

# ***KooWeeRup & District MCC 2021 AGM***

## **Presidents Report – 15/02/2022**

### ***Introduction -***

- ***Well what can you say....*** 2021 was another memorable year, dealing with Covid, lockdowns, lockouts, masks, needles and not to mention toilet roll shortages...

***The strain of it all*** was starting to show in many ways by the end of the year... yet despite all these hurdles... our club showed resilience in between lockdowns and offered ways for our members both old and young to engage in the enjoyment of motorcycling. Whether that be trail, road, adventure, competition.... or out at our McGregor Rd tracks. Not many sporting clubs have an active age range from 4 years to 80 (Sorry Lindsay...) That's why we love motorcycling in whatever form!!

### ***Past Year Review***

#### ***Our Committee's and Office Bearers -***

- First of all... I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members for being part of this great club but in particular the members taking on Committee roles and other Office Bearer positions.
- ***Firstly.... to the Club Committee.*** Secretary Daniel, Treasurer James and Vice President Beau... Thank you for your time, support and guidance over the past two years dealing with our Covid world... Your ability to adapt to new technologies like Zoom was simply amazing... Never blaming the operator more than once!!
- ***To our track committee....*** Tony, Shane, Phil, Jo, Ali and Doc thank you for being a large part of the team that keeps the track open and to our Chief First Aider Kelly, Master Chef James and Mark for donating bacon and egg's though out the year along with Nobby for delivering much need water to the track, we couldn't do it without you... I know it's not easy to find the many hours of voluntary work you guys put in but it's very much appreciated. Without your dedication it just simply wouldn't happen, from track preparation, canteen and having a welcoming smile you've been a large part of building the Club's family friendly reputation... member and financial base... and that's something you should all be proud of... And certainly... not forgetting the many valued members who 'answer the call' and fill various Track Day roles so the track can open every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday. On average we have over 20 volunteers on any track day, which is outstanding.

- ***A huge thanks*** to Jo for her tenacity and many hours required in the roles of Membership Secretary and Merchandise Officer... Our membership database has never been in better shape, both historically and present. It's a real thrill to be able to give "OLD" members their original Club Membership Numbers on return to the club.
- ***And finally...*** to our Grants Officer Jo, what can we say but wow what a year. Your efforts along with committee support has brought in over \$74,000 in equipment/training/cash grants in the past year. This has helped make the club more self-sufficient in day to day maintenance, updating equipment that was long overdue while keeping an eye on future requirements. Thanks to my old love 😊

### ***Ride Captains –***

It was a hard year for the "captains" to organise anything with constant lockdowns but they all battled on and still delivered many wonderful rides when they could, along with assistance from other members who took up the challenge of leading a ride... Thanks to Beau & Fattie, Shane & Russ, Bob & Val, Rosco for your efforts and Terry for organising the clubs annual Tour "De" Tassie Road Ride and Trail Ride weeks, a real challenge during Covid.

Let's hope we can schedule in rides with confidence for the remainder of 2022

### ***Competition Highlights –***

- ***2021 was a stellar year*** for the club with National and State Championships going to a couple of very talented and dedicated riders... Firstly, Daniel Milner taking out the AORC outright and Moni Simioni for taking out the Senior Woman's VORC in her first senior season. Congratulations to both riders, would love to see you riding under the KooWee Cub banner for many years to come...  
Our competitive rider numbers are currently down on previous years but hopefully out of the hundreds of kids riding at McGregor Rd we'll get a few with competitive blood flowing through their veins...
- ***There's a first time for everything*** but what a year to run our first National Off-Road Event at Golden Beach. A brave call from Ned Kelly with Kiwi Terry by his side to take on something of this size and nature. But that they did... in what turned out to be a record-breaking event in both entries and spectators and our own Doog's winning the event outright. We should all be appreciative of the effort and time the volunteers put in to make it a great event... And to Colin and Ned for making their equipment

available to help prepare the property for the event, the club's very lucky to have members with rather large Tonka Toys !!

- **And congratulations** to Matty Beltcher and Hayden Allen being awarded the Club's (Miles Honda) Most Improved Junior Trophy for 2020 and 2021 respectfully, well deserving for their growth both in riding ability and volunteer work at the track.

### **Club Position –**

**The club committee made the decision** to rollover memberships (at no cost to members) over the past two years trying to ease the burden of living with Covid. Of course, not everyone needed it but hopefully it helped the ones that did... Despite the loss of two years of membership income the club has had very strong growth financially... thanks to Track, Golden Beach event, Grants, Hay cutting, growing membership numbers and along with club assets. We continued to grow through the most difficult of times and providing the youth of our local communities a safe grassroots riding facility... It's not for everyone but this type of riding has gained popularity around Australia with MA basing its "Ride Park Australia" initiative on our operational model couple of years back... which is something we should be proud of.

**Our low-level motocross track** and new car park are taking shape and will enhance our operations when operational, remembering we are a total voluntary club and work is performed on a voluntary basis... This brings me to a very special mention and thanks... to Colin and Terry for their continuing efforts to make it happen.

**Where the club has room** for improvement is preparing ourselves for the future with the need to blood younger members to be involved in future Committee and Office Bearer Positions to lessen the load on the "oldies." We need to focus on this now to guarantee our future ...

### **Finally -**

**It's been an honour** to hold the position of President over the past two years and thank you to my PA for making life little bit easier...

**One last thing...** Des thank you for being part of meetings and helping us out when needed, get up here ...(Presented with KWR&DMCC Jumper)

**Now for the final act as Outgoing President...** can I ask young Moni Simioni to come to the front..... (Proudly Presented with a \$1000 Cheque to assist with her 2022 VORC campaign.

Thanks everyone for listening...

John Spencer 15/2/22

