



2016 Annual General Meeting Report for the financial year 2015/16



“Happy 25th Birthday Motafrenz”

From your President

What a wonderful year we have had, and what a wonderful club we are all Members of.

How very proud I am to have served as your President this past year. The Club now 25 Years young, what a marvellous achievement! As I reflect on the larger GLBTI Community and what has been achieved over the years, it is very pleasing to see that we have the benefit of this wonderful motoring club that provides members a safe and happy environment to be themselves, love whom they choose and enjoy driving vehicles from a variety of marques and years.

Some may say that having a GLBTI car club, why is there such a need? Why do we still need Gay bars, Pride March and other events to show who we are? Well it is simple, we have come a long way, but still have so far to go until Equality is just that, equal no matter what race, sex, religion or colour of your skin, no matter how old or young, Equal. With recent World events it shows that there is still work to do and continuing to have such a vibrant club with wonderful members and events shows that no matter how small the community we live in, we have so much to offer to the wider community.

I wish to thank the entire outgoing Committee and all Members for all of the support and achievements over the past club year. Through careful governance and the support of Members we have continued to have, a fantastic presence throughout the year at GLBTI events such as Midsumma and ChillOut, great displays at shows such as AOMC National Motoring day and RACV Classic showcase at Flemington Racecourse, a respectful balance in the bank and lots of fun and friendships blossom.

After 13 years serving on the Motafrenz Committee, as Secretary, Events Coordinator, Community Liaison, and President now twice, I thank you once again for the support from each and every one I have met over this time.

May the Motafrenz Car Club be around to serve the Community at large for another 25 years and many more.

Yours in Safe Motoring

Anthony Wiseman



From your Secretary

As Secretary of Motafrenz, most of the work is a behind-the-scenes role. I need to ensure that the Committee Meetings run smoothly, that decisions are accurately recorded and action items are listed and actioned. In addition the post and correspondence need to be handled promptly to ensure smooth communications. All of this is routine.

The other area in which I have been involved as Secretary is the Club's Constitution. During this year there were no changes made to the Constitution and at this stage none are foreshadowed for the coming year.

Gordon Campbell

From your Treasurer

The 2015/16 financial year has been a year of consolidating the club's finances after major changes to membership fees over the last five years.

The result for the 2015/16 financial year is a deficit of \$258.12. Whilst the deficit is not ideal, we have managed to keep the amount low. In fact, we have used surplus cash flow over the financial year to upgrade several of the Club's property items, with new banners recently purchased. Total Club property purchases for the FY came to \$1,821. Our highest expenditure on upgrading Club property for many years.

Receipts totalled \$8,661.66 (compared with \$7,505.40 last year) and Expenses totalled \$8,919.78 (compared to \$7,408.38 last year). The biggest change has been the increased expenditure on Club property, as mentioned above.

The Club's funds at the end of the financial year stand at \$17,212.63 (compared to \$17,436.66 last year). All up the Club is in a good position with a strong balance sheet and is running financially within its means.

An update re fees:

After several years where our membership fees have declined, the Club is increasing membership fees and will be the first increase in fees for over five years. Our fees need to reflect the cost of administering and running the Club and in this regard, over the last few years we have been exposed to cost increases. As well, the Club has been purchasing and replacing ageing club property. This cost pressure is expected to continue over the next financial year. In light of this and to ensure the receipt of membership fees covers our running costs the Committee has approved a small adjustment in our membership fees.

The new membership fees are:

- Single - \$45
- Joint - \$60

Russell Lees

From your Events Co-ordinator

2015/16 has been a great year for successful events.

These include the 3rd Sunday drives, four wheel drives, Special events, the summer and July Christmas parties and the slot car racing.

The major events worth mentioning that we attended for the year include:

- 1) Show and Shine
- 2) Pride March
- 3) Daylesford ChillOut festival parade and carnival
- 4) AOMC/RACV Classic Flemington
- 5) AOMC/RACV National Motoring Heritage Day

The only unsuccessful event this year was the American Motoring show although we did quite well the year before.

At the bottom end of the scale would be the Shepparton pride day which was poorly attended overall.

The most outstanding event of the year was the Bendigo tour lead by Damien to many fanatic and exciting places and attracted a significant number of members and friends.

I am sure we will continue to with great events and always looking forward to further input from members, particularly those that want to come up with great ideas and want to lead an event.

As a closing note to this report, Christmas in July is 'back to the Woodend pub' in two weeks' time from our AGM.

I (Jeffrey Whitehead) personally wish to continue in the role of Event Coordinator should I have that support from Motafrenz members.

2015/16 so far:

2015-12-13 3rd Sunday drive to members Holiday house at cape Schanck Christmas party
2016-01-31 Pride March extravaganza
2016-03-08 Daylesford - Chill Out parade and carnival
2016-03-20 3rd Sunday drive - Shepparton to Motor Museum
2016-03-24 Saturday drive in Easter - Ballarat Rootes Group
2016-04-10 Sunday AOMC/RACV Classic Flemington (About 900 vehicles were on display.)
2016-04-17 Sunday drive Yea And Alexandra
2016-05-15 3rd Sunday drive National Motoring Heritage Day Mornington RACV/AOMC
2016-06-19 3rd Sunday drive - Moorabbin air museum and Bolwell

To come:

2016-07-24 3rd Sunday drive Christmas in July Woodend Pub
2016-08-21 - Mornington Peninsula Winery Tour with Brett H
2016-09-01 Tuesday Cup day shenanigans Seaford
2016-09-18 3rd Sunday drive - Dandenong Ranges Puffing Billy
2016-09-25 Show and Shine Balwyn
2016-10-16 3rd Sunday drive - Point Nepean National Park walk and Barbecue

Jeff Whitehead

From your Editor

Cruise Control is the magazine of our club; therefore it needs to contain your pictures of the events, thoughts, car-related articles, reviews, etc., to be interesting and appealing to all of us. I encourage you to send any contributions to guarantee the future continuity of the magazine otherwise it won't be interesting.

I would like to thank the participation of the members that contributed in any way to the magazine. Hopefully we can count on you again for the future.

This year I've kept the layout of the magazine that Mike and I started last year, keeping it simple and easy to read on PCs, phones and tablets. As you know, the magazine is emailed to members and posted on our Facebook profile, but if you can't find an old copy, just send an email to editor@motafrenz.org.au

Best regards,

Francesc Rubió



From your Webmaster

During this financial year, we've had some minor behind-the-scene changes on the club's website as well as your usual content update.

Our different Facebook pages will be soon consolidated into a single one, so we appreciate your inputs about which option will be best for the club: a page, a profile or a group. Make sure you express your opinion on the club's Facebook group (www.facebook.com/groups/175311325859757), profile (www.facebook.com/motafrenz), by email to webmaster@motafrenz.org.au, or attending our monthly Committee meetings.

Remember that we're also on Instagram www.instagram.com/motafrenz

If you ever get an email bounced back when writing to a @motafrenz.org.au address, just contact any of our Committee members so they can let the webmaster know.

Best regards,

Francesc Rubió

From your Membership Officer

This is my first year as membership officer. Firstly I would like to thank the committee members for all assistance and encouragement, especially Russell- the previous membership officer. The club is in a very good position and this is reflected in the current membership. There are 167 members.

Joseph Sirianni



From your Privacy Officer

The Club has had a long-standing commitment to protecting the personal information of members. The privacy of members is important to us. Motafrenz has a privacy policy; this relates to how the Club collects, uses, discloses, holds and safeguards personal information.

Members do not need to complete membership forms to renew their membership. Just a reminder that you have answered the following questions in the past:

- Your contact details may NOT be included in the Club Contact List - NOTE: This list is ONLY circulated to members
 - Your photo may NOT be included in 'Cruise Control' magazine
 - Your photo may NOT be included on the Club's website
- You are at liberty to change your instructions at any time.

Once again, just a reminder that the club is not responsible for comments on social media sites. Please be mindful about information that you may upload onto these sites, especially about other members. Sometimes good intentioned actions can cause grief, pain or hurt to others.

Happy Motoring,

Joseph Sirianni.

From your Property Officer

During 2015-2016 we purchased another new marquee and “retired” one which had seen better days. We also purchased two sets of weights which can be used to anchor marquees at events where tent pegs are not allowed, such as Midsumma Sports Day. The Committee also approved the purchase of a set of collapsible teardrop-shaped banners.

Following the closure of the ACT Chapter in 2015 Stuart returned a banner, marquee and a collapsible table. All were in excellent condition and have been added to our stock.

- Our Property remains accounted-for and in good condition and ensures that at the many public events and Club outdoor events we present as a professional, well-organised Club providing information to the community and comfort to our members

Thank you all for a wonderful year.

Gordon Campbell



From your Permit Officer

As the permit officer my role is to check and sign new applications for suitable vehicles to be placed on the Vic Roads Club Scheme. This involves keeping a data base for the club and photographs of new applications, I also am required to sign the renewals of vehicles that have met the requirements set down by both Vic Roads but also the clubs requirements.

You must be a financial member of the club and attend a club event with each of your CPS cars during the calendar year of your renewal date.

You also have a responsibility to keep the club updated on your CPS vehicles should any changes occur ; sold, accident damage causing the CPS to be unusable, unsafe or unroadworthy.

Our number of cars continues to increase every year and I make myself available to our members both for general enquires and for renewals and new applications.

Michael Frith

From your Federation Representatives

Brett Tooke & I have been to 2 meeting of the Federation of Veteran & Vintage car Clubs (Victoria) over the past 12mths - one in Shepparton and one in Warrnambool.

The Federation have continued to liaise with VicRoads, the AOMC, the RACV and Victoria Police in the governance of the Club Permit Scheme. A review of participant clubs has been implemented with many participant clubs having been deregistered for breaches of CPS policy.

There have been several other developments over the past 6mths - the most important being that Victoria Police now have access to the VicRoads CPS data base. This should ease the confusion should a CPS user be pulled over whilst driving their CPS car. As an aside to this, the accessibility also means that outside agencies such as CityLink and EastLink now have the ability to issue infringement notices to Tollway users who have not put the vehicle onto an existing Tollway account or purchased a day-pass.

The Federation have continued to seek further clarifications regarding the implementation of the CPS at VicRoads offices - many tales of woe have been expressed with VicRoads staff. Personally, I've had both positive and negative experiences, but overwhelmingly VicRoads staff seem to understand the scheme and its requirements.

At the most recent meeting, an area of concern that may impact the Club is that a the CPS now infer the club requires a compliance officer - the definition of this requirement has been sought from VicRoads and hopefully will be provided at the next Federation meeting in August. As an approved participant of the CPS, MotaFrenz has a responsibility report any unsuitable CPS plated vehicles to VicRoads and to also keep a check on the suitability/safety of member vehicles.

The Federation continues to lobby for the rights of affiliated motoring clubs throughout Victoria. If re-elected as a MotaFrenz representative to the Federation, I will provide further elaboration and information in relation to the above developments.

Alan Benedetti & Brett Tooke

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From your Community Representative

We at Motafrenz have a great connection with the LGBTI community and this has been through various events and fund raisers. It has been a pleasure to serve as the Community Liaison person.

Though due to outside factors I feel I was not at always an affective committee member. However over this year we have seen the LGBTI community grow and become more visible.

From our participation in Pride March with the theme "Marriage Equality" having our own salute to marriage equality with the help of a couple and their son in Peter's Austin was high light. Also Motafrenz was able provide funds to Daniel Witthaus and the NICHE project via our fund raising

efforts from the Magical Mystery Tour funds during Mid Summa. Motafrenz also maintained a presence at the Sports day and Mid Summa Carnival day.

All I can add is thank you to the members for your support of all the events that the committee arranges and hope that we see each of you at an event sometime soon.

Darrell Sugar

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From your AOMC Representative

2015/16 and I have attended all quarterly AOMC delegates meeting.

Motafrenz has also been apart of the AOMC lead car meets:

- 1) 2016-04-10 Sunday AOMC/RACV Classic Flemington (About 900 vehicles were on display.)
- 2) 2016-05-15 3rd Sunday drive National Motoring Heritage Day Mornington RACV/AOMC

We were not successful at getting members to represent us at the AOMC/Shannons American car show this year but were the year before and maybe the year next.

I have also brought the Vice President of the AOMC to the 2016 AGM to speak a bit about the history of the AOMC, what they have achieved for all car clubs and where they are going. I am sure that will help convey the importance of our involvement as a member club of the AOMC.

I (Jeffrey Whitehead) personally wish to continue in the role of AOMC delegate should I have that support from Motafrenz members.

Jeff Whitehead