

## **KAC Presidents Report – August 2020**

To the members of KAC, I am pleased to be able to present you with the President's Report for the 2019/2020 season.

The 2019/2020 year saw the Club continue to work towards achieving those goals that were set out in the prior years strategic planning process.

This saw a great amount of activity prior to opening weekend with the replacement of the foreshore log retaining wall, removal of dead blackwoods and the re-grassing of the foreshore area. This in itself was identified as a key part of the infrastructure upgrade plan, being the platform on which our on-water infrastructure is attached.

Once again it was great to see how Club members came together to deliver what is a significant project on a very modest budget, to enhance what is the geographical focal point of the Club.

I'd would also like to acknowledge the healthy relationship that has been developed between the Club and the hydro over the last two years, and in particular Karen Stallard for being responsible for fostering this.

This relationship provided Karen with the opportunity to facilitate these works as well as the recent dredging works around our pontoons and boat ramp which sees us achieving the ability to access the water through the 2.5 metre water level range that the hydro has adopted and utilizing.

Our member survey conducted in the previous year indicated that a key strategic goal for the Club was for it to attract new members, in particular young families. I am pleased to say that this year has seen two new skiing families join KAC that align closely with this goal.

Social interaction was strong throughout the year with the highlights being

- Opening weekend 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 once again organising the kids' events, and Sam & Dale etc for organising adults.
- Australia Day pontoon cruise with a bigger and better pontoon.

The Club was well represented in late March at the Skifari weekend held by the Meadowbank ski Club at their site, with a great weekend had by all. It was great to see some of our young adult members giving back to the sport providing ski tuition back to younger members as well as the experience and opportunity to receive tuition and ski with a world champion, Freddy Krueger.

The Club championships saw a good level of participation in what were initially challenging conditions. Deteriorating conditions saw the first round of slalom look more like a “fails” video, before conditions improved to a point whereby the event could continue. I look forward to the announcement of results before or during opening weekend.

The season came to an abrupt halt at the end of March with Covid. This included the inability of the Club to hold a Club dinner to close out the season and announce the Club Championship winners and recipients of other Club awards.

Moving forwards in the current Covid landscape the Club will have its challenges, needing to operate within the public health guidelines with members needing to interact in a responsible and respectful manner.

That said I can see that it will also offer, if regulation permits, an outlet for members to enjoy themselves with so many other options for travel and recreation now not possible. Members should also take the opportunity to consider the wellbeing of others in the Club and use the strong family like relationships to actively ensure the wellbeing of each other.

When our Club patron, Jeremy Rockliff visited our Club during the year, he conveyed his thoughts as to the significant contribution that Clubs such as ours have in mentoring and supporting its members through the challenges that they face through life. The 2021 season may have its challenges but it's often such times that can be the most rewarding.

I would like to congratulate the Club for the significant progress it has made with the goals that it had strategically set, particularly those on the committee, the subcommittee assisting with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations and those members that continually pitch in and give so much of their time and skills to ensure the success of the projects, events undertaken during the year and the general running of the club.

Hopefully Covid will not negatively impact our 2020/21 season as I am looking forward to reconnecting with our members on and off the water, celebrating the Club's 50 year anniversary and continuing to implement our strategic plan for the long term benefit of the Club.

Simon Carins

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