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The newsletter of the Sprite Car Club of Qld Inc



The Sprite Car Club of Queensland Inc is open to and welcomes owners & drivers of all vehicles. Our marque is Austin Healey Sprites, MG Midgets and all of their derivatives.



2 Bugeyes met at the Clubrooms for the
drive to Troy's Fish & Chip Run

Club Information

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1737942263157816/7>

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Meetings

Meetings are held the second Friday of each month 8pm, normally at The Mustang Rooms, Jean Howie Drive, Morningside. and other locations as scheduled. Check the calendar for exact dates and locations.

<https://www.spritecarclub.com/about-us/>

Membership

Joining Fee:

New members pay a joining fee of \$100.00 paid pro rata depending on the date of joining. This fee includes the joining fee, annual membership fee for all family members residing at the same address up to May, and 2 name badges.

Types of membership -

Full membership is for current owners of Sprites &/or Midgets.

Associate membership is for all others.

Annual membership:

Continuing members pay an annual membership fee which is currently \$72.00 and is payable in May of each year. This fee includes all family members who reside at the same address.

Club Banking

Details for direct deposits for membership fees, payments for events, purchase of regalia, etc: BSB: 034 002

Account Number: 613033

Account name: Sprite Car Club of Qld Inc

NOTE: Please use your surname, initial and reason for payment as the reference when making a payment.

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Newsletter contributions

The cut-off date for contributions for the next newsletter is the 6th of each second month, starting December 2023, but check with the Editor for late inclusion possibilities.

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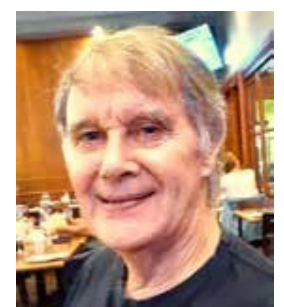
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President's Report

Hello Members,

Welcome to the start of the new year. Our first Club run for 2024 was Troy's Fish & Chip run it was well attended with 28 people in total.

The next run will be Keith & Karen's breakfast run on the 11th of February. I encourage all members to go along for a great morning.

The National Sprite Meet is only around the corner, if you are interested in going along there is still time. Please contact Keith Gordon asap to secure your spot.

This month we start the 2024 year with our first general meeting at the Morningside Club Room, all members are invited to come along.

March 23 - the Gold Coast Chapter will be having the first run/dinner for 2024 it will be starting at Yatala Pies carpark at 4pm. More details will be available in the next month.

I will be checking in with Christine from the North Coast Chapter to see when they will be having their first run/event for 2024.

If there are any members that would like to organise a Club run or event this year, please let Karen know the dates & details so she can add it to the Club Calendar.

Also if any members have any articles or interesting stories for the Club Newsletter, please forward through to Carole as she is always looking for content from month to month.

I am looking forward to another great year with members from our Club.

***Thanks Mark Gillman.
Club President.***



The Sprite & Midget Nationals 2024 will be held in Wodonga, Victoria from 22nd March to 26th March.

Good travelling
and 'playing' there.

Go Bluey!



Troy's Fish & Chip Memorial Run - January 20

Some of the Club members met at the Club house on Saturday January 20 at 4pm. We left at 4.30 pm for a leisurely drive to the Manly Yacht Club. We found the carpark rather full so it was good we were early. More Club members made their own way to the Yacht Club to join us for the tribute to Past President Troy Mansfield.





The first Friday night meeting was held at the Salisbury Hotel on January 12. We were first seated outside on a balmy evening, but then it rained on us so we moved inside.



DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

Meeting:	Sprite Car Club of Qld Mustang Club Room – Jean Howie Drive	Date:	8 th December 2023
Chairperson:	Mark Gillman	Minute Taker:	David Chapman
Present:	As per Attendance Book – 10 total members attended		
Apologies:	Keith and Karen		
Next Meeting Date:	9 th February 2024		
Minutes of Last Meeting	No matters arising. Minutes for October meeting accepted by Keith Gordon		

Topic	Information	By whom
President's Report	<p>Mark said the Christmas party was good.</p> <p>Everyone liked the venue at the car museum at Nudgee.</p> <p>We had a discussion about the meal which was \$60/ per head. It was felt that the meal was okay but did not represent \$60 in value. Matt pointed out there were no greens but plenty of carrots. The feedback was that it would have been good to have tea or coffee included. It was also felt that we should have got a better discount to walk through the museum.</p> <p>Mark also advised that from previous meeting discussion that he has spoken to Alex and the Wide Bay Chapter is closed.</p>	Mark G
Treasurer's Report	<p>November results reflected a slight loss.</p> <p>If anyone requires any information regarding the club's financial position, please contact the treasurer.</p> <p>Accepted by Janet.</p>	Matt C
Secretary's Report	<p>Mail received:</p> <p>4 x Bank Statements</p> <p>1 x letter Aust Post advising no longer accepting cheques.</p> <p>1 x Trailer rego</p> <p>2 x Goblin magazines</p> <p>1 x Mustang magazine</p> <p>David agreed to record the point system for the club but not take on the Club Captain position.</p>	David C
Membership	No news.	Keith G

Topic	Information	By whom
Club Captain Report	No News	
Sunshine Coast Chapter	No News. Next meeting at the Sundowner Hotel Caboolture 12 th December 2023.	Neville
Gold Coast Chapter	No News. No December meeting. Hoping to have a get together in January and this is to be advised. Mark has spoken to Gary and yet to contact Christine, but he is suggesting that both Chapters, North and South, have 1 run each quarter. Gold Coast is looking to have a run in March to Mt Tambourine.	
Facebook / Email	Karen is doing a good job with information going out promptly	
Website	All future events should notify Mike D first. Whether by email or facebook and Mike will list on the Web page calendar. There are some issues with email providers where info is blocked. Mike is checking this out. Mike mentioned there is a movie coming out about Ferrari. Mark wants Mike to keep passwords of committee members if they change the password that Mike gave out.	Mike D
Regalia	All good. No news.	Karen G
Newsletter	All good. No news	Carole C

GENERAL BUSINESS		
General Business	First dinner for 2024 is at the Salisbury Hotel on 12 th January 2024. First run for 2024 is Troy's Fish and Chip run on Saturday 20 th January. Meet at the Mustang Club at 4.30 pm then go on the run. The BVRC Car Show at Ormiston is on Friday 26 th January 2024.	Mark G
Raffle Drawn	No raffles.	PLEASE NOTE: Certain financial information has not been disclosed as this newsletter is accessible to the public via the website. This information can be provided to club members by request to the treasurer.
Meeting Closed	7.56 pm	

"I have sighted this document and believe it is a true and accurate record of the meeting".

Signed:

Macleans Bridge, Classic and Sports Car and Aircraft Festival 2024

After a couple of years hiatus, the Famous Macs Bridge Car Sports and Classic Car Festival is back in 2024 with a spectacular new addition of "Wings".

The Triumph Sport Owners Association Queensland, the long-time custodians of Macs Bridge have been joined by the Mazda MX5 club Qld and the Caboolture Aero Club to introduce Macs Bridge to an exciting new chapter of this long-time celebration of motor vehicles.

2024 will see the first Macs Bridge to be hosted at the Caboolture Aero Club on July 14 2024. This exciting new location will see the TSOAQ, the Mx5 Club QLD and the Caboolture Aero Club join together to introduce Macs Bridge to not just an outstanding new location but an exciting new addition of aircraft displays.

Macs Bridge has been one of the premier celebrations of all things related to motor vehicles in Southeast Qld for over thirty years and in 2024, it aims to be even bigger and better. As per previous events sports and classic vehicle will remain the cornerstone of the event but with support of the Caboolture Aero Club, entrants and visitors will now have the opportunity of viewing a wide range of Classic aircraft.

Owners of all types of sports and classic cars and aircraft are welcome to participate. Visitors are encouraged to come along and share in what is bound to be a visual feast of all things related to Wheels and Wings.

The event will cater for all types of interest of participants and visitors. Catering will be provided by a range of food and beverage vendors and trophies be judged the three host clubs for outstanding participants.

More Details to Follow
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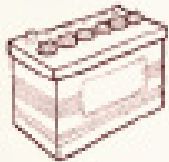
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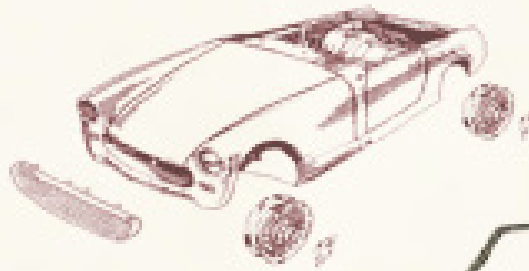
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Coming Events

- **February 9 Club Meeting Feb 2024** Mustang Club Rooms, Jean Howie Drive, Morningside 6:30pm to 9:00pm
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- **February 11 Breakfast Run** to Pit Stop Cafe, Mt Mee. Karen and Keith organisers. . 7:30am to 2:00pm
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- **February 14 Gold Coast Dinner**, Hope Island Tavern 6:00pm to 9:00pm
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- **February 20 Sunshine Coast Dinner**, Morayfield Tavern 6:00pm
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- **February 23, 24, 25** Morgan Park Sprints
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- **March 8 Club Dinner**, venue to be advised 6:30pm to 9:00pm
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- **March 13 Gold Coast Dinner**, Beenleigh Tavern 6:00pm to 9:00pm
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- **From March 22 - 26** Sprite National Challenge 2024, Victoria
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- **March 19 Sunshine Coast dinner**, Bribie Island Surf Club,
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- **March 23 Gold Coast Run**. Late Saturday afternoon GC Run Meet at Yatala Carpark at 4pm 1:00pm to 8:00pm
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- **March 27 Midweek run**, details to be advised (Mike Millard organizer) 9:00am to 3:00pm
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- **April 12** Mustang Club Rooms, Jean Howie Drive, Morningside 6:30pm to 9:00pm
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- **April 14 Club Run**, details to follow (Gary Hawkins to organize) 9:00am to 4:00pm
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- **April 16 Sunshine Coast dinner**, Glasshouse Mtns Tavern, 6:00pm to 9:00pm
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- **April 17 Gold Coast Dinner**, Shearers Arms Ormeau. 6:00pm to 9:00pm
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- **April 19 -21** Morgan Park Sprints
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- **April 24 Midweek Run**, details to follow (Mike Millard organizer) 9:00am to 3:00pm

**The Gold Coast MG Car Club invites you -
to celebrate 100 years of MG!**

Tweed on Tweed

Thursday 5th & Friday 6th September 2024





Gold Coast MG Car Club Inc. Overview

Tweed on Tweed

As the name would suggest this is a two day event where up to sixty lucky 'tweed wearing' crews have an opportunity to gather together, socialise, display their vehicles, and drive two loops of approximately two hours through the beautiful scenery of the Tweed Shire. The goal is to offer a simple and relatively inexpensive two day event that brings together primarily MG owners, and a few invited marques, to celebrate over 100 years of 'maintaining the breed' that is MG. The event will start with the display of a wide range of classic MGs. It will be an opportunity for the public to see what classic MGs are all about.

Both loops, starting and finishing at the events base, run at the same time with two groups of 30 cars. Crews alternate the runs on consecutive days. Consideration will be given to shortening the runs for slower (older) vehicles and start them last in each group so they return around the same times as the newer vehicles. (Runs will not be timed & no mapping or questions along the way.) Drivers & co-drivers may swap seats. 'Prizes' will be ONLY fun awards.

The event will be conducted under the auspices of Motorsport Australia (for Insurance). Owners from any recognised car club may enter. For participants who are not members of a Motorsport Australia affiliated club the GCMGCC Inc. will offer 'event club membership' incorporated with the entry form. Drivers will NOT require a Motorsport Australia licence.

The event base will be the Brothers Leagues Club, Murwillumbah, which has a huge parking area and also cater for all meals. The entry fee will include all meals including nibbles on arrival, self-serve tea & coffee at all times, Day 1 lunch & dinner and Day 2 breakfast & lunch. This is to keep everyone in the one location so that the event runs efficiently and on time (hopefully). Costs will be kept to a minimum as this is meant to be an event that is accessible for most MG owners.

The Programme:

Day 1 - Book in from mid-morning on Thursday 5th September. Cars displayed at start. Run 1 starts after lunch & returns to venue. Dinner & awards Thursday night (as some may head off immediately after Friday's run)

Day 2 - Book in earlier on Friday 6th September for breakfast. Run 2 is followed by lunch before heading off home.

Throughout this event we will be supporting our charity Christmas Presents for Kids in Care Ltd., and the Brothers Leagues Club who have experienced multiple flooding events over the past few years.

Accommodation will be booked and paid for by the entrant. The GCMGCC Inc. will NOT be responsible for booking accommodation. It is strongly suggested entrants book their accommodation ASAP and mention you are with the GCMGCC's Tweed on Tweed.

Expressions of Interest are open now. It is advisable to get your interest known as there are limited entries (60 crews). All the information required to enter will be on the GCMGCC Inc. website very soon.

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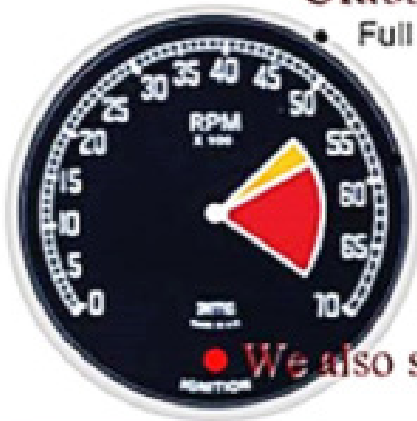
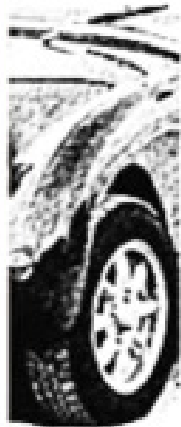


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Taigum: 3rd Saturday of each month, from 6:30am, Taigum Square, 217 Beams Rd, Taigum.
<https://www.carsandcoffeebrisbane.com/>

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Coolum: 1st Saturday of each month, 7-10am at the German Bakehouse, 54 Junction Rd, Coolum Beach. (Also open next door for a \$5 entry fee is the private car collection of Frank Carroll and the Sir Henry Royce Foundation.) <https://www.facebook.com/carsandcoffeesunshinecoast/> <https://www.facebook.com/german-bakehousecoolumcafe/>

GOLD COAST

Monthly coffee catch is back at Ormeau on the LAST SUNDAY of the month. Plenty of carparking and a great coffee kiosk right there in the carpark in the middle of it all. The cafe has gone through a complete renovation with plenty of seating and shaded areas.

Currumbin: 1st Sunday of each month, 8-11am, 639 Currumbin Creek Rd, Currumbin <https://cartorque.co/car-shows/cars-and-coffee-currumbin-valley-ql-3535>

NORTHERN NSW

Byron Bay: 2nd Sunday of each month, 8:30-11:30, The Farm at Byron Bay, 11 Ewingsdale Rd, Ewingsdale (approx. 5 minutes drive from Byron Bay). There is a \$2 donation per car to cover costs. <http://byronbayspeedshop.com/cars-and-coffee-byron-bay/>

NOTE: Always check with the Club Website and/or Facebook page for any last-minute changes to the events or any new events which may not be included here. COVID 19 may have affected these events