

President's Report 31 July 2021

This was my second year as President, and I would like to thank our loyal members and hard working Committee for their efforts over the year.

To refresh everyone's memories in September 2019 a Committee Meeting made the decision not to run Road Rallies (TRE) with Closed Road Stages. The previous 3 years involved a lot of work running events that were not strongly supported.

Report for the past year:

- The Covid-19 outbreak has been a challenge for everyone including the Historic Rally Club of NSW/ACT.
- The club ran no re-unions in 2020 and has no plans for 2021. Numbers had been dropping making each future function likely to lose money. Also Covid makes any long term planning risky with a high chance of postponement or cancellation.
- The NSW Rally Panel planned a separate function in July 2021 for the NSW Rally Legends awards. This was postponed due to the Covid Lockdown.
- Mal Sinfield's Dave Johnson Historic scheduled for April 2020, finally ran in February this year. Aably assisted by Arthur Evans this CRC Championship event was well supported and saw 45 Crews out for a big day in the Southern Highlands. This Navigation Assembly ran a "Back to the '60s" format with challenging map reading and very large maps to fold and contend with. There were a few Crews who cracked under the pressure but after a week they had forgotten how difficult it was and only remembered they had a good day.
- Arthur Evans had a very interesting 1,100km Touring Assembly organised starting in Heatherbrae (north of Newcastle) on 15 July 2021, running for 3 days and finishing in Nambucca Heads. It was postponed due to the Greater Sydney Lockdown and is due to run, starting on 4th November this year. Please support this event, it is non-competitive and uses many roads that are extremely enjoyable to drive with beautiful scenery. The club is currently exploring avenues to run an event which doesn't require Motorsport Australia (CAMS) Competition licences for any of the Crew and it is looking positive.
<http://hrcnsw.org.au/future-events/2021-tour-of-the-north/>
- Our club continues to promote Laurie Mason's Perth-Sydney Marathon. The event has been postponed due to Covid and is due to start on 28 October 2022.
- We were saddened with the passing in March of Honorary Member Gerry Crown aged 88 due to brain cancer then in June Dave Johnson's lovely wife Natalie who suffered a cerebral aneurism at the tender age of 78.
- I am pleased to report our membership numbers have equalled our all time high of 58 and are well up on 34 last year.
- We have acted on Dave Johnson's recent suggestion to have cloth HRC badges manufactured and mailed out to members. Please sew your one onto your rally jacket to improve your appearance and to promote the club.

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Integrity Issues:

Following several breaches, I would like to highlight the club's Integrity Policy document governing the content considered appropriate for the Club's website and Facebook page.

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>

8 of the 9 current Committee Members have volunteered to be available for 2021/22. 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.

There will be an additional subject to vote on this year. The current Constitution defines a Quorum as: "4.5 (b) Fifty-one per cent of members (being members entitled under this constitution to vote at a general meeting) constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a general meeting."

In comparison the CRC requires only five members to constitute a Quorum.

Unfortunately, it has been very difficult to get over half our Members to vote at each AGM. It is proposed to change 4.5 (b) from fifty-one per cent (51%) to twenty-five per cent (25%).

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