

## Presidents AGM Report – January 2020

This past year has seen the changing of the guard in relation to the magazine with Paul Caffyn handing over the baton to Jacquie James. Thank you Paul, we look forward to the future of the magazine with Jacquie at the helm.

**Governance:** A thank you to the 2019 Committee members; Ian McKenzie, Paul Caffyn until retiring as magazine editor, Ruth Henderson, Steve Flack and Tim Muhundan for their time and effort in working towards KASK being more sustainable for generations to come.

A special thanks to outgoing committee members, Ruth Henderson and Steve Flack for your advice, help, and time, during the last year, and in Steve's case for the idea, and launching of the 'Meet the People'. Both of have worked tirelessly behind the scenes ensuring its success.

I cannot stress enough the importance of having positive thinking, diligent committee members that enjoy working hard on the behalf of the KASK membership and are not there as of right. The committee is currently looking at different forms of representation, outside of the committee that will enhance greater regional input.

Thank you also to Karen Grant who continues to do a wonderful job as administrator with the accounts, with email communication to members and preparing reports.

This years' AGM, will be held at the KASK Kayak Fest, on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February on Urupukapuka Island in the Bay of Islands. The AGM reports (as well as this report) is available to all KASK financial members by going to <https://kask.co.nz/agm> , allowing plenty of time for members to digest the information and make submissions / questions.

Continuing with the vision from 2017:



We have concentrated our efforts during the past year to what we believe is important to our members and the sustainability of KASK. Here is a summary of the outcomes we achieved that aligned with our vision:

- 1. Membership:** We have continued to work on improving the experience for new and existing members, connecting with established and emerging kayaking groups, networks, and clubs, to offer them the benefits of Club Affiliated Membership and Associated Membership to their paddlers as well as to KASK.

With the different types of KASK membership available, the committee is keen to enhance those with 'Individual Membership by offering a discount of \$30 towards Kayak Fest registration in the future.

It will be proposed at the AGM, that the committee approach outdoor and kayak retailers, to provide a discount for those members with Individual Membership.

- 2. External Relationships:** We have continued to build our relationship with our external partners in water safety. We have been actively involved in various water safety initiatives including attendance at the Water Safety NZ Safety Summit and AGM and participation in the Maritime NZ national Safer Boating Month campaign. As a member of Maritime NZ Communications Sub-Group, we have actively participated in monthly meetings, attending the bi-annual Safer Boating Forums and the Australia NZ Safe Boating Education Group (ANZBEG) annual meeting.

More importantly, as a founder member of the MNZ Forum and member of Water Safety NZ, we continue to represent our association on behalf of paddlers, networks, clubs and groups on the national stage. In 2019, we responded to the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) request for ideas and feedback on what is working well and what could be improved, as they worked on updating the "Walking Access Act 2008"

In 2019, KASK successfully applied for funding to undertake our 'Meet the People' roadshow. During this next year, we will apply for further funding for the roadshow to be run by clubs, associations, networks and group using the existing format.

**KASK** Meet the People  
Sea Kayak Safety

Sea Kayak Boats –  
Capabilities Differences  
Equipment –  
What you need & Why?  
Weather & Tides –  
Understand the Forecast  
Emergencies –  
Rescues & Maydays  
Navigation –  
Charts & Regulations  
Trip Planning –  
Packing & Gear  
Skills workshop –  
Paddle trip & Tracking

**Free!**  
One day Workshop

**Taupo**  
6<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
**Gisborne**  
9<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
**New Plymouth**  
7<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
**Nelson**  
18<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
**Wellington**  
20<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
**Auckland**  
15<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
**Christchurch**  
14<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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**Safer Boating Forum**

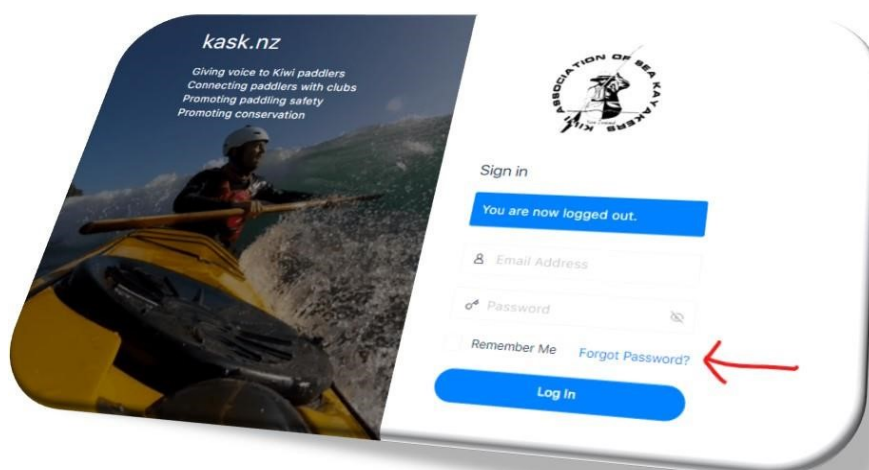
**ASSOCIATION OF SEA KAYAKERS**

**3. New Zealand Sea Kayaker Magazine:** Is now the only sea kayaking magazine available in New Zealand. With Jacquie James now at the helm of the magazine, we are looking forward to seeing it flourish and grow. The future of any magazine depends solely on the volume and quality of content that paddlers submit to the editor. It is intended that a more regional flavour be gradually introduced. The magazine will continue to be offered to members in print, electronic version, or both. The long- term vision is for it to be produced in digital format only.

**4. Web site and IT Systems:** As part of the continual IT support that KASK receives, I would like to thank our core sponsor, Tim Muhundan of [BizX.nz](http://BizX.nz), for the huge amount of hours that he and his team have dedicated to making our website so professional and appealing. It remains our intention for the website to be operated and managed by a web content team who will be trained to maintain the site. The vision is for easy communication between the committee and members.

**5. KASK Sea Kayaking Web App:** The KASK interactive app was launched mid-way through the year. It is free to paddlers from round NZ and contains the latest version of the KASK Handbook with its technical and safety information.

We welcome Aaron Dixon of BASK who will be helping drive some of the content, especially the comprehensive 'NZ event and trip calendar', where affiliated clubs, associations, networks, and



groups, will be able to display and promote what is going on around the country.

In 2020, it is our intention to seek Maritime NZ Fuel Excise Duty (FED) funding for further development of the App for Individual KASK Members to have a greater level of access than those from clubs, associations, networks and groups.

**6. Events:** With the huge amount of time and effort involved in organising an annual Fest event, 2019 was bypassed to concentrate all efforts on 2020 in the Bay of Islands. It has been our intention for the Fest to return to the South Island in 2021, but sadly, due to no one in the South taking on the organising, that won't be the case. The next Kayak Fest will hopefully be held in the North Island in 2022 at a location to be decided.

As mentioned previously, it is intended that the 'Meet the People' roadshow continues in 2020, is coordinated and financially assisted by KASK, but with a local flavour being run by clubs, associations, networks and groups.

In 2021, in addition to the roadshows, KASK encourages and will support any regional training events in any way that it can.

- 7. National Standards:** As a result of number of enquiries being received from paddlers in NZ and overseas, it will be proposed at the AGM that a working group, of renowned and learned paddlers, be formed to research the feasibility of developing national standards for paddlers in NZ, similar to the British Canoe Union, American Canoe Association and Paddle Canada.

Something for paddlers to aspire to if they so wish.

Shaun A.P Maclaren

9<sup>th</sup> January 2020