

Heads Up - from the desk of the Club President

Dear Members,

What can possibly be said about this year that hasn't been said already? Not wanting to proclaim to be a soothsayer, I really can't see all this coming to an end in the immediate future and expect restrictions will be with us for some time to come. Without getting too political, whilst the depth of the crisis varies from state to state, I personally am reasonably happy with the way it has been handled here in New South Wales. Sure, we have our morons and boneheads the same as other states who persist on doing their own thing against the soundest medical advice, but on the whole, I am proud to be in the state where people generally take responsible and thoughtful actions as a given. Anybody want to relocate to Victoria?

Due to government directions, activities over the last two months have been somewhat restricted. The outing to Cataract Dam was cancelled at the last minute when we were made aware that there was a smaller limit on the number of people who could congregate than what we had thought. A small number of Southern Highlands's members showed up and had a quaint personal picnic. A few of us from the Sutherland area (and beyond) get together for a short Sunday run about once a month and finish up at Waterfall to have morning tea at the fish and chip shop on the highway. The Club's annual Show and Shine was held on the September 13 at Auburn Botanical Gardens which was under surveillance by the Local Council to ensure that published restrictions were adhered to. A report on this event is contained elsewhere in this issue.

Word has been received that cancellations are already being announced for some of our future major events. Two popular events to be cancelled are Wings Over Illawarra for 2020 and Gnoo Blas in February 2021. Keep your fingers crossed that there are not too many more. Our



Sydney Regional Co-ordinator, Davis Bursill, is always on the lookout for outing destinations, but naturally is having trouble due to all the restrictions that keep popping up and changes to the regulations with conditions fluctuating continuously.

Not a lot has been reported lately on the Wenona Girls School Morris Minor Restoration project, due mainly of course to a long postponement of the project. This is well and truly in progress again and an update report is in this edition (space permitting), if not, next issue.

The Department of Fair Trading, the government body under whom we operate, and our own Constitution allow us six months after the completion of the financial year to conduct the Annual General Meeting. As the present number of people allowed to congregate at a meeting is only 10, the club will not be holding an AGM until we can get a reasonable amount of people to attend. The Committee will be constantly monitoring the situation to ensure that an AGM is held within the required time as well as giving the required notice in accordance with the regulations. As I write this, arrangements have been made for an Executive Meeting within the next few days.

An update of the Club's Constitution has been carried out and is now complete. It is expected that all members will receive a preliminary copy in the not too distant future for consideration and voting at the AGM.

In the meantime, on behalf of the Committee, we wish all of our members continued safety and good health. Hopefully we will see many of you at a club event in the not too distant future.

Bob Gilliland, President