Race Director’s Report Season 2024/2025 – Matt Garvey

This year saw an increase across the board in participation in both club and outside events which was amazing to see, especially in our 40th year.

A few thankyous to start with:

Adam Hummerston – for organising Monday night bike sessions throughout the year which are a hit with both new and existing members wanting to sharpen up their bike skills. Running the Club duathlons and triathlons, helping out the RWA and everything else he does around the club, including chief BBQ master.

Mark Galea – for running the Stu Ford Time Trials which are a big success and always stepping in to help with club events whenever needed.

Steve Papworth – 1st year as Race Director for the Richie Walker Aquathlon which saw a massive turnout from both CTC club members and other clubs, with everyone commenting on what a great day it was.

Dave Craddock – for being there for me to pester to get things up on the website.

Rest of the committee – for showing me the ropes and helping me through the first year.

Races:

The Richie Walker Aquathlon was a tremendous success raising over $5000 for the Heart Foundation. Steve Papworth as Race Director along with an army of helpers from the club made it a terrific event for everyone involved. Everybody commented on what a great day it was and said they would be back next year.

The Stu Ford Time Trials were a great success culminating in the Stu Ford Memorial Day which incorporated both the Park Run and TT, followed by a BBQ. We raised over $2800 for Beyond Blue and over $1400 for Love Mercy. A big thank you goes to the organisers and volunteers who made it a great day.

The Monday nights under lights duathlons have been a great hit during the winter months and have just kicked off again. On average participation was up 50% on the previous year which is testament to the brilliant events put on by Adam Hummerston.

Club triathlons – participation in our club triathlons has also seen an increase of over 15% compared to the previous year. These events are a great opportunity for the club to get together and enjoy a local race against their mates. Again, thanks goes to Adam Hummerston and all the volunteers that make these events possible.

On a personal note we took our largest contingent in years to Forster and won both the junior and senior prize which was an amazing achievement and testament to the camaraderie within the club, it was an fantastic experience and I hope to see you all next year.

Final note from me is to thank each and every member, volunteer, committee member as without you our club would be nothing. Thank you for an amazing year and here is to next season!