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ACT TRIATHLON ANNUAL REPORT

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PRESIDENTS REPORT 2022-23

Sally Hamilton
President ACT Triathlon

The Triathlon ACT 2022-23 season highlighted the dedication of our 678 members, spread across 8 affiliated clubs, as well as coaches, volunteers, technical officials and partners.

Significant acknowledgement came from Triathlon Australia and TACT for Lachlan Lewis and the late Rad Leovic who were announced as Legends of The Sport at Triathlon Australia's Celebration of Champions Awards. Here in the ACT Sam Harding's was announced as the ACT Athlete of the Year in Para Sport, highlighting the rich talent within our community.

We would like to acknowledge local race director Canberra Multisport Events who conducted our local competition calendar of events, our enthusiastic volunteers, and skilled technical officials all contributed to the season's success. Their relentless commitment, together with that of our local partners, fuelled our progress.

Our community-driven approach was enhanced with numerous coaching courses, which not only refined our athletes' skills but also fostered a knowledge-rich and supportive ecosystem.

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the ACT government for their continued support over many years. TACT worked closely with them to provide feedback and suggestions in their review of the funding model - the first in 15 years. Like most states and territories since COVID, we anticipate a decrease in funding. We have built this into our budget and forward planning.

The 2022-23 season was particularly notable for Canberra's role on the national stage. Over four intense days, the Grand Prix Triathlon attracted Australia's premier junior athletes, culminating in the Australian Junior Sprint Championships on the final day. While our local talents faced stiff competition, the event highlighted our superb venues and cemented our status as a capable host for significant triathlon events. Furthermore, in June, Canberra proudly hosted the Australian Duathlon Championships, marking the second major Australian championship event in the city this season. These milestones not only emphasise ACT's commitment to the sport but also our growing prominence in the national triathlon community.

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Congratulations goes to local club, JT Multisport for their consecutive win of the Forager Series Club trophy at our June annual award night. Also acknowledgment to all individual winners and club contributions.

The announcement of the Challenge Canberra by Canberra Multisport Events marks an exciting future. This international calibre event, set for 26th November 2023, is poised to elevate ACT's triathlon reputation globally.

The 2022-23 season embodied community growth, shared triumphs, and an unwavering commitment to excellence. Triathlon ACT's community-centric ethos continues to nurture an environment where everyone collaborates in the spirit of sportsmanship and collective advancement.

The TACT board continues to work with Triathlon Australia on the future operating model - centralised services and will continue to review our decision to 'sit out' of this initiative.

Steve Bingley our Executive Director thank you for bringing your expertise, energy and vision to the local community.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the Triathlon ACT Board - Vice President Mary Sietsma, Treasurer - Leeanne Tennant, board members - Steve Hough, Lara Lever, Chris Allison and Georgie Hicks.

In particular we acknowledge Steve Hough who has been an integral part of the triathlon scene here in Canberra over the past 15 - 20 years. Steve has announced he will be stepping down from the board - we thank you and wish you well.

TREASURER'S REPORT 2022-23

Leeanne Tennant
Treasurer ACT Triathlon

I present the Treasurer's Report for Triathlon ACT Inc. (the Association) for the year ending 30th June 2023. The financial statements, as presented, have been audited. The result for the year was a profit of \$13,348, compared to a loss last year of \$17,452. The profit for 2023 was unexpected and better than the budgeted loss of \$31,038. It was due to a number of revenue and expense items.

- Revenue for the year was higher than expected due to the TACT Executive Director, Steve Bingley securing a sponsorship relationship with the University of Canberra resulting in TACT receiving \$7,000 and a Popes Electrical partnership of \$3,000. In line with previous years we received a community grant from Canberra Southern Cross Club.
- Additionally, Course Fees income was above budget due to TACT running Foundation and Development Coaching Courses.
- The shared resources with NSW expense was reduced with the TACT Board not renewing the contract with Caitlin Greenwood- the Engagement and Communications Officer for TNSW.

The two major sources of income for the year were the ACT Government Triannual Grant of \$70,000 and the Triathlon Australia Rebate of \$48,244. TACT was advised by the ACT Government that the Triannual funding had ceased and that a new funding model for sporting clubs in the ACT was being initiated. Steve Bingley spent an enormous amount of time completing the onerous application and now we are now waiting on the Governments decision. The budget for 2023-24 has been prepared with a reduced Grant from the ACT Government of \$30,000. Resulting in a budgeted loss of \$10,270.

Total expenditure for the year was reduced by 11% of the budget with the major expenses being Salaries and Wages including the payments to TNSW for the shared resources.

Total Assets for the year were increased by 9% due increased cash in the working account. No withdrawals were made from Reserves held with Beyond Bank. The current system of an external bookkeeper contracted to perform monthly reconciliations, review the payroll and submit the quarterly GST and tax obligations is working efficiently.

The audit was performed by See Accounting Group with no areas of concern highlighted by the auditor.

TECHNICAL REPORT 2022-23

Gai Webster
ACT Head Technical Official

We now have 16 Officials on the Active Register as at 30/6/23 – 2 down on last season.

	Level 1 (LTO)	Level 2 (RTO)	Level 3 (ATO)	TOTAL
	7	7	2	16
Male	4	4	0	8
Female	3	3	2	8

3 ACT LTOs (Level 1) participated in a semi-on-line course during the season and have now been promoted to RTO (Level 2). Congratulations go to Denise Druitt, Petra Lean and Mary Sietsma. We will see them in Race Referee and Technical Delegate roles over different events in the coming season.

ACT Events

- 11 local TOs positions allocated and present at 3 Duathlon events – 1 event at the start, 1 event re-scheduled to the middle and 1 event at the end of the season.
- 57 TOs positions were allocated and present at 15 summer events – Triathlons and Aquathlons.

Thanks goes to Steve Bingley, TACT Director, for consulting and organising Race Directors to ensure that we had events to advertise on the ACT 2022-23 Event Calendar and for thinking outside of the box for the new type of event formats for the coming season.

Thanks also goes to Corey Bacon, Canberra Multisport Events (CME), for holding different events at Stromlo Forest Park throughout the season. Especially the 4-day Australian Grand Prix Triathlon Eliminator which not only trains the athletes in World Tri protocols but it also trains the Officials who have not had that experience and for bringing the PINK event to the ACT which is a lot of fun and very pink.

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Some ACT TOs also went interstate to officiate at other sanctioned AUS Tri events and World Triathlon events which helped to broaden their technical experience and maintain their accreditation for World Triathlon and AUS Tri. Also, 3 NSW TOs officiated at 7 events during the season which was a great help as some of the ACT TOs were racing these events.

Future Courses:

- The AUS Tri LTO (Level 1) on-line course is always available via the AUS Tri website and we have one person who will be completing their Modules before December 2023.
- The AUS Tri RTO (Level 2) course is face-to-face currently. An on-line course is being developed.
- The AUS Tri ATO (Level 3) course is by invitation and is currently not scheduled for this season.

Future Events:

Based on the information received to date, we have 2 Duathlons – both early in the 2023-24 season – which are the Sri Chinmoy Off Road Duathlon on 6th August 2023 and the Capital Duathlon on 15th October 2023. The advertised ACT summer calendar has 12 events comprising small to medium events (less than 1000 athletes per event) for the coming summer season.

Accreditation Equation:

To maintain their annual accreditation for 2023-24 each ACT Official needs a minimum of 3 AUS Tri sanctioned events each season. For 15 TOs (with one TO now posted overseas) we require a minimum of 45 Technical Field of Play (FOP) positions. Also, the ATO (Level 3) Officials require a least 1 Senior Technical Team (STT) position of Race Referee or Technical Delegate at the WQE level and the RTO (Level 2) Officials require at least one STT local position.

The ACT 2023-24 Calendar currently shows 14 winter and summer events which equates to 51 Technical FOP positions which is adequate for TO accreditation for this season. Some Officials will still go interstate to broaden their officiating experiences.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT 2022-23

Steve Bingley
ACT Triathlon Executive Director

The 2022-23 season was a standout year for Triathlon ACT, highlighting both the extraordinary talent and the unyielding dedication of its 678 members, spread across 8 affiliated clubs, as well as coaches, volunteers, and partners.

Significant accolades illuminated the season. Lachlan Lewis and the late Rad Leovic were distinguished as Legends of The Sport at Triathlon Australia's Celebration of Champions Awards. Sam Harding's triumph as the ACT Athlete of the Year in Para Sport further underscored the rich talent within our community.

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During our vibrant annual award night, we acknowledged both individual prowess and club contributions. Notably, for the second consecutive year, the JTM club clinched the prestigious Forager Series Club trophy.

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In retrospect, the 2022-23 season transcended races and recognitions. It embodied community growth, shared triumphs, and an unwavering commitment to excellence. Triathlon ACT's community-centric ethos continues to nurture an environment where everyone collaborates in the spirit of sportsmanship and collective advancement.