

# ***MGC REGISTER*** *MG Car Club (Auckland Centre) Inc.*

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## **MGC REGISTER REPORT FOR 2016 AGM**

This year has been a period of consolidation for the register.

I have the double role of Register Secretary and Historian as Peter Dunlop made the decision late last year to stand down from the Secretary role for personal reasons after a job very well done.

We had a sad time earlier this year when we bid farewell to Susan Heath, Harvey's wife and navigator, who was an enthusiastic register supporter and long-time MGC owner. Rest in peace, Susan.

Congratulations to Bob and Jill Sherman on securing 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Inter-Marque Concours d'Elegance at Ellerslie with their superb red GT. The car is not wrapped in cotton wool as it is being enjoyed on Team BOP outings.

Several MGCs have had changes of ownership over the past year and we have managed to contact all of the new owners and welcome them to the register. All have expressed an interest in being kept up to date with MGC happenings.

Research over the last twelve months has also uncovered the whereabouts of a few cars that we knew were out there somewhere. Without exception, the owners have been extremely positive about being contacted and we are keeping in touch with them. They were happy to send copies of their original ownership papers to add to the register. There are still some cars that we know about but haven't yet found, so the search continues.

This period of consolidation has seen us develop lasting contacts with the MGC registers in Australia and the United States, from whom I receive the magazine "C' Notes", and we are in touch with three of the four owners who have ex-New Zealand MGCs in their Australian garages.

Our Register Run last year was based on Graham Robson's book "The Mighty MGs" which covers the stories of the MGA Twin Cam, the MGC and the MGBGT V8. Thank you to those who made the trip from Auckland, the Bay of Plenty and the Waikato for the Mix-&-Mingle, the run and a picnic on the banks of Lake Karapiro. The run is on again this year, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November, and is open to all MGs who would like to celebrate "The Mighty MGs".

I was extremely pleased with the response to the UK register's 2016 calendar project with 19 calendars coming to New Zealand which compares more than favourably with the rest of the world.

Dave Addison has been extremely supportive in attending to my requests to update our register page. We now have a comprehensive picture gallery that makes reference to 69 of the 72 MGCs that we have on the register and the text has been updated to take into account any changes that have occurred.

Our newsletters are published three times each year and these are e-mailed to various owners world-wide. I must express my sincere thanks to Peter Dunlop for the work he does in putting these together.

Very recently an informal register committee was formed comprising myself, Peter Dunlop and Harvey Heath. This is to keep things ticking over but also in preparation for the big event next year, the MGC's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary which the three of us will be attending in England before our own event later in the year. In preparation for the anniversary, Harvey has done some great work in producing an MGC logo that is uniquely New Zealand. Thank you Harvey, great work. There are a couple of other projects that are currently work-in-progress.

The committee is looking forward to a very interesting and enjoyable year ahead.

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