants in 2010. Guess who?*

Our first rest day was spent relaxing and visiting the Black Hand Opal Mine featuring underground sculptures allegedly produced with just a butter knife and fork over a period of 22 years, in between more-in-hope-than-expectation opal mining, which allegedly generated an income of only \$1,000 a year. Certainly, the owner is now doing rather better with his novel tourist attraction.



*Black Hand Opal Mine*

And in the evening, we spent an engaging hour watching the well-known Spark open air film presentation describing “the inclusive community spirit and opal mining in the area and why people come for a few days, then stay a lifetime”.

The next day we headed for Bourke with the expectation of an easy 3h15m drive ahead of us. Instead, we were advised in Walkett that a bridge was down at Brewarrina so we had to head for the dirt (but very scenic) back roads through Carinda and Gongolgon. On the way, the noise from under Blue B suddenly became strident and the gear shift started jerking vertically upwards. Inspection revealed that two of the bolts securing the side of the gearbox cross member had disappeared and the weight of the gearbox was resting on the exhaust pipe. Fortunately, another easy fix.



*Reattaching the gearbox cross member*

Assigned the task by Dave to find accommodation in Bourke a couple of days earlier, I initially struck out with everything seemingly fully booked. So imagine my satisfaction when on the eleventh phone call I was able to make a booking for four rooms at the Port of Bourke hotel. But any sense

of achievement was quickly dispelled on arrival. The business is up for sale and the owners clearly haven’t spent a proverbial brass farthing on it for some time. The place was filthy, Laurel had to remove a dead pigeon from her “balcony” which was covered in droppings and debris and in the breakfast room there were only two tea cups and no knives, so we had to spread our marmite and honey with a spoon. I think we’ve been spoiled but this was not a pleasant stay.

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A shame because the building itself was striking and would have been impressive in its heyday. An example of the interior “décor”.

*Port of Bourke Hotel interior design feature*

Happily, the starter motor arrived in Bourke on Monday evening, albeit too late for collection from the post office. Despite a sour encounter with an unsmiling post mistress who was clearly averse to strangers in her post office, I was able to collect the motor and Dave and I fitted it straight away. “O frabjous day! Calooh! Callay! He chortled in his joy.”



[Unfortunately, the jubilation was found to be misplaced. Only a few days later the recon starter motor also failed; not the fault of Classic Car Clinic I hasten to emphasise, and poor Blue B had to be tow or push started for the rest of the trip.

We spent the next couple of days visiting the town’s highlights, including a beautiful mural being enacted by Lightning Ridge artist John Murray. In 1962 a Gundabooka man, Percy Hobson, was the first Indigenous athlete to win a medal at the Commonwealth games. At only 20 years old and against all odds, this local high jumper broke the record when he leapt over a 6’11 high bar, in Perth’s Perry Lakes stadium. A feat forever establishing Percy as one of Australia’s most iconic sportsmen.



To pay tribute, his hometown of Bourke, NSW is celebrating Percy Hobson’s achievement by dedicating the Bourke Water Tower as a canvas for a large mural of Percy; a recreation of the iconic photo of Hobson bounding into the air; the moment he earned his first gold medal.

*Percy Hobson*

*Part 1 to Bourke. Part 2 will be in the next Time Machine*

# New Members - Shane & Lorraine Goodwin

## BACKGROUND - US

We relocated permanently to the GC in 2019 upon retirement, having spent previous 20 years commuting back and forward to Canberra.

Joined the Club to interact and enjoy our cars with 'like minded' people.

Our other interests are grandchildren, holidays in the caravan, walking the dogs, cars and travel (Covid permitting!)



## CARS

We currently have two MGs, a TF 160 and a MGB

The TF160 was acquired new in 2004 and has travelled a gentle 55,000 kilometres. Yes, the head gasket and the rear wheel bearing hubs failed early and have been upgraded!



The MGB was acquired around 1992 and we think we are the third owners, the vehicle being initially delivered in Cardiff, Wales before spending many years in South Africa. It has travelled a harder 39,000 miles. We were keen participants in historic racing up until 2010. (the B won the 2004 Group S Championship Sc under 2000cc.) In recent times I have been gradually returning the B to a more civilised road car.

## MG BACKGROUND

I come from an "MG family" From 1949 to around 1964 my father owned (and sometimes raced) in turn, a TC and a TD.

Some of my very earliest recollections are of him racing the TD at an old World War 2 airstrip north of Newcastle (near Grahamstown) called Ringwood (which is now mostly under Grahamstown Dam). It had a loose red surface with soft sandy strips along the edges and was undulating with two pronounced dips! He used to compete with other MGs by racing flat out down to the end of the airstrip, doing



a handbrake turn around a 44 gallon drum and then racing back. It was two cars racing each other at one time – a bit like Supersprints are today. The club also similarly raced in the twilight at low tide on the hard packed sand at the northern end of Nineteen Mile beach (Stockton). The TC has been through many hands since, is now extensively modified for racing and since 1996 has competed as a 'special' in Victoria. The TD has vanished.

For many years my older brother campaigned a much more competitive 1967 Australian B in Group Sb and now occasionally participates at GEAR days at Wakefield Park. He is currently "improving" his road going RV8. My nephew is a member of the Brisbane club and an occasional competitor at Morgan Park in his white B.

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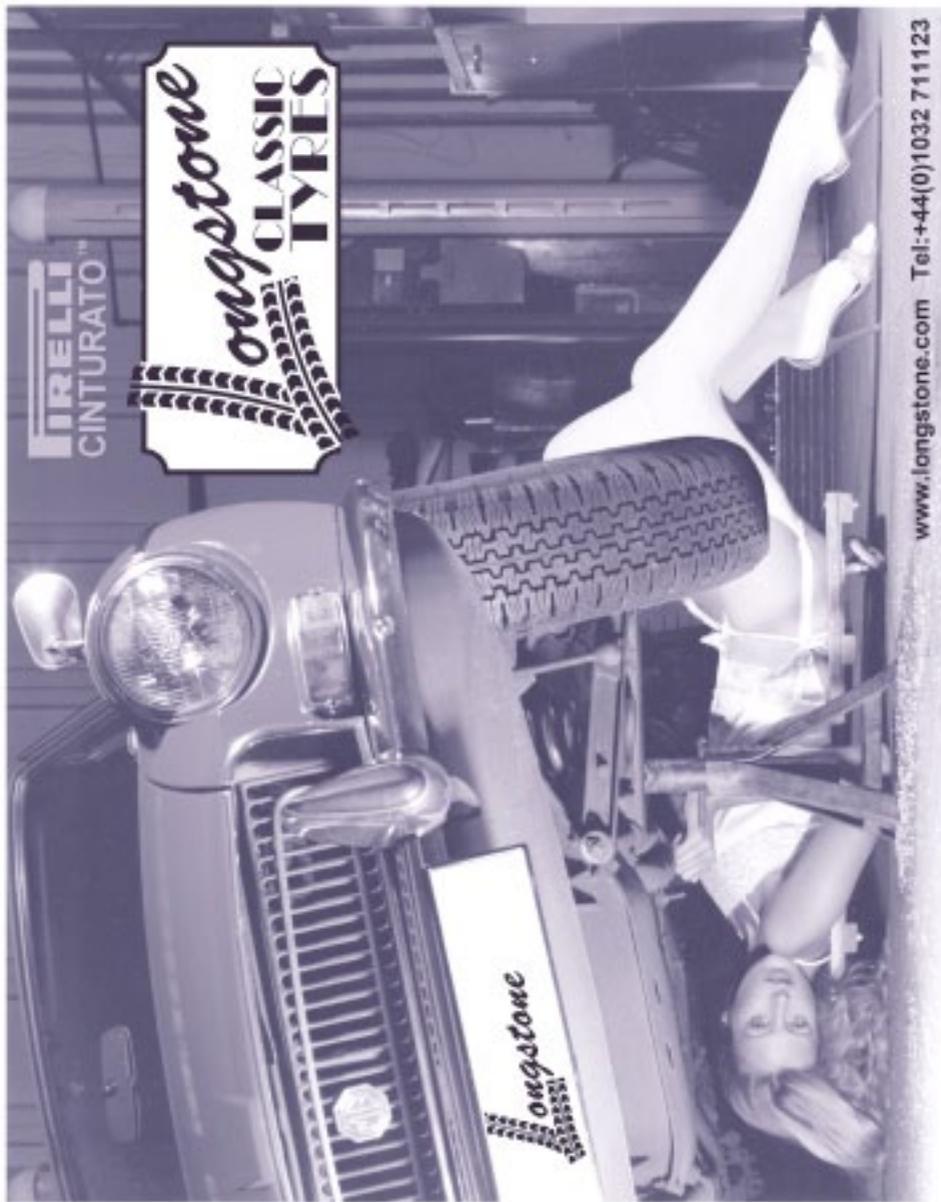
I like to do my own work where possible. Recent projects were finally adding relays to the newish wiring loom and conversion to LED tail lights and the blinkers on the B. Current projects are re-gluing lining on the TF's hardtop, replacing gearshift linkage bushes on the RV8 (without removing the gearbox!).



Cheers

**Shane Goodwin**





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Our Display Day was held at Crocker Park, Mermaid Waters on a lovely sunny day. There were great trees for shade if needed. This was our Concours and Pride of Ownership Day. Some Pre-War and T-Type MGs created an interest in us all. Marlowe Vincent attended her first Display Day and commented on Facebook (Page 39).



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# Marlowe Vincent at Display Day

After a long & busy week in the studio I was already tired, so a late night of detailing the MG, 4 hrs sleep & an early start on a super cold morning, it was off to the MG Display Day!

Running on adrenaline & '95, I packed my lovely neighbour & friend George, my pup Leo, & a picnic lunch into whatever space I could find in my little MG machine, & we headed off for a perfectly sunny day of MG appreciation.

The GC MG club put on a great event, lots of amazing machines turned up to compete in Concours & Pride of Ownership categories, ranging from the beautiful vintage old gals pre war T types, through to the ever popular MGBs, to the latest & current MG models.

I entered Jezabel in the Pride of Ownership not really knowing 'how to', so next year I'll remember to bring all her original & genuine tools, manual & trinkets that all contribute points to your score.

Always a school day for me around the GCMG club crew, such a wealth of knowledge & experience from wonderful people, who have been incredibly friendly & welcoming to me & my ol gal Jezabel, & today everyone got to meet my other pride & joy, my little pup Leo (he's a teacup series purebred Pomeranian 2020 model). 🐶 🐕

Thank you GCMGCC, another wonderful MG adventure under my (fan)belt 😊

**Marlowe**



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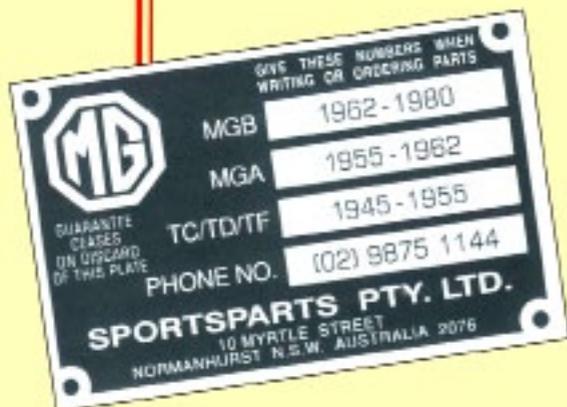
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