

AGM 2022 President's Report

Australian Time Trials Association (ATTA)

We ran 30 events in the 2021/22 season, and we wouldn't have been able to run these events without a significant amount of help and so the first big thank you goes to Peter Meyer who continues to personally handle every entry for every event we hold, creates all the start lists, organises the late entries, handles all the communications, checks every transponder and updates the ATTA website.

The second big thank you goes to David Equid who took a rudimentary procedure for running the timing system and using his own direct experience running the system on event day with ATTA's new laptop, created an updated procedure which David also used as a training tool to teach two other people how to successfully run the timing system. This is a huge step forward for the club and involved a significant amount of sacrifice and stress on David's behalf, for which we are eternally grateful.

The final big thank you goes to the ATTA Committee for the 2021/22 season which is comprised of John Healy, David Equid, Stu Helm, Hayden Long, Lorraine MacLennan, Alison Ramm, Kim Van Amerongen and Steff Van Amerongen who have all completed a significant amount of work during the season to run these events.

The biggest thank you by far of all goes out to the many wonderful volunteers who have contributed to these events during the season and without which we would not be able to hold our events at all, so a big thank you to all of you from all of us.

The 2021/22 season program

In the previous season we lost several courses due to Main Roads WA and their approach to event safety and thankfully this year that trend did not continue however, we are noticing increased traffic at Wandi particularly at the roundabout on Lyon Rd and we have also had more than enough problems at Hennessy Rd. Both courses are likely to be unusable in the very near future.

Combine this with the EastLink project planned out through Giddegannup, and we are looking to see several of our courses disappear over the next few years in that area and one of our focus areas going forward will be identifying new courses and programmes. We are always on the lookout for new courses, and we welcome new ideas from participants, so if you have a course that has potential, please get in touch with one of our Committee members.

Paul van der Walt, with specialist knowledge from Peter Meyer, spent a significant amount of time looking into participation rates and Membership numbers over the last few years and identified that both numbers are decaying over time and so there is an opportunity here for the Committee to investigate how we can at least maintain or increase these numbers.

Membership numbers

ATTA's Membership numbers are currently at 91 and there will no doubt be a few more memberships purchased as we move towards the summer season and the Early Bird Series. There is clear value in being an ATTA Member, particularly if a person participates at our events frequently, and non-member participants are contacted annually to let them know about these benefits however, maybe more needs to be done in this space.

Event Safety

This year we did have a test of our ability to manage an incident on event day when Wanda Jansen van Vuuren took a tumble at Kings Park and the volunteer team on the day did a great job in stopping the race and doing their best to ensure Wanda was looked after until the ambulance arrived. Hopefully Wanda is back to 100% and we see her back at an ATTA event soon, but it is a reminder that even on closed roads people can hit the deck and it is important that our procedures are robust and that the volunteer team on the day know how to handle these situations.

Following on from this, ATTA engaged Roland Mau from DBCA and the slight depressions on the left hand side of the road just past the lowest point on the course, near where Wanda fell, have been repaired and hopefully will improve our experience on the course for the coming summer season at Kings Park.

Volunteers

One of the biggest challenges we face as a club is having enough volunteers on event day to fulfil the critical positions without which we cannot safely run an event. This is normally compounded at certain times of the year such as during the Early Bird series and towards the end of the summer series early where we really struggle to get enough volunteers, but thankfully this year there was a marked improvement.

We are still in need of more regular volunteers for our events, specifically people who can tow the ATTA trailer and set up the courses as well as the role of Basic Worksite Traffic Management on the day. These are crucial roles that are largely on the shoulders of just a few key people, and we can't continue like this in the medium to long term.

The future

The Committee always has a sizable to-do list ahead of them and we are also always looking for new ideas, improvements to the way we run events and feedback. If you have free time and the capacity to help ATTA on the Committee, then we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with any of the current Committee members and we will warmly welcome you, and in the meantime, we are looking forward to bringing you the 2022/23 season and hope to see you at an event soon.

Kind Regards

Steve