

KAC Presidents Report - August 2021

To the members of KAC, I am pleased to be able to present you with the President's Report for the 2020/2021 season.

The 2020/2021 was a major milestone for the club, celebrating its 50th year with a great weekend of celebrations. It was supported well with a turnout in excess of 100 past and current members and made the most of what can only be described as idyllic conditions. Many thanks to the organising committee who did a fantastic job of putting the day together. The memorabilia displayed on the day enabled all to truly reflect on the club's achievements and those that have been a part of it.

The season saw the club successful in securing a State Government grant of \$49,840 in the Community, Sport and Recreation, 'Improving the Playing Field' grant round. This grant will be used to purchase new 10 metre walkways to the pontoons and to carry out works on the island walkway to ensure that it is a usable area for the club well into the future. These works have commenced with the construction of a new log wall on the Western side of the walkway, receipt of the walkways, with the balance hoping to be completed by October. These actions will ensure that the club will be able to use the lake at the operational water levels (0 - 2.5 metres)

Although unsuccessful with a grant application for a new ski jump, favourable encouragement was received to re-apply in the following year. With this year's round of grant funding having just been announced, it may see the club realise its aspirations of having a new jump.

It's my observation that there has been a lot of talk about obtaining grants over the years, with little to no grant applications submitted by the club. I want to thank Karen Stallard for being the driving force behind the applications and obtaining this funding. Without the many hours she spent putting together the submissions we would not have received the grant. Thankyou Karen, your actions have achieved volumes.

Whilst on this topic I would also like to acknowledge our new life members Graeme and Jeanette Sturzaker. Once again, their actions over many years have made a real difference to the club. Congratulations Graeme and Jeanette and I thank you for all the contributions you have made.

The 2021/2022 year will see the club with somewhat reduced finances compared to recent years, with a significant contribution made to the works undertaken as part of the grant. That said, this investment will significantly benefit the club but further future expenditure on capital projects will need to be carefully considered. Needless to say, there is capacity in the current year's budget to ensure that current club infrastructure is maintained, including our access road which requires attention.

With reference to our strategic plan, we have over the last two years made good progress in achieving the goals set. With the completion of the grant project, I would suggest that the strategic plan be revisited and updated to reflect the progress made and new challenges for the years ahead.

The 2021 year also saw the club host a Canteen day with all involved finding it very rewarding. Those that participated are keen to continue this day with the possibility of providing an overnight experience in the future. With the government / community support we have received it is a great opportunity for the club to give back.

The club championships saw one of our newer members, Simon Sherriff take out the Club Champion award. Congratulations Simon. It has been great having both the Sherriff and Youd families at the lake this year, with many on water hours spent teaching their young families to ski.

I still strongly believe that the number one goal of new member², active skiing families should remain a focus. This is what will give the club strength and vibrancy with which to achieve its future goals. I wish to continue to challenge and 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.

Thank you to the members of the executive and committee for the work that you do for the club. I feel that the committee is working well and sustainably together, achieving great outcomes.

I look forward to the 2021 season, finalisation of the grant works, reconnecting with existing members, as well as the prospect of meeting new members and making new friendships.



Simon Carins
President