

Presidents Report 2020

In 2019 Canterbury Kennel Association celebrated 150 years of dog shows in New Zealand. Dog showing started here in Canterbury and it was appropriate that we recognised this.

The November shows became the focus of our celebrations with special pens and medals for all the Best of Breed winners.

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 the year were:-

1. The completion of the veranda blind project.
2. The start of the re-vamp of the children's play area.

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. John's able assistants during this have been Ray and Lyn Miller. They ensured that everything was in place for show week.

During 2019 CKA continued to 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 Arend's great teaching skills have seen the classes grow to a regular turnout of fifteen or more each Monday night.

Margaret Osborne has again made a huge contribution to our club during the year 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.

All of the committee have made significant contributions to your club during the past year and have made my job as President much easier.

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 large numbers of new and older members of the club and have proved very popular. Time restraints mean that the classes are now held twice monthly but I'm sure members will still see the benefits of attending.

Our secretary Arvine Gamlin has again managed the affairs of this club with great expertise. Arvine also manages the club catering.

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.

Wayne Burns our caretaker has had some medical issues during the year and we are delighted to see that he is well on the road to recovery.

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, this year dealing with the septic tank and the children's playground. We thank you Kevin for your contribution.

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.

We were very lucky to have John Vuleta join the committee in 2019 bringing his wealth of knowledge of the dog world to the table which is of great benefit to the club.

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

Phil Baker has been busy during the year working on the kids playground and helping with the maintenance of the grounds.

The annual championship shows in November were a great success. The grounds were stunning. The special medals were well received. 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.

2020 will again bring challenges as every year does but together we can overcome them and move the development of your venue forward. The major project for 2020 is the replacement of the roof on the building before the leaks do irreparable damage. Quotes have been sourced and applications for funding are being worked on by Bernard Fears for which we are very appreciative. Other projects we hope to move on in the not too distant future include, installing LED lighting in the hall, more tree planting, concrete walkways by the lounge area and the purchase of a leaf sweeper. All this and keeping in the black.

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