



President's Report

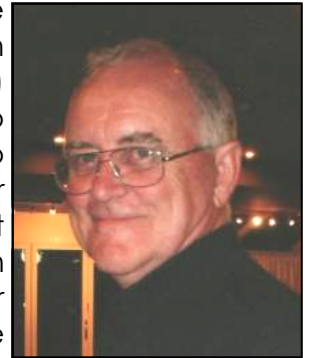
On behalf of the CMC Committee, I would like to thank all of those member clubs and individuals who have put the effort in over the past 12 months, for their loyalty and support. Some have gone to great lengths and others have simply been members. That is the nature and make up of we humans. How to get more folks involved is a question I ask often. Your club and the associations it belongs to can only prosper from the individual members putting in the hard yards as they say. If we all sit back, nothing will happen.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our Committee and all the volunteer workers who have assisted us in the past year. We could not run the Council without the help and support of all those who are prepared to put in the effort necessary to run an organisation like ours.

We have achieved some important milestone in the last year. Notable among them would have to be reaching our 50th year. I am pretty sure that the CMC is the longest serving of the nine State organizations around Australia which make up the AHMF, our National body. This is something to be very proud of and I think that the celebrations throughout this year have done that in an excellent way. We raised \$25,000 for Prostate Cancer Research during a year-long effort raffling the selected Valiant AP 5 and it was with great satisfaction that we handed the cheque to Charlie Barnett, a Board Member of the Prostate Cancer Research Foundation of Australia, at our 50th Anniversary luncheon on Sunday 14th September.

We now have 160 clubs affiliated with Council, with more clubs looking to affiliate in the coming months. This year we welcomed the Hunter Valley Historic Vehicles, Port Macquarie Heritage Car Club, and the Port Stephens Classic Automobile Association, plus the Vintage Modified Association of NSW returned to the fold after an absence of a couple of years. In 2012 it was decided to make the process of affiliation easier. Our Membership Secretary, Lester Gough, prepared a method to conduct phone interviews with applying clubs, rather than having the cumbersome interview process the CMC has carried through from early days. I'm sure this has contributed to more clubs wanting to join our organisation.

Our membership in the Australian Confederation of Motor Clubs (ACMC) has taken further steps to cement our relationship with the RMS / RTA, other related government agencies and in particular, Minister Duncan Gay. We are now strongly represented



on two important committees which work with the Government to ensure that safe and sensible guidelines for our vehicles are formulated to our mutual satisfaction. This year has seen the ACMC grow with the addition of other stakeholders. We anticipate that 2014 will be a year when many of our goals for the movement are achieved. We will keep you informed of progress.

The Shannons Sydney Classic just gets better and better each year. We have a new area (E) which I'm sure you are all aware of now. This area is ideal for large clubs to display their vehicles, and in particular, those clubs celebrating a special milestone. The facilities are excellent with space for 100+ cars, great garage and catering facilities plus it has its own pit lane area for an extra special display. The Aston Martin 100 years display this year with a line up of cars in a Le Mans start configuration, gave clear indications of how good this area can be for such significant events.

2014 will be the 50th Anniversary of the CMC Display Day. It has come a long way from the beginnings in 1964 at Warwick Farm racecourse. We will be announcing plans in the near future for celebrations to mark this event. I urge those clubs with significant birthdays or milestone to celebrate in 2014, to get their information to us ASAP so that we can plan with you and provide the best display ever.

May I offer my best wishes to you and your families for the festive season coming up and I hope that 2014 will be a fantastic year for all.

Terry Thompson, OAM, President