



## October 2023 Newsletter

### ***Regalia - Register Dinners - Volunteers Needed! - Visiting Taupo - Feature MG***

Hello everyone,

As we approach January, anticipation for the MG100 Rally is growing – we have over 70 cars registered – and registrations are open for another few weeks, so please register if you haven't already – all the details are on [the website](#). The committee is hard at work fine-tuning the details for each of the events, and we will provide you with a full schedule well in advance of the rally.

Before we can kick off the festivities, there are a few housekeeping matters that require your attention. Please take a moment to review and pre-register your interest and availability for the following:

### **Regalia**

To commemorate this special occasion, we've put together a range of limited edition MG100 merchandise. These include a selection of specially designed items, polo shirts, grill badges etc and will be available to order on the website over the next week or so, or via the form [here](#).

Please send completed forms to [nigelrbs@gmail.com](mailto:nigelrbs@gmail.com).

*Note: collection on the event is free, or we can courier your order to you at your cost.*

### **Register Dinners**

For the evening of Tuesday, January 16th, we're arranging register dinners. For this, the participant cars have been put into groups, each group dinner will be at a local (in Taupo) restaurant that will be reserved by the organisers. Please note that transport to/from the restaurant and dinner is at your own cost. To confirm your attendance for the Register dinner, please let us know your preferred event by emailing us here.

- Pre '56 (MGA and earlier models)
- MGB & Midget (include Austin Healey & Sprites)
- MGC and V8
- MGF/TF

- 1960-2005 saloons and Modern MGs

## Volunteers:

We're also in need of volunteers for a range of events, particularly during the public display at the Cloud, and timekeeping and marshalling during the Taupo track day. If you're eager to be a part of this exciting day, please let us know how you'd like to get involved please contact [Derek Liefting](#)

## Communication

To keep everyone connected and informed throughout the MG100 Rally, we'll be setting up a WhatsApp group for participants. This group will serve as a hub for announcements, assistance requests, and general discussions. Keep an eye out for your invitation to join this group; it will be coming your way soon. If you don't want to be included in this group, please email us [here](#)

## Visit Taupo

Taupo is one of New Zealand's tourist meccas, there's lots to choose from during your down time – Visit Taupo ([link](#)) has some great suggestions, here's our picks:

Aratiatia Rapids ([link](#)): a must see on your visit to Taupo. Watch thousands of litres of water rush from the dam gates to transform the peaceful gully into raging rapids.

Huka Falls ([link](#)): At Huka Falls you can witness the phenomenon of natural hydro power with more than 220,000 litres of water per sec barrelling over 11meter high waterfall.

Visit Geothermal hot pools: There are many options available, including Wairakei Terraces & Thermal Health Spa ([link](#)). Embrace the healing benefits of geothermal and mineral rich water.

## The Octagonal Spotlight - Feature MG - Bryce Gliddon's MGA FHC

Bryce and Marion Gliddon are long time member of the MG Car Club with their wonderful black MGA FHC. It's a well known car in NZ, having done all manner of events from racing through to touring social events.

The car arrived in Christchurch New Zealand from USA in 1962 as a LHD. Probable owner an Operation Deep Freeze employee.

Bryce purchased the car in 1983 as a rusty wreck which had been lying in a paddock at Kaukapakapa. Full restoration was completed by 1995.

It has subsequently undergone numerous fast road modifications - a very well modified 1800cc MGB engine, 5-speed gearbox, 3.9:1 diff and uprated suspension and brakes - but retained the character of the MGA, not to mention it's stunning good looks. Keep a look out for it on the Rally - probably going very quickly passed you!



Some of the highlights of the Gliddon MGA's competitive history:

- Castrol Charity Classic races Manfield
- Whittakers/MG classic races Manfield
- Leisuretime/tracer Classic Hampton Downs
- Intermarque sprints Manfield and Taupo
- Many sealed hill climbs
- 2010 Bruce McLaren Festival of Speed Hampton Downs and Pukekohe
- 5 Day NZ Targa Time trial
- Touring events – Classic alpine tour South Island – MG classic Marathon – Spring Classic

## Accommodation Update

Just a short note to advise that our preferred accommodation is filling up, in fact the Quality Hotel Napier is already booked out for the Napier leg, so get in quick while you can!

Accommodation booking details and links are [here](#) - please note, Quality Hotel Napier is full

Te Pania Scenic Circle Napier booking form is [here](#).

For accommodation queries you can also email us [info@mgrally.nz](mailto:info@mgrally.nz)