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# WELLINGTON TRACK CYCLING ANNUAL REPORT 2024

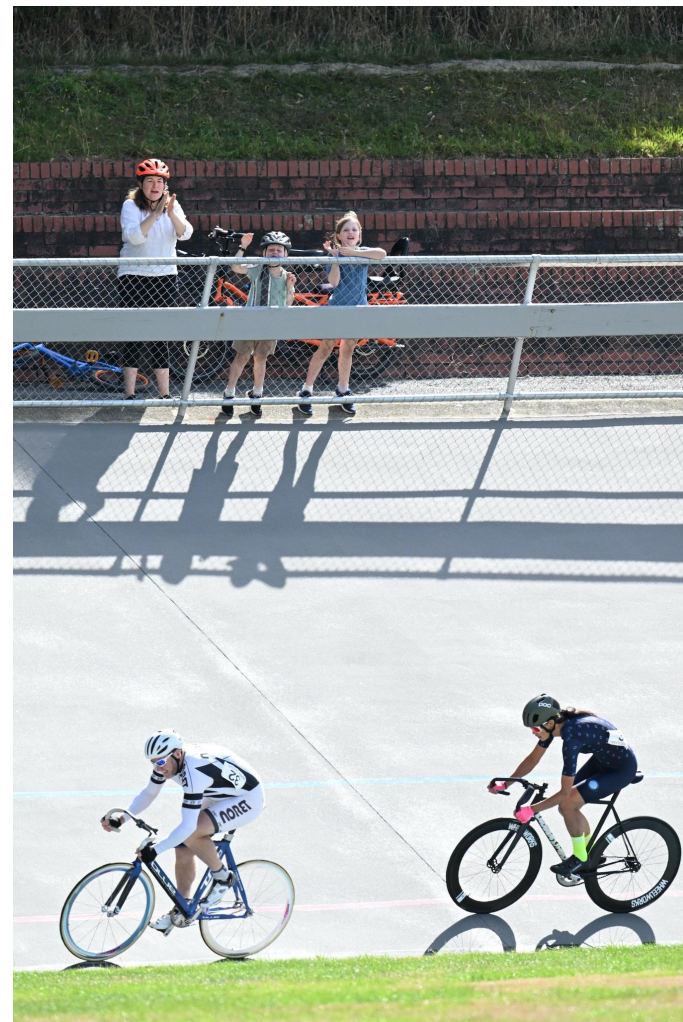
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# 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

- Fourth successful year of the Wellington Cup format, plus we ran a Spring Carnival, Junior Carnival and Grand Prix Carnival as standalone events.
- Attendance at larger race meets were up on 2022-23 with an average of 31.8 riders racing, including 42 at the Laykold Cup.
- Women continue to dominate B grade with a great crew of regulars and high number joining training sessions. There has been a slight, but promising growth in youth numbers too.
- 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 catering for a range of abilities and specialities such as sprinting or endurance.
- Inaugural Peter Burke Points Race ran as part of the last race of the season in memory of long-time track cycling supporter and owner of Burkes Cycles who sadly passed away recently.



# OUR BACKERS

**Burkes Cycles** - 12th year in a row sponsoring our events

**Zeal Commercial Interiors** - have backed our racing for a decade 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 fourth year

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

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

**Resolute Construction** - new sponsor for 2023-24, backing the opening Spring Carnival

**Grand Prix Carnival** - a further three sponsors, Wheelworks, Threshold Construction and NZ Bike Spray, provided additional support for the Grand Prix Carnival

**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

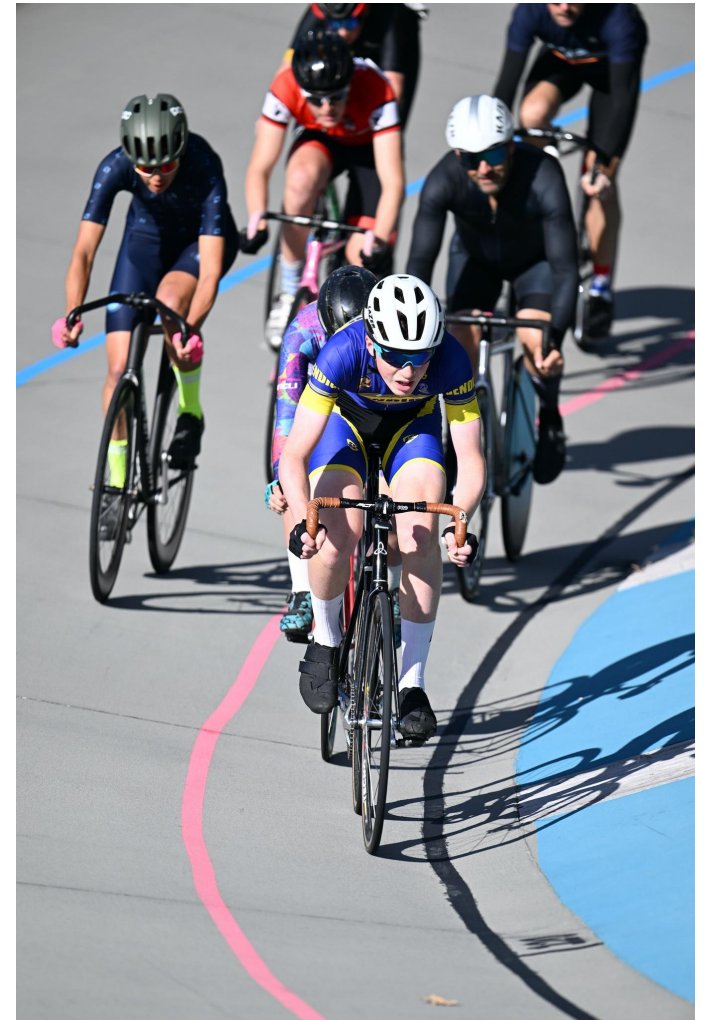
The fourth running of the four-round Wellington Cup plus two standalone carnivals format were well attended and extremely competitive.

Despite a period in December where three weekends in a row were washed out, we managed to run all planned carnivals.

The Laykold Cup Carnival rescheduled to February was very well attended, and the Junior Carnival continued to attract many riders from outside of Wellington.

Women's racing went from strength to strength, and the number of juniors also saw an uptick with more junior grades contested this season than in 2022-23.

Wellington riders benefitted from a resurgent Lower North Island scene, travelling to Levin and Whanganui where events were held for the first time in years.



# RESULTS

## Wellington Cup Winners

Men: Dan Shephard

Women: Judy Cheng

Under 19 boys: Robert McGuigan

Under 19 girls: Millie Donald

Under 17 boys: Kristian Fukac

Under 15 boys: Thane Wanden

Under 13 boys: Connell McIntosh

Under 13 girls: Amelia Burkhart

Under 11 boys: Axel Crump

Under 11 girls: Isabella Crump

## Sprint Ace

Women: Judy Cheng

Men: Dan Shepherd

## Most Improved Rider

Senior: Edd Gilbertson

Junior: Amelia Burkhart

## Laykold Cup Carnival

Open Laykold Cup: Pat Crowe Rishworth

Women's Poneke Plate: Ele Pepperell

Masters' Stayers' Cup: Mark Coburn

## New track records

Flying 200m TT Masters Men 1: Max Uivel 11.67

1000m Team Sprint Masters: Nick Warren, Max Uivel, Simon Barron 1.12.05

4000m Team Pursuit Women: Ele Pepperell, Bridget Olphert, Emily O'Riordan, Judy Cheng 6.07.68

Hour Record Women: Millie Donald 36.234km

Flying 200m TT Under 13 girls: Amelia Burkhart 15.37

500m TT Under 13 girls: Amelia Burkhart 45.59

Flying 200m TT Under 13 boys: Kingsley McGuigan 13.87

500m TT Under 13 boys: Kingsley McGuigan 41.75

1000m TT Under 13 boys: Kingsley McGuigan 1.26.31

2000m Individual Pursuit Under 15 boys: Tim Cuthbert 2.53.73

1000m TT Under 17 boys: Robert McGuigan 1.17.53

500m Team Sprint Under 13 girls: Eva Kennedy, Amelia Burkhart



# INSIGHTS

31.8

Average attendance at Wellington Cup and Carnival events - steady on last year's figures

80% Male

70% Seniors

20% Female

30% Juniors  
5% increase on last year

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Different riders raced Wellington Cup at least once

2.5

Rain cancellations

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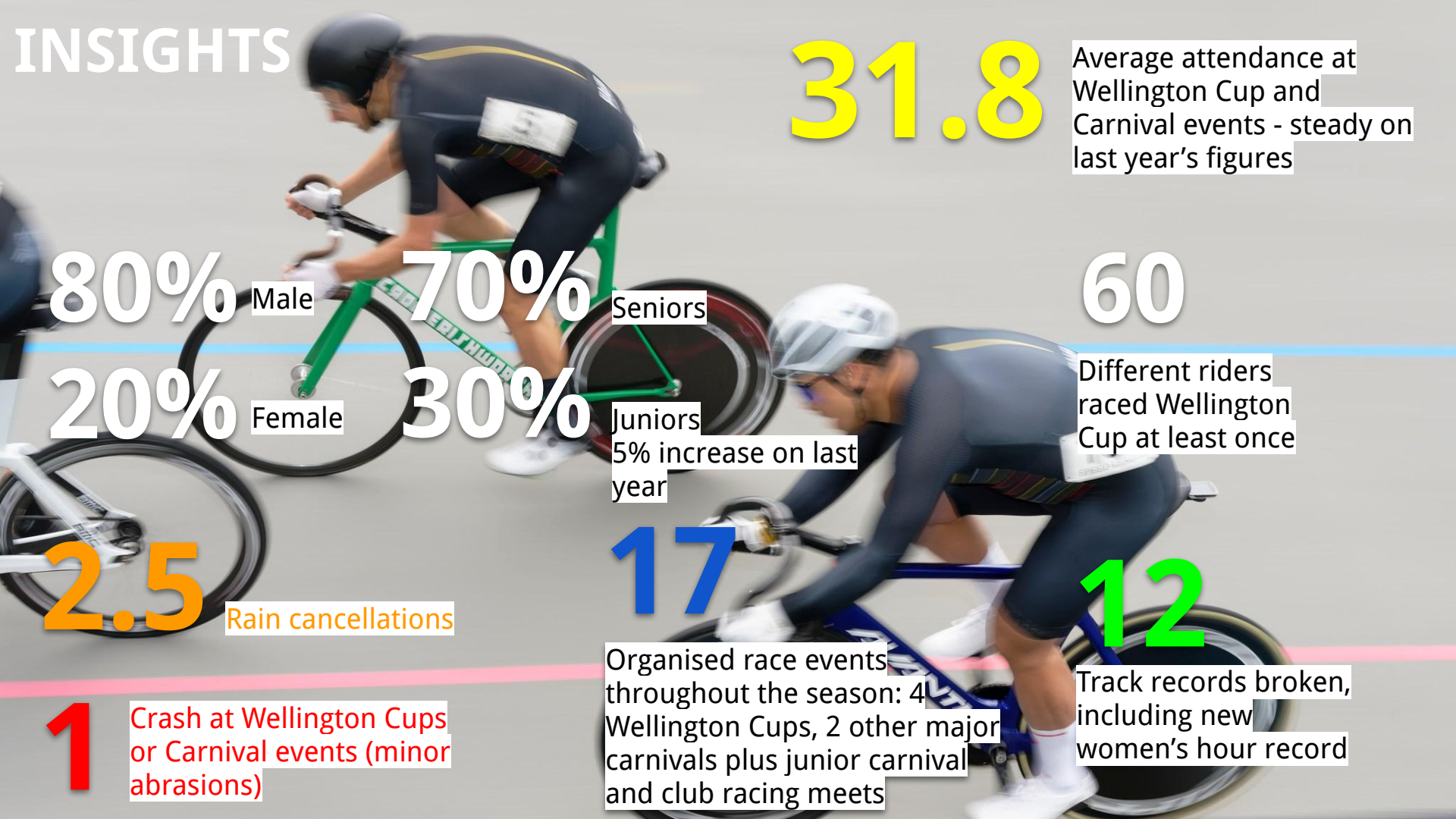
Organised race events throughout the season: 4 Wellington Cups, 2 other major carnivals plus junior carnival and club racing meets

12

Track records broken, including new women's hour record

1

Crash at Wellington Cups or Carnival events (minor abrasions)



# 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 fourth successive season with more riders attending training sessions while racing numbers remained steady. Fortnightly motorpaced 'pain train' workouts were interspersed with coached endurance sessions and scratch racing on Thursday evenings.
- Women's training moved to Wednesdays and were followed by open rookie sessions. These were a great success with many riders learning the skills and confidence to come along to weekly racing.
- There was a noticeable and promising uptick in junior numbers across the grades.
- An open day and junior have-a-go day brought some new riders but word-of-mouth is still our primary method for recruiting.

# 1954

unique visits by riders during the 2023-24 season (21 weeks), up on 1937 last year and 1764 and 1516 the previous two years respectively

# 2185

unique visits by riders and volunteers during the 2023-24 season (21 weeks), up on 2137 last year and 2024 and 1936 the previous two years

# NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Smaller than usual teams travelled to national championships this year. Three riders attended the Elite and Junior National Championships in February with George Jackson riding for New Zealand in the team pursuit, and Robert McGuigan racing the under 19 omnium. Kingsley McGuigan competed in the under 15 Scratch Race placing sixth.

A further three travelled to Invercargill in March for the Masters National Championships, returning with six medals including one gold. Mark Coburn, David Bernard and Peter Ramage all won medals in their respective categories, with Mark Coburn taking home the national title in the 500m TT.






# PROMO AND SOCIAL

- Total reach of 11.k from June 2023 to May 2024 on Facebook plus a 4.3k reach on Instagram.
- Approximately 150 posts on both Facebook and Instagram during the season (not including stories). Facebook page currently has 1360 followers, Instagram 407.
- 24 track newsletters from June 2023 to May 2024 to 318 subscribers, plus regular features in PNP Weekly news to 2000 subscribers.
- Trackie News Podcast (launched in 2023) continued with two further seasons covering local racing, other issues, and interviews.
- Continued excellent relationship with local hobbyist photographers who attended large events and provided us with reams of high quality images for use in promotion and for sponsors.



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## LAYKOLD CUP CARNIVAL - THE WRAP

Wonderful weather, loads of riders and spectators and superb racing - the [Laykold Cup Carnival](#) on 4 February 2024 delivered a brilliant day of track cycling yet again.


Huge thanks to the PNP organising committee, and helpers on the day Chris B, Dave M, Gary G and Leo K for doing a great job to make it all happen. A word of gratitude to CNZ Commissaire Graeme Moffat for making the trip down from Auckland to attend, and a final thanks to our sponsor [Flashclad!](#)



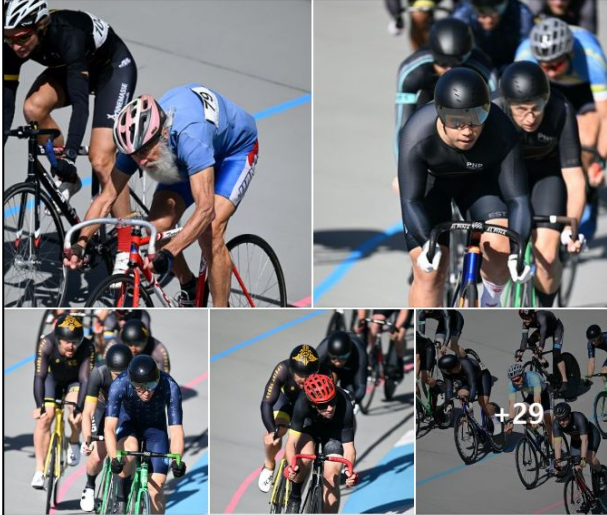
Laykold Cup Carnival | 10 DEC





Album [Tineli Wellington Cup R4 - Jeff Mein Smith's gallery](#)





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
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# THE CLUBROOMS

- It's been our first full season with regular access to the clubrooms. Thanks to a number of very kind donations and work from our members, the rooms are now in an excellent state for use.
- We held a number of social gatherings after race meetings, and used them for our committee and club AGM plus meetings.
- We've also shared the space with youth mountain bike group WORD to use for their instructor meetings, and it will also be used as an HQ with WUU2K.
- Plans for the upcoming year include a few more touch ups and painting, and a potential new collaboration with another local sports club.





# THE FUTURE

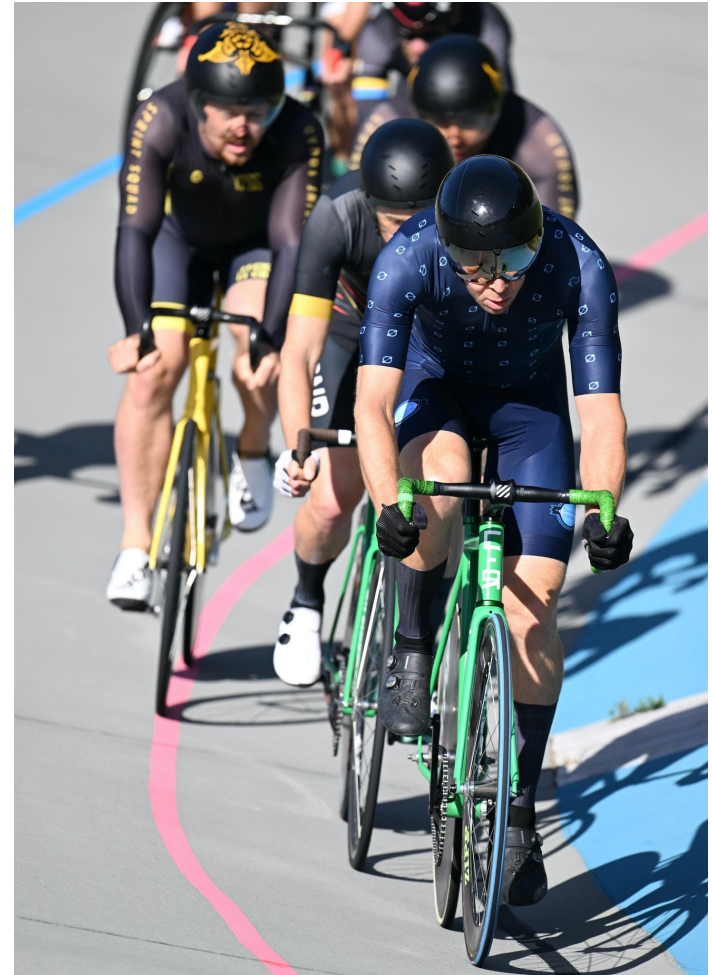
- Racing will return in October 2024 with the Spring Carnival before we get into the first of the Wellington Cup rounds in November.
- Maintain our training and coaching offering and continue to grow numbers.
- Emphasising the part PNP Cycling Club plays to the cycling community, including continuing to link the value we provide to club membership.
- Open days and schools have-a-go sessions to bring in more new riders, especially juniors.
- Facilities improvements: remedial work for the track surface planned prior to season start and continued renovations to the clubrooms.



# DRAFT 2024-25 CALENDAR

The big events for the upcoming season, with club racing and loads of training in between!

- 12 and 13 Oct Working Bee/Open Day
- 19 Oct Saturday Spring Classic Season Opener
- 10 Nov Sunday Wellington Cup Race 1
- 8 Dec Sunday Wellington Cup Race 2 (Laykold Cup)
- 2 Feb Sunday Wellington Cup Race 3
- 9 Feb Sunday Junior Omnium
- 23 Feb Sunday Wellington Cup Race 4
- 9 Mar Sunday Grand Prix/Peter Burke Allcomers Points Race





A high-angle photograph of several track cyclists racing on a velodrome. The cyclists are wearing aerodynamic suits and helmets, leaning forward in a racing posture. The track is a light-colored concrete or asphalt surface with blue and red lane markings. In the background, spectators are visible in the stands, and a grassy area with a white tent labeled 'WELLINGTON SCHOOLS CYCLING' is on the right. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

**THANKS!**

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

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