

KAC Presidents Report – August 2022

To the members of KAC, I am pleased to be able to present you with the President's Report for the 2021/2022 season.

The season saw the club continue towards improving its infrastructure with the pontoon walkways and the island walkway project moving closer to completion. It became evident throughout the season what a gamechanger these extra length walkways would make as far as access to the water. With water levels of 1.5 under spill for the month of December all pontoons were available for use with no fear of boats being left with insufficient water. The treads and hand rails combined with their length to decrease the angle also made access to the water far easier. Due to a number of factors the club is yet to finish the island walkway with top soil and grass still to be sown, with this hoped to be in place by October.

The club has had success in securing \$42,400 in funding to assist in purchasing a new ski jump. This is currently under construction at EM Engineering and Maintenance at a cost of \$53,658 with the expectation it will be delivered, floating in our lake during October.

This will complement the new slalom course which has now been constructed and at the lake awaiting installation on the water.

The club, through the assistance of grants, has invested heavily over the last few years in its on water infrastructure, which will maximise skiing activities at the club for many years to come.

However, over the coming seasons there will be a need to see some focus on renewing and providing additional flotation to our pontoons which are currently somewhat marginal.

These upgrades have come at a cost with the club finances being significantly lower than they have been for many years, and in addition, operational costs of the club have also continued to increase. This year's budget needs to address this and I believe by focusing on site fees rather than membership costs it will enable the club to slowly rebuild its financial resources whilst not excluding members but still continuing to provide great value.

Our aims from the strategic plan were

1. Future Membership Growth
2. Infrastructure Development & Focus

We have certainly achieved a lot of the items listed under the infrastructure and continue to add to our membership with two new families this season.

I believe we need to continue to focus on quality membership growth as it is my perception that other than the two peak periods occurring in December and January there could certainly be more activity at the club. With the closure of camping at Kentish Park there may also be additional membership requests from this that will need to be carefully managed.

As part of this increase in membership the committee has discussed at length ways in which to accommodate an increasing membership request for sites. As I touched on above, the challenge is to manage peak demand on a few busy weeks of the year. The concept of Roll in Roll Out has been put forward as a trial to maximise usage of sites in an attempt to minimise sites being tied up as permanent sites with very little use during the year.

I would encourage that members whole heartedly support this concept in its trial year and encourage those that have permanent sites which see very little usage approach the committee to discuss entering the RIRO concept so as to maximise the use sites.

Thank you to the members of the executive and committee for the work that you do for the club and in particular Karen and David in the roles of Secretary and Treasurer which consume significant amounts of time and effort.

My intention is to stand for re-election this year to see through and finalise the grant projects currently in train, and if re-elected this will be my final year in this position.

Regards

Simon Carins

KAC President