

President's 2018 AGM Report

Here we are 2/3rd of the way through our tenure. So far so good and I for one have thoroughly enjoyed holding this position. My lot of course is made a whole lot simpler and easier due to the team we have had in management for these last 2 years. I got the easy job, or maybe Jim the VP does. We feel we have done a good job so far and issues like the SIVS, which we have gladly taken on board, although not part of the management duties and well outside our pay grade, has actually made it more interesting than just paying bills.

My hat is off again to Bill for his fine work as our secretary, Geoff for keeping the books in order both for Toowoomba and management as he knows he will at least get one Area report on time. Thanks to Judith for her work with membership, her fourth year coming up, no small task indeed, and all 3 are very vital cogs in the wheel, unlike my position.

Something that was brought to my attention regarding confidentiality by Judith on membership is that close to 50% of those who elected to go with confidentiality for whatever reason, don't renew. Maybe this is because without realising it, their decision makes them a little more hidden from the camaraderie the club has to offer. Food for thought next time you sign someone up. Or maybe they just joined to get a SIVS rego.

Speaking of which Doug Jolliffe has done a great job with SIVS since taking it on at the last AGM. I feel we took the right path with SIVS and next month those who have regos coming up for renewal should see the new amount reflected, according to TMR. The NSW trial just seemed to have too many negatives and would have required a whole lot more input from someone, possibly a new management position, in our club to collect and quantify your motorcycle rego data and be a telltale to TMR when someone forgot to renew membership. This is probably OK for a club of 50-75 members but with a club our size I see it as a headache.

We should all be thankful to Bailey for attending the HMCQ and MOCC, besides his SIVS duties, as he is keeping us up to date with the issues highlighted at these meetings. Some interesting points have been brought forward that I'm sure will be explored. Some of these might be a CTP to reflect a single seat use, removing or lowering Traffic Improvement fees. Recently in the UK they dropped the roadworthy checks on classic bikes. All this of course would be in conjunction with the classic car clubs.

The club membership keeps on going up for sure as the numbers indicate. We have a really good magazine and I think generally most are happy with it, although it could be a whole lot better with more input from the membership. So how about more stories on your bikes, the editors will be pleased. They are two fine fellas who have got this editing thing down pat. If you disagree then maybe you would like to take the position. That brings me to point out, we do have problems and that is mainly due to the cost of our fine magazine and it is something we will be discussing at length, later. Judith Stace has been powering along with our Regalia sales so don't forget to pick up some.

Generally speaking the branches all seem to be doing fine with the exception of one of our smaller ones having trouble with enough feet on the ground to run events. This year Kingaroy had to cancel their normally great Bunya Rally due to illness and other family commitments and with limited

numbers available it became impossible for them. Maybe some folks from other areas could offer a helping hand to them for next year's Bunya? Other areas closer to the retirement capitals, i.e. the north and south coastal areas are doing fine and are expanding. Not a big fan of sun and surf but that's another story.

We do have the 50th anniversary coming up in 2020 and some thought will have to be put in, not only do we even bother, but where, what, when, how, by whom and who pays? All good questions. Maybe we could have a committee formed to take on board all the ideas that will come flooding in. Sorry can't help it. It is up to the membership to get the ball rolling, I did throw out a basic idea in last month's mag so get the thinking caps on. The new management will have some fun seeing this event through. I'd have preferred to deal with a party than taxes and SIVS.

We will not be seeking a fourth term and in particular Geoff our Treasurer has an extended holiday planned for 2019. Jude and I will have done enough for a while and Bill has some sailing to catch up on, although we are all happy to see 2018 through. May I suggest that for the next management team, draw from 2 areas that are close together come up with 2 people each and meet in the middle?

So let's hope we can get through today's proceedings with little or no disruptive behaviour and I thank you for your attendance.

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