

AAR SECRETARY'S REPORT 2024 AGM

This report addresses Club membership and general AAR business that includes running costs and general issues that have arisen since the last AGM. Issues that have arisen with bike details in the AAR bike database (i.e. the register) are also explained. Details on the AAR website will be presented in the Webmaster's Report.

Membership

At the end of 2024, the number of members was 265, three less than the previous year. There were 27 from the previous year who did not renew in 2024, but that was balanced by 24 new members. With some banks having already discontinued issuing/honouring cheques, payment of fees by direct credit/ bank deposit is the most popular method for paying membership fees. While I still get some members who don't have online banking are sending cash through the mail, others in the same position have been paying by money order. For those members who pay by money order and cash, I recommend they deposit the subscription at a branch of the CBA bank or Post Office, and if they should contact the Secretary if unaware of the Club's bank account number. Please do not send cash in the mail as it is insecure and please do not staple cheques to the renewal form. Holes from staples often cause a cheque to be rejected by deposit ATMs, the method I now use for banking cheques

Those members still to renew their membership please take the time to complete all aspects of the renewal form, including bike details and current email address. If listing a bike, please complete engine and frame number for the national and international register of Ariel motorcycles in Australia. Just listing year and model only will not result in an entry in the register.

Including those members still to renew for 2025, the demographics for the 265 currently listed in the 2025 AR membership database, leading to this meeting were:

ACT	10
NSW	56
NT	3
QLD	48
SA	34
TAS	10
VIC	84 (includes one Honorary)
WA	19
Overseas	1

AAR Bike Register

The bike register still has many incomplete listings, deficient in engine and frame numbers. Just listing a model is pointless for a 'register' as the bike could already be listed under a previous owner. When members sell a bike, please notify the Secretary of the new owner (name and locality). The Club exchange of engine and frame numbers with the AOMCC's register of bikes known to be in Australia has proven fruitful with feedback identifying interesting information on original history. The information exchanged doesn't include owners' personal detail, just name and locality.

AAR Business

Affiliation: The Club remains affiliated directly with Motorcycling Australia. The affiliation fee of \$440 covers an annual country-wide event permit and Public Liability Insurance for third parties impacted by any Ariel events the Club holds (includes local events and national rally).

Running Expenses. Expenses incurred in managing the Secretary's office were \$1,216.20, which includes affiliation fee (with PLI cover), annual return fee (covers Club's incorporation registration), postage items (stamps, envelopes, etc) and computer costs (web site hosting/domain registration, software, firmware), printer ink and printing paper. There were two additional costs of \$324 to replace the printer and \$557.40 for 100 membership badges. Details of these expenses are shown in the financial statement.

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*As at 1 Jan 25