

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - JULY 2023
From Stephen Marlow

Octagonal greetings!

As always, lots happening within the Club and it's a job to know where to start, so in no particular order

We've setting up a small working group to have a look at the Club's Rules/Constitution and ensure it is up to date and reflects what's required of the Club in the future. Arthur Ruediger is looking after this, in addition to being VP, T Register Convenor, A and Magnette Register (interim?) convenor, Life Member, member of the group that last looked at the constitution . . . have I left anything out Arthur?

The Committee has also approved formation of a second working group/subcommittee to coordinate our commemoration of 100 years of MG. This will involve events such as the Centenary Kimber Run, participation in the VAILO Adelaide 500 (see below) and the 2024 All British Day at Echunga – with others still to come. The working group may also decide to look at merchandise, banners, signage etc. so Alan Cardnell has accepted my request that, as Treasurer, he is involved with this group. If you'd like to take part, please contact Alan.

The agenda for the June Committee meeting listed 19 actions arising from the May meeting, three of which are underway and the other 16 are completed. I mention this because your Committee works very hard for you, and I want to take this opportunity of thanking them for their ongoing dedication. One of the things we've begun to consider is a Christmas function, and even though it's only mid-year it's important to plan early so if you have ideas/preferences please let me know.

Arthur Ruediger, Jason Edwards and I have met with the boss of the VAILO Adelaide 500 for a preliminary discussion about how the MGCCSA can be involved in this event at the end of November as part of MG's 100 Years celebration. It was a broad, general discussion (they are still at an early planning stage) but positive about some form of involvement, possibly a display of cars 'through the years' rather than anything on the circuit. One hitch may be that any cars taking part would have to be driven to Victoria Park on the Thursday and remain throughout the entire four days of the event (i.e., Thursday-Sunday inclusive). Security is tight, but owners would have to clearly understand that display vehicles cannot be driven in and out each day. Owners will get a pass for their own 'support' vehicle, and themselves, to get in and out on a daily basis. Please think about this, it would be a great opportunity to promote the Club and the brand.

With Berry's assistance I've emailed all members who have joined in the last six months, detailed the benefits of attending Monthly General Meetings, and asked them to come along and give it a go. Related to this, we also have a roster of committee members to 'meet and greet' at MGs as Curly used to do – all part of ensuring a friendly atmosphere at all events.

A reminder to all that if you are sending any reports/info/photos to Laurie for the magazine, please cc the material to John Kemp for the website. Photos for both the magazine and website should be in jpeg format, preferably high res for the magazine and low res for the website.

I think this will be mentioned elsewhere, but Nick Phillips is organising a Technical Tips event for Sunday 10th September, around midday, for MGB owners (and others?) to learn how to grease kingpins and have a go at it themselves. More detail in coming months and on the website.

I think that's all for now, cheers, and if I've forgotten anything please let me know and I'll have it posted on the website.

Safety Fast!
Stephen Marlow, President.