

## **AGM 2018 – Events Coordinator Report**

I took over the position of Events Coordinator from Donna-Maree Rieschieck in October 2017 as an interim arrangement. Donna-Maree had done the job for the duration of the previous Management Committee and had agreed to continue with the current Committee, but work commitments made this difficult. I'd like to extend a big thanks to Donna-Maree for doing the job for 4½ years in total, including travelling a long way to meetings, and for setting up the calendar for this year and making it easy for me to continue in the role.

This year's events calendar, as it appears in the Club Journal, is a great illustration of the health of HMCCQ. There is hardly a weekend throughout the year without a major Club event, and sometimes up to three events on the same weekend. It's becoming more and more difficult to avoid some date clashes – unfortunately unavoidable in such a large and active Club.

In addition to our regular events, some exciting new events have appeared on this year's calendar, including Brisbane Area's Veteran Centenary Rally and Pine River's Celebration of 50 years of Triumph/BSA Triples. On the down side, Kingaroy Area's long-standing Bunya Rally has had to be cancelled for this year but hopefully we'll see it up and running again next year.

With so many activities on the go, I've made a call to include on the events page in the Journal only those events that are considered to be all-of-club events, that is, major rides/rallies, swaps and shows that are open to all Areas. This isn't always cut and dry, and you may sometimes disagree with my call on the events that are included or excluded.

In parallel with this, a significant new initiative has been the development, with the Webmaster, of individual Area events pages on the website. The concept is to enable Area-specific events to be recorded on the website. This is useful in supporting SIVS usage requirements, noting that TMR's SIVS guide states: *'We recommend you carry paperwork that supports your reason for travel. This could include: club newsletter; club calendar of events.'* Members can print from the website their Area events page and carry it with them on rides, or access their events page on smart phones should the need arise. Note that the use of this initiative is up to each Area, noting that some Areas have alternative systems in place for recording their Area-specific events.

I have found that the Events Coordinator position dovetails well with the Secretary role, and for the upcoming year I'm happy to continue in the role – unless there is someone else keen to take it on.

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