

President's Report – May 2024

As always, plenty to report this month and first up – many thanks to the dedicated team who worked with Parades & Displays guru Lynden Burns to do a huge tidy-up of the shed, trailer and various other nooks and crannies where 'stuff' had accumulated over the years. Lynden's written a separate piece about this but the work they all did is greatly appreciated. A full skip of rubbish was cleared and there's now clear access to essentials in the shed and trailer, and even new chairs in the latter. Well done.

Congratulations also to our small but dedicated team of 12 who represented us so well at the 2024 National Meeting at Tamworth – outstanding results. And many thanks to Wes Bray and Karen Stephenson for supplying the info and photos.

Eight first-place medals, five second-place medals, two third-place medals and four perpetual trophies have come to Adelaide. In addition, there were two top, three outright placings and a first prize in the photographic competition. Our website has been judged as the best MG website in the nation and the trophy will be displayed in the club rooms for the next 12 months.

It was a successful and enjoyable event for all who travelled the 1500 km to Tamworth. Unfortunately, Tim Edmonds had a close encounter with a kangaroo on the return trip and his MGB V8 suffered some damage.

Highlights were the results by Jason and Tim, especially Tim's second outright in the Motorkhana. Great Outback ball held outdoors at The Mercure Hotel, and Friday's Noggin n Natter at Balgowan Station.

Jason Edwards – 1952 MGTD

1st in class at Concours

1st in class at Motorkhana

1st in class at Lap Dash

1st outright in Pre MGA Concours

Winner of the New Zealand Plate and Golden Gudgeon awards

Tim Edmonds - 1974 MGB GT V8

6th in class at Concours

1st in class (2nd outright) at Motorkhana

1st in class at Lap Dash

Winner of the Chris Dodds Memorial Trophy

Full results appear elsewhere in the magazine/on the website . . . with photos.

In other news . . .

The Committee has agreed to have a review of the Club's database with the broad objectives of seeking to improve its management and checking its security in these times of common hacking. Initial ideas have already been received and this project is ongoing.

We will have a guest speaker at our June 11 MGM – Gavin Farmer – a motoring writer, historian and photographer who was working in the UK in 2004-05 and has a good inside knowledge of what was happening at MG Rover during those crucial years . . . More detail on this elsewhere in the magazine/website.

The problems we've been having with our microphones during MGMs and on other occasions has been fixed – Tim Johnson has bought and installed a brand new system at very reasonable cost so all those embarrassing times should be behind us.

And finally, the May Committee Meeting and MGM will be overseen by VP Steve Bowra as I'll be away on leave for most of the month.

Safety Fast!

Stephen Marlow
President.