

## **MG Car Club (Auckland Centre) Inc.**

### **President's Report 2025**

It has been another busy year for the Auckland MG Car Club with our usual and many motorsport events, car shows, club nights, trips away, day trips, MaG and info nights and website updates and car information. We continue to have a large membership of approximately 540 members which would be one of the largest car clubs in New Zealand. It's been great to get to some of these events and hear great feedback about the one's I have missed. The various models from the oldest to the newest cars are always great to see but it's as much and if not more, the comradeship and the fun times, what make our Car Club so very special. Thank you for being a member and joining in or whether it's just reading the fantastic MaG – thank you for being part of our MG story.

I would like to thank the Committee who, as always, give a their time to keep the Club going. With a great team it has spread the workload and makes it easier and this is also eased by the support and hard work of our other non-committee members who greatly assist with administration, membership, MaG newsletter, various trips away and day trips, club nights and our motorsport events, Pre-56 group, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, etc. There are a lot of you so thank you!

During the year we have sadly seen some of our older members pass away and many of our members will have had close connections for which I would like to acknowledge. We have also seen new members join and come along to events. We have continued to enjoy our very popular annual events including the Mid-Winter run, the Far North, the Spring Classic, the Easter rally and many more trips away as well as the organised day trip lunches/dinner and trips to car collections etc. Our Christmas Concours and the annual shows that we showcase our cars such as Eilerslie Concours, Brits and Euro have been well represented and it's been fantastic to see the amazing restorations at completion at show time but also hear about the new restorations starting. As well as these events, the Pre-56 has had many runs through Waikato and Coromandel and our motorsport enthusiasts have had many motorsport events to have a blast.

The Committee has this year embarked on work to steer the club strategy and future direction of the club. In recent years we have seen changes to event participation, the introduction of EV's, membership age, health and safety, Covid and so on. With all of these changes (and some challenges) we are reviewing what we need to do to adjust to this changing landscape. We are looking at how we can improve our website for our members as well as to ease the workload for those who do a lot of manual tasks and administration. We are also conscious of ensuring we include the changing environment such as EV's. Our club trailer is a workhorse for us to get equipment to events and we are looking at how we can develop or renew this as it is very heavy and cumbersome to move around. We have strong relationships with some MG Dealers and working to foster these relationships.

I have been on the committee for a few years now so made the decision to step down as I have ended up with too many commitments and need some own time for family and sport. I take this opportunity to wish you all the very best and thank all our committee and other helpers both current and those that I have worked with over the past committee years.

The MG Marque is known for its marque of friendship and I encourage everyone to continue do what you enjoy whether it's the car show, the dinners, the motorsport or the trip away – Invite friends and others to see and experience the good fun we have!. I also thank spouses, partners and families who support members' involvement and our committee and supporters work.

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Derek Liefing

President – Auckland MG Car Club 2025.