

Dear Members,

Season 2023 has been completed and has been a great year for endurance riding here in Tassie, we have maintained good numbers for the 13 regular rides over the season which have included two new rides from two new ROCs. Castra Endurance Riders have opened up old tracks last used in the late eighties and the Bakers Scenic Challenge has seen a return of endurance riding to areas adjacent to the Narawntapu national park which were also last used in the late eighties. As well as welcoming new ROCs to the calendar I would like to acknowledge the effort put in over many years by the Black Bluff Riders, Jill Sheean Memorial Riders and Portland Endurance Riders. We have all enjoyed the rides these clubs have provided for us over the last few decades and I would like to thank them for the massive contribution they have made to our sport.

Our state championships were once again managed by a team from the SMC and I wish to make special mention of the SC coordinator Deb Wyllie whose dedication to this event has been an inspiration to many of us. Our calendar also included a Come and Try Day in the northwest and an Endurance orientation day in the south, many thanks to the people who help organise and run these days.

This year saw the Tom Quilty Gold Cup held at Imbil, QLD. While this is an outstanding venue, many of us were disappointed that Victoria were unable to stage the event as planned. We had three riders make the journey up north with both Dylan Stevens and Alexa Parker achieving their first Quilty buckle. I would like to thank the SMC members for their contribution to our sport throughout the year and look forward to a busy 2024 season.

Andrew Miles. President 2023