

# Presidents Report 2018

Well what a year it has been!! After taking over in March this year as President we have had a big 8 months moving IKC forward. It has been very challenging taking on such a big roll and shaping things to run smoothly and differently. If you haven't worked it out yet I move in one direction and that's forward at quite a fast rate, which for me has worked well in the past and has been working well so far this year.

I was confronted with an Action's register when I first took over that made me think I'm never going to get through these things. Most of the items had been on there for years and through not one person's fault the list just kept getting bigger. Some issues were quite urgent and needed attending ASAP in which we did. Ill just list a few items below of items being fixed and the cost involved. As you will see there are a lot of "one off" expenses which has added up this year but now are done and dusted and we can move on.

Insurance Claim excess of \$15000.00 for an incident that accrued in 2013- After seeking legal advice it was confirmed we did in fact have to pay this excess. After talks with KA and KQLD it was decided they would help us out. KA paying \$7500 and KQLD and IKC paying \$3500 each

The old caretaker had legal issues stemming back a few years after some legal help it was finalized with a payment of \$3000

Sewerage upgrade- we had a grant of \$35k to upgrade the sewerage system about 2 years ago and have had to extend it son November was dead line this year or we had to pay grant back and finally I have full council approval and the new system will go in Monday and Tuesday after the capri Cup. All sewerage will be pumped into a new holding tank at the end of back straight and then processed through a new bi-cycle with clean, non-smelling irrigation along the outside of the back straight.

Emergency lighting- We had failed on our emergency lighting for over a year. After 12 new LED lights were installed by Electro all on battery backup, we have been passed to run under lights again.  
\$5000.00

Disable Toilet- another long-awaited project now complete thanks to Nigel who has now turned our larger toilet into a disabled toilet \$1000.00.

Lease- This was one of the most important items to sort out and that we have. Tonight, you will see the draft copy that if past will see us have 20 years on our lease. This is fantastic news as we were looking like having our lease taken off us by Ipswich City Council.

New Toilet block- we have needed new toilets and showers for a while now. Well we have just recently applied for a \$130k grant which will see us have a brand-new toilet/Shower block by mid-2019 if successful.

As you can see, we have processed so much in 8 months to now have a clean sheet on the actions register.

Another big issue that has come up in the Ipswich Council Audit report carried out in May this year. When we received this document, it had over 100 pages of faults and issues needing rectification. It had items that were of immediate effect and if not fixed we would be shut down. With a lot of work from Electro we solved all the electrical issues and you guys, the members, help fix other issues such as the state of the ground. In a few months we had fixed all the immediate issues and the council we over the moon with our response. I estimate we have spent nearly \$20k fixing all the issues but unfortunately this had to be done.

Then we also purchased a new Lap counter and timing system (before I came on board) to help the club move forward which has been fantastic, this cost just over \$10k. so as you can see there is over \$40k in one off expense's this year we have had to spend to bring everything up to date. With doing all this we have now been able to win back AKC and will host round 1 in 2019. This was a massive effort to win this back, but KA could see the work and effort that had gone into the facility. This event alone will profit our club over \$20k so we are ecstatic to host this. Also, we have secured round 3 of Pro tour, round 3 of SQ series as well as 8 other events in 2019, so as you can see it is going to be a very busy year.

We have grown our average entrants this year to over 150 and per round. Looking forward to 2019 where id like to see that number average 170. We will have a great start with our first round the shake down for AKC which will see hopefully over 200 entries.

It has been great to see and hear all the kind words and support from all our members this year. It is a hard job as a committee to run a successful club and keep everyone happy. Please if you have any feed back good or bad always feel free to contact anyone on the committee.

I'd just like to personally thank all my committee members and volunteers for a great year. IKC wouldn't run like it is without everyone chipping in and helping where possible. A big shout out to Ray Cowie and Tony Feather who have done huge amounts of work out at the track this year. Also, to all the officials that give up there day so everyone else can enjoy racing. Canteen has been run perfectly all year so thank you to the Rural fire brigade for all their efforts. Kev "the Noise" thank you for all your efforts this year going above and beyond.

Lastly thank you to YOU, the members and families for supporting IKC all year and we hope you have had a great time and we see you all in 2019 and wish you all a merry xmas and a prosperous new year.

Cheers

Scott Howard