

AHMCC – MEMBER SURVEY 2018

TOTAL RESPONSES	NUMBER	PERCENT
Total number of members responding	52	
Racing members	48	92%
Non-racing members	4	8%

RACING MEMBER RESPONSES		
RESPONSENT PROFILE	NUMBER	PERCENT
Gender		
Male	42	88%
Female	5	10%
Not answered	1	2%
Age		
35-45	11	23%
45-55	17	35%
55-65	11	23%
Over 65	9	19%
How long a member of AHMCC		
1-3 yrs	28	58%
4-6 yrs	11	23%
More than 6 yrs	9	19%
Grades normally raced in at club races		
A or B	15	32%
C	12	25%
D	8	17%
E or F	13	27%
HOW MANY RACES IN A YEAR (see Table 1 for more detail)		
A few	12	25%
About half	15	31%
Most events	19	40%
Other	2	4%
THE NUMBER OF EVENTS WE RUN EACH YEAR		
Too few	5	10%
About right	39	81%
Too many	2	4%
No answer	2	4%
OUR COURSES		
The current mix is about right	33	69%
More flatter courses would be better	8	17%
More climbing would be better/	5	10%
No answer	2	4%
DISTANCE PREFERENCES: HILLY COURSES		
A & B grade riders (15 riders)		
50-60 ks	1	7%
60-70 ks	7	47%
70-80 ks	4	27%

More than 80 ks	3	20%
C grade riders (12 riders)		
50-60 ks	9	75%
60-70 ks	2	16%
70-80ks	0	0
Other	0	0
No answer	1	8%
D grade riders (8 riders)		
50-60 ks	6	75%
60-70 ks	2	25%
70-80ks	0	0
Other	0	0
E and F grade riders (13 riders)		
40-50 ks	3	23%
50-60 ks	5	38%
60-70 ks	3	23%
70-80ks	0	0
Other	0	0
No answer	2	15%
DISTANCE PREFERENCES: FLATTER COURSES		
A & B grade riders (15 riders)		
50-60 ks	1	6%
60-70 ks	5	33%
70-80ks	6	40%
Other	3	20%
More than 80kms		
100k plus		
All of the above - a mix of distances (inc. some longer +80kms).		
C grade riders (12 riders)		
50-60 ks	0	0
60-70 ks	9	75%
70-80ks	2	17%
Other	1	8%
I haven't thought about it. I'm still inexperienced.		
D grade riders (8 riders)		
50-60 ks	4	50%
60-70 ks	1	12%
70-80ks	3	38%
Other	0	0
E and F grade riders (13 riders)		
40-50 ks	1	8%
50-60 ks	3	23%
60-70 ks	7	54%
70-80ks	0	0
Other	0	0
No answer	2	15%
OUR COURSES – VARIETY		
Mix is about right	35	73%

More variation of locations would be better	8	17%
More events centred around a single location in the Flaxley area would be better	2	4%
No answer	3	6%
EVENT ENTRY FEES (normally \$15)		
Too low	1	2%
About right	45	94%
Too high	1	2%
No answer	1	2%
SRART TIME OF 9am		
Too early	39	81%
About right	4	8%
Too late	4	8%
No answer	1	2%
OTHER COMMENT/SUGGESTIONS FROM RIDERS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All good • Too many events on any given weekend from vet clubs and other clubs diluting the pool • As mentioned earlier; having a shared calendar with southern vets so good mix of races and keeps number of competitors higher • I'd like to see more of the Vets races open to all Vets clubs. It's disappointing when you register for an AHMCC club race, prepare meticulously around this race only to find out you've been placed in A grade with only 3 other riders, you're only there to make up the numbers, then you get dropped and ride around solo for most of the race. Bigger fields makes for better races for all, and opening up the races to other clubs would boost the numbers. • Keep up the good job! • No. Keep up the good work • Maybe earlier starts in summer? (to leave more of the day to be a domestic god/ goddess etc) • Very difficult to answer as I have only done about 4 races so far so I don't have much experience to base my responses on. • Maybe make a point to welcome any new members at their first race. Seems to happen a bit but not sure it's standard. • This is the best club in SA, and puts on fantastic events. It could be even better if volunteering, for example as a marshal, was a requirement of membership, and members nominated or were allocated a date to volunteer. • We have a great little club, well done to everyone involved. • Donald Trump should resign • No, keep up the good work. • A roster of members to regularly assist David D with putting out and removing signage - this would be less than once a year. • Committee does a great job. How about a "touring class" to introduce tues or thurs riders to the race courses. Those that give it a try are often a bit shell shocked after first go. Requires commitment but perhaps a middle ground. A big come and try once or twice a year. • The club must look at the demands placed on certain volunteers, like setting up the course (Dave D). Somehow the club will need to train somebody to assist or replace DD if he gets ill, or merely tires of a most difficult service. Sarah R has done an excellent job for years and her wrap-up of the races and gracious inclusion of all volunteers etc is a credit to her. The timing is also remarkable, that Phil and John have been so kind-hearted, getting very little direct recognition. This is what makes the club special... • Keep up the good work. Look forward to helping at some events in the future. • Are you in a position to influence the SVLCC to allow us to race with them? Maybe each of the 3 clubs has a month off in May, June, July so that each club's volunteers get a month off, yet there is still a race to enter all year. Might help with volunteer fatigue. • Keep up the good work • Thank you for opportunity to contribute- best wishes to the committee 		

- Every year one or two new courses could be included to keep the racing fresh. 2. The fees could be lowered to \$10, this may attract new members.
- Keep up the great work! The website with maps etc is excellent, and the quality of organization, results collation and speed at which results are posted is first class. Great culture & camaraderie too!
- Slightly later starts in winter may get a few more out
- 9.00 start time bit early for us only because distances needed to travel
- Overall the committee do a pretty good job. TOG is by far the highlight of the season and exceptionally well run and managed.
- In-season challenges such as the 3 race mini-series are a great idea.

COMMENTS FROM ALL RESPONDENTS: WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT OUR CLUB?
Friendly, welcoming and supportive atmosphere, with great competitive racing on enjoyable hills courses, and a diverse membership. If it was an elitist, scary club I wouldn't ride, but I feel there's a place for everyone. People can enjoy serious racing and the social side of the club.
Very inclusive and friendly club
Friendly atmosphere, good racing routes, great organisation, healthy competition
Friendly, competitive atmosphere
Very social, well organised and great bunch of people
Friendly & welcoming club
Location of races and the friendly nature without people who take it too seriously and nit pick every rule.
Inclusive vibe. Supportive members. Friendly competition.
friendly people, challenging courses, people mingle despite ability (better riders with slower riders)
Comradery with like minded people that have some fun and don't take it too serious, whilst still being very competitive. I love that the comradery spills over from sanctioned club events to other rides etc.
Good group of people
1/. Friendliness. Sense of fun & enjoyment. 2/. As a beginning rider I have really appreciated the help and supportive comments given to me by more experienced cyclists to help me develop/improve as a cyclist. 3/. The professionalism of the club. This includes communication (website, start lists, results of events, speaking with individuals as people) organization variety of events, catering for the wide range of abilities/ages/competitive needs of members which allows for a greater personal development path within the club, on-going reviews/reflection of events/actions, thanking and supporting of all volunteers, awareness of the broader cycling picture and in particular, the interest in supporting all cyclists to be the best cyclist and person that they can and want to be. (encouraging each individual to use their skills in supporting others) This club is a service based club and not personal power based. 4/. Connection with Tuesday Treadlers and other Masters clubs.
Racing different courses in the Adelaide Hills
Friendliness
Friendly, high competence.
Type of racing
Friendly, welcoming to new members. Values riders of all levels
Good value for money, multiple even
Nice friendly group
Very well organized racing and friendly atmosphere around the events.
The people, the racing, the courses. It has a super bunch of people.
Friendly relaxed members
Tour of Goolwa was a great weekend and well organised
Great people.
The hills
Social and welcoming Good courses

Hills
The fact that it is a club where members are friendly and mix well, no matter what their riding abilities and are willing to help out when needed and not just pay money and disappear.
Good Courses, Well organised safe events.
Competitive racing in the hills. Friendly atmosphere
Social connection
The people and the racing
friendly atmosphere and camaraderie
The people
Regular events & always run races even if low entries
Diversity of courses, really friendly, people lend a hand and contribute to the club, everyone is welcome
the courses, the people, relaxed admin
Friendly and fun atmosphere.
the president
The people. The riders are generally "nice"
Well organised. Friendly club with minimal disruptive personalities.
Close to my home
Racing and comraderie
Good friendly atmosphere and full of encouragement

COMMENTS FROM ALL RESPONDENTS: IF YOU COULD CHANGE SOME THINGS ABOUT THE CLUB, WHAT ITEMS WOULD BE AT THE TOP OF YOUR LIST?

Get open and masters racing back together. I love racing with AHMCC most, but wish it wasn't necessary to have two licences to race in open events. Other than that, nothing.
Not having to wear helmet covers
Add some new routes. There is some repetition between seasons, and even within season, this can favour the riders who have ridden these before. Plus there are many hills roads worthy of a course. I'd be happy to be part of a team to scout new routes.
Have a couple of handicap races
Bigger race numbers. Different courses.
1 or 2 more flatter courses per year. Not much else really.
getting more people to events, creating a few new courses each year for more variety. Perhaps another team event without stealing anything from Goolwa
Ideally, more riders filling out each of the grades - and providing opportunities for different types of events or different days.
Racing calendar with SouthernVets; working together more
I'm not qualified to suggest anything
Can't think of anything at this stage. I am "new" still and gradually becoming more aware of the many ways in which the club strives to provide an interest / service for past, present and future cyclists.
Bigger fields - more open events.
Club training sessions
Consolidation of vet events in Adelaide so more race numbers
Training rides?
All is good. Standardize transponders across all clubs.
A few more members to bolster racing numbers - but I kind of get the feeling that this is starting to happen as 'the word' spreads.
Larger races. Ie greater number of racers per race. Longer race distance... minimum 70-80km. More hill climbs in a race.
More TT's, no handicaps.

A couple of epic 100km races for the A,B grades seeing their finishing rate is so high. Start 30 minutes earlier but not in Jan or Feb
Some easier courses as well as the more challenging ones to cater for a wide spectrum of abilities.
More members and bigger fields in higher grades.
More people racing
Everyone needs to support the club, introduce a roster for the different duties. A roster will make what people do or don't do transparent.
Prize money rather than vouchers.
More people racing
A couple races with longer hilltop finishes
More racing members so that there are more people in each grade
better race integration with the other 2 vets clubs (that has improved though)
Longer races for the lower grades.
the president
A tendency to be bureaucratic, which is the hallmark of all sports clubs. Overly officious volunteers can leave a trail of destruction. Volunteering is a special beast that has to be treated with kid gloves.
More riders putting in 5 or 10 minutes after a race to help out with jobs. Less hilltop finishes.
More racing to choose from. I am an associate member of SDVLCC so I can race most weekends when I want. A fairer mixture of hills, undulating courses and flatter courses would be appreciated
Bigger fields
More riders

TABLE 1: REASONS WHY MEMBERS DON'T RIDE MORE OFTEN

Time poor
Time
Also riding at other clubs. A few more open races with members from all clubs participating would be nice, and decrease frequency of burden for respective club organizers. Would require more planning/coordination between clubs.
Limited time between kids sports and family commitments
I like to mix up my riding to keep enjoying being on the bike
Lack of numbers in field
Family commitments
That's a really good question. I'd like to compete in more longer road races. A 50-60km road race takes me all Sunday morning, whereas I could instead do a really competitive bunch ride and do 100kms. That's not being critical of AHMCC, it just takes that long with rego & presentations, etc. I'd like to see more 80km+ road races.
Bad weather and difficult (for me) courses and current lack of other riders of my limited ability.
Other sporting interests
Hills races involving gradients over 7% don't interest me. I can climb steeper hills but to race them on a regular basis is hard on someone in their mid 60's unless they are an out and out climber.
Clashes with other events. Oh - and I'm usually happy to miss the long flat windy courses, because I'm soft.
Just started racing regularly but I am interested to do more races
Work/family commitments
Sometimes clashes with other cycling events i.e. Gravelaide 18 march, or cx races in parklands
Family commitments.
Sometimes struggle with other commitments and family events on a Sunday morning.
Clashes with other family commitments
Work and important social commitments.
Busy
Working on Sundays and family commitments.
Weather and particular courses
Other life commitments & that I tend to target some races more than others
always a clash with something else, hardly ever because I dont want to ride.
Race elsewhere
This box doesn't really apply to me. However, I am aware of the importance having a balance in my life. Many people are overcommitted (stressed??)
Missed some events due to ill health. The occasional Saturday race might be good.
Injury / training for a challenge
I ride the majority of our club events, it is important to support your club.
I sometimes have other commitments like performing in the Fringe Festival
Other plans