



FREE STATE

GENERAL

The PPA Free State office is no longer manned by a full-time employee. Liandri Van Niekerk continues to organise the two main PPA Free State events on a contractual basis, being the Maluti Double 90 Team Challenge in the first quarter of the year and the Free State Cycle Tour (previously known as the Mangaung Cycle Tour) in the last quarter of the year.

There weren't any safe cycling initiatives or projects taken on in the province during this financial year, except for the Bike4All initiative that forms part of the Maluti Double 90 "Giving Back" project, where bicycles are donated to the less fortunate within the Free State community.

EVENTS

The 2019 Free State Cycle Tour had 715 participants in total across the 105 km and 37 km routes, compared to 750 entries in 2018. The event showed a profit of R13 600 mainly due to two small cash sponsorships as well as major adjustments to the route which saved on logistical costs.

The 2020 Cycle Lab Maluti Double 90, powered by Biogen was set to take place on Saturday 18 April but had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions placed on large gatherings. The title sponsor, Cycle Lab and partner Biogen, agreed to carry over the sponsorship to 2021. The event reached its full capacity for the first time in 2020, with a total of 126 teams entering. After the cancellation, teams were offered the option to defer their entry to 2021 or receive a 70% refund. Only 16 teams requested refunds and the remaining 110 team entries will carry over to the 2021 event which will take place on Saturday 17 April.