

PRESIDENT'S REPORT OCTOBER 2023

Octagonal greetings!

We're really getting into the swing of the Centenary now, with five colourful 'teardrop' banners produced for use at Club events, along with complementary bumper/window stickers also commemorating the Centenary, which went out in the last edition of MG Motoring. If you've got more than one MG and need more stickers, there are plenty available! Thanks to John Kemp for the design of these two items. And club member Lynden Burns for designing the logo for our Centenary regalia – caps, polo shirts and T shirts. Great to have talented club members who can do these things.

The next major centenary event on our calendar is the Centenary Cecil Kimber Run on November 12th, followed by, of course, VAILO at the end of that month. Squeezed in between is the Shannons Classic Adelaide Rally – not an MG centenary event but a very important one on our calendar. In the same vein is the Climb to the Eagle earlier in November. Barely time to give the car a polish in between! Thanks to Alan Cardnell and his Centenary Subcommittee for their ongoing work on all of this.

There are many more events in the Centenary pipeline for 2024 – because details are often time-sensitive it's best to keep an eye on the website and Facebook for the latest info and any updates. And don't forget the Centenary National Meet at Tamworth over Easter next year. I know that accommodation is being booked at a rate of knots so please give this some thought.

Turning from the Centenary, the September meeting of the Committee ratified proposed changes to the Club's Constitution. These proposals will now go to a Special General Meeting of Club members to be held immediately after the November Monthly General Meeting, Tuesday November 14th, at the Clubrooms. The changes are largely cosmetic to bring the document up to date. A notice of this meeting is in this edition of MG Motoring, showing all the changes proposed. The full proposed new constitution, with changes highlighted, is to be placed on the website. I urge members to familiarise themselves with these proposals and attend the Special General Meeting in November.

At the same meeting the Committee ratified updates to the *Club Activity Booklet* and the *Job Description & Basic Duties for Executive Committee and other Nominated Persons* document. The Activities Booklet will now be sent for printing and will be uploaded onto the website. The Job Description document will be circulated to those it affects. All three documents are the work of a subcommittee led by VP Arthur Ruediger and I thank them for their work on this.

When you read this report, Chris and I will be cruising from Alaska to Japan ahead of a Shinkansen trip from north to south to visit our son and his family near Hiroshima – the first time we have all been together since before COVID. Be back just in time for the November Committee meeting.

That's all for this month – see you soon.

Safety Fast!

Stephen Marlow, President.