



Newsletter February 2020

Hello Everyone,

This is my first attempt at a newsletter as your new Chairman. After reading a lot of previous newsletters and reports from the previous Chairs' it appears that I have some very large shoes to fill. I would like to thank the previous Chairs, Peter Gault and Kelvin Ferris for their unselfish efforts and support for our wonderful association, and I hope that you all support me and continue to support the association. AMMA has a lot to offer, and we need members input for future support and direction.

In today's World it is not easy running any museum, and last year we lost eight members, mostly owing to ill health, as many of our members including myself, are in our senior years, although some say I'm still a "pup". Luckily we have five new members to replace the losses, and it will be my endeavour to grow our membership to the best of my ability.

About myself, recently retired, have been self employed for most of my working life, and through sheer doggedness, ambition, and with some luck, have managed to be reasonably successful, support a family, and later in life indulge myself with my earlier passions for early motoring. My collection starts with a horseless carriage, right through the ages to modern day super cars.

In the first four months of my time in the chair, I have spent most of my time settling in to the job at hand. The website has now been updated with the new Board, and the revised membership list. I would like to welcome Paul Rees from Birdwood as my vice-chair, and my wife Maxine who has graciously taken on the Treasury after the very sad passing of our good friend Ron West, early last year. Also our secretary Peter Quennell- thanks Pete for your continued support.

For those members who wish to access the member information on our website, the username is "motor" and the password is "museum@amma".

We are in the process of printing a revised brochure, and I hope to have them completed by the end of March, in time for the AHMF 2020 National Motoring Festival, which Maxine and I will be attending.

Each Winter Maxine and I escape Victoria, travel to Queensland to be with our children and their families. It is a good time to visit members and prospective members en route, and whilst in Queensland.

Later this year I propose to hold our first Australasian Forum, on the 20th of October at Motorlife at Kembla Grange, NSW. I am calling The Forum "Where to from Here?" I hope to address some of the real issues facing us today, and begin networking with other members to help resolve some of those issues. There are grant funds available from State and local Councils, how can we tap into this funding? I am hoping that Paul Rees and Matthew Lombard from Birdwood will give us a practice run on their presentation which they plan to give at the World Forum soon after. We will hold our annual AGM at the forum as is required. The forum will run over two days, and Motorlife will be our hosts, showing us some of the interesting places in the area. Please mark it on your calendar - we would love to see you there.

Which brings me to the final event of the year, which is the International World Forum to be held in Naples, Florida, U.S.A. on November 10th-14th. It should be an extremely interesting programme organised by the REVS institute. For information regarding the forum, refer to REVS-WFMM-NAAM-2020.org. Book now as accommodation is limited. If anyone requires further information, please contact myself or Kelvin Ferris.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Kembla Grange, and I will continue to attempt to grow our membership as your Chairman, as a roving ambassador for our association.

Yours Faithfully

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