

## **President's End of Year Report - 2016**

I have much pleasure in reporting on the 2015-16 year of the MG Car Club Auckland Centre, as its President.

The club prides itself on being an MG organisation managed by a team of elected volunteers, appointed volunteers and sub-committees, who have loyally served the club in their various capacities over the past year.

It is encouraging to see the growth in membership, which at the end of the fiscal year was 506, 20 more than the previous year.

Since the 2015 AGM where it was resolved that the club restructure its relationship with MSNZ to more fairly reflect the level of motorsport activity amongst Auckland Centre members, accordingly the Club disaffiliated from MZNS on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015. There was a smooth transition from the Auckland Centre to the MG Motorsport Register Auckland Inc on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016, for its managing of the Club's MotorSport NZ permitted events.

The past year has seen another busy Events Calendar including the April National MG Rally in Taupo, where 90 Auckland Centre members participated out of a total of 123 registered.

As with all activities, the running of so many events is only achievable because of the dedicated volunteers whose experience and organising skills ensure a wide variety of event choices. The combined efforts of Club Captain Darryl Bretherton, the Registers, Bay of Plenty and Waikato teams and all those who have assisted as organisers, helpers or have attended events, are what keeps this club so vibrant.

Financial contributions from events such as Ellerslie Intermarque and the National Rally has helped with an excellent financial result so that the club has operated without the need to increase the subscription.

The MaG continues to be of huge importance to members and as always, is well received. The support of current advertisers is appreciated, however there remains growth opportunities for increasing the number of advertisers.

The new website has been functioning since 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015 and has received high monthly totals of hits with the highest being 102,600 in April. The link

to the Club's Facebook page shows an increase in those viewing and is building all-be-it slowly. The Web Administrator Dave Addison has very efficiently carried out his role, with the events calendar being administered separately by myself and with membership data now held within the backend of the website, this has been ably administered by Secretary Norm Harvey. It is pleasing to note the member only accessible data has seen members updating their online records in the database with car details, phone details and mailing address.

With the setting up of the MG Motorsport Register and with Health & Safety discussion, being able to call on Honorary Solicitor Philip Dreadon for both of these areas, has been much appreciated, as has the valuable contributions of Librarian Tony Bushell, Regalia Officer Norm Harvey, Show Coordinator Rex Bennis, Social Coordinator Peter Crawford, Webmaster Dave Addison, Editor Tony Simmons and the Club's MotorSport Scrutineers Mike de Wit and Russell Sykes who are all thanked for their input during this term. Thanks are also extended to committee member's partners and family members for their greatly valued support.

It has been my pleasure and privilege to have worked with members of the Committee and especially the very capable executive team; Vice President Peter Crawford, Secretary Norm Harvey, Treasurer Colin Upchurch and Club Captain Darryl Bretherton whose expertise, professionalism and support I have truly appreciated in this my last term as President.

Finally, it is with your support the club continues to thrive as together we look forward to another enjoyable octagonal year ahead.

*Sue Martin*