

## President's Report – August 2024

Your committee continues to put in hard work and come up with great ideas. As you should all be aware, we're having our first Ladies' Day at Mallala on August 11<sup>th</sup> as part of the MSCA Supersprint Series Round 3. Even if you/your partner are not taking part in this I urge you to come along, enjoy the fun, and help make it a success.

We had our first guest speaker for the year in June and another is scheduled for the MGM on October 8<sup>th</sup>. This will be an 'Electric Vehicle Night' with two guest speakers from the Electric Vehicle Association of Australia and EVs on display including at least one conversion and we're hoping to see the MG Cyberster. Please note that for this event, the Monthly General Meeting will begin at 7.30, not 8.00, to give our guests plenty of time to present and answer questions. More details to come.

Some of you may have seen the videos that our patron, Peter Cundy, has been sending back from his racing adventures in the UK. Peter is back in Adelaide last October and the Committee will be looking at organising an evening for him at the Clubrooms in November when he can talk in detail about this, doubtless with more videos. Watch out for details it, will be a great night.

More news from Events and Displays: at its July meeting the Committee agreed in principle with a proposal from Lynden that December's MGM be held at Lobethal and include a run around the town to take in the Christmas lights. The planned date is December 10<sup>th</sup> (which would be our normal December MGM night) so please pencil it into your diary and watch out for details in the magazine and the website.

As I wrote last month, I'm very pleased that a decision has been made that we will host the National Meeting again in April 2026. I've just pulled out my copy of 'Marque of Respect' and double checked: our Club's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday falls on Friday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – just a fortnight or so ahead of the NatMeet. I'm going to recommend to the Committee that we have a celebration in the Clubrooms that night. While the Committee members all work very hard there are a couple of jobs that need filling outside Committee ranks.

We need someone to act as 'Sponsorship Manager/Officer'; last month I called it an advertising manager but it's probably a bit different from that. The role is to attract advertisers for the magazine, which will help Laurie out; and to find sponsors for the NatMeet. I don't think it will take up a lot of time and it's a valuable contribution to help the Club keep going.

Over the past 12-18 months several members have mentioned to me that we should have a Club Historian. Let's face it, none of us are getting any younger and it would be a real shame if the great stories and contributions of our older and long-term members were lost for ever. So if you've got a little bit of time on your hands, an interest in history and writing, and like talking to people and uncovering great stories, please let me know.

There's one more position vacant – we need a couple more volunteers to assist with organising lunch runs. These are a very popular social event for the club, unfortunately we're now down from five people taking turns to organise these to just one. So if you've got time to assist in thinking about venues and a route for this please get in touch with me or Ken Burke. Thanks.

So plenty going on – and some opportunities to give something back to our great club and be part of the action.

That's all for this month – stay warm and drive safely.

Stephen Marlow  
President.