

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013

Well, it's been a year of high activity for our club and one that I hope you would all agree has been fun and rewarding.

Our membership numbers continue to grow, with 1428 members at present, which is an increase of over 70 on last year and 240 back in 2006.

At the same time we have continued to increase the number of events for our expanding membership. Encompassing the streams of Social (led by Felix Rieniets), Competition (led by Tony Carolan, having taking over from Andrew Bonwick) and Registers (led by Wayne St Baker), we will have had no less than 63 events by the end of this year, up from 46 in 2011 and 56 last year.

While club activity continues to expand, the Registers Group seems to be growing the fastest. We have 30 Register events taking place this year, with attendances ranging from 10 to 22 cars and from 18 to 41 people to date.

The notable activities that are on this year's calendar include:

- The Murray Valley Grand Tour (of 9 days duration)
- The 50th anniversary of the 911, at the MCG
- The Annual Dinner/Dance, with *further* improvements this year
- Rennsport at Eastern Creek Raceway – with 100's of Porsches (from Australia and O/S)
- Ladies' Go Kart Challenge & Lunch
- President's Day at Sandown Raceway
- PCV Displays at:
 - o The Phillip Island Classic;
 - o The Formula1 Grand Prix, and
 - o The Show'n'Shine at Motorclassica, Exhibition Buildings.

On the systems front, we have now bedded down the new Member's Kiosk. This allows members to keep updated their own membership records as well as enter and pay for events online, with several payment options. Andrew Bonwick has continued to lead this work and I thank him for his immense contribution in this regard.

Speaking of membership data, I would like to assure you that the club takes its responsibilities very seriously regarding maintaining the privacy

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of that data. We do not sell or release member information to any outside organisation, including the Porsche group of companies. In fact, when our office administration receives a request from one member for contact details of another member, this is handled by emailing the details of the requesting member to the other member, who can then decide whether to respond to the original request or not.

Many of you would be aware that the new *Associations Incorporation Reform Act* has required of clubs such as ours that they amend their rules to comply with the new act. We undertook this work several months ago and in advance of the deadline. Several members, ably led by our Secretary, Neville Sampson put in an intense effort to complete this work. It culminated in a Special General Committee Meeting of members in June, at which the new rules were passed and subsequently ratified by Consumer Affairs. This AGM of course is being conducted under those new club rules.

Work on the archives project, initiated and led by Will Darvall, is gradually coming to a close. Our web site now has online access to our club magazines back to the mid '90's, with work continuing by Ron Widdison to load the remaining copies, right back to '70s, onto the web site.

Talking of our club magazine, Porsche Parade continues to be of a very high quality and with costs being well managed by Ron Widdison. This is further supported Leon Christodoulaki doing a superlative job in acquiring advertising revenue as an offset to the production costs. Michael O'Brien will address this further in his financial report shortly.

While on the subject of finances, Michael O'Brien as Treasurer continues to do a grand job setting our financial plan and then counting the beans and keeping us well informed and on track financially.

The overall increase in activity, the learning curve with the new Kiosk, and an increased take-up of the Club Permit Scheme, have together placed more and more load on our administration resources and stretched Carly and Lisa in the office, but I believe they have stepped up to the mark and I think provided great support for the club and all of us as members. I never cease to be amazed at their calm and friendly demeanour and their helpful response to all requests or queries.

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Your committee has put in a tireless effort this year in supporting your club and spearheading the activities I have outlined above. This includes Aaron Ireland and Manny Mezzasalma who stepped down during the year. It is a tribute to the recruitment work of Will Darvall and others over recent times that we have on committee what I think is a very talented group of people and one that is fun to be part of. The culture is one of active cooperation and support while at the same time constructively criticising anything not seeming to be up to scratch.

It is them, together with a large number of other volunteers continuing to work tirelessly behind the scenes, who make this club possible.

Could I please ask the current committee members to stand, along with Will who is an ex officio committee member this year as Immediate Past President, and Carly and Lisa? I ask all of you to join with me in thanking them for their contribution this year.

With that, I conclude my report.

Peter