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# CYCLING SOUTHLAND ANNUAL REPORT



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## EXECUTIVE & CENTRE OFFICERS

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### EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Megan Clark	President	
Stephen Keast	Vice President	
Brendan Kerr		
Brendon McLeod		
Kathryn McLachlan		
Ellen Langley		

**PATRON:** Tony Ineson

**LIFE MEMBERS:**      Graham Sycamore      Bruce Ross      Steve Canny  
                                 Tony Ineson      John (Sonny) Broad      Julian Ineson  
                                 Allan Dunn      Lindsay Jordan      Ray Robinson

**SELECTORS:**      Erin Criglington      Lance Spencer      Nicola Stevens

### STAFF

Tony Hammington	General Manager
Glen Thomson	Major Events Co-ordinator
Megan Hare	Office Administrator
Marc Prutton	Development & Events Co-ordinator
Eugene Bonthuys	Marketing and Communications Co-ordinator

# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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## **GOVERNANCE**

The last year has been busy one for the Board and great progress has been made in distinguishing the roles and responsibilities of being regional sporting organisation. This is still a work in progress, but the Boards vision is a lot clearer than it was a year ago and by this time next year a model will likely be in place. With the initial help of members of the Board, a working group was established to help invigorate the club, establish the office functions required by the Club, and separate them from the RSO.

We have continued to collaborate with Mountain Bike, Tri and Multisport, BMX and Para cycling clubs, achieving the goal of obtaining a mobile pump track that will travel around the Southland region providing community based opportunities for our people. This project would not have got across the line without Active Southland, special thanks to the team there - Laura and Stella.

During the year G Force Cycling Performance Hub registered as a club which now provides a choice to riders on the club that they would like to represent. I am pleased to report Cycling Southland club are having initial discussions around a combined track session slot, which will become more clearer in the coming months.

The board are working on the long-term strategic plan of the RSO, incorporating all Bike Sports.

## **FINANCIAL**

We were very grateful to receive our operational funding from the ILT Foundation and funding from the ILT and Community Trust of Southland.

The ICC and SDC provide funding for us to deliver the Bike Ready programme and this has been a great success over the past year. Thank you to the whole Cycling Southland Team for delivering this and fulfilling our contracted number of children – 5000 over 2.5 years.

Thank you to the funders of the Community Pump Track that we have received to date, being Tu Manawa, Community Trust of Southland, ILT and Southland DC, with further funders on board.

The 2023 financial year was tough one, however we were able to leverage that on a healthy balance sheet. Income was down on some of our events and programmes, lower entry numbers on some events and rising costs. There were additional costs associated with the Tour of Southland last year that were not foreseen. The board are implementing further measures to ensure Cycling Southland returns to an operating surplus in the 2023-24 financial year. I intend to continue to provide the Board with ongoing support and guidance in this area.

## **STAFFING**

There has been a number of changes in the office in the past year, firstly with Sally our events manager delivering her Final Tour of Southland in 2022 and moving to Canterbury. We appreciate all the work she did for the successful Tours she managed and we wish her and family all the best for the future.

Glen Thompson (Tomo as everyone knows him) has now stepped into Sally's shoes and is our Developments and Major Events Co-ordinator and is Tour Director of the 2023 Tour of Southland.



Our General Manager Tony also recently left us to pursue opportunities closer to his home in Central Otago. We thank him for his contribution and especially his efforts in getting the pump track to the point of delivery and Bike Ready programme back on track. We wish him the best and know that he will not be a stranger.

We welcomed our new Programmes and Development Manager Marc Prutton earlier this year. Marc brings a wealth of cycling experience and knowledge, and we are looking forward to having him as part of the team.

Eugene and Megan I would like to thank you for stepping up and filling in when required, always willing to help and was so important when we had staff vacancies to fill.

I wish to thank our wonderful team of volunteers, coaches, officials and supporters who make Cycling Southland the sporting organisation it is. Without you all giving your time and support Cycling Southland would not exist.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

Our involvement in obtaining the pump track would rate highly as one of the most successful things we have achieved over the past year. We also held the well supported and successful Yunca Junior Tour of Southland and the SBS Bank Tour of Southland.

The board over the past year have certainly helped to share the load, this is a volunteer board and the time that everyone has committed has not gone unnoticed. We worked as a team, shared ideas, challenged ideas and I would like to think we came out with the right outcome.

As my term finishes this year, I wish to thank the other members of the Executive – Ellen Langley, Brendon McLeod, Kathryn McLachlan, Stephen Keast, Brendan Kerr and Richard McIvor for their ongoing support and I wish the new Board all the best for the coming years.

## **Megan Clark**

President



## OPERATIONS REPORT

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### EVENTS

Like every sector of the economy we worked hard to come out of the Covid pandemic with the least damage possible. We maintained most of our activities, although many had reduced numbers participating.

#### **SBS Bank Tour of Southland**

The 2022 Tour was another outstanding success for several notable reasons; as well as a bumper field of 126 starters in 21 teams, Josh Burnett was the first Southlander to win the overall General Classification since Doug Bath in 1994. Another Southlander, Nick Kergozou de la Boessierre, won the Green Sprint Ace competition, and the first four teams all had a local base, being Creation Signs-Mito Q, Central Benchmarkers, Quality Foods, and Powernet. Whilst the final GC didn't get decided in the final sprint of Gala Street like some previous years, they were all hotly contested in the final afternoon, which kept the suspense alive. Five riders wore the yellow jersey over the week, representing four teams, and the eight stage winners represented seven teams - Creation Signs-Mito Q, Couplands, Share the Road, Base Solutions, ARA Pro Racing Sunshine Coast, Central Benchmarkers, and Spoken Cycles.

The Tour is always underpinned by an amazing family of sponsors who extend from the larger Southern entities to local businesses in the corners of the province, and pledge more than just funds, but also a commitment to the "Tour Family" that often has endured for many years. SBS Bank continues to be more than a just a naming Right sponsor and is complemented by stage and classification sponsors, team sponsors whose support extends beyond funding to often investing a week of staff time, and our multitude of community supporters.

Likewise the Volunteer Army who are critical to not just the event operation, but the allure of the event, which are hallmarks of this Southern icon. Their contribution to rider safety and enhancing the public experience add to the work our Traffic Management team deliver for sustainable event management that is getting a more difficult space to operate in.

There is always an amazing amount of work in front of the Tour, and Sally Marr rounded out role as Tour Manager on a high note with a massive crew, and she has left a wonderful legacy, and Graeme Bell lead the Commissaires team through the occasional headwinds of the week.

## **Yunca Junior Tour of Southland**

The Yunca junior Tour enjoyed the 39<sup>th</sup> year of support from the proud Southland firm and was supported by strong field totalling 130 riders. Competitive fields across the grades was demonstrated with 21 stage winners across the eight grades, 14 people holding the GC jersey at various times, and Sprint and KOM jerseys more tightly held across nine and eleven riders respectively. The Bluff Hill stage is always rated highly, due to its prestige amongst the senior riders, and was complemented by the kermesse around the water front and main street, due to the increasing resource (finance, human and compliance) to race on the country roads.

Yunca as naming sponsor were well supported by stage sponsors from the community again, and Glen Thomson as Event Manager in his last year running the premiere Junior Tour was well served by a strong team of volunteers and commissaires headed by Erin Criglington. Each year acknowledging them in a one liner after the event does not do justice to the 28 names on the workforce plan - the people that pull the event together - thank you.

## **Vital Signs for Yellow**

Good fields again cemented the Vital Signs Fight for Yellow as a respected race in the SI calendar, and despite damp weather the racing was definitely hot across all grades. James Wilson took the honours from the nine A graders, Craig Domigan beat the large field of 23 B graders, Neil Familton took out a tight tussle amongst the 25 C Graders and Poppy McIvor took the win in the Women's grade.

The Vital Signs committee are congratulated on another well-run event on testing courses around Edendale and Waimumu, thanks also to the army of volunteers and Commissaires. The event is blessed with a tremendous family of sponsors across stages and categories.

## **Road Racing**

### **Classics**

Geo W Wilson Gore to Waikiwi saw a compact but keen field of 24 riders take the start line the open grade and Mike White jumped the 3 scratch riders in a leading bunch of 4 that swept through the field to score a memorable win. Floyd Keach-Lowe headed the 10 starters in the U17/U15 race and Benji Shayler headed the field of 3 U13 warriors.

Stonewood Homes Gore to Invercargill took place as part of a three day festival of racing, including the ILT New Year Track Carnival and the Ascot Park Criteriums. The even was once again well supported, with Magnus Jamieson taking a spectacular win in his debut race in the open classic. The fastest time went to Hunter Gough, while Caitlin Kelly was the first woman home.

The Memorial Weekend races saw a large field 41 riders take on the 102 km course in the open event with Blake Tait -Jones heading the bunch sprint. The Curtis Dunn Memorial U17/U15 field saw Alex Borrie take line honours and Poppy McIvor record fastest time in the U15 and Liam O'Rourke fastest time in the U17.

Club Road racing struggled for consistent numbers despite the best endeavours of the committee who worked hard to devise a calendar and attract good sponsorship.

The Club Road Champs ran on March 25-26 to reward the 28 riders who competed in the road race across all grades and 21 in the ITT. As the supposedly the premier event for the club, it was a disappointing turn out.

## **Track Racing**

### **Southland Track Championships**

Southland Track Champs was an intense three-day affair with 108 events for local riders and athletes from Canterbury and Otago who took the opportunity to sharpen up in Dec 2-4 2022, which made for fast paced activity over the duration of the event.

### **National Track Series Round 1**

The SIT Velodrome again hosted the first round of the series, which creates opportunities for riders up to U23 to develop tactical and technical awareness in workshops and supported race environment. As usual it was well supported and we received very positive feedback.



### **King House Removals Omnium Series**

Kings House Removals Omnium Series was another highlight for Club racers with Canterbury riders amongst the 45 racers who took part. It makes a significant contribution to rider development, and we are extremely grateful to Kings for their long-standing support at the grass roots level.

### **Schools Track National Championships**

The combined Schools South Island and National Track Championships was held in Invercargill the week after the Yunca Junior Tour of Southland, and saw strong representation from across the country, with many riders doubling up after three days racing on the road.

### **Track National Championships**

We hosted the Track National Championships in 2023, with riders in from the under 15 to Elite age groups taking part. It was a great event with some spectacular performances, showing that our track is still very competitive when it comes to setting national records. It was disappointing that we did not see riders from the high performance programming competing, as this does take away from the experience for the younger riders, but the other Elite riders more than made up for it with some highly competitive racing.

### **Community Outcomes**

**The Bike Ready team** have had a stellar year and have built great momentum heading forward. Obviously Covid shut us out of schools and our contract didn't have any allowance for that but we received that lost ground and are within a whisker of achieving our targets. The future should see us growing that and after nearly 3 years, new entrants coming through the ranks keep this great initiative going.

**Community Pop up Pump track** has been well supported by local institutions and tapped into central Government initiatives and as of the AGM will be on the ground in Bluff. It is a fantastic asset that has brought the various bike disciplines together to encourage tamariki, rangatahi and their families to get out and be active together with options or scooter, skateboard or bike on a fun and testing circuit. This will bring physical and mental benefits to the communities around Southland and may lead to opportunities for them into BMX, Mountain biking and maybe track or road.

## Special thanks to our Valued Partners



4 July 2023

The Executive Committee  
Cycling Southland Inc  
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Dear Executive Committee members

**Management Letter for year ending 31 March 2023**

During the course of our review of the financial statements of Cycling Southland Inc (the "Society") for the year ended 31 March 2023 we identified matters which may be of interest to you, the Executive Committee. The objective of a review, in accordance with the International Standard on Review Engagements (New Zealand) 2400 (Revised) - Engagements to Review Historical Financial Statements, is to obtain limited assurance to enable us to express a conclusion on the financial statements. This type of review is not designed to identify matters that may be of interest to you in discharging your responsibilities. Accordingly, a review may not identify all such matters.

The responsibility for producing financial statements and ensuring adequate internal controls and sound business practices is that of the Executive Committee and is a part of management's overall responsibility for the ongoing activities of the entity. Policies and procedures developed by the Society to safeguard its assets and to prevent and detect errors, fraud and illegal acts must be properly monitored to ensure that all staff are complying with the guidelines provided.

In planning and performing our review of the financial statements of Cycling Southland Incorporated for the year ended 31 March 2023, we obtained an understanding of the Society, including its applicable financial reporting framework, accounting systems and accounting records, and selection and application of accounting policies. In doing so we identified the matters described herein which may be relevant to you.

The matters being reported are limited to those that we identified during the review. The comments and concerns expressed herein did not affect our conclusion on the Society's financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

No significant matters were noted from our review procedures performed.

This communication is prepared solely for the information of the Executive Committee and is not intended for any other purpose. We accept no responsibility to a third party who uses this communication.

We appreciate the cooperation from Megan and Nicola that we received during our review of the Society's financial statements.

Yours sincerely



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