

To all those thinking of attending the next National meeting in Tasmania.

I am pleased to announce the 2018 National meeting is to be held on the Cradle Coast in the Ulverstone area of Tasmania. Ulverstone is in between Devonport and Burnie right next to Penguin. Being a very popular holiday destination over Easter we need to confirm any bookings soon to get in ahead of the other 400 odd MG members attending.

The last 2 Natmeets in Tasmania have been well attended, at the Launceston meeting we had over 30 cars most of which then completed the tour we organized. We propose to again run a tour of about 5-6 days leaving from Devonport on the 3rd of April.

Full details of the Natmeet can be accessed from our website but a brief description of the event follows. Firstly the major mis-conception is that it is a Competition event. That is only partly true as most entries are social. Next year social will be even bigger with points being awarded to people who complete the social runs. We would like to think we can compete very well against all other states with our high level of quality MG's.

The event comprise's Check-in and scrutiny on Friday 30th followed by the Noggin and Natter and Rocker Cover racing that night. Finger food supplied right through the night and drinks at bar prices (or less). Natter is something our Club does very well!

Saturday is Concour day which is where we will shine. We have some great cars and with some instruction (to be done in following months) we will do very well. Saturday night is free night to enjoy as you please.

Sunday is Hillclimb day and for others the Observation run. Sunday night is theme night so dress-up is the go. We won last year with \$11 costume. This will be at a high class venue, full 3 course meal, band and probably present some of the Concours trophies.

Monday is Motorkhana day and for the social entrants the Kimber run, a tour of the local Cradle Mountain area. Monday Night is presentation night where the balance of trophies are presented along with the major overall Club awards.

Naturally this is again a prestige suit event with fully catered 3 course meal. Last year with 5 entrants we finished 5th out of 12 centres so we expect big things this year.

The event finishes with the Tuesday morning breakfast which will be the kick-off point for our tour.

Costs: Naturally a classy event with 2 prestige 3 course dinner events and entertainment, finger food catered event and a breakfast costs a bit. Having been on an organizing Committee I can confirm that 90% of the cost is catering/

venue costs. Though not confirmed expect social entry to be around \$350 and Competition \$400.

I have rung around the available accommodation and have chosen the following as preferred and have made a tentative booking at these two venues.

First is the Penguin Seaside Motel situated very close to Ulverstone in the main street of Penguin opposite the Ocean and near small waterfront Cafe's. This Boutique Motel only has 7 rooms from double, 2 bedroom, twin and family. Costs are from \$140 to \$150 per night and \$200 for double.

The other is the Sunrise Motel in Devonport, again about 15 minute drive to Ulverstone. They have 10 doubles available at \$134 per night (\$15 discount) including a continental breakfast.

The alternative is Cabins which are harder to come by (already booked) but can be booked at the Discovery Park Devonport for around \$109 per night for Cabin. To discuss the options we propose to have a meeting before our next monthly meeting on the 4th of July. Please meet at 6.00pm at our Clubrooms. We will also discuss a proposed route for the tour.

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