



Porsche Club

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT for AGM 16 OCTOBER 2012

I hope all members will agree that PCV has had a remarkably successful year!

There will be 55 events of all sorts in 2012, including 12 Competition events, plus a Rules Review, 5 Club Nights, 5 Club Runs, 20 Registers Events, including 2 overnight, 4 Mid Week Runs, the Warrnambool Tour, the Show 'n' Shine, the Go Kart Challenge, the Mid Year Dinner Dance, the Annual Dinner Dance, the Phillip Island Historics Display and the Grand Prix Display. As well, many members drove at Bathurst in the combined Porsche Clubs' event, while Barbara and I, with Peter Harrison, were invited to Cape Town, for the launch of the 991. To make it all happen, there have been well over 50 meetings of various committees and thousands of phone calls and emails. Of our 800 families, with 1350 members, perhaps 500 have participated in some way, with perhaps 150 contributing to the organization of events, or writing an article.

Committee Activities

The incoming Committee of October 2011 continued the deliberation and implementation of issues arising out of Discussion Papers, instituted by the previous Committee, concerning E Commerce, Magazine, Finance, Committee, Club Links, Tracks and Membership. Arising from these Papers and with many new initiatives, the significant activities of this Committee are listed.

1. E Commerce

A lengthy review of Club transactions, to increase efficiency and enable Club members to effect most transactions online, has been completed, with many frustrating dead ends and false starts, tirelessly led by Andrew Bonwick, so that the roll out of the Wild Apricot system is now under way.

2. Porsche Parade magazine

An examination of all issues relating to the contents, production, editing, printing and financing of the magazine, resulted in the Committee endorsing the continuation of Ron Widdison as the editor and printer of our brilliant Club window, with an ongoing contract. A concerted advertising drive by Leon Christodoulaki, with the aim of making the magazine cost neutral, has been very successful, so that the budgeted cost for 2012-3 is only \$3,500, down from \$7,700 in 2011-2.

3. Committee Roles, Behaviour and Succession

Existing Roles and Job Descriptions have been reviewed, a binding Code of Conduct for all Club Committees has been instituted, Committee availability and transparency has been encouraged, and assertive Succession Planning, so that the right people, with the right skills and the passion, are encouraged to join the Committee.

4. Finance

The financial direction and options of the Club have been examined, with continuation of the present policy endorsed, to aim for a modest surplus each year, acting as a buffer for any years of loss. A Finance Sub Committee has been formed to assist the Treasurer.

5. Membership

Growth, size, retention, direction, categories and fees have been considered. Personal contact from a Committee member for all new members has been instituted, with fluoro Committee badges aiding in their identification at events. A membership survey was carried out, with findings to be discussed and implemented, with member input. A review of Club Awards has been done.

6. Relationships with Porsche family

Considerable effort has been made to enhance these, such that the relationships with PCA, PCM and PCB are flourishing, and friendly, fitting and timely relationships with the 356 and 901 Registers have been re-established.

7. Club Apparel

A PCV Design Competition was held, with designs by Ross Del Gallo and Ron Widdison chosen for production of T shirts and polos, with further items of clothing proposed.

8. Archives

Long overdue collation and electronic archiving of a complete set of PCV Newsletters and Magazines since 1975 has been carried out and will be loaded for viewing on the website.

9. Club Rules

Review is under way, following passage of the Associations Incorporations Reform Bill 2012 and release of Model Rules.

10. Facebook

After consideration of Social Media options, a PCV Facebook page has been opened.

Other Happenings

A new and very satisfactory Club van was purchased, with excellent fit out done by John Baker. Significant upgrade of Carly's computer was completed.

The 60th Anniversary of Porsche Clubs Worldwide Exhibition was celebrated at the Porsche Museum, with a written contribution from Michael Browning, on behalf of the Australian Porsche Clubs.

An Australian Porsche Clubs Presidents Meeting was held in Melbourne, coordinated by Pamela Ward of PCA, with the attendance of Claudia Schaeffner from Porsche Community Management and chaired by Kevin Nicholls of PCA. Airing of joint concerns, problems and ideas from the Clubs was very useful.

Committee Members

Graham Lachlan was on the Committee from 5/2/08- 13/1/12. He resigned for personal and business reasons. He was a great contributor with a wise head.

Stephen Wood was on the Committee from 19/11/10- 10/4/12. He resigned after relocation to Albury and inability to attend meetings. He was always enthusiastic and helpful.

Manny Mezzasalma was appointed on 6/3/12 and Leon Christodoulaki was appointed on 1/5/12.

The current Committee, all of whom are standing again, are a competent, hard working, cohesive and agreeable team, who gave me unfailing support. Our meetings were productive and satisfying. Carly has been incredibly helpful and efficient; our shared attention to detail has been a happy confluence! Lisa has played an increasing role in the Administration, which has been most welcome. I thank them all for a most effective and productive year.

Future Events

The Murray Valley Grand Tour will be held in April next year.

There will probably be a Rennsport event in Sydney late next year.

There may be a Porsche Parade here towards the end of 2014.

Thank you to all the members for accepting me as an unexpected President this year. I have had a most enjoyable and fulfilling year and hope to keep contributing to this great Club for many years, waving my feather duster.

Will Darvall