**Cronulla Tri Club – Junior Coordinator AGM Report 2024/25**

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**Position:** Junior Coordinator, Cronulla Triathlon Club  
**Season:** 2024/25

**Opening Remarks**

It has been an absolute honour to serve as the Junior Coordinator for the 2024/25 season. This was not only a year of incredible growth but also a highly successful season across participation, athlete development, and community spirit. I’m immensely proud of what our juniors have accomplished – both on and off the course. I am also still astounded at what our club can offer you in terms of value for money for your membership which includes a full club race schedule of events, club kit, loan bike and trisuit program, guaranteed Bike, Run and Swim Training twice a week and many social and community events.

**Key Highlights**

* **65 registered Junior triathletes**, with ~60 consistently active athletes.
* **Over 136 Facebook posts** sharing junior achievements, events, and milestones.
* **Cronulla Juniors were crowned the 2025 Club Champions** for the second year in a row – with 16 juniors competing!
* **All Schools Triathlon Championships** results:
  + **Senior Boys:** Kyle Mason – 1st Place (CHAMPION)
  + **Intermediate Girls:** Petra Fransen – 2nd Place
  + **Junior Boys:** Lachie Targett – 1st Place, Phoenix Rostron – 3rd Place
  + **Junior Girls:** Sophie Fransen – 6th Place

**Athlete Highlights**

**Representative Achievements**

* **NSW All Schools Triathlon Sydney International Regatta Centre (Feb 26–27):**
  + Lachie Targett – 1st (Junior Boys)
  + Phoenix Rostron – 3rd (Junior Boys)
  + Petra Fransen – 2nd (Intermediate Girls)
  + Kyle Mason – 1st (Senior Boys)
* **NSW State Representation** at Australian Sprint Championships – Gold Coast Performance Centre:
  + Kyle Mason, Austin Crump, Petra Fransen, Lachie Targett, Phoenix Rostron
* **Tamworth Academy Games:**
  + Lachie Targett – Individual Youth Champion
  + Lachie Targett & Harry Beukes – 1st in Youth Mixed Relay with teammate Ria
* **Billigence Series:**
  + Lachie Targett – 1st place Junior Title in Penrith
* **Australia Day Aquathlon – Wollongong:**
  + Represented by Mikayla Reay, Darcy Kelly, Harry Beukes, Ewan & Eva Liestchner

**Club Races**

**CTC Club Race Summary (As I love my data):**

* **Total Unique Participants**: 62 athletes across the series.
* **Total Race Entries**: 202 across six races, RWA, and Club Championships.
* **Average Participation per Race**: ~25.3 entries per event.
* **Multi-Race Attendance**:
  + 2+ races: 53.2% (33/62 athletes)
  + 3+ races: 38.7% (24/62 athletes)
  + 4+ races: 22.6% (14/62 athletes)
  + 5+ races: 9.7% (6 athletes, including Lillian Davidson, Ryder O’Gradey, Harrison Beukes, Lachlan Targett, Indie Short, and Bella Beukes)
* **Gender Balance**: 54.8% male, 45.2% female, with females showing slightly higher multi-race attendance.
* **Standout Performers**: Lillian Davidson and Lachlan Targett attended the most races (6 each).
  + - Ryder O’Gradey, Harry Beukes, Bella Beukes (5 races)

**Engagement Insights:**

* Strong participation from **Youth B & C** (ages 9–13) with ~40% attending 3+ races
* Lower attendance among **Junior A** (15–20), likely due to external commitments from other key performance events at the local and national level – future incentives or schedule tweaks could help improve this

**Special Club Events this season**

* **Junior Triathlon Season Introduction – Great turnout**
* **Tri Bar** – Huge junior presence and community success
* **Twilight Duathlons** – Strong junior attendance
* **Christmas Run (18 Dec)** – Thank you Nikki Jankowski for the scavenger hunt
* **End-of-Season Celebration (2 April)** – Fun, games, pizza, and a great turnout

**Development & NSW Pathway Programs**

**NSW State Pathway Program:**

The objective of the program remains to create environments which athletes can develop the necessary tactical, technical, physiological, and psychological skill competencies to aid progression through to the National Athlete Pathway.

The **‘Rest of State Talent Academy’ (ROSTA)** will continue, aligned with the current Regional Academies of Sport Programs (RASi), conducted around NSW. It will offer those juniors who are not geographically located near a RASi program, a pathway and opportunity to be involved. Those who do not have access to a Regional Academy of Sport program are invited to apply for the ROSTA. This is where ‘Sutherland Shire falls under’

Then the other program which was previously named ‘U23 Development Squad’ and Emerging Talent Squads’ will continue to be merged and be known as the **‘NSWT Development Squad’.**This program will target Billigence Series Races, Australian Junior Championships, World Triathlon Junior and U23 Events and also offer Training and Race Camp experiences. Athletes in this program will rightly wear the NSW Trisuit and see a focus on building more advanced tactical and technical skills whilst developing a level of robustness and behavioral attributes that will equip them to better handle the full time training demands post high school.

**ROSTA & NSWT Development Squad – Our CTC Athletes included:**

* Lachie Targett - ROSTA
* Harry Beukes -ROSTA
* Darcy Kelly- ROSTA
* Ryder O’Gradey -ROSTA
* Phoenix Rostron – ROSTA
* Austin Crump - NSWT
* Zane Galea - NSWT
* Petra Fransen -NSWT
* Kyle Mason-NSWT

**Pathway Focus Events:**

* + Billigence Series
  + Australian Junior Championships
  + World Triathlon Junior/U23 Events
  + Technical & tactical development camps

**Junior Program Operations**

**Documentation & Admin**

* **Junior Information Pack** sent to all athletes:
  + Goal setting, details, agreements, codes of conduct
  + Season dates and training schedule
* **Bike Loan Program:**
  + 10 of 25 bikes currently on loan
* **Trisuit Loans:**
  + 5 in circulation
* **Parent & Coaches Info Night:** 16 October – 18 juniors + new joiners
* **Points Tracking System:** Implemented from first CTC event as well as Ritchie Walker Aquathlon & Club Triathlon Championships and with these results the Junior will be awarded medals at the Club Presentation Night based on points scoring.

**Social Media and Engagement**

* **136 Facebook Posts**: Actively promoted junior achievements, including the first CTC club race, Billigence Pathway Series, and other events.
* **Key Posts**:
  + Celebrated the NSW All Schools Triathlon Championships results.
  + Highlighted the Billigence Series at Port Kembla, featuring seven Cronulla juniors.
* **Facebook Kit and Shoes Listing**: Supported visibility of club resources and athlete needs.

**Special Thanks & Acknowledgements**

* **Coaches**: For their unwavering support, ensuring the success of training sessions and event support – **Erica Galea, Deb Fransen, Deb Davidson, Adam Stroud & Steph Chandler**
* **Dave Craddock** – Support with trisuit and bike loan management
* **Parents**– For endless support, time, and encouragement to support our Juniors at training and events
* **Our Juniors** – For showing up, working hard, and representing the club so well
* **Our Sponsors** – Especially Cronulla RSL that has again donated $4000 to the Junior Program
* **Nikki Jankowski**: For organizing an unforgettable Christmas Run scavenger hunt.

**Next Steps / 2025 Goals**

1. **Double our Junior Base & Engagement**
2. **Secure additional funding to have ongoing professional coaching**
3. **Acquire further sponsorship**

**Closing Statement**

To all the athletes, parents, volunteers, and coaching staff – thank you. Your support has made this season the most exciting and successful yet. With strong numbers, growing talent, and a supportive community, the future of junior triathlon at Cronulla is brighter than ever.

Let’s keep building on this momentum and make the 2025/26 season even better.

**Will Beukes**  
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2024/25 Season

**Our Two All Schools Champions – Kyle Mason & Lachie Targett**

