

Auckland branch President's Annual Report 2019

Greetings Everyone

Looking back at 2019. There are a lot of things to be pleased with.

The combined ride and lunch with the North Harbour branch in July was a great success. It has been encouraging to see an ongoing positive relationship between the branches with many of our members joining in with the Ronnie run North Harbour organised, and many of their members supporting our Rally. When members feel free to join in various runs from either branch it adds value and richness for both. Thank you for support on this journey.

Auckland Branch runs are offering a great variety of options for our members. Participation on the rides has been good. The Tuesday rides and Saturday cruise have also developed well over the past year. Auckland branch meetings have been great fun and something to look forward to each month. As a branch we have a wide variety of people with a common interest in motorcycling. Consciously developing a culture that makes everyone welcome has been an important part of our focus and it's been great to see how you have all made new members feel welcome, as well as those who have returned after an absence.

The awarding of Long Service medals has been a great opportunity to reconnect with some members who we have not seen that regularly at branch meetings.

Our Rally was a great success and I thank the committee for all the administrative work as well as their efforts in putting together an interesting and varied programme of entertainment.

Social events have been something new for us this past year and I would particularly like to thank Sheryl Boyd for all her work in putting these together. There has been a great turnout to the various events and we look forward to some more in the year ahead.

Retaining members is an important part of the continuing success of any club and I would encourage you to step out of your comfort zones a bit to chat to someone you may not have talked to before at a branch meeting or on a ride so that we continue to have members renewing their subscriptions.

I must express a big thank you to the committee. They have worked as a great team to ensure the smooth running of the Auckland branch, runs and various events. John Stephens is concluding as secretary and I would like to acknowledge all his hard work for us, not only in making sure that the more formal administrative side of our branch runs well, but in many other areas as well, such as motorcycle safety. David and Anne Tantrum will also be standing down from committee this year and I'm sure you will all join me in thanking them for all their work and efforts for us.

Our new committee has many of the same names as before and I want to say a Big thank you to everyone who is prepared to continue their work for our branch. I particularly want to thank Tony Kay. He has recently joined the club and first took over the role of quartermaster and now is also prepared to become our new secretary. Please offer him as much support as you can as we really appreciate a new member stepping into this role.

There is plenty of scope to improve things for the coming year. We are hoping to include some guest speakers for our branch meeting nights. Please feel free to contact a committee member if you have any suggestions for speakers. We will also be looking at sponsorship deals for the branch and the possibility of re-introducing a charity event.

There will be more Social events. We are hoping to host a picnic and a Christmas do.

On a personal note: Workwise things have got crazy busy. My Christmas holidays were cancelled and I only had the stats days off. My days have been consisting of working during the day and then doing the paperwork in the evening and weekends. Sadly, this has meant no time for me to join in with rides. None of this was anticipated when I agreed to do the President role for Auckland branch.

I am still keen to continue doing the president role, because I don't pull out of my commitments and there is nobody currently willing to take up the role.

As president, I feel there is a lot more I should be doing to do a good job in the role. I offer my apologies for my limited input in some areas. I am truly grateful to the support of the committee and members to ensure the smooth running of our Branch.

On the positive side for me. I have been employing extra staff and getting them trained. I still have an extremely busy schedule for the rest of February but if things go as planned I should have things under control by March. I will be heading to the Ulysses AGM in Blenheim and taking an extra week with

Raewyn on a South Island tour.

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