

ADX DEPOT TOG 2019

Congratulations and thank you for participating in the 7th Tour of Goolwa.

In my introduction in the program I asked the question

“What could be better than spending a weekend cycle racing with your team over 4 testing stages?”

I hope you all have the answer to that now. If you didn't listen to the question don't worry, the answer is “nothing!” (could be better)

The Adelaide Hills Cycling Club aims to be a welcoming club that provides friendly competition and Great Events. I hope we lived up to our goals this weekend.

Needless to say we didn't do this event alone. I always agonize over who should be mentioned first in acknowledgements but I would like to single out a few special people.

Graeme Orchard has borne the brunt of the handicapping and has been endlessly patient in tolerating and fixing IT problems borne of my ineptitude.

Dave Degenhardt has dealt with the local council with great charm. It only took 4 months of constant reminders to obtain the council permit. He also, with the help of John Toshach, got three rough patches of road fixed. Our local fishmonger lives at the Finnis and is in awe of how we can get such instant action when rate paying residents struggle. I'm hoping for some cheap fish!

Paul McGregor has again been an essential member of the team. He is a “can do” man. If Paul targets you for sponsorship...Look out! You won't escape.

Thanks to Don Clifton who kept you all informed through his imaginative FB and web posts.

Closer to the event John Goddard and Phil Davill spend hours getting the timing equipment, transponders and start sheets ready to go. Their expertise has provided us with “live” results and final results before the last rider has descended “Crow's Nest”. They don't even seem to mind about staying up late on Saturday to ensure everything is double checked and quirky transponders are sorted!

Cliff Grant kindly availed us of his superior intellect whenever we had queries.

I thank them all for their support but mostly I thank them for their wit and humour.

Our sponsors are nothing if not loyal. ADX DEPOT, our major sponsor, came on board again. Our stage sponsors were wonderful in their enthusiasm. The Crick's Pedal Action Coaching, the Finniss General Store who not only sponsored us again but also opened early for coffee on Saturday. My personal thank you for that! Eades Transport, the Royal Family Hotel Port Elliot who also provide the dinner and presentation venue, And Adam Kerin's Zero Friction Cycling. Adam's sponsorship should be rewarded with more of you using his products. Dan Kelly is another who puts his hand up every year. I have booked him for some work so please don't let me be the only one. Our other valued sponsors are the bike shop at Woodside, Bicycle Fix. Also at Woodside Knead Me Massage, Paul McGregor's Design MC Building Design, Cycle Closet. Please use their vouchers and tell them they came from the ADX DEPOT TOG. SDVLCC members Graham King and Dave Dobson planned and printed the program. Please support their businesses Gravy Boat Design and Digital Print Australia. Ngeringa Winery and Erin Klein are generous to us not only for this event but for many of our events throughout the year. A1 Hire again helped us and Blackbird Wedding Production and Fred Guilhaus have come on board to produce a drone/video reminder of this event. Stay tuned for that.

SDVLCC loaned us various pieces of equipment including signs, timing gear and hat covers. This was all personally delivered to us at Balhannah by Frank Schoen. Philip Norris from VLCC delivered the PA system and brought his new puppy for a play. This was greatly appreciated by my dog Charlie.

With the number of entrants to this race Referees become all important. So special thanks from all of us to Bob C, Richard Tormet (another willing SDVLCC helper) Tony Vaughan, Chris Cuthbert and Rick Gibki.

Bob and Pam Cotton have put years into cycling and are a great support for this event over the whole weekend. They are a corner stone of this event.

There was a lot of hanging about street corners for this event so special mention to Hal Osman, Bob Bishop, Chris Attrill, Jyoti Beddome, Mike Zbierski, Kim Krebs, and Victoria Veitch. Alan and Mary Capel helped at the timing tent for all four stages to ease the pressure on John and Phil, just as they did last year.

First aiders. Yet another SDVLCC member came to our assistance in Patrick O'Kane on Saturday. Dr Ron Baker was your guardian angel for Sunday's events and we also used the services of Sports Trainers to keep you safe.

I would personally like to thank our whole AHMCC Committee for their support over the last three months and I hope the event lived up to your expectations.

So now let's get on with the presentations.