

Annual General Meeting Report

ASHBURTON CAR CLUB

2019-2020

I would like to welcome you all here for the 2019-2020 A.G.M of the Ashburton Car Club.

Firstly, like I would like to thank this year's committee for all their hard work over the last 12 months as well as all the partners and spouses putting up with it, also to all the people that have turned up to help out at events that sometimes get forgotten, without those people our club could not run such great events.

We have had a very usual year in which I will talk about later

EVENTS

Winslow Willowby Standing ¼ Mile Sprint - We have tried numerous times to run this event but every time we had to cancel, it was normally raining when we had the dates booked. We were finally successful a few weeks ago with the weather playing its part we had great numbers and a good variety of cars.

Levels Club day - Was booked for the beginning of June but with COVID restrictions it would have been very difficult to run but fortunately, we were able to move it the end of June where restrictions had been lifted, this year we had 34 confirmed entries, we were unable to take entries on the day.

A big thank you to the Volunteers that helped with this, as well and a huge thank you to the volunteers that helped to man the South Canterbury Rally which is how this event is made possible, without them and the subsidy we get for doing this would price us out of this track day.

Looking to the future for next year maybe exceedingly difficult with the cost of track hire and not helping with the Rally, we as a club are looking at another alternative.

Motokhanas - Have been incredibly positive this year even in these uncertain times, we have had seven motorkhana's throughout the season.

Mostly held at the clubrooms, James was fortunate enough to secure a sealed motorkhana at Rural Transport this year we are hoping to be able to use this in the future.

Malcolm Lovett Automotive kindly sponsored a three series event along with prize money and pizzas. These events were to encourage new members. It is great that Malcolm has said he will do the same for next season. We even held a fun couples motorkhana in celebration of Harold and Rebecca's engagement there was even some blindfold driving and a few domestics. ☺

Autocrosses - A huge thank you to the Muckle Family who let the club run 3 autocrosses at their place, Wayne and Thomas set everything up, all we had to do was show up. For the first time in an exceptionally long time, we held an autocross at the clubrooms with a few different courses with a jump over the embankment at was a fantastic event. We will be looking at having more of these events at the clubrooms.

A big thank you to those who support these events by helping, entering as well as allowing us to use their land to run events, without you we would not be the club we are.

Shingle Sprint - We had secured Mt Hutt again which we have not been able to run this event in such along time. Wayne had put a lot of work into this event but due to lack of entries, we had to cancel. Hopefully, we will be able to get it back for this season but run it later in the race season, so it does not clash with other shingle events.

Street Sprints and Wheels Week events - Unfortunately, this year as you all know all these events were canceled due to COVID-19.

CLUBROOMS

- A special thank you to Ricky our club custodian he keeps an eye on our rooms. Thank you to those who have helped to keep the clubrooms tidy, mowing the lawns, tree trimming, cleaning the spouting, and weed spraying. Thank you to James for organising Hayden Tasker who has done this as a donation to the club.
- Unfortunately, over the lockdown period there was an attempted break-in there was nothing taken but they did do a wee bit of damage.
- The club was going to go to the Lions Foundation for a grant to paint the inside but due to COVID, we thought it might be best to wait until times are more certain.
- The club has had a meeting with ECAN and the council about the back paddock and trees and the future is looking bright, we will need to continue these discussions.

ADVERTISING/SOCIAL MEDIA

- The club has upgraded our website with the help of Leese Rogers - it is modern, mobile-friendly, able to send club membership invoices, and very easy to use, it is also half the cost of the previous website, so be sure to head on over and check it out www.ashburtoncarclub.org.nz.
- Also, to all the photographers that come to our events – we thank you for your photos, they are a great way of remembering our club events. Please if you have any photos or would like to post anything that relates to our club or events then please forward them on.

MEMBERSHIP

Even with COVID-19 happening our club membership is sitting well we currently have 75 financial members and 12 life members; our membership age ranges from 12 to 80. It is great to see some of these members here tonight. Thank you for continuing to support the Ashburton Car Club – this is why we run our events it is about fun, friendship, family, great times, and lifelong memories.

COVID-19

- Well, what can I say, as you all know it has been an incredibly challenging year, not only in motorsport but life in general with the pandemic happening around the world. It has seen so many events canceled and postponed, along with Motorsport New Zealand restrictions changing all the time.
- Unfortunately, as a club, we had to cancel our biggest event of the year along with our other minor events for Wheels Week it has had a huge impact on the club financially.
- On the brighter side of things as a club, we decided that after lockdown we would try and fit in as many events we possibly could and extended the calendar season and it has worked.

Key points

- We have a great club with terrific members our volunteers we have are 100% appreciated with their time given up for us
- We have a lot of interest from "out of towners" from other clubs and a lot of those "out of towners" has since joined the club
- We are utilising the clubroom grounds more and more
- It is still awfully expensive for road closures; we are working with our club members to be able to do this ourselves
- Only 3 members that are qualified to run events with the clerk of the course title, it would be fantastic if some more people were to get their licenses and share the workload around. There is only the same hand full of people that actively help/run events
- Some of our club members have been working hard to find new venues for our events. We are working hard to find more sealed venues. If you know anyone or anywhere that would be suitable please talk to one of our committee members
- We have to future proof ourselves

Regards

Shayne Adams - President