Presidents Report Mazda MX-5 Club of NSW 2020 AGM

What a year we have had as a club!

The Historical and Classic registration system was implemented in October 2019 and a number of members and new members have taken up this registration system within the club.

The conveners conference was held, and plans were made for a large number of events for the following year 2020. I'd like to thank all the conveners and their helpers that attended this conference. These not only produce a great calendar for the coming year but allow the members of the various chapters to interact with each other and pass on some great ideas.

Things were going well for the club but in December news was coming out of China about COVID-19. This virus has had a great effect on the club’s activities. The result has meant cancelling a number of events and more critically having to postpone a number of major events. These postponements include the clubs 30th anniversary celebrations and the 2020 NatMeet. As a club we have had to totally restructure how we run events and continually modified this to meet the ever-changing government guidelines and regulations. As of today I had been able to relax the regulations so that our events are more flexible and allow a larger number of people to attend them. It is still critical that we abide by the club's procedures and regulations relating to COVID-19. I would like to thank our conveners and run organisers for all the work they had done over this difficult period in keeping the club active and the member participation at a high-level, circumstances allowing.

At this time NatMeet 2020 is to be postponed until 2022. The club will be working towards moving this event to a suitably date in 2022 and as information comes to hand we will let all the registrants know what the current situation is.

The Club Torque magazine went through a difficult time but with our knew production team of Kim Jacobs and Peter Barnwell it is now back on track and delivering the high quality magazine to our members. Kim and Peter bring vast experience to this position and it will be interesting to see how the magazine evolves. Thank you, Kim and Peter, for taking on this challenge.

This year we've had a number of conveners retire from their positions and I would like to thank them for their support in running the chapters and I would like to thank the new volunteers that have taken on the position of conveners. These are

Hunter

John Purcell & Christine Cameron taking over form Brian Thomson & Rob Emmett.

Canberra

Peter & Annemie Wilson taking over from James & Giulia Schiemer

Illawarra

James Mate taking over from Jeffery & Pamela Rowe

I would like to thank the committee for all their work they have done in this difficult time to keep the club active and develop events to meet the requirements of COVID-19 and run these events successfully. Without this volunteer workforce the club would not be what it is today and we would not be able to supply our members with such a vast variety of events for them to attend. I asked everyone to remember that these people are volunteers and to thank them for the work they have done for the club.

I hope to see you at an event soon and please come up and introduce yourself.

Keith Monaghan

President

23rd October 2020