

## **Presidents report - Cohuna AGM 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020**

I would first like to thank the committee for all the support I have had over the past year. They are an amazing team who are totally dedicated to the work they do for the Solos Network – It has been a real pleasure to work with these six people

### 2021 as been an interesting year from many aspects

Firstly, we have battled through Covid and learned to deal with all the issues that came with that. Fortunately, there is now light at the end of the tunnel and life is taking a turn for the better for most of us. May I thank you for all your assistance in managing the Covid regulations here at Cohuna

Early last year the newly appointed committee were faced with a significant change in communication with the you, the members, when we lost control of our website and our email service was closed down. The recovery was fortunately fairly swift and within a few weeks we had a new website up and running. This happened in parallel with the creation of a new email service.

I would like to register the committee's appreciation to ex president Geoff Phillips who provided all the expertise in achieving this. Geoff has kindly managed the role of Webmaster since then which we also appreciate– thank you Geoff.

Rally postponements due to Covid played a big part in our calendar. Firstly with Blackbutt in Qld and then with this rally for Cohuna. The result being that we were unable to have rallies of this sort for almost 12 months – something that was hard to live with. Better times are ahead as we continue our travels

One of the positives to come out of living with Covid was that the committee were obliged to resort to Zoom for meetings. This was a new direction for us and was a definite improvement in managing our day to day affairs. Instead of face-to-face meetings, which usually only occurred at rallies twice a year, we now have monthly Zoom meetings which enables us to be more proactive in getting our work done.

As has already been mentioned at the forum, there has been ongoing communication with Head Office regarding concerns over the running of tagalongs within the Club. A meeting was convened with the CMCA Board at

the end of January where we were able to discuss the issue in an amicable way. A letter has been received from the CEO as a result of that meeting and certain important items from that letter were read to members at the Forum. We have also been advised that information will be passed to all chapter executives identifying where CMCA stands on this matter. A similar announcement will also be made to the general membership shortly.

As many will have already heard, Rosemary our RLO, has already set her sights on rallies for the next couple of years and we will soon be focussing on venues after our major trip to Leeman in WA. A number of locations are already being considered including, western NSW, South Australia and possibly Tasmania in 2024. More information will be available in the coming months.

We will shortly be holding the election for three positions on the committee. One of those is for the position of Assistant Treasurer. Greg Smith has held this position for two years, but now feels it is time to step down and take life a little easier. I would like to acknowledge the hard work that Greg has given to the Solos over that time and wish him well for the future – thank you Greg

Thank you