

CAPTAINS AGM REPORT 2021

I would like to start with something I would normally finish on, by thanking the four long term Committee members who are not standing for re-election this year. On behalf of the membership, I express my thanks and appreciation, for their contribution to the Club that has benefited by their service during their terms of office. We recognise the service to our Club by:-

Keith Monahan is ending his term, having served as the Club President for 5 years between 2016 and 2021 and for the 5 years before that as the Membership Secretary.

Lesa Bunn is stepping down after 3 terms on the Committee since 2009 being 3 years as Vice President between 2018 and 2021 and before that 3 years as our Regalia Officer and 4 years as the Club's Social Secretary.

Wesley Hill and Julie Sando both joined the Committee in 2014 and have served for 7 years each as our Secretary and Treasurer respectively and have finished their terms this year.

The Club greatly appreciates the work done by our Conveners and their members who provide them assistance with social runs and social events that form the core of our activities. We are one Club with 7 Chapters, Motorsport and the BreakFast Club, and everything we do relies upon volunteers whether they be Committee Members, Conveners or the host of members who volunteer their services when asked and required for the benefit of all our membership.

This year like the last has been subject to the COVID-19 pandemic and its associated restrictions has impacted on our social runs and events that is reflected in the drop in our participation rates. In the years immediately before COVID we had a participation rate of members taking part in at least one event a year of fractionally below 80%. The participation rate dropped down to around 67% in 2020 and fell again this year to about 58% which is a drop of around 25% compared to 2019.

Interestingly enough COVID's impact on our membership numbers has been miniscule. In 2019, the year before COVID, the Club had 1092 members and this year our membership dropped by 5 members to 1087 being a slight increase over 2020 where we had 1066 members. Our retention rate has been excellent notwithstanding the Clubs inability to offer the events we traditionally have provided prior to COVID. The Club is very appreciative of support of our members since 2019 as reflected in the high retention rate. The Committee and Convenors will use their very best endeavours to return the level of our events for members to pre-2019 levels in the coming year.

The major activity provided by the Club for members is our club runs organised by the Convenors and their volunteer support groups. This year we have had to endure 4 months of COVID restrictions on club runs in most Chapters and this imposition is reflected in the drop in number of social runs this year to 132 compared to 175 runs in 2019. This is a drop of around 25% which is consistent with our reduction in the

participation rate however, in both these years the Club with the support of our membership has maintained an average of a little over 16 social runs in each of the months unaffected by the restrictions that is comparable with 2019.

I give a special mention to our newest little Chapter on the South Coast which in the past year with 24 members achieved an average of 10 members or 40% of its membership on each of its events and the highest participation rate in the Club.

Our social events were also dramatically impacted by COVID restrictions this year but far more dramatic. Second year in a row we have not been able to hold the President's Picnic. The 30th Anniversary celebration originally scheduled for 2020 was recently cancelled as was our hosting of NatMeet that will next be held in Queensland in 2024. Our major events, Chapter dinners and social gatherings were almost as numerous as club runs in 2019 with 168 events. With the COVID restrictions in the past 12 months these events have dropped to 94 being a drop of almost 45% on 2019 and 10% down from last year's total of 95 events.

Not surprisingly COVID's impact on the number of our events and participation rates will flow on to the available number of MOTY points. MOTY covers all Club activities and includes Motorsport that has been similarly affected by the restrictions. In 2019 the Member of the Year accumulated 193 MOTY points, last year it was 178 points, a drop of 10%, whereas in 2021 the number of MOTY points is not expected to exceed 140 points. This also happens to be a drop of around 25% on pre COVID points,

Statistically our activities have taken a hammering over the past two years, however, the Club remains well supported, strong and vibrant as we face 2022 with optimism and hope of avoiding the on-going impact of COVID.

Going forward, the Committee, Conveners and our invaluable volunteers will be working hard to provide members with a full calendar of runs and social events. I encourage more members to participate and volunteer in relation to their chapters and consider filling the next vacancy in the Committee. Consideration will be given to major club events through the year in addition to the President's Picnic in September 2022.

Each year since 2012, I finish with the same plagiarism of a well-known statement of JFK, namely:

"Don't ask what the Club can do for you, ask what you can do for the Club."