

Port Nicholson Ponake Cycling Club Inc.  
**Presidents Report for AGM**

This year marks the 95<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.

Our committee had much debate over who should be awarded the most improved rider and it was narrowed down to between Bella Uivell (Track), Cohen Hiscock (MTB), Oliver Pratt (Road). Announcement coming up.

The President's Cup is awarded annually to the club member who does a huge amount of work behind the scenes. The committee have agreed to award it this year to Nick Warren (Track) in recognition of his leadership of the Track Resealing Project. Nick also won the Cycling NZ Volunteer of the Year award.

### **Obituaries**

This year was a very sad year for PNP as we lost both of our Life Members.

Alan Rice and Harry Kent have been cycling icons for us for much of their lives.

Alan was PNP Treasurer for decades and Harry a Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist in the 1km Time Trial. Rest in peace you wonderful men.

In honour of their passing we will recognise a minutes silence during the AGM.

### **Committee**

Our main committee has not had a face to face meeting this year.

We have relied on email and phone calls to conduct our business with the 3 sub-committee Convenors.

Our Club Secretary Krissy O'Connor has maintained our website that she developed and dealt with regular club correspondence and business matters.

I have appreciated the guidance of our Vice President Mike Molony on many occasions.

Treasurer Peter Mitchell has delivered a satisfying set of Financial Accounts which is remarkable considering the pandemic.

### **TRACK**

The \$200,000 Track Resurfacing project last year has been a major achievement by PNP Track and many partners including WCC. PNP only had to contribute \$7,000 towards it over 3 years because Nick Warren and the team were very successful in raising Grant funding.

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.

## **2021 Highlights**

- Amazing opening day of the season with Cycling NZ's best sprinters racing the Laykold Cup Carnival on the newly finished surface. Hundreds of spectators made it the biggest event seen at the 'drome for decades.
- A new racing structure with 4 highly publicised and hotly contested carnivals made for an exciting refreshed season
- The Wellington Junior Championships were a ripper again with 35 riders attending and some fantastic racing.
- An Open Day, have a go day for schools and dozens of ad-hoc rookie sessions brought in new riders throughout the season.
- Solid training offered with Women's, Senior and Junior sessions throughout the week all summer.
- Yet another medal for the Wellington Sprint Squad at the Elite National Champs

Chris contributes to ongoing discussions involving the sports clubs at Hataitai and Wellington City Council, regarding future plans for a shared Hataitai Sports Hub.

## **MTB**

Robert Comeskey and Pete Mitchell have led a very capable Mountain Bike sub-committee of 6. The annual 5 round Giant Wellington Spring XC Series was very successful showing good growth in Junior classes. We successfully ran 2 rounds under Covid Level 2 by staying under 100 by running Juniors first and Seniors later.

Marty McCrudden left for Queenstown and Deb and Wayne Hiswin have stepped up to help us but any new faces would be very welcome.

Event management was rock solid and we had well-attended prize giving's at non-covid races with over 15 valued Silver sponsors contributing to our Gold Sponsor Giant Wellington's spot prizes.

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

Peter Mitchell and Robert Comeskey ran a very successful NZ Secondary Schools Champs at Waiu Park last Oct. Over 500 school entrants attended.

Gary Moller's plans for a third world title in the 65-69 Masters age group at the World UCI XC Champs were scuppered by Covid.

## **Road**

The 4 round Pak 'N Save Road Racing Series Feb-Apr was run very well again. It is normally a 5 round series but the high TMP requirements for racing in Upper Hutt curtailed this round. The annual Rice Mountain Classic was part of the Series. The Onslow Tarbabies boosted our numbers and really enjoyed the racing.

To Mike O'Neal and Craig Chambers we extend a massive thanks for all the great work that they have done on event organising over the last few years.

They are standing down from the Road committee.

We are looking for a group of keen volunteers to step up and rebuild PNP Road cycling.

The winter/spring Criterium Series could not be held in Upper Hutt this year due to manpower shortages and finding a suitable venue.

The spring Balfour Pennington Series has been suspended for now.

## **Advocacy**

Mark Coburn has attended many cycling related meetings and provided feedback to councils and Cycle Wellington (was Cycle Aware 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 shared pathway finally being approved. It has been approved as one of the shovel-ready projects. Marco Renall and Larri Wallbridge attend regular meeting with NZTA and Councils on behalf of PNP on this.

## **Finances**

Peter Mitchell is our Treasurer and runs our accounts at BNZ on internet banking, reconciling with ex PNP President Kerry Wilkins using Xero software. Financially we have a strong balance sheet of \$96,458 an increase of \$1,726 over last year.

Sponsorship, Grants and Donations from local organisations and community & gaming trusts were gratefully received from Pub Charities, Pelorus Trust, NZ Community Trust, Four Winds, Lion Foundation, TAB/NZ Racing Industry, Sercombe and Matheson Opticians, Hutt City Council, Pak'N Save Petone and Kilbirnie, Mainfreight Transport, Zeal Commercial Interiors, Burkes Cycles, Zeal Commercial Interiors, Craig's Investment Partners and other personal donations.

These are critical to our ability to run events and keep entry costs down. The pandemic is limiting our access to community funding because of public restrictions to gaming machines.

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 even 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 tonight. 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 2020/21