

SOUTH COAST CYCLING

2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The influence that South Coast Cycling has on competitive cycling in South Australia far outweighs its numerical size. This dynamism is due to the passion and commitment of the South Coast Cycling Committee and the support of its membership. Committee members are active in all aspects of cycle racing, ranging from: international events; national championships; technical officiating; organising state level open racing; club track racing and come'n'try events. Collectively, we have a genuine and beneficial effect on South Australian cycling, whether through following personal predilections or working as a team.

My heartfelt thanks go to the South Coast Cycling Committee, 2008-09, for the enormous amount of time and energy that they have invested in creating a progressive club. In terms of achievement the increased popularity and patronage of the Friday twilight track series is outstanding and something of which we should be justly proud. In this achievement I must acknowledge the indefatigable Catherine, the unflappable Ken, the expert Renee, the practical Sean and the loquacious Anthony for their energy, vision and colour that characterise this series. Importantly, I do not forget the contributions of Su, David (both racing and officiating), Chris and Sam in officiating and the flying secretary, Allan. Special thanks go to the BBQ cooks, the senior Braithwaites and Chris and any other would-be chef who assisted in that role; the BBQ has become an important feature of Friday racing. Whilst the human factor is paramount, I believe that another reason for the success of the track series has been our ability to provide bikes for new riders to use, a feat largely accomplished by Cathy's prowess at winning grants.

Another major milestone was the change and consolidation of the club as SOUTH COAST CYCLING, accompanied by the adoption of a new uniform, which gives the group a forward-looking image for the future.

Less obvious, but nonetheless important, is the work being done on fine-tuning the Constitution and governance of the Club: work which is largely done by Ken, Cathy, Dave, Renee and Su.

Our other “flagship” events, the John Venturi Road Race (in honour of a former dedicated President) and the City of Holdfast Bay Cycling Championships, continue as popular, well-supported and well-organised events. Whilst their current venues are good, we will have to be on our mettle to ensure the integrity of these events in the future. There will be pressure on the venue of the Glenelg criteriums.

Without enumerating them, we must acknowledge the range of sponsors who have supported and made possible the events we have presented to the cycle racing community. Whether large or small, their support is crucial to our core task and I hope they feel satisfied with the promotion that we give them.

I want to acknowledge the assistance received from the Braithwaite’s senior, Susan, Alison, Alexia and any other volunteer like those who help on Friday nights and at Glenelg and Kangarilla. They make the job of running racing much easier and more effective.

Although not strictly club business, I also wish to offer my congratulations to Samantha for her management role in the Rendition Homes Criterium series (so much better this year) and to Ken and David as commissaries in that series. Furthermore, congratulations are again due to that trio and their redoubtable “partner in cycling”, Su, for their role in the Tour Down Under. Their work reflects most favourably on this club

Finally, I wish to thank everyone, both in the immediate past year and in the previous years for their support of me as Club President. It has been important to me, pleasurable and an honour to work with so many fine people.

Thank you.

Roger Blackwell

Club President