

Auckland Branch

President's Annual Report for AGM 2021

Greetings! It's 2021 and 2020 is now behind us. What a year 2020 was! It will be a year we never forget. Obviously Covid 19 has changed our world. I am very grateful to be here in NZ where the decisive action by our government has made NZ probably the best place in the world to be.

The lockdown and changes of alert levels affected the functioning of our branch for several months. Our Welfare officers Lou Waller and Sandy Senk did a fantastic job ringing through the members list and keeping in touch with everyone and their needs during the lockdown. We really appreciate having such kind and caring people who put so much of their time into helping others. Thanks guys.

It's great that things are pretty much back to normal now.

We have our regular rides calendar full thanks to the dedication of Chris and the RIC team. They put together a varied and interesting programme of rides for all ages, stages and riders. Our rides are the lifeblood of our branch and we really appreciate all the work that Chris Moller and his leaders do.

We postponed the Remembrance weekend due to the uncertainty of Covid restrictions. It was great that we were able to run it at Labour weekend. Although numbers were down, it was very successful. The format worked well and the change of venue to the smaller auditorium received positive feedback and we plan to be there again this year.

I want to say a big thank you to all those people who contribute to the running of our branch by being on our committee.

It's been wonderful to have Tony Kay come on board as secretary and due to my limited available time, he has worked hard to keep all the cogs turning smoothly in the running of the club. He has also taken on the quartermaster role. I enjoy working with you. Thanks Tony.

Sig Falkenhaus has faithfully done the job of treasurer throughout the last year and has requested to stand down. At the moment, we don't have a replacement for him so he has volunteered to continue with the job until someone else can take over. Thank you so much for your dedication and integrity in doing this role Sig.

It has been great to have Sheryl Boyd organising more social events for us as a branch. Her choice of entertainment for Saturday night at the rally was a huge success and we had a thoroughly enjoyable time. We also enjoyed a lovely evening again at Ryders. Thanks for all your work Sheryl.

Peggy O'Neal has done a wonderful job with her coordination of the service for remembrance weekend and her ongoing work with the books of remembrance. She also coordinated the rally which is a big undertaking.

Thank you to Ian Methven for the support he gave as vice president. He was a helpful sounding board during the twists and turns of the Covid pandemic and together with Peggy coordinated another successful rally. He has given great service to our branch. Thanks Ian.

Vance Barrett has been championing promotion of our branch and recruiting of members. Thank you for the work you have put in. He has a new vision for the upcoming year which we look forward to seeing come to pass, as many of his ideas were unable to come to fruition during 2020 due to lockdowns and restrictions.

2021 committee: The majority of the committee are standing again. Proposed changes: Ian is stepping down from committee and we all thank him for his support. He will continue to help run the rally for 2021. Mark Benton, who has been on committee 2020, has been a great source of wisdom and contributed well to the way we run our branch. He is prepared to step up to the vice president role for the coming year. I'm really looking forward to working with Mark as we prepare to develop and strengthen our branch and its membership.

Neville Kerr is prepared to come back on to committee. It is great that you are prepared to be available. We love your contagious enthusiasm for the social aspects of our club and we look forward to your contributions.

I will be standing again for the president role and with the help of the committee and the support of branch members we hope to make 2021 a successful year for us all.

We also really appreciate all those who get stuck in and help at the various events, selling raffle tickets at our club nights, peeling veges and doing dishes at the rally, making new members feel welcome and all the other things which help our events run smoothly. You are all wonderful and help to make our branch a great place to be.

There has been a decline in membership this past year. This may well be due to the unusual year we have had with so many restrictions to meeting, however our focus going forward will be to market our branch and encourage new members to come along. We will also be streamlining our joining and renewal processes.

Together we can make our branch better. As a committee we are always open to people coming along with new ideas. Please feel free to chat to any of us at any time. 2021 – bring it on!

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