

Annual Report



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Committee and Staff Reports

President

Russell Baker AM



This is my fourth annual report to you as President.

Your Sport

Australia's Mountain Bikers continue to be faced with a great choice of organized events, from social rides to world championships. Clubs and promoters are providing many more opportunities for us to enjoy our sport. For many of us, we can choose between several events on the one weekend.

While this involvement of Australians in mountain biking continues to grow, the increase in the number and scope of activities and events staged by our member clubs and affiliated promoters has seen individual perevent attendance reduce in many areas. While it is great to see the range of mountain bike events on offer to you increase, I expect that there will be some rationalisation of the market in this area in the coming year. I urge you to support your club in their activities as the clubs are the backbone of our sport, and of MTBA.

I will be talking a lot about national and international achievement in this report, but that represents a very small portion of the activity of MTBA, and of you as mountain bikers. We may aspire to high level performance and I am certain we all celebrate the achievements of our best mountain bikers, but it is the everyday riding that we all do that is special and that MTBA will continue to service for you.

Our 2013 National Series, National Championships (Canberra) and Oceania Championships (Hobart) were delivered by CA CE under an agreement with Cycling Australia. This agreement has improved the financial performance of the series for MTBA in comparison to previous years. The first season produced some great racing, but it also produced many lessons in delivery and we look forward to an improved series for 2014 and the remainder of this 5-year agreement.

The International Stage

2013 has continued Australia's good performances on the Mountain Bike world stage. Dan McConnell and Bec Henderson stepped up from their 2012 Olympic performances and after taking the Oceania titles and winning Elite Men and Women at the Mellow Johnny's round of the USA National Series, they both hit the World Cup season in spectacular fashion, with them each winning the opening World Cup. This set a hard act to follow for the rest of the season, but they kept delivering. At the end of the World Cups, Dan would finish ranked #2 overall and with four top-10 finishes, including one win. Bec won two U23 XCO world cups and finished 2nd in another three. It is worth noting that Bec's worst result of the season, a fourth place, would have been seen as a distant target for Australian XCO only a few years ago. Unfortunately both Bec and Dan were injured leading up to the World Championships, resulting in disappointing performances by their own high standards. Our thanks go out to all who have supported Bec and Dan, and we have now seen what can be achieved by riders who get to the level of major international team support, as they have through Trek Factory Racing.

The Australian team did very well at the world championships in South Africa, with Paul Van der Ploeg winning the World Championships in XC Eliminator to deliver a gold medal out of a total medal haul of seven. Queensland's Janine Jungfels won bronze in Observed Trials – Australia's first ever medal in this discipline. Our Downhill riders performed superbly with Mick Hannah and Jared Graves taking silver and bronze, while Tracey Hannah won bronze in Elite Women and Caroline Buchanan came 5th. Caroline would then go on to win the 4X World Championships in Leogang, Austria to finish the season as a multiple world cycling champion (BMX and 4X) – another first. Danielle Beecroft and Tegan Molloy won silver and bronze in the Junior downhill.

Jess Douglas and Jason English defended their World Solo 24 Hour championship titles on home soil in Canberra, the third for Jess and the fourth for Jason.

The race drew riders from 17 countries to Australia, and the Elite Women provided some enthralling racing throughout the day and night.

Cycling Australia Awards Night

The stellar performances of our riders were recognized at the annual Cycling Australia Awards Night in Melbourne on 8 November. Going up against Tour de France stage winners and other high-profile road and track riders, Caroline Buchanan took home the "Oppy" for the Australian Cyclist of the Year – the first time a mountain biker has won this award, and she became only the third Woman to do so. She also won the people's choice award for cyclist of the year, plus the Female MTB and Female BMX rider of the year. In the other categories, Dan McConnell won male MTB'er, Dean Lucas and Danielle Beecroft won Juniors and Jason McAvoy and Traci Lonergan won Masters. Geelong MTB Club's Tania Elderkin won MTB Volunteer of the year.

These awards highlighted just how far our riders have progressed on the international stage in recent years. Performance which in previous years would have resulted in an almost certain win, were barely enough to secure a nomination in many cases. My congratulations to all nominees, the winners, and those who have supported them in their path to the top.

Future Major Events

The collaboration between MTBA and CA on the National Series has also seen the assignment by the UCI of MTB World Cups and a World Championship for Australia.

The Cairns World Cup in April 2014 will be our first MTB World Cup in Australia since Canberra in 2008 and the Cairns World Championships in 2017, will be the first since Canberra in 2009. The regular scheduling of World Cups in Australia will do much to improve the profile of our sport and ease the financial burden of international travel on our senior athletes as they break into competition at this level however the recent UCl announcement that there will no longer be Junior categories in Mountain Bike World Cups for XCO will make it harder for our juniors to gain experience at this world level, and deny them the opportunity to compete in a home world cup. We are continuing to address this matter with the UCl.

Your MTBA

The 2013 AGM will be the first under the new constitution you endorsed in 2012, so there will be a "half-committee-election". This means that the MTBA Committee is better placed to maintain continuity and the two year terms for individuals allows the committee

members you elect a greater effective period to implement the strategic plan for our future.

We have now had two rounds of the new Club Grant Scheme which makes it easier for smaller clubs, and also those in more remote areas, to get MTBA assistance to fund their initiatives. If you have a good idea to develop a brighter future for mountain biking in your area, I encourage you to get a bid in for these funds.

You have all recently been advised of the moving-on of two of our most senior staff members. Tony Scott (Executive Officer) and Chris Clarke (Head Coach) both completed their service to MTBA in October and MTBA wishes them well in their future endeavours. Tony in particular, has provided years of service to our sport and was instrumental in the forming of MTBA.

IMBA-AU continues to do great work in lobbying for trails access and providing assistance to clubs where needed. We all need places to ride and IMAB-AU plays an important role in educating local, state and federal governments of the benefits and importance of mountain biking.

Cycling Australia commissioned a review into MTBA's Elite Development Program (EDP) – which Cycling Australia funds. This independent review was conducted by Warrick Forbes from the Australia Institute of Sport. While the review is not public, I commend Warrick for his work and I assure you that it has provided much-needed impetus for a reform of how we develop and support athletes. I expect to be able to take action on this in 2014 to improve the lot of our riders.

Performance Enhancing Drug Use

I first communicated my views to you on this subject in 2012, and MTBA took action in advance of the reviews and investigations which began that year. We have since changed our Constitution to require the leadership of MTBA to be drug-free, past and present, and to declare this when they stand for election. This also applies to our employees and I intend it to apply to coaches and all others who have the potential to influence our developing riders. I will continue to promote mountain biking as a drug-free sport.

What is on the Horizon for MTBA

The main item for the future is the integration of cycling bodies to form a new Australian Cycling Organisation. I want to emphasize that this will be a new body, not MTBA joining into CA.

We held a meeting Canberra of the Presidents of the 30 largest MTBA clubs and from that we were able to

establish the things that matter the most to you. It is clear that we want to be able to maintain our identity as mountain bikers and have control over our everyday activities. It is my opinion that this new cycling body represents the greatest potential for improving our sport in all the years I have been involved in Mountain Biking.

One thing integration means is that we will be able to tap into higher levels of Government support, sponsorship, business and management services. However, when the time comes, it will be your decision on which direction to move forward. MTBA is your association and you will be called on to vote on this important step.

Our strategic plan is being implemented and I look forward to increased membership, which will allow MTBA to fund the initiatives in the plan. But to achieve that, we have to ensure that MTBA is relevant to all mountain bikers in Australia. This will also help us retain more of our current members. We need to provide the services that you want and find valuable. We are setting up a State and Territory Council, which will operate as a Sub-Committee of MTBA and will bring State and Territory issues to the Board

I have been very pleased to notice the significantly increased team and sponsor support that is being provided to our developing and Elite level riders outside of MTBA. I see an increasing number of riders at our high level events wearing team kits, but this is only the visible surface of comprehensive support programs that these parties have put in place. But it is not only about these teams, the same can be said of club support to riders. To all of those who have supported our sport in this manner, you have my sincere thanks, and I hope that the riders you support will make you proud.

But above all, MTBA would not be possible without the tireless dedication of our members and volunteers at all levels of the sport. That is where the foundation of our future is laid. I have had the great opportunity over the past four years to talk with our members and potential members. I have received your feedback and considerations personally on what you think MTBA can do differently from my presence at our national championships and from school events down to a club social ride, plus much more by email. Please continue to submit your feedback and never underestimate the value I place on your comments to me.

Our thoughts are with the members of MTBA who have recently suffered loss in the NSW bushfires. Some have lost houses, some have lost bikes. Our thoughts are with you all.

Finally I would like to thank all of MTBA – our members, the staff and the Management Committee for their assistance in what has been achieved in 2013, and planned for our future. I would also like to pay tribute to Klaus Mueller, who retired as President of Cycling Australia earlier this year, for his counsel and his support of mountain biking.

I wish you all a very successful 2014, on and off the bike.



(The Hannahs and Peta Mullens attend the announcement of the upcoming 2014 and 2016 UCI World cups in Cairns in May this year)

Secretary

David Rusden



2013 has been a year of progression.

Most of the progression has been in the area of governance, which is largely invisible to MTBA members. We have been operating under the new constitution with a smaller committee and the operation of the committee is steadily improving with some new committee members bringing an experienced, capable and fresh perspective.

We had improved attendances at committee meetings in 2013 as well as more productive meetings. We have further to go with improving the professionalism and effectiveness of the committee, and we have the right people in place for that to happen. A challenge is for us to spend more time implementing the strategic plan and less time concerned with operational matters.

Meeting Attendances

The following list shows the attendances at committee meetings for the year.

Note:

Position Vacant indicates that, at the time of the meeting, the position was vacant.

Anthony Willis and Katherine O'Shea were appointed to their positions after the 13 April meeting.

Phil McCorkell was not the Treasurer at the time of the 14 September meeting.

2013 Committee Meeting Date Committee Member				
Committee Member	13 April	16 Jun	14 Sept	15 Nov
Russell Baker (President)	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Glen Piazza (Vice President)				
David Rusden (Secretary)	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Phillip McCorkell (Treasurer)	Yes	Yes	Position Vacant	
Anthony Willis (Public Officer)	Position Vacant	Yes	Yes	
Craig Peacock (Professional Appointment)	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Katherine O'Shea (Professional Appointment)	Position Vacant	Yes	Yes	
Lewis Kerr (Gravity Rider Representative)			Yes	
Tim Rowe (XC Rider Representative)	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Owen Gwilliam (OT Rider Representative)	Yes	Yes		

Cycling Australia Board Representative



Craig Peacock

2013 was my third year on the Mountain Bike Australia (MTBA) Management Committee and on the Cycling Australia (CA) Board

MTBA Governance

I am pleased to report that 2013 has been a year of improved governance for MTBA. This has been achieved through the new constitution, approved in the December 2012 General Meeting, the adoption of the Management Committee Code of Conduct policy in February 2013, and the election and appointment of sporting and professional people at the management committee level to provide our members and our sport with good leadership and governance.

MTBA and Cycling Australia Collaboration and Integration

A key priority for 2013 has been to progress the working relationship between Mountain Bike Australia and Cycling Australia. As I previously reported at the 2012 and 2011 AGMs, the business models of MTBA and CA are similar. Whilst the specific cycling sports are different (mountain biking, road and track), the organisational strategies are similar. This provides the basis for MTBA and CA to share best practices and leverage each organisation's strengths and capabilities.

Closer integration between Mountain Bike Australia and Cycling Australia is being achieved through the implementation of the following initiatives:

- MTBA/CA Service Level Agreement accounting/membership service agreement;
- MTBA/CA 5 year National Series and National Events Agreement, 2013 was the first year in this agreement;
- Cyclo Cross the joint MTBA and CA Cyclocross Commission organised the 2013 National Cyclo-Cross Series and the 2013 Australian Cyclocross Championships.

Four specific examples of benefits for mountain biking from this closer-working relationship have been:

- Securing the 2017 UCI Mountain Biking and Trails World Championships (Cairns, QLD),
- Securing the 2014 and 2016 UCI MTB World Cup rounds for Australia,
- Increased TV coverage of mountain biking on SBS (i.e, 2 hour coverage of the 2013 Australian Championships, highlights of Australian and international mountain biking events)
- The provision of a Subaru motor vehicle for MTBA's use.

Priorities for 2013/14

The priorities for 2013/14 are:

- Restructure benefits achieving the full benefits from the recent restructure of MTBA's operations;
- Collaboration at the State level to increase collaboration at the State and Territory level, to identify opportunities to leverage existing state cycling resources and to identify opportunities to fund part time state based mountain biking resources;
- Integration Model and Benefits Develop an integration model to be presented to MTBA members for membership approval. The strategic objective from this initiative is to deliver further tangible benefits to members, clubs, MTBA and Cycling;
- Cyclo-Cross a joint CA and MTBA committee is organising the National Cyclo-Cross Series; and
- Joint Membership Card (this is different to joint membership).

The strategic objective from these five initiatives is to deliver initial and tangible benefits to members, clubs, MTBA and Cycling Australia from Integration. Two specific examples of benefits to mountain biking has been the SBS and Subaru arrangements which has

provided increased TV coverage of mountain biking (i.e. 2–hour coverage of the 2012 Australian Championships) and the provision of a Subaru motor vehicle for MTBA's use.

I firmly believe that further developing the closer working relationships between MTBA, CA and BMXA in 2013 will deliver more benefits to our members, to each organisation, and for the whole of the cycling community.



(Lisa Jacobs lifts the inaugural National Cyclo- Cross Championships:Photo courtesy of Una McKay)

Bicycle Trials Representative

Owen Gwilliam

Observed Trials (OT), while not receiving the same level of recognition within Australia as it does in Europe and other countries, is recognised by the UCI as a discipline of MTB, and as such has a high profile UCI World Cup series and World Championships.

Observed Trials is an exciting discipline which provides a great spectacle at MTB events. The great work of last year's OT Representative was further built on this year, with selection of 3 athletes to represent Australia at the World Championships, and provision of support mechanisms whilst at this event that was equal to those provided to athletes within the XC and DH disciplines.

MTBA's support undoubtedly helped Janine Jungfels achieve her best result ever - a Bronze medal in the World Championships. Janine's efforts on the world stage are a testament to her determination and love for the sport, and her value as an ambassador for mountain biking in Australia should be noted.

While MTBA support for the Observed Trials athletes during the world championships is now excellent, more focus on development of athletes in future will help ensure even better results on the world stage, and also help the sport to grow within Australia, for the enjoyment of all Australian mountain bikers.

Over the last 12 months, I have worked with the Observed Trials community to deliver some amazing events such as:

- 2013 National Championships Mt Stromlo, ACT where I worked actively with the event delivery team both in the lead up, and also during the event, to ensure it was successful. The Trials Championships was a huge success with 32 entries, SBS coverage and excellent courses for all riding levels.
- 2013 National Series, where I worked actively with clubs in Qld, NSW, and Vic to ensure



smooth delivery of 3 rounds, one in each of the eastern states. This was a big achievement noting that there have not been National Rounds in all three eastern states for many years.

- 2013 Victoria State Series, where I organised and ran 6 state level competitions throughout Victoria, which were well attended, and run at a profit for the local club.
- 2013 World Championships Trials Manager / Coach. The 2013 World Trials Championships were held in conjunction with the MTB World Championships in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. I provided support for our 3 athletes (Janine Jungfels, Lachlan Sens and Nathan Mummery), Janine Jungfels won the Bronze medal, and Nathan Mummery returned a strong result of 16th.

I am passionate about the sport, and have spent countless hours in the past year on trying to raise the profile of the sport in Australia.

Challenges and considerations for 2014

It is seen as important by the trials riders within Australia, that our events are better publicised, and of a higher profile to improve attendance levels. I am already working with the event delivery team, MTBA and the cycling clubs to ensure the 2014 season is the best everl

Acknowledgements & Thanks:

My thanks are extended to:

- Cycling Australia events delivery team, especially Karin Jones and Steve Peterson.
- The Victorian trials riders who spent 3 full days preparing Mt Stromlo site for the National Championships - including brush cutting, mowing, moving rocks and logs, and building courses, all at their own cost.

- Jeff and Haydon Solomano
- Fat Tyre Flyers
- Tim Mullaly from Queensland Bike Trials Club, and Mitchell Ho from Bike Trials NSW.
- MTBA
- All the trials riders, friends and family who have made this season great and delivered some amazing events.



(Janine Jungfels creates history as the first Australian to medal in World Championship Trials in RSA: Photo courtesy of Amy McCann.)

Downhill Rider Representative

Lewis Kerr



As we draw to the conclusion of my 3rd year on the committee, I am proud of the direction we are heading.

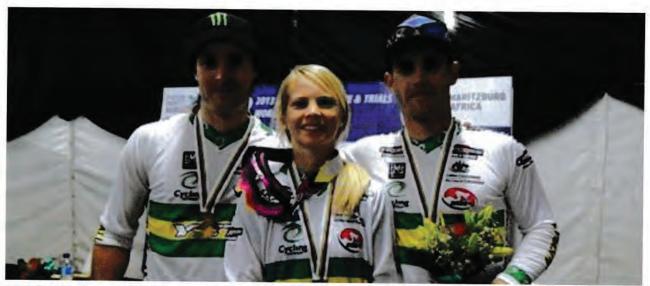
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Significant changes are underway in the culture and structure of MTBA that I am confident will go towards the progression of the sport in the country.

I am looking forward to watching Australia's continued success in DH, particularly as one of the dominant countries in the sport.

Some great results from Dan McConnell and Bec Henderson have inspired a new generation of XC riders who have now seen what can be done with the right level of determination and support.

The next 5 years of mountain biking in Australia are going to be the best in the history of the sport and I am looking forward to being part of it well into the future!



(Jared Graves, Tracey and Mick Hannah podium at the UCI World Championships in RSA: Photo Courtesy of Amy McCann)

Professional Appointment 2

Katherine O'Shea



In early May I was fortunate to be appointed to the MTBA Management Committee within a Professional capacity. I have not only brought with me, experience from a Business Analyst perspective, but inherently both an elite competitor and female perspective. Taking on the position within MTBA, I was aware and had first-hand experience of the restlessness with the MTB community surrounding EDP, the lack of communication/engagement of the membership and also the perceived "boys club" within the management of the organisation.

There is no doubt that we need a broader female presence within the management of not only MTBA, but cycling in general, in order to bring a better level of equality to female cyclists around the world. We can look to likes of Tracey Gaudry leading the way in this capacity. There is certainly room on the MTBA Management Committee for more female involvement and I can account from my experience that my voice is always heard and respected.

Over the last few months we as the MTBA Management Committee have had to make some strategic decisions for the betterment of the sport. However demanding these decisions have been, I am gratified to be involved in helping to shape the future of the sport that I am so passionate about.

I am looking forward to setting the vision for MTB within Australia by:

- Providing open communication and engagement with MTBA members
- · Acting on the recommendation of the EDP review



- Pursuing the development and support level for elite riders
- Offering clarity around processes to provide members with a better experience



(DanielMcConnell and Rebecca Henderson celebrate National series titles: Photo courtesy of Russell Baker)

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Nicholas Bowman

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The start of the 2012-13 financial year kicked off to a flying start with the 2012 Master Class in Hornsby. Sydney. With Guest speaker Tony Boone and extensive support from Hornsby Shire Council and the Sydney North Off Road Cyclists (SNORC) the four day event attracted 32 participants. While this number of participants was difficult to manage during the intensive training sessions, it did ensure that this particular event created a solid profit as a stand alone event. A donation was made to SNORC to thank them for their tireless efforts to make the "master class" and the local trails a success. This event format is in fairly high demand and demonstrates that Master Class events for 2013 and 2014 are worth preparing and promoting. At this point in time IMBA Au is planning to host two Trail Building Master Classes in 2014 when both Joey Klein and Tony Boone are in Australia for the inaugural IMBA Australasian Summit in Cairns,

Once again, the club level, weekend trail workshops have been the bread and butter of the organisation, especially with the cash injection from the Vic State Development Fund (SDF) to host a series of Vic workshops. More generally, these weekend workshops facilitate collaboration between local land managers and riders. This is always the first step for any MTB access, in all communities and the added bonus is that more stakeholders understand the true nature of sustainable trail design. Marty Krieg has been a great asset in allowing IMBA Au to keep these events happening through the year. In the long run IMBA au needs to seek comprehensive sponsorship and grants to enable us to deliver these crucial services to clubs and communities for free.

Trail consultancies have also been solid in this financial year, with major clients being the City of Gold Coast (Qld), Warringah Shire Council – Manly Dam (NSW) and Bicycle SA with ForestrySA in relation to Cudlee Creek (Fox Creek) Trails and Trail Planning. This area of the business can certainly grow but it does need a dedicated team that can focus on project outcomes without the distraction of the day to day business requirements of running a national organisation. Hence

Marty Krieg will be taking more of a lead role in managing this side of the organisation in 2013-14.

While membership is less than desirable, corporate sponsorship is steadily growing and now that commercial entities are seeing how we can get broadscale exposure for their business, we hope to increase this income stream for 2013-14. Part of this process has been to develop a solid sponsor / support deal with Primal Wear, which have produced our 2013 Jerseys. While there has been an outlay of over \$10K in jersey stock, at the sponsor rate IMBA Au can make some income from these merchandise sales for the next 24 months.

Significant investment of time and money for IMBA Au has been in improving our online assets including Facebook, Twitter, website, database and online store. On top of this we have been putting more emphasis on staff development to take pressure off the National Director, but more importantly, to create a more sustainable business model for IMBA Au in the long term. This process includes the employment of an admin assistant to help with the website, book keeping and communication and more trail consultants to assist with field work, so that the consultancy projects and trail workshops can proceed without distracting for day to day business requirements of the organisation. Nonetheless, the online store is not operational as yet and the website is still somewhat archaic and unsatisfactory for the organisations obligations and ambitions. It could be suggested that the inability to move merchandise stock quickly and effectively has contributed to the \$20K loss indicated by the accounting of 2012-13. Moreover, our inability to demonstrate our worth to the MTB community has meant that the base support from members and affiliation is just not good enough and is well below budgeted numbers. Still, a \$20K loss may not be significant when considering the extensive investment in staff and online assets during this year.

Plans for 2013-14 include the development of a digital newsletter for members and trail stakeholders and the development of the 2014 Australasian Summit in Cairns which is now to be held in conjunction with the World Cup. Trail workshops are also planned for a number of locations and we look forward to a promising future.

World Championship Report



Tony Scott

2013 UCI MTB and Trials World Championships, Pietermaritzburg Republic of South Africa August 26 – September 1 and 4X World Championships, Leogang, Austria, September 20 – September 21

World Championships - General:

The XCO, DHI and Trials World Championships were conducted in Pietermaritzburg (RSA) while the 4X World Championships was held a few weeks later in Leogang (Austria) in conjunction with the final 2013 World Cup for DH.

Australia selected 34 athletes to contest this year's MTB XCO, DHI & Trials World Championships with 26 ultimately making the trip to South Africa. Bryn Atkinson, Connor Fearon, Mitchell Delfs and Jack Moir (DH), Peta Mullins, Ben Forbes, Ben Bradley and Scott Bowden (XCO) were nominated for selection but withdrew some weeks prior to competition due to injury or lack of fitness. Seven athletes were selected for the 4X World Championships with one withdrawal - Danielle Beecroft - due to her extensive travel commitments in the lead-up to the RSA Worlds.

No appeals for non-selection were received.

All the events in Pietermaritzburg were held at the Cascades MTB Park, including the Cross Country Eliminator held on Sunday morning. This required that the DH practice, which was occurring at the same time, be cut short before the DH finish line since the XCE finished at that location. The XCO course was well received by athletes with a good mix if strength and endurance sections coupled with quite technical climbs and descents. The DH course was much the same as the 2012 RSA World Cup and was a course that suited a DH athlete with a greater endurance capacity and again coupled with a high skill level. Certainly our two best athletes in Elite Men DH were well suited to the RSA World's course as evidenced by their finish position. The XCE course used a small section of the

XCO course and was largely placed around the race village area. The 2013 4X Worlds were held on the same venue as for the 2012 4X World Championships.

With the return of DH and XCO as well as Trials being held at the one location over the same event period the

travel and accommodation arrangements were significantly simplified compared to 2012. Having said that the separate team we needed to send to Austria did require a new set of travel and accommodation arrangements that were set up by the DH/4X coach and managed by Tim Chadd.

In RSA all the Junior Team members and Staff stayed at a local Guest lodge that was inclusive of breakfast and dinners. I believe that this arrangement provided a very supportive structure for all. The Elite athletes in XCO and DHI were supported off-site by their UCI Trade Teams. Athletes that did not choose to stay at the Team accommodation were, however, invited to a Team dinner before the competition started. Some of the Elite DH athletes took advantage of this and their presence was very appreciated by the other athletes. The UCI Trade Team athletes also dropped into the event Team tent over the course of the 5 days and again that was well received by both athletes and Staff.

A Team dinner, including the athletes not staying with the team, was held on the first Sunday of the campaign to bring together everyone and set the scene for the coming week of the campaign. The team visited a game park on the first Sunday of the campaign before practice and racing commenced. This proved to be an excellent team bonding session with lots of interaction between the athletes of the different disciplines.

MTBA offered \$2,000 to athletes that were selected at the highest level consistent with the statements on this in the Selection Criteria. Two athletes that did not attend the RSA World Championships due to injury were not funded, but all the remaining offers were accepted. Excess luggage costs continue to be difficult for Australians traveling internationally.

We were able to reduce excess luggage payments for the Sydney - Johannesburg to just \$420 with the grateful assistance of a family group who were able to spread some weight to their account. The value of a group traveling together was, however, best highlighted by the return flight where we are able to spread the excess with across all Staff and athletes. All luggage arrived in RSA but due to the volume of Teams leaving Durban airport on Monday after the Worlds luggage for the return flight to Sydney was delayed.

The establishment of a central base from which the Team can operate and be fed needs to be continued with in future years. There is no doubt in my mind that this provided an atmosphere in which all athletes could thrive, be supported in the bad times but celebrated in the good ones.

I would be very hopeful that the UCI Trade Team supported athletes will consider in future years to be involved in building a complete Team by being also involved in being accommodated centrally. Having said that those athletes were frequent visitors to the Team accommodation and to the Team site at World's race village.

Some parents of the Junior athletes took the opportunity to travel with their sons or daughters to RSA. Their support of their children was always appreciated, but early on we needed to make the Team Tent site 'Staff and athlete only.' Their understanding of the reasons for this was universally understood. As a thank you MTBA invited the parents to a Team BBQ on the last night which was well received.

It was clear during the week that having three mechanics (two for DH and one for XC) was very much needed. No mechanical failures occurred which allowed the athletes to totally concentrate on their performance.

Performance Summary:

The Australian Team finished third on team points in the Junior Downhill (by 2 points to Great Britain and 10 points to the USA) and first and second (to France by 9 points) on the teams points in the Elite Men's and Women's Downhill – a remarkable performance on the world stage.

The highlights of this year's World Championships were the performances of Mick Hannah (2nd) and Jared Graves (3rd) in the Elite Men's DHI World

Championship. Both Mick and Jared spent most of finals on the hot seat in first and second seat, only to be denied at the very end by local rider Greg Minnaar, who ousted Mick Hannah by only 0.4 seconds.

In the Elite Women's DHI race both Tracey Hannah and Caroline Buchanan - vying to take the triple crown in 2013 by being awarded three World Championship crowns (BMX, DHI and 4X) - finished in 3rd and 5th respectively.

Danielle Beecroft (2nd) and Tegan Molloy (3rd), in her first World Championships, was another nail-biter in the Junior Women's DHI World Championship while Dean Lucas finished in 5th, closely followed by Thomas Crimmins in 8th for the Junior Men's DHI World Championship.

Our male 4X representatives best placed rider was Joey Vejvoda (25th) while, with no doubt at all Caroline Buchanan, stamped her authority by claiming a second World Championship in 2013 with a conclusive win in the women's 4X race.

Our XC riders generally performed below expectations, with Rebecca Henderson's placing of 10th in the U23 Women's race the only exception but still lower than what her World Cup experiences would have suggested. Injury to both in the lead-up to their competition certainly played a part in them not achieving their full potential in RSA.

The general disappointment of the XCO campaign was in many ways put to one side by the magnificent victory of Paul van der Ploeg in the Men's Cross Country Eliminator and where in both the final two heats he took a 'sneaky line' to get ahead of the other three athletes by a clear 3 meters after which he just needed to keep riding hard at the front. He said afterwards that he was very surprised that the other athletes let him do so! There is no doubt that this move was instrumental in Paul being crowned the 2013 XCE World Champion.

The Observed Trials contenders had mixed results with Janine Jungfels performing well confirming her World Cup results with a solid 3rd place whilst her male counterparts did make the cut to progress to finals.

Full results can be found in the Results pages later in this AGM report.

Financial Reports

(Please refer to inserted papers)

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Financial report For the year ended 30 June 2013

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COMMITTEES' REPORT

The committee members present their report together with the financial report of Mountain Bike Australia Inc. (the Association) for the year ended 30 June 2013 and auditor's report thereon.

Committee members names

The names of the committee members in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

Russ Baker President

Stuart Cunneen (Resigned 17 February 2013)

Norm Douglas (Resigned 17 February 2013)

Owen Gwilliam (Appointed 17 February 2013)

Ian Harwood (Resigned 17 February 2013)

Evans James (Resigned 17 February 2013)

Lewis Kerr

Ross Kroger (Resigned 17 February 2013)

Ben Mather (Resigned 17 February 2013)

Clinton McAlister (Resigned 17 February 2013)

Phillip McCorkell

David McKinlay (Appointed 17 February 2013)

Kris Nichols (Resigned 17 February 2013)

Katherine O'Shea (Appointed 17 February 2013)

Rob Parbery (Resigned 17 February 2013)

Craig Peacock

John Pyper

Ray Rice (Appointed 17 February 2013)

Tim Rowe

David Rusden

Tony Tucknott (Resigned 17 February 2013)

Anthony Willis (Appointed 17 February 2013)

The committee members have been in office since the start of the year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

COMMITTEES' REPORT

Results

The surplus of the association for the year after providing for income tax amounted to \$139,255.

Review of operations

The association continued to engage in its principal activity, the results of which are disclosed in the attached financial statements.

Significant changes in state of affairs

There were no significant changes in the association's state of affairs that occurred during the financial year, other than those referred to elsewhere in this report.

Principal activities

Dated this Fifteenth

The principal activity of the association during the year was to lead the development and promotion of mountain biking in Australia for the benefit and enjoyment of all mountain bikers.

day of November

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Russ Baker
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Phillip McCorkell

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
Revenue	2	1,742,983	1,936,483
Less: expenses			
Club grants		(19,091)	-
Committee		(31,701)	-
Consultants and contractors		(174,098)	(320,269)
Depreciation	3	(7,517)	(18,621)
EDP sports program		(345,907)	(346,347)
Employee benefits expense		(412,590)	(315,014)
Event expenses		(147,954)	(246,568)
ICT costs		(13,646)	(57,376)
Insurance		(77,472)	(119,703)
Integration		(22,032)	-
Media and communications		(12,021)	(88,653)
Operating costs		(155,582)	(145,115)
Participation		(42,107)	-
Printing, postage and stationery		(12,200)	(29,708)
Provision for impairment of inventory	3	(16,500)	-
Transport, travel and accommodation		(113,310)	(307,570)
		(1,603,728)	(1,994,944)
Surplus / (deficit)		139,255	(58,461)
Total comprehensive income		139,255	(58,461)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2013

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	459,083	339,416
Receivables	5	47,995	130,664
Inventories	6	16,486	15,209
Other assets	9	41,959	<u> </u>
Total current assets		565,523	485,289
Non-current assets			
Intangible assets	8	-	6,437
Property, plant and equipment	7	16,144	16,425
Total non-current assets		16,144	22,862
Total assets		581,667	508,151
Current liabilities			
Payables	10	53,740	101,679
Provisions	11	108,791	59,378
Other liabilities	12	24,250	<u>81,470</u>
Total current liabilities		<u>186,781</u>	242,527
Non-current liabilities			
Provisions	11		9,993
Total non-current liabilities			9,993
Total liabilities		186,781	252,520
Net assets		394,886	255,631
Members funds			
Accumulated surplus	13	394,886	<u>255,631</u>
Total members funds		394,886	255,631

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial report preparation requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991 (ACT)*. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity. Mountain Bike Australia Inc. is a not-for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs, which do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The financial report was approved by the committee as at the date of the committees' report.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this report:

(a) Revenue

Revenue from sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods have passed to the buyer and the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably. Risks and rewards of ownership are considered passed to the buyer at the time of delivery of the goods to the customer.

Revenue from the rendering of services is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

Interest revenue is recognised when it becomes receivable on a proportional basis taking in to account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Levies and IMBA are recognised upon the invoice being issued.

Annual membership fees, licenses and permits and other revenue are recognised when payment is received. Three year membership fees are recognised as revenue over the period of the membership.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(b) Contributions - Government Grants and Donations

A non-reciprocal contribution or grant is recognised when the entity obtains control of the contribution or grant and it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the entity, and the amount of the contribution or grant can be measured reliably.

If conditions attached to the contribution or grant that must be satisfied before the entity is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of contribution or income is deferred until those conditions are met.

A non-reciprocal donation is recognised when the right to receive a donation has been established.

When the entity receives grants but is obliged to give directly approximately equal value to the contributor, recognition of grant income will be deferred until the delivery of service.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(c) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and at banks, short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less held at call with financial institutions, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

(d) Inventories

Inventories held for sale are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(e) Property, plant and equipment

Each class of plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment is measured on the cost basis.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated over their estimated useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

(f) Impairment

Assets with an indefinite useful life are not amortised but are tested annually for impairment in accordance with AASB 136. Assets subject to annual depreciation or amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or circumstances arise that indicates that the carrying amount of the asset may be impaired.

An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount of the asset exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount of an asset is defined as the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows which will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to present values in determining recoverable amounts.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(g) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an out flow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

(h) Leases

Leases are classified at their inception as either operating or finance leases based on the economic substance of the agreement so as to reflect the risks and benefits incidental to ownership.

Operating leases

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Lease incentives received under operating leases are recognised as a liability and amortised on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

(i) Employee benefits

(i) Short-term employee benefit obligations

Liabilities arising in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave and any other employee benefits expected to be settled within twelve months of the reporting date are measured at their nominal amounts based on remuneration rates which are expected to be paid when the liability is settled. The expected cost of short-term employee benefits in the form of compensated absences such as annual leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits. All other short-term employee benefit obligations are presented as payables.

(ii) Long-term employee benefit obligations

Liabilities arising in respect of long service leave and annual leave which is not expected to be settled within twelve months of the reporting date are measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflow to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date.

Employee benefit obligations are presented as current liabilities in the balance sheet if the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, regardless of when the actual settlement is expected to occur.

(j) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(k) Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative information has been reclassified and repositioned for consistency with current year disclosures.

	2013 \$	2012 \$
NOTE 2: REVENUE	,	·
Operating revenue		
Membership fees	748,217	718,053
Grants and other contributions	388,455	466,746
Sponsorship	-	35,000
Licences and permits	214,407	175,396
IMBA	195,549	213,026
Athlete levies	172,748	125,714
National series	220	172,464
Interest received	3,281	5,224
Other revenue	2,905	
	1,725,782	1,911,623
Other income	<u>17,201</u>	24,860
Total revenue	1,742,983	1,936,483
NOTE 3: OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		
Surplus / (deficit) before income tax has been determined after:		
Depreciation	7,517	18,621
Bad debts		
- Trade debtors	1,500	-
- Doubtful debts	9,182	
	10,682	-
Impairment		
- Inventory	16,500	

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

	2013 \$	2012 \$
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NOTE 4: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash on hand	300	300
Cash at bank	458,783	339,116
	459,083	339,416
NOTE 5: RECEIVABLES		
CURRENT Trade debters	FC 010	120.004
Trade debtors Provision for impairment	56,818 (10,100)	130,664
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Other receivables	1,277	_
	47,995	130,664
NOTE 6: INVENTORIES		
CURRENT		
At cost		
Finished goods	32,986	15,209
Provision for impairment	(16,500)	45.200
	16,486	15,209
NOTE 7: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Plant and equipment		
Plant and equipment at cost	139,595	132,359
Accumulated depreciation	(123,451)	(115,934)
Total property, plant and equipment	16,144	16,425
NOTE 8: INTANGIBLE ASSETS		
Patents, trademarks and licences at cost	-	6,437
Total intangible assets		6,437

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

	2013 \$	2012 \$
NOTE 9: OTHER ASSETS		
CURRENT Prepayments	41,959 41,959	
NOTE 10: PAYABLES		
CURRENT Unsecured liabilities Trade creditors Other creditors GST credits Payroll liabilities Accrued expenses	45,565 - (918) 3,916 	27,573 8,574 38,016 11,745 15,771 101,679
NOTE 11: PROVISIONS		
CURRENT Employee benefits (a)	108,791 108,791	<u>59,378</u> <u>59,378</u>
NON CURRENT Employee benefits (a)	<u>-</u>	9,993 9,993
(a) Aggregate employee benefits liability	108,791	69,370
NOTE 12: OTHER LIABILITIES CURRENT		
Unexpended grants State development funds Membership fees in advance	250 - 24,000 24,250	250 81,220

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

	2013 \$	2012 \$
NOTE 13: ACCUMULATED SURPLUS		
Accumulated surplus at beginning of year	255,631	314,092
Net surplus / (deficit)	139,255	(58,461)
	<u>394,886</u>	255,631

NOTE 14: EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO REPORTING DATE

The contract of employment for the Executive Officer role with Tony Scott will end on 8 January 2014. The contract of employment for the Head Coach role with Chris Clarke ended on 9 October 2013.

NOTE 15: ASSOCIATION DETAILS

The registered office and principal place of business of the association is: Level 2, 280 Coward St MASCOT NSW 2020

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 3 - 11:

- 1. Presents fairly the financial position of Mountain Bike Australia Inc. as at 30 June 2013 and performance for the year ended on that date.
- 2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Mountain Bike Australia Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:

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President: .	Russ Baker	
Treasurer:	Phillip MacControll	
	Phillip McCorkell	
Dated this	Fifteenth day of November	2013



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MOUNTAIN BIKE AUSTRALIA INC. ABN 71 703 201 892

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MOUNTAIN BIKE AUSTRALIA INC.

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Mountain Bike Australia Inc. (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2013 and the statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the governing committee's declaration.

Responsibility of Those Charged With Governance

The governing committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991 (ACT)* and financial reporting needs of the members.

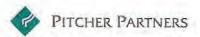
The governing committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the governing committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Association's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by those charged with governance, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.





INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MOUNTAIN BIKE AUSTRALIA INC.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Mountain Bike Australia Inc. as at 30 June 2013 is in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 (ACT), including:

- (i) so as to give a true and fair view of matters required by section 72 (2) to be dealt with in the financial statements; and
- (ii) in accordance with the provisions of this Act; and
- (iii) in accordance with proper accounting standards.

Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 in the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Mountain Bike Australia Inc. to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 (ACT) and the financial reporting needs of the members as determined by the governing committee. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

15 November 2013

Partner

Registered Company Auditor No. 172348

PITCHER PARTNERS

Sydney

Results Sumary

2013 Australian Domestic Season

Australian MTB Championships, Canberra, ACT 19 - 24 February 2013

Olympic Cross Country Championships

Elite Men

1.Chris Jongewaard, SA 1:29:53.3; 2,Daniel McConnell, Vic 1:30:54.4; 3.Sid Taberlay, Tas 1:32:38.0; 4.Paul Van der Ploeg, Vic 1:32:44.5; 5.Dylan Cooper, ACT 1:33.44.5; 6.Luke Fetch, Vic 1:35:10.0; 7.Jared Graves, Qld 1:35:18.9; 8.Shaun Lewis, SA 1:35.19.6; 9.Ben Mather, Tas 1:37:36.5; 10.Mark Tupalski, ACT 1:38:10.1

Elite Women

1.Peta Mullens, Vic 1:29:03.0; 2.Jenni King, Vic 1:29:53.2; 3.Rowena Fry, Tas 1:31:21.2; 4.Tory Thomas, Vic 1:31:21.4; 5.Jodie Willett, Qld

1:32:34.4; 6.Katherine O'Shea, Vic 1:38:34.4; 7.Jenny Fay, NSW 1:39:28.1; 8.Anna Beck, Qld 1:39:30.7; 9.Therese Rhodes, SA 1:39:08.1; 10.Sarah Holmes, SA 1:43:33.9

U23 Men

1.Jack Haig, Vic 1:15:06.1; 2.Ben Forbes, NSW 1:17:52.7; 3.Cameron Ivory, NSW 1:18:51.8; 4.Brenton Jones, Vic 1:18:51.8; 5.Kyle Ward, NSW 1:19:56.8; 6.Michael Crosbie, Vic 1:19:56.8; 7.Stephen Mathews, Tas 1:22:29.4; 8.Brenton Jones, Vic 1:22:36.0; 9.Sebastian Jayne, ACT 1:22:52.9; 10.Christopher Aitken, NSW 1:23:12.3

U23 Women

1.Rebecca Henderson ACT, 1:09:44.1; 2.Clea O'Brien, Vic 1:29:48.8; 3.Rosemary Stewart, NSW

U19 Men

1.Ben Bradley, Tas 1:02:24.3; 2.Jack Lavis, ACT 1:03:41.1; 3.Felix Smalley, Vic 1:03:56.2; 4.Tristan Ward, NSW 1:03:58.7; 5.Chris Hamilton, Vic 1:05:18.3; 6.Scott Bowden, Tas 1:05:50.9; 7.Mitchel Greenway, Vic 1:06:13.3; 8.Tasman Nankervis, Vic 1:06:13.3; 9.Reece Tucknott, WA 1:06:46.0; 10.Jayden Ward, NSW 1:06.55.6

U19 Women

1.Holly Harris, NSW 59:51.3; 2.Emily Parks, NSW 59:52.9; 3.Karlee Gibson, Qld 1:08:51.9; 4.Lucy Burton, ACT 1:11:14.9

U17 Men

1.Liam Jefferies, Vic 48:42.5; 2.Darcy Pirotta, WA 49:32.8; 3.Callum Carson, NSW 50:23.8; 4.Alex Lack, Tas 51:18.0; 5.Michael Potter, NSW 52:35.4; 6.Josh Hooton, Qld 52.40.2;

7.Guy Frail, NSW 53:32.9; 8.Luke Brame, NSW 53:55.5; 9.Dylan McKenna, Vic 54:43.2; 10.Tom Green, NSW 55:29.2

U17 Women

1.Ellie Wale, Vic 42:49.0; 2.Megan Williams, Qld 45:30.7; 3.Zoe Binder, NSW 46:04.7; 4.Emily I'ons, NSW 55.47.2

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1.Isaac Buckell, Vic 33:50.3; 2.Charlie Brodie, ACT 34;48.3; 3.Cameron Wright, Qld 36:16.4; 4.Luke Pankhurst, NT 37:19.0; 5.Adam Blazevic, NSW 37:23.4; 6.Kian Lerch-Mackinnon, Vic 37:58.1; 7.Mathew Dinham, NSW 38:35.8; 8.Ben Metcalfe, NSW 38:55.0; 9.Joseph Simpson, ACT 39:44.0; 10.Jasper Albrecht, Vic 40:36.6

U15 Women

1.Katherine Hosking, NSW 44:18.0; 2.Sarah l'ons, NSW 45:14.5; 3.Zoe Cuthbert, ACT 46.51.9; 4.Sally Potter, NSW 56:20.3

Veteran Men

1.Lucas Sproson, Vic 1:06:53.8; 2.Dominic Hoyal, Qld 1:08:09.5; 3.Jarrod Moroni, Vic 1:09:02.0; 4.Mathew Potter, NSW 1:10:07.5; 5.James Boland, NSW 1:10:16.2; 6.Nathan Spencer, ACT 1:10:22.2; 7.Brad Clarke, Vic 1:11:50.3; 8.Damien Enderby, NSW 1:14:07.8; 9.Sean Bekkers, Qld 1:15:31.5; 10.Andrew Low, NSW 1:16:37.9

Veteran Women

1.Philippa Rostan, NSW 1:02:52.5; 2.Kate Swain, WA 1:02:52.6; 3.Josie Simpson, Vic 1:06:35.1

Masters Men

1.Bradley Morton, Tas 1:04:21.4; 2.Jon Gregg, ACT 1:08:34.9; 3.Mathew Rizzuto, ACT 1:09:04.8; 4.Brett Kellett, NSW 1:12:07.5; 5.Bryce Young, Vic 1:12:12.0; 6.Jorge Baron Morris, NSW 1:12:16.8; 7.Brett Bellchambers, ACT 1:13:08.1; 8.Jason Morgan, NSW 1:14:21.4; 9.Peter Kreilis, NSW 1:14:23.3; 10.Douglas Pollock, NSW 1:14:24.7

Masters Women

1.Catherine Kelaher, ACT 39:07.8; 2.Jane Ollerenshaw, Vic 42:13.4; 3.Donna Dall, Qld 43:23.4; 4.Michelle Inglis, ACT 44:01.0; 5.Jody Mielke, NSW 44:42.8; 6.Karen Evans, NSW 45:08.9; 7.Jennifer Enderby, NSW 50:14.8

Super Masters Men

1.John Henderson, ACT 53:16.4; 2.Craig Peacock, Vic 54:17.4; 3.Frans Van Zyl, WA 55:56.9; 4.Paul Burbidge-Smith, ACT 56:00.2; 5.Dean Kohlman, Vic 57:38.3; 6.Peter Selkrig, NSW 58:02.9; 7.Les Heap, Qld 58:07.4; 8.David Danks, Vic

1:00:20.0; 9.Raymond Rhodes, WA 1:00:40.8; 10.Mark Hardy, NSW 1:02:08.0

Super Masters Women

1.Sharon Heap, Qld 40:33.1; 2.Lisa Smallbone, NSW 46:02.1; 3.Margaret King, NSW 46:56.5; 4.Lisa Harris, NSW 51:37.6

Grand Masters Men

1.Greg Carr, Qld 1:06:39.3; 2.Russell Parsons, Vic 1:11:30.9; 3.Steve Watson, ACT 1:23:50.0

Grand Masters Women

1.Sharon Heap, Qld 40;33.1; 2.Lisa Smallbone, NSW 46:02.1; 3.Margaret King, NSW 46:56.5; 4.Lisa Harris, NSW 51:37.6

Expert Men:

1. Dion Shaw 1:10:12.4; 2. Ty Cerlenizza 1:11:00.9; 3. Hamish Scanlain 1:17:32.4; 4. Samuel Parker 1:19:04.7; 5. Lachlan Tair 1:20:24.7; 6. Michael Parker 1:23:50.0; 7. Chris Harrop 1:26:17.9

Sport Men:

1. Michael Debono 37:46.6; 2. Michael Dall 40:13.3; 3. Gregory Ellis 41:11.1; 4. Clayton Mumford 52:18.6; 5. Scott Denton 52:28.1

Sport Female:

1. Rachel Weatherly 1:13:45.8

Downhill Championships

Elite Men

1.Mick Hannah, Qld

2:23.09; 3.Samuel Hill, WA 2:23.48; 4.Chris Kovarik, Qld 2:24.62; 5.Troy Brosnan, SA 2:23.73; 6.Todd Madsen, WA 2:24.58; 7.Jack Moir, NSW 2:24.90; 8.Graeme Mudd, NSW 2:25.35; 9.Joe Vejvoda, NSW 2:29.09; 10.Ben Cory, ACT 2:28.01

Elite Women

1.Tracey Hannah, Qld 2:46.53; 2.Caroline Buchanan, ACT 2:46.96; 3.Lisa Mathison, Qld 2:52.23; 4.Trudy Nicholas, ACT 3:22.56; 5.Victoria Armstrong, ACT 3:45.39; 6.Philippa Rostan, NSW 3:18.15

U19 Men

1.Dean Lucas, Vic 2:32,58; 2.Thomas Crimmins, NSW 2:35.13; 3.Aiden Varley, Vic 2:35.26; 4.Brent Smith, NSW 2:35.33; 5.Luke Ellison, NT 2:37.14; 6.Peter Knott, Qld 2:37.62; 7.Jackson Davis, WA 2:41.44; 8.Matthew McCorkell, ACT 2:42.35; 9.Benjamin Dengate, ACT 2:45.50; 10.David Maggs, NSW 2:45.79

U19 Women

1.Kellie Weinert, NSW 3:08.37; 2.Gemma Greentree, NSW 4:24.99; 3.Danielle Beecroft, NSW 4:36.27; 4.Tegan Molloy, NSW 3:04.22

U17 Men

1.Andrew Crimmins, NSW 2:26.57; 2.Callum Morrison, SA 2:37.26; 3.Remy Morton, Qld 2:42.82; 4.Jackson Frew, ACT 2:43.61; 5.Matthew Taylor, SA 2:45.31; 6.Joel Willis, NSW 2:47.58; 7.Cosi Hofman, ACT 2:48.54; 8.Tim Black, ACT 2:50.79; 9.Luke Donnelly, NSW 2:51.04; 10.Alex Dickson, NSW 2:53.35

U17 Women

1.Ellie Wale, Vic 3:26.80

U15 Men

1.James Findlay, NSW 3:16.69; 2.Riley Horsman, NSW 3:18.28; 3.Sheldon George, ACT 3:25.58; 4.Patrick Butler, NSW 3:27.64; 5.Mitchell Wynn, NSW 3:42.59; 6.Ewan Styles, ACT 3:57.55; 7. Will Campbell, NSW 4:11.47

Veteran Men

1.Adam Smithson, NSW 2:39.13; 2.Jayson Robertson, NSW 2:42.54; 3.Ben Morrison, ACT 2:42.73; 4.Shannon Rademaker, Vic 2:43.71; 5.Chris Martin, Qld 2:46.03; 6.Sean Martin, ACT 2:50.54; 7.Tom Gilfedder, ACT 2:56.14; 8.Nicholas Bailly, NSW 2:59.93; 9.Tim Chadd, Vic 3:00.45; 10.Simon Warren, NSW 3:00.82

Masters Men

1.Paul Rowney, NSW 2:43.84; 2.Robert Stone, Qld 2:51.50; 3.Boris Fontanella, SA 2:53.10; 4.Daniel Taliana, NSW 2:54.22; 5.Paul King, NSW 3:08.03; 6.Pete Smith, NSW 3:17.35; 7.Brad Taylor, ACT 3:31.06; 8.Justin Armstrong, Vic 3:47.67; 9.Shane Dobson, WA 2:51.94; 10.Mark O'Donohue, NSW 3:04.11

Masters Women

1. Catherine Kelaher, ACT 3:21.99

Super Masters Men

1.Steven Bullard, NSW 3:02.73; 2.Phillip Hannam, NSW 3:13.78; 3.Stephen Coles, NSW 3:25.46

Cross Country Eliminator Championships

Open Men

1.Paul Van der Ploeg, Vic; 2.Troy Herfoss, NSW; 3.Daniel McConnell, Vic; 4.Chris Jongewaard, SA; 5.Ben Bradley, Tas; 6.Luke Fetch, Vic; 7.Nicholas Morgan, Vic; 8.Lewis Cressy, ACT

Open Women

1.Katherine O'Shea, Vic; 2.Rowena Fry, Tas; 3.Lindsay Gorrell, NSW; 4.Sarah Holmes, SA; 5.Emily Parkes, NSW; 6.Jaclyn Schapel, SA; 7.Holy Harris, NSW; 8.Jenni King, Vic

Bicycle Trials Championships

Pro 26in

1. Joe Brewer, Vic, 14 dabs; 2. Andrew Dickey, Vic 18 dabs; 3. Nathan Mummery, Vic, 25 dabs; 4. Lachlan Sens, Vic, 54 dabs; 5. John Tullerud, 72 dabs; 6. Paul Gerloff, Vic, 73 dabs

Pro 20in

1. Andrew Dickey, Vic, 29 dabs; 2. Joe Brewer, Vic, 30 dabs; 3. Nathan Mummery, Vic, 31 dabs; 4. Joel Nelson, Qld, 61 dabs; 5. Morgan Driessens, Qld, 63 dabs 6. Lachlan Sens, Vic, 63 dabs

Elite

1. Janine Jungfels, Qld, 14 dabs; 2. Le Hua, Qld, 17 dabs; 3. Matt Harding, Vic, 19 dabs; 4. Mitch Ho, NSW 19 dabs; 5. Borys Zagrocki, Qld, 23 dabs; 6. Owen Gwilliam, Vic, 28 dabs; 7. Haydon Solomano, Vic, 43 dabs; 8. Craig Pearce, ACT, 60 dabs; =9. Reece Toase, NSW, 75 dabs; =9. Matt Platts, NSW, 75 dabs; =9. Chris Martin, SA, 75 dabs; =9. Joel Davis, Qld, 75 dabs; N/A. (Unicycle) Joel Gleeson, NSW, 61 dabs

Sport

 Kyle Rolands, Qld, 8 dabs; 2. Tim Mullaly, Qld, 17 dabs; 3. Peter Thompson, Qld, 58 dabs; 4. Jeff Solomano, Vic, 68 dabs

Novice 1. Jack Favelle, NSW, 5 dabs

Australian MTB Marathon Championships Stromlo Forest Park, ACT 20-21 April 2013

Elite Men

1.Jason English, NSW 5:18:59; 2.Andrew Blair, NSW 5:21:40 3.Peter Hatton, WA 5:33:51; 4.Michael Crosbie, Vic 5:36:41; 5.Shaun Lewis, SA 5:41:00; 6.Chris Hanson, NT 5:48:48; 7.Peter Kutschera, Vic 5:49:44; 8.Edward McDonald, ACT 6:01:31; 9.Graeme Arnott, NSW 6:07:05; 10.Nelson Tilley, Qld 6:11:03

Elite Women

1.Jenny Fay, GBR 6:37:54; 2.Jenni King, Vic 6:45:57; 3.Therese Rhodes, SA 7:00:38; 4.Sarah Riley, Vic 7:07:03; 5.Jodie Willett, Qld 7:17:04; 6.Naomi Hansen, Qld 7:22:06; 7.Imogen Smith, Qld 7:27:40; 8.Maggie Synge, Qld 7:46:42; 9.Sharon Heap, Qld 5:12:55; 10.Donna Dall, Qld 5:23:43

Half Marathon Elite Men

1. Harrison Ware, Qld 3:22:23; 2.Richard Peil, ACT 3:29:23; 3.Duncan McIntyre, Qld 3:40:07; 4.Glen Pemble, WA 3:40:14; 5.Marc Ware, Qld 03:43:00; 6.Alex Tilley, Qld 3:44:29; 7.Joshua Rayner, Qld 3:51:37; 8.Oliver Phillips, Qld 3:51:40; 9.Graham Nicholls, Qld 3:53:34; 10.Luke Marnane, Qld 3:59:06

Half Marathon Elite Women

1.Belinda Diprose, NSW 4:26:27; 2.Ivonne Nathan, Qld 4:37:16; 3.Natalie McNamee, Qld 4:54:22; 4.Alison Whitehead, Qld 4:56:00; 5.Kylie Burrows, Qld 5:21:45; 6.Christine Keir, Qld 5:42:59; 7.Sarah Kaehler, Qld 5:43:42; 8.Chris Chapman, Qld 5:46:05; 9.Genevieve Luketina, Qld 6:16:53; 10.Aneta Horne, Qld 6:31:47

Australian Cyclo-Cross Championships Braybrook, Vic 10 August 2013

Elite Men

1.Allan lacuone, Vic 1:03:50; 2.Adrian Jackson, Vic +11; 3.Nick Booth, NSW +37; 4.Paul Van der Ploeg, Vic +1:00;

5.Peter Hatton, WA +1:57; 6.Andrew Blair, NSW +2:08; 7.Garry Millburn, NSW +2:24; 8.Lewis Rattray, Vic +3:13; 9.Steven Cusworth, Vic +3:24; 10.Sid Taberlay, NSW +4:32

Elite Women

1.Lisa Jacobs, Vic 42:35; 2.Rowena Fry, Tas +2:27; 3.Melissa Anset, Vic +2:55; 4.April McDonough, Vic +3:20; 5.Tory Thomas, Vic +3:40; 6.Claire Aubrey, ACT +4:52; 7.Lindsay Gorrell, NSW +5:11; 8.Jenni King, Vic +5:25; 9.Carla Franson, SA +6:36; 10.Ruby Roseman- Gannon, Vic +7:14

U23 Men

1.Cameron Ivory, NSW 1:03:35; 2.Alexander Meyland, Vic; 3.Kyle Franson, SA; 4.James Hanus, SA

Junior Men

1. Chris Hamilton, Vic 48:43; 2. Tom Chapman, SA +2:28; 3. Liam Jefferies, Vic +4:05; 4. Nicholas Smith, NSW +4:21; 5. Simon Harrington, Vic +1lap +0; 6. Alexander Carsiotis, SA +1:13; 7. Josh Abbey, Vic +5:44

Masters Men

1. Joshua Smith, SA +44:46; 2. Scott Wines, NSW +26; 3. Lucas Sproson, Vic +29; 4. Leigh De Luca, Vic +1:08; 5. Timothy Bateman, NSW +1.09; 6. Mathew Gray, Vic +2:03; 7. Mark Mos, Vic +2:23; 8. Jason Butler, Vic +2:41; 9. Mikkeli Godfree, Vic +2:36; 10. Brad Clarke, Vic +2:41

Masters Women

1.Jenny Macpherson, Vic39:29;
2.Maartje Munsternam, Vic +2:12;
3.Annabel Cox, SA +3:01;
4.Gemma Kernich, SA +3:51;
5.Diane Nelson, Vic +4:10;
6.Nicole Whitburn, Vic +5:11;
7.Rebecca Williamson, Vic +6:22;
8.Bianca Pickett, Vic +1 lap +0;
9.Jade Forsyth, Vic +1:37;
10.Shelley Green, Vic +3:03

50+ Male

1, Craig PEACOCK, 2. Malachi MOXON, 3. Greg WALKER, 4. Mark Gregory, 5. Norman Gray.

National Cyclo-Cross Series Final Rankings

Male Elite

1. Paul VAN DER PLOEG, 485 pts, 2. Adrian JACKSON, 433 pts, 3. Peter HATTON, 410 pts, 4. Jade LEAN, 331 pts 5. Gary MILLBURN, 291 pts

Female Elite

1.Rowena FRY, 485 pts, 2. Sarah HOLMES, 480 pts, 3. Melissa ANSET, 399 pts, 4. Claire AUBREY, 364 pts, 5. Lindsay GORRELL, 336 pts

U19 Male 1.Tom CHAPMAN, 213 pts, 2. Josh ABBEY, 11 pts, 3. Hamish TYNAN, 42 pts

U19 Female 1. Carla FRANSON, 324 pts

40+ female

1. Annabel COX, 283 pts, 2. Diane NELSON, 238 pts

40+ Male

1. Russell COLLETT, 315 pts 2. Robbie MCEWEN, 126 pts, 3. Daniel HENNESSY, 106 pts.

Cyclo-Cross Commission Report

Gemma Kernich

2013 was a breakthrough year for cyclocross (CX) in Australia. Events and sports development are progressing in most states with Cycling Australia and MTBA-affiliated clubs around Australia holding events for riders of all abilities and ages.

No longer perceived as a novelty sport by former skeptics, some of Australia's best road and MTB athletes have been drawn towards competing in this most spectacular sport, with a high quality field recently racing in the inaugural UCI-Sanctioned Australian Cyclo-Cross Championships 2013 in Melbourne in August. Australian CX athletes are being recognized internationally with UCI points and invitations to race already on offer from abroad.

National Cyclo-Cross Championships

One hundred and forty riders converged on Cranwell Park in Melbourne's western suburbs on 10 August 2013 to contest the inaugural Cyclo-Cross National Championships presented by Cycling Victoria, Cycling Australia and Mountain Bike Australia on a punishing hilly course. J19, U23, Elite and Masters (30+, 40+ and 50+) championship medals were awarded; the Elite women's national title was won by Victoria's Lisa Jacobs and the Elite men's national title was won by Allan Lacuone. The championships were covered by some media outlets including TV.

National Cyclo-Cross Series

The second National Cyclo-cross series (NCXS) structure was a five round event in Adelaide (8-9 June), Sydney (13-14 July) and Melbourne (11 August). The final round in Melbourne was held the day after the national championships. Participant numbers, race pace and event standards increased in the majority of categories, entrant numbers were up by 20% on 2012.

The associated support events held in Adelaide and Melbourne particularly highlighted the growing popularity of this discipline, with the B-grade events in both cities racing with maximum field sizes.

Event courses were a success and provided varied terrains and challenges. Official Prize giving and media coverage very detailed and successful throughout with several major papers running articles, unfortunately TV coverage was limited to the Adelaide rounds.

The running of the series showed a great collaboration between MTBA, CA, State bodies, clubs and the CX commission. In the absence of NCXS naming-rights sponsors due to commercial restrictions imposed by Cycling Australia, combined funding of \$20,000 provided by Cycling Australia and Mountain Bike Australia jointly covered the 2013 season including series prize money, commission activities and series administrative support. Both the series and Championships were managed within the allotted budget. A CX coordinator (Simon Gwynn) introduced and commenced in this role after round 2 which offered consistency throughout the events and administration. Una McKay, CX secretariat attended all events for media and operational support.

Development

A reciprocal arrangement permitting CA/MTBA and BMXA racing licenses recognising CX as a 'hybrid' discipline was used by many promoting clubs to broaden the reach of CX to all existing cycle racers. This cross-licensing arrangement is highly desirable and promotes integration of CX into existing cycling clubs and members no matter what their existing affiliation.

A very simple online training module was developed for existing accredited Mountain Bike, Road/Track Cycling or BMX officials to also become accredited as CX officials. A basic online quiz introduces officials to the CX Technical Regulations and permits officials to upgrade their accreditation to 'CX Officials' upon successful completion of the quiz.

Challenges and considerations for 2014
The CX Commission sees the NCXS and National
Championships as highly marketable commodities for
Mountain Bike Australia and Cycling Australia.

Appropriate sponsorship should enable all events (including associated commission and administrative activities) to be run on a cost-recovery basis as a minimum. Discussions regarding commercial restrictions and sponsorship possibilities are required in the near future to confirm sponsors for 2014 series and Championships. Both the Commission governance and bid processes for national events should fall in line with other disciplines.

A dedicated NCXS website would remove duplication of administrative and media effort so CA and MTBA can both link in and reduce duplication of information and ensuring "one voice" for the series.

Expansion of the Commissaries' online induction course, which will develop improved consistency and officiating standards at events.



('1,2,3' NCX series champion Paul Van Der Ploeg leads overall 2nd and 3rd finishers Adrian Jackson and Peter Hatton at round 3, Sydney)

Cyclo-Cross Commission Members Chairperson

Gemma Kernich

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- Craig Peacock
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- Neil Ross
- Una McKay (Administration Manager MTBA and CX Secretariat)
- Rob Parbery
- · Sean Muir (Sport Manager CA)
- Simon Gwynn (CX Coordinator from May 2013)

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Thanks to MTBA and CA for their financial assistance and Board presence at the NCXS and National Championships.



(Sarah Holmes leads Rowena Fry and Lisa Jacobs, Fry took overall win for 2013 Series, Sydney.)

Thank you to all our members in 2013!







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