ASCC President's Report AGM 24 October 2026

Acknowledgements:

- Original owners and managers of this land.
- Patron representatives, Ben and Laura (and son Charlie) who also provide such good prizes
- Life Members Paul Pearson (represented by Tim), Laurie, Max, Mike Heyburn and Reg Hatch
- Sponsors Tony Smith (Adelaide trip free bus and fuel), Alice Springs Car Rentals (free bus hire and fuel), My Ride (discounts on prizes and club purchases), Red Centre Adventures ($500 donation to support Juniors), Jack Spears (race counters)
- Particular acknowledgement of Volunteers including the Committee, all Commissaires and Race Directors, our Coach, Parents, our public officer and of course the many riders who also volunteer their time

This year is our 60 Year anniversary. The environment for cycling is very, very different to what it was 60 years ago. Nevertheless the Club is still strong and indeed is probably one of the most active clubs in Australia.

Achievements this year:

- Over **20 road races i**ncluding social rides were conducted including our first official Gravel Race; **two track racing seasons;** and the **Masters Games/NT Championships** conducted successfully. This is a huge number for a small club.
- Reg Hatch was a well-deserved finalist in NT Coach of the Year. It was great to be able to put in a submission with such strong and genuine support from club members, especially juniors and parents
- **SA/NT Track Championships at the Adelaide SuperDrome** last December – great results but more particularly a really excellent experience for our Juniors that has seen them make a step change this year.
- This was followed by a **Junior Academy** in June funded by AusCycling and run by their new Development Coach

- A number of our riders have competed in **interstate road and gravel races** this year - Mitch and Justin competed in national level road races, and a bunch of gravel riders went over to Nannup - Mick, Josh, Kathy, and Eleanor. (and not forgetting the trio who went to the Breakaways Bolt in Coober Pedy)
- We successfully ran the **NT Championships and Alice Springs Masters Games** - a huge commitment for many months from Mike Heyburn as Race Director and national level Commissaire Mandy Hargreaves – her attention to detail is superb.
- About 40 students from two schools, as well as a church group, participated in **Come and Try sessions** this year
- A big emphasis this year on **Asset Management**
    - Tom Simonson's contribution - a massive amount of work put into developing an asset management plan
    - Velodrome looking great: Painting of Commentary Box, new logo, race clock
    - Junior bikes are being well maintained. Planning for an improved workshop area and a functioning canteen
    - Introduced "Cutsheets" - an easy way for you to put your ideas to the Committee.
- Marketing - held two **market stalls** and a very successful stall at Newland Park with Road Safety. This came out of an ongoing relationship with Road Safety NT who funded us $2000 which more than covered costs
- The profits from this went into our new **junior support fund** where extra cash money brought in by juniors or other members is kept to help junior development opportunities. Thanks to Josh for pushing this along.

Other issues:

- **AusCycling** - continuing to develop a strong relationship, resulting in the Junior Academy and the NT Championships amongst other things
- **Governance** - we continue to update our policies and this year developed a comprehensive financial policy with written down safeguards to help guide the Treasurer and Committee

- We celebrated with family and friends the completion of the beautiful memorial seat at Corroboree Rock, our Club's memorial to Steven Yates.

Priorities for Next Year

- A first draft of next year's race calendar is here to stimulate your ideas. Do we want to keep Gravel Racing or maybe do more? Is it a good year to run the West Macs Cruise? Does it work having Club Championships all on one weekend or should we spread it over 2? Do we give up on the CX series due to lack of interest, or do we give it another go? What other ideas do we have?
- We need to continue to improve our marketing. We need strategies to attract new members but particularly younger women and Juniors. We have opportunities with the new AusCycling membership categories to encourage more mountain bikers to try road or track. We need to forge better working relationship with RCBMX

So it has been a busy year. But now to something sadder - we have or will be losing two families who have been very important to the Club during their stay in Australia - the Simonsons and the Gaileys

And we were terribly sad to lose member Don Gibson to cancer. Don was someone who was always quietly there helping out, cheering racers on, or giving the thumbs up on Facebook. I turn to Adam Duncum now who wrote a few words about Don:

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