

Dear Northern Territory Triathlon Members

**Introduction:** Thank you for your ongoing support to Triathlon Northern Territory (TNT). Aaron McMahon stepped down in July 18 and was succeeded by Paul Bell. Aaron leaves a legacy behind that has resulted in a stronger, more focused and mature organisation. The challenges faced by the organisation over the past 12 months were significant and the board professionally addressed them.

### **Achievements in the last 12 months by TNT**

- **Memberships and Clubs.** Membership has increased in the NT, which is against the National trend. This is coupled with our increased support and collaboration with clubs and junior races.
- **Executive Administrator.** Jacqui Cleghorn is proving herself to be an excellent and passionate asset.
- **Finance.** TNT has sourced excellent funding through the hard work of Aaron McMahon, the board and Pathway Manager, Tim Ellison.
- **Strategic Plan.** A new strategic is in the process of being completed for 2019-21.
- **Greater integration with the clubs.** This has included:
  - Planning weekends at the AGM
  - Development of our Strategic Plan
  - Club Support Package
  - Representation from clubs on the board
  - Development of the junior race series with DTC that helped boost numbers significantly and integrate Mov3 and TNT with the clubs.
- **Improved Organisational Administration.** The acquisition of Jacqui Cleghorn to the position of EA has been a success. TNT board positions are near capacity and stable. This has allowed for the building of TNT corporate knowledge and thus an improved engagement with Triathlon Australia.
- **TA Representation.** TNT has a well-established relationship between the States and Territories as well as Triathlon Australia. TNT will always focus on what is 'best for the NT' which sometimes puts TNT at odds with TA but due to the professionalism of our sport this is respected.
- **Finance.** TNT is in a good financial position despite significant challenges in funding. TA has decreased TNT funding despite NT growing membership and this remains on the table for TNT to negotiate with TA. Funding for the free community programme, Mov3, and raising Mov3 in Alice Springs remains challenging.
- **Governance.** TNT has developed NT specific policies, procedures, terms of reference, systems, cloud based operations, and increased transparency
- **Mov3 and Academy.** Mov3 continues to grow and develop. Mov3 now has a website and has increased its engagement, integrated the programs with DTC as well as raised the program in Alice Springs with Kate McIntyre and Helen Davenport. Importantly the Mov3 program was identified as an important program

for the health of young kids in the NT. The man behind Mov3, Time Ellison, is commended on his commitment and vision with regards the development of our sport at a grass roots level.

- **Research.** Menzies has been approached by TNT to conduct an evaluation of the Mov3 programme with the intent of solidifying its principles of improvement in physical, mental and social health and thus increasing funding from both Territory and Federal Governments.

**Conclusion:** I'd like to take the opportunity to thank the TNT board members who regularly give up their free time to further develop our sport. Jason Hamilton and Liz Billman have journeyed with us to achieve excellent outcomes for members. Without their dedication and shared vision TNT may have followed the National decline in membership.

Thank you to Aaron McMahon and his family for their selfless efforts and support to our sport.

Finally, thank you to all those members and members' families that make triathlon possible in the Northern Territory.

Swim, Bike, Run

**Paul Bell**

President

Triathlon Northern Territory

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