

MG CAR CLUB OF SA INC.

PRESENTED TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, 13th MARCH 2017

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

From Arthur Ruediger – Secretary

It gives me pleasure to present the sixty second (62) Annual Secretary's Report of THE MG CAR CLUB OF SA INCORPORATED, covering the 12-months, January to December, 2017

Our membership remained stable during the year, changing by an increase of only two. Total membership at the end of the 2017 club year, as a result of 90 resignations and 92 new members was 937, made up of 658 full members and 289 wives, partners or dependent members.

The 2017 executive committee were:

President	Adrian Ward
Vice President	Tim Edmonds
Secretary	Arthur Ruediger
Assistant Secretary	Bev Waters
Treasurer	Alan Cardnell
Magazine Editor	Laurie Houghton
Motorsport Secretary	Murray Stephenson
Assistant Motorsport Secretary	Peter Coulson
Social Secretary	(no appointment)
Secretary of Registers	Peter Coulson
General Committee	Leigh Richter
	Ian Curwen-Walker
	Steve Spong
Bar Manager:	Berry Treffers
Patron	Edward Ordynski
Auditor	Graham Tull

Committee Appointments

Regalia	Geraldine Hough
Parades & Displays	Adrian Ward
Cams Delegate	Ian Curwen-Walker
FHMC SA Delegate	Geoffrey Goode
Property Maintenance	Doug Marshall
Breakfast Run Coordinator	Steve Spong
Mid Week lunch run Coordinator	Di & David Holmes
Web Master	Peter Coulson
T-Register Secretary	John Bray
MGA / Mquette Register Coordinator	Sandra Cardnell
MGB / Tech. night Coordinator	Leyland George
MGC Register Coordinator	Ian Hobbs
MGF,TF & Z Register Coordinator	Barry Burne

As in past years I would like to take this opportunity to thank all committee members and appointees for their contribution over the past 12 months.

To all the other volunteers who have freely given of their time to promote the activities of our club during the year, I thank you also on behalf of the executive committee and members. Without you our club would not operate as successfully as it does.

Club Activities

Once again 2017 provided a full and varied calendar of events to suit all members of our club, following is a brief outline of these events.

Register Meetings – the various registers within the club staged a variety of events;

- **Pre War & T - Register**, 12 meetings, the majority of these being held in member's garages as per the long standing tradition. These meetings attract up to 50 members and 24 register vehicles including a record 3 pre-war vehicles at one meeting. The Irving Cup, awarded to the member who drives their Pre War or T – Type to the most T Register events and monthly general meetings was awarded to Bob Schapel.
- **MGA /Magnette Register** – 8 meetings, including an all MGA day at Balhannah and the Christmas lunch at The Scenic Hotel in December.
- **MGB – Register** – 4 organised runs, including a beach run to Largs Bay in February, to the Strathalbyn Heritage centre in June, the international coffee day at Victor Harbor in October and a visit to Finch Restorations, Mt Barker in November.
- **The C – Register** – had its annual Autumnal run to Aldinga Airfield & its Torsion Bar run to the Harvest Café in Mylor.
- **MGF, TF & Z – Register**, eleven meetings at the club rooms. In addition Dick Manning held an MGF tech night at the club rooms on 14th July, and arranged for guest speaker Stewart Bowes to display his rally car give most informative talk on his rallying experiences in November.

Breakfast Runs – these monthly Sunday morning runs are one of the most popular events on the calendar with up to 50 members attending each month. Again this year we were invited to join the Christies Beach Sailing club for “The Big Breakfast” at their club house in February.

Mid week lunch runs – this monthly activity is an ideal opportunity for the retirees in particular, to meet for coffee and then travel to selected venues for a relaxing lunch, the popularity of these outings is emphasised by an increasing number of attendees in recent years with up to 60 attendees at some venues.

Parades & Displays – club members were once again called upon to provide cars for the various parades & displays in 2017, these included the traditional Australia Day Parade down King William Street, 3 Christmas parades, including the annual parade along the main road of Blackwood, also the McLaren Vale Vintage Festival and the Bay Sheffield parade for past and current winners.

Motorsport – The motorsport calendar for 2017 comprised of 18 events which were used to calculate the “Club Competition Champion. This year the eligible events included 5 motorkhanas, 4 multi club hill climbs at Collingrove and 5 MSCA super sprints at Mallala. Plus 2 competition events at each of the National Meeting and The MG Challenge.

The MG Challenge – The Victorian MG Car Club were hosts for the 2017 challenge, 10 competitors and 4 support crew travelled over to Victoria to compete against 32 from Melbourne, 9 from Geelong and 1 from Sydney. A super sprint was held at Sandown, where club member Peter Mathwin in his MGB GT V8, was fastest MG on the day. The hill climb was held at Rob Roy. The presentation dinner was held in the MGCC clubrooms with our club declared winner of the 2017 Challenge.

In addition to the above other motor sport events entered by club members included outings at Sandown Park, Winton, Philip Island, Legend of The Lakes Hill Climb, the South Australian Hill Climb Championships, the South Australian Motorkhana Championships, the Victoria Park sprint at The Adelaide Motor Sport Festival, and the Vintage Collingrove Hillclimb.

Annual Kimber Birthday Run – The Kimber Run for 2017, the twenty second run to date, was held in October with a total of 125 cars forming up for the start at Edwards Reserve on Anzac Highway for the run to The Birdwood National Motor Museum via Lyndoch. Thanks to Berry Treffers and his team of helpers for another successful Kimber Run. A special thank you also to the RAA crew & vans that were on hand for any breakdowns.

National Meeting – Our club hosted the 2017 National Meeting with 340 entrants including Peter Cook, the MG Car Club overseas director, and two visitors each from Japan and Italy, registering for the event. The noggin & natter and rocker cover racing night kicked off the proceedings on Friday evening with our own member Heather Bennett declared the winner.

The events continued over the weekend, with the Concours at Wigley reserve, the Motorkhana at dock one Port Adelaide, the super sprint at Mallala, plus an observation run, a social run and the Kimber run. The presentation dinner was held on Monday evening and the event wrapped up with a farewell breakfast on Tuesday morning.

National Meetings do not happen without a lot of planning and input, volunteers are a vital element of any event and we thank the organising committee and all the volunteers for ensuring that this was a most successful National Meeting.

Historic Registration – the historic registration committee again provided their voluntary services on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month, we now have over 660 vehicles on the historic registration system.

Regalia – sales continued to be an important aspect of club requirements, with several new lines of shirts, jackets and caps being introduced to compliment the range of regalia available to members.

The library - new publications were added to our already extensive library this year thanks to our librarian Geraldine Hough.

Dads Army – were active during the year attending to all the requirements that need attention to ensure that all members can safely enjoy the facilities provided.

MG Motoring – the eleven issues of the club magazine, that members received during the year, again proved to be an invaluable source of information, with details of forthcoming events as detailed in the calendar, together with all the various reports on the years events interspersed with items of interest and technical tips.

Life Membership – was granted to Tim Edmonds during 2017 bringing our Life Member list to a total of nine during the 61 years of the club's formation.

Vale – during the year it was with sadness that we lost a founding member, Peter Ivey, and another long standing member Alan Griffin.

Awards for 2017 – congratulations to the award winners for 2017

- Club Member of The Year – Arthur Ruediger
- Club Competition Champion of The Year – Rob Hall
- Woman's Competition Champion of The Year – Karen Stephenson
- Competition Novice of The Year – Nick Micklem
- Competition Encouragement Award – Tony Freckelton
- President's Award, for outstanding contribution to the club – Arthur Ruedger
- The Knox Trophy – Rob Hall
- The Irving Cup – Bob Schapel
- The MGA / Magnette Trophy – Nick Micklem
- The MGF Tony Hick Trophy – no award for 2017

Other Events – there were several other events, some of which were not necessarily “official MG Car Club of SA events” that were attended by our club members.

Notable among these were, All British Day, with a display of 53 MG's.

The annual Climb to The Eagle Run. The Goodwood Revival, the McLaren Vale Vintage & Classic day, the Bay to Birdwood Rally, the British Classics Tour at Victor Harbor and the Adelaide Motorsport Festival in April.

In October 5 of our members took part in the Vintage Collingrove Weekend, which consists of social activities, a tour through the Barossa Valley on Saturday, and a hill climb on Sunday, topped off with a farewell dinner Sunday night. This popular event attracts entrants from interstate.

In conclusion I remind you that clubs like the MG Car club, rely almost solely on unpaid volunteers, who give their time for the benefit of all members. Without volunteers we could not operate or provide the level of service and compliance with the statutory requirements that are necessary for the execution of the day to day duties involved in successfully running our club. We should be thankful that in the past 12 months we have been fortunate in having a team of volunteers to do just this. On behalf of all club members I sincerely thank all of these people, regardless of the level of their contribution during the year.

Arthur Ruediger

Secretary

13th March 2017

