

## **AUTOSPORT CLUB PRESIDENT REPORT**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2018**

Welcome to the Autosport AGM and Prize Giving for 2018.

The year started with an Autocross at Okuku on February the 11<sup>th</sup> with a slippery course and light rain – a contrast to this February.

The AGM and Prizegiving was on February 21<sup>st</sup> and then followed our first Sprint at Cust with 48 entries.

April 29<sup>th</sup> was another Autocross and May 20<sup>th</sup> the Rakaia Zig Zag sprint.

June 3<sup>rd</sup> was our Canterbury Rally in the Ashley Forest.

29<sup>th</sup> July was the Kaiwara Sprint followed by the Auchenflower Sprint on 19<sup>th</sup> of August.

On September 1<sup>st</sup> we held the Hanmer Royce Watson Memorial Rally. What a great event until the later stage of the Rally when we heard the news of a major accident which claimed the life of our photographer Kevin Corin. A tragic accident which has given our Rally Team a real shock again and the Clerk of the Course Barney more un-needed time speaking with the Authorities which will end in the Coroner's Court. The Forest authorities have run in protection and this may tarnish our future in the Forests throughout the country.

In General business maybe we should talk about the renaming of the Hanmer Rally with its memorial status.

The final event of the year was an Autocross at Okuku.

The Committee has again done a lot of work in getting these events off the ground and I thank them.

Sarah Brennan has done her first year as Secretary and has done a fine job learning a lot on the way.

Leanne has continued as Rally Secretary and the two of them spreading the load has been a great idea.

Tony Witheridge has again done the van timing for another year and a great job again. It would be lovely if someone else could learn this job to relieve Tony at times.

Karl has been busy on the Web site and is training Jack Smith to do some changes.

Tim Smith, Chris Herdman and Barry Deuart have helped behind the scenes. John Weir is forever there as a scrutineer ably helped by Richard Towse and this is appreciated. Keith Troon has been our starter and Medic for the year and had done a great job. His medical knowledge is second to none so we are in good hands.

One person on the Committee is priceless and that is Barney. He directs our rallies with precision and is a book of knowledge for us all – Barney we certainly appreciate your time and effort you put in for the Club.

Many thanks to our scrutineers and Marshals for all the work they do. We cannot run these events without you.

Jamie thanks again for your effort as Club Treasurer – much appreciated.

Ross Teesdale has been a great Club Captain again this year and he has handed in the reigns so we want to thank you Ross for all you have done over your years on the Committee. Have a few jobs in hand for you to complete this coming year so thanks again.

To the Canterbury and Hanmer Rally Committee – thank you for your tireless effort again this past year. We will look forward to the upcoming Canterbury Rally with a new track proposed.

Lastly thank you to all of you Competitors who come along and make our events worthwhile. We all hope you enjoy the events we put on and of course any thoughts or recommendations to our new Club Captain will be appreciated.

Thank you all again

Graham Wilson

Club President