

MOTORCYCLING NEW ZEALAND INC - PRESIDENT REPORT

Year Ending 2018



Dear Affiliates and Members

‘DEFINING THE ROLE OF MNZ IN A MODERN WORLD’

Motorcycling New Zealand’s mission statement “**Advancing the sport of motorcycling**” possibly has a much wider application today than it had even from just a few years ago. It applies to so many facets of our sport and prioritizing some of these can be quite a challenge in the modern world.

A short list in no particular order of MNZs duties include.....

- Administer the sport efficiently and professionally on behalf of its members and affiliates
- Grasp and promote any opportunities that support our grassroots or junior sportspeople
- Mentor and upskill volunteers within our sport
- Be the leader for best Health & Safety practices within our sport
- Be aware of the environment and maintain sustainable practices for our sport
- Ensure that MNZ is relevant and adds value to our affiliates and member owners
- Participate in strategic plans with global and regional partners
- Recognise and give voice to lesser represented groups in our sport, for example women, minority ethnic groups, and those with physical disabilities
- Increase our membership numbers and their participation and also expand club affiliations to MNZ
- Continue to utilise the tools of modern media and work closely with stakeholders and promoters to raise the profile of the sport wherever possible
- Listen to the challenges that our affiliates are exposed to and provide solutions to these
- Work with local and regional government bodies on a political and administrative level to ensure that our sport is fairly represented against others
- Ensure that good governance is in place and that our administration is accountable and competent

The above captures just some of the work that Motorcycling New Zealand is tasked with as the governing body.

The 2018 year:

Financial:

2018 finds MNZ in a stable financial position and we have managed to work within the budget plan.

Individual discipline specific budgets are also in place; our commissioners primarily manage these. The GM along with an MNZ board-working group oversee these discipline specific budgets.

This system ensures that the Board of MNZ maintains an awareness of income and expenditure trends within our sporting disciplines.

Our focus is on keeping administrative costs as efficient as possible and keeping our affiliate's event costs as low as possible without forgetting the growth and promotional needs of the sport as a whole.

The Xero accounting system is now in full use and this has provided MNZ with improved reporting and forecasting abilities, and the MNZ App tool has had continued investment with modules progressively being put into use.

Sporting:

It is again pleasing this year to see a number of New Zealand riders leaving us to compete overseas to further their sporting careers and dreams. We consider this transition to be an excellent measure of success for Motorcycling New Zealand.

To assist these riders MNZ has continued its rider-funding program with all funds drawn from the allocated budget in 2018.

The year also highlighted the ever-increasing workloads of our sporting commissioners and selected senior officials. In particular, the volunteers involved with the larger commissions of road race, off road and officials have on-going challenges due to the drain on their time that these roles now demand.

The way MNZ manages this moving forward is under review, and we are looking to make positive improvements in the future.

2018 sees MNZ continue our drive toward becoming an organization that is modern, forward thinking and pro-active. This is one of our most difficult and far-reaching goals – however it is one that is worth positively pursuing.

We made good progress with work surrounding track guidelines and spectator safety at our permitted events. This work is part of a larger Motorsport Safety Protocol, encompassing third parties such as Work-Safe, Medical providers, other motorsport organisations, event organizers, clubs etc.

Education of our affiliates and members within this ever-evolving safety landscape continues to be a priority.

Thanks:

I thank all of our affiliate members clubs, life members, staff and strategic stakeholders for their constructive input during 2018 - I also thank our Governing Board our many officials and commissioners for their dedicated voluntary work given to MNZ for the sole benefit of our sports future - it has been a pleasure to work with you all.

With best regards and best wishes to all in motorcycling,

Glen Williams

President Motorcycling New Zealand Inc