

CTC President's Report Season 2024/2025 – Adam Stroud

I want to thank the members for allowing me the opportunity to lead this wonderful club for the 2024/2025 season, and it's fair to say it's been an amazing year.

I agreed to take on the President role if we could create a strong and passionate committee to take the club forward. I firmly believed that with a diverse committee, working as a team and sharing the workload, we could build on the club's rich history in 2024/25. Fast forward 12 months, and I want to congratulate and thank the committee for the amazing job they have done.

Six of them, Luke, Nicole, Hendrik, Isabel, Will and Matt were relatively new to the club and hadn't been on the committee previously, and three of them Lyn, Nikki and Javi were on the committee in the previous year, it's fair to say what the team lacked in experience made up for with energy and enthusiasm.

At the beginning of the year, the committee agreed that our number one strategic goal was to increase the engagement levels of our current members, it meant every action throughout the year from each member of the team was centered towards that philosophy. We knew that increasing member engagement had to come first, then everything would flow from there, and so this great year for the club commenced.

There are so many highlights in the season, I thought it was easier to reflect on my top items via a list: -

1. Townsville Age Group World Championship – August
2. Stu Ford memorial challenge – November
3. Challenge Canberra - November
4. Sydney Motorsport – NSW Duathlon championships – January
5. Richie Walker Aquathon – February
6. Club Champs – Forster – May
7. Wollongong World Championships qualification – Season long
8. Sydney Division A interclub winners 2024/25 – Season long

Congratulations if you have been a part of any of any or all these eight events, I have other personal highlights for the season but as a club I think these capture our finest moments in 2024/25.

My passion for triathlons and the club is centered around training hard, and racing to my full potential. When taking on the Presidency role I decided I needed to remain true to those values.

Thus, on a personal note I can reflect with pride and realise that in all the events listed above I turned up as Club President, but as well raced each of the events to my full potential thus ensuring that passion for the sport and club remains firmly on track.

Reflecting on our Member engagement strategy it's behind all these memorable events, the success of them was either

driven by the number of volunteers we had, or by the size of Team Cronulla on the start line or at the post event social gatherings. This is all down to the hard work of the committee to ensure members turn-out for these events.

Turning to the NSW Club Championship in Forster where we painted the town Black, White and Blue, this was the best measure as to how the committee for the season went with member engagement. We doubled the size of the team in Forster from the prior year and asked some members to switch events to maximise the club's potential.

As a result, we retained the Junior crown, our 2024 club Person of the Year Adam Hummerston was recognised at the state level as volunteer of the year and brought home the adult championship after a 10 year wait. It was an amazing weekend planned by Gina Ngan and the organising team.

Looking forward to next year, my passion for the sport, the club and the role remains, and if selected I've agreed to continue in the role.

I'm looking forward to continuing to work with a number of this year's committee again next year, that said we are always looking to add to the team, to ensure we remain a diverse group fully representing all our members. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank those committee members who have decided to step down and not continue next year, they have done an amazing job volunteering their time to ensure the club runs smoothly.

I like to finish by recognising the tragic circumstances, and the loss of life of a young club member Audrey Griffen, Audrey only joined the club in January this year and planned to be with the team at Forster in May for her first club championship. At the end of March 2025 her life was tragically taken, I'd like to continue to send our condolences to Audrey's family, and to take a moment to reflect and honor her memory. RIP Audrey.

Thank you



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