

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2021-22



Sally Hamilton President Triathlon ACT

After enduring many disruptions and challenges throughout season 2020/21, we managed to deliver an exciting racing program with even Lake Burley Griffin being kind to us.

TACT directed the Aqua race series including the TACT championships and partnered with the newly formed CME (Canberra Multisport Events - triathlon race management company) to conduct some of our other events, providing some exciting and enjoyable professionally-conducted races that we all enjoyed.

The introduction of the partnership with TNSW for the Billigence Pathway Series and inter-club series, taken out by JTM.

Our novice programs returned after the Covid lull, introducing a new crop of triathletes to our healthy and vibrant community. TACT membership numbers continued to steadily grow throughout the 2020/21 season, and are now back to pre-Covid numbers - a fantastic outcome.

We would like to acknowledge our primary sponsor the ACT Government for their continued support, along with our ongoing commercial partners - SportsCare and My Ride. We would also like to welcome our new commercial partner, Pope Electrical, and thank them for their generosity.

Also a big shout out to all of our volunteers, Technical Officials lead, Gai for ensuring we have technical officials presence at all out racing and that they are safe and fair, club presidents and members who came together to make this season a win for all.

TACT also ran a series of Foundation Coaching courses and local technical official training sessions.

The TACT board would like to acknowledge our outgoing Executive Director, Geoff Bartlett for his enthusiasm and year of service, and welcome our new Executive Director, Steve Bingley. Steve brings a wealth of race event knowledge and experience, along with a background in sport science. TACT looks forward to benefiting from Steve's expertise across the coming season.

Thank you to all the TACT board members for their constant commitment to ensuring the ACT triathlon community is thriving. Thanks to Steve Hough - our latest life member, Leeanne Tennant - our tireless Treasurer who ensured our finances are diligently managed, Lara Lever, Yoann Colin, and Mary Sietsma - who stepped in as acting president for the last few months. Thank you to you all.



I would also like to acknowledge our outgoing Board member Angharad Llewellyn for her contribution to TACT over the last 4 years.

For the last 5 years TA has provided all STTAs with a shared services arrangement, delivering services across the functional areas of finance, technology & communications. This approach aggregates knowledge and provides consistency in key operational areas.

TA have also commenced implementing a new national services model known as the Future Operating Model (FOM). This model centralises the management of all STTA resources, finances, communications, programs and governance under TA on behalf of the STTAs.

Over the last year, the following STTAs have contractually signed up to implement the FOM - Triathlon Queensland, Triathlon Tasmania, Triathlon Northern Territory, Triathlon Victoria, and Triathlon South Australia.

TACT chose to wait and observe the progress of the FOM implementation across the 2021/22 season, to further understand the potential impacts of the FOM on the TACT community & governance structure. TNSW and TWA have also chosen a similar approach in waiting to observe ongoing FOM implementation impacts.

The TACT board will review our position and provide a recommendation to our club presidents for the coming season in due course.

The ACT government and the National Capital Authority have collaborated to develop the West Basin beach. TACT has been frequently consulted on the ways in which the development can cater for future triathlons and potentially provide a 'home' for our future events. We are also consulting with the relevant authorities on other lake developments, including the future implementation of float plane operations, to ensure that the interests of the triathlon community are considered.

Regular engagement has also been ongoing with the Stromlo user group enabling us to influence the proposed changes to better suit triathlon options for the future.

Wishing everyone a great season.