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# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

A GATEWAY TO THE FUTURE OF CLASSIC & COLLECTIBLE OWNERSHIP

The recent Special General Meeting (SGM) of Members brought into focus the pathway for transformation within the Club. A clear disconnect between past and future has developed amongst the membership. In response to a series of robust challenges by some Members, the Committee remains clear and united on a way forward for our Club that will focus more on “our love of cars” than simply being “petrolheads in paradise”.

The challenge for sustainability has become a primary concern for leadership at every level and dimension of society. An important realization for individuals might be that while we ourselves are not sustainable, our legacy can be - through our contribution to a better holistic future that learns and preserves what should be and discards what should not.

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## Pezula Nature Hotel & Spa

### INAUGURAL EVENT: SUNDAY 24 JULY 2022

That regular cold fronts will pass through Knysna during the winter months is guaranteed. But the precision of their impact is unpredictable. So it was on the morning of Sunday 24 July, the date for our inaugural **Cars@Coffee** event at Pezula.

With this in mind, invites were restricted to GRMC Members only. This would enable the Club and Pezula to test and refine the logistics and catering plan for future events.

The morning broke with rain predicted to last until about 0900. While this was generally the case around town, the rain at Pezula on the Eastern Head continued until 1100.

Six members pre-booked their attendance, some of whom were put off by the rain. Nevertheless, a total of 16 classic cars arrived for display. The advantage of Pezula as a venue was immediately evident, offering participants and visitors access to a roaring fire, breakfast on demand, coffee on tap and the appropriately named Noah's Bar for the more adventurous.

As the weather sort-of cleared, visitors started arriving and owners and guests were set free to share the cars and their stories. It turned out to be a most successful morning. Four new members signed up to join the 28 members who have joined since the start of lockdown.

The next **Cars@Coffee** is set for this coming weekend, Sunday 28 August 11:00 to 13:00 at Pezula.

Hopefully, we will see you there!

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

### CONTINUED

The Annual Fee increase to R 250 is based on a budgeted membership of 100 which the Committee feels is a realistic average under current circumstances. Following the SGM, we have received 38 resignations and signed up four new members. So we currently have 104 members, including 40 members whose fees remain outstanding.

It is "For the Love of Cars" that we are joined together as the membership of this Garden Route Motor Club. What we get and how we benefit from our membership is a direct consequence of what we contribute and how we engage with each other, in pursuit of our common purpose as a club.

In the greater scheme of things, the Annual Fee is little more than the price of an Entry Ticket into the Club Community. Collectively, the fee just about covers the basic external cost of keeping the Club in business. It is the equivalent of about 10 litres of fuel, maybe 2 hours of driving in one of our treasured classic vehicles vs 365 days of Club membership!

It is not the fee that makes a club, but the voluntary work of its membership.

The Committee is tasked by the Constitution, on behalf of the Members, to pursue the principal AND ancillary objects of the Club. This Committee has been forthright and clear as to the direction it will take in this respect.

- Transformation for Sustainability
- Transparency for Integrity
- The Love of Cars for Common Purpose.

We do not discard the past; we prepare purposefully for the future.

Our Committee includes just 4 out of 100 members. We need help! We are open to any form of engagement with individual members or spouses who might wish to contribute some time to plan and organize events on any matter or in any form, that meets the objects of the Club.







# EVENTS CALENDAR

AUGUST TO DECEMBER 2022

<b>28 August</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	Cars@Coffee	Pezula
<b>4 September</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	MG Breakfast	Burnt Orange
<b>24 September</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	Heritage Day Bonnets Up	Industrial
<b>2 October</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	MG Breakfast Run	TBC
<b>30 October</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	MG Breakfast Run Annual General Meeting	Burnt Orange Pezula
<b>27 November</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	MG Breakfast Run	TBC
<b>9 December</b>	<b>Friday</b>	GRMC/MGCCSC Braai	Industrial
<b>11 December</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	Cars@Coffee	Pezula

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## HERITAGE DAY 2022

SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2022

In line with our Constitutional Objects:

- To encourage members to preserve, restore and operate any self-propelled vehicle including motorcycles (“autocars”);
- To hold meetings, functions, rallies, reliability runs, tours, tests and shows where the autocars may be displayed, demonstrated and inspected, and information provided and exchanged to promote these ends;
- To educate and encourage the interest of the general public in the history of autocars; and
- To do any of all things calculated to promote the Society.

The Committee has planned for a Bonnets-Up gathering and display of Classic and Collectible Autocars along the lines of the impromptu and successful event held on Heritage Day 2021, which was attended by many Members, all of whom asked for this to be repeated.

As it is with our **Cars@Coffee** partnership organized by **Pezula Nature Hotel and Spa**, this event is facilitated by GRMC as an open gathering for the local classic and collectible vehicle community. This includes the youth and their vehicles, many of which may not yet be “historic”.

**Date:** Saturday 24 September 2022

**Time:** 10:00 to 13:00

**Venue:** Arend and Uil Streets, Knysna Industrial