



MG The Marque of Friendship



December 2022 Newsletter

December Message From President Bill

Hi all

As Christmas is fast approaching, I would like to first of all, wish everyone very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Secondly, I would like to thank the committee and members for the support they have given me over the past year.

Kevin Carter has kindly arranged the venue for our annual Christmas party at the Lawrence Camping ground, and he assures me that camp will be absolutely fine for our party.



With the holiday season upon us, the committee at this stage has no runs organized for January 2023 but keep an eye on your emails for details on a run in February, as there will be something in the pipeline.

Our last run which was organized by Ngaire and Clive to Oamaru was a lot of fun for those that went on it, although I must put my hand up and confess to getting the starting time wrong, but ended up at our first meeting place at about the correct time. This was at Alistair & Dawns place Kakanui, and there we were treated to pikelets and raspberry jam, coffee or tea. Thanks, Dawn, for the pikelets as we know you had a very busy week with the wardrobe., also great tour around the new garage, that is almost finished at last. On to Oamaru to have lunch at the Gallery Café on the waterfront. once again" Miss Mary' was not well behaved, as she was missing Tess.

Big thanks to Clive and Ngaire. For organizing the run.

That's about all from me for 2022 hope to see as many as possible Members, Friends, and neighbors at the Xmas party in Lawrence.

President.

Bill.



Recent Activities

Sunday 20 November – Victoria Week Celebrations Oamaru Run

A happy bunch left the foggy, wet highlands of Unity Park Lookout Dunedin, all in hand with the first set of instructions and question sheet and headed north, finally running out of the wet at Palmerston, where a quick comfort stop saw us meeting up with two of our members who had come all the way over from Cromwell to join us and had also stopped for a quick comfort stop.



On we went to our Kakanui member's house, who very kindly put the kettle on and provided us all with cups of tea and coffee and thanks to his lovely lady, plates of pikelets and jam. On member had the chance to dry his pant leg out after a leak in his car which he couldn't avoid as it was directly over his accelerator.

Then the second set of instructions in hand we left for the run through to Oamaru and lunch.

There we had to find carparks because roads were closed and make our way to the Esplanade and to the Galley, where an enjoyable lunch was had by all.



After lunch and a wander through the Victorian Fete it was time to make our way home.

Our day was not quite over, as we stopped at Palmerston where a quick comfort stop saw us meet up with one of our member's from Karitane, who on reaching Palmerston had also stopped for a quick comfort stop. A lovely chat and an ice-cream later and it was back on the road to home again.

You never know what is going to happen on an MGCC Monthly Run, especially when passing through Palmerston. All the fun in the Spirit of the Marque of Friendship.



Coming Events

Saturday 3 December – Christmas BBQ Lawrence
Being arranged by Kevin and Doreen.

Destination is Lawrence and venue the Goldpark Motor Camp 1 Harrington St Lawrence.

The festive season is drawing closer by the day and with Ngaire and Clive's run to Oamaru enjoyed by all who were able to participate on the day was great.

The stop-off at Alistair and Dawn's home for coffee and pikelets was an unexpected delight. Graeme Rice won the prize for most questions correct.

All enjoyed MG camaraderie over lunch at the "Galley Cafe" and President Bill thanked the Donaldson's for their splendid effort.





With November drawing to a close and December just around the corner it's MG Christmas BBQ time.

All is ready at the chosen venue, the Goldpark Campground 1 Harrington Street Lawrence. We will be greeted by new owner/manager Jassu Chahai.

What to bring. This year the cooking facilities will be smaller than usual and patience may be required. Some may bring a picnic type lunch which is also fine.

We will have boiling water for tea and coffee, piping hot new potatoes followed by a treat of Christmas

Cake.

Remember to bring your picnic chairs and other essentials, including refreshments of choice.

Your MG BBQ team are ready and anticipating a fun time for all. Arrive any time, 11.00am is our usual start time.

Invercargill Members – If you are intending to travel to the BBQ on Sunday morning then a small group will be meeting at the Ascot Park entrance opposite the Cemetery at 9.00am. We will leave sharp at 9.15am so do not be late.

Friday 17 to Sunday 19 March 2023 –Further Afield Tour for 2023

Further details to come but mark the weekend in your calendars now.

Start location is Gore and proposal to meet for a meal there on Friday 17 March.

Club Members Contribution

A story that Don Carter found that maybe of interest to Club Members. Source

"Hemmings" UK



The 1951 MG TD looked good, but it took a lot of effort to undo previous owner's bodes

Have a look at the full story on this link. It appears that you cannot take first impressions as telling the whole story. <https://www.hemmings.com/stories/restoration-profile-1951-mg-td/>



Website <https://mgcarclubotagosouthland.nz>

MG National Rally January 2024



Accommodation and Registration details

It has been a very busy last few months, but we can now advise the accommodation and registration details for the Rally. We have arranged accommodation as below, please quote MG National Rally 2024 when booking to get the special rates.

Auckland – 13th – 16th January 2024 (3 nights)

Travelodge Wynyard Quarter

Situated in Wynyard Quarter alongside Auckland Viaduct with access to endless cafes and restaurants.

Note that parking must be booked separately, at \$15 per day as below

\$209/night – city view

\$259/night – harbour view

Accommodation: [book here](#) promo code: TH15130695

Parking: <https://wynyard.mycarpark.co.nz/>

Taupo – 16th – 18th January 2024 (2 nights)

Wairakei Resort

Situated by a golf course and popular thermal pools. 10 minute drive to Taupo. Note we will provide bus/taxi on the Wednesday evening for dinner.

\$180*/night – double room

Please book via this [link](#). Ph 0064 7 374 9004 or email: reservations@wairakei.co.nz

*Wairakei Resort will not commit to confirmed room rate until less than 1 year out, however have confirmed 10% off best available room rate for Rally entrants.

Napier – 18th-21st January 2024 (3 nights)

Scenic Circle Te Pania Hotel

Across the road from Prizegiving dinner – a 60m walk! Napier hot saltwater pools also across the road.

\$260/night – double room

Please book by filling in attached form and emailing to: tepania@scenichotels.co.nz

Quality Inn Napier

Situated southern end of Marine Parade, 900m to Saturday night function. Limited to 50 rooms

\$169/night – double room

Ph 0064 6 835 3237 or email: reservations@qualityinnnapier.co.nz

Registration

We have been working hard to put together a spectacular rally that provides excellent value for money. The registration fee includes.

- Welcome pack
- Route book
- Entry to all events, including the track day and motorkhana
- Meet and greet function in Auckland
- Entry to Gala Day, Opening Ceremony and evening function
- Experience Auckland events, including lunch at one of Auckland's top vineyards
- Welcome to Napier function
- Lunch at one of Napier's best vineyards
- Prizegiving dinner and end of rally party,
featuring a special guest speaker and live band

The registration fee has been set to \$525 per person. However, this will be to **\$425 per person if registered and paid before 30 June 2023.**

*In addition, all entries received and paid in full prior to **31 January 2023** go into the draw to win their registration fee back. Two individuals – drawn separately – will win their registration fee back. The draw will take place on 14 January 2024, at the Gala Opening Ceremony.*

Please see attached registration form. Completed forms should be emailed to registrations@mgrally.nz.

For further information, please contact us at info@mgrally.nz

Entry Forms are attached to this newsletter.

https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=fd246440bf&attid=0.2&permmsgid=msg-f:1750185038007685486&th=1849e804e9a6d16e&view=att&disp=inline&realattid=f_laryst5u3

https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=fd246440bf&attid=0.3&permmsgid=msg-f:1750185038007685486&th=1849e804e9a6d16e&view=att&disp=inline&realattid=f_laryst4x0

Scenic Hotel Booking Form

https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=fd246440bf&attid=0.4&permmsgid=msg-f:1750185038007685486&th=1849e804e9a6d16e&view=att&disp=inline&realattid=f_laryst5z4

Otago Southland Members if you have issues with the links, please contact Ngaire for hard copies to be emailed.