

# Newsletter January 2018



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## FOR YOUR INFO.....

- Regular Breakfast Runs are held on the last Sunday of each month
- Meeting places – KNYSNA – The Quays at the Waterfront at the end of Grey Street
- SEDGEFIELD – Engen 1 Stop

# 2018 GRMC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

 <p>January</p>	<p>16<sup>TH</sup> - Tues</p> <p>21<sup>st</sup> -Sun</p> <p>28<sup>th</sup> - SUN</p>	<p>MG SUNDOWNER PICNIC - BRENTON</p> <p>New members braai ( INCLUDING ALL MEMBERS )- Plett Angling Club</p> <p>BREAKFAST RUN – POT LUCK PLETT</p>	<p>All</p> <p>GRMC only</p> <p>ALL</p>
	<p>10 -11th</p> <p>18<sup>th</sup> Sun</p> <p>25<sup>th</sup> – Sun</p>	<p>GEORGE OLD CAR MOTOR SHOW</p> <p>GLENTANA CARAVAN PARK - BRING &amp; BRAAI</p> <p>BREAKFAST RUN TO ZUCCHINIS</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>
	<p>2- 3- 4 – Fri to Sun</p> <p>25<sup>TH</sup> Sun</p>	<p>MINI TOUR PRINCE ALBERT - EVITA ( Pieter Dirk UYS &amp; KAKTUS OF SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT )- SHOWROOM THEATRE <b>FULLY SUBSCRIBED.</b></p> <p>BREAKFAST RUN – POT LUCK - PLETT</p>	<p>ALL</p>
	<p>8<sup>TH</sup> - SUN</p> <p>11<sup>th</sup> Wed</p> <p>22<sup>nd</sup> Sun</p> <p>29<sup>TH</sup> Sun</p>	<p>BRING &amp; BRAAI AT DEVASELOT – NATURES VALLEY</p> <p>Pensioners Lunch – Enrico – KEURBOOMS STRAND</p> <p>BREAKFAST RUN- ZUCCINIS</p> <p>KNYSNA MOTOR SHOW</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>
	<p>4-5-6 Fri – Sun</p> <p>19&amp;20th</p> <p>27<sup>TH</sup> Sun</p>	<p>JAGUAR SIMOLA HILLCLIMB</p> <p>LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS – PE</p> <p>BREAKFAST RUN – POT LUCK PLETT</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>

	24 <sup>TH</sup> -Sun	<i>BREAKFAST RUN – ZUCCINIS</i>	<i>ALL</i>
	15 <sup>th</sup> Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Sun	<i>Tsitsikamma Memorial run</i> <i>BRAKFAST RUN – POT LUCK - PLETT</i>	<i>ALL</i> <i>ALL</i>
<i>Holy shit it's already</i> <b>AUGUST</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> Sun ???? 19 <sup>th</sup> Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Sun	<i>Celebrate WOMANS MONTH – TO BE DECIDED – Possible Weekend tour to the Bedford Flower show.</i> <i>MG ORGANISED TOUR</i> <i>GRMC AGM</i> <i>BREAKFAST RUN - ZUCCINIS</i>	<i>ALL</i> <i>ALL</i> <i>GRMC ONLY</i> <i>ALL</i>
	7 – 18 Tour 14 -16th 30 <sup>TH</sup> - Sun	<i>AUSTIN HEALEY TOUR</i> <i>THREE NIGHT TOUR TO GRAAF REINETT</i> <i>BREAKFAST RUN – POT LUCK - PLETT</i>	<i>GRMC PARTICIPANTS ONLY</i> <i>ALL</i> <i>ALL</i>
	13 <sup>th</sup> -Sat 14-16 <sup>th</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup> Sun	<i>CENTURY CLASSIC CAR RUN (100 KM RUN / LUNCH (AGE OF DRIVER &amp; CAR MUST EQUAL MIN OF 100 YEARS )</i> <i>MG T-TYPE TOUR</i> <i>BREAKFAST RUN – ZUCCINIS</i>	<i>ALL</i> <i>MG ONLY</i> <i>ALL</i>
	24 or 25 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup>	<i>GRMC XMAS LUNCH</i> <i>BREAKFAST RUN</i>	<i>GRMC ONLY</i> <i>ALL</i>

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## Chairman's Chirp

To those whom I have not seen in January, let me wish you all a great 2018 and may the year bring you much enjoyment, fun, love and importantly great health.

GRMC has an exciting year ahead of events and we again look forward to your participation and in joining in on these activities. The support in 2017 was greatly appreciated by your organising committee and it is gratifying to note this. If you have any suggestions of activities that you would like to see us include please let me know. Please have a look at the calendar placed in this newsletter and diarise the dates.

There are a couple of challenges ahead in 2018, but very little that we can do to influence them. These include the terrible drought in the Cape and Eastern Cape and let's not forget the political changes that could happen as the Zuma old guard are ushered out and Ramaphosa enters!!!. However your committee has some challenges of its own in the planned activities, but will continue to work hard at delivering these for the enjoyment of all. I trust that everyone had a fantastic festive season with family and friends and we are now settling back in our respective routines.

2017 closed off with the Street Braai at Gasoline Ally, which as usual was well supported.







**This** was followed with a small group of club members heading to Mossel Bay on December 16 to support a small car show - Mossel Bay wheels. While it is a small car show the organiser is trying hard to make a success of it.



Our group had a relaxing day sitting under the Gazebo, chatting and wondering around. As usual our display of cars attracted much attention and a big thanks to those who joined us on this outing .





**We** have hardly said goodbye to family and friends and January kicked off at a rapid pace. The traditional MG SUNDOWNERS picnic was held at Brenton on Sea. It was a great occasion to meet up with friends and listen to the stories that occurred over the festive season. While the wind made it chilly everybody enjoyed the event. (Our interpret photographer sadly missed this event due to work constraints, so no photos.)

**The** new member's braai at the Plett Angling Club was a great success again. Some 50 members enjoyed the scenic setting with much chatter, laughter, food and refreshments.





Coupled to the event we arranged for a special AGM to take place, to approve the revisions made to the GRMC Constitution. This was necessary to comply with SARS and for GRMC to qualify as a recreational club. The revisions were circulated ahead of this special meeting. The required quorum of 6 committee members plus 18 ordinary members was present as recorded in the attendance register. In line with this the revised GRMC constitution was approved.





The planning for the Knysna Motor Show by the committee is now in full swing. The event will take place on Sunday April 29. Sanlam Private Wealth has confirmed their sponsorship which will again assist us in delivering a very special Knysna Motor Show. Much hard work has to take place over the coming few months .As we get closer to “D-Day” we will be needing the support of our members to assist with the laying out of the field and the marshalling of the cars to their respective parking positions . Please diarise these dates as we will be calling on you for **support - April 26 to 29.**

At the GRMC Xmas lunch held at Ouland Royale we placed a donation box at the entrance. I am pleased to say that we collected R4500. The proceeds were handed to the New Horizons Pensioners group. (a coloured community ) . The New Horizons Pensioners are a group of ladies who have two sewing machines with which they make items to sell for funds. The profit from the sales pays for three cooked meals a week for the pensioners. Plett Rotary Anns have supported them for many years. The donation made by GRMC members was used to give each pensioner a small Xmas gift. They all work together to be self-sufficient under very difficult circumstances. Thank you for your contribution to make a difference in the lives of these pensioners.



If you have any interesting stories please forward them to Sylvia ( [sylvia.vintagerose@gmail.com](mailto:sylvia.vintagerose@gmail.com) ) for inclusion in future newsletters. We have been lacking in this area and it will be great to hear from you.

Until next time,

Peter

From my side...

Hard to believe we are already at the end of January!!....time flies when you are having fun.

Not so funny is the drought situation and the looming possibility of Cape Town (and perhaps the Garden Route in the not too distant future) running out of water.

Apart from the awareness campaign on the radio and newspapers we experienced this possibility first hand this past weekend during our visit to Cape Town.

Some of the public facilities we used had no water, and everywhere there is a sense of panic. Our place of accommodation had removed all the bath plugs, there are now buckets in the showers to catch the water which they then use alternatively. Shops had no bottled water for sale, as the stocks arrive, queues of people are waiting to buy it. Truck loads of bottled water are being transported to Cape Town, which is not enough.

It certainly brings home the message as to how precious water is, and how devastating it will be if and when we do run out. Don't waste it.

May the new year bring new hopes, new aspirations, new joys and new successes in your life's journey.

Take care, and make yourself happy.

Sylvia

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

February:

2 <sup>nd</sup> Martin Worth	3 <sup>rd</sup> Meg Gerber	4 <sup>th</sup> Fred Mullany
5 <sup>th</sup> Brian Davidson	7 <sup>th</sup> Heather Baker	7 <sup>th</sup> Rika Fouche
8 <sup>th</sup> Beth Rist	13 <sup>th</sup> Jean Allan	13 <sup>th</sup> Carole Clarey
13 <sup>th</sup> Jo Mullany	17 <sup>th</sup> Mike Wilde	18 <sup>th</sup> John Fraser
21 <sup>st</sup> Elize Ecksteen	22 <sup>nd</sup> Brenda Hamilton	22 <sup>nd</sup> Don Forsyth
23 <sup>rd</sup> Marion Forsyth	25 <sup>th</sup> Laurence Wachter	28 <sup>th</sup> Natalie Carr

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### **SAVVA Technical Tip 128 – Cleaning brass**

It's New Year resolution time and I've given up committing to trying to get thin or rich so I had to find an alternative. The alternative turned out to be to clean a couple of carriage clocks I have owned for years and have never cleaned them, so out came the Brasso and Autosol.

They say you're never too old to learn – well, I was reminded of this when halfway through this boring laborious task when a friend arrived, looked at what I was doing and said with a straight face, why don't you use tomato sauce? I explained that it was a clock not a hamburger. However, he was adamant about the use of tomato sauce to clean brass. Maybe he's right and I'm the only one who hasn't heard of this. However, in case there are other ignoramuses amongst us, I thought I would share this with you.

Off I went to the fridge and armed with a bottle of tomato sauce smeared the object de art with the sauce. I left it for a while then washed it off and Walla I had clean clock. A wipe over with Autosol and I had a stunning result with the minimum of effort.



When I think of the hours I have spent cleaning brass radiators etc. I could have saved so much time and effort.

The attached photo illustrates what a simple application did - a before and after. A quick rub over with Autosol and it was brilliant.

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