

President's Report 2024

The 2024 season was another successful season for the PCCCT. Principally a season of consolidation, the structural changes to the season roster that were first deployed in 2023 were used again in 2024 with 18 races run from April to September with regular breaks within the season to avoid public holidays and allow members time to recovery and relax between racing blocks. Race attendance was on par with 2023, despite an ever increasingly crowded running calendar offering member no shortage of options. The club continues to be in a strong financial position at the end of 2024.

With the reduction of races, the club now has an excess of options for race courses. Several courses not run in 2023 returned to the schedule in 2024, including Gunns Plains, Don and a new version of the Romaine Park course. 2024 also saw a return of the East Devonport trail course after a number of years absence. In turn, courses such as Railton, Spreyton Cider and Fernglade were rested in 2024 with a planned return in 2025.

One significant new course for 2024, was the Iron Trail in Latrobe. Serious safety concerns had built over several years about the traditional Ironman course at Forth. After the 2023 edition of the Ironman, the club's committee felt that the course was no longer fit to race on and that members' safety and wellbeing needed to be protected. As such a replacement race course of equal difficulty needed to be found. The committee elected to run an approx. 25 km trail race on the Railton Express track at the Wild Mersey MTB park. Run at the start of August, the race attracted comparable numbers to recent editions of the Ironman and feedback received from participants was highly favourable. The committee hopes that the club can build from this promising start into making the Iron Trail a highly attractive and prestigious race in the near future.

I wish to thank all members for their enthusiasm for the club and making it an enjoyable experience for all throughout the year. I also wish to thank all of those who volunteered their time to assist with the conduct of the season.

A large thanks is also due to the members of the PCCCT Committee for 2024. These are the people that keep the club running week in week out. I especially want to acknowledge the contributions of our outgoing committee members. At the time of writing, Rod Viney, Hayden Bishop and Cam Bissett have indicated to me that they will not be seeking re-election to the committee in 2025.

After many years of service, Rod Viney will be stepping down in preparation for his family's move to Queensland. Rod has been a tireless servant of the club filling numerous roles over the years, including President, Secretary, Public Officer and his current role as Treasury of the club. We as a club, and I personally, wish Rod all the best and hope to see him back at the club when he next visits Tasmania.

Hayden Bishop is stepping down after six years on the committee. Hayden has been the club's publicity officer, secretary and general tech guru. He has done a power of work updating the club's electronic systems and communications and leaves a big hole for the new committee to fill going forward. Hayden is stepping down to family commitments but won't be lost to the club and we look forward to seeing his rapid run times in 2025.

Cam Bissett has been man behind our website handicap and pre-race brief posts on the website in 2024. His efforts here and in helping keep the club moving forward have been invaluable. Much like his brother-in-law Hayden, Cam is stepping down due to family commitments but will still be running with the club in 2025.

Thanks are due our numerous and generous sponsors. Without them the club would not be able to conduct races. I urge all members to where possible support the businesses and generous individuals that support us.

Jason Scott

President 2024