



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2020

2020 started off well, as we saw the Cape Town Cycle Tour just squeaking in before the national lockdown was enforced in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since then, the entire world has been turned on its head and more so for cyclists. No one escaped the devastating consequences of the pandemic which has been exceptionally frustrating and stressful throughout the lockdown period which is now on level one. The PPA has not escaped the devastation which affected all planned events for 2020, event organisers as well as sponsors. The cancellation of events, together with the fact that many South Africans had to deal with loss of employment or reduced salaries, is having a massive impact on the future of the PPA. However, we need to accept the reality of the situation and that nothing is going to be the same again.

In June, our Chairman Rens Rezelman, unfortunately had to tender his resignation due to new employment commitments. We would like to take the opportunity to express our gratitude to Rens for leading the PPA successfully for the past few years as well as for the contribution that he has made whilst serving on the Executive Committee.

Under difficult lock down conditions, the Executive Committee is constantly monitoring and evaluating the situation which is continuously changing. We are very much aware of the fact that PPA will need to adapt to the new 'normal'. Due to the current situation, the Executive Committee, who represents you, our valued members, is reviewing the PPA's strategy in terms of its mandate, which will soon be executed by the Executive Committee. Once the review process has been finalised, a special general meeting will be held, to update members.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the staff at PPA who have been working under difficult circumstances, uncertainty, and reduced salaries yet remain loyal to the association and still wear great smiles.

To the Executive Committee, your support of Rens and I in this past year, has been commendable. To the two committee members who will not be serving on the committee after the AGM, namely Rodney Beck and Sharief Peters, we thank for their contribution whilst serving on the Executive Committee.

Finally, to all the loyal cyclists who continues to support us year after year with your membership, we are genuinely grateful.

Reports for all our activities can be found on the web page under their specific heading.

Let's Pedal Progressively Ahead !

Steve Hayward: Chairman

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