

AUSTRALIAN HISTORIC MOTORING FEDERATION

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2019 – 2020

Thank you to all Delegates for allowing me to be your President for the past 12 months. It has been an honor to serve the Historic Vehicle community in such a way.

Some of our achievements and matters worked on during this year were:

1. 2020 Festival - the arranging of the 2020 Festival in Albury. Although the event had to be cancelled due to COVID requirements all the hard work had been done and over 300 vehicles were to attend. Some were even almost to Albury when we had to cancel. Thank you to Christine for leading the sub Committee for this event that included Greg, Maxine, Mike, John and Robyn. On behalf of all associated with AHMF - thank you. Arranging an event is just one part but when it has to be cancelled so close to the event taking place it become a much larger task. The work that has been done since by Christine and Maxine in particular is amazing and so many post packs sent and so many refunds made and accounts paid. Again thank you all.
2. Importing of Vehicles ACT review – Thank you to all Delegates who have joined in on the meetings held by the Government in regard to the ACT review. I know a lot of information was sent out but not surprisingly there were little replies received back. I trust that as I did not receive replies that you were all satisfied with the outcomes and all people wishing to import vehicles will have a good system to use.
3. Luxury Car Tax – This still applies and given the reply we received from the Federal Government some time ago that the funds raised were being used to keep our roads good for us to use I cannot see that they will be dropping it soon.
4. Asbestos in Imported Vehicles – Nothing has been received from Boarder Force over the past 12 months.
5. Regular phone link up meetings – These are available for all Delegates to join in on and are a good way to keep AHMF matters up to date constantly. Regretfully some Delegates do not join in and represent their Council which is a loss to the members they are representing. To those who have joined in I thank you for your attendance and input to the meetings.

Thank you to the hard working Committee that do all the work behind the scenes on a daily basis. Christine as Secretary, Maxine as Treasurer and Mike as Vice President and John as the Robert Shannon Committee Chair. Without all your hard work over the past 12 months the Historic Vehicle movement would not be in the good position it is in Australia.

It's a shame we cannot all meet in person but that is beyond our control. But we need to make what we can of what systems we have available to us and keep meeting by phone and discussing highlights and concerns from across the Country.

Thanks again everyone and I hope you all stay safe.

Neil Athorn