

## April 2013 President's Report

Hi all.

Well with 3 races under our belt and the Cairns Airport Adventure Festival on the way in 7 weeks I imagine you are all training ferociously!!

We have had such great success with the racing that I want to send a special thank you to our volunteers, especially with this last race at Yorkey's. We had a number of people who did not attend to their volunteer responsibilities nor find a replacement and I would like to extend a big "congrats" to those who replaced these people at the last minute.

While we're on the roll of pats on the back I would also like to thank Gary Bryant for his excellent race directing this Sunday just gone. Gary got handed this race at the last minute and did a fantastic job race directing as well running the timing system in Chris and Sue's absence. Well done!!

Unfortunately we have had 2 resignations from the Committee: Kim Lofthouse [Secretary] and Gavin Butler [Committee member] due to ever increasing work and personal commitments. Rob Mackenzie has agreed to fill the Secretary position [many thanks Rob] and we have several nominations for the remaining position plus some subcommittee roles....so watch this space.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask people to be mindful of their manners when they are communicating [either written or verbal] with Committee members. Please remember we are in these positions as Volunteers i.e.: we do not get paid!! I have seen a number of e-mail correspondences that are bordering on being aggressive and rude in nature and I have overheard one conversation between a Committee member and a participant at a race where the dialogue from the participant was hostile. We are not a homogenous group so we are not always going to agree with the decisions made. As your elected Committee we endeavour to represent you in an equitable manner but obviously we are not going to please everyone all of the time. My suggestion is that if you have a real issue with the way things are being done then by all means let us know but please do so in a civil manner. Better yet, at the next AGM jump on the Committee and have a go yourself.....great job but the pay is terrible!!

Our preference is for all issues to be addressed via the correct channels: written communication. If this communication is deemed to be aggressive or volatile in nature we will not be responding to it. Generally the correspondence we receive from people is upbeat and positive.....just a few "grumpy pants" letting the team down.

Many thanks to Pump n Pedals for their ongoing support at all our events and they did a great job on Sunday with the huge numbers....over 180!!

Finally, congratulations to all those that travelled and competed at Mooloolaba, Melbourne and Canberra with some great results. Unfortunately with over 30 "locals" travelling there are far too many to list here.

Sue Rayner  
President Cairns Crocs