

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Octagonal greetings!

In last month's President's Report I wrote that I plan to keep all our 900-plus members up to date with as many aspects of Club activity as I can. Since then, of course, the major focus has been the National Meeting but unfortunately to meet Laurie's deadline I'm writing this before it starts – so more on that next time and I'm sure others will file reports too. I hope you enjoyed it and I look forward to talking to members about it and reading your anecdotes and seeing the photos in this magazine and on our website.

I've chaired my first Committee Meeting and welcomed Arthur Ruediger as Vice President and John Kemp as a new Committee member and also the Club's new webmaster. There was quite a bit of discussion about the new website at the Committee meeting: the new site is 'live' but there are still some things to be ironed out in terms of its functionality and content. We're aware of these and they're being sorted. One of the reasons for redeveloping the site was feedback from you – the members – that a lot of the content on the old site was out of date. Everyone who's been involved in the redevelopment over the past 12 months agrees with that and is well aware of it. One of John Kemp's duties as webmaster is to remove obviously out of date material, such as promotions for events which have already been held. But to put it bluntly – if you want to see new stuff on the website, why don't you write something?? Anyone who sees or hears anything of interest to our membership, or wants to share an idea relevant to the Club's objectives, is free to put it down on paper and email it to John at jke17923@bigpond.net.au

Maintenance of the Clubrooms is often a topic and there are two issues at the moment. The front of our building looks great with its new coat of paint and we're looking at having the wrought iron work also brought up to a better standard. Those of you who visit the Clubrooms may also have noticed an issue with the floor in the kitchen: it was literally a 'floating floor' after a hot water hose gave way. Luckily Bev Waters (appropriate name?) was in the Clubrooms at the time and able to avert what could have been much more serious damage. Thanks to our insurance policy the repair process is underway and everything will get fixed.

As soon as the dust has settled from the National Meeting, we'll be looking at how our Club can contribute to the global celebration of 100 years of MGs – watch this magazine and the website for details as that progresses and please let me know your ideas on what we can do and how we can do it.

Safety Fast!
Stephen Marlow, President
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