

Annual General Meeting Sunday 20th of August 2006.

President's Opening Remarks.

I would like to firstly thank all present for giving up their Sunday afternoon to attend the AGM of this great club.

Today we will be looking for new talent to assist in the running of the club, to inject new ideas and keep the sport you all are so passionate about, progressing in the way the member base wants to see the club manage the it's sport.

Think carefully, when it comes time today. You have the opportunity to be a committee member to stand up and be proud of this great club knowing that you have made a valuable contribution in the running of the club for the benefit of your fellow competitors and all members.

All members of the current committee as per the constitution are standing down and a new committee is to be elected. You have copies of the job descriptions for each position on the committee.

Presidents Report 2005-2006

North Coast had another very successful year. Membership numbers continued to rise – peaking at 291 with 73 TRYStars, the largest contingent of any WA tri club.

As a combined club our results were outstanding. We were Champion Club runners up. State interclub championship winners for the second year in a row. Wild West inter Tri Club Challenge winners as well as ladies Wild West Tri challenge winners.

Triathlon is an extreme individual sport, and as such is very challenging, requires many sacrifices and therefore the results whether they be few or many are hard earned. There are always instances of courageous performances and over achievements. Everyone in the Club will remember this past season for a variety of reasons 1st triathlon first LD triathlon, 1st Junior representation for the state, 1st podium finish or maybe even a 1st finish. I hope that all members achieved what they set out to do, but more importantly I hope that the Club was some help in getting you there. We try to offer you an environment that gives the best of both competitive and social interaction.

The spirit of this club is to rally massive support and encouragement from family, friends and supporters. Nothing lifts flagging spirits more, than some of the enthusiastic encouragement from the sidelines. Some of the tougher finishes might not have occurred without some of this support. These supporters are an example of the spirit of the North Coast culture - **let's ensure that never changes**. As any club we rely heavily on the voluntary support of members to assist in running events and volunteering at other events. To make them successful we would, as a committee, like to see more people willing to assist in this area. At times the lack of response is extremely disappointing to our various calls for volunteers. At any event most winners called on to make speeches thank the officials for their efforts on the day. How many winners have been the ones receiving the thanks rather than giving it to appreciate what it actually means. The Club having such a large member base and the events that it delivers will become logistically more and more difficult to schedule. It will require a massive change in attitude by members to alleviate this reluctance to volunteer. I plead now to all members to consider their roll in sharing the load of running this Club. If the resistant trend continues this Club will simply become a convenience that is used once a year by Triathletes wanting to join TWA at the Club member discount rate. Gone will be the Club activities such as the Aquathlons and Duathlons – there will simply not be enough members prepared to put in the time and effort to organize them. We as a state have had three Triathlon Clubs disappear – simply because no one wanted to run them. Sign of the times? I sincerely hope not. Having made a point for all to consider, **lets all do a bit and not leave it to a few to do a lot**.

I would sincerely like to thank the loyal band of volunteers that did turn out at event after event to support our members in their sport to ensure the competitors had a well run and safe event to compete in.

In the coming year North Coast has agreed to take on the TWA State Aquathlon Championships just so this event remains on the TWA calendar. As a club we are looking forward to the running of this event to enable us to put something back in to the sport. Lets all support this event just for your club if nothing else.

Looking at the results for 2005/2006

The following members were TWA age group "Triathletes of the year" winners:

Kyra Flynn, Jonathan Franklin, Lajos Varga, Ben Jarvis, Susan Scott, Robyn Scott
Many other members also placed 2nd and 3rd.

Continuing with achievements.

State Duathlon Championships:

Kyra Flynn, Sarah Fearnley, Barry Silverlock, Dave Norton

State Aquathlon Championships:

Not held this season

State Sprint Championships:

Lajos Varga, Ben Jarvis, Robyn Scott

State Olympic Distance Championships:

Louise Black, Loretta Wesley, Robyn Scott

State Long Course Championships

Robyn Scott, Bill Whalley.

Well done to you all. Our juniors were again one of the major contributors to the points accumulated in us being runners up for Champion Club Trophy. We do need more Ladies racing in TWA point's races next year to help us regain the Champion Club trophy.

State team representation.

This season saw the biggest contingent to state team selection having 13 members from North Coast being. Bradley Brown, Jonathan Franklin, Kyra Flynn, Elly Waterman, Matt Boag, Ben Edwards Rapley, Ashley Fearnley, Jade Turner, Micha Woodhouse, Mark Calver, Erika Lori, Sarah Fearnley, Cassi Smetherham, Mark Calver selected as captain for the boys team.

Major races plus local,

An incredible 32 members raced and finished Ironman last season.
North Coast fielded 58 competitors for Busselton Half Iron Man

Major club awards were received by:

Club Triathletes of the Year - Loretta Wesley, Robyn Scott, Leigh Willison
Junior Triathletes of the year – Kyra Flynn, Lajos Varga
Club Persons of the Year - Kim Tyler Lees, Dave Norton
Junior Encouragement Award- Bradley Brown, Jade Turner, Erika Lori

Season 05/06 was another busy year for North Coast. As we put on some great events.

With a great calendar running 12 Aquathlons ,5 Duathlons, Max Grieve, Tour De Lancelin and two winning club teams in Wild West Tour we have had a fantastic year with many winners in all categories as well as all age groups making the competition fierce between youth and experience.

Weekly swim training and Run training sessions have been well attended by many to enhance their skills and view the performance of the rivals.

The weekly rides and wind training sessions are being well patronized suggesting we are delivering what the members request.

Special thanks to **Kim Vivian** for run training and **James Harris** for swimming, job well done.

The race directors that made these events run so smoothly being Eddie Girvan & Robyn Scott for the Aquathlons and John Hawkins & Frank Stephen for the Duathlons, jobs well done by all concerned.

A special thanks to the junior parents for their efforts and support during the season with barbecues, marshalling and other fund raising activities

The Co existence arrangement set up to facilitate our Club sharing of the Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club's premises is one of the most significant milestones in the Club's 11 year history. We are maintaining a close relationship with Sorrento in order to enhance our prospects to someday have our own facility.

This great range of events wouldn't have been made possible without the ongoing sponsorship support that has been given to the club, which makes many things that we sometimes take for granted possible. Special thanks to all those people mentioned below for their ongoing support in this great club.

Wayne McIntosh of Bikeforce Woodvale – thank you for his continued involvement in the Club and his sponsorship of the Aquathlon Series.

Tom Houston of Crown Roofing - For his involvement in wind trainers and Clothing costs

Mal Cruickshank of Sun-Gard WA - for sponsoring the prize at the Club Championships

Graeme Dix of Universal Publishing (UBD) - for sponsoring the winter Duathlon series.

Wade Kelly of The Marketing Mix - Website production and maintenance.

Gabriella Duffy of Duncraig Physiotherapy. – Spot prizes at Aquathlons and Duathlons

Jeff Maher of Feature Frames of Joondalup – spot prizes at Duathlons

Tony & Elaine Highfield of Zeus Consultancy. – Assistance with the production of the yearbook

Dave Norton of Building Hire - Editor of *What's* Happening Bulletin and Club Yearbook.

The TRYStars program flourished thanks to the dedication of Ann Blatchford and Frank Stephen. Well done to all members and parents in our club that assisted with supervising the training sessions and the races. All members are encouraged to support this program – this is where our future club champions are being nurtured.

Finally the season 2005/2006 is well and truly over and a new one begins. This signifies its time for this committee to step down. We achieved so much and this was only possible because of their dedication to the club – most often at the expense of their own programs. This group has been fantastic to work with, always with the sole purpose of what is best for the club and its members. It will be sad to lose those not standing for re election and I wish them well and thank them very much for their support and input. This committee has assisted in placing North Coast more prominently on the map. Thank you to each and every one of you for your efforts, and for the support that you have displayed through out the year.

Sincere thanks to all.