



The MG CAR CLUB GEELONG Inc

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

D.A. Collins President

R.B. Hutchinson Secretary

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PRESIDENTS REPORT 2019

I report to members that your club has had another successful year. 2019 has seen many hours devoted by a keen team of volunteers that have delivered many successful club events. We have made significant steps for the future with the start of establishment and significant planning for better club facilities for members. The Executive Committee monthly meetings ensure proper governance and importantly, the forum for decision making based on member feedback. The Executive Committee endeavours at all times to manage the administration of the Club with propriety and fairness and provide a range of activities that cater for the needs of our broad range of member interests. Non Executive support to the Executive was outstanding for the year especially in the conduct and review of our events and runs.

The club has complied with all Governance requirements with our statutory reporting including the Financial Management Statements and an independent audit. The audit is attached to this report for members to review. This year our surplus is as planned and will be used in provision of better facilities in the coming few years, mainly on a Capital building program and club operating costs. In late 2019 we commenced the construction of the Technical Facility (Shed) that has been planned for a number of years and was funded by the club and with the added benefit of a COGG Community Infrastructure Grant. The club acknowledges the effort of the forward planning and implementation teams in establishing a new club facility. The personal effort by Vice President Nick Wood was exceptional in achieving Stage 1 of our Club Facility Improvement Plan.

Overall the club has:

- maintained our membership levels
- Increased our member to Marquee ownership ratio.
- Our competition and social programs were delivered in response to member expectations.
- We have met our budget goals with positive revenues to cater for our operating costs and finishing the club year with a surplus.
- Our Audited Financial Report demonstrates our ability to deliver the mandatory and responsible management of club finances.
- We continued to work toward improved member facilities in the medium term with the a Technical Facility (workshop) stage in the first quarter of 2020
- Our forward planning team continued to plan for improved club facilities.
- Our vision for the club includes both medium and long term plans for a staged program including an amenities facility followed by the final stage of a club room.
- The goal of providing a plan for improved amenities and a more suitable clubhouse within the medium and long term is the main goal of 2020.

This summary only highlights some of the many club achievements

SUMMARY

2019 saw many maturing initiatives whilst we have been able to provide successfully our programs, events, social and competition activities. Some I would like to report are as follows and I commend the detailed portfolio reports below.

Membership

Our membership level is very healthy and has been maintained within the average of the last 5 years. What is pleasing is that the new members coming into the club are mostly MG owners which ensures longevity of the Marquee in Geelong and surrounds. Our membership at 31 Dec was 545. We had a number of partners / family members who elected to not continue for 2019.

Competition

We have a committed core of members who actively participate and promote a most important function in the club with 22 events over the year. Despite a decline in numbers we had 25 competitors participating with a re emergence of a Veterans class . A revamp of club rules to enhance our events was planned and will be actioned in 2020. The Youth program declined during the year which is of concern.

Social

The 2019 Social year was productive with an overall increase in events and the new shorter coffee runs being popular . Management of the Social activities was shared by Gordon Reynolds and David Brett ensuring the program was delivered to the membership wants. Our tours (Annual and Foxy's) were full and popular thanks to the Baldock's and Fox's . Red Apple and GOF happened again in 2019 .The Square Rigger runs were well patronized. Variety to the calendar with the introduction of local coffee runs, Around the Bay in a Day and a Great Ocean Road Run were welcomed and popular.

Governance

The Executive Committee held regular meetings as required and were duly recorded. Our Annual Report and Return with Financial status was submitted to Consumer Affairs Victoria. The Independent Audit was conducted and submitted to the AGM and members. The EC reviewed our By-Laws where necessary and were altered to suit our operations. All changes were notified and are available on the website. No changes to our Club Rules were considered necessary.

Member Services and Welfare

We are pleased to report that the Library under David Selway Hoskins continues to be a valued club asset with additional media and club related material being available to the members.

Our Welfare team Mac and Barbara McKane were busy with visits and contacting those members who were poorly. The many phone calls made and cards sent were an essential part of our wellbeing strategy .

Regalia or club shop was taken over by John and Barbara Penning who revamped the range and introduced new items for members. This was well received and patronized.

Monthly Meetings

The speaker program was varied with the clubhouse near capacity at most meetings , it was pleasing to see the activity prior , during and after the meetings. Special thanks to our set up and fold up crews, the supper organisers and of course, our popular raffle managed by Margaret Rae is a valued part of our evenings.

Club Permits

Our club maintains a high standard and strict compliance for the VIC ROADS Scheme. We are diligent in all aspects of the process. Members should value this scheme and appreciate the many hours necessary to maintain this benefit to CP Holders . The club has over 300 CP Cars which is very demanding of time on the CP Officer and club supporting staff. Our Car Club (OCC), the club management system, continues to be an essential tool in this process and is available as evidence for live audit. It should be noted that members must be conscious of the process, their need to comply and respect the club's responsibility to conduct this administration according to VicRoads Regulations. It is expected that the scheme may change significantly in 2020 as the government reviews the role and efficiency of Vic Roads.

Delegates

We are fortunate that we have a delegate who attends all AOMC meetings and reports to the EC any change to our interests. He is in active collaboration with the peak body on club matters, especially in CP issues.

We also have delegates to Motorsport Australia (formally CAMS), the Geelong Motor Sports Complex and The Geelong Traffic Safety Centre. The E.C. appreciates the time and commitment of Members in representing the interests of the Club in these various bodies.

Communications

The Club Website was judged best website at the MG National Meeting in 2019, which is recognition of our Webmaster's efforts and the members who have in general embraced this medium. The website is now the first line for the promulgation of club matters. The EC has reviewed this strategy and the growing use of social media in other similar environments and will continue to gauge member adoptions and acceptance.

Our Magazine Gtorque continues to be highly respected publication amongst our sister clubs and in the motor enthusiast community. Our Editor in his 10th year has worked tirelessly to produce a very professional publication. Members do need to contribute with local articles and continue the reporting of events and club matters.

Awards

This year saw the elevation of Gordon Reynolds as Octagon Number 7 for his dedicated commitment to the club in many aspects. His availability has been exceptional, his dedication as social coordinator for 3+ years and his ever present participation in all aspects of the club made this award worthy.

The 2019 Club Person of the Year is Life Member Ted Heriot for his dedicated work in the compiling of historical data in electronic form including the necessary research and data input.

Our Budgets, Insurance and our club fund investments are reviewed at least annually by the Finance team and E.C.

I personally thank all the EC members for their individual support to me in 2019/20 and I acknowledge the many hours given freely in making our club run effectively and being a respected and friendly club.

Don Collins
President

GOVERNANCE

The Executive Committee met monthly from January to November. Attendance records and correspondence transactions are documented in EC Meeting minutes and all important Club documents are backed up to Google Drive (Cloud).

Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) requires Incorporated Associations to lodge an Annual Return. The Geelong M.G Car Club Inc Annual Return was completed and lodged. Receipt of the Return was acknowledged and no further information was required by CAV.

The Club's Annual Financial Statements were finalized and submitted to Barkley's in January for Audit and have been returned with the necessary declarations to the Treasurer for presentation to the AGM.

We were delighted to fill a dedicated position on the Executive Committee for another female Member when Judi Baldock stepped forward. We are fortunate to have Christine Simonsen, Jan Field and Judi Baldock as E.C members and strive to achieve an inclusive representation of all members in our management structure. Officers with portfolio have carried out their responsibilities diligently, ensuring interesting and entertaining social activities, safe and exciting Club competition, a varied and interesting range of guest speakers at Monthly Meetings and working

towards achievement of the medium and long term goals of the Club . Reports of these events and activities are minuted.

Those Club members who may have contact with children via Club Competition, or in other specific events have the necessary Working With Children Certificate. Mac and Barbara McKane have continued their attentive and caring role as Club Welfare Officers during this Club year. Their quiet, thorough and sensitive management of this important role is appreciated by the Executive Committee and all members.

All CAM's (Confederation of Motor Sports) Applications for social events were submitted and CAM's Permits granted. CAMS Permits are a requirement for validating CAM's Insurance cover for participating members and visitors. These are noted and filed in Club records.

Club Rules and By-Laws have been consulted on occasions for the guidance and direction of Members and the Executive Committee. By-Laws relating to Club Awards were reviewed again by the Executive Committee with minor changes implemented and published on the website. Having disposed of the Club Trailer, sections of the By-Laws dealing with administration of the Club Trailer have been deleted.

The Club Monthly meetings were well attended, with the clubhouse at near capacity on each occasion. We thank all Members for their active participation in our Monthly Meetings, in particular our tireless assistants who prepare and repair the Clubrooms, provide supper and conduct the raffle. Renovation of the Regalia shop has been completed with much improved presentation and storage of stock and convenience for both customers and Barbara and John. The E.C. endeavours to source an interesting range of guest speakers for the Monthly Meetings. We thank Members who have provided leads and made arrangements for guest speakers to attend.

Our Librarian David Selway-Hoskins continues to provide a wonderful service for Members and cares for our collection with tireless dedication. The process of continuing the indexing of information continues and the E.C. thanks those who have contributed to this mammoth task. The E.C. commends and thanks David for his service most sincerely.

Most sub-committees were active during 2019. The opportunity for Members to provide feedback to the E.C. and support for Club activities is highly valued by the E.C. Sharing knowledge and assisting with the physical demands of Club events and activities is essential for the long-term health of the Club. The E.C. encourages all Members to participate in sub-committee activities and event management.

OCC (OurCarClub), our web-based data file records all Club member and vehicle data records required by CAV and VicRoads in a manner compliant with Privacy and Incorporated Associations legislation. This is maintained by the Registrar and Club Permit Officer and managed by the Club OCC administrator. Events recorded on OCC continue to grow and we endeavour to record all Members and guests participating in Club activities. OCC continues to be the backbone of the administration and operation of the club. Accurate data regarding Member's details and vehicles is always a priority for the Club . Club Officers monitor the performance of OCC and communicate regularly with the software developer regarding functionality and possible improvement. However, information recorded on OCC depends in great measure on the accuracy and timely supply of information from Members. Data such as currency of ownership, date of acquisition / disposal and compliant photographs must be supplied accurately and contemporaneously.

The EC reviews insurances annually and the investment of Club Funds regularly. It was resolved to have discussions with a number of Brokers to compare Insurance quotes and consider our future requirements given our development program. Now

that our first building program is under construction, the E.C. is considering the next phase of our club development program. Cost effective options for meeting our goals are under review and funding possibilities are being explored.

Rob Hutchinson
Secretary

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRAR'S REPORT 2019

Membership as at 31 December 2019 was 545 compared with 564 for the same period in 2018.

There were 48 members/partners/family members who did not renew their membership in 2019, but with new memberships received throughout the year, the numbers are slowly increasing.

Sadly the club said farewell to the following long standing members and ex members in 2019.

Robyn Slocomb
Phil Whitla
John Reid

Christine Simonsen
Registrar

CLUB PERMIT ANNUAL REPORT (incorporating AOMC) - 2019

The Club Permit System has now been operating for several years and continues to allow members of accredited clubs to use their vehicles on public roads at a substantially reduced cost to full registration. The system is administered by VIC Roads and we understand a significant review is underway by VIC Roads with results due to be released in 2020. Our club continues to maintain a high level of compliance to the Club Permit requirements and each member supports this with their maintenance of the log book system. The club maintains accurate records as it may be requested to provide documentary evidence of this data if requested by VIC Roads to comply with it's VIC Roads Club Permit accreditation.

The Club Permit System has grown considerably during the past year with the club now having 300 vehicles on Club Permit. This is an overall increase of 14 from last year which is quite considerable as there has also been several vehicles sold during this period and removed from our list. The ratio of Marque versus Non-Marque remains very similar with just 19.9% of CPs being Non-Marque. This percentage is well within the clubs allowance of up to 25%.

The **Our Car Club** (OCC) database continues to provide the tools to ensure we are fully compliant with the requirements of VIC Roads and the administrator of this program supports our requests for enhancements .

Regular checks of the club's database against the information held by VIC Roads has continued to be carried out with several anomalies being detected. The majority of issues have been traced to errors within the VIC Roads system, but others

identified have been due to members not informing the club of changes to their vehicle's status or oversights by members when renewing their CP. At the suggestion of the AOMC, these correlation checks will be now done twice yearly to try to detect discrepancies before they become issues to our members. The Club attends AOMC briefings to ensure that members are kept up to date with any changes to the system and any feedback that has been provided from VIC Roads. Members can be assured that the club understands the requirements of administering the Club Permit system and is committed to maintaining this to the highest possible standard.

The **AOMC** (Association of Motoring Clubs) continues to be our advocate to VIC Roads for the Club Permit system, but this year, VIC Roads has been consumed with their review and have not been as willing to listen to the AOMC. Hopefully, when the review is complete and the results published, the AOMC will be allowed to provide the feedback from the clubs it represents.

The AOMC again held a regional delegates meeting, and this year it was held at Gisborne. This proved to be very useful to our club as it showed us another clubs facilities and gave us the opportunity to discuss how another club handles membership involvement with a workshop.

Lawrie Ulph
Club Permit Officer

ANNUAL REPORT- COMPETITION - 2019

The 2019 Competition Program consisted of 22 Events held over a total of 17 days. There were 9 non speed events comprising 6 Motorkhanas, 2 Khanacrosses and an Observed Section Trial (OST). In addition, there were 13 Speed events comprising 5 Sprints, 4 Hill Climbs, 3 Regularities, and a quarter mile sprint.

Most events were reasonably well attended with a total of 25 Competitors taking part in competition throughout the year. This represents a continuing small decline in competition numbers compared to earlier years. Whilst there is a committed core competition group within the club, the number of older competitors and youth competitors is declining.

In order to address this for the 2020 Competition year we have introduced a new "Veterans Class" to encourage older competitors back into competition and rebalanced the competition program for 2020 to include equal numbers of Speed and Non-Speed Events. Thanks to Graeme Ruby, we are also attempting to re-ignite the Youth competition program.

During the year the MGCC Geelong members competed at the Interclub Challenge held in 2019 in Victoria at the Bryant Park Hill Climb track in Gippsland. Whilst we were unsuccessful in claiming the trophy, the Geelong team was competitive and thoroughly enjoyed the event.

At the conclusion of the competition year, the competition classes for 2020 and beyond were redrafted to make them easier to administer and allow competitors to compete within their class against cars and drivers with a similar index of performance. Additionally, we have taken the opportunity to draft a set of competition rules governing competition within the MGCC Geelong. The new class structure and competition rules have now been ratified by the MGCC Geelong Executive Committee and may be viewed on the Club Website Competition page.

Brendan Sullivan

Competition Director

SOCIAL REPORT - 2019

2019 Club Social activities have continued to see increasing numbers of members regularly attending events, showing a strong leaning toward any runs that include coffee and meals.

Gordon Reynolds and David Brett have worked together as non-executive coordinators with support from a number of members offering to help run events that are tried and proven as well as a some news events, all of which were received well by all.

Regular Club tours have continued to be popular, both Foxy and Mel's week long and the shorter Barry Arthur Red Apple runs being fully booked as were the Christmas in July, Club Presentation and December Christmas at Lorne functions (137 members). The Square Rigger Runs seem to be attracting more attendees each time with a large variety of models on show and the February Fish & Chip Run just gets more popular every time.

New runs such as the Local Coffee Run, Around the Bay in a Day, Go Road loop through Lorne with Lunch at Anglesea Golf Club (despite heavy rain at Lorne) have been well received by all.

In all the Club conducted thirty one Social activities which can be broken down into-

Weekend Runs-11
Mid Week Runs- 5
Square Rigger Runs – 6
Coffee Runs – 4

Plus – The Red Apple Run, The Fox's Wimmera Tour, The Annual Tour, Motorclassica Train Trip and the Gathering of the Faithful weekend have all been well patronised.

David Brett and Gordon Reynolds,
on behalf of the Social Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT - CLUB WEBSITE -2019

The Club website is becoming much more popular with members and the outside community.

Statistics show that we now have nearly 150 page views per day to the site with 25 of those being new visitors. The most popular pages are our "For Sale" page as well as the Events Calendar and the Photos Gallery.

In 2020 we plan to add further features to the site with possibly an e-commerce facility to allow members to buy regalia online as well as more videos of club activities.

Our Web Editor is looking for an assistant to help him develop and maintain the website so put your hand up and assist where you can.

John Roker

WebMaster

G-TORQUE ANNUAL REPORT - 2019

The past year has again failed to interest members with the electronic edition of G-Torque with only 27% opening the email.

G-Torque is continually seeking items of interest and relies heavily on members to provide articles and provide a report on social events.

If you have a story to tell about your classic or a technical item to share, please let the editor know.

May I thank the members who contributed over the past twelve months, your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Editor
G-Torque

WELFARE REPORT - 2019

As Welfare Officers we are reporting that we have had quite a busy year keeping up with hospital visits and or cards to the many MG Car Club Members who were unfortunate to become patients in hospitals or had the misfortune to have an illness, injury or to have lost loved ones.

Thirty nine cards have been posted, with numerous phone calls checking on the progress once the member has returned home and catching up with the wives pf members who have passed away.

May we say we very much appreciated the honour the Club gave us when we were presented with the "Club Persons of the Year Award" for 2018.

Barbara & Mac McKane

ANNUAL REPORT - REGALIA - 2019

2019 saw the change of Responsible Officers from Rodney and Carole Birrell to John and Barbara Penning in May 2019. We would like to thank Rodney and Carole for their assistance and mentoring during the transition period. Our aim was to continue to provide a service that met member's needs and introduce new products. During 2019 we have sourced and stocked new grille badges, thermal mugs, new branded tops and in particular two new styles for the lady members. We will try to continue to search and review new products which may be of interest to members. We thank the members for their patronage and supporting Regalia.

John and Barbara Penning