

Presidents Report 2019

2018 has been a year of consolidation for Canterbury Kennel Association.

However a number of important projects were completed during the past year aimed at improving your venue for future shows and activities.

The major projects completed during 2018 were:-

1. Purchased the Topper Mower that is towed behind the quad bike.
2. Repaired the flooring in the uncarpeted area of the hall.
3. Repaired leaks in the irrigation system.
4. Built a set of steps to the side entrance of the dog park which were used as part of the Canine Good Citizen assessments
5. Removed dangerous trees by the dog park and the powerlines.
6. Installed seven blinds in the veranda area.
7. Re-roofed the Stirrers Arms building.

As I have stated in the past, this club could not function as well as it does without the contributions of a great number of people, many of whom are outside of the committee.

John Davidson has continued to prepare the rings and maintain the irrigation system. The grounds looked amazing for the November shows thanks to the great effort put in by John.

During 2018 CKA run Canine Good Citizen training classes led by Arend van den Bos. This small group of very dedicated folk have really enjoyed the experience and all their hard work and Arends great teaching skills paid off when Kim Fechny with her Staffie Rouge qualified CGC Foundation and Louise Harris and her Tibetan Terrier qualified Bronze. Congratulations.

Margaret again made a huge contribution to our club during the year purchasing, wrapping and organizing the prizes for our many shows during the year. Thank you Margaret and hopefully you are now on the road to recovery from your operation.

Kathy Morton has done an amazing job running the training and match nights over the past twelve months along with Cindy Case and Tony. I am sure that those that attended would join me in thanking Kathy and Cindy for all their efforts on behalf of the club.

Our auditor Zane Colville has again made a great contribution to the running of our club. Zane works closely with our treasurer Helene and keeps us in line financially. A task that we don't make easy for him.

No club of this size could be successful without a dedicated and enthusiastic committee. I am very lucky to have such a committee. All have made significant contributions to your club during the past year and have made my job as President so much less complicated than it has been in years past.

Vice President Tony Gibson has had a very busy year running the weekly show training classes along with daughter Kathy. These classes have been attended by an enormous number of new and older members of the club and have proved very popular. Tony has repaired the flooring in the hall and completed other tasks around the site.

Our secretary Arvine Gamlin has again managed the affairs of this club with great expertise. During the year our caterers relinquished the catering contract and Arvine has taken over that duty once again.

Helene Street as treasurer of our club has the unenviable task of keeping our finances in order. With so many things on our wish list she has a huge job restraining our urge to spend. The finances of the club continue to show healthy balances despite the ongoing development on the McLeans Island venue.

Margaret Pantling as the Events and Bookings Manager has done a wonderful job arranging all the booking for the kennel centre over the past twelve months. I know that our associated clubs in the Canterbury area are very pleased with the service offered by Margaret and the club.

Wayne Burns our caretaker has made an amazing contribution to the upkeep of the grounds. Now retired Wayne has worked tirelessly preparing the grounds and cleaning up after the numerous shows held at the Island. Wayne's role as caretaker is very important and he is making an enormous contribution to the upkeep and continuing development of the kennel centre.

Helen Dupe is another committee member who demonstrates what it takes to be a great team member. Helen makes the rosettes for our ribbon parades and open shows, works in the office during the shows and makes an important contribution to our monthly committee meetings.

Husband Kevin was once again involved as digger driver when the dog park steps project was under way and we thank you Kevin for your contribution.

We were very lucky to have John Vuleta join the committee in 2018 bringing his wealth of knowledge to the table which will be of great benefit to the club.

Emma Case-Peters is a very capable and enthusiastic member of the committee.

Phil Baker was co-opted to the committee during the year and has helped in maintenance of the grounds.

The annual championship shows in November were a great success. The grounds were stunning. The committee put in a huge effort to prepare the venue and the number of compliments we received was a great testament to their efforts. I want to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors Blackhawk and their team lead by Nicole Harrison. Blackhawks sponsorship was wonderful and was an essential element in the success of our shows.

2019 will bring challenges as every year does but together we can overcome them and move the development of your venue forward. Projects for 2019 include, installing LED lighting in the hall, more tree planting, shade sails in rings four and six, completing the installation of blinds in the veranda area, concrete walkways by the lounge area and the purchase of a leaf sweeper. All this and keeping in the black.

Finally may I take this opportunity to remind you that 2019 is the 150th anniversary of dog shows in New Zealand and CKA will be celebrating the occasion with a very special show weekend. May I wish you a very successful 2019 and look forward to your continued support for CKA. And as I said in previous years "That which you put in today benefits us all for years to come."

Thank You

Brian Harris