

Port Nicholson Poneke Cycling Club Inc.

Presidents Report for 2023-2024 AGM 4th Aug 2024

This year marks the 98th 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 who has just finished 8th in the 2024 Paris Olympics. Many of us were up at midnight cheering for her. It follows winning a Rainbow Jersey at the U23 XCO World Champs in Scotland in Aug23.

Our other World Champion Gary Moller now has 4 Rainbow Jerseys. 3 are in XCO and one in Marathon. Gary is a vision to us all, in that at 70 years of age there is no reason to retire from competitive sport.

Millie Donald won the Oceania MTB Champs in Queensland and broke the Women's 1hr record at the Track averaging 38km/h.

Mark Coburn won 2 x NZ Titles at the Track National Champs and is off to the World Cup in Oct24.

Our committee had much debate over who should be awarded the most improved rider and it was narrowed down to between [Millie Donald \(MTB and Track\)](#), [Liam Brown \(MTB\)](#) and [Mark Coburn \(Track\)](#). Announcement at AGM.

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 [Robert Comeskey \(MTB\)](#) and [Max Uivell \(Track\)](#). Announcement at AGM.

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. She has sought and gained a record number of Community Grants this year, which we desperately need to balance our books. Treasurer Peter Mitchell has delivered a "no surprises" set of Financial Accounts.

TRACK

The \$200,000 Track Resurfacing project 4 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

- Fourth successful year of Wellington Cup format plus a Spring Carnival, Junior Carnival and Grand Prix Carnival
- Attendance at these larger race meets was up on 2022/23 with an average of 31.8 riders.
- Women dominating B Grade with a great crew of regulars and promising growth in youth.
- 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.
- Excellent mid-week training sessions specialising in sprinting and endurance.
- Inaugural Peter Burke points race in memory of long-time track supporter and owner of Burkes Cycles who sadly passed away.

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.

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.

In the annual 5 round Giant Wellington Spring XC Series, rider numbers are below what we would like, but those that attend give us plenty of praise.

Nate Beard held onto his title of Open champion and Laura Bridger (now Park) won Open Women for the first time.

Redwood School won the College Shield.

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

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.

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.

Larri Walbridge and Marco Renall are on the Project Design Liaison Group for Te Ara Tupua (Thorndon Quay to Silverstream) representing PNP. We meet monthly with HCC, WCC, NZTA and GWRC negotiating the best possible outcomes regarding cycling infrastructure on this over \$1b project.

The future for cycling for Wellington is really positive, with a large pool of money and projects coming our way.

Finances

Peter Mitchell is our Treasurer and runs our accounts at BNZ on internet banking. The accounts are presented at AGM.

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 have been PNP President since 2015 am standing down as President at this AGM but would like to stay involved with the Club. It's time to pass the baton on and inspire the club with a new President.

I look forward to us having healthy discussions on how to ensure the on-going success and improvement of PNP.

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