



**President's Report for PORT MACQUARIE TRIATHLON CLUB AGM**  
6.00pm Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011, Westport Club

I'd firstly like to thank all members that put their hand up for committee duties during the 2010/11 season, and a particular thank you to any out-going members of the executive. By its very nature, the sport of triathlon is one which relies heavily on the support of volunteer assistance. And PMTC has shown itself not just at the local level, but on the international stage as providing some of the hardest working, and most reliable volunteers in the sport. My thanks go to anyone who's picked up a bike rack, measured out a swim buoy, or cooked an egg and bacon roll this year. All these acts contribute to reinforcing PMTC as a Club to which anyone would be proud to represent.

### **Season Summary**

I'll try to provide as brief a summary of events since our AGM in May last year:

At the NSW Club Champs, we took away a team of 34 in our last visit to Port Stephens. Once again we put in a great effort to achieve 3rd regional club and 8th overall, thereby cementing our place as one of only 12 Division 1 Clubs in NSW.

The Macleay Marathon saw Brett Currie take a 2nd placing, Jeff Worth a 3rd in the Half, and Mel Cockshutt a 2nd and Richard Bastable a 3rd in the 10km. The Club unfortunately finished just behind Coffs Harbour in the Club challenge.

Our Club's winter duathlon results included some close racing between Laura Cook, Madi Roberts and Laura Harris, with Jack Inwood clearly the dominant athlete of the series posting 3 wins from 3 starts just before his premature retirement.

The now annual September dementia run saw over 150 participants including a ton of kids, some walkers, and even a clown attend a very worthwhile event which raised over \$1500 for Dementia Awareness Week. The Club was later rewarded with an invite to attend the opening of the new local office of Alzheimer's Australia and a 10-minute audience with, and personal thank you from ex-Deputy Premier Hon. John Watkins - perhaps the highlight of the season.

The October "come n tri" saw a good roll up with lots of new potential members, many of whom continued on as regulars throughout the season. It's great to see that many of these new-comers have also become invaluable helpers both within the Club, and also volunteering at the HIM and IM events.

The Port Half Ironman saw many strong Club results, but it was Mitch's first big win, as well as 3 locals within the top-7 finishers that stole the show. Mitch has since gone on to race at ITU level in Geelong, and recently took out the Oceania Championships at Mooloolaba in March this year.

The summer aquathlon 3-race series proved popular including our narrow win over the PMSLSC in race 3 despite their home-court advantage. Notwithstanding Adam's great 2nd placing, it was our Tri Club women who tipped the balance in our favour.

Once again, we had a very successful running of the Camden Haven Triathlon with great help from our regular community groups. A few ideas and improvements for next year should see this event gaining a stronger foot-hold in

the regional triathlon scene. Notwithstanding, 2011 was our biggest year for the event, partly aided by the relatively large number of team entries.

Trial Bay Triathlon saw us retain our Club Champions trophy. It was a great result from Adam who took out the win, and importantly we saw some fantastic results from our junior athletes including Harry Jones, Madi Roberts, Cam Pensini, Alex Rivas, Liam Magennis, Sam Lewis and Sam Cox.

Huskisson saw a large contingent head south for the Long Course Championships. Laura Harris and Adam once again had strong races down there. And it wasn't long after that the Club wrapped up its summer season of racing with our traditional Olympic distance at Wauchope, our Glenn Macintosh memorial handicap, and an Easter-themed Tag Team race to end the summer. Once again, all Grades were extremely close with a couple of surprises in store for those attending the Club Presentation Night on 20<sup>th</sup> May.

Most recently, the Australian Ironman + 70.3 races were held concurrently for the first time here in Port Macquarie. Once again however, the PMTC showed its commitment to triathlon in this region by fielding a huge number of volunteers over the whole week leading up to, and on the day of the racing. Results of note included Tim's 2nd placing in the 70.3, Adam's 11th placing in the IM, Ron Wilson's Kona invitation, Laura Harris' Vegas invitation, and many PBs to those who raced for their 2nd, 3rd or multiple times. It was fantastic to see our brand new IM and 70.3 athletes crossing the line in front of a huge home crowd.

Financially, Alison will give you a more accurate run down of the season past, but suffice to say that we're once again in a healthy financial position. While we're not in the practice of turning a profit, we have sufficient funds to provide us with future security should there be a need for another "Club shed" or similar necessary infrastructure to sustain our ability to race locally (for example, the Club shed cost us \$8,000 only 4 years ago). The financial buffer also provides us with the capability to pre-order Club racewear so it's available early in the season, as well as supplying that race-wear, club-wear, Club Champs accommodation, RTA training and First Aid courses at discounted rates. Just as importantly, it allows the Club to stage various social events for its members throughout the season.

Members wise, we again have a strong membership base of over 150. We had some disappointment with the electronic membership/management database we'd set up in 2009 as we were faced with a failure with membership renewals, and a variety of emailing problems within the system this year. This did however prompt us to upgrade our website, which will soon coincide with a brand new membership system and on-line purchasing capabilities, of which some of you have recently tested with the ticket purchases to the upcoming Club Presentation Night.

Once again I thank everyone for their assistance in running what is easily one of the most successful sporting Clubs in the Port Macquarie-Hastings. I appreciate everyone's support and look forward to the upcoming 2011/12 season.



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ANDREW LISTER – CLUB PRESIDENT 2010/11  
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