

SKCC President's Report 2020-21

Dear SKCC Members

A big welcome to our new members who have joined over the past year and a huge thank-you to all our existing members who have stayed active within the club.

The 2020-21 financial year has been a much bumpier ride than expected. We had the highs of a gold medal haul at the National Championships, the Olympics, impressive social events and great mornings pedalling in the fresh Melbourne air on club training rides. The contrast has been the COVID-related uncertainties, Zwift sessions, lockdowns and illnesses among SKCC members. Let's hope the next 12 months is better.

This was my final year as President of SKCC. I thank the current committee, along with past committee members, for their support. It has been a wonderful experience leading this club. My highlight was being involved in four Shimano Super Crits. These were highly stressful to plan and coordinate, but the reward was seeing thousands of smiling faces and hundreds of riders on the day. We aim to bring the Shimano Super Crits back to Melbourne in the future.

A huge shout out and round of applause to our tireless ride leaders, volunteers and committee members. These people are the heart and soul of the club and without them, morning training rides, racing and other club activities wouldn't be around for all to enjoy. Thank you so much for your support to our members and people of the community.

Albert Park - Good news and bad news

Let's get the bad news first. The F1 race has been cancelled for this year. Though this means less disruption to park users and residents, it adds complications to our racing because we were in a positive position to race during the F1 bump in and bump out periods. If the F1 had gone ahead, all permit and traffic management solutions would have been resolved by one organisation, GP Australia.

On the flip side, some good news. The biggest issue holding us back from racing at Albert Park is the cost of traffic management. The test event we held in 2019 cost about \$4,000, which is unsustainable on a regular basis. Minister Martin Foley, Minister Josh Burns and Parks Victoria are aware of the issue and our push to have automatic traffic management installed within Albert Park. In recent discussions with Minister Foley it was noted this is a high priority for Parks Victoria, GP Australia and the community. We expect this to be resolved in the near future.

Sponsorship

With the pending launch of the new SKCC kit we have been very active within new and extended partnerships. Great job by the sponsorship sub-committee:

- KOM/QOM Financial Advice has extended its long and valuable partnership with SKCC. You will see the firm's logo proudly presented on a sleeve of the new SKCC jerseys
- We welcome Chemika Pty Ltd to SKCC, a very exciting new partnership. Chemika isn't a typical company you would interact with on a daily basis but its work is an essential testing services of human therapeutics and medical devices
- Other sponsorships are being negotiated, and we hope to have other deals signed in the next couple of weeks
- If you know of a business that would be interested in a partnership with SKCC, please let a committee member know

Olympics

Huge congratulations to SKCC member Kell O'Brien for his Olympic campaign, winning a Bronze medal in the Teams Pursuit, and to Grace Brown, who narrowly missing out on a Bronze medal in the TT.

At the Paralympics, Emily Petricola today won Gold in the C4 3000m pursuit after breaking her own world record in qualifying. SKCC friend Paige Greco also took gold and broke her own world record in the C3 3000m individual pursuit. We wish club legend Carol Cooke and former SKCC member Stuart Tripp success in their events too.

In other club success stories, Carter Turnbull has just been named in the U23 Worlds squad, racing the TT.

I get such a sense of joy watching the racing on TV and knowing that riders like Kell and Carol started from the Home of Big Sunday Racing around White Street to go onto the world stage watched by hundreds of millions of sports fans.

I also offer a special shout out to all other Olympians, with Luke Plapp, Sarah Gigante and Catalina Soto regular competitors at White Street. Though you might have been sitting on the couch watching their amazing performances remember, everyone that volunteered, raced and supported the club to host events has been a small part of their Olympic dream coming true.

And we will need your help in the coming year to make sure SKCC races and other events are a success.

Other events

The Tour de France night and New Member night have been a great success with many members itching for more social outings, and I'm thankful for the efforts of new committee member Samantha Kosky. We were hoping to have a social event for the AGM but unfortunately lockdown has prevented that. But hold tight as we have more in the pipeline pending restrictions.

- **The Kyneton Women's weekend:** This has been rescheduled a couple of times now, but the committee is committed to make it happen, so it has now been moved to next April.
- **Bright training weekend:** This is shaping up to be a great social weekend with plenty of climbing! So don't skip those morning Zwift sessions as you will need the fitness come Melbourne Cup Weekend.
- **Christmas Party:** The social sub-committee is keen to have a Christmas party with some awards. It should be a good opportunity to review the amount of indoor riding we have done again for another year and look forward to 2022.

Again, these social events and weekends away don't happen without the support and commitment of passionate volunteers. If you have an idea or would like to get involved, please reach out our team can always use an extra pair of hands even if it is just for an hour.

SKCC Future

The future is bright. In recent conversations with Ministers and MPs, they have noted that local sporting clubs are the backbone of communities and have been hugely impacted by the pandemic. They also acknowledge the loss of White Street has had a big impact on the club. With limited activities, no spectators and cancelled events, people have not been able to connect and generate community spirit. With the long-awaited vaccine roll out taking shape

over the next few months, fingers crossed that lockdowns will be a distant memory and we can plan more events with certainty.

Can't wait to see you at the AGM and more importantly when it is safe on Beach Road ☺

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AGM Agenda

1 Opening

- Just make sure your mic is turned off/ Mute, we will have a time where you are welcome to ask questions
- Welcome to country: *I begin today by acknowledging the traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, and pay my respects to their Elders past and present. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.*
- Welcome to all our new members and thanks to all our current financial members in this time
- Thanks to all the hard-working committee and volunteers over the past 12 months and longer
- 400 voting members, stable for FY21

2. Official Business

- Record attendances, proxies and apologies.
- Confirm the minutes of the previous annual general meeting (SKCC AGM Minutes 2020)

3. President report

- Limited activities due to lockdown.
- No overhead costs for keeping the club operating due to no activity
- We are in a space now that is manageable on a volunteer base. If we want to grow, we need more resources and more financial support coming through.
- Albert Park update. Automatic gates are a priority and was close on the last round of funding.

4. Financial report (Anna)

- Receive and consider the annual report of the Committee on the activities of the Club during the 2020/21 year
- Accept the financial reports for 2020/21 year

5. Committee Nominations (Alison)

- Elect the members of the committee for the 2021/22 year
- Good chance for a refresh on the committee and how things are done
- Zoom meeting will certainly become a thing of the future
- Time savings if we can focus on delivering key activities rather than scattering across all activities
- Personal development and give back to the cycling community.

6. New President (Campbell)

7. Questions