

17th July 2017



FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

The AGM is next week and time to review, what have the committee and I achieved during my 3 year term as President?

National Motoring Heritage Day, Picnic in the Park

National Motoring Heritage Day, Picnic in the Park in Queens Park Ipswich has grown in popularity. I was impressed with the number of comments from people displaying their vehicles at RACQ Motorfest, how they really enjoy National Motoring Heritage Day, Picnic in the Park. These are two totally different events. It just goes to show, if you put in the effort, organise a venue, entertainment and make it interesting, the people will display their cars and the public will be there.

150+ vehicles were on display at the first event in 2015, 200+ in 2016 and it was well on target to have in excess of 250 vehicles on display this year. It was a shame we had to cancel the event due to rain in the days preceding and the park being to wet for the vehicles.

We started this event with no funds. It has been developed at no charge to the entrants or the public and we now have money in the bank to kick off the 2017 event, as well as signage, vests, etc to be used year after year.

Membership

We have brought unfinancial clubs back on board. QHMC now has a fully documented membership base, stored on a excel spreadsheet, including names, email & phone numbers of all committee members and delegates, showing date paid, amount paid, number of members and member vehicles.

QHMC General account

Through careful budgeting over the past few years, and without putting up affiliation fees, QHMC now has money in the bank and sufficient funds to be able to pay accounts when received.

Website

The website had been maintained and is an up-to-date reference for all member clubs and their members.

The Calendar of Events is maintained and published on the website, providing an up to date list of projected events, assisting clubs to avoid clashing dates for events.

Facebook

We now operate a QHMC Facebook page, an excellent communication source for QHMC.

According to the Australian Bureau of Statics there are approximately 24.3 million Australians and, as at January this year, there are 16 million users of Facebook in Australia. (*Somebody tried to tell me 98% of Australians use Facebook but, by my calculations, this is just short of 66%.*)

Facebook is a quick reliable source of communication for QHMC. We have utilised it to advise of the cancellation of the Picnic in the Park, broadcast details stolen historic motor vehicles as well as technical information and events.

Rental of Veteran Car Clubrooms

After meetings and discussions with members of the Veteran Car Club Australia (Qld) they are now aware that it was not this committee that changed the meetings, and use of the clubrooms, from monthly general meetings to bi-monthly meetings. This change in fact began 10 years ago, July 2007.

VCCAQ have put forward a suggestion of QHMC holding meetings on the "5th day of the month" bi-monthly at a reduced rate. We are now awaiting the proposal from VCCAQ.

QHMC Handbook

The QHMC Handbook has been updated and maintained in line with various legislations. The latest version was saved to the QHMC website on March 2017. The purpose of the Handbook is to assist future committees and committees of member clubs.

QHMC Bulletins

QHMC Bulletins have been issued and saved on the website providing clarification to members.

TMR

QHMC continue to have a good working relationship with TMR and information-flow from TMR, through QHMC to member clubs has been improved.

Special Interest vehicle Concessional Registration Scheme (SIVS)

SIVS Registration continues to be available to vehicles/vehicle owners that satisfy specific requirements. It offers reduced registration fees, though with limitations to the use of the vehicles.

There continues to be a push, by a few, for a Logbook scheme, though to date we are not satisfied this is the wish for the majority of member clubs and their members.

The logbook scheme will be a benefit to those wanting to drive their vehicle for non-club events.

A downside of this is, a Logbook scheme needs to be administered by the clubs and, any clubs I have spoken with are having trouble filling committee positions now and do not want another task they have to undertake.

QHMC Rallies

When I took on the role of President, there were no host clubs for the QHMC Rallies resulting in Greg and I (for the QHMC Committee) hosting a QHMC Rally in Pittsworth in 2015. QHMC now has a good line-up of pre-arranged QHMC Rallies for the new committee to follow on with.

The word "Rally"

It has not been without much "chest-beating" that we have attempted to obtain clarification from Suncorp in relation to their exclusion for vehicles on rallies. Is it the word or the purpose? Numerous correspondence has been sent, without response. In the meantime, I will still be going on Rallies. I look forward to seeing you there.

Farewell and thank you

I was ready to step down from the Presidential role last year though I wanted to complete a few tasks I had commenced. I am pleased to say, I have achieved my goals.

Russell Manning and my husband Greg Stevens have been my best supporters (and critics) during my term. Both have been excellent at stepping up and helping out - and telling me when they disagree. Russell was Secretary and formalised much of the role. He is now Assistant Secretary. He is also an asset in the TMR Liason role with his technical expertise as is John Que with his working knowledge of TMR.

National Motoring Heritage Day, Picnic in the Park would not have got off the ground without Greg. The ideas and features of each event is a result of Greg's creativity, passion and enthusiasm.

On attending his first QHMC Meeting in July 2016, Jason Dodge volunteered for the secretarial role. There would not be another person who has taken on a role, particularly not such a major role, at their first meeting. Not only did he take this on, he and his club volunteered to host the SQ QHMC Rally in June. Great effort to Jason and Beaudesert Motoring Enthusiasts Club!

Alex Connors has been Treasurer through my entire term. Thank you so much Alex for your support and all of your work. Alex became the self-nominated mail collection person. He does not operate a computer so he completed the Treasurers role the hard way - manually!

We have all been stretched at times due to various personal reasons and, to the committee, I thank you for your perseverance and support.

As you are all aware, I will not be standing for the role of President again. We need new fresh delegates to volunteer and take on committee roles. I, along with all of the current committee, will be there to assist, guide and support the new committee for a smooth transition for the future.

QHMC AFFILIATION FEES 2016-2017

OVERDUE - Due 30th September 2016

Download Affiliation Renewal Form from
http://qhmc.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/QHMC-Affiliation-Renewal_2016-2017.pdf

If your club has not paid, you are now unfinancial so please ensure you renew as soon as possible so we can continue to assist and represent you and your club members

Up to 30 members	\$ 30
91 - 150 members	\$ 95
31 - 60 members	\$ 45
151 - 200 members	\$120
61 - 90 members	\$ 65
200- members	\$150

QHMC Delegates Meetings

Thursday 27th July 2017 - General Meeting & AGM

Thursday 28th September - General Meeting

Thursday 23rd November - General Meeting

Meeting commences at 7:30pm

Venue: Veteran Car Club rooms

1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale

QHMC AGM - COMMITTEE NEEDED

QHMC needs you, your enthusiasm and passion for the historic vehicle movement

All delegates are asked to attend the QHMC AGM

Share the workload and help to take on a committee role.

Thursday 27th July - 7pm

Veteran Car Club Rooms, 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale.