

Port Nicholson Ponake Cycling Club Inc.

**Presidents Report for AGM 3:00pm Southern Cross Sun 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

This year marks the 94<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 hard working volunteers.

We have been represented on the international Road circuit by Kate McIlroy, Joe Cooper, Ione Johnson and Oliver Ferry, and in Mountain Biking by Samara Sheppard, Eden Cruise, Max Wickens and Kim Hurst and on the Track by George Jackson and Chris Taylor. PNP has also had many National podiums (some are 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 Mary-Ann Moller (MTB), and Elliot Robertson (Road). The decision will be announced at the AGM.

The President's Cup is awarded annually to the club member who does a huge amount of work behind the scenes. Names put forward are Nicola Mitchell (Schools and MTB Volunteer), Robert Comeskey (MTB Volunteer), Andrew Ivory (Road support), Nick Warren and Track Committee (Funding the resurfacing for the Track), Mike Thomas (Track training) and Pat Crow-Rishworth (Track training). The award will be announced at the AGM.

**Committee**

Our main committee has met every 2-3 months this year.

Our 3 sub-committee Convenors attend these committee meetings.

Our Club Secretary Krissy O'Connor has organising our Committee meetings, 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 pleasing set of Financial Accounts.

**TRACK**

Chris Baguley has had a very busy year with a lot of help from Nick Warren. The Track subcommittee have run Sunday Burkes Cycles Speed Leagues, Zeal Commercial Interiors Sprint Ace races, Laykold Cup Carnival (postponed due to

Covid-19), Craig's Investment Partners Junior Omnium Champs and Wellington Omnium Champs.

### **2020 Highlights**

- Promising attendance figures. Difficult first half picked up after Christmas
- Resurfacing project almost completed. Finish planned for Spring 2020.
- Excellent fun Keirin Wars event, plus the first Grass Track meet in a long time.
- New Coaches refreshing and adding to our very accessible weekly training.
- Third successful year of weekly women's only training sessions.
- More medals for Wellington riders at Age Group National Championships.
- 39 youngsters raced at the Wellington Junior Track Championships, a record!
- More good media coverage and social media presence.

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**

Krissy O'Connor and Mike Molony have led a very capable Mountain Bike sub-committee of 6 again this year. The annual 5 round Giant Wellington Spring XC Series was very successful, with good participation in Junior classes. The event management was rock solid and we had well-attended prize giving's after every race with over 15 valued Silver sponsors contributing to our Gold Sponsor Giant Wellington's spot prizes. Covid-19 unfortunately curtailed our annual Club Champs and College Shield.

We were hoping to lead a repeat of the NI Secondary Schools MTB Champs event at Waiu Park in March, but we also had to cancel the event due to Covid-19 (just a week out from the event).

Robert and Peter have however, been successful in securing the NZ Secondary Schools Champs for Waiu Park in Oct this year. It is expected that over 500 school entrants will attend.

Krissy, Mike and Dean Compton are stepping down from the MTB sub-committee after many years service (15 for Dean!), so we need some new faces.

Gary Moller is aiming to win a third Rainbow Jersey in the 65-69 Masters age group at the World UCI XC Champs in Andorra this September.

### **Road**

The 5 round Pak 'N Save Road Racing Series Feb-Apr was run very well again, although the final round 5 was cancelled due to Covid-19. While costs to run the series remain high due to TMP and contractor costs, Road still managed to make an overall profit. The annual Rice Mountain Classic was part of the Series. The Onslow Tarbabies boosted our numbers and really enjoyed the racing.

Mark Sherlock is standing down from Juniors and Road and we extend a massive thanks to all the great work that he has done on event organising over the years.

Aaron Stagg and Grant Perry ran the winter/spring Criterium Series in Trentham, Upper Hutt adding impetus to youth with Gary Gibson's help through training and on race day.

The spring Balfour Pennington Series continues to be suspended for now.

### **Advocacy**

Mark Coburn has attended many cycling related meetings and provided feedback to councils and Cycle Wellington (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 Shared Pathway finally being approved. It has been approved as one of the shovel-ready projects.

After the terrible loss of a commuting cyclist on SH2 this year (Brent Norris), more than 500 riders participated in a memorial ride to try and raise awareness of the importance of cycle safety. We have campaigned against the digitalisation of 3 large advertising signs near the accident area.

Mark stresses in his report that we need to make more personal submissions, so please consider providing your input to him as well.

### **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 \$90,627 an increase of \$732 over last year.

Sponsorship, Grants and donations from local organisations and community & gaming trusts were gratefully received from Hutt City Council, Pub Charities, NZ Community Trust, Infinity Foundation, NZ Racing Board, 7 Bar Upper Hutt and sponsorship income came from Panasonic NZ, PAK'nSAVE Petone and Kilbirnie, Mainfreight Transport, Burkes Cycles, Champion System, Zeal Commercial Interiors, Coffee Supreme, Craig's Investment Partners and other personal donations.

The support from our sponsors and funders is critical to our ability to run events and keep entry costs down. Covid-19 is expected to limit our access to community funding in the upcoming financial year, but by hosting the Secondary Schools National Championships, we should be able to stay financially positive.

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 programmes 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 tonight 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.

Marco Renall  
PNP President 2019/20