



# MEMBERS NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2019

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## **Members survey results**

Thanks again to the 700 members for completing our recent members survey, your feedback is important to us:

Some themes throughout the survey:

- Key areas where MNZ could improve include: Promotion, Officials Training, Grass roots training, Communication, and Licence Structure
- 47% of members see Developing Juniors and Grass roots programmes as MNZ's priority
- Members were positive with current member's benefits and would like MNZ to look at more overseas support, coaching and continue to identify savings for members
- Challenges for the sport highlighted were: Health & Safety, Track costs, Land access, Attracting youth, Cost

Thankyou also to members who provided positive feedback on the improvements we are making in our sport, it is great to get this feedback as well – it means a lot.

## **MNZ website upgrade**

A key focus for us over the next couple of months is to upgrade our website. Thank you to Scott Wilkens, Monique Parkinson, Ray Broad and Craig Mills for offering to be part of our focus group, it is important to have a cross section of people within our sport working in collaboration on this. We plan to have a draft in place by the end of the year with a roll out in Q1 2020 – exciting times!

## **Our Motorcycling Family**

Sam Smiths Memorial Clay Classic was held at the weekend. The event was a Charity Fundraiser for the [Mind Health Project](#)

A non-profit organisation that offers education, support and resources to help improve the mind health of our youth.

This event is a reminder to us all, how precious life and our Motorcycling family are, we need to look after each other, and it is OK to not be OK. Please seek help, take it day by day, work at it and it will get better. Reach out to your friends often and ask them how they're feeling. Exercise helps, get them to go for a walk and let them get whatever they are battling with off their chests.

It is important that you are all aware of the impact of concussion in our sport, on average we have over 200 riders each year with concussion (that is recorded). The more concussions you get, the more likely you are to suffer long term consequences (including depression and psychological problems), especially if you don't give your brain enough time to heal between injuries. For more info on how Concussion can affect you click [here](#)

If you are not sure whether or not you or your family member have a concussion, we urge you to visit your Doctor and get the correct advice. [Here is a link outlining some symptoms of concussion](#)



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### **Drug testing**

Recently we conducted a random drug testing at the Greymouth street race event. We are very happy with the professionalism and discretion in which this process was handled. It went really smoothly with Motorcycling New Zealand and the testing agency working well together. MNZ will continue to carry out random drug testing at events to ensure riders compete in a safe and fair manner.

### **Welcome on-board**

A huge welcome to Jim Cooper who has come on-board as the Supercross Co-ordinator replacing Noel May. Thanks Noel for your commitment over the last two years in this role and for your passion and focus to get Supercross back on track. Welcome Jim!

## **MNZ APP**

Hopefully you **have** all downloaded the App and are using **this** to see where our events are around the country each week, there is certainly no shortage of events to attend. **Please remember that it is still mandatory to sign into your events with your licence and log book.**

## **Who is MNZ – a question regularly asked:**

Motorcycling New Zealand (formerly the New Zealand Auto-Cycle Union) commenced operations as the governing body for motorcycling sport in New Zealand in 1916. It was formed to stimulate motorcycling sport and draw up rules for the safe conduct of the sport. This still forms the basis of our organisation today.

In 1983 MNZ became a full member of the Federation Internationale de Motorcyclisme (FIM) who is the world governing body for motorcycling.

MNZ has its office in Huntly, Waikato, with an administration staff of 6, headed by the General Manager. The GM reports to the Governing Board who are made up of 7 nominated and elected members from around NZ.

MNZ has approximately 52 affiliated Clubs from all around New Zealand that run the events that you attend.

Each discipline is headed by a “Commissioner” who is in charge of running their particular section of the sport. Each event is run by a Steward and a Clerk of Course who are Officials trained by MNZ to ensure the event is run safely and in accordance with the rules. These are volunteer roles and we rely heavily on our volunteers to ensure the success of our sport. We can't thank our volunteers enough for what they do.

This month, we would like you to meet the Admin team:

### **Virginia Henderson [General Manager]:**

Virginia leads the admin team, works closely with the commissioners and reports directly to the Board. Virginia is responsible for all sponsorship and funding for the Senior MX and NZSBK Championships that have recently been brought in-house. She loves to spend as much time as she can attending events, meeting with clubs and members to work together to grow our sport and deliver on our Strategic Plan

### **Jannine Curnow (Office Manager):**

Jannine is responsible for our accounts, Insurance, International licences, Drug Testing, Health & Safety and any issues that arises in regards to these areas. Jannine has been with MNZ for 15 years and has a wealth of knowledge within the office

### **Mary-Anne (Administration):**

Mary-Anne is responsible for our Officials training, issuing of permits, homologations, grant funding including support for clubs and the MNZ App.

### **Angela Tarr (Receptionist):**

Angela is our friendly receptionist who does her best to answer any of your queries and assists you with your licensing application. Angela is in charge of processing all the licenses and manages the restricted riders list.

**Danielle Van Houtte (Administration):**

Danielle organises the Annual General Meeting (AGM), handles Expressions of Interests for our championship events, club MOU's, website management including our website upgrade, environmental and rule changes.

**Bayleigh Ward (Events, Media and Communications):**

Bayleigh is the latest recruit to our admin team and is responsible to grow our social media platforms, increase our promotional activity across all disciplines, provide regular communication to our clubs and members and provide event support at our MNZ owned championships. If there is a better way for us to communicate to you please let Bayleigh know at [events@mnz.co.nz](mailto:events@mnz.co.nz).

**MNZ AGM 15 – 17 May 2020**

Pop the date in your calendar next year, it is a great networking opportunity, a place to gain a really good understanding of what is happening in our sport and to have some input and enjoy the celebration of our riders at our Awards dinner. We would love to see you attend.

**Halberg Awards – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020**

We have had some absolutely outstanding results this year in our sport and will be putting forward the below nominations:

- Courtney Duncan- Women's World Champion
- Hamish Macdonald- 125cc Youth Enduro World Champion
- Avalon Biddle- First Female in History to win the NZ Supersport 600 title.



**Communication**

If there is something that you would like us to update you on each month, please get in touch. We know 47% of our members read our newsletters and our focus is to grow this and ensure the information we send to you is relevant.

**Grass roots training**

We are currently working on this across all disciplines and hope to have some information out in our next month's newsletter on how we are planning to deliver this in 2020...watch the space

Have fun out there.....