

MNZ Women's Commission Report 2023

This is my second report as the Women's Commissioner and I lead a team of seven, who communicate via regular zoom meetings and on messenger.

Last year our report reviewed our short term goals, particularly around "increasing the availability, relevance and quality of participation opportunities available to women and girls as competitors officials, and governors in motorcycling.

Media reports, our Facebook Page, and our amazing women on the international scene showing the rest of the world we have talent in New Zealand, have definitely helped Women in Motorcycling gain traction and attention.

More women and girls are involved in motorcycling, particularly as participants. We are hoping to better measure this by asking for stewards reports to include women/girls participation numbers. This data will help us record growth and build a picture of our success.

It was a highlight for us when three rounds of the New Zealand Women's Championship were held at the NZ Motocross Championship. Our initial concerns that we wouldn't have a good field of riders was not unfounded and we are proud of every single participant.

Exciting times ahead for Women in Motorcycling.

The FIM recently announced that a new class for women will be hosted with the World Superbike Championships in 2024. Competitors will be on the same machines to create a level playing field. More details are yet to be announced and we have asked to be informed as soon as they come to hand so that we can share widely here in New Zealand.

We continue to work alongside FIM Oceania. At the moment we are working on two specific projects with a focus on women in our sport which we hope to announce towards the end of the year, so keep an eye on our social media.

Moving forward on our journey, we are still a long way short of some of the strategic goals in our plan. The numbers of women in governance roles is dismal and we are spending time considering the reasons so that we can work with members on solutions.

We are working alongside our Officials Commissioner to encourage women to become involved as officials - without officials our sport would not happen.

MNZ has distributed a survey to help us form baseline data of women in motorcycling. The survey results will be discussed at our AGM workshop. Thank you to those clubs who took the time to respond and thank you to the commission for all their hard work this past year.

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