**CAPTAINS REPORT AGM 2020**

The current year has been a challenging one for the club, its committee, convenors and the membership with the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic affecting all our activities. Committee Members and Convenors have had to make difficult and at times unpopular decisions to ensure that members attending events complied with COVID Restrictions to minimise the risk of a COVID-19 transmission.

Despite the difficulties between October last year and today, our membership only declined by 2.5% or 27 members with membership as of 18th October 2020 1,070. In the past 12 months we had 211 new members join us and enjoy the benefits of membership.

Members will again be receiving membership badges with a list of those recipients found on this link [*http://nsw.mx5.com.au/events/annual-general-meeting-and-awards-presentation5*](http://nsw.mx5.com.au/events/annual-general-meeting-and-awards-presentation5). We have 424 members or around 40% of all members having at least 5 years continuous membership being 11 life members, 3 members with over 30 years, 8 members with over 25 years, 22 members with over 20, 42 members with over 15, 127 members over 10 years and 211 members achieving 5 years of continuous membership in 2020.

Of our membership, 702 participated in at least one event in the past 12 months representing approximately 2 out of every 3 members. A little over half these members participated in social events and runs being 542 members with another 229 members or a little over 20% of our membership participating in motorsport.

One of the most important contribution towards the club by its members is their volunteering of their time and expertise for the benefit of all members. Without our volunteers the Club could not function. The volunteers are not only the committee members and the convenors who are in a management or administrative role, but the 1 in every 7 of our members who organised or led a run, a social event or volunteered in some other capacity to contribute towards a successful event. A total of 133 outside of eligible Committee Members volunteered their time and/or expertise in one of these capacities. On behalf of the membership I convey our thanks them for their invaluable contribution.

Every year some of the members of the Committee and Convenors resign having made an important contribution to our club that is greatly appreciated. The role of a convenor is at the core of the club’s activities. We have 7 chapters and 2 special interest’s groups providing a wide range of actives to accommodate our members individual expectations.

This year we welcome new convenors for the Canberra, Hunter and Illawarra Chapters. We extend to James & Guilia Schiemer, Rob Emmett & Brian Thompson and to Jeff & Pam Rowe on their retirement the clubs appreciation for the way the lead their Chapters and contributed to the affairs of the Club as a whole in Committee Meetings, where their presence will be missed.

We congratulate Peter and Annemie Wilson on their election to become the Convenors of the Canberra Chapter, to John Purcell and Christine Cameron, also doing a great job as the Club’s Regalia Officer, on becoming the joint convenors of our Hunter Chapter and to James Mate on becoming the new Illawarra Chapter Convenor.

Of our 2 special interest groups, the BreakFast Club has seen Peter Battisson step down after five years in the role of joint coordinator with Ian Coombe continuing to lead motorsport for another year and a team of willing enthusiast managing the most demanding activity of the Club.

To Andrew Lord of the BreakFast Club, Chapter, Chris White and Gillian Fletcher in the RPM Chapter, Alan Martin and Peter McDonald in the Mid North Coast Chapter, Brian and Anda Clayton in the South Coast Chapter Brian and Andy Bottomley in the Sydney Chapter we thank you for your ongoing participation and look forward to a less stressful time in the year ahead for everyone.

To the spouses and families of our Convenors and volunteers, your support of the Club is much appreciated as is the participation of the membership in all the events we have conducted in the past 12 months.

As in the past I convey at an AGM a plagiarism of a famous statement by John F Kennedy by closing with the words “*Do not ask what our club can do for you, but what you can do for your club*”.