

MG Car Club of SA INC.

PRESENTED TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, 12th MARCH 2019

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT by Peter Coulson

I hereby present this sixty third (63rd) Annual Secretary's Report of THE MG CAR CLUB OF SA INCORPORATED, covering January to December, 2018. As the new boy in the job, I thank Arthur Ruediger for his work in the role over the last 13 years. The hand-over was beneficial and sometimes still on-going. The role of Secretary for this club, is varied and at times all consuming. I thank the members for their patience in my getting to grips with the role, and wish the new secretary all the best in his new challenge.

Our membership reduced slightly during the year. Total membership at the end of the 2018 club year, was 919 down from the 2017 number of 937 members.

The 2018 executive committee were:

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

Committee Appointments

Regalia	Geraldine Hough, Barrie Spencer later in the year
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 Coordinators	Di & David Holmes, Rodger Polkinghorne, Mike Greenwood, Garry Chapman, Graham Loader
Web Master	Peter Coulson
T-Register Secretary	John Bray
MGA / Magnette Register Coordinator	Sandra Cardnell
MGC Register Coordinator	Ian Hobbs
MGF & Modern MG's Register Coordinators	Dick Manning, Neil Williams

To the committee members and appointees, many thanks for their contribution over the past 12 months. As a people 'club', it is the committee and volunteers who gave freely of their time to promote, arrange and conduct the activities of our club during the year. With no financial compensation, our club would not operate as successfully as it does without these people.

Thank you to Adrian Ward for his tenure as President over the last two years. To those continuing on the committee, and to those not continuing, a big thank you.

I encourage you to consider being on the committee and/or being an organiser of an activity / event.

Club Activities

2018 provided a full and varied calendar of events to suit all members of our club. At times it seemed as though we were spending more time at the club or at events than at home!

Register Meetings – celebrate the different models of the marque;

- **Pre War & T - Register**, monthly meetings were held in member's homes or garages. The 'BOTR' John Bray conducts these meetings in the best of bonhomie, making regular and new attendees feel welcome. 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 the 'Poker Run', coffee run to Aldinga Airfield, and the Christmas lunch at The Scenic Hotel in December. All events managed by Sandra 'A' Cardnell, who is continuing as the coordinator for 2019. The MGA trophy was awarded to Nick Micklem.
- **MGB Register** – 4 runs/events organised by Steve Spong, 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.
- **'C' Register** – coordinated by Ian Hobbs, had its annual Autumnal run to Aldinga Airfield & its Torsion Bar run to the Harvest Café in Mylor.
- **MGF & Modern MG's Register** - Dick Manning and his offsider Neil Williams held MGF's nights at the club rooms. The most attended would be the night that Garry Chapman and Ed Ordynski gave their talk and presentation on Garry's activities on the London to Sydney rally. Contact with Newspot MG was established and the 'partnership between the club and Newspot MG is being developed. The Tony Hick trophy goes to Darryl Kelly.

Breakfast Runs – these Sunday morning runs are popular events on the calendar with up to 50 members and their cars attending each month. 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, and/or those with a spare moment, to meet for coffee and then travel to selected venues for a relaxing lunch. The popularity of these outings is increasing, even with a change to the organiser midway through the year. Thanks to Di and David Holmes for coordinating Mid week lunch runs over the last 14 years. Rodger Polkinghorne, Mike Greenwood, Graham Loader and Garry Chapman continued the good work, and with their support, the Mid week lunch runs have continued in 2019.

Parades & Displays – the marque and club were well represented to provide cars for the various parades & displays in 2018. These events included 3 Christmas parades, the McLaren Vale Vintage Festival and the Bay Sheffield parade for past and current winners. The feature display event was the All MG Day in September at the Torrens Parade grounds which had nearly 100 cars on display.

Motorsport – The motorsport calendar for 2018 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. Thanks to Murray Stephenson for his service as Motor Sport Secretary over the last 8 years.

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.

The MG Challenge – The MG Car Club SA were hosts for the 2018 challenge. This challenge was very ‘challenging’, as the event was held at the Bend, Tailem Bend. The first time the club held an event there, and possibly the first event held by a club at the Bend. The hill climb was held at Collingrove. The presentation dinner was held in the Murray Bridge Golf Club with MG Victoria declared winner of the 2018 Challenge.

The “Clare’ Weekender – organised, arranged by Barb Harrington and Wendy Turner. A 3 day, 2 night social event with driving around the Clare Valley region. Attended by 60 people and their MG’s. Who could forget Geoff Goode’s outfit for the fancy dress? (take a bow Geoff)

2018 Annual (Cecil) Kimber Run – the twenty fourth run to date, was held in November with a total of 120 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.

Historic Registration – the historic registration committee led by Geoff Goode, again provided their voluntary services on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month, we now have over 450 vehicles on the historic registration system.

Regalia – thanks to Geraldine Hough her efforts in the 1st half of the year, and to Barrie Spencer for taking up the role later in the year. Watch out for the new regalia for the 2019 season.

The library - thanks to our new librarian Stephen Marlow, for reviewing and maintaining the library.

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. Doug Marshall has provided leadership to the group which has been going over the last 14 years.

MG Motoring – the eleven issues of the club magazine, 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. Well done Laurie Houghton.

Club web site and Facebook presence – the club’s web site and Facebook page are other avenues of communication with members, keeping you up to date with events and activities. These are growing in use as members become more social media savvy.

Awards for 2018 – congratulations to the award winners for 2018

- Club Member of The Year – Arthur Ruediger
- Club Competition Champion of The Year – Tim Edmonds
- Woman’s Competition Champion of The Year – Faye Edwards
- Competition Novice of The Year – Faye Edwards
- Competition Encouragement Award – Alf Smith
- President’s Award, for outstanding contribution to the club – Dick Manning
- The Knox Trophy – Jason Edwards
- The Irving Cup – Bob Schapel
- The MGA / Magonette Trophy – Nick Micklem
- The MGF Tony Hick Trophy – Darryl Kelly

Vale - Sadly at the end of the year, David Pearson passed away. He will be remembered as a stalwart of the club and a life member.

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. The annual Climb to The Eagle Run, 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 signing off, the MG Car club, relies on unpaid volunteers, who give their time for the benefit of all members. Without these people 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. Support the new committee for 2019.

Peter Coulson

Secretary

12th March 2019