



Newsletter June 2021

Dear Members,

Yet another financial year comes to an end. Hopefully many of you have begun to recover from the horrors of the past eighteen months. Unfortunately, we will all live a life of uncertainty for some time to come. Last year the AMMA board agreed to waiver membership dues for 2020, however we do have financial commitments like everyone else and so must request renewals for 2021.

On a personal note, Maxine and I have decided to relocate our museum to Qld., closer to our grandchildren. This has been hampered by a spell in hospital for myself for major surgery, and knowing that a second operation is due in September, I am not sure when our move will be completed. Taking on a task such as this in our latter years is almost impossible. With the move we have decided to rationalise our collection, however it is now apparent that the value of vintage and veteran cars is extremely low. However, prices for 60's and 70's classics continue to skyrocket, especially those Aussie Icons. It does make you wonder where we are headed, and what will the future hold for our museums.

Owing to the above, my ability to actively push forward with AMMA business will also be somewhat hampered. It is temporary, and hopefully by next year The World and I will be a lot healthier to foster the historical vehicle movement.

AMMA continues to keep in touch with the World Forum through Kelvin Ferris and AMMA is committed to financial support of this organisation. Like AMMA the World Forum is not for profit, and its leaders are all volunteers and head some of the major museums and societies throughout the World. The newest board member is the head of the Toyota Museum in Japan. The pandemic has upset all plans for future physical conferences however Florida USA is still planning to go ahead at some stage, followed by Tokyo in 2023/4.

The World Forum is planning a virtual conference for later this year. Details will be forwarded as they come to hand. Our own AGM will again be in October, and again via Zoom. Our first attempt last year organised by Peter Quennell was reasonably successful, and with aid of our newly appointed webmaster we should be able to connect with many more members. Don't forget our website, we are always looking for news and events to keep our website active. For members wishing to visit the member's information, the username is motor, and the password is museum@amma.

Early last year, we printed a small quantity of new brochures. We have a few remaining, and some members have requested more copies. I will send them out as soon as possible. With three new members, a revised brochure will be printed after all membership renewals have been received this year.

As always, I would like to hear from as many as possible, and to find out how most of you are coping in these unbelievably hard times.

I also look forward to meeting with you all in due course.

Kindest regards

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