



CTA 2022 AGM Presidents Report – Stuart Crombie

2021 was another very successful year for our club.

Four major multi-day tours were held during the year, each led by a different rider or committee. As you will hear, the tours were very well attended and were well run under somewhat uncertain circumstances due to possible covid outbreaks and restrictions (the Grain Silo Art Tour got out of Perth only a day before the February snap lockdown came into force!).

Rides Co-ordinator Connie and her ride leaders put together a full year of twice weekly social rides and summer night dinner rides. The increased number of rides and their social nature has led to greatly increased numbers of riders participating. So many riders attend that on some days, rides have been split into faster and slower groups for safety, to give stronger and weaker riders an enjoyable spin and to ease pressure on the coffee stop cafes. A few more rides than usual were cancelled because of inclement winter weather or dangerously high summer temperatures. Are we getting more sensible or just older?

Other committee offices ran smoothly and effectively. My thanks again to all the committee members for your hard work and goodwill in supporting your club so well.

Sadly, we will be losing our long-term Treasurer Christine at this AGM. Christine has been absolutely at the core of keeping club finances in order since 2012, including receiving and registering memberships and preparing club accounts to a very high standard for the annual audit. Christine and Secretary Doug were both especially diligent in actually reading the club Constitution and Policy lists to make sure that financial and other activities are in line with what members have approved at AGM's and in committee. While Christine has chafed sometimes when I have referred to her as 'Madam Lash' for her tight control of the purse strings, it is that control that has put the club in the very good financial position that it is in now. I thank her personally and on behalf of club members for her efforts over nine years, and for the reduction in membership fees in 2022 that she is leaving as part of her legacy.

Accidents befell several club riders during the year. Thankfully none were too serious and I am pleased to report that all of us took these events to heart and increased our efforts to ride safely. The fundamentals aren't that difficult; look ahead, leave room for unexpected rider actions in front of you, watch the traffic and ride predictably. Fourteen members attended CTAWA-sponsored First Aid Training courses during the year which could help if something untoward does occur on a ride or on tour.

Covid 19 infections in Western Australia are very likely to become common once WA opens its borders to interstate travellers on 5 February. Given the highly infectious nature of some Covid variants and the advancing years of many CTAWA members I would ask all of us to consider carefully our preparations for a covid outbreak to protect ourselves and those around us. Preparations may include vaccinations which have been shown to be effective in reducing the severity and duration of Covid disease, and good hygiene, personal distancing and not attending club activities if experiencing any symptoms to prevent infecting other people.



2021 was a great year, and by riding and helping with running your club let's make 2022 even better.

Stuart