



August / September 2024 Newsletter

Presidents Rambles

It is AGM time again. You should have all received notice of this and as a reminder it is on the **17th of August at 10.45 at the Mosgiel Memorial RSA, 6 Church Street**. A lunch will be available after the meeting.

Paddy and I recently took a trip to Nelson to catch up with friends I hadn't seen for a couple of years. The reason initially was, I had bought a new addition for my workshop in Christchurch, so it was decided to go the long way round. As it weighed almost half a tonne, the Ute was the practical option. The first night was spent at Fox and I have to say the Bella Vista offered very reasonable rates. Unfortunately, during the week away, we only had a couple of fine days, but we escaped the inversion at Wanaka.

While we were away, the Government announced that it was reviewing the traffic management around road works. Wanaka must be getting up there in terms of road cones per capita due to the number of road works and also construction sites. Some of the road cones, when laid out in these areas seem to be almost touching, but you wonder how much protection they give workers. I ran over one the other day as I was towing a trailer and not enough room was allowed when turning. Didn't seem to do any damage to my Ute. I have heard that the road construction companies are putting their charges up from \$3.85 to \$5 a day per cone so it is good business to get plenty out. Aussie tourists have commented about the excessive number of cones we have on site. Sometimes when driving I see road cones out and a 50kph speed limit and after passing through I ask myself where were the road works or damage. Calling wolf to often means that drivers will and are already ignoring these speed limits. I support limits where there are road workers present or there are hazards, but having temporary speed limits for the sake of it is going to be counterproductive. In fact, it could cause more dangerous driving behaviour due to limits being ignored when they are warranted.

The other significant event I have experienced recently was going fishing with my son in his boat and grandson on Foveaux Strait. This happened during the intense high we had earlier. The sea was calm for the Strait and lots of blue cod caught. We actually threw back more due to size than we took home. Judging by the number of boats waiting to be launched at the ramp in Bluff, there was a lot of pent-up fishing fever. It was a great day out.

The final thing I would like to write about relates to my B. I couldn't get it to start which is unusual. After changing the coil, it started, and I thought I had found the problem but after a further inspection I found that I had neglected to attach the tacho. After attaching this, the non-starting reoccurred. While in Nelson we visited another friend who used to own a repair workshop in Christchurch which specialised in repairing high end cars. (British). He told me that tachos shorting out ignition systems was not an uncommon occurrence. This is obviously a trap for young (or in my case inexperienced) players. He did say the warning sign is the tacho reading incorrectly at times.

Finally, I hope to see as many of you as possible on the 17th.

Rod Pemberton President

Coming Events



Dear MG Car Club Members

We hope this email finds you well!



We are excited to announce our next car club events organised for our members:

The First event that will take place on **Saturday 17th August at 10.45am** is our **Annual General Meeting and Luncheon** held at **The Mosgiel Memorial RSA, 6 Church Street, Mosgiel**

This is your chance to have your say in your club and to enjoy a **lovely Luncheon** and social time with other members, so please come along.

The Second event is our **MG 100 Centenary Celebrations** on Sunday 29th September which will include an afternoon **Club Run then a Tour plus Dinner at The Speights Alehouse, Dunedin** – (Time to be advised).

As this is a numbers required event Please RSVP to me by 10th August if you plan to attend and also for any queries.

The Third event is The **AutoSpectacular** at the Edgar Centre, Dunedin on Saturday 19th October where the organisers have very kindly given us space for 15 cars for our **MG 100 Centenary** – We need your **MG** (they don't necessarily need to be running) to make this display a really great one – your support would be awesome and appreciated – Please advise Clive if you can make your car available for display.

We encourage all members to bring their cars and join us for these fun and exciting events. If you have any family members or friends who may be interested in attending, please feel free to bring them along as well.

Our Members are our Club! We hope to see you there!

Please address your enquiries to your Club Captain Clive Donaldson

or Secretary Ngaire Donaldson

<p>Kind regards Ngaire Donaldson Secretary ngairemgcc@outlook.com 022 049 7821</p>	<p>Clive Donaldson Club Captain clived049@gmail.com 022 678 4500</p>
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MG CAR CLUB

OTAGO SOUTHLAND CENTRE INC.

AGM 2024 Invitation

Dear Members

Firstly, thank you all for your support during 2023/24. The MG Car Club Otago Southland Centre Inc. (MGCCOS) relies entirely on the voluntary work and contributions of its members and its executive team, in ensuring the Club continues to contribute to the enjoyment of all members.

We welcome you all to the AGM which will be followed by a Luncheon, Annual Prizegiving and Social Time. The Formal Notification of the AGM and the Agenda for the meeting is attached. **Submission of Motions for Discussion** – the Committee does not believe that there are any contentious issues to be discussed at the AGM. However, as noted formally below, Members are invited to submit motions for discussion at the AGM. If any member wishes to have an issue discussed less formally, then please contact the undersigned as soon as possible to have the issue added to the agenda. Members should note that the AGM should be to discuss pre-notified business. However, if a particularly urgent issue is raised on the day it may be discussed at the discretion of the Committee.

Looking ahead...

We want all members to make a positive contribution to the development of our club. We hope that you, our members, will continue to support the MG Car Club Otago Southland Centre Inc. in its bid to make sure that all our voices are heard and included in discussions. We look forward to your continued support in 2025. Please help us in providing an inclusive club for all members, and if you can, come along to our Events during the year. Please note we are always looking for new additions to our club as well as to our executive team so, **make your voice heard!**

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of your [Committee](#)

Ngairé Donaldson

Secretary

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

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Saturday 17th August 2024, commencing at 10.45am

Agenda

1. Welcome and Safety Instruction
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of previous AGM
4. Matters Arising from Minutes
5. Reports
6. Financial Statements
7. Setting Subscriptions
8. Election of Officers
9. Election of Committee
10. General Business
11. Meeting Closure
12. Prize Giving
13. Lunch

Meeting Closed

Next MGCC O/S AGM2025

Election of Officers and Committee

An executive of five Officers and a Committee of a minimum of one and a maximum of five is required. Nominations must be for one or more of the specific positions:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Club Captain

Committee Members

Nominations for President will not be accepted unless the nominee is a member of the retiring Committee.

Nominations will not be accepted from the floor at the AGM unless insufficient nominations have been received by the due date.

All nominations must be on the specified nomination form (as below) and in the hands of the Secretary by August 10th 2024





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**MG Car Club Otago Southland Centre Inc
2024/2025 Officers and Committee Nomination Form**

I/we wish to nominate

For the position of

Proposer Signature.....

Seconder Signature.....

Nominees Signature Date.....

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Ngaire Donaldson ngairemgcc@outlook.com Dunedin, by August 10 2024

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Official Proxy Form

This form is for any member who wishes to but is unable to attend the 2024 AGM of the MGCC O/S meeting to be held at The Mosgiel Memorial RSA, 6 Church Street, Mosgiel and wishes another member to attend as their proxy.

I (name) of (place) being a Financial Member of the MG Car Club Otago Southland Centre Inc hereby appoint

..... (name) as my proxy to vote for me and on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Club to be held on the 17th day of August 2024.

Signed this day of 2024

Name of Member:

Signature of Member:

Name of Witness:

Signature of Witness:

MG Stories –

MG unveils Cyber GTS concept that looks set to be the electric spiritual successor to the MGB GT

- MG's Cyber GTS concept is a homage to 1968 MGC GTS Sebring racing icon.
- It hints at a hardtop version of the [new Cyberster roadster we tested recently](#)
- **Could it become the electric spiritual successor to the MGB GT from next year?**

MG looks set to celebrate the classic MGB GT's 60th anniversary next year with a new version for an electric generation.

Unveiled at the Goodwood Festival of Speed on Thursday morning, the Cyber GTS is a hardtop coupe version of its new Cyberster EV roadster. And like the cult B GT launched in 1965, it offers two-plus-two seating and rakish good looks.

MG says the Cyber GTS pays homage to the MGC GTS Sebring - the car that helped cement MG as a British heritage racing brand. But it might not be a concept for too long, with suggestions it could make production very shortly.



MG has unveiled a hardtop Cyber GTS EV concept coupe - could it become the electric spiritual successor to the legendary MGB GT?

For More information - [MG unveils Cyber GTS concept that looks set to be the electric spiritual successor to the MGB GT | Daily Mail Online](#)

A message from Graeme & Kate Rice in the UK

Good afternoon Ngaire and friends,

Firstly, it's an apology from Kate and I for not being able to join you all at the AGM. Hope it goes well and you have a constructive and enjoyable time.

We enjoyed our year and were somewhat gratified by the way everyone pitched in and made the most of the FAT in spite of the fact we'd decided to throw some different activities into the mix. My only regret was being diagnosed with post COVID pneumonia in mid-February and being frustrated by a lack of energy at times throughout this tour.

I thought after 3 months in Britain (with another 3 months to go), I'd have some classic car news to share, but I'm afraid that hasn't been the case.

Grandchildren and all their activities have dominated plus helping with gardening and dismantling an old glass house and assembling a new one.

In the finish we gave up trying to buy a classic of any sort for our everyday running, settling for a 2016 Hyundai I30 TDI hatchback which is doing almost 54mpg.

We'd thought about buying a MG3 but old versions are still fetching over \$12,000 and the last of the new ones were the equivalent of \$40,000.

Others we looked at were.

2004 TF 3100 miles \$30,000

2004 TF Sprint 41000 miles \$4600

2003 TF 64000 miles \$2600

1975 Jubilee B 88,900 miles \$12,000

Or how about a 1947 TC with a Police force ownership history for \$59,000.

Thought about Mazda MX-5s, but we'd have to share with our son to transport the grandchildren, but they aren't cheap either, especially for a rust-free example.

1993 140,000 miles \$7,000

2006 77,500 miles \$7,500

One we could have afforded and still transported the grandchildren was a 1957 Austin A35, needing a repaint, for \$6000. But then we checked the comfortable cruising speed of 75km/h against the average motorway speed in the slow lane of 100 - 120 km/h and decided not exactly fit for purpose.

So, the nuggety little nonsense - classic Korean it was!

We're back at the beginning of October - ready for some relaxed sunny Southern motoring.

Regards

Graeme & Kate

Congratulations to a young club member.

Recent Activities

Sorry but no recent activities report this newsletter.

Club Committee

2023 / 2024 Year	Name	Location	Contact Number
President	Rod Pemberton	Wanaka	027 295 5129
Immediate Past President	Bill Botting	Dunedin	021 435 181
Vice President	Russell Hawkes	Invercargill	021 970 997
Secretary	Ngaire Donaldson	Dunedin	022 049 7821
Treasurer	Ross Middlemass	Wanaka	027 236 4306
Club Captain	Clive Donaldson	Dunedin	022 678 4500
Committee	Don Carter	Invercargill	027 454 8426
	Kevin Carter	Dunedin	021 181 6126
	Tom Price	Palmerston	021 899 510

