

Central Australian Rough Riders Incorporated



Annual General Meeting

Please join us on 26 October from 5.00pm, for our Annual General Meeting.

Hopefully you can make an informed decision as to whether you would like to express interest in making a commitment to the dynamic CARR Committee for the next year.

We understand that you cannot all be there so would like you to have the option of being heard.

Please use our Proxy Form so that you can nominate someone to vote on your behalf. If you choose to do so, then you would discuss how your vote is to be cast and the proxy can vote accordingly. This is between you and the proxy.

Please take the time to consider this and be reminded that to vote, a person must be a current financial member of legal age as of the 14 October 2024 (10 working days prior to AGM).

When 26-10-2024 at 17:00

Location: White Gravel Carpark, Kurrajong Drive

Chairperson David Atkins

Minute
taker Emma Shearer

Minutes

1. Introduction, Present and Apologies

Welcome to 2024 - AGM

President's welcome to all members.

Meeting declared open.

I would like to start by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather here today, and pay my respects to the Arrernte people, past, present and emerging.

Those in attendance were: Amy Stenniken, Bradley Evans, Chris Smyth, Clint Aldridge, Corinne Sanchez, David Atkins, Debbie Heller, Emma Shearer, George Landy, James Dale, John Pyper, Marty Krieg, Michael Smith, Nick Bitar, Reuben Carpenter, Rory Kearns, Stacey Gill, Steve Rabjones, Tim Fredrickson, Warren Todd.

Apologies: Sarah Holder

It is to be noted that Member - Stephen Rabjones - behaved in a manner that was disrespectful during the introduction/Acknowledgement of Country of the AGM. Many in attendance called Stephen out on his statements and behaviour and mentioned feeling unsafe during the AGM.

Decision

Stephen Rabjones to be warned if this behaviour is present at future events and that he could be banned for a period of time.

2. Minutes of 2023 AGM

2023 AGM minutes accepted as true and correct.

Moved: Nick Bitar

Seconded: Emma Shearer

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Tasks

- Public Officer to complete AGM paperwork processes
Assignee: georgina landy
Due date: 23-11-2024

3. President's Report

Thanks

Stacey Gill - Treasurer for the past 2 years has worked tirelessly to keep us financially secure, meeting all of our fiscal requirements, creating invoices, paying bills and the ever challenging task of Auditing the financials.

Amy Stenniken - Members officer for the past 2 years supporting new and existing members sorting out school sports vouchers and providing regular updates of membership.

Sarah Holder - for the past 2 years on the committee as a publisher of our newsletter for the past year giving it a new life for our members to engage in non social media platforms. She has also designed the SSAS logo

Georgina Landy - Outgoing Public Officer. Stepping down due to requirement to reside in Alice Springs which will be changing from start of 2025

Emma Shearer - As do all club Secretary who will be stepping down from this role but keen to remain on the committee. Emma has gone above and beyond the role description dedicating 100s of hours to its function and development since 2015.

CARR Committee – For the rest of the Committee Brad, Rory, and Nick, I thank you all for all of the time, passion and energy that each and everyone of you have put into the year. We are stronger together.

Activities

Grants - CBF Grant \$250k, \$200K ASTC(MOU in place from 2023) and \$50K CARR is still tracking strong with the first major step being the design set to be ready by the end of Feb 2025 year and was as a result of a huge amount of effort over the course of years. Common Ground will be responsible for delivering the design with requirements for the tender to go out for the construction shortly after. George, Myself and Crispin have been working on this behind the scenes collaborating and working towards the future of MTB and cycling in Alice Springs.

Website and Newsletters– The website has continued to be an important tool in creating an awareness of what we do and how we do it as a club to those that seek out information from sources outside social media with thanks to Emma for managing this. Newsletters are another way that we reach an audience far wider than our membership and Sarah has created a number of informative and entertaining newsletters with reports coming in largely from the committee members and those who have been supported by rider development.

Official Sponsors – Lone Dingo supporting Trail Crew random vouchers for volunteers. Red Centre Adventures for sponsoring She Shreds Alice Springs and general support and hosting some coffee and cake social rides. SPC for cash 3/6/12hr event prizes, use of facilities for instructional courses and running of the 3/6hr. Wellness on Wheels for masterminding and ensuring safe practices and space for Women’s Social Rides now known as SheShreds Alice Springs (SSAS). With a strong following and well set up rides for its group

Facebook – FB has a strong following of 1.7K followers from across the country! As one of our main forms of communication it is still the most up to date way to be informed. Events can be easily found here with links to registration. This represents our members with 44.5%female audience. Most of our followers are between 25 and 55 years of age. Only 625 people reside in ASP.

Strava – currently 290 members and it is not uncommon to see our CARR followers riding over 300 kms in a week. We still see highlights from Alli Anderson and Ryan Standish. Regular posts and Events have been getting put through this social network as many of us love a bit of post ride data.

Instagram – Instagram has 285 and growing to cater for these users as we hope to engage as many of you as possible to communicate to our members and friends. Not as well trafficked as other areas.

YouTube Channel with the most recent video “Making it happen” a product of Forktail Films being a great representation of what we do. Most videos of significance on the channel have been a product of Forktail and James Tudor. Bob Gnarly, Skyline, Pegasus, Dusty Demons, EITA Promos and the Trail Crew. James has created a number of other videos on his own time that are hosted on his website as these have been a huge asset to the club recently taking photos for the Masters Games

Events – We are always busy and there is rarely a week in the calendar that something doesn’t happen. We have seen consistent participation in the past 12 months for races 322 individual registrations 292(2023). Super popular events have been the Pig’s Races back in for 2024, HOP # 1 #2, 3/6hr, Social Gravity, Dusty Demon’s (not in the count)and Trail Crew. The

biggest one for 2024 being the Masters Games with 51 individuals and 167 Registrations across 4 events. Perhaps our biggest engagements are not easy to see as they do not come through Race Results

The Alice Springs Master Games - The biggest event for 2024 being the Masters Games with 51 individuals and 167 Registrations across 4 events. Entries from this major event amount to approximately \$4K for the club.

Trail Crew – Has great support and collaboration here from Parks and Wildlife NT. The MOU signed with Parks in 2023 was a major step forward in clarity and collaboration with many NT Parks Staff involved in this and all Trail Crew sessions amounting to more than 200 hours of time this year. Currently \$7k of grants is in the bank for development of volunteers ultimately working towards a new piece of black trail on Park with AAPA clearances which is absolutely huge on a national scale of development on parks. We have worked on Inarlenge (Echidna) and Eastside link (Valentines) as large-scale works in 2024.

The Gravel Muster - 6 CARR members competed in this event in 2024 which was great to see with all of them completing the event. CARR committee has worked hard behind the scenes to hold onto the MOU with Rapid Ascent from The Redback. This was renegotiated in 2024 for The Gravel Muster giving our local club riders 50% off the entry. 6 x \$800 = Many. The club gains \$40 from each rider that rides who is not a club member as a part of this MOU so just over \$2.5K.

Dusty Demons - Term 2 and 3, 16 sessions during this time with 40 students= 640 engagements in individual events not including instructors and parent helpers.

Ross Park and Bradshaw Before School Term 1 and 4 and new school Living Waters Term 4 – George has been running 7-8am rides during terms 1 and 4 for 2024 engaging a dynamic group of riders weekly. This proves to be a great feeder into the Dusty Demon program with a large overlap of riders. CARR supported these with Breakfast as a great collaboration and is staffed entirely by club members. Key members here are George Landy, Nick Bitar, Graham Chidgey, Clint Aldridge and Crispin Egli.

Club Champion for 2024 - Yet to be titled in 2024 but to line up in the HOP Series in the coming weeks.

Education

Foundation AusCycling Instructors with Georgina Landy in August with 5 new potential instructors predominately for Dusty Demons and school-based programs.

Dusty Demons - Dusty Demons program during terms 2 and 3 for 16 weeks with loads of excitement and engagement. Andrew Spencer-Wright and Martha Livingstone, Crispin Egli, Graham Chidgey, Clint Aldridge, Nic Bitar and Georgina Landy. These instructors have all been trained and supported through CARR and AusCycling to get to this point and provided nearly 20 weeks of activity to nearly 40 riders, parents, and supporters. This has been the club's largest engagement during the past year.

Rider Development 2024– James Dale for the Gravel Muster. Martha Livingstone for first aid training and George Landy for the Otway Odyssey and Great Otway Gravel Grind

Good Sports – gold level club due to meeting the national benchmark standards

Desert Sports -We maintain our relationship and commitments here which enables junior to get assistance when travelling for MTB.

Presidential Statement

As of this meeting I will be stepping down as President of the Club after six years of intense volunteering. I have been a general committee member, members officer, race delivery

Director of Easter in the Alice and Masters Games, trail crew manager, Vice President, President. Working to make this club and mtb in Alice Springs as good as it gets anywhere in Australia. We now have trained instructors, structured education, rider development, and clear policies for many areas across the club. Good governance with updated constitution and MOU's in place with ASCC, NT Parks, Alice Springs Town Council and Rapid Ascent. I have applied for grants and assisted in others amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars which all take immense amounts of time and energy. For every grant won there are 3 that have been unsuccessful. We currently have 3 grants active. CBF grant \$250k, Trail Crew Volunteer Development Grassroots \$5k and Trail Crew Volunteer Development Marion Scrymgour \$2k.

I have taken a position in a residential program in North East Victoria where Year 9 students spend a year of boarding. It has been a big decision for me and my family as one of the best things about Alice Springs is the club and MTB.

I really would like to add that there are seemingly many misconceptions about what the club does and how it makes decisions. One of these in particular really pains me which demonstrates a lack of knowledge and the understanding about the relationship between the CARR and St Philip's College. I am more than happy to discuss these misconceptions personally and sincerely hope that nobody rumours around it. CARR has benefited greatly from its relationship with SPC and its staff who dedicate far more time to the club than any job description for the committee states.

4. Vice President's Report

Thanks for coming everyone and everyone on the committee.

It has been one hell of a year, some great events, fun riding, some wins with trail building. We have a new relationships with Parks, I would like to very briefly, make the point that we don't necessarily see what the clubs does, working with everyone around us to make the club better and bigger.

Particularly working with George on the Dusty Demons program. When I was young, buying a bike and riding around there wasn't really anyone. Now there are over 50 small riders getting involved every week on a Monday. As members, we don't see the role the club brings to this. With George and Dave moving on, I will definitely be looking to stay on the committee to see these things going.

5. Financial Statements

2024 Audited Financials accepted.

Moved: Nick Bitar

Seconded: Amy Stenniken

Prepared by Ryan Armes from Perks Accounting in Consultation with Stacey Gill and the committee. It should be noted that the club may choose to change this arrangement in the future.

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6. Election of Committee Members for 2024/25

Nominations were called for positions on the executive and the committee.

Janine Konidaris nominated for President by Debbie Heller, seconded James Dale - elected unopposed

Michael Smith nominated for Vice President by Stephen Rabjones, seconded Adrian Gailey - elected unopposed

Debbie Heller nominated for Secretary by Stephen Rabjones, seconded Michael Smith - elected unopposed

Nick Bitar nominated for Treasurer by David Atkins, seconded Debbie Heller - elected unopposed

Tim Fredriksen nominated for Public Officer by David Atkins, seconded Emma Shearer - elected unopposed

Committee members: Bradley Evans (nominated by David Atkins, seconded by Emma Shearer), Rory Kearns (nominated by David Atkins, seconded by Emma Shearer), James Dale (nominated by Michael Smith, seconded by Debbie Heller), Chris Smyth (nominated by David Atkins, seconded Nick Bitar), Tim Fredrikensen (nominated by Nick Bitar, seconded Clint Aldridge), John Pyper (nominated by Corinne Sanchez, seconded by Stephen Rabjones).

7. Close

End of minutes.

Summary of matters arising are tabled on the following page.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting on 26-10-2024

Summary of Matters Arising

Decisions

Item Decision

1. Stephen Rabjones to be warned if this behaviour is present at future events and that he could be banned for a period of time.

Tasks

Item	Task	Assigned to	Due date
2.	Public Officer to complete AGM paperwork processes	georgina landy	23-11-2024

Summary of Attachments

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Item File Name

2. [2023_AGM_Minutes.pdf](#)
5. [2024_Signed_Financials_-_CARR.pdf](#)

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