

TASMAN WHEELERS

Tasman Wheelers Cycling Inc

Presidents report for the Annual General Meeting July 2023

Good evening everyone and welcome to the Tasman Wheelers Cycling Club AGM of 2023.

Firstly, a huge acknowledgement of our Patron, and our life members Malcolm Saunders, Christine Van Hoppe & Brian Samuels, and thank you for all your previous work and ongoing support.

Our cycling season runs from October 1st to the end of Sept each year, and this season has been a very proactive one for the club and the committee.

Yes, it's been one with many challenges as we combat the new world of covid, and trying to position cycling and road cycling as a sport that is worthwhile pursuing and enjoying.

We also said our farewell to one of our favourite club members Garry Overend, and Gail and family all very much appreciated the love and support.

The committee this year has many new faces, and along with me as new president has created sub-committee groups to ensure that the main functions of the club are running smoothly, and that we maintain a strong club, and build on the past achievements.

Some of these functions include –

- Race calendar
- Roster for road management duties
- Updating of our Constitution
- Health & Safety Plan
- Club promotion

I sincerely thank the committee for their time and hard work, and with attending monthly meetings.

The cycling season itself with the Spring & Summer races saw very strong numbers attending consistently which was pleasing to see.

Seeing over 40 riders at a couple of Tuesday night blasts was very exciting, and the racing was hugely competitive in all grades.

Trying to attract strong numbers to all races will continue to be a challenge, and we are continually trying to bring new ideas, and variety for the members.

The best way for this is word of mouth from our members. If you are going riding or racing tell and invite a friend. If you see our Facebook posts, like them, share them and comment.

We will also have continued challenges with racing on the State Highways and getting our traffic management plans signed off. Huge thanks to Brian & Colin for their continued support with this.

Other challenges include race management and a team of members each week to run our events safely and professionally. Thanks again for David & Shane for looking after this area, and to the members who assist, along with a few others who are happy to help at short notice.

There were many highlights with riders over the season, Cameron Beaumont was awarded & presented the trophy for most improved rider for 2022 at our Club Day by George Bennet's parents Marina & Paul. Cameron performed very strongly all year, with races around the country.

The 20 plus strong team that went to Age Group Nationals performed outstandingly, highlighted by Steve Brough winning gold in this age group, Symon Mitchell 2 silvers, Roger Bates a silver and a bronze, and everyone else achieving top results.

Others who achieved some awesome results throughout the season included, Brad, Seamus, Finn Mitchell, Josie Wilcox, and Hans Bauer.

We also watch with interest the performances of our overseas professional riders, George Bennett, Finn & Niamh Fisher-Black, & Jack Bauer.

And let's not forget our recent riders who are excelling on 2 wheels also, Shanne Fulton, who is getting back to full fitness, Keegan Hornblow, Kaio Lart, & Ari Scott.

We wish them well along with Cameron and others with desire to ride for higher honours.

The season has also seen us run a successful Club Day, Xmas event, Tasman Wheelers Classic and Club Champs.

The only hiccup being the late cancellation of the Junior Tour. This was entirely due to lack of numbers with conflicts of other events, and a short window of time for us to promote fully.

We have agreed as a committee to run a Tasman Junior Tour each year, and we will ensure that a date is locked in soon, with promotion to back it up.

Juniors are very important for the future of our sport. We have also a Tasman Secondary Schools time trial and road race confirmed for the 14th of October 2023. – as with all events, please spread the word.

The winter racing calendar is now up and running, with a great diversification of options for all.

Last winter's events were affected heavily by the weather and covid, so hopefully having a couple of road races each month, a Time trial with bunch ride after, and a social gravel each month will ensure something for all members to participate and enjoy.

As per the financial report, the club remains in a strong financial position thanks to the ongoing generous support of our sponsors, GJ Gardner's, NBS, Village Cycles, & The Sprig and Fern.

Brent Sturm & Tall Poppy have also come on board again with a \$500 sponsorship donation and a promotion for all, which simply is – if you have a successful house sale thru Brent, he will donate a further \$500 to the club.

Please utilise and support all our sponsors if you are able, and promote them to friends, family, and others if possible.

With the strong financial position of the club this 2023 we have been reluctant to pursue extra funding.

However, with increased costs to have STMS qualifications and the desire to increase the promotion of the Tasman Classic, we have recently applied for community grants and funding so we can purchase an extra 50 racing transponder tags and put members through the latest STMS training. The tags will ensure that we are able to accommodate larger race fields for the events we hold, this includes the Junior Tour, but also the Tasman Classic, which we are keen to promote to a higher level over the next few years.

The committee will also discuss the options to try and attract other sponsors so we can cover new running costs and in particular new traffic management rules.

Finally, a thank you to all members for the support of the Tasman Wheelers, and again to the committee who all have been awesome with putting their hands up to help with so many varied duties.

Happy cycling, and thanks all.

Peter Ogilvie

Tasman Wheelers Cycling Club Inc President.

2022/2023 club season