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# WELLINGTON TRACK CYCLING ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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# 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

- Third successful year of the Wellington Cup racing, plus we ran a Spring Carnival and Grand Prix Carnival as standalone events. All were designated “Cycling NZ Sanctioned Events”.
- Attendance at these larger race meets were up on 2021 with an average of 32.5 riders taking part.
- Women dominating B grade, and first female team sprint over 750m contesting Elite National Championships ever.
- Well attended Junior Carnival in February.
- The main trophy races at the Laykold Cup Carnival were all exciting, hard fought and won by Wellington riders.
- Another high number of medals won at the Masters and Elites and Junior National Championships.
- Additional Wednesday night scratch racing series set up in the second half of the season.



# OUR BACKERS

**Burkes Cycles** - 11th year in a row sponsoring our events



**Zeal Commercial Interiors** - have backed our racing for nine seasons and now sponsor the Junior Carnival



**Flashclad** - title sponsors of the Wellington Cup R2 which included the Laykold Cup, Poneke Plate and Stayers Cup races



**TidySlabs** - TidySlabs sponsored the Wellington Cup R1 for a third year



**Tineli** - clothing sponsor for fourth year running providing limited edition winners' jerseys

**Bedpost** - Bedpost were title sponsors for the Wellington Cup R3 for a second year



**Grand Prix Carnival** - a further five sponsors, Wellington Windows and Doors, Intergen, Wheelworks, Threshold Construction, Johnsonville Cycles and NZ Bike Spray provided additional invaluable support

**In the background...** A volunteer crew of over 20 help make our season run, from officiating races, coaching riders to organising and supporting the riders travelling to national championships



# RACING SUMMARY

The third running of the four-round Wellington Cup plus two standalone carnivals format was well attended, and closely contested across many grades with the women's competition down to the wire for the second year in a row.

Overall numbers were down slightly on 2022 across the 17 carnival and club racing events held, but remained strong with particular highlights being the Laykold Cup Carnival with 32 participants and an excellent Junior Carnival in February.

The club racing events in between Wellington Cups and carnivals proved a hit for experimenting with new race types (e.g. Gladiators), and going for club records.

Rain cancellations were at a normal level with 1.5 events washed out, and we had zero crashes at Wellington Cup rounds and carnivals.



# RESULTS

## Wellington Cup Winners

Men: Dan Shephard

Women: Judy Cheng

Under 19 boys: Alex Foden

Under 19 girls: Mikayla Perry

Under 17 boys: Bertie McGuigan

Under 17 girls: Millie Donald

Under 15 boys: Gus Warren

Under 13 boys: Kingsley McGuigan

Under 13 girls: Eva Kennedy

## Sprint Ace

Women: Ele Pepperell

Men: Dan Shepherd

## Most Improved Rider

Senior: Louis Westmoreland

Junior: Bertie McGuigan

## Laykold Cup Carnival

Open Laykold Cup: Antony Nalder

Women's Poneke Plate: Judy Cheng

Masters' Stayers' Cup: Mark Coburn

## New track records

500m TT Masters Women 2: Judy Cheng 42.41

Flying 200m TT Masters Women 2: Judy Cheng  
13.97

Flying 200m TT Under 11 Girls: Eva Kennedy  
17.22

500m TT Under 11 Girls: Amelia Burkhart 49.70

Flying 200m Under 13 Boys: Gus Warren 14.40

## Fastest PNP member records:

Flying 200m TT Women: Bella Uivel 12.94

# INSIGHTS

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Average attendance at Wellington Cup and Carnival events, down from 39 last year but up on 34 on 2020-21

75% Male

75% Seniors

60

25% Female

25% Juniors

Different riders raced Wellington Cup at least once

15

Rain cancellations

17

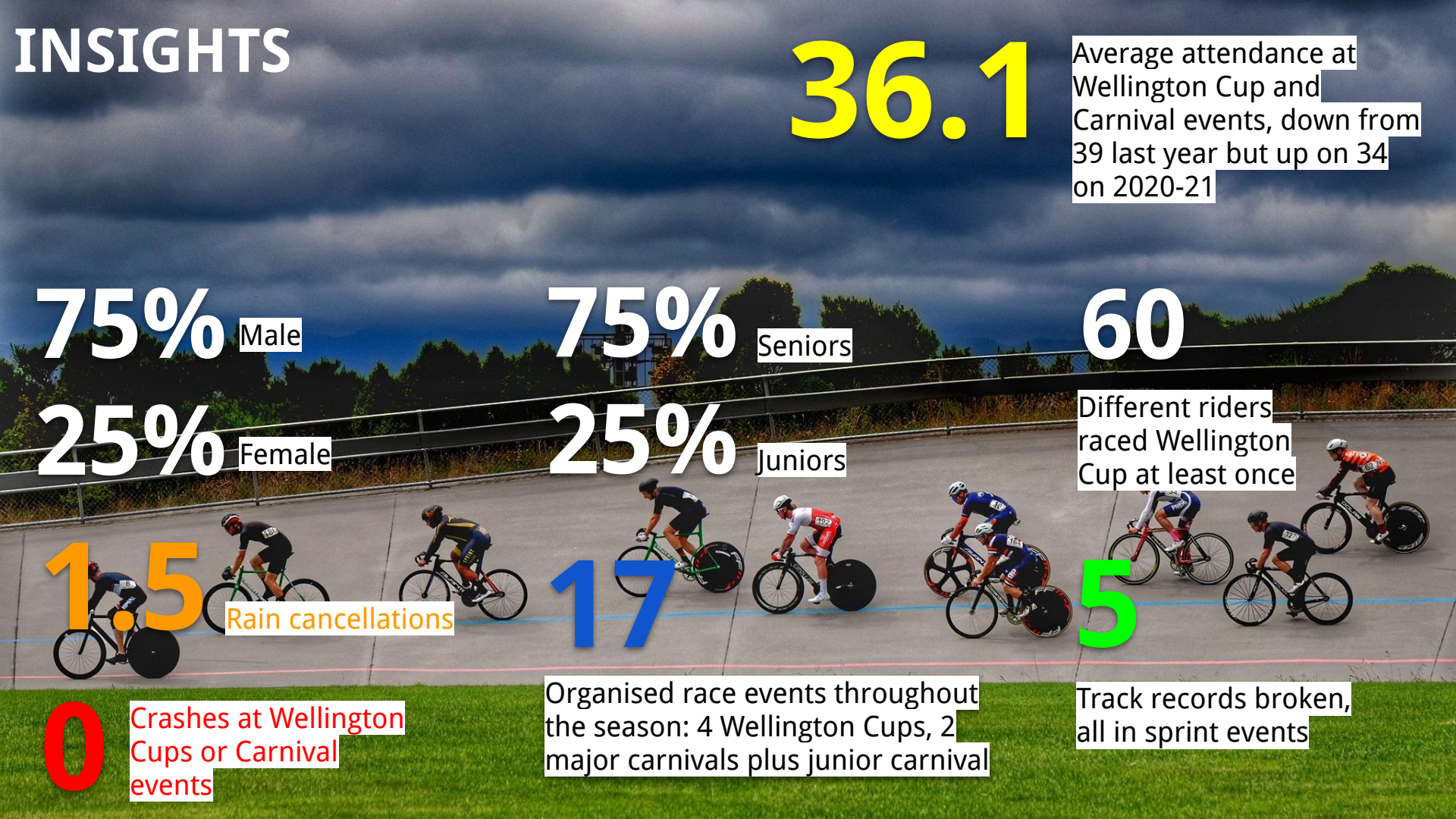
Organised race events throughout the season: 4 Wellington Cups, 2 major carnivals plus junior carnival

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Track records broken, all in sprint events

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Crashes at Wellington Cups or Carnival events



# TRACK USE AND TRAINING

- The track was used six days a week over summer for training and racing by different groups, and age groups.
- Overall numbers grew for a second successive season with more riders attending training sessions while racing numbers remained steady. Fortnightly motorpaced 'pain train' workouts were interspersed with new Scratch Race events on Wednesday evenings.
- Women's Tuesday sessions attracted an average of eight riders a week. Thursday sprint sessions had 12 regulars taking part - a healthy increase on last year.
- Senior numbers at racing have remained steady but junior numbers have declined and is a key focus for next season.
- An open day and schools have-a-go day brought some new riders but word-of-mouth is still our primary method for recruiting.

# 1937

unique visits by riders during the 2022-23 season (20 weeks), up on 1764 last year and 1516 in 2020-21.

# 2137

unique visits by riders and volunteers during the 2022-23 season (20 weeks), up on 2024 last year and 1936 in 2020-21.

# NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Elite and Junior National Championships merged for 2023 and held in Invercargill.

Three elite women, four elite men and five juniors attended representing PNP Cycling Club, winning three medals over the five-day competition:

- Mikayla Perry bronze Sprint under 19 women
- Alex Foden bronze Team Sprint (composite) under 19 men
- Dan Shepherd silver Team Sprint (composite) elite men

The team scored a number of top ten positions, including a scorching Kilometre Time Trial from Dan, a brilliant Elimination Race by Bella and the women's Team Sprint squad finishing fourth. Ele Pepperell also won the Keirin minor final with Bella just behind.





# NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Incredible haul of medals from a small PNP Masters' team at the National Masters Championships this year taking place in Cambridge:

- Renita Vanderhelm (WM3) gold in the Individual Pursuit, "so pleased to achieve this in my A event." Silver 500m TT. Bronze Elimination. Silver in a composite Team Pursuit.
- Antony Nalder (MM1) gold 1000m TT, silver Keirin, bronze Scratch Race, bronze Elimination, bronze Points.
- Jonny Holtom (MM4): Keirin 8th, 750m TT 4th, crashed in the Scratch Race.
- Mark Coburn (MM4) gold 500m TT MM4, bronze Sprint, 5th in Scratch and Keirin.
- Dave Bernard silver 500m TT, bronze Keirin.



# PROMO AND SOCIAL

- Total reach of 19,529 from June 2022 to May 2023 on Facebook plus a 17,953 reach on Instagram.

- Paid Facebook and Instagram promotions for every Wellington Cup Carnival during the season. Facebook page currently has 1315 followers, Instagram 382.

- 27 track newsletters from June 2022 to May 2023 to 318 subscribers, plus regular features in PNP Weekly news to 2000 subscribers.

- Main carnivals and Wellington Cup rounds were promoted on Cycling New Zealand's social channels and calendar on their website.

- Trackie News Podcast launched in March, with eight episodes making up the first season and shows covering local racing, training and opinions.

- Reams of great images provided by regular race attendees from the Wellington Photographic Society.

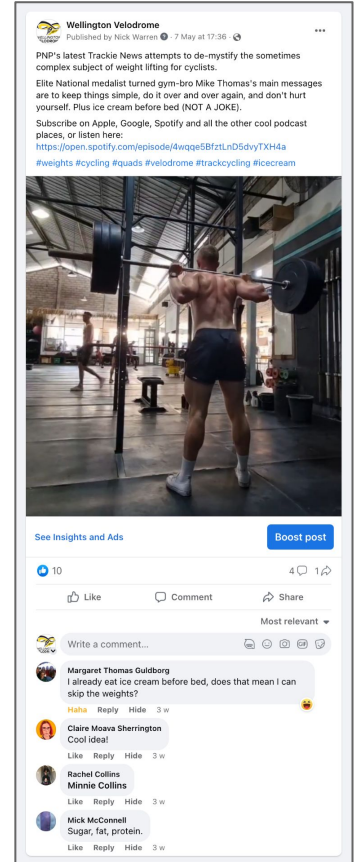


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# THE FUTURE

- Racing will return in October 2023 with the Spring Carnival before we get into the first of the Wellington Cup rounds in November.
- Maintain our training and coaching offering and continue to grow numbers.
- New pathways framework to help new riders progress in the sport in Wellington. Emphasising the part PNP Cycling Club plays, including continuing to tie our pricing to tie the value we provide to club membership.
- Open days and schools have-a-go sessions to bring in more new riders, especially juniors.
- Continued focus on increasing participation and developing riders for national championship teams.



# DRAFT 2023-24 CALENDAR

|          |        |                                  |
|----------|--------|----------------------------------|
| Sunday   | 1 Oct  | Working Bee/ open day            |
| Tuesday  | 10 Oct | Junior registration              |
| Saturday | 14 Oct | Spring Classic Carnival          |
| Sunday   | 5 Nov  | Wellington Cup R1                |
| Sunday   | 10 Dec | Wellington Cup R2 (Laykold Cup)  |
| Sunday   | 4 Feb  | Wellington Cup R3                |
| Sunday   | 11 Feb | Wellington Junior Track Carnival |
| Sunday   | 25 Feb | Wellington Cup R4                |
| Sunday   | 10 Mar | Grand Prix Carnival              |





**THANKS!**

Your support for track racing in Wellington has been amazing - thank you!

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