

KAC Presidents Report – August 2019

To the members of KAC, I am pleased to be able to present you with the President's Report for the 2018/2019 season.

From my perspective it was pleasing to see a relatively healthy level of activity at the club right through the season, from the opening weekend in November to the club dinner the weekend after Easter.

Particular highlights, including the good weather we were afforded for the majority of the season, included:

- Opening weekend, musician and festivities organised by Sam and her helpers.
- New Year's Eve, which was again a great success, with many thanks to David and Karen for organising the kids' events, Sam & Dale etc for organising adults.
- Australia Day activities, lead by Daniel and Andrew and our other younger members.
- Annual Club dinner held in Sheffield and on club site.

The 2018/2019 season saw a change to the composition of the club executive and committee, with 5 new appointments. It was particularly pleasing to have two of our younger members, Daniel Shepard and Andrew Norris join to provide their perspective and contributions. That said, it is also very reassuring to have other long serving members of the club still contributing on the committee to provide the perspective of experience.

With the signing of a new 5 + 5 lease with the Hydro in August 2018, there were a number of obligations that the club needed to undertake. The more significant of these were:

- To obtain written consent or approval from Sustainable Timber Tasmania (STT) to utilise our access road which crosses their land.
- Development of a strategic plan to assist with the club's strategic direction.

I would like to thank Dave Russell for his work in obtaining a right to utilise the access road from STT.

Through the use of the club wide questionnaire and a committee members' strategic planning day (held in April 2019), the committee has come to a general consensus about what is important to the club and what we should work on going forward.

In summary, a number of important facts about the club became very evident:

- Members are very passionate about their club.
- They are very appreciative of what we have, both the natural setting and also the facilities that club members have developed over time.
- Infrastructure needs to be maintained and further developed to meet club needs.
- That the club needs new members, a reinvigoration to previous levels of activity, new active skiing members with families to be specific.

The process also identified which infrastructure projects are important to the club as a whole and the order they should be addressed.

The strategic plan will be a working document that will see refinement and change over time, but it will provide guidance as to the clubs' decisions in the immediate future.

The challenging high-water levels have certainly taken their toll on the foreshore retaining walls which have been identified as focus point for works prior to the 2019/2020 season commencement.

With a return to lower and variable water levels from the 12th of August, as the dam as the Devils Gate Power Station is recommissioned, it will also put pressure and renewed focus on the club being able to utilise pontoon facilities at the lower levels.

With respect to the need for new club members, I encourage all existing members to introduce any friends, acquaintances etc to the club as this has been identified as the best source of compatible new members. Late in the 2018/19 season a number of enquires were made and discussions had with prospective families, which could potentially lead to more active members and assist with the revitalisation of the club.

We are a water ski club and I would like to continue to ensure that our talent is fostered and developed as it has been in the past.

I would like to thank Rod Munting for coaching our juniors during the past season and providing them each with points to focus on. It is the committee's intention to run at least two coaching weekends this season, with one earlier in the season before Christmas.

A number of our younger members have continued to achieve fantastic results at a National level. They, and their families should be very proud of what they have achieved. Highlights included:

2019 Australian Championships	
Shania Browne	Matthew Browne
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st U21 Women's Slalom • 1st Under 21 Women's Trick • 1st Under 21 Women's Jump • 1st Under 21 Overall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th Open Men's Jump • 5th Open Men's Overall • 1st Over 21 Men's Trick

Easytow Malibu Masters
Montanna Eastley
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd Under 21 Women's Slalom, • 1st in U21 Women's Tricks • 2nd in U21 Women's Jump

I also wish to thank a number of members for their particular efforts:

- Karen Stallard, working tirelessly in the position of secretary
- David Stallard, the new treasurer and transitioning the club finances to Xero.

There are others that work tirelessly on projects and general maintenance around the club on a regular basis, you know who you are, so thank you. Our club would not be where it is without the ongoing regular input by members with these tasks.

I look forward to the 2020 season, the implementation of those infrastructure projects identified for the up coming season as well as the opportunity to make new friendships with prospective new members.

President

Simon Carins