

President's Report 2025

The 2025 PCCCT season has been run, and the 19 weeks of races have been won. A total of 169 individual runners participated in at least one club race in the 2025 season. This includes 50 new members. Race attendance held steady with 2023 and 2024 numbers which is pleasing giving the glut of options on the running calendar.

A heartfelt congratulations is due to all race winners in 2025. Especially to winners of our major races: Rachel Young (Paine Family Memorial), Lyn Saint John (Mountain Classic), Todd Wheldon (Half Marathon) and Robina Juanir (Iron Trail). Thomas Murton and Lyn Saint John were our men's and women's 10 km champions. Tom Ridderhof took home the Nominated Time Feature Race. To close out the season Drew Redpath stormed home to win the Wynyard to Burnie Feature Race.

Behind the scenes the club continued to adapt and evolve. With the refurbishment of the club trailer and adoption of online entries, the club van was no longer necessary for club operations and was duly sold in 2025. As the original purchase of the van was assisted with a community grant, half of the proceeds from the sale have been dispersed to running aligned community groups who have benefited from the van's use in the past. The reduced costs to the club associated with this sale leaves the club in strong financial position. This position that has enabled the club to undergo a process of renewing our safety equipment whilst minimising costs to our members.

It is with sadness that I must acknowledge the passing of life member Ken Williams. Despite advancing years, Ken still ran with the club up to the 2024 season and was still a welcome sight at races just weeks before his passing. Due to a generous offer by the family of Steve Hanson, from 2026 the Ace of Green Hills race at Stanley will be known as the Ken Williams Memorial.

In happier life member news, after many years of excellent service both on the committee and through general volunteering, the club was happy to award life membership to Mark Saint John at the end of season function.

I wish to thank all members for their enthusiasm for the club and making it an enjoyable experience for all throughout the year. I also wish to thank all of those who volunteered their time to assist with the conduct of the season. Of particular note, I wish to thank our Ron Chequer Memorial Volunteer of the Year, Tom Ridderhof. Despite being a junior member of the club, Tom's willingness to help out was a shining example to our members in 2025.

A large thanks is also due to the members of the PCCCT Committee for 2025. A functional and vibrant committee is vital for keeping the club moving forward. I especially want to acknowledge the contributions of our outgoing committee members. At the time of writing, Brendan Burr, Ellen Burgess, Emma Burr and David Shore are not seeking re-election at the 2025 AGM.

Brendan Burr is stepping down due to increasing work commitments. Brendan has been a Vice President for the last 2 years. From being a valued sounding board for our handicapper, to co-ordinating with the Burnie City Council to ensure our access to facilities, Brendan's efforts have been as varied as they have been invaluable. The revamped and revitalised Romaine course is just one of Brendan's contributions that will continue to benefit the club into the future.

Our other Vice President, Ellen, is also stepping back after 10 years on the committee. Filling a number of roles over that time, in recent years she has been instrumental in selecting, organising and collecting our race trophies and sashes in recent years. The new innovations in trophies,

especially the engraved cups of 2025 have been warmly welcomed by members. She also facilitated the current merchandise relationship the club has with Cassovic in Wynyard, making this significantly more streamlined and easier for the club going forward.

Emma Burr has been the co-ordinator of our nominated time races in recent years, help to keep our junior and non-running members engaged with the club. She has also been our chief caterer/soup organiser, a role that is vital to success of many of our post-race events, not the least of which the feature race. Despite not continuing on the committee, Emma has already offered to continue to co-ordinating our Feature Race catering in 2026, an offer we've gratefully accepted.

Finally, David Shore is stepping down as a general committee member. Despite only holding the position for a single year, David's willingness to pitch in and get things done will be soundly missed going forward.

As always, thanks are due our numerous and generous sponsors. It would not be possible to offer the prizes for each race that the club does without them. Where possible, I urge all members to support the businesses and generous individuals that support us.

Jason Scott

President 2025