



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEEETING

Good evening all.

Thanks once again for taking the time to attend the AGM this evening.

We are pleased to report that, in spite of the many issues facing South Africans across the board, PPA's role in supporting Safe Cycling has grown in influence and impact. The current economic climate is affecting all of us and especially our membership figures which, although improving, have not grown substantially so a special welcome to you our loyal supporters.

We welcomed Neil Robinson as our new CEO last year. Whilst Neil's report will detail both what has been achieved in the past year and what we will be focusing on the next few years it has been really satisfying to see the broadening of the focus to spend significant effort on the "Advocacy" part of our mandate and we will continue to do so whilst continuing to support the members' needs. The interactions with the authorities at all levels have been positive and continue to open opportunities for improvement and we believe that, as cycling is becoming seen as an accepted and needed form of transport with both the economic and climate crises, the authorities are at last shifting towards genuinely including cycling in their planning.

It is really pleasing to note the increase in numbers of people that are using bikes to commute but there is so much more that needs to be done and have cycling take its proper place in "*...allowing anybody to cycle anywhere, anytime*" and we will continue to push for this.

Thank you to the team that have made this possible. I would also like to thank the EXCO members for their input and support over the past year and wish the new EXCO all the best for their term.

Although the Treasurer will cover the financials I would just like to note that the low membership revenue, limited sponsorships for events and the reduced contribution from the Cape Town Cycle Tour continue to affect our funding stream which is one of the reasons that we are asking you to support the change in the Constitution to assist us to become registered as a Section 18A organisation with SARS which we will discuss under Item 8 on the Agenda.

As a member of PPA drop us a note to info@pedalpower.org.za at any time to ask questions and raise concerns or just to give kudos. We encourage our members to use this facility throughout the year and not just wait for the AGM to do so. We also encourage members to

take up concerns that are municipal facilities/related with their local Councilor or politician and become not just an active cyclist but a cycling activist too.

Please bear in mind that PPA and The Cape Town Cycle Tour are two separate organisations and information with regards to the CTCT needs to be directed to info@cycletour.co.za.

Finally to all our members we thank you for your loyal support and all the wonderful words of encouragement to continue our mission of pushing for the safety of all cyclists and providing cycling events in Mzansi.

Steve Hayward: Chairperson.