

A classic icy autumn night welcomed us for the May Register meeting. Fortunately, Joy and Anthony had the heater on and tarpaulin covering the door so we were quite comfortable.

The interim organisers of me, Anthony and Andrew Willington welcomed the 37 attendees who arrived in 13 Register vehicles and assorted plastic. Unfortunately, we had nearly as many apologies, (too many to report). The main one was BOTR John Bray who while still in recovery mode joined a group of his golfing mate's interstate.

First item of business was to find a replacement for John who has had to step down. As former Register Secretaries, Anthony and I gave a rundown on what is required and tried to cajole, bully or shame someone into taking the position. I've never had so many eyes avoid my gaze. Eventually despite wanting to take a step back from club duties we were fortunate to have Arthur Ruediger stand up and offer his service. Thanks Arthur, we will offer some advice and assistance over the first few months. John will be a hard act to follow. We thank him for his years of organising and controlling the Register nights.

Many of us attended the Mallala Historic races before ANZAC day to offer advice and support to our competitors, Alexander and Lindsay Hick, (TC and PA) and Peter Cundy who achieved first place in his first race in the NA. He was helped by the fact that the others in his class didn't finish. Also competing was John Davies in his Oldmans racing VL Commodore. (Rothmans sponsorship is not allowed resulting in the signage change on the car) In a couple of weeks the

MG contingent heads to Winton joined by Bob Schapel in his TC having his first run in regularity after many years of blitzing the field in open racing.

Alexander Hick showed us pictures of the huge distortion in the solid copper head gasket on the supercharged TC leading to pumping out coolant. Fortunately, it was after the finish of the final race.

In a touch of charity Anthony Pearson offered for FREE a TF1500/MGA wheel which was snapped up by Trevor Driver.

Appropriately El Presidente attending his 3rd Register meeting won first prize in the raffle. Just have to get him into ownership of one of our older vehicles.

A sad note to the evening was noting the passing of David Holmes (TF 1500) and John Ellis. Our thoughts are with their families.

A traditional supper of pies, pasties, sausage rolls, little boys and lamingtons followed.

Thanks again to Joy, Anthony and Wenona for their hospitality.

The next meeting (1st June) will be at Peter Cundy's with information emailed closer to the date.

Russell Garth