



Chief Examiner's report (Motorcycle Division) for AGM 2016

I am pleased to report that the motorcycle division is now very well established and in a position to go from strength to strength. As well as seeing growth in our overall membership, the crucial achievement this year has been in increasing our capability to expand - with much effort put into developing our observer and trainee observer teams.

This is the area where we have made the most significant strides and I am very encouraged to see a very strong core of observers in place around the country.

Below are some statistics taken at the end of July with comparisons on last year:

Role	2015	2016	2015%	2016%	Growth%
Examiners	6	7	5.3	5.3	16.7
Senior observers	2	2	1.8	1.5	0.0
Observers	11	24	9.7	18.0	118.2
Trainee observers	8	17	7.1	12.8	112.5
Full Members	12	10	10.6	7.5	-16.7
Associates	41	44	36.3	33.1	7.3
prospects	33	29	29.2	21.8	-12.1
	113	133	100.0	100.0	17.7

As you can see we have more than doubled our observing capability and have also been able to clear the waiting lists. Well done to everyone involved for your amazing efforts. We have reached a new level of maturity this year that will result in unstoppable growth and promotion of the IAM advanced test.

For those that are curious as to how we represent ourselves around the nation, here is a snapshot taken from the same statistics:

Region	Engaged with IAM
Auckland	63
Central North Island	10
Wellington	34
Nelson/Marlborough	17
Canterbury	9
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I believe we should be able to see another considerable increase in that capacity in the year 2016/2017.

I cannot express enough how much I value those individuals that have put in a huge amount of time and hard work to build an ethos, passion and structure around them to further the aims of the institute. We are all volunteers, IAM is a charity and the pass it forward attitude defines why many of us are involved and continue to coach.

While I recognise the contributions of each and every member of the motorcycle division, I would like to highlight the exceptional efforts of Neil Stodart, Alan Heaton and Geoff James in bringing about much of our success in the last twelve months.

A very welcome development this year has been the appointment of Mike Turner as director of testing. Mike is eminently qualified to set the highest level of standards in advanced testing and has the full support of the chief examiners. Mike is leading some exciting developments which will help us all to up our game and keep up with the latest challenges.

A key achievement this year was the inter-regional sharing of information and training methods on the observer training program. Very important in ensuring consistency across the nation.

We still have a long way to go in terms of communication and interaction as a national organisation but that will come. Much effort is being applied to our national IT strategy which will underpin our future efforts, and enable us to implement policies such as re-testing.

The recent introduction of regular observer meetings in the Auckland / Central North Island regions has been very popular and I am keen to see this happen across the nation.

This has also been the first year where I have felt we had the capability to actively promote our presence at a major event and deliver on our promises. The national motorcycle show saw us generate interest with 62 riders and we are now following up with those enquiries. I note that similar activities are happening around the country. A significant milestone indeed.

When I was appointed to the position of chief examiner in 2008 we had a very small membership in the motorcycle division (5 people in total if I remember correctly). I wanted to replicate a proven infrastructure that is self-perpetuating and robust, to pass on advanced roadcraft skills to those who wish to benefit. Thanks to all of your hard work I think we are finally there now. All levels of the hierarchy are in place from new prospect to director of testing, and we have coverage in most of the major regions. We have national and regional committees that are forward thinking, motivated and working to a strategy, and roadcraft is firmly on the agenda of road safety organisations.

Sometime between now and the next AGM I intend to relinquish the chief examiners role and pass the challenge on to someone with a little more time on their hands. Eight years is a long time in any position. In the next phase of development IAM will benefit from having someone with a new set of ideas and perspectives in the chief motorcycle examiners role.

When that time comes, I will continue to engage with IAM as an observer and will still campaign for improvements in rider safety when I see the need to make a difference. The Institute will always have my support but I will be a little less 'hands on'.

The work you do in passing on your knowledge, or contributing in some other way to the success of the institute will undoubtedly result in safer motorcycling in New Zealand.

I am very proud of what we have achieved.

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