PRESIDENTS REPORT

AGM 2018

I’d like to be able to recycle some of my reports from the last 8, (yes 8!) years but that wouldn’t be very innovative and so would not be reflective of the AHMCC.

Every year the club comes up with new ideas, new procedures and most importantly new courses. The Bradbury Kermeese was great on the two occasions we used it. The change of course to Forreston for the State Championships worked very well. Yesterday’s Open Day exceeded our expectations with 16 trial riders taking part. This year our Facebook presence has increased attracting greater interest in our club and our professional “flyers” took the clubs promotion up a notch. The TOG hosted 144 riders and was widely acclaimed. I have insider information that even CSA was impressed and dare I say it a little daunted by the fact that a group of “old people” could carry off such an event! Who else posts “live results”? Amazing!!

If there is something that is repeated from year to year it’s the willingness of every member of the club to contribute. I thank every one of you who contributed this year. Marshalls, first aid, catering, event promotion and especially those of you who push a broom at the end of events. You all ensure the future success of the club. If we had to pay all those responsible for staging the races the entry fees would be massive. The club could not survive so be **very** proud of your contribution.

Our relationships with SDLVCC and VLCC have been beneficial to all this year. It was great to have SDLVCC at our 3 Race Series and to be invited to their KOM series. Sharing the Clubs’ Road Race and Time Trial Club Championships also kept things interesting. We have enjoyed having riders from both VLCC and SDVLCC race with us without having the impediment of Associate Membership in their way. Some of our Refs have been helping VLCC at their Crit races and SDLVCC has always been happy to assist us at Opens when we need more Refs or signage. Needless to say we are always happy to reciprocate.

The AHMCC Committee is beyond special. Once a month we all gather at the Bridgewater pub to decide the Clubs long and short term future. I watched Malcolm Turnbull discussing his demise last week and felt absolutely no empathy with him. (I did feel empathy **for** him) Our committee is devoid of narcissists. There is not a self- serving person in sight! Don has furthered the “can do” ethos of the club (more on Don later), John T is as clear, accurate and concise as you would wish a treasurer to be, John A is tireless and tolerant as secretary, Dave D is the pin-up-boy for all things safety, John Goddard is a timing Guru who manages to retain a sense of humour. Rick Gibki takes on Councils and Governments and wins,

Jason uses his unending charm to obtain 75% of the TOG sponsorship, Graeme Orchard’s skills range from timing to handicapping to the TOG and all things in between, Simon Veitch impresses with his consumption of a giant burger at every meeting. He’s also an ideas man and a voice of reason and is always up for the menial chores at events.

Sadly we are losing John A as secretary in 2019 but he has kindly offered to remain Club Registrar and to continue doing the arithmetic for the Club Consistency Awards and the three race series. I thank him for his input to the club.

During the course of 2018 we have purchased new transponders, a new laptop and software and a new decoder to ensure our timing is reliable. We have repaired the club storage trailer and purchased some new signs. We have purchased some new club kit with a broader range of products at a more competitive price. The Council grant we obtained from the Adelaide Hills Council contributed to these purchases.

Looking forward to 2019 we have already factored in two new courses. A new Kermeese around Oakwood Road at Balhannah and the Forreston course we used for the State RR Championships. Sadly we are abandoning the Burford Hill course as the traffic on the Gumeracha and Kenton Valley legs of the course has made racing unsafe. The 2019 Calendar will be out in the next couple of weeks.

Our club has continued to provide excellent racing over the last year. Safety and compliance is paramount in all our racing and will continue to be a focus in 2019. Every member of the club has contributed to this success, just as they have to the wonderful camaraderie we all enjoy.

Your AHMCC committee is harmonious and united in making sure we build on what is an astoundingly firm foundation. It is an honour to be the president of such a wonderful club.