



**Cycle Touring Association of WA (Inc.)
Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Minutes of Meeting**

When: Sunday 25 February 2024
Where: The Rise, 28 Eighth Ave, Maylands
Time: The meeting commenced at 10.00am.

Agenda

Attendance:

Members: Doug Allen, John Bailey, Hilary Beck, Arthur Bishop, Ron Bowyer, Patrick Clancy, Kleber Klauz, Stuart Crombie, John Farrelly, Ken Graffin, Lois Grincer, Udeni Gunasekera, Randell Holland, Matthew King, Silvia Klemenz, Jeremy Knowles, Trevor Knox, Simon Koek, Wayne Lally, Teresa Liddiard, Christine Liddiard, Liz Marshall, Jane McMahon, Rita Miller, Cliff Miller, Mark Oxenham, Allwen Pascoe, Scott Penney, Bruce Robinson, Mary Roglich, Bruce Shaddock, Carl Sputore, John Stace, Roy Stone, Linda Tompkins, Sue Urbaniak, Michael Waters, Ann Wilson, Judy Wilson

39 members present

Returning officers:

Returning officers appointed: Hilary Beck, Ann Wilson

The Returning Officers confirmed a Quorum was present
(22 members required for quorum)

Welcome

Stuart Crombie (President and chair) welcomed members to the meeting of the CTA in its 50th Anniversary year, especially Wayne Lally a founding member of the CTA 50 years ago.

Apologies:

Jacqueline Billington, Peter Bolton, Tessa Bolton, Yew Li Cheng, Robyn Cilli, Sarah Cutts, Stephen Digwood, Noel Eddington, Mark Corbett, Anke Goldschmidt, Debbie Grose, Ian Grose, John Gummer, Barb King, Gus King, Juliann Lloyd-Smith, Rob Loughman, Rob Lydon, Brian McAuliffe, Rosalie McAuliffe, Geoffrey Robson, Boris Roglich, Connie Van den Ende, Stan Wiechecki

Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 26 February 2024

The Secretary advised the Minutes of the last AGM are on the website.

Moved Jeremy Knowles, Seconded Bruce Shaddock that the Minutes be accepted as a true and accurate Account of the AGM held on 26 February 2023.
Motion carried Unanimously

Reports

Reports were on the website prior to the meeting and remain on the website. The reports are also set out in these minutes. CTAWA committee members provided verbal highlights of their report.

President Stuart Crombie

Our club continues to run successfully.

Daily rides and week-long tours remain popular and are well supported by members. Future tours are in advanced planning including the 50th Anniversary Tour from Albany to Perth in April and the On Your Bike Tour from Corrigin to Hopetown in spring.

My thanks to club members who have stood up to organise these tours including Trevor for the Anniversary Tour, and the continuing and new members of the OYB committee.

However nothing stays the same and changes are happening.

Very noticeable in touring is an increasing preference by many (aging) members for formal accommodation in hotels or caravan park chalets in preference to tenting. Nothing wrong with this but it is a change and tends to disperse riders from long periods of personal interaction over breakfast or dinner in the camp kitchen that is one of the attractions of group touring. Each to their own.



Electric bikes are also becoming more common on day rides and on tours. This has allowed more of our (aging) club members to continue riding with the club as their abilities fade a little. Electric bikes have not caused substantial problems so far but limits are being put on the number of electric bikes on some rides and tours for safety (EBs can be faster than pedal bikes in some situations), to accommodate charging (on tours) and to maintain the essential element of human-driven motion that is the core of bicycle riding.

Several challenges will entertain the committee in 2024 and beyond.

Rising costs, particularly for insurance, are an ongoing issue. While no resolution to this problem is visible, I note that more and more amateur and school sporting groups are becoming vocal about their ability to continue functioning under the present requirements to protect committee members and participants with increasingly expensive insurance. Government action to contain the costs is wanted by all but without any effective government response so far. We need to keep this issue on the government's policy radar.

Social trends away from formal club structures and annual memberships are another post-boomer issue. The CTAWA is run largely on membership fees which cover our standing costs for meeting venues, the aforementioned insurance, awards trophies and other expenses with special event costs covered by attendance fees. What appears to be a modern trend away from formally joining a formally-structured club on an annual basis in favour of 'turn-up-and-go' on an ad hoc basis will increasingly challenge the way the CTAWA operates as a club and runs the daily social rides and longer tours. Switching to more modern tech as a means of attracting members is a possibility. Anyone good at WhatsApp, TikToc or Meetup?

The CTAWA remains a successful and well-supported association though and I am confident that it will remain so for years to come. Your input through participation in rides and tours and even in putting your hand up for committee positions will ensure our continued success. Thank you for being part of the CTAWA in 2023, and enjoy riding in 2024.

Acceptance of president's report moved by Stuart Crombie seconded by Liz Marshall motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer

Treasurer's Report for 2023 Financial Year

At the end of the CTA Financial Year the value of cash and clothing assets held by the association totalled \$50,418.53 – a decrease of \$2,392.36 from the value held at the end of 2022. These figures include the funds held in all CTA bank accounts, 'On Your Bike' bank accounts, petty cash held by the clothing co-ordinator and the OYB administrator, plus clothing stock of \$5,502.15. The amount held includes \$2,645.00 in membership fees for 2024 that were received during November and December 2023, as well as \$5,812.00 prepaid entry, transport and camping fees for the 50th Anniversary Tour to be held in April 2024.

The total members accumulated funds held at 31 December was \$47,681.23- a reduction of \$9,116.86 from 2022. This reduction is attributed to

CTA General Account	-\$3,550.29
CTA Touring Account	-\$ 694.67
OYB Accounts	-\$4,871.90
TOTAL	-\$9,116.90

The Income and Expenditure applicable to each of the above are detailed in the association's Financial Statements for 2023. The accounts of the CTA, CTA "Touring" and 'On Your Bike' have been audited as a consolidated group, with separate Income and Expenditure statements having been extracted for both the CTA 'Touring' account and the 'On Your Bike' tour. The Financial Statements for the association, including the Auditor's Report are available as part of the AGM reports.

It is considered that the reserves held are more than adequate to meet all foreseeable expenses, with the association being in good financial position at the end of 2023. As recorded at the AGM in February 2020, the CTA Committee has been authorized to reduce the association's reserves by providing a variety of benefits to CTA members, which included a reduction in membership fees and an expansion of membership types. Generally, costs have remained stable, however the association is not immune to inflation – with a 14% increase in public liability insurance costs as an example. Nonetheless, the committee continues to look at options aimed at returning excess funds to the majority of members – in particular during our 50th anniversary year.

Change of Banking Arrangements

Towards the end of 2023 Bankwest commenced closing all its business-related accounts – forcing the association to seek new banking arrangements. After some investigation four new transaction accounts were opened with Westpac – mimicking the existing Bankwest structure. The transition to Westpac is largely complete - with the majority of 2024 membership payments being paid into the new Westpac CTA General account, all 50th Anniversary Tour entries paid into the Westpac 'Touring' account and existing Bankwest balances transferred across to Westpac during January/February 2024. A term deposit held by Bankwest will remain until maturity in May 2024. Bankwest's business accounts will close on 27th February 2024.



CTAWA Memberships for 2023

The total membership as at December 2023 was 216, which is a decrease of 18 from the end of 2022. There was a total of 12 new members in 2023 (5 from OYB), compared to 24 in 2022 (2 from OYB).

Acceptance of treasurer's report moved by Bruce Shaddock seconded by Simon Koek, motion carried unanimously

Rides Coordinator

Thank you to everyone who led a ride last year, especially those who lead several. CTA only exists because of you!. Especial thanks to those who led overnight tours.

Number of ride attendees has been high, especially on Wednesdays.

I would encourage anyone who hasn't led a ride to consider it. The ride doesn't need to break you new ground; it is fine to do one old faithful like round the rivers. Just think about where you enjoy riding and take a group of friends along!

Acceptance of Rides Co-ordinator's report moved by Jeremy Knowles seconded by Simon Koek, motion carried unanimously

Achievement Rides

In 2023, last year, we had 24 riders who took part in Achievement rides, compared to 32 the previous year.

I am pleased to announce that we have 13 awards to present this year. Well done to all of you.

The achievement ride series consists of 7 rides which increase in length as the year progresses.

Starting at a really nice 50k ride in the Chittering valley, they finish with a gruelling 300k, 20-hour ride through Gingin, Calingiri, Toodyay and back to Midland.

This year we are introducing an 8th ride, in the Perth hills, The 5 Dams ride. It should be a popular ride for the hills addicts.

Acceptance of Achievement Rides Co-ordinator's report moved by John Farrelly seconded by Teresa Liddiard motion carried unanimously

Social

We had three social functions this year and all were well attended.

We started with the social evening in May where Christine gave a wonderful overview of her trip along the Murray River. We then used the remainder of the evening to farewell Lucy as she embarked on the next phase of her life with her family back in Queensland.

Christmas in July was our next function. Held at Golden Ponds function centre in Baldvis it was well attended and I believe a good time was had by everyone.

Our final function of the year was the Christmas function held at The Last Drop in Canning Vale. Held on what turned out to be a quite hot December day, this event was very well attended and it was great to see so many people in attendance.

Thanks to everyone who came to the functions last year.

Acceptance of Social Co-ordinator's report moved by Allwen Pascoe seconded by Simon Koek, motion carried unanimously

Clothing

SAFE ZONE MIRRORS:

30 mirrors were purchased in 2023. The price was increased to \$30 per piece.

13 mirrors were sold

MENS LONG SLEEVE JERSEYS

Five jerseys were purchased. The cost of a jersey \$60

Seven were sold

WOMENS LONG SLEEVE JERSEYS

Eight women's jerseys were purchased in various sizes. The cost \$60 each

Three were sold



SHORT SLEEVE JERSEYS

Five jerseys were purchased. The cost \$55

Four were sold

SLEEVES

Five were sold

NOSKONS

Twenty were sold. The price was reduced from \$12 to \$10 each after OYB

SOCKS

Ten red socks were sold

Nine yellow socks were sold at \$10 each

The best time for sales is at the On Your Bike Tour

STOCK TAKE 31/12/2023

Mirrors 19

Sleeves 81

Women's Long Sleeve jerseys 11

Short Sleeve Jerseys 22

Long Sleeve Jersey 13

Red Socks 35

Yellow Socks 35

Acceptance of Clothing Coordinator's report moved by Jeremy Knowles seconded by Simon Koek, motion carried unanimously

Website

A brief outline was given of some of the issues and problems that arose regarding the website and email functions and the system used to operate them. Members must remember that the committee and officers of the Club are volunteers and do their best to have things run smoothly.

Acceptance of Website report moved by Simon Koek, seconded by Arthur Bishop, motion carried unanimously

Newsletter Editor

Four newsletters were produced in 2023, one for each season.

There were four reviews of the CTAWA Australind spoke tour, a Melbourne to Sydney ride, various rides around Geraldton and an Albury to Melbourne ride. Also numerous articles on cycling safety, club social events, president reports and club information and announcements. A big thank you to all the contributors who make the newsletter possible.

Acceptance of News Letter's report moved by Randell Holland, seconded by Christine Liddiard, motion carried unanimously

OYB 2023

In 2023, the 35th annual On Your Bike – the Rivers of the Darling tour – was held from 7th to 15th October. This tour started near the Ashfield station heading north on the Tonkin Highway PSP to Muchea before heading east to the first overnight stay at Lower Chittering. The tour followed a circular route around the northern part of the Darling Ranges, riding along and crossing many rivers which have their source in the Darling Ranges. Participants finished riding at the Mandurah station, to either return home, or get the train back to Ashfield station.

After Lower Chittering, overnight stays included: Toodyay, York, Brookton, Wandering, Boddington and Dwellingup. Each day, many rivers were crossed, with the major rivers being the Brockman River (Lower Chittering), Avon River (Toodyay to Pingelly), Hotham River (Old Pumphrey's Bridge to Boddington), Murray River (Pinjarra) and Serpentine River (Mandurah).



The rest day was held in Brookton, where participants had the options of: taking a bus trip to Boyagin Rock (where all climbed the rock, plus seeing displays of the local wildflowers); learning about the history of the area by visiting the local museum; and/or having a go at barefoot bowling. On the first night in Brookton, many participants danced the night away to the music provided by the Narrogin-based band, *Drinks 'n' Tips*.

There was no rain during the tour, however it was probably the hottest tour to date. With the first day reaching temperatures of around 35°C, getting on the Minibus from the water stop was very welcomed by several participants. The temperature became milder day by day until the last couple of days, when it began to rise again, however, fortunately not nearly as high as experienced on the first day.

During the tour, it was fantastic to hear of several participants that had connections to the regions being visited. Whether that be a long-ago convict past, having lived in the area, relatives that have lived there, and revisiting childhood family picnic locations. The 'lunch' stop at Old Pumphrey's Bridge was particularly enjoyed by many – not

only to be able to pause and consider the tragic past of an early pioneering family that lived there, but to also experience the tranquility of the park that now exists there, alongside the Hotham River.

In 2023, entries for OYB were slow in being received. Due to this, discussions were held as to whether the tour should be cancelled, or promotional activities conducted. The decision was made to promote the tour. To this end, news articles were published in the 'Travel section' of *The West Australian* and in *The Post* newspapers. Flyers were printed and distributed to about 50 bike shops in the Perth metropolitan area (as well as some regional bike shops and other locations outside Perth).

Also, a survey was conducted of participants who attended OYB 2022 that had not sent in an Entry Form for OYB 2023. Approximately 50% of 2022 participants were spoken to in person or by phone, with the remainder being contacted by email (with about a 50% response from emails). The main reason for not attending in 2023 was due to overseas or interstate travel (15 people - this was due to 2023 being the first full year that unrestricted travel was allowed since Covid-19). Other reasons included: Injuries (5), Medical conditions and/or appointments (3), Rain on OYB 2022 (3), Age (3), Family commitments (6), Work commitments (3), with three advising the towns visited.

The final number of participants on OYB 2023 was 74 people (down from around 110 participants on recent OYB tours). This resulted in the tour incurring a loss of \$4,871.90 (which included an expense of \$250.00 from OYB 2022, paid in March 2023). Several participants on the 2023 tour provided feedback that they liked having a smaller number of people on the tour. Other participants commented that: "they really felt like they have had a holiday"; and "the success of a tour should not be based solely on the financial results, the enjoyment participants gained from the experience should also be considered".

I thank the members on the OYB Committee: Roy, Ann, Sue, Terry and John for their contributions in running the 2023 tour. Who, along with all the participants that volunteered, gave up some of their time during the tour to assist with a range of activities. Without the help of all these people, it would not be possible for the On Your Bike tours to run smoothly, providing good times and great memories for the participants.

And one final note... During the tour, a call out was made for persons interested in joining the OYB team in 2024 to assist with the Tour Leader role. Two expressions of interest were received - from Lois Grincer and John Maaskant. With both Lois and John being accepted to join the OYB team, at a subsequent OYB meeting, it was confirmed that only six people are required for running the tour, particularly, as those on the OYB committee get a "free berth" on OYB tours (i.e. they do not pay any Entry Fee). As a result, John Farrelly and I have stepped down from being on the OYB team. I give my best wishes to Roy and the new Co-Tour Leaders and the rest of the OYB committee for a successful OYB tour in 2024.

Acceptance of OYB 2023 report moved by Christine Liddiard seconded by Simon Koek, motion carried unanimously



OYB 2024

The OYB 2024 presentation was made by Roy Stone and Lois Grincer.

The tour route will be as follows:

Day	Date	Bus/Ride	From	To	Bus (kms)	Ride (kms)
1	Sat, 21 Sep 24	Bus	High Wycombe Stn	Corrigin	214.0	
1	Sat, 21 Sep 24	Ride	Corrigin	Kulin		53.9
2	Sun, 22 Sep 24	Ride	Kulin	Lake Grace		72.0
3	Mon, 23 Sep 24	Ride	Lake Grace	Pingrup		50.9
4	Tue, 24 Sep 24	Ride	Pingrup	Newdegate		80.7
5	Wed, 25 Sep 24	Rest Day	Newdegate			
6	Thu, 26 Sep 24	Ride	Newdegate	Lake King		63.2
7	Fri, 27 Sep 24	Ride	Lake King	Ravensthorpe		72.5
8	Sat, 28 Sep 24	Ride	Ravensthorpe	Hopetoun		48.9
9	Sun, 29 Sep 24	Bus	Hopetoun	Wave Rock	244.0	
9	Sun, 29 Sep 24	Bus	Wave Rock	Corrigin	112.0	
9	Sun, 29 Sep 24	Bus	Corrigin	High Wycombe Stn	214.0	

Co Tour Leaders

Three Co Tour Leaders:

- Lois Gincer
- John Maaskant
- Roy Stone

Rest day activity

- Holland Track and farm visit proposed.

Roy and Lois expanded significantly on the outline above.

Last year eBikes were allowed on the OYB for the first time and did cause some problems. A policy on eBikes is being prepared by the OYB committee and will include a Special Application in entry forms for the Tour.

Because Overnight Facilities at Pingrup can only cope with 100 people, the number of participants will be limited to 100. In response to a question from a member present regarding increasing the cost of the Tour and restricting numbers it was pointed out to the meeting that every year a detailed budget is prepared and made on an estimate of the number of participants and an estimate of fixed and variable costs. But Budgeting is all based on estimates and projections that may not necessarily pan out. The cost of this year's OYB will be announced by the end of March. Members were reminded that the club bank account is with Westpac and any reference in members' banking details to BankWest should be deleted.

The OYB 2024 tour as outlined was well received by the members present.

Acceptance of OYB 2024 report moved by Roy Stone, seconded by Lois Grincer, motion carried unanimously.



50th Anniversary Tour Presentation

Trevor Knox is organizing and leading the club's 50th Anniversary tour from Albany to Perth. As a response to some members desire to use accommodation along the way, the tour has been re-routed away from the traditional route through Shannon Valley.

The 40th Anniversary Tour had 44 participants and this year already 26 have signed up.

Briefings will be sent out shortly to the participants.

The CTA trailer will be used on the tour. It is currently stored outside.

Trevor moved a motion that he be authorized to get the trailer serviced prior to the 50th Anniversary Tour at an approximate cost of \$350.00. Motion passed.

Presentation by Wayne Lally a founding member of the CTA on the 50th Anniversary of the CTA

Wayne reminisced about his early years as a cyclist and how he, just as everyone did, rode his bike to school, work and everywhere else.

Realizing there was a need for an organized group he described how, in 1973, he took the initiative and formed, with others, the CTA. In 1974 the CTA was the first group to begin lobbying the Government for safer cycling. Matthew King and Bruce Robinson also shared some of their memories from the early CTA days.

Awards

These awards recognize the achievement rides or positive influence to the CTA by individuals.

Achievement Ride Recipients – awarded by John Farrelly

Super Achievers Awards

Christine Liddiard ,Linda Tompkins, John Farrelly

Challenge Awards

Stuart Crombie, Bruce Robinson.

Achievers Awards

John McMahon, Jane McMahon, Bruce Shaddock, Steve Digwood, Taka Nakamizu.

Merit Awards

Liz Marshall, Randell Holland, Greg Atter.

Newsletter Article of the Year – presented by Randell Holland to Jeremy Knowles

Multi Day Ride of the Year – presented by Stuart Crombie to Connie Van den Ende and Noel Eddington for the Bridgetown Spoke Tour

Cycle Tourist of the Year – presented by Stuart Crombie to Randell Holland

Election of Committee Members for 2024

Nominations having been received for the following Committee Positions by the following persons:

Vice President:	Noel Eddington
Treasurer:	Bruce Shaddock
Secretary:	Jeremy Knowles
Rides Coordinator:	Patrick Clancy



Achievement Rides Coordinator:	John Farrelly
Social Coordinator:	Yew Li Cheng
Clothing Coordinator:	Connie Van den Ende
Editor in Chief:	Randell Holland
Webmaster:	Simon Koek
Committee Member (OYB):	Roy Stone

AND no other nominations having been received; Pursuant to Rule 35(3) of the Constitution the above the Chairperson declared such persons elected to the positions listed beside their names.

As no nomination had been received for the position of President the chairperson pursuant to Rule 35(2) of the Constitution called for nominations from the members at the meeting.

Ken Graffin nominated for the position of President (seconded by Jeremy Knowles). As Ken's was the only nomination he was declared elected to the position of President and endorsed enthusiastically by all members at the meeting.

General Business

- (1) Appointment of Auditor – Motion by Bruce Shaddock '*To appoint Martin Gray, the current auditor, as the CTA auditor for 2024*'.seconded Jeremy Knowles, motion carried unanimously
- (2) CTA Address – Confirmed that the CTA postal address will remain the same, namely: PO Box 174 Wembley WA 6913.
- (3) Other business:
 - a. The design of the 50th Anniversary cycle shirt was unveiled. They will not be manufactured and held in stock by the club but will be available to pre-order with various manufacture runs being made during the year. It is anticipated that the first lot of orders will be called for within the next week or so with the order being placed with the manufacturer before the end of the month. The price will be subsidized and be the same as the current shirts being sold.
 - b. Proposal that a WhatsApp group be set up for members to opt into with the objective to share photos and receive last minute updates on rides. There was a general consensus that this would be appropriate and the Committee would look into it further.
 - c. Proposal that committee members' membership fees be waived. Treasurer pointed out that the fees had already been determined for this year but that the waiving of fees in future would not unduly affect the club's finances. Also it was noted that in past years Committee members had their membership fees waived but it was decided that rather than fees being waived the committee members would receive a gift at each AGM.
 - d. Proposal that the committee create a list of circumstances when a ride should be automatically cancelled under certain circumstances such as heat, adverse weather etc. General discussion but proposal did not engender much positive support. It was noted that in the past criticism was leveled because rides were being called off too often when



forecasts did not prove true. Ride Leader must attend start of ride in any event. Decision made on the day.

- e. Proposal that members be strongly encouraged to wear the club's cycle shirts. This received about an equal amount of support and opposition with Bruce having the final say on the issue and for the AGM that until the Club designed a cycle shirt that did not act to camouflage the wearer no-one should be encouraged to wear the present designed shirts.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.15 p.m.