

Presidents Report 2020 AGM

Hello and welcome to you all for 2020. We are a bit further into the year than usual and understandably so but more on that later.

Highlights of the 2019 show year included the very successful July cluster of shows where we again attracted a very good entry of almost 130 exhibits for each of six shows including the CASS show. While these numbers were significantly lower than 2018, they were still quite good and ensured the club was on sound financial footing for 2020. I would like to personally acknowledge the ongoing support and dedication of exhibitors, members and the club executive for your efforts during 2019..

Blatherskite Park continues to support the club through maintenance (plumbing & sewerage and electrical), and ground care in regards to mowing for both ongoing upkeep and prior to show weekends. Obviously this is a significant expense for the club but the costs continue to be shared between ASK&DSC and the ASODC with Blatherskite Park ground crew undertaking most of the routine maintenance. .

While there has not been any major advances in facilities and assets over this year we have applied for a number of community grants with the intention of upgrading lights and reticulation of the grounds. We did “win” a grant which was intended for the lights upgrade but this amount was well short of the required amount and we are in the process of seeking to transfer this grant money across to a reticulation system. Thanks to Brad Sawyer for his ongoing commitment to these processes.

We once again had quite a good entry for the end of year shows in October and with good entries in May and the July weekend we were on a just viable financial footing for 2020.

The impact of Covid 19 at the beginning of this year has however resulted in the club now being at significant financial risk as our most of our “income” is generated through the major weekends in May, five shows and July six shows. The need to cancel these weekends has left little funding in the bank. The costs associated with planning and running shows is well beyond our current account balance. We are investigating potential sources of income.

I would again like to thank Clare our treasurer for her efforts in maintaining our accounts and preparing our books for auditing.

Special mention and thanks to our hardworking members and supporters, past and present, who have done so much for the club. The club still desperately needs people who are able to provide some time for fund-raising activities, organisational needs in preparation for and during the running of exhibitions.

To all members of the committee, thank you again for your time and efforts throughout this year and I look forward to working with you all again (in whatever capacity) during 2020, special thanks to Marlene (Vice President, ribbons, ring stewarding), Clare (Financial Matters), Erica (Show Secretary and Judging appointments, replacements, stewarding and catalogues and other necessary documents).

Best wishes for 2020 both in and out of the show world.

Bob Whitehead

President

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