

TASMAN WHEELERS

Tasman Wheelers Cycling Inc Presidents Report for the Annual General Meeting 29 August 2024

Kia ora koutou, greetings everyone and welcome to the Tasman Wheelers Cycling Club AGM of 2024. Firstly, a huge acknowledgement of our Patron, Malcolm Saunders, and our life members, Christine Van Hoppe & Brian Samuels. On behalf of the Club, I would like to thank you for all your previous work and your ongoing support of the Club.

I would also like us to take a moment at this point to remember those members who have passed. You remain in our hearts and our minds, especially when we are out there on the bike.

Our cycling season runs from October 1st to the end of Sept each year, and this season we have continued to be very proactive in positioning cycling and road cycling as a sport that is worth pursuing and enjoying. We would like to thank each and every member for your part in supporting the Club and your committee to make cycling in the Tasman region successful, despite the challenging environment we continue to operate in.

At this point I would like to make special mention of Peter Ogilvie. After some arm twisting two years ago Peter took on the role of President and has made an enormous contribution to our Club and the sport of cycling during his tenure. He has very ably led us through some quite challenging times with energy, enthusiasm and initiative. Through Peter's leadership we have worked hard to meet the challenges of the Covid years and put some solid foundations in place on which to continue growing our Club. Thank you Peter.

Sponsorship and promotion are two of the key areas Peter has been active in growing and I would like to gratefully acknowledge the ongoing support of our sponsors:

- Village Cycles
- NBS
- Sprig and Fern
- GJ Gardner
- Brent Sturm
- Copy Press
- RWCA

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

Your committee have continued their hard work on your behalf through monthly meetings, sub-committee work, projects and events. Thank you to all of you: Don, Symon, David, Lyn, Shane, Brad, Dan, Chris, Dave and Roy. A special thank you to those who have or are stepping down this year – Shane, Brad, Dan, Chris, Dave and Roy. Your work has been much appreciated and we also appreciate your commitment to ongoing support of the Club.

As a committee we are dedicated to ensuring road cycling has a strong and sustainable presence in the Tasman Region. Some key functions of the committee include –

- Provision of well-managed, regular and safe races
- Race Calendar, Rosters and Course Development for Spring, Summer and Winter racing
- Club Promotion including Special Events and Membership Growth
- Young Rider Development
- Health and Safety
- Constitutional Integrity
- Health & Safety Planning and Education
- Financial Sustainability

The cycling season itself with the Spring & Summer races saw very strong numbers continuing to attend regularly, especially the Tuesday night blasts where up to 40 riders attended. We had exciting, and competitive racing across the grades. This year we also reinstated the Winter Series which comes to its conclusion this Saturday. 35 riders have competed across the grades. Attracting strong numbers to all races remains a focus with the committee constantly evaluating its events and courses. In conjunction with your feedback and ideas we continue to try new things and bring variety for members.

Our membership is slightly up on last year with end of July numbers at 103. Our challenge to all members is to spread the word. If you are out riding or racing invite your friends, talk to other riders you meet when out training, promote and comment on our Facebook posts, and refer people to our website.

We have special events coming up so support them and invite your mates along:

- Club Open Day mid October – keep an eye out for the Spring Calendar coming soon
- Christmas race and BBQ in December
- Tasman Classic 8 March 2025 – we grew this event to 75 entrants in 2024 (Great work team)

We continue to celebrate the achievements of Club riders past and present. Lyn Richardson was awarded & presented the trophy for most improved rider for the 2022/23 season. It was awesome watching Lyn's rapid development and progress through the grades. Other trophies awarded included:

- The Les Vincent Memorial Trophy (Tasman Classic Mens) won by Cameron Beaumont.
- The Ann Rigg Memorial Trophy (Tasman Classic Womens) won by Josie Wilcox.
- The Brian Harford Trophy (Kermesse Champion Mens) won by Dan Waluszewski.
- The Reg Davies Memorial Trophy (Kermesse Champion Womens) uncontested.

A number of our riders attended the Age Group Nationals, representing the Club with distinction: Symon Mitchell, Pete Ogilvie, Cameron Beaumont, Hans Bauer. Special thanks to Ray Hewlett who managed the team for the Club. Josie Wilcox continued to achieve some awesome results throughout the season.

We also continue to watch with interest the performances of our overseas professional riders, George Bennett, Finn and Niamh Fisher-Black, while acknowledging the retirement of Jack Bauer and his huge contribution over the years.

And let's not forget our recent riders who are excelling on the track, Shanne Fulton, Keegan Hornblow and Kaio Lart. What a magnificent Olympics performance Shanne and Keegan.

As a Club we look forward to continuing to extend our rich history of growing great riders. It has been pleasing to see a small group of promising Junior riders attending races, especially during the Spring and Summer season. The Committee has a desire to continuing to grow these Junior numbers with member's support. We appreciate the offers of bikes for loaning to new riders and are slowly beginning to make connections in our local secondary schools with support from Sport Tasman

Other challenges we are engaging with include:

- Traffic and race management
- Ongoing financial sustainability
- Health and Safety

Traffic Management rules are in a state of limbo legislatively with change likely to occur but unlikely to be legislated for a few more years. In the meantime we have 3 STMS with fresh training and qualifications. Huge thanks to Peter Ogilvie, Grant O'Fee and Bruce Markham for taking on this work for another three years. There is no doubt it is getting more challenging to hold races, especially those involving our State Highways. We are grateful to our team who put in the time getting our traffic management plans signed off. Great work David and Colin. The Club continues to explore options in the area.

Successful race management relies on a team of members each week to run our events safely and professionally. Thanks again to Brad and David for your work with the rosters. Thank you to members for playing your part though we encourage you all to keep an eye on the calendar so you know when it's your turn – makes life so much easier for the team.

As per the financial report, the club remains in a strong financial position thanks to the ongoing generous support of our sponsors, however the ongoing financial sustainability is presenting some challenges in the years ahead. In putting together the budget for the new financial year Don and David signalled to the committee that we will face

an operating deficit of approximately \$2,500.00 per year. This is due in part to the cost of traffic management but also the need to renew our timing chips which are nearing the end of their life. The committee are exploring some options for addressing this deficit and will bring them to the AGM.

A small team have been reviewing our Health and Safety Policy and Procedures with a view to making them more user friendly. The updated documents should be available soon. It is the Committee's intention to make a summarised version of our health and safety guidelines to all members annually. We encourage you to review these when you renew your membership thanks.

Finally, thank you again to all members for your tremendous support of Tasman Wheelers, and again to the committee who all continue to be awesome, putting hands up to help with so much. Going forward into the next year the Committee will be encouraging all members to make whatever time you have available to support their mahi/work on your behalf. We look forward to another exciting and successful year of cycling.

Thank you and enjoy the ride.

Peter King

Tasman Wheelers Cycling Club Inc Vice President. 2023/2024 Club Season