

President's Report 2022

Your Club has had a satisfactory 2022. Some decisions were made at the commencement of the year to ensure our financial viability and we are very pleased with the result. Gerard will talk about this further when he presents the Auditor's Report

As I said last year, in recent years with the advent of parkrun and the tremendous growth in popularity of trail runs, there have been lots of options for people to be involved in distance running. (The popularity of mountain-biking has also impacted our numbers).

Consequently, we have found our average number of race starters has continued to decline. The number of memberships would have followed a similar course but was saved by the fact that we ran three teams' events which have meant people taking out one-day memberships to participate. These provided a great boost to the Club financially but just as importantly were very successful and enjoyable events which introduced the Club to many runners who would probably not run with is otherwise. In particular, the 4 x 5km event at Penguin was a great day with 26 teams taking part. The other team events were run in conjunction with the marathon and half-marathon.

As for 2021 all entries and membership applications were done on line. We again offered the option for members to pay for all the "regular" races in one payment and many availed themselves of this.

Some other innovations from 2021 were retained this year. The two-division 5km events at Devonport Bluff were run as a women's race and a men's race but were not well supported. The City of Devonport 10km and the 5km at Ulverstone were designated Club championships and were run as mass start/sealed handicap events. They were more successful and it seems that members quite like the opportunity to all start together.

We only had one new course this year. This was at Preservation Bay and was used for the 4 x 5km teams' relay.

The nominated time events continued in 2022. As for the main events, the number of starters were varied with some disappointing fields, often due to the weather. I thank all who assisted with the running of these events and, in particular, Malcolm Nutting for sponsoring them.

At the start of the year, we sold a half-share in our gear trailer to the Coastal Running Club as they use this over the summer months.

Congratulations to all our race winners this year; in fact, congratulations to all members for the way you have competed and conducted yourselves making our family Club one of which we can all feel proud to be a part.

I would like to thank our sponsors for their continuing support and ask that all members in turn support our sponsors when you are able.

Many thanks, too, to all those who have volunteered in any capacity this year. Your help is invaluable.

I would like to acknowledge the ever-hard-working committee members who have each contributed greatly to ensuring the success of our Club in 2022.

After many years of wonderful work as our treasurer, Gerard Leary has advised that he will not be continuing. We would like to say a huge thank you to Gerard for the magnificent job he has done in

this role and his general contributions to committee discussions and decisions. He has also proven himself to be a funding submission writer extraordinaire. Just this year, he obtained for the Club a \$1000 grant from Bulk Nutrients. A few years ago, he submitted our request for funds from the Tasmanian Community Fund and due to his diligent work on this we were successful and able to buy our current van.

At the conclusion of the season, your committee had discussions about what further changes could be made to keep our Club relevant and successful going forward. A sub-committee met and proposed a race schedule for next year that eliminated some unpopular races, and added an extra teams' event. It also built in some weekend breaks, to avoid clashes with other events and celebrations, relieve pressure on the committee members and allow Club members to plan other things for those break weekends. The hope is that they will then find it easier to commit to our races. This will be discussed by the new committee which will make any decisions.

May I thank you, one and all, for your membership of the Club and your support. I look forward to seeing you all back at the Club in 2023.

Rod Viney,

President 2022