

## **Port Nicholson Ponoke Cycling Club Inc.**

### **Presidents Report for 2022-2023 AGM 27<sup>th</sup> Aug 2023**

This year marks the 97<sup>th</sup> year of our PNP Cycling Club. Today I am pleased to report on another successful year for our club. We have run many safe, enjoyable and complex activities organised by our incredibly hardworking volunteers.

PNP has had many National podiums detailed in the sub-committee reports.

Our riders reach the highest levels possible in our sport due to the development that we give them through our race events. Our core business is club racing which we do very well, and we will continue to look for new initiatives to encourage the club to grow. We have been stepping up promotion through social media and will keep focusing hard on that.

While it falls outside our Financial Year, we must congratulate Sammie Maxwell on winning a Rainbow Jersey at the U23 XC World Champs in Scotland in Aug23. Our second World Champ following Gary Moller's double.

Our committee had much debate over who should be awarded the most improved rider and it was narrowed down to between [Sammie Maxwell \(MTB\)](#), [Rebecca Wallace \(MTB\)](#), [Bertie McGuigan \(Road\)](#) and [Nate Beard \(MTB\)](#).

The committee voted for [Nate Beard](#). [Winning the Open class of the Whaka 50 in Rotorua was outstanding. Nate also won the 2022 Spring Series and defended his Club Champs trophy at Wainui.](#)

The President's Cup is awarded annually to the club member who does a huge amount of work behind the scenes. Nominations were made for [Ele Pepperell \(Track\)](#) and [Robert Comeskey \(MTB\)](#). The committee voted for [Ele Pepperell who has made an outstanding contribution to Track from when she was a youngster.](#)

### **Committee**

Our main committee has had regular Zoom meetings this year.

Our Club Secretary Deb Hiswin has maintained our website, social media and dealt with regular club correspondence and business matters.

Treasurer Peter Mitchell has delivered a "no surprises" set of Financial Accounts.

## **TRACK**

The \$200,000 Track Resurfacing project 3 years ago continues to be enjoyed by riders. Chris Baguley and the Track subcommittee have had a busy year through February running Sunday Burkes Cycles Speed Leagues, Zeal Commercial Interiors Sprint Ace races, Laykold Cup Carnival and Craig's Investment Partners Junior Omnium Champs and Wellington Omnium Champs.

### **Highlights**

- Third successful year of Wellington Cup racing plus a Spring Carnival and Grand Prix Carnival
- Attendance at these larger race meets was up on 2021 with an average of 32.5 riders.
- Women dominating B Grade and first female team spring over 750m contesting National Champs 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' Champs, Elite Champs and Junior National Champs.
- Additional Wednesday night Scratch Racing Series set up in the second half of the season.

We are now leasing the Velodrome Clubrooms from Wellington City Council and hope to make it a centre point for our Club.

## **MTB**

Robert Comeskey has led a very capable Mountain Bike sub-committee of 5.

Any new faces would be very welcome.

In the annual 5 round Giant Wellington Spring XC Series, event numbers dropped a little from the previous year but we held 5 rounds instead of the previous years' 4.

Nate Beard and Sammie Maxwell were the Open champions.

Event management was rock solid, and we had well-attended prize giving's with over 12 valued Silver sponsors contributing to our Gold Sponsor Giant Wellington's spot prizes.

We produced excellent national results with details in the MTB report.

The College Sport Wellington / PNP Club Champs were run again at Waiu Park. It's an exciting event where the overall winners Nate Beard and Lara Comeskey, had to accumulate the most points over 3 events - Downhill, XC and Criterium races.

Gary Moller's plans for another world title in the 70+ CX Masters age group are progressing well.

## **Road**

Increasing TMP requirements for Road Racing and the necessity for Volunteers to have STMS qualifications has made it impossible for us to hold Road Racing events.

The annual Rice Mountain Classic was part of the Series and has been passed over to Jorge Sandoval who includes it in his Trust House Series.

We encourage you to support WMCC – Wellington Masters Cycling Club and enter their Time Trials, Road Races and Hill Climbs. You don't have to be a Master.

We have the courses and paperwork but need a keen leader and volunteers.

## **Advocacy**

Mark Coburn has attended many cycling related meetings and provided feedback to councils and Cycle Wellington on planned road cycling infrastructure changes, but your feedback is required too on surveys that we send out.

The future for cycling for Wellington is really positive, with a large pool of money and projects coming our way including Petone to Ngauranga Te Ara Tupua \$312m shared pathway started. Marco Renall and Larri Wallbridge attend regular meetings with NZTA, GWRC, HCC, WCC and the Riverlink Project Design Liaison Group on behalf of PNP on cycling issues.

## **Finances**

Peter Mitchell is our Treasurer and runs our accounts at BNZ on internet banking. Financially we have a strong balance sheet of [\\$88,887 which is \\$2,550 below](#) last year. However, if we exclude depreciation, our income covered our costs.

We funded \$400 each to club members Jesse Cseh, Mary-Ann Moller and Sammie Maxwell for their overseas campaigns.

Sponsorship, Grants and Donations from local organisations and community & gaming trusts were gratefully received from...

Pelorus Trust

College Sport Wellington

Burkes Cycles

Zeal Commercial Interiors

Tidy Slabs

Flash Cladding

Bedpost

Threshold Construction

And various Laykold Cup sponsors and other personal donations.

These are critical to our ability to run events and keep entry costs down.

Peter provides full details in the Financial Report.

## **The Future**

The biggest challenge to operating as PNP does, is finding a model that is sustainable. Using member volunteer labour to run the event programs is vital to the success of the club, and the development of riders. There are countless opportunities for members to get involved and make the club bigger and stronger.

I really encourage you to look to help out where you can and to use your skills to make the club stronger. It's fun, exciting and great for your personal development and CV. We sincerely welcome fresh faces and new ideas, so if you think you can contribute to our success, please offer. We have the experience and knowledge to blend you in.

I look forward to having healthy discussions on how to ensure the on-going success and improvement of PNP. I am also happy to stand again as President but would welcome a challenge today from a fresh face with new ideas.

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PNP President [2022/23](#)