

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR DAVID MILES PRESENTED IN RECOGNITION OF **OUTSTANDING SERVICE** TO THE MG CAR CLUB OF QLD.

David's outstanding service to the Club is unusual in that it has come in two sessions separated by about 25 years.

David first joined the Club in May 1967 as he was the proud owner of an MGTC. He became involved in competition in gymkhanas and in working bees at Mt Cotton while the hillclimb was being built. He competed in the very first hillclimb held at Mt Cotton in Feb 1968 in his TC before becoming a circuit racer in his Centaur clubman. Despite his heavy involvement as a competitor he joined the Club Committee in 1970 and served his first term as President from 1971 to 1973.

Marriage and a young family then took over his life for many years until he rejoined the Club in 1997 competing in sprints, regularities and hillclimbs. The earlier process was repeated with David once again becoming part of the Committee before becoming Vice-President in 2000 and then President from 2004 until the end of 2008.

Whilst David's commitment to the Club is apparent from what has already been said, it is his achievements during his second term as President that are particularly remarkable. The Club membership doubled during this time and is still growing. Why? Because of the many initiatives for which he was responsible. Just a few of these are:

- His passion to find a permanent home for the Club. He was the person who found the building at Collinsvale St, Rocklea, saw its potential and then began the transformation of a very basic industrial building into welcoming clubrooms – a task which is still continuing.
- The formation of our four Country Chapters in Wide Bay, the Darling Downs, Capricornia and Far North Qld. David continues his direct

involvement with the Chapters now in his role as Chapter Liaison Officer for the Club.

- Improvements at the hillclimb including the introduction of the Alge timing gear and sound monitoring equipment. He also introduced midweek working bees which have brought together a group of people dedicated to the improvement of the venue – a success which is obvious for all to see.
- The introduction of midweek runs which grew very quickly from attracting a handful of cars to the more than forty at one of the runs at the end of last year. A number of people come on these runs at the invitation of friends in the Club and end up becoming members themselves.
- The introduction of a Club website which has proved to be a very efficient method of communication with our members and the change to a more modern format for the Club's magazine, the 'Octagon'.

These are just a few -- look around you at the clubrooms and at the hillclimb and you will see where David's hand – either metaphorical or physical – has been at work.