

2016 Presidents Report

2016 has been a year of challenge and change for the club, while we weren't always successful in our agendas, overall the year was a success. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our volunteers, our development programs are highly popular, downhill races are being run again with new venues and formats, and our cross-country, cyclocross, races and dirt crits are in demand.

In the past two years I have worked with various committee members to reform a number of the areas of the club, the rationalisation of our assets allowed us to cease using a storage unit, we have changed banks to allow more responsive and robust banking, and we are in the process of reforming the way we do our business and the way we run races. All of this has not only saved the club almost \$10,000 per year in fees and charges, it has also meant that we are more responsive to what riders want, and we continue to expand our programs. Three years ago we made a significant investment in a new timing system and that has made significant improvements in the execution of Cross Country races, and lightened the load for volunteers, especially for long duration races such as three and 24 hour events.

I am immensely proud to have taken the Scott 24 hour through three challenging years and despite sometimes quite direct competition, each of those events was a success for the club. In 2016 the Scott turned 18 and we made the hard decision that we would acknowledge the changing desires of riders and discontinue the teams 24 hour race. We will have the Australian Solo Only 24 Hour in early October, followed by the Six66 two weeks later, and I am looking forward to having entries for that open very shortly.

Whilst I am not too familiar a face at races, I have continued work with advocacy to government and other areas. 2016 has seen significant work with the ACT Government to secure the future of MTB in the ACT. We are making progress on proposals that we hope the Government will buy into in order to cement the ACT's position as the 'MTB Capital'. These efforts will continue in 2017 and I hope we will see them gain momentum.

Changing life pressures mean that 2017 may be my final year with the CORC Committee, a Committee that has been part of my life for almost 10 years! It has had many more highs than it has lows, and I thank all those who I have had the pleasure of working with in that time.

Cheers!

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