



Wow another year down and our club is still going strong.

One of our most important achievements this year was becoming a founding member of the ACA. Thankyou Rachel for being our voice and ambassador with this, I know you have put in a lot of work. Memberships have remained stable over the last 12 months, and its great to see some previous members coming back.

Over the last year we have also managed to recoup all the funds that had been missing from the Club, so we are back to being in a decent financial situation. Great work all that were involved.

We managed to get a group together for a day here and there and overhaul the mouse and rat standards for judging, which I am sure will still need a little more work, we also ran another successful judging workshop.

Some exciting news this year include the introduction of Club shirts and most recently, vests and jackets. This keeps us well promoted at all our events.

In addition to this, we have a PA system and 3 scoring tablets which is saving on resources by not using as much paper and also not having to have a fulltime scorer dedicated to each show, this will be our first show we have introduced bollards so there are less interruptions to the judges.

The canteen has been a great hit, providing us with reasonably priced delicious food options at each show which also raises a little money for the Club, and we have also introduced the Square for cashless payments.

The novelty events we have started running have been a hit, more ribbons in our Pet classes have also been a winner made possible by ribbon sponsorship from members and non- members.

Our fundraising this year has been mainly from the Novelty events along with our Club 50, we will also be running our major raffle over the next few months, and we say a huge Thank you to Fibercycle for their continued involvement in the Club.

The Club has amazing members and a great dedicated committee. The amount of work some of these people do behind the scenes in their own time is incredible. Hall hiring, financial reports, posters, canteen, ribbons, insurance, tax reports, sponsorship, storage facilities, Royal Easter Show, Newcastle and Hawksbury coordinating, judges, stewards, workshops, even the setting up and cleaning up of the venue at each show, it all makes a difference. What an incredible club we have. I am extremely proud to see everyone supporting each other, sharing our love for rodents together which is what it's all about. A special thanks to Jodi, Katy, Dianne, Steve, Rachel, Sandra, Wendy, Steph, Sarah Joy, and Lauren.

A special mention to katy who has always taken care of our website has slowly been transitioning over to Lauren not to mention has stepped down as Public Officer a position she has held since Adam and Eve were kids, however will still remain on the committee.

Without these amazing people donating their time and skills to our club, we would not be where we are today. A huge Thankyou to everyone for being a part of this. This year will be a hard one to top but I am keen to see what our next year has in store for us.

Kath
President

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