

President's Report 14 August 2020

The last 12 months have flown by with the following newsworthy events involving the Historic Rally Club of NSW and ACT.

This was my first year as President and I would like to thank our former President Dave Johnson for his professional leadership over the previous 4 years as well as his continuing advice and support.

In September 2019 a Committee Meeting took an in depth look at the future of the events the club should run. It was decided to:

- Not run Road Rallies with Closed Road Stages. The previous 3 years involved a lot of work running events that were not strongly supported
- Run Navigation Assemblies (NA), events involving navigation but not timed:
 - Mal Sinfield - April 19th 2020 - in the Southern Highlands
 - Steuart Snooks - May 15th/16th 2020 - "Tour de Belle Campagne", in southern NSW and northern Victoria
- Hold a Black Stump Tour as an NA using the Best Stages of the North in 2021
- Hold the NSW Repco Re-union, organised for Saturday 23rd November 2019

Report for the past year:

- The NSW Repco Re-union was very successful with over 70 attendees. We were fortunate to have the well known motorsport commentators John Smailes and Will Hagon as Masters of Ceremony. Many stars who competed in the 1979 event reminisced with very interesting stories. Some of those to share their memories were Barry Ferguson, Wayne Bell, Dave Boddy, Frank Neale, Barbara Beveridge, Ann Mulholland, Revs Rowney, Arthur Davis, Rod Jones, Hal Maloney, Gary Meehan, Mal Sinfield, Bob Riley, John and Sonja Bryson and last but not least Dave Johnson.

Crews from the 2019 Repco Retrail also attended the function.

The NSW Rally Panel used our function for the inaugural NSW Rally Legends Awards which were presented posthumously to Fred Logan and Tikki Friezer followed by the Australian Sporting Car Club, Mike Batten and Hal Maloney

- Mal Sinfield 's event scheduled for April was named the Dave Johnson Historic. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has seen the event postponed, hopefully to early 2020
- Steuart Snooks' Tour de Belle Campagne was unable to proceed due to family issues, however COVID-19 was going to stop the event in 2020 anyway. At the present there are no plans for running the event
- The club was planning another reunion in November 2020 at the Penrith Paceway but it will not be run due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic

- Our club attempted to become involved with Laurie Mason's Perth to Sydney Marathon Rerun. The event is attracting a lot of interest and is compatible with the aims of the HRC. Unfortunately, an event can only be run under one structure and that will have to be Laurie's company structure similar to the Classic Outback Trial. Our club will stay involved, try to assist and promote the event on our website

Integrity Issues:

The committee agreed to accept the draft Integrity Policy document governing the content considered appropriate for the Club's website and Facebook page.

The sale of rally cars was considered appropriate but not any other commercial promotion.

This can be viewed on the HRC website: <http://hrcnsw.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Integrity-of-the-HRC-Website-and-HRC-Facebook-Pages-v2.pdf>

It is pleasing that all the current Committee members have volunteered to be available for 2020/21.

However, I extend the offer to any club member who would like to run for any the following positions to contact the HRC Secretary Peter Reed (on 0418 802 972 or email hrc@leyton.com.au). Where there is more than one applicant, we will put it to the vote.

The positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee Member.

We have some Members who have not renewed their membership. Please contact me if you want to renew or have a query as to your current status.

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