



AGM 2009 – Presidents Report - July 16 2009 at Mingara Recreation Club

When we reviewed the 2007-2008 we agreed that it had been a year of spectacular change for the club. One year further on and 2008-2009 has been an opportunity to consolidate on those changes and exceed the goals we had set ourselves. We maintained our reputation as a friendly and well organised club ecoming widespread. Yet the competition at our monthly club races is a fierce as any selection race.

The overarching goals at the beginning of the year we quite simple:

- Grow our numbers, particularly in the female and Junior ranks
- Achieve financial stability
- Become the number one Country Club at the Triathlon NSW Club Championships

I am so please to report that we have exceeded our own expectations on all of those goals.

From an administrative perspective:

- We have maintained membership growth every month for the last 2 years.
- Our dependence on sponsorship support has been reduced, with most of our revenue coming primarily from race fees and Club membership. Mingara Recreation Club continues to be a major benefactor to the Triathlon Club with their contribution for the 2009-10 year increasing again over the previous year.
- We have developed the processes around the organisation of the monthly events. This will ensure that the quality of the events will not be compromised when key people are unavailable.
- As you hear from the Registrar and Treasurer you may be delighted at the statistics.

We are a sporting club and the success of our athletes has been exciting:

- Our Club was the winner of the Country Club division and 4th place overall at the 2009 NSW Club Championships. It is possible that we could get to the podium for the 2010 event.
- Individual results have been reported throughout the year. Some of our elite athletes achieving high placing. In addition high achieving juniors are also coming through the club ranks.
- The numbers of club members who are participating in the sanctioned races around the state and nationally is continually on the rise.
- A special mention must go to all the current competing athletes for the exemplary behaviour at our club races. We have not had a single incident that has caused concern by residents, council or NSW Police. Congratulations and lets keep that up.

On a personal note I will not be nominating for a position on the committee for the 2009-10 year. It has been a tremendous experienced being involved in the committee over the last 2 years and I want to personally thank the entire committee for their contributions and the support I received. I will be continuing as a member of the club and I intend to race as often as possible.

We are now heading toward our fifth year of events at the Summerland Point venue. During the summer of 2008-9 the Triathlon fields were at capacity, and so far the Duathlon races have been 2-3 time the size of the previous season. I would like to thank all those that contributed to the safe, fun and professionally run races. This committee and the Club membership should be very proud of what we have built. Congratulations to everyone and best of luck for the future.

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 President