



**ROAD RACING ASSOCIATION OF**  
**TOWNSVILLE**

**2017**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

## *Presidents Report*

Fellow Club Members,

On behalf of the incumbent Road Racing Association of Townsville Committee, I am pleased to present the 2017 report to Club members.

Whilst the RRAT might be one of the smaller road racing clubs in Queensland (in terms of membership), this certainly has no impact on the success of the Club when it comes to ideas, innovation and the provision of members with great race meetings, coaching opportunities and title events.

The 2017 RRAT Calendar allowed members to participate in:

- “Practice” Days – including valuable coaching sessions
- “Come and Try” events – which incorporated Kick Start programmes
- “Closed to Club” rounds
- Round 1 of 3 of the “NQ Championship Series”, and the
- “Townsville Tourist Trophy” incorporating the “Queensland Short Course Road Racing Titles” and the “Queensland Supermoto Championships.

As a result of the hard work and dedication of its Members, the RRAT was once again able to maintain the consistent Calendar that it successfully delivers each year to its membership, and to the wider motorcycling sport.

In 2017 the RRAT’s Junior Corporate Challenge received a massive boost with the purchase of another three new 150cc, four-stroke road bikes to replace the aging Sachs models. The purchase of these three of these motorcycles was made possible by the RRAT working hard to acquire funding through the Queensland Government Gambling Community Benefit Fund. Corporate sponsorship is an important element within our Junior programme, with each of our riders successfully obtaining sponsorship (from a variety of industries) and helping to promote both our Club and road racing to the wider community. The RRAT Junior Corporate Challenge has seen about 50 juniors move through this programme with the most notable being Jack Miller, along with Luke Burgess and Josh Cumming. Many of our juniors have carried on competing as senior racers throughout the country. Who knows we may just have the next Australian MotoGP star within our Club’s programme right now!

Despite Townsville still experiencing an economic downturn with closures of significant local businesses, the RRAT was able to run another successful Qld Short Course Championship, and Qld Supermoto Championship which was incorporated into our Townsville Tourist Trophy. 2017 saw the biggest road racing meet ever held in Townsville with 92 entrants in the 2 day competition. The club secured sponsorship from many generous Townsville businesses, across a variety of industries, all of whom recognised that the RRAT was promoting a very worthwhile event into which they wanted to invest their money. Competitors travelled from WA, Victoria, NSW and all over QLD to compete within a variety of classes, including supermoto, sidecars, historics and modern machines. RRAT members and MQ race officials all rallied together to make this event another triumphant venture for the RRAT as well as putting on a very professional race meeting for the enjoyment of riders and spectators alike. The Qld Police Service was one of our sponsors and provide a static display to promote Road Safety Week at the event as well as having a LIDAR (mobile speed radar gun) logging the top speed of our competitors down the main straight. .

2017 has been a successful year for RRAT with reinforcing / establishing connections with a variety of local organisations such as the Townsville Restored Motorcycle Club, the Townsville Sportsbike riders group which has in turn increased our rider base as well volunteers for our race meetings. Many of our existing members utilised the officials seminars hosted by MQ throughout to begin their Clerk of Course / Steward and Race Secretary and scrutineering competencies.

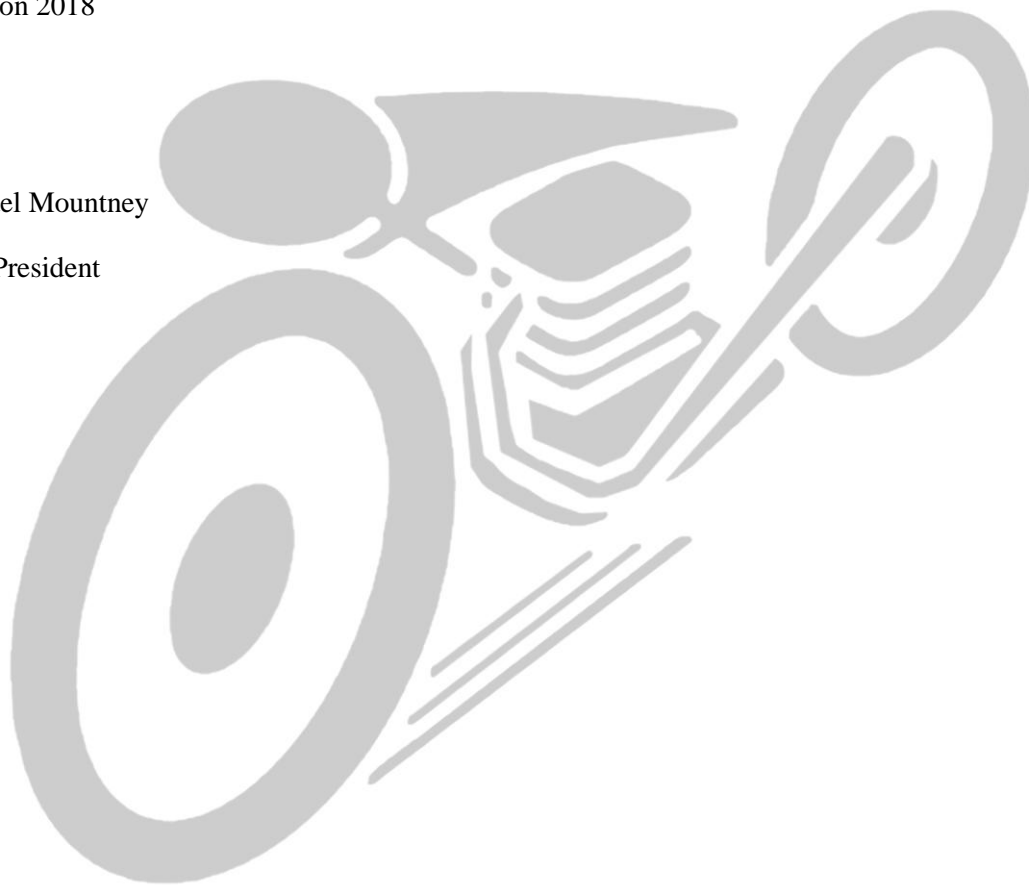
In closing, for RRAT to continue to grow and be successful we must make ourselves known to the greater community. We have a fantastic product to promote, being able increase self confidence and safety awareness in young riders and provide a fun, safe innovative event calendar for our seasoned members to enjoy.

We would like to thank all of the RRAT members who turn up to our race meetings, share a laugh and some knowledge to the rider beside you. To all of the families and partners of the riders who go out and flag for us, to all of the members who help set up the track and pack up at the end of the night and to everyone who attends our general meetings and puts forward their ideas is making this club great.

Bring on 2018

Michael Mountney

2017 President



# **Road Racing Association of Townsville**

## **Strategic plan and Mission Statement**

Set forth below is the RRAT strategic plan that will take us into 2018 with clear goals, vision, mission and a strategy on accomplishing this plan.

1. **Where are we now**; we should consider RRAT as an entirely new identity having just completed our first meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2011 after 12 months of administrative work, setting up of the club structure involving, A constitution, incorporation, MA and MQ affiliation a club procedures manual, membership roll, accounting procedures and dealing with all sponsors and stake holders. As part of our new identity we should only reflect on our history as part of the TMCC as a rich reminder of the beginnings of road racing in Townsville and as a guide on the pitfalls to avoid.
2. **Where do we want to be in 2017**; five years from now 2017 the RRAT will have attained it goals set out below.
  - A.** To be financially independent.
  - B.** Have sponsors approach RRAT to be involved in our meetings.
  - C.** Purchase a club transporter/vehicle.
  - D.** To purchase the remaining components of the AMB timing system, to purchase more and replace our transponder's as required.
  - E.** Have an independent and potable timing system, with trained personnel, which can be hired out to other motor sport clubs, bringing revenue to RRAT.
  - F.** To be well on our way, with capital in the bank, with a view to purchase our own clubhouse and facilities.
  - G.** Build our existing junior road race support program, to continue to nurture young aspiring road racers.
  - H.** To be stake holders in any motor sport complex/training facility, that will be built in greater Townsville or surrounds.
3. **How do we achieve these goals**;
  - A.** Run successful club championship series. With classes and rules based on national guidelines where possible, where this is not, have clear rules posted on the website for all to see, have clear lines of communication for dealing with any disputes/grievance's arising from these.
  - B.** Build our membership base.
  - C.** Marquee events, run at least two or three zone events throughout the year. Promote these to encourage and foster friendships with other clubs.
  - D.** Make sure our club has a friendly environment and we continually strive to encourage new members both senior and junior, and help those new members get the most from the club.
  - E.** Make sure our sponsors are happy with the way in which we use their funds and donations.
  - F.** Make sure our pricing strategy and policy is fair and equitable.
  - G.** Make sure the current and subsequent committees follow the plan and do not squander the RRAT funds.
  - H.** Make sure the constitution and club procedures manual are followed.
  - I.** Continually remember our goals, and this plan.