

President's Report 2019 - 2020

Twenty 20 isn't a bad form of cricket but as a year it's been a stinker. Everyone knows the destruction that Covid-19 has wrought and in global terms the impact on the Austin Seven Register of Queensland is tiny. But viewed through the lens of our clubs operations the impact has been huge. As far as I can ascertain, in the last fifty years the club has never cancelled a meeting but so far this year we've missed four and all the associated rallies, runs and events.

However while we've not been active as a group I can report that many members have been very busy in the Austin 7 world. A quick review of the parts sales shows that many members have been busy tidying, building and repairing their cars. In regard to this we all owe Trevor and Doug a big thanks for keeping our spare parts department open over the break, while many clubs had a hard-shut our team kept supplying us with all those good bits that we need. When we weren't busy in the garage we had plenty of good reading to catch up with thanks to Neil and Tim. Neil sent out a great series of articles over the first part of the year to keep us entertained. Tim did what Tim does, knock out excellent newsletters filled with news, stories and classifieds.

Maybe not as visible to members as the people above the other committee members kept working away and so a big thanks needs to go to Robyn (couldn't run a meeting without her beside me), John who's got our new MYOB system working, Alan in the library and Brett for picking up the slack when I can't make it to meetings. Not to forget our favourite raffle lady, Valda, who never fails to sting me for a few bucks. I should also make a special thanks to everyone who helped out by providing supper throughout the year, and if you included cocktail franks in your supper menu then I'm sure Alan would like me to give you an extra special thanks.

Despite the wretched year the club remains strong with our overall number of members steady and sale of spare parts on par with last year's efforts. What meetings we did have were well attended but it's true we could always do with a few more to keep the conversations lively.

When we could get out we did it in style with club runs well attended as we explored Brisbane and the surrounds. We got down to the bay, out to the western suburbs, up in the hills and even spent a morning looking for koalas without success. We learnt that none of us are going to get a call up to play

lawn bowls for Australia in the near future, but hopefully we'll get a chance to practice again soon if the bowls club will host us again.

Members were active at other events and runs such as the All British day or the ever popular LAMA weekend. Some members really got out and about with Lindsay and Sharon over in Indonesia for work, many members travelling around Australia and one, Duncan Logan, really going all out with a stint in Antarctica.

While 2020 might be a bit of a wash out the future is bright for our club, lots of members have interesting projects underway and all those events we've missed this year will be run as soon as possible.

While I've mentioned a few of our members above I really want to give a special thanks to our wider membership base, without you we'd not have a club. For me the club provides a great source of community, friendship and camaraderie all of which is invaluable at any time let alone now, so I thank you all.

It's been an honour to represent the club in 2020 and I look forward to a great 2021.

Steve Davidson President A7 Reg. Qld Inc. August 2020