

## **Tableland Cycle Sports Presidents 2020 report**

Wow, what a year to remember ( or forget ).

What started out as a year looming with uncertainty and doubt, has definitely finished on a positive note for Cycling on the Tablelands.

We had our AGM early in the year, where a new President & committee were elected via Zoom. Although COVID stopped us from conducting races, which are one of our main revenue streams, we were still able to continue our regular Trail Care Workshops, albeit under strict social distancing & sanitisation protocols. We racked up over 600 volunteer hours for the year through the Workshops which under the circumstances is quite amazing. We also purchased a lot of new machinery & hand tools. We will have our 2021 Trail Care dates online soon.

As well as the regular maintenance, TCS has spent over \$40,000.00 in the Bike Park constructing new trail & refurbishing old. \$30,000.00 of this was acquired from grant monies and the balance from TCS.

We would like to sincerely thank Mt Emerald Wind Farm Community Grant scheme & the Qld State Govn. Sport & Rec grant scheme for providing us with the dollars.

DES ( QParks ) have also made available some “Economic Stimulus” money to recap/repair some rocky sections on our Green Trail network. We envisage this work to start early in 2021.

Our permanent Elevate XCM 8hr course has now been signposted and can be ridden anytime for those wanting to try the course before they race which we hope will be in July 2021.

Rather than over commit ourselves next year race wise, we will be hosting 3 races minimum.

These will be Elevate ( date TBC ), King/Queen of the Mtn Enduro ( date TBC ) and we are also hosting a round of the Fox Superflow Enduro series ( June % ).

We also conducted some Junior Skills clinics and hope to do more next year as well as Junior race series.

Our club memberships have quadrupled in the last couple of months thanks to our newly appointed membership officer Steve King. We are now pleased to be offering free annual TCS club membership ( details on the website ). We have a few bugs to iron out with the details and forms which we hope to have sorted in the next couple of weeks.

We have started merchandising our new Ride Atherton logo with socks available for now and some cool looking jerseys and casual shirts coming soon.

As I said at the beginning, we have definitely finished the year on a positive note with lots of grand things planned for 2021.

I would like to sincerely thank all our sponsors, committee members, volunteers & supporters for helping us improve & develop Cycling on the Tablelands, but we can do more. I believe we are sitting on the cusp of our region turning into the biking mecca it could & should be. It's not just the bike riders who will benefit, it's the region as a whole...but we need your help by either joining our club, attending a Trail Care Workshop or just follow us on social media or better still, buy a bike & ride one of our many trails.

Happy New Year!

**Bret “Chook” Piccone**  
**TCS President**

