



Chairpersons report to the 2024 PPA AGM

A heartfelt welcome to all our loyal members who so diligently year after year take the time out to attend our AGM. What has been noticeable since we started with virtual AGM's is the fact that members from outside of Cape Town and South Africa are now able to attend our meeting. A special welcome to you.

As you will have noticed in the CEO's comprehensive report, the activities of the PPA over the past year have been covered in great detail. Please take time to read his report as many members often do not understand fully the extent of PPA's involvement in our country. Our thanks and appreciation to Neil Robinson and all of our staff members at PPA for their loyalty and perseverance in the last year.

There are definite signs that at PPA the recovery from the covid19 years is steadily making progress. Our events team have dished up a number of events for the 2024/2025 financial and there is a slight possibility that we may even have some events back in the southern suburbs. We do understand that there is a cost to members who have to travel from the Southern suburbs to the Boland to attend events and we are trying our utmost with the City of Cape Town to stage events in the Peninsula once more.

Research on the internet has revealed that attendance at cycling events around the world is declining despite the fact that more people are now cycling and that sales of bicycles have increased. Covid 19 had created the necessity of the WhatsApp's cycling groups which cyclists are now gravitating too instead of attending cycling events. In addition, staging events have become expensive owing to new legislation and the cost of traffic fees. Sponsorship of cycling events have declined dramatically which has seen many organisations and schools having to abandon the events they used to arrange. PPA is working tirelessly to find new events and sponsorship for the future.

One sector of the PPA portfolios that is growing well is the Safe Cycling and Stay wider of the rider campaigns. We are grateful to Toyota and the Road Accident Fund for the wonderful sponsorship they support us with which gives us the ability to grow this sector of PPA. We encourage members to purchase the safe cycling kit, not only is it hi visibility but it highlights the cyclists crusade for safer roads and to be more considerate to cyclists.

We would encourage members to promote their family and friends to join the Pedal Power Association to enable PPA to continue being the largest cycling body to represent cyclists in South Africa and to continue the work we do for cycling and cyclists. We are proud of the fact that our vice-chairperson, Gordon Laing is often consulted by the City, the Provincial Government of the Western Cape and other transport bodies in the country with regard to mobility planning and how it will effect cycling.

Please do remember that we are available throughout the year to take your questions, compliments or complaints at email: info@pedalpower.org.za

Thank you once again for your continued support and we hope to meet you soon on the start line of one of our great events.

Steve Hayward

Chairperson.