

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – AUGUST 2023  
From Stephen Marlow

Octagonal greetings!

This month I want to focus on MG's Centenary and what's in place/being planned for our own part in celebrating this milestone.

We've locked in a Centenary Kimber Run in November, an all MG Day at Glenelg in February and MGs to be the featured cars at the 2024 All British Day at Echunga. And don't forget the Centenary National Meet at Tamworth next Easter.

As I reported last month, we're also negotiating with the organisers of the Adelaide VAILO 500 (formerly the Clipsal) at Victoria Park from November 23-26. An update on that: we're looking for about 40 MGs which demonstrate as far as possible the evolution and development of the marque from 1923/24 to 2023/24. The organisers are still finalising the layout for the event but depending on where we are placed, it should be possible for owners to drive their cars in each morning around 7am and out in the evening around 6pm – which is a big improvement on the former position where cars would have had to remain in position for the full four days. There will be about 500 security personnel on site and we will have a roster of our members keeping an eye on things too. At this stage the cars will be in the open not under cover, but we're looking at some ideas for that too. There's still a lot of things to be finalised but it's looking good and updates will be posted on our website.

Our working group of Arthur Ruediger, Jason Edwards and I are now seeking registrations of interest from members who would like their car(s) included in this display. Please get in touch with one of us ASAP with your name, phone number, email address, car model and year. Thanks!

I've contacted all the Register Coordinators and Event Organisers and suggested that they designate one of their events between now and next June as a Centenary Event – with appropriate theming when possible. Keep a watch out for details.

December 9<sup>th</sup> has been set as our Christmas Event this year – planning is at an early stage but this may have a Centenary theme too.

Alan Cardnell is leading a Centenary Subcommittee so if you've got ideas to add to the above please let him know.

And finally, a special thanks to Russell Garth. As I write this he's well advanced in scanning some 4,500 35mm slides left to the Club by Curly and which form an irreplaceable part of Club history. The slide show is being shown (in sections!) before and after Monthly General Meetings and the DVDs will go into the Club library. Thanks for this great contribution Russell.

Safety Fast!  
Stephen Marlow, President.