



**MG Car Club Canberra Inc.
Annual General Meeting Minutes – 12 October 2023**

Item	Minutes
1. Opening and attendance, apologies	<p>The AGM was opened at 8:40 pm by Kent Brown, Vice President as Chair.</p> <p>Apologies: Debbie Whitfield, Simon Braun</p> <p>Attendance: 29 eligible members.</p> <p>Quorum: 24.6 members.</p>
2. Confirm Minutes	<p>Minutes of AGM 8 September 2022, sent to members via a Club Communique and also posted on the Club Website home page with the AGM calling notice were confirmed as a true and correct record.</p> <p>Moved: Ewan Ward Seconded: Malcolm Robertson</p>
3. Matters Arising	NIL
4. President's report	Per <u>Enclosure 1</u> . Summary provided by Kent Brown.
5. Presentation of Audited Accounts	<p>The Independent Auditors Report and accompanying Financial Statements for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2023 were available on the website and presented for comment.</p> <p>There was an operating loss for 2022-23 of \$865, considered against a rolling average of a surplus of around \$1000. The Club remains in a very sound financial position.</p> <p>There were no questions or discussion.</p> <p>Moved: Bruce Murray Seconded: Peter Dalton</p>

6. Appointment of Auditor and Honorarium	Proposed to continue with George Neil as Auditor, with his fee to remain at \$250 to be donated to Médecins Sans Frontières. Moved: Bruce Murray Seconded: Peter Dalton
7. Handing over of Chair for Election of New Committee	Kent Brown vacated the chair. Greg Whitfield appointed as chair to run the election process.
8. Election of Committee for FY 2022/24	Positions were filled unopposed as follows: President: Kent Brown Secretary: Ewan Ward Treasurer: Brian Calder Vice President: Malcolm Robertson Ordinary Committee member 1: Peter Dalton Ordinary Committee member 2: Debbie Whitfield Ordinary Committee member 3: Tim Brown
9. Assuming the Meeting Chair	Kent Brown assumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting.
10. General Business	NIL
11. Close	The AGM was closed at 8:55 pm followed by supper.

AGM President Report 12-10- 2023

I am grateful for the honour of having served as President of the MG Car Club Canberra for the past 12 months. We had a bit of a shaky start to the year with the resignations of a couple of members of the Committee, and I would like to especially thank Ewan who took on the role of Secretary.

A significant change this year has been the introduction of a fortnightly email Communique in place of the previous monthly Tappet Chatter magazine. This communication medium has been widely welcomed in keeping members informed of the club's activities in a timely manner and in an easy "speed read" format. We are hoping to publish a more comprehensive memento of the club's major activities in an annual Yearbook style.

Club Community Support for 2022-23

The Committee had selected *Daydream Machine*, an organisation for neurodiverse children which is run by Luke Ferguson as our Community Support recipient for this year. <https://www.youthcoalition.net/yogieswinners/daydream-machine/> We have sent our Club contribution of \$1500 to *Daydream Machine* .

You will recall Luke Ferguson came to give our club a talk about how the Daydream Machine works with the young people that attend.

Guest Speakers

We have had the pleasure of many guest speakers from near and far this year as always improving our knowledge either on cars or other items like the history of the MG's.

Display

These days have been well represented by our club members both displaying their cars and helping out, but in particular at:

- Terribly British Day
- Shannons Wheels
- Battle of Waterloo

Social

This year we have been able to mostly continue with our monthly and midweek meander runs when the weather has been kind to us.

The Tuesday morning coffees at Weston are always well attended as are the Sunday morning breakfasts. We started the year with breakfast at Café Injoy in January this year which was a little light on in numbers compared to previous years but I am aware a lot of the regulars were away from Canberra at the time.

Our first major trip/run this year was the 10-day Great Ocean Road Tour in February. Even though the weather was a bit challenging being so very hot everyone enjoyed it, thank you to Mark and Naomi Horsfield for organising this very interesting tour.

Our Autumn weekend away was to the Batlow Cider Fest. Not even the rain could stop the attendees enjoying themselves. We stayed in Tumut, and Peter Dalton organised a stop to the Snowy Mountains Hydro Discovery Centre on the way where we were given lunch and a tour. This was one of the highlights on this weekend.

Garage Workshops

Again, these have been well attended and with lots to learn and many tips to pick up on and the best thing on these days I believe are the sausage sandwiches that Glenn Hogan cooks for all attending. A big thank you to those who presented at the workshops, sharing their knowledge and expertise of the workings of our cars.

Motorsport

Another 4 successful motorkhanas were conducted during the year with 6 Club members taking part at various times. And 19 Club members were involved at sometime during the year in running of the events; a positive result. On average, there were around 30 competitors at each event aged anywhere from 12 years to those of "mature years".

Glenn Kirk also attended Natmeet 2023 in South Australia and won his class in the motorkhana, Class ZB, MGF and gained 3rd place in the speed event.

Plans were well under way to hand over the running of motorkhanas to a new "young" team but late in the year the CEO of the Sutton Road Training Centre (SRTC), a facility we have use for around 20 years, advised that he would no longer allow the hire of the Vehicle Manoeuvring Area to be used for "motorsport".

The new team is now exploring other venues that may be suitable. Notwithstanding this outcome, I cannot fail to give my sincere thanks to Chris Hillman and Kent Brown for their dedication over many, many years in organising the motorkhanas for the club and wider motorsport community in the region. These events will be sadly missed as indeed the provision of an onsite bbq to feed the masses which was managed by Virginia Brown and her Guides. It is unfortunate that the loss of the motorkhana has also had a significant impact upon the fundraising opportunities for this group of young Canberran women.

A total of 11 club members were also regularly involved with various other motorsport activities throughout the year including circuit racing, regularity events, hill-climbs and a sprint event.

Venues included Winton Motor Raceway, Phillip Island, Sydney Motorsport Park, Pheasant Wood (Marulan), Taillem Bend and the SDMA facility at Fairbairn Park.

Congratulations to all!

Canberra 2023 Rally

In a partnership with the Pre-War MG Register, we hosted the Canberra MG Rally 2023. The Rally had 160 registrants with guests from QLD, NSW, VIC, TAS, SA, UK and NZ; and we had 100 Pre-1955 MGs displayed in glorious sunshine at the National Museum on the Saturday. This was a major undertaking for the Club; possibly the largest since we hosted NatMeet in 2001. Feedback from our visitors was extremely positive with the club being warmly congratulated for a very friendly and professionally organised event. Indeed, over 60 Club members participated either as registrants or formally helping with the arrangements that even included a very popular MG market stall at the National Museum. Thank you, Mike Stearn and Kerry McDonald, for running the market stall.

And again a very big and sincere thank you to the Rally organisers Malcolm Robertson, Kent Brown, Ewan Ward, and Brian Calder. I also want to single out just four other Club members who went above and beyond to make the Rally such a success: Virginia Brown, Gaye Weller, Christine Calder and Mo Dechaineux.

Members Feedback Survey

A member's survey was conducted through the year as part of the annual membership renewal process. The Committee noted that the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. In due course there will be some changes made to aspects of club events and such to accord with member's wishes. A significant number of responses indicated a willingness to help out with its activities.....so I'm sure we'll see lots of interest in nominations for our new Committee!!

Executive Committee and Non-Committee Position

We have many members that help run the club in non- Committee positions. Ewan Ward library, Bob Tazzyman Regalia, Kerry McDonald and Greg Whitfield Concessional rego, Kerry McDonald and Brian Calder CACTMC reps, Malcom Roberston, Kent Brown, Ewan Ward & Brian Calder Communique Editors, Naomi Horsfield Ladies lunch runs, Laurie Gardiner display co-ordinator, Glen Kirk National Natmeet rep, Peter Dalton Social co-ordinator, Greg Whitfield Membership Secretary and Club History Recorder and lastly but most needed Jan Kirk, Christine Calder, and their band of helpers ensuring we have a lovely supper after every meeting.

My thanks go to the Executive for working to keep the wheels of the club turning. Vice President Kent Brown, Secretary Ewan Ward, Treasurer Brian Calder, Committee Members Peter Dalton and Malcom Robertson.

I wish the new committee all the very best

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