

Redlands Cycling & Multi Sport Club Inc.



formerly

**Wynnum Police & Citizens
Amateur Cycling Club**

founded 1970

Celebrating 50 Years



THE REDLANDS CYCLING & MULTISPORT CLUB STORY 50 + YEARS

A summary of our Club's beginning in 1970 and some highlights of the years that followed.

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"A generation which ignores history has no past — and no future." (Robert Heinlein)

A. Introduction - THE REDLANDS CYCLING & MULTISPORT CLUB STORY

50 + Years of History (established 1970)

It is well known that Cycling has always been a popular Sport in the Bayside areas of Wynnum Manly, Lota and the Redlands District, and the first evidence of an early racing group operating in the region, comes from a photograph taken in the mid 1920's. There is little detail available of specific activities of that early group, however the dress and mannerisms of the group pictured, leave little doubt that they were competitors.



*Photograph mid 1920's taken in King St Wynnum (now called Glenora St)
Members Standing from Left to right: Harry Ball, Dick Mischlewski, Unknown, George Lyons,
ON Bicycles Left to Right: Eric Crouch, Percy Parsons, Len Horne, Bill Buff and Syd Crouch.*

There was also a Cycling club operating through the 1940's called Waterloo Bay Professional Wheelers, and they were known to have opened a Cycling track on December 6th, 1947, at the northern end of Boundary Street Tingalpa, where several sporting fields are now located. The track was in tip-top condition for racing and as far as is known, this was the only Cycling Track ever owned by a professional Cycling Club in the Brisbane area.

However, this story with a proud history, is about Redlands Cycling & Multisport Club which was founded in 1970 under the original name Wynnum Police & Citizens Amateur Cycling Club.

The Club Minute Books reveal several name changes over the Years as listed below:

- *Wynnum Police & Citizens Amateur Cycling Club.* (1970)
- *Wynnum Amateur Cycling Club.* (1979)
- *Wynnum Bayside Cycling Club.* (1982)
- *Wynnum Redlands Cycling Club.* (1985)
- *Redlands Cycling & Multisport Club Inc.* (2019)

A big thank you to all who assisted me in preparing this presentation, especially the Club Role of Honour from its beginning in 1970 to this day. This required endless hours of research and interviews with past and current Club members. We are also indebted to Veloshotz Professional Sports Photography for allowing access to their amazing Cycling database and to current and past Club Members, Queensland Cycling Scrapbook and others whose pictures and stories feature in the document. This club history document captures the periods where the club's name changes several times, so captions and references reflect what was relevant during that time.

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Case Scholtes (Author).

B. The Administration and the Role of Honour 1970.

One of the more difficult tasks in this project was the research requires to uncover the makeup of the Clubs Administration. This entailed interviewing past Members, leafing through early Wynnum Herald news clippings and old Club Minute Books and documents. The table below shows those elected at AGM's but I am aware and acknowledge some members accepted senior roles mid-term. We respectfully recognise and pay Tribute to our Club Senior Executive over the Period 1970 to this day and thank them for their contribution in the formation and operation of the club.

Redlands Cycling & Multi Sports Club inc.

Formally Wynnum Police & Citizens Amateur Cycling Club

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1970	Norm Beverley	Dan Hovey	Cliff Grundwald	1996	John Jarvis	Bruce Chiverton	Duncan Smeaton
1971	Norm Beverley	Dan Hovey	Cliff Grundwald	1997	John Jarvis	Bruce Chiverton	Duncan Smeaton
1972	A Mionett	Norm Beverley	Cliff Grundwald	1998	John Jarvis	Juri Laanekorb	Patrick Rochford
1973	A Mionett	Norm Beverley	Cliff Grundwald	1999	Shane Knight	Greg Levick	Patrich Roachford
1974	Norm Beverley	Val Chadwick	Cliff Grundwald	2000	Shane Knight	Alison Riley	Patrich Roachford
1975	Norm Beverley	Val Chadwick	Cliff Grundwald	2001	John Jarvis	Bruce Chiverton	Tom Smeaton
1976	Norm Beverley	Val Chadwick	Cliff Grundwald	2002	Shane Knight	Glen Hodgkinson	Tom Smeaton
1977	Norm Beverley	Val Chadwick	Cliff Grundwald	2003	Shane Knight	Glen Hodgkinson	David Jones
1978	Bon Dippel	Betty Engstrom	Cliff Grundwald	2004	John Jarvis	Rob Clarke	David Jones
1979	Bon Dippel	Betty Engstrom	Ross Johnson	2005	John Jarvis	John Harris	John Harris
1980	Mark Dodson	Betty Engstrom	Caroline Jarman	2006	John Jarvis	John Harris	John Harris
1981	Kevin Menz	Betty Engstrom	Lorraine Menz	2007	Mark Lang	Neil Trembath	Brent Fletcher
1982	Kevin Menz	Betty Engstrom	Lorraine Menz	2008	Rob Clarke	Neil Trembath	Rob Cain
1983	Lorraine Menz	Betty Engstrom	Kevin Menz	2009	Neil Trembath	Russell Hinwood	Rob Cain
1984	David Jarman	Betty Engstrom	Kevin Menz	2010	Paolo Lencioni	Sharon Wood	Rob Cain
1985	Kerry Carmichael	Kevin Menz	Heather Schroder	2011	Rob Cain	John Smallwood	Rob Clarke
1986	Kerry Carmichael	Ray Jensen	Heather Schroder	2012	Rob Cain	John Smallwood	Kevin de Villiers
1987	Kerry Carmichael	Ray Jensen	Heather Schroder	2013	Rob Cain	Paul Hattink	Kevin de Villiers
1988	John Jarvis	Ray Jensen	Heather Schroder	2014	Rob Cain	Kerry Westwood	Ann O'Brien
1989	John Jarvis	John Pesch	Marie Walters	2015	Chris Hindes	Wayne Taylor	Ann O'Brien
1990	John Jarvis	John Pesch	Marie Walters	2016	Shane Irwin	Wayne Taylor	Ann O'Brien
1991	John Jarvis	John Pesch	Marie Walters	2017	Shane Irwin	Jo Maartens	Ann O'Brien
1992	John Jarvis	John Pesch	Donna James	2018	Darren Donaldson	Jo Maartens	Ann O'Brien
1993	John Jarvis	John Pesch	Jan Priest	2019	Darren Donaldson	Sharon Bolter	Ann O'Brien
1994	John Jarvis	John Pesch	Jan Priest	2020	Darren Donaldson	Sally McLean	Martin McLean
1995	John Jarvis	Juri Laanekorb	Jan Priest	2021	Darren Donaldson	Sally McLean	Sharon Bolter

WRCC/RCMC LIFE MEMBERS (CLUB)	
Theo Dippel	Wynnum Redlands
Norm Beverley	Wynnum Redlands
Roberty Crossley	Wynnum Redlands
Nelda Walliss	Wynnum Redlands
Robin Cain	Wynnum Redlands

WRCC/RCMC & AUS CYCLING/CQ LIFE MEMBERS	
Lloyd Flack	Aus Cycling + Wynnum Redlands
Wendy Sanders	Aus Cycling + Wynnum Redlands
Dan Hovey	Aus Cycling + Wynnum Redlands
John Harris	Aus Cycling + Wynnum Redlands
Billy Wright	Aus Cycling + Wynnum Redlands

We are in awe of the Cycling and Administrative achievements of all past and present Club Members and are proud that these records are captured in our history for all to see and enjoy. As members of this great club, we thank them and now carry the responsibility to proudly continue to actively engage and promote Cycling in our community.

Part 1. 1970. The Beginning of a Great Cycling Club.

The Club's formation back in 1970 can be accredited to an enthusiastic core group of amateur cyclists who resided in the Bayside area, and to some extent, parallel events that eventually melded to a common goal and a successful outcome.

A Professional Cycling Group were out conducting trials on a Manly Road Gumdale circuit and fourteen-year-old Steven Beverley, unbeknown to his parents, was invited to try out for their development squad. Recognising Steven's Cycling potential, the group paid him \$5 to join the Professional Team. Hearing this, his father Norman was horrified, explaining the loss of Amateur status precluded an athlete from all future Amateur Sports, including State, National, Commonwealth and Olympic Games selection.

Norman Beverley immediately took Steven back to the venue and returned the money to the group. At the time the three Beverley Boys and indeed many of the local lads, were current members of the Wynnum Police & Citizens Youth Club, which formed in April 1966. The boys were regularly cycling around the bay area, be it only recreational. Norman and his wife Marina were active volunteers at the Police Youth Club and Norman was a good friend of Constable Jim Shearer who presided over that PCYC.

During that same period, Toowong Recreation Amateur Wheelers had a several of members who resided in the bayside area. The word that Toowong Club were about to fold, led, to some discussions between Errol Dippel, and Noel Ungerer, (Wynnum Bike Shop owner). They thought forming a local club would be good for the displaced Cyclists and the business. All interested parties held several meetings under the house of local builder Jim Brennan. Most of the effected families had young boys who would certainly benefit from having a Cycling Club to keep them off the streets, so the group prepared a working plan to form an amateur Cycling Club in Wynnum.

Norman Beverley led the delegation and Constable Jim Shearer and his PCYC Committee fully supported their proposal, so agreement was reached, leading to the formation and Registration in 1970, of the Wynnum Police & Citizens Amateur Cycling Club, affiliated with PCYC structure. The first Cycling President was Norman Beverley the Secretary Dan Hovey and Treasurer Cliff Grunwald.

Wynnum Police & Citizens Amateur Cycling Club held their first Open Criterium Race of the 1970's in the Car Park at Wynnum Plaza Shopping Centre. There were 9 Races with over 150 entrants, including the "Wynnum Plaza Teams Grand Prix" (8 teams of 3). Participants came from as far away as Rockhampton and Byron Bay.

The Cycling Club was fortunate to have several youngsters keen to race, and the handicap system was a perfect introduction for them to participate and develop skills and fitness. In those days, Rider Gradings were Sub Juvenile (Under 14), Juvenile (Under 16), Junior (Under 18) and Senior (Over 18). Masters and Vets had not come into classification at that Stage.

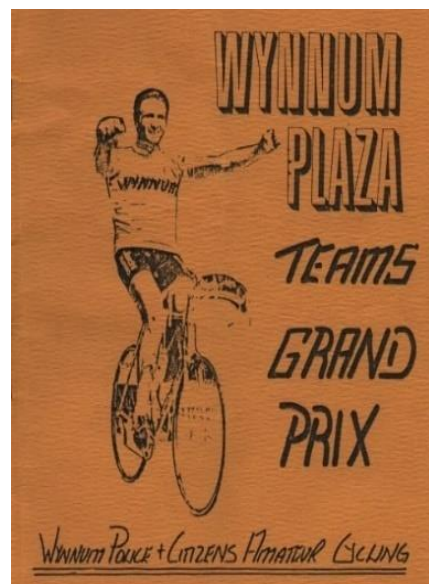
To successfully operate, the newly formed Cycling Club needed to raise funds, so a Stationary Bike was set up in the window of Irvine's General Store Wynnum for a 24-Hour Stationary Bike Marathon. 3 Riders each took 2-hour shifts and McCarthy Jewellers donated a Valuable wrist watch as a Prize. The public were invited to Purchase tickets to guess the Kilometres completed at the 24-hour mark. The nearest guess won the Watch. Riders pictured, from left. Errol Dippel, Tony Mionett and Ron Llewellyn.



PCYC's Constable Jim Shearer pictured left.



The PCYC Lota Clubhouse of the 1970's.



The Grass Race Track, Experience and Junior Development.

As the local interest in racing increased the club fashioned a "grass circuit track" in the parklands east of the Railway line, behind the Lota Police Club, so that a handicap program could be developed to cater for children aged 7 to 16. Each Saturday morning Norm Beverley, his boys, and other volunteers would arrive at the park to mow the grass in a big circle in readiness for the afternoon racing. Already going great guns, the Wynnum Club had three new Members who were formally associated with Toowong Recreation Amateur Wheelers Club. Dan Hovey, Rod Powell and Ian (Shappy) Shapcott, along with the other seniors, provided the Racing Members a much-needed status in ability. They became a great help to the younger riders who were naturally raw on sophisticated cycling. Wynnum had a great thing going for them and became a real family club, with parents participating in the Administration as well as racing themselves.

With new experienced riders, it wasn't long before the expected Cycling duels commenced. In the Senior Division, Ron Llewellyn and Ian Shapcott continued to tussle for Club leadership with Dan Hovey and Errol Dippel also prominent. Other competitive seniors during the early years were Rod Powell, Dave Quine, Tony Mionett, John Fox, John Brinnard, Noel Ungerer and Norm Beverley.

With success comes recognition and the Wynnum Herald were renowned for their support for Cycling and Sport in General, reporting the details of the events, and Riders who competed. The club and indeed the Author of this History, is grateful for the diligence of Ian Shapcott, who was known as "Spokesman." Ian would provide the Herald with regular detailed racing articles, thus raising the public profile of the Club as well as encouraging Riders to join as Club Members and compete. Cycling Membership renewal cost at that time was just Five Dollars per annum. Wynnum Police & Citizens Amateur Cycling Club has some promising Junior riders in their roster in all classifications, including Club President Norm Beverley's three boys Malcolm, Steven and Kevin, as well as their cousin Phillip Beverley, Danny Hovey, Chris Shapcott, John Fox, Allan House, Ray Thurlow Roger McDonald and many more.

The Handicap style of racing provided all riders with the incentive to participate and enjoy success so in no time, the Club had numbers of Junior Cyclists who could compete on equal terms with the best in Queensland. In October 1970 Malcolm Beverley and Alan House competed in the Qld Schoolboy Cycling Championships (Under 14) held on the Isle of Capri Circuit Surfers Paradise.

The Wynnum Herald Banner Headlines of those early 1970's came thick and fast: "YOUNG LOCAL CYCLIST OUT FOXES HIS RIVALS" "BROTHERS CLEAN UP." "BEVERLEYS IN CYCLING TREBLE." "JUNIOR CYCLIST FIRST AND FASTEST." "WYNNUM CYCLISTS SHOW STRENGTH." "CYCLIST DOWNS JUNIOR RECORD."

October 1971 and this time big brother Steven Beverley competed for his school and club in the Queensland Schoolboy Under 16 Cycling Championships, again at the Isle of Capri Circuit Surfers Paradise. Steven won the event to become our Clubs first State Champion and National Representative. On the Same Program, Noel Ungerer raced in the Junior Criterion and Tony Mionett competed in the Malvern Star Seniors "Grand Prix."



Errol Dippel proudly displaying his first Club jersey.



Ian Shapcott with brother Chris preparing to contest the Albert Bunny Memorial Handicap.



Under 16 School Boy Steven Beverley in full flight for the Line.

1972. The Club's first Queensland Team Time Trial Championship Gold Medal.

The two- year-old Wynnum Police & Citizens Amateur Cycling Club Senior Team, won the 1972 Premiership of Queensland Road Team Time Trial, when they defeated State Title holders Hamilton Wheelers on the Capalaba Course. The Team rode a perfect changing co-ordination over the 40 Kilometre distance and sprinted abreast over the final 200 metres to take the Gold Medal, winning the event in 1 hour 2 minutes 24 seconds, thereby defeating Hamilton by a mere 40 seconds. By September that year the Clubs Medal Tally was 6 Gold, 2 Silver and 1 Bronze.



Riders Left to Right, Rod Powell, Errol, Dippel, Ian Shapcott, Tony Mionett & Ronald Llewellyn. Cycling Australia Nation President Norm Gailey in the background.

June saw the Club promote the first "Redlands Tour" with A B & C grade Classifications. Errol Dippel, fresh from his win in the 228 km Gold Coast Hinterlands tour, broke away from the pack and in a massive solo effort, overtook C grade who had gone off 11 minutes earlier than B. Errol easily won the 80 km event finishing 8 seconds faster than A Grade for the same distance. Dan Hovey finished a creditable 4th.

The 228 Kilometre Grafton Inverell Classic was a Race club member Ian Shapcott had always wanted to do, so in March 1972 he commenced serious training, accumulating over 4500 road miles as preparation. From the race start the first obstacle was the 18km climb over the Gibraltar Range, 1020 metres above sea level. Profile indicators put the average grade at 5.6% and the maximum grade at 24%. Riding from the second limit mark of 54 minutes, Ian was first to the summit taking the "King of the Mountain" Climb segment followed by the Mt Mitchell Sprint, then continuing to the Inverell finish in 21st place.

Ian next raced the 125-mile Qld Marathon Road Titles finishing with the Bronze Medal, then placed 2nd in the Albert Bunney Memorial, where his young brother Chris finished 3rd in juniors.

In 1973 Ian took part in local events, then the 2 Day Gold Coast Hinterland Tour where he won the Time Trial and finishing 3rd overall in the Event.

His next challenge came in August with the 104 Mile Muswellbrook to Tamworth Delta Road Classic, followed in September by the 86-mile Moree to Inverell then the Grafton Inverell again for 24th place.

August 1974 Ian Shapcott, pictured here in the State Kit, travelled to Perth as a member of the Qld Team contesting the Australian Senior Amateur Road Series. He also competed in the 192 km Road Race.



1974 State Senior Road Team Representative Ian Shapcott

Accepting the position of Manager of National Outward-Bound School south of Canberra, signalled Ian's impending retirement from Cycling, but the temptation of one last Grafton Inverell was to see him lined up again for the 1974 start. Staying focused on a steady pace for the Gibraltar climb, Ian continued strongly and finished the Race in 5th place. Whilst Shappy's time with the Wynnum was relatively short, the contribution he made in a young start-up club was invaluable and appreciated.

Racing success continues.

Some interesting Media from 1972 highlighted riders, some of whom later featured future State & Nationals.

It was a great period for the Wynnum Club when they entered their first ever Seniors Teams Premiership. The club had the Beverley Brothers Steven, and Malcolm, along with their Seniors, Dippel, Powell, Shapcott, Mionett and Llewellyn. Starting as rank outsiders, together they pulled off the win in what was reported as the Teams race of the decade.

Wayne Lukey scored his first win for the season in the Juvenile and Schoolboy 8-kilometre combined events, edging out top School boy Kevin Menz by only 3 seconds. With fierce competition, it was evident that all the newly set course records would be broken through the season as riders became stronger.

A huge upset occurred in the Wynnum Police Schoolboy 6-kilometre championship, when Kevin Beverley was beaten into second place by newcomer Kevin Menz. This Lad showed a lot of potential and was to test the better-known schoolboys in the future.

The Beverley Brothers, Steven and Malcolm achieved a clean-sweep of the 19-kilometre Juvenile Handicap. With both on scratch, they went through the field like an express train, and it was only in the finishing sprint that Steven got the jump on Malcolm, to win by a length in a new course record. Greg Thompson just lasted, to hold off a fast-finishing Greg Von Dohren, taking third place.

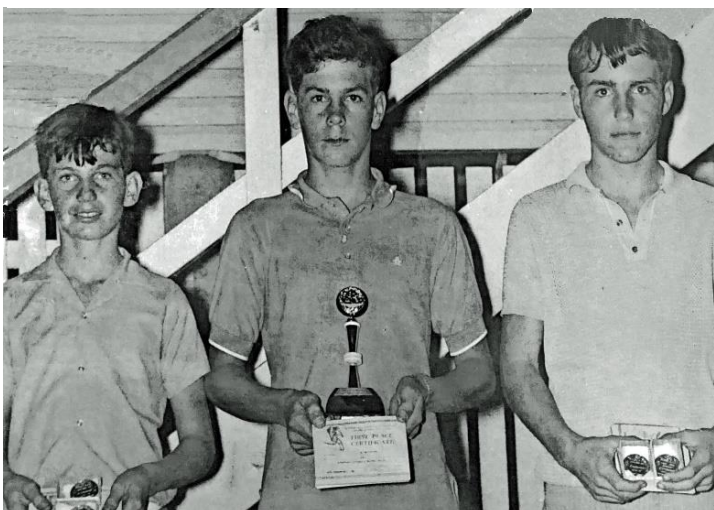
Schoolboy Rider Chris Shapcott rode a well-judged race in the 9.6-kilometre Russ Egan Handicap. Chris made every post a winner coming in way ahead of the minor placegetters. To round off a great year, in December Steven Beverley won the Queensland 25 Mile Road Championship.

The Club claimed one of its best assets was strong competition in Junior, Juvenile and School Boy Cycling but it became evident that the grass track was not of a standard needed.

Riders participated in inter club racing at Redlands Ipswich, Hawthorne, Toowoomba and Caboolture. What was required was a sealed race circuit track of their own in the Wynnum District, where they could train and compete.



The Club gained public exposure by actively took part in Wynnum Spring Parade and later. the Brisbane Warana Festival



From left, Malcolm & Steve Beverley plus Greg Von Dohren collecting awards.



Australian 1972 Open Road Cycling Championships in Queensland were held in the Redlands. The pack is seen here in Woodlands Drive Thornlands. (Photo from Queensland Cycling Scrapbook)

The Dream of the Lota Dirt Cycling Track.

The clubs grass track initiative proved so successful that in 1973, the Cycling Committee approached the Wynnum PCYC to obtain support and funding for a Race Track on land that was formally the Lota Rubbish Dump. Club Members Ian Shapcott (Survey Trained) Norm Beverley and Dan Hovey oversaw the planning and design of a 400-metre oval shaped dirt track at Corner Andrew St and Railway Terrace Lota. With the help of Brisbane City Council Alderman Shaw, negotiations commenced, and the Land Admin Commission (subject to some red tape) agreed to sell the 1.5 hectares Crown land parcel to the Council for \$7,500, so it could be Leased to Wynnum PCYC.

A 60 Mile Handicap Race on a windy Capalaba course was a race most riders would prefer to forget. On a day of absolutely howling head winds, seemingly blowing from all quarters, no less forty riders failed to finish. The bunch contained six of the best riders in the State, but Wynnum's Rod Llewellyn courageously led the depleted bunch until joined into the final lap by Brian Ferris from Hamilton. The pair then competed in the final sprint with Ferris narrowly defeating Llewellyn to the line. Rod was subsequently selected on the Queensland Team for the 1973 Australian Senior Amateur Road Series in Adelaide. Ron Llewellyn is accredited as the Wynnum Club's first State Representative in Senior Division.

In 1974 approval was granted for the Lota Track and soon thereafter the bulldozer arrived, along with loads of road base and a top layer of coal ash procured from nearby Bulimba Power Station. The Race Track was completed and officially opened on Saturday Feb 15th, 1975. Seven Races were conducted that day, the first a 400m Time Trial which was won by Steve Flack. Every Saturday the club volunteers raked the track surface in time for the 2.00pm afternoon racing. More than 100 Girls and boys raced the Lota Track once it opened. Many initially rode dragsters and conventional Bikes.

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Cycling track for Police Club now under-going construction at Lota


Construction commenced last week on a 400 metre cycling track for the Wynnum Police Citizen's Amateur Cycling Club.


The track is located at Lota on the site of the old rubbish tip. The track, when completed, will have a cinder surface and will provide excellent racing for the club. After consolidation of the earth fill, the club will surface the track with bitumen. The inside of the track will be developed as a full racing track.

The club has been assisted by the local firms of G. & B. Motors and Bayside Towing Service who cleared the site of old car bodies. Much interest has been shown in the project by school children in the area and racing, when commenced, will be aimed at providing racing for these children.

Racing will be organised for both dragster and conventional cycles and for both boys and girls. Anyone interested in further details of the project or in assisting in any way is invited to contact Jim Shearer, phone 96 5017 at the Lota Police Club or the Secretary of the Cycling Section on 96 2415.







Alan & Ian Engstrom, Kevin Menz and Robert Crossley taking part in Team Pursuit Training. Two of the four were selected for the Qld Senior Time Trial team that placed third in Adelaide in 1979.

Time Trial Training on the Lota Dirt Track. To attract more junior and school boys and girls into racing, the club charged a small fee for Riders to participate in timed Laps on the Track. This proved popular and brought many new racers to the Club.

Competition between the clubs top three juvenile riders was so keen that to pick a winner in any race was an impossible task. Attendance was good and some great racing resulted. It wasn't long before the girls started showing an interest in the racing and on one occasion, Marion Stone defeated the boys in the A Grade Sub Juvenile and Juvenile Omnium. Steven Daw, David Gibb, Kevin Menz and John Airy also won events regularly.

The Club's first Ladies.

Marion Stone joined the Wynnum PCYC Amateur Cycling Club in 1976 as a 14-year-old, at the time she was the only female rider competing on the Lota dirt track. She remembers at the time it was a little scary racing with all the boys, but she soon settled in. Marion was racing a girl's step-through bike when she first started, and she did ok riding it, but after a short while, a few of the dads got together and made up a racing bike for her ride and keep. It was a fixed wheel with foot stirrups. Marion was just a novice, starting at around 40 metres handicap, she took to the bike so well, she was passing some of the boys and was soon classified as starting from Scratch. Marion trained by herself and regularly rode the Wynnum foreshore and to Wellington Point.

As well as racing at Lota, she also competed at Balmoral and Ipswich tracks. "Racing was a little scary." she said. Her worst fall was when she was sprinting for the line and her handle bars snapped right at the goose neck sending her over the handle bars while still strapped into the bike. Falling on gravel wasn't the best feeling, it scaped her up a bit but she was more upset as she was in the lead at the time.

Marion was the only female for a while, then four other Lota girls, Julie Thompson, Donna Boone, Lisa O'Shea and Janelle Benfer joined the club. They were younger than Marion, but they got on well and didn't feel so left out with all the boys. Marian rode a few century runs and still to this day, has her certificates. She recalls everyone in the club was so supportive. It was just like a big family gathering around the big tree in the infield, she said they were her best teenage years.

It was hard to tell the who was who because in those days many of the boys had long hair. The girls recall names of some of the Fathers who supported the young riders as, Bernie Engstrom, Val Chadwick, John Aubrey, Dell Pope, Norm Beverley, Lloyd Flack, and Dan Hovey but there were many more. Marion will always remember Big John Airey, "He was such a lovely person." All the Boys and men, to this day reminisce about the good old Wynnum Cycling days.



Marion Russell (nee Stone) pictured 3rd Rider from the right.



Wynnum Herald posted weekly Race results and the girls found it exciting to see their name in the local paper. Pictured L to R Donna Boone, Lisa O'Shea, Marion Stone Julie Thompson & Janelle Benfer.



Wynnum Riders assemble for the Saturday afternoon Racing at the Lota Dirt Track.

A two-day Toowoomba Cycling Carnival saw fifteen Wynnum riders entered. The Event attracted some of Australia's Olympic Riders, as well more than 50 riders from NSW and Victoria. The Combined racing was dominated by the Olympians and Interstate riders, however the Wynnum youngsters gained by seeing these great wheelmen in action. The Wynnum Medal Haul was more than satisfying, Mark Mangham winning 2 Gold, Rob Crossley 1 Gold, Bruce Chiverton 1 Gold, and 2 Bronze, and Brian Tierney 2 Silver Medals.

1978. Wynnum dominance in the State Team Time Trials.

The 1978 State 100km Time Trial success at Glenore Grove Laidley saw the fourth Rider, Bill Vandenberg, missing from the Medal presentation. Bill was a priest and had to withdraw from the event at the 75 km mark, to return to his Parish to officiate at the wedding of a young couple. Bill must have arranged an invisible replacement from above to assist in those last 25km's.



*Robert Crossley, Kerry Carmichael & Kevin Menz. (Father *Bill Vandenberg was*absent)*

Following on from Time Trial success the Wynnum Club competed at the Queensland State Road Titles at Caboolture. Robert Crossley took out the senior event with a very creditable ride and Kevin Menz was second. In the Junior category Neil Murphy also placed second. Young Greg Menz clearly won the Sub-Junior event making the Club Medal Haul two Gold and two Silver Medals.

This early picture shows the club assembled at Lota in for the Annual century and Half century rides. Many of the riders were already doing these km regularly, but the century runs were a social event for everybody to achieve what is still a reasonable goal. Riders who successfully completed the distance were awarded a Certificate. The 100 Mile riders on that day were Tony White, John Airey, Stephen Flack, David Gibb, Mark Dodson. Robert Crossley, S Spinks, veteran Rider Harold Williams and Doug Fyfe. They rode in T-shirts most of the time but taking them off to remove the shirt tan lines was quite normal.



The 100 Mile riders on that day were Tony White, John Airey, Stephen Flack, David Gibb, Mark Dodson. Robert Crossley, Steve Spinks, veteran Rider Harold Williams and Doug Fyfe.

Wynnum was represented by Robert Crossley. at the 1978 Australian Amateur Road Championships at Mt Petrie Rd Chandler. This was to also become the Road Race course for the 1982 Commonwealth Games. Robert's results did not go unnoticed as he was later selected on the Australian Team. Robert calculated that between National and State Club events, he had ridden over 2000 training and Racing kilometres on the Mt Petrie Course.



Mt Petrie Road Chandler was often used for Road Cycling events.



National Track Championship in Brisbane Rider Greg Menz

1979 – Why the Break-away from the Police Club.

This detailed 1979 News article in the Wynnum Herald reflects the enormous frustrations the PCYC Cycling group encountered during in that five-year period of delays due to red tape. Permits to race on local roads were not available, nor was there any prospect for upgrading the Lota dirt track, particularly given the costs for development had more than doubled.

Coming from being one of the largest Clubs in the State, Membership had fallen by 30 in just one year with riders either joining the cycling clubs with facilities or leaving the sport altogether. Bon Dippel was President during that time and his committee could see the Wynnum PCYC were neither motivated nor in a position to participate in a venture of the proportion required, so the Cycling Group convened a special meeting, and it was decided in the best interests of the cyclists, to disassociate from the PCYC and "go it alone."

The new name Wynnum Amateur Cycling Club was adopted with the empathise on making the best of what they had, by racing outside the Wynnum district to Ipswich, Toowoomba, Caboolture Gold Coast Beaudesert or wherever there were events. Parents with suitable vehicles would Transport as many Kids and Bikes as was safe to do so.

In the 1970's, there was no shortage of cycling talent in the Wynnum Club, particularly in the junior ranks, and the prospect of riders representing their State at Australian Cycling Championships, as well as the Brisbane Commonwealth Games on a new Velodrome in 1982, would have provided additional motivation to continue.

CYCLE CLUB SEEKS A LEASE FOR LOTA LAND

THREE years ago the Wynnum Police and Citizens' Amateur Cycling Club could have developed an old dump area at Lota into a first class cycling track for only \$6000.

Today that same track will cost more than twice that — \$14,000.

Club members and supporters are fed up battling against the wads of local and State Government red tape and officialdom.

Since 1974 the club has tried to get a lease for its land and a subsidy to develop it, but with little success.

The club should be granted its lease by April, but after five years of hoping, the committee is sceptical.

While it looks as if the club has finally won the war there is still another battle to be fought.

FINANCE

The club will need at least \$45,000 now to develop the land.

It must have the cycling track shaped correctly and then bituminised; the centre area must be top dressed and then grassed to be used as a senior soccer field.

There is another section of the 10 acres which is to be developed for two junior soccer fields and then there has to be a level area for parking and a block of toilets, showers and change rooms.

The club on the corner of Andrew Street and Railway Parade, Lota, was founded in 1970 by Norm Beverley of Wynnum who is its president and most ardent supporter.

It is affiliated with the Wynnum branch of the Queensland Police and Association and the Queensland Cycling Association.

MEMBERSHIP

It has 60 members, mainly boys and men but also some girls, whose ages range from eight years to veteran class.

Last year its membership fell from 90 to 60 and Mr. Beverley said that is largely due to its poor track.

"We've been promising the boys a decent track for years. They just don't believe it any more", said Mr. Beverley.

He said of those who leave the club some continue to ride at other clubs with good facilities or they drop out of the sport entirely.

LARGEST

Last year Wynnum Cycling Club was one of the largest clubs in Queensland and boasted some of the State's top riders.

It also has a great deal of potential in its junior riders.

"They've got the potential to become some of Australia's top riders", said Mr. Beverley.

"The track they ride on at the moment is gravel, and if it wasn't for the parents who water it and mow it each Saturday morning they'd have nowhere at all.

"We've never had any bad accidents on the track. The boys are more aware of the need for safety because it is gravel. They've done well despite the poor track.

"But we'd like to help them do better by getting a bituminised track."

WORK

What work has been done on the old dump was done by volunteers using council equipment and part of a \$6000 subsidy from the State Government which was received in 1974.

The club has had to apply for extensions of time on the subsidy while it has waited for the Brisbane City Council to issue a lease on the land.

"Originally the land was a public rubbish dump", said the Police Youth Club's secretary manager, Constable Doug Phillips.

"The people who live near there think it's heaven since we took over and have tried to develop the area. When we started grading and levelling the area we struck about 200 car bodies, rubbish and car lantana about 15 ft. high.

"If it had been left the way it was it would have been a public eyesore", said Constable Phillips.

UNABLE

The club has been unable to fully develop the area as it could not obtain a lease.

"The Brisbane City Council kept putting our requests for a lease off because it was in the throes of having its town plan approved.

"It didn't want to give permission to anything until the plan went through. Under the town plan the area is zoned for sport and recreation", Beverley said.

But obtaining a lease was not the only problem. The club faced.

POLICE

"In 1974 the police stopped giving out permits for road cycling which is what our club did the most in those days. That's when we decided to establish a home base and a track.

"Otherwise the boys had to travel to Ipswich, Caboolture or Toowoomba to ride.

"These days you need a car to be a cyclist if your club hasn't a track of its own.

"With our own track we could accommodate more riders each Saturday and could hold our own carnivals".

STRICT

Mr. Beverley said the club is strictly run and the members are made to wear safety gear at all times.

"We were given a \$6000 subsidy by the State Government in 1976 and then we were granted extensions to it. We finally used about \$3000 of the money in June 1978 to do some

levelling and drainage work. Otherwise we would have lost the subsidy".

"It was in February, 1976 we applied for the lease the first time. Then the track would have cost about \$6000 and the subsidy would have covered it, but we couldn't spend the money until we had a lease.

STATE

"In May 1977 we found out that these quarters of the land belonged to the State Government so when we had to wait while the Council bought the land off the Government, it cost about \$7000, I think.

"But we still didn't have a lease. So we had to continue getting extensions on the subsidy.

"In March 1978 we applied for a \$25,000 subsidy to cover the amenities block needed as well as the track but the Government said no as it was tightening up on funding.

"We do get about \$300 which is used to coach the juniors".

But still the club hasn't got its lease.

Mr. Beverley said cycling gave the children of Wynnum something healthy to occupy them instead of running around the streets.

"They can reach the Commonwealth or Olympic Games if they're good enough. Look at Stephen Goodall and Scott Ramsay. They see boys around them do it. But they need a good track to do that".

"I can't say the track has held the good ones back. But a good track could help them do better and the not so good ones improve".

He said cycling was a sport which could be practised all year round.

"The track would be put to good use and so would the land. The centre would be used for soccer as well. Queensland Cycling Association officials say our club has the potential to be the largest and best in Queensland".

Mr. Beverley said he hoped the club would receive some community support to boost the club's finances.



The Wynnum Herald article from 1979 featuring Club Foundation and Life Member Norman Beverley, who played a huge part in the establishment administration and development of the Wynnum Cycling Club.

Part 2. The Golden Era of the 1980's.

The 1980's proved a dominant era by Queensland Cyclists, most particularly in the Australian Cycling Championships Team Time Trial Events. In the period 1979-91 The Queensland Teams won Gold in the TTT Event seven times (1981, 83, 84, 86, 89, 90 & 91, and Silver 82 & 85 and Bronze 79, 87 & 88.



*The successful Qld Time Trial Team after the Nationals in Tasmania 1981
From left Chris Waring, Robert Crossley, Mike McLachlan & Keith Lane.*



The Parry Cup.



Cycling QLD President Mike Victor (in mustard jacket) looks on as the Qld Team line up ready to start the 1984 Aust Team Time Trial event. Left to right Kerry Carmichael (Wynnum), Rob Crossley (Wynnum) Russell Tucker & Jeff Leslie.



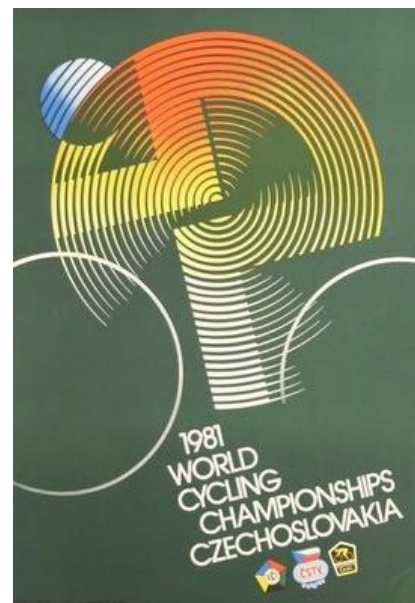
Perth 1984 Qld TTT squad members Jeff Leslie, Russell Tucker, Robert Crossley (Wynnum) & Kerry Carmichael (Wynnum) at the presentation of the winner's Trophy.

From Wynnum Life Member Robert Crossley. "We were a young Team with nobody over 20, and we had no expectations on that day in Tasmania. Maybe Mike Victor did, but I certainly didn't. Even our own state of Queensland didn't rate us highly, our handicapper not that long before, deciding that there was nobody worthy of riding off scratch, so the backmarkers started off a minute or something (can't remember the details).

We followed our plan and rode evenly, with our last 25km just as fast the first, second, and third, and we won the race for our State with the best time. We were as surprised as everyone else was on that day as it was the first time anyone had beaten Victoria. That win flowed into my first racing events overseas, which was something that I would never have considered otherwise, and as a Cyclist, it opened a whole new set of options for me into the future."



1981. Off to the Cycling World Championships in Prague Czechoslovakia

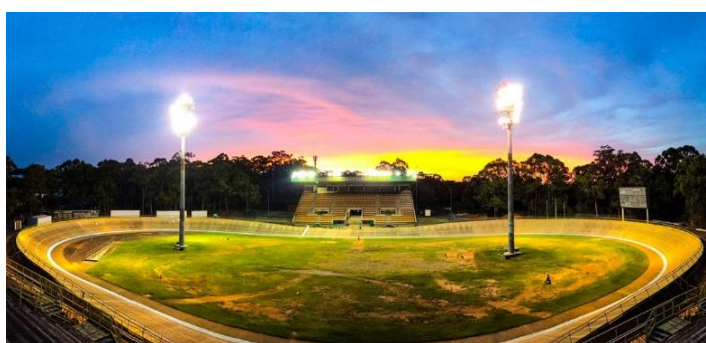


On the back of the Queensland Team win at the Nationals in Tasmania, Robert Crossley (Wynnum), Mike McLachlan, Keith Lane and Chris Waring were selected for the Time Trial Team to contest the August 1981 World Championships in Prague Czechoslovakia. Our boys were a bunch of 21-year-olds, totally overawed, and of course, not using any drug regime. From the gun, Australia started slowly and got caught in the first 25 km by the Swiss and Mexican teams. They were together for the next 50km, and it became a three Team full-on drag race most time, with all 3 teams' hard at it, side by side.

The Mexicans were the first dropped, and eventually the Swiss got a small Gap on the Aussies, which they managed to hold to the finish. Whilst many of the teams were on the latest bikes, some with Disc Wheels, the Australians were riding standard bikes with spoked wheels.

The Championship Gold Medal went to East Germany with Soviet Union earning Silver and Czechoslovakia Bronze. The Australian Team rode bravely coming in a creditable 23rd in the time of 2hrs 13min. Not wasting a rare opportunity, the resourceful Aussies purchased carriers from the local bike shop and fitted them to their racing bikes. With bags and possessions aboard the four adventurers rode the 700km back across Europe to Switzerland and that's another story for another day!

Brisbane's successful bid to play host for the 1982 Commonwealth Games led to the design and construction of a state-of-the-art Velodrome, located at Sleeman Centre Chandler. The complex featured an outdoor Olympic standard track with world class timing and scoreboard systems, and capacity for 3500 seated spectators.



Clubs were soon able to access a world class Track Cycling facility with lighting to cater for night training and events. The publicity generated by the games created a renewed interest in the sport and Wynnum Redlands Club's membership was again on the increase, particularly the junior ranks. The club booked the facility for mid-week training and the Cyclists who took part were able to gain the experience and skills from racing and training on the road and the track.



1982 Road Racing at its best, but with a questionable “dead heat.”



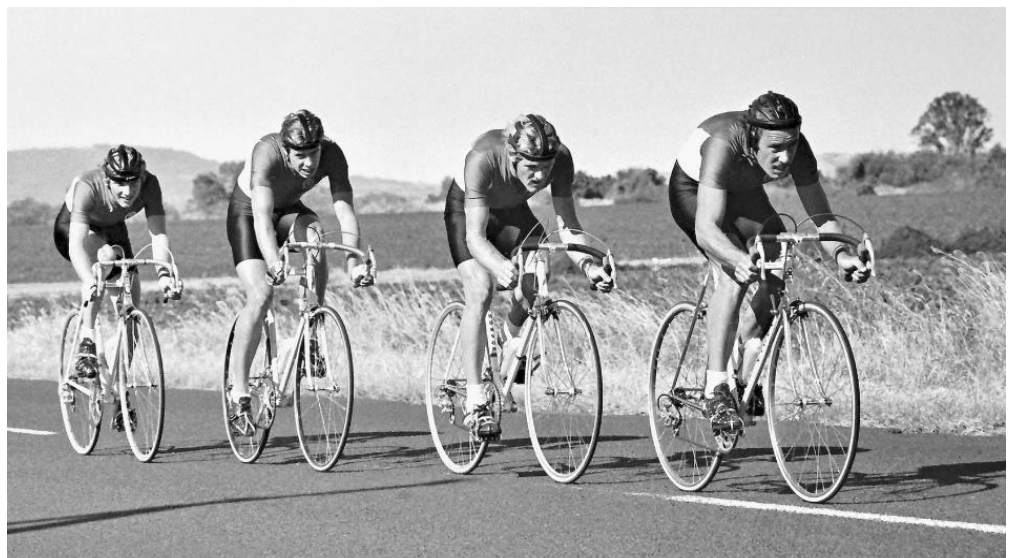
The Grafton 2 Day Tour, the picture shows the Day 1 finish, and the story is from Robert Crossley (Wynnum 2nd from the right). "Queensland got in lots of trouble that day. The Six of us including Kerry Carmichael (Wynnum 3rd from the left) formed up into a break and took minutes out of the field.

The Six of us including Kerry Carmichael (Wynnum 3rd from the left) formed up into a break and took minutes out of the field. Racing towards the finish, they made a pact that no one deserved to win, and the riders would fight out the places the next day, so they carefully made sure they were all in a line at the finish. If anyone was awarded the race win, they had to shout dinner that night, so you could say it became a “measured effort” with the officials almost disqualifying the lot of them for collusion.”

1982 COUNTDOWN TO QUEENSLAND TTT CHALLENGE.

At the finish of the 1982 Australian Teams Time Trial Championship held in Brisbane, the finish line spectators knew the Qld team were closing fast on the Victorian Team's three remaining riders.

The partisan crowd were loudly counting down the remaining seconds for the locals to arrive inside the Victorians time. It was a thrilling finish with the plucky Queenslander just nine seconds in arrears, taking the Silver Medal.



The Qld fast team: Mike McLachlan leading Keith Lane, Chris Waring, and Robert Crossley (Wynnum)

National Championships and Commonwealth Games



1982 Greg Menz (Wynnum)1st, Dean Woods 2nd at the Australian Junior Road championship Brisbane. Greg and brother Kevin Menz first started racing at the Wynnum Club's old Lota dirt track in the mid 70's.



The 1982 Commonwealth Games Australian Cycling Team: Robert Crossley (Wynnum) Front row Left. Robert Crossley was later awarded Life Membership of Wynnum Redlands Cycling Club.

1984. Club Member Kerry Carmichael's LA Olympic Games selection



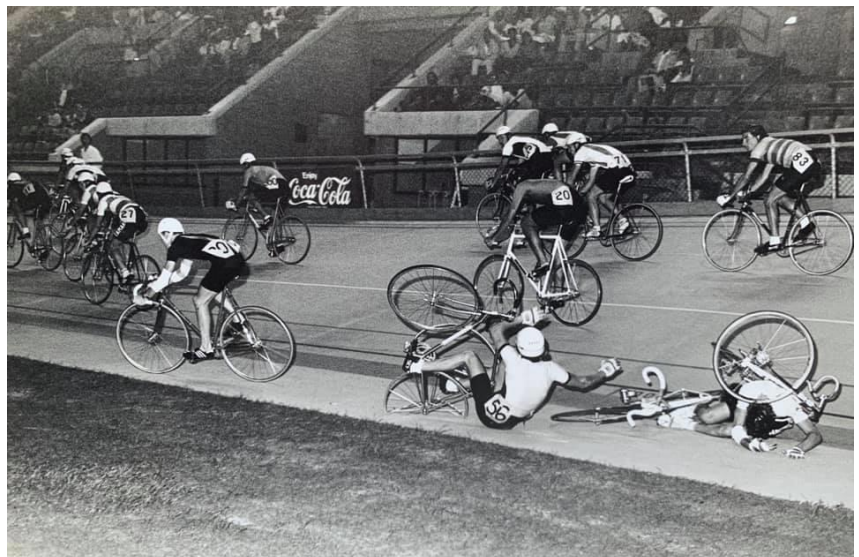
Australian Cycling Team 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles USA. Back row, Michael Grenda, Glenn Clarke, Garry Trowell, Michael Lynch, Jeff Leslie, Max Rainsford, Kevin Nicholls, Kenrick Tucker, Dean Woods, Michael Turtur. Front, John Watters, Kerry Carmichael, Gary West, Shane Bannon. The Aussie 4 (Woods, Grenda, Nichols & Turtur smashed the opposition on the Track winning Gold in the Team Pursuit. (Photo credit Brian Collier)

Club Member Kevin Menz managed a regular 5.00 am training Squad on Tuesday and Thursday Mornings, along the Wynnum Manly Esplanade. The Club also Raced along the newly constructed Port Road to Fisherman Island. Ironically, Twenty Years later, WRCC introduced training Squads on Tuesday and Thursday Mornings in Cleveland Point Raby Bay Circuit.

In that same year Club Secretary Dan Hovey prepared and presented a draft Constitution and Club Rules that were adopted at the WRCC 1985 AGM.

The Queensland Team rolled up to the start line of the Australian National Team's Time Trial championships at Bacchus Marsh Victoria on Sunday the 17th of September 1985, and caused a minor sensation.

There had never been a road funny bike at a national TTT championship before. Custom Frame builder Geoff Scott built the funny bikes for the Australian team that competed at the 1982 Brisbane Commonwealth Games. On this occasion the Queenslanders took the Silver Medal.



Thrills & Spills at the 1984 Qld Track Titles at Chandler Velodrome



1985 Qld Road Time Trial Team Silver Medallists Kerry Carmichael (Wynnum), Greg Dwiar, Jeff Leslie and Keith Lane at the Australian National TTT Bacchus Marsh Vic.

The 1984 International Grafton - Inverell Cycling Classic.

The 1980's saw the Grafton Race go truly International with teams representing numerous countries, competing in the race. It has been won by riders from all over Europe and the USA so Wynnum member Robert Crossley's second placing to the Italian Eros Poli showed him in good company. Looking back through race reports from past Grafton to Inverell events, one common factor highlighted is the nature of the one-day classic course, some have argued it stands up well against some of the European classics.



1984 Grafton Inverell Race was won in a powerful sprint finish by Eros Poli (Italy) with Robert Crossley (WRCC) placing second and Thurlow Rogers (USA) third.

From Rob Crossley *"I can still remember feeling quite smug with the tactic, Poli was doing one kilometre turns at motorbike speed while we chased the front breakaway group. I can claim some part of his success in the race, as I had done the climb at my own speed from the start, and had caught him near the top, I wanted him with me for the flat roads to Glen Innes, so I waited and encouraged him to the top."*

"We made the catch to the bunch and, in the finish straight Poli led out at speed. From then on it was like trying to come past a motorbike, but I managed to get second." Eros Poli was an Italian former professional racing cyclist of the 1990s, who later became Mario Cipollini's lead-out man in bunch sprints.



The breakaway Grafton to Inverell 1984 , Kerry Carmichael (Wynnum) QLD, (left) Keith Davis WA. (centre), Robert Cobcroft NSW.(right). Image credit Dennis Lane.



Grafton Podium 1st Place Eros Poli (Italy) left 2nd place Robert Crossley (Wynnum) and right 3rd place Thurlow Rogers (USA)

UCI World Track Championship Bassno del Grappa Italy.

Peter Bartley represented Australia in the Junior Pursuit 1985 UCI Track Championships in Bassno del Grappa Italy. Fourteen events were contested, 12 for men and 2 for women. What and Experience for Peter, he rode well but could not match the Europeans. Australia's Medallists were Danny Clarke Silver in Motor Pace and Martin Vinnicombe Bronze in Amateur Kilo ITT 1000m.



1985 Qld 100 km Senior Road Teams Time Trial Championships at Lytton. From Left - K Carmichael, S Berglund, N Murphy & K Menz



WRCC 1986 CHANDLER STATE SERIES WINNING TRACK TEAM.
 Back row-Barber, Chris Peters, Russell Tucker, Greg Menz, Peter Bartley, Darrel McCulloch, Waco Hamlin, Robert Crossley, Mark Thompson. Front row-Coach Kerry Carmichael, Neil Rowe, Mark Frost, Matthew Blannin, John Navarette.
 Photo from "The Qld Cycling Scrapbook."



1987 Abruzzie Cup. Lawson, Crossley & Llewellyn-McCulloch

Chandler Star Night, late 1980's Wynnum Redlands on Track for Gold.

Gold Medallists Wynnum Redlands sponsored by XEROX, a New Zealand based Technology Company, Silver Medallists Caloundra and Bronze Medallists Logan Lasers sponsored by Flashing Pedals Bike Shop.



*Back row left: Darryl Anderson, David Weir, David Minter (WRCC), Wally Lancaster, (WRCC), Lockie Sanders, Andrew Prichard.
Front row Left: Ian Downing, Darren Lawson, John Naveratte (WRCC), 10 Simon O'Neill (WRCC), M Frost (WRCC), Gavin Dagg, Ian Goodwin*



WRCC Club members seen here posing for a photograph at the Velodrome after training on the road circuit around the Chandler complex.

In July 1987 the newly constructed Mt Cotton Driver Training Centre became operational, and the records show that shortly after, our Club hosted a Cycling Events there with a program featuring 13 Divisions, all allocated their own separate race. Cat A & B both raced 100km or 33 laps with combined racing covering 632km. It must have been like the Cycling equivalent of a Bathurst 1000.

Part 3. The 1990's WRCC Riders represented Australia World Championships.

Wally Lancaster represented Australia on the 1990 Commonwealth Games Cycling Team in Auckland New Zealand. He rode in the Team Time finishing in 5th place. The Podium was New Zealand Gold, Canada Silver, England Bronze. Wally also competed in the Road Race.



More representative honours in August 1990 when Waco Hamlin was selected on the Australian Team for the World Track Championships in Maebashi Japan. Fifteen events were contested, 12 for men (5 for professionals, 7 for amateurs) and 3 for women. The Australians came away with 1 Gold 1 Silver and 4 Bronze Medals.



Wally Lancaster was selected on the 1990 Australian Team for the 1990 World Cycling Championships in Utsunomiya Japan. They competed in the Amateur Road Race and the Team Time Trial where the team finished in 17th place.



Without these hard-working groups, Cycle racing would not happen.



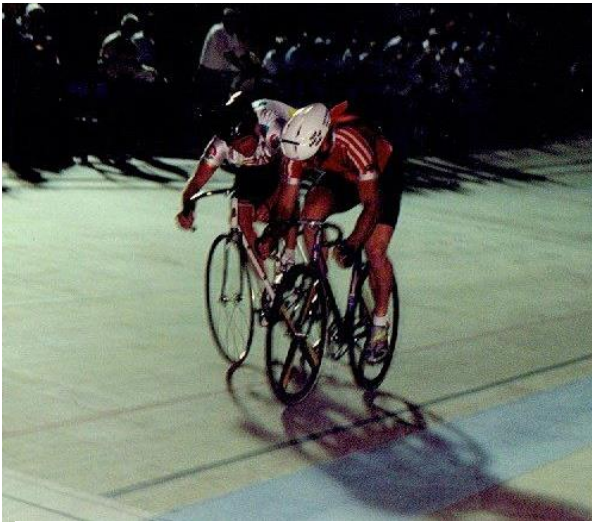
Commissaires from a Queensland Track Championships in the 80's. Back Row: Mike Victor, Peter McKenna, Bill Hurley, Earl Sanders (WRCC), James Victor, Marg Hutton, Cliff Silcox, Wendy Sanders (WRCC) Vern Crawford, Barry Reith, Craig Graham, Lloyd Flack (WRCC), Sam Ingram, Geoff Osborne, Cec Rooney. Front Row: Bernie Engstrom, Dot Ingram, Kerry Devine, Elaine Hamlin (WRCC), Mick Birrer. Photo Credit Qld Cycling Scrapbook.



1990 Qld Pursuit Championships Chandler WRCC Silver Medallists Top left John Mclean & Billy Wright Front Left Greg Levick & Brian Collier.

More WRCC Track success.

When Chandler Velodrome opened near WRCC home base, it presented an opportunity for our club to train and excel on the Track, and success came early with some excellent results at the State Championships and events.



Billy Wright with eyes fixed on the finishing line for another impressive win at the Oceania Games at Townsville Velodrome.



1989 And this time it was WRCC Gold in the Team Pursuit at the Chandler Track. Centre front left Billy Wright & Greg Grissell, back Rod Sneddon & John McLean



Regular Night Training and Racing took place at Chandler Velodrome



Another Gold Medal for Billy. In his "Hey Day" Billy was an eight-time winner of the prestigious Queensland Masters Track Cyclist of the Year Award.



TEAM RABY BAY were sponsored by Raby Bay Cycles. L/R John McLean, Alex Sobolev & Rod Sneddon (Team Member Billy Wright was absent)



In the 1990's Alex Sobolev, a former member of the Russian Nation Cycling team, migrated to Australia. It was cycling's gain that Alex settled in Brisbane, and he was welcomed into WRCC with open arms. Alex lived in Coorparoo at the time, and often rode to the Chandler Velodrome on his road bike, with his track bike slung over his shoulder. He raced professionally for 14 years mostly in Europe the USA and here Australia.

At the time, Club Member John McLean operated a business known as Bikekwik Cycle Coaching. He conducted regular weekly coaching sessions at Chandler Velodrome and with Dan Hovey, Billy Wright and others, contributed enormously to the standards and skills attained by Club members.

Masters Road Cycling in the early 90s, was also hard fought. Pictured right, the A grade riders in the Queensland open criterium crest the back straight hill before the downhill sprint to the finishing straight.



Riders L to R (obscured) Terry Peters, Roland Cowman, (behind) Ray Davis, Michael Glindemann, Greg Minnie, John McLean (WRCC), & Steve Christie

1994 The World Masters Games. Richard Douglas took charge of the Cycling element.



Richard Douglas World Master Games Cycling Coordinator

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1994 World Masters Games Cycling Program

In 1994 more than 23,000 masters-aged athletes from 71 countries converged on the Sunshine State's capital, Brisbane, to compete in 30 sports as part of the 3rd World Masters Games, and full credit to WRCC Member Richard Douglas (pictured above) who willingly put his hand up for the Role of Games Committee Member in charge of the Cycling element. Richard and several the Wynnum Redlands Club Volunteers also competed in the event. The Road Race was conducted on the Chandler Mt Petrie Circuit, the Time Trial on Gateway Motorway Boondall, the Criterium on Riverside Drive West End and the Hill Climb up Mt Cootha. .

Cycling interest in the 1995 KP Cunningham Classic saw WRCC represented in every Class. Entrants were Aron Hovey U19, Col Conrad & Richard Douglas Vets A, Peter Osuch Vets B, Dan Hovey & Michael Rankin Vets C and Andrew King Senior C. In that same year WRCC began their association with Capalaba Sports Club.

Open Cycling events were regularly organised by WRCC, included Redland Bay Handicap, Cleveland Strawberry Open, Lord Mayor's Handicap Redland Bay and the Boonah 2 Day where Billy Wright was asked to hop on his motorbike to round up cattle that had wandered on to the race course. Additional events were Wivenhoe Dam Road Race and the Cleveland South Street Criterium.

The Club continued to provide regular evening Track Racing and Training events at the outdoor Chandler concrete Velodrome and even conducted a successful open Cycle Race on Moreton Bay's Russell Island, but the real need was always to have a local off-road Criterium Track in our own district. The Club executive had many meetings with Redlands Council and there were discussions about Cleveland Showgrounds as a possible Track option, but budget constraints at the time prevented any positive outcomes so for a time, some Club Road races were conducted on the Port of Brisbane Road and around the Sleeman Complex Car Park at Chandler.



In the 1990's WRCC conducted Club racing around the South Street Industrial estate in Cleveland. Pictured from left: Tony Churchward, Shane Knight, James Steninga & Michael Pesch.

Part 4. Year 2000, the New Millemium, and the Wheels didn't fall off

Records reveal the WRCC Committee workload was huge with many of the Club Executive holding multiple roles. Up until 1999, John Jarvis had served as club President for a record eleven consecutive terms. As evidenced from the Race Books and information supplied by members, all remained enthused and active, and they raced Road and Track regularly. The population growth in Redlands and improvement in road conditions made our district a magnet for cyclists ensuring our club would continue to grow. Although we had small numbers of regular social riders, they had fun, and it didn't take long for new riders to join the group and eventually take an interest in WRCC committee roles and decision making. At that time the club had an affiliation with Capalaba Sports Club which provided us a meeting venue, a means of fund raising via "Meat tray Raffles" and home base for functions and Social Rides.



Riders assemble at Capalaba Sporting Club Car-Park for the Sunday Club Social Ride. From left: Case Scholtes, Brett Heron, Glen Hodgkinson & Barry "Diesel" Dieckmann.

The Club introduced regular 5.30am Saturday training rides commencing from Capalaba, riding to Woollongabba then the return via Balmoral Tingalpa, Hemmant, Lindum, Wynnum, Lota, Thorneside then on to Wellington Point and Cleveland for Coffee. Initially the Riders linked up with Planet Cycles Group to make about 30 in total but as our own numbers grew, we did our own thing as a Club. The distance was 75km and the pace comfortable average for a big pack.

Ever aware we needed to look after new and inexperienced Riders; the Club introduced a shorter slower Saturday Ride called the "Chicken Run. It was scheduled so it finished at Cleveland at around the same time as the main group. Many of the Club youngsters and the Girls got their start on the Chicken Run.



The Promo for the "Chicken Run."

These rides were an excellent way of attracting new Club Members, especially at Coffee Shops after rides. Special longer Rides were added like Mt Coo-tha, Mt Gravatt, Redcliffe, Daisy Hill/Carbrook. Sanctuary Cove Etc.



Most Club Rides feature Wellington Point, which has become a magnet for Group Social Rides on weekends. Our Club is blessed to be living in this beautiful Cycle friendly Bayside City of Redlands.



Tuesday and Thursday early morning training sessions are conducted in the spectacular Cleveland Point Raby Bay precinct. This Environment continues to be the motivation to get up early for training, all year round.

Track Racing was already strong in the club with Dan Hovey, Billy Wright, Bruce Chiverton and Shane Knight, organising events and racing at Chandler on Tuesday Evenings, but now the club had a strong representation of Road Riders keen and ready to compete, and as the standard of riders improved the club focus moved to include and enter more Road events. The 5.00 am Tuesday and Thursday Morning Training sessions of one Hour duration, became the launching pad to make this a reality.

Saturday Morning at Murarrie (Muzz) Crit Circuit saw most of the new riders make their racing debut. For many the results came early on. Frans de Beurs, Big Pete Russi, Rob Clarke, Mark Lang, Andy Frater and Peter Theodore experienced success after only a few starts.

2003 Queensland Masters Track Championships Townsville.

Billy Wright just loves to Race and his 5 Gold medals on the Track in Townsville was a memorable achievement. David Jones took away a Silver and two Bronze Medals:

- Event 1. 500m Time Trial. Gold No 1.
- Event 2. Flying 200. Gold No 2 - David Jones Bronze.
- Event 3. Pursuits. Gold No 3, - David Jones Silver.
- Event 4. 1000m Sprint. Gold No 4, - David Jones Bronze.
- Event 5. 30 Lap Scratch Race. Gold No 5.

Two years later the State Masters Track Championships were held at the Chandler Velodrome and WRCC again entered to fly the Club colours and contest the medals. In State and National titles, Team races were considered the “Blue Ribbon” events as it shows the strength and depth of the State Clubs, particularly in the Teams Pursuit.



Billy Wright plants one on David Jones after the Qld Track Masters success in Townsville.

The Team of David Jones, Greg Levick, Doug Newitt and Billy Wright took the Silver Medal in the 4000 metre Teams Pursuit. In the 500 metre Time Trial Doug Newitt took the Silver Medal. Doug also came away Bronze Medals in both the Sprint and the Individual Pursuit. Overall, the club had some good results at the Championships.

The Club supported Hamilton Pine Rivers Anzac series with ten WRCC Riders starting. Result 1st Peter Russi 4th Frans All our riders completed the course.



WRCC at the 2003 Hamilton Pine Rivers Anzac 25 From left: Pete Theodore, Rob Clarke, Frans & Deb de Beurs, Billy Wright, Richard Streit, Mick Barry, Greg Levic and Case Scholtes.

Our Club stalwarts have always demonstrated staunch support for the Administration of Cycling in Queensland and in 2003 the State Manager, Hon Treasurer and Vice president of Cycling Queensland were all Members of WRCC. Our Club also had delegates that represented us at Cycling Qld Council Meetings and at Southwest District monthly Meetings. The Club also provided Commissaries and several Traffic Controllers, who were called upon at open races throughout the Road and Track season.



Billy Wright and Nelda Wallis promoted and sponsored the Annual “Gel Tech Nails” Women’s Track Grand Prix, which was held at Chandler Velodrome.



WRCC sponsored the Annual Christmas Track Carnival at Chandler Velodrome. Billy Wright seen here commentating at the event.



A future Star on the Track learning the craft. Since 1970, the Club has unearthed many Champions in all cycling disciplines.

2005 WRCC launch a stellar Road Racing Season.

The 2005 “Summer Criterium Series” was an excellent platform for the newer WRCC Members to launch their Racing Season. Whilst a few guys used the tight Murarrie circuit for their initial introduction to racing, the four Race Crestmead series proved an attraction for the guys to test themselves. The months of early morning training, hill work and long weekend rides proved to be the ideal preparation for the racing season.



From Left: Brent Fletcher, Mick Barry, Pierre de Larney, Frans de Beurs, Peter Russi, Neil Trembath & Andrew Frater & Rob Clark.



WRCC Members looking good wearing the “Cycle City Cleveland Sponsored Club Race Kit.



From a social responsibility perspective, our Club Members continued to support worthy causes. Our Riders participated in numerous Charity Bike Rides throughout the region, like the October Challenge for Cancer, MS Brisbane to the Bay Ride as well as assisting Bayside Rotary in organising the Redlands Classic Charity Bike ride that was held in August each year. Beneficiaries were Kids Cancer Council, Bravehearts, MS, Starlight Foundation and many other organisations.



Frans de Beurs. won many races for the Club, most notable the Summer Series, Nathan O’Neil Classic State Crit Champs, Pan Pac Masters (Dual Medallist) and was an overall great Competitor and social rider. Amongst his former successes was his victory in New Zealand’s largest mass participation event, the Lake Taupo Cycle Challenge. The 160km course circumnavigates the Taupo volcanic crater lake in the centre of the North Island, showcasing to the participants, the beautiful region.

2006 The WRCC Road Racing Team Success.

What a year, medals at the Crestmead Summer Series, Metropolitan Championship, the Queensland Criterium Titles, Nathan O'Neill Classic, Schultz Toomey O'Brien Crit, TREK Series, Sunshine Coast Tour just to name a few.

WRCC Results - 2006 Crestmead Summer Series. "Redbacks – the ideal Start."

Race 1. 2nd Frans De Beurs. 3rd Mark Lang Race 2. 1st Mark Lang
Race 3. 1st Frans de Beurs Race 4. 1st Pete Russi 2nd Mark Lang

WRCC Results - 2006 Metropolitan Championships

Race 1. Criterium Murarrie Men's Masters D. 1st Douglas Newitt

WRCC Results - 2006 Metropolitan Championships

Race 2. Road at Mt Alford Men's Masters C. 1st Andy Frater 2nd Peter Russi

WRCC Results - 2006 Qld Criterium Championships

Men's Masters 6. 3rd Richard Douglas
Men's Masters 5. 3rd Frans De Beurs.

WRCC Results - 2006 - Nathan O'Neill Classic:

Masters C. SEQ Tour Teams Comp. WRCC placed 7 riders in the top 10
1st Frans De Beurs (leaders Jersey) 2nd Peter Russi.

WRCC Results -2006 Schultz Toomey O'Brien Crit:

Masters Men's C: 4 WRCC Riders finishing in the top Ten.
1st Mark Lang 2nd Frans De Beurs.

WRCC Results -2006 Trek Series:

Race 1 Masters C Men's 62km 1st Mark Lang



WRCC Frans de Beurs leading out Masters C.



WRCC Race participants proudly wearing the Club Kit

2006 Sunshine Coast Tour, a three day, four stage South East Qld 4-day Easter event.

Stage One - Tinbeerwah - Road Race.

A 25km circuit contained both fast flat rolling sections and some challenging climbs to mix up the fields.

Stage Two -Montville - Hill Climb.

A 7km race contained 6kms of up- hill racing and provided the first decisive stage of the Tour.

Stage Three - Yandina - Individual Time Trial.

An undulating 10km course Some impressive sub-14-minute times were posted in several grades.

Stage Four - Eumundi - Road Race.

A 20km circuit which contained numerous undulations including three short "pinch" climbs, enough to make the riders get into the small chain rings.



Sunshine Coast Tour Winner Neil Trembath.

The WRCC "Redback Armada" displayed a dominating performance in the Masters Men's C competition, with Neil Trembath placing either first or second in all the Tour stages. In the Teams Category WRCC Redbacks maintained a strangle hold on the Masters Men's C.

Individual placings were Neil Trembath 1st Andrew Frater 3rd Mark Lang 4th Frans de Beurs 5th Peter Russi 6th.
WRCC won the Teams Category by a country Mile.

2007 “From a Small Seed – who knows what Grows?”

A Cycling Club can make a difference in helping youngsters. Imagine that it's 5.00 am on a winter's morning and WRCC Riders are training on the Club's regular Cleveland Loop, when they come upon a young lad aged 14, on a beat-up old bike with a Torch taped on his handlebars. They chat and Lee Masters says he wants to be a bike rider. It was school holidays and yet Lee was back the next morning and the next after that. They thought, "how many kids his age would even be out of bed this early?" With Irish Heritage it must be the "Porridge?" The Club members pitched in with spares and Peter Russi managed to put a decent bike together for him. Lee joined the Club and soon learned his craft.



He participated for some years in Club racing and top domestic events, as well as competing in Triathlons. For his effort and results, Lee was awarded a National Talent Scholarship with the Australian Institute of Sport and Raced in the ITU series. Lee represented his State in the Australian Teams Road Championships achieving amazing Podium successes.



Lee Masters 2014 Club Champion



Lee Masters leads off in Noosa Triathlon



*Qld U/23 ITT 2014 Championships
1st Kristian Juel WRCC, 3rd. Lee Masters WRCC*

Lee Masters joined a Road Series Pro Team Scody Down Under, then raced in Europe competing in Holland, Belgian, France, Italy and Germany, experiencing the top step of many international podiums. Because of his family heritage, Lee also qualified and competed in the 2022 Irish National championships. We are proud Lee Masters came through our ranks and found a real love for Cycling and we eagerly watch his progress in Racing.



NRS Pro Team Scody Down Under WRCC's Lee Masters 6th Rider from Left.

Lee's Mum (Judy Masters) wrote a Thank-You letter to our Club dated Feb 2008.

10th February, 2008.

To the member of the Wynnum Redlands Cycling Club,

As the mother of one of your junior members, Lee Masters, I wanted to take this opportunity to extend an enormous expression of gratitude for all that you have done for my son.

Lee became a keen cyclist during a period when he found it was the one thing he could do that didn't rely on anyone else to participate, when he could ride to clear his thoughts and find an optimistic outlook towards his future. At first the whole "riding solo" thing worried me but we soon found that there was a social club nearby his home called WRCC. Straddled upon his full steel Repco bike - complete with his, ever needed toolkit, in his backpack, he joined up with the morning rides and quickly discovered that it was where he wanted to be and more importantly, felt he belonged.

So who were these mysterious men of 30 years plus whom my 14 year old son was stealing away at 5am to hang out with? 5am? Lycra? Shaved legs? Older men – young boy?!! Yes, once again I was a little worried but I am a mum after all! And to top it off, as I was working in London at the time I was getting all this information from Lee via phone calls. Please understand my concerns?

About a week after my return home to Alex Hills, I had a call from a gentleman named Brent Fletcher. Married, with children, kids go to Carmel College (same school as Lee), Brent was ticking all the boxes to ease any apprehensions I had. He had phoned to say what a great impression Lee had had on the WRCC members and that they, as a club, wanted to assist in getting Lee onto a bike superior than his beloved Repco and basically that they would be there as much as possible to support & encourage Lee in his dream to become a competitive cyclist.

True to their word, bike parts were found from God knows where - but I have heard that some locations were under beds, on tops of wardrobes, backs of cars, corners of sheds – and with many devoted hours of labour (thanks Big Pete), Lee was soon astride what previously could only ever have been his dream bike. His passion for cycling went into overdrive and dinner table conversations were all about derailleurs, groupsets, blade spokes and cleats. Sure, he's since upgraded his bike several times, but I have no doubt that it was the generosity and comradery of the WRCC members that set this teenager, on an extremely positive path.

As if this wasn't enough of a "dream come true" for any person, it seems that Lee has been given another "money can't buy" blessing. This time from the Australian Institute of Sport. His sister invited him to join her triathlon team to do the cycle legs. It was at the Noosa triathlon last November that Lee was identified as a potential high performance triathlete and invited to join the AIS National Talent Identification & Development Program (NTID) based at the Clem Jones Centre, Carina. He began on the 1st of December, undertaking eleven training sessions per week in cycling, swimming, running and general fitness. His AIS coach is very pleased with his progress thus far but of course, there is a very long way to go.

Sadly, one condition of his acceptance into the program is that, as his training schedule is so tailored to his specific needs, they would prefer that he no longer rode with his club. This was a major consideration for Lee and a choice that he was very reluctant to make as he holds his fellow WRCC members in very high regard. However, opportunities like this can't be passed up on.

So rest assured that as we drive along Old Cleveland Road each day at 5am & 7.30am & 3.30pm & 7pm, we speak of you all often and you will never be forgotten for helping Lee to believe in his dream.

With kindest regards and much appreciation,

Judy Masters

2009 Multiple World Champion – Melissa Hauschildt.

One of the club's most notable racing females was Melissa Hauschildt. Mel's background was in athletics where she had won 12 Australian Championship titles ranging in distance from 3000m on the track, to the full Ironman distance in triathlon.

She had set multiple National and World records in running and triathlon. In 2001 she won Gold at the Goodwill Games Steeplechase and in 2006 she won Silver at the Commonwealth Games. She has also won two team bronze medals at the World Cross Country Championships in 2006 and 2008. Following a serious injury, Melissa made a comeback in the Australian Championships, finishing second, thus qualifying for the 2008 Olympic Games but tragically, Injury once again intervened crushing that dream.

In 2009, as part of Melissa's rehabilitation she took up road Cycling and was out riding solo when she came upon three male Cyclists. Mel had no idea where the good and safe riding routes were and nothing about bike etiquette. She was wearing running clothes, had no spares but jumped on their wheel and asked if she could ride with them.

The boys were polite (probably rolling their eyes thinking she was mad) and said "Sure, we are heading to Ipswich and back". Mel replied "Cool, I haven't ridden there before". 100km later they parted ways with Mel invited to participate with them again. After some local rides, Mel was invited to participate in a weekend Industry Cycling Tour down at the Tweed and that was where she met the Wynnum Redland Members. Mel fitted right in mentioning she was excited to do some races but had no idea where they were, how to enter, so they all joined WRCC.

Mel was a natural and she had a ball riding with the club members. Everyone was so welcoming and helped her out with getting to races and showing her the ropes. No-one in the club knew she was a runner, but one very persistent Phil Stoneman wanted answers as to how a girl that had never ridden a bike before was whooping his arse. Phil Stoneman did his research on Mel and eventually convinced her to give triathlon a go.

With his help and the help of Russell Hinwood buying her a new bike after she snapped hers in two, and then funding her overseas travel Melissa made a very successful transition to professional triathlon. Even with a busy triathlon training schedule she never missed the Saturday club ride. Mel said It was her favourite session of the week - mainly because of the awesome guys in the club.

Melissa Hauschildt went on to win three World Championships, Six Ironman and Thirty Half Ironman Championships and became arguably one of the best athletes this country has ever produced. Her Sporting achievements would fill these pages so this link will provide all the information confirming her status. [Results \(melissahauschildt.com\)](http://Results(melissahauschildt.com)). Mel stays in touch with our Club and is grateful for the support and encouragement she received as a member. Even MULTIPLE World Champions must start somewhere, and we are proud to have played a small part in her journey.



2009. Mt Cotton Kermisse, "a gamble that paid off in spades."

(Pictures by Veloshotz Sports Photography)

The Club had been delivering excellent racing results as well as raising the club's profile in the competitive Cycling community, but for some years they had not delivered an open road race until Russell Hinwood, President Neil Trembath, and the Committee changed that by formulated a brave proposal to rent the Mt Cotton Advanced Driver Training Facility for an open Kermisse, and what a great outcome they achieved. The weather gods were on their side and the Race went without a hitch, thanks to the great contribution by the members. This new race for the Annual Cycling calendar attracted 375 entries, covering Masters, Juniors and Elite level riders from all over Queensland and New South Wales. Our club was on show and based on the feedback received, WRCC Members felt rightly proud of their achievement.



Riders assembling for the start at the Wynnum Redlands Cycling Club's inaugural Mt Cotton Kermisse 2009



Mt Cotton Race Director Russell Hinwood at WRCC Kermisse Command Centre. (right)

Russell played a major role in developing WRCC and its members into a serious racing Club.

Russell Hinwood later served as 2017-18 President of Cycling Queensland.



Peter Theodore and WRCC Riders leading the main bunch.



The Event attracted riders from Queensland and interstate.

2009 Terry Fraser fast on Road and Track including a Race in Portugal.



(Pictures by Veloshotz Sports Photography)

At age 13 Terry Fraser began his racing career with Canterbury-Bankstown Amateur Cycling Club on the track, and road to a lesser degree. He Trained with the professional riders on the Wiley Park Velodrome and then at the Tempe Velodrome Sydney. As a juvenile rider he became NSW State Road champion (the first of a few) and then excelled in Track racing in both solo racing and tandem disciplines.

Terry rapidly progressed through the categories as a young rider through to seniors. Terry Fraser moved to Qld in 2007 and joined Wynnum Redlands Cycling Club. Racing at both State and National level, Terry won numerous titles and in 2009 he represented Australia at two UCI World Masters Track Cycling Championships in Sydney.

In 2010, having then qualified at Australian National level, Terry went on to Europe racing in Portugal. In his last year as a track cyclist, he competed at the 2021 Qld State Championships, winning four gold medals and one bronze. After 55 years of competitive racing, a full cycling life indeed, Terry Fraser continued to race in road cycling events as a proud member of both RCMC and Hamilton Wheelers. Terry's PT Business motto is: *"There is no greatness without dedication."*



Terry Fraser (left) at RCMC Club Racing. At the 2021 Qld Criterium Championships MAS 8 Terry took home the bronze medal.



Peter Davis, Billy Wright & Terry Fraser at the 2009 UCI Track World Masters Games Sydney.

Kristian Juel, the natural climber 2007 to 2015.

Kristian Juel discovered the sport of Cycling while commuting daily to Wynnum High School from Birkdale. He joined the WRCC in 2007 at age 15 and quickly became a regular on weekend club rides, as well as the training sessions during the week. Kristian quickly established himself as a strong climber and time trialist, as well as learning the value of on-bike nutrition after experiencing many hunger flats on longer century rides that resulted in club members nursing him back to base. At age 16, Kristian competed in his first Brisbane Bike Week Mt Cootha Challenge, finishing a creditable 3rd overall. He backed up in 2009 improving to take 2nd place then a year later, his solid training paid off with Kristian completing Mt Cootha climb in just 6 minutes 58 seconds, taking the Event Title by a margin of just 2 seconds. There were 2379 riders competing the hill climb stage that year.



Kristian Juel – 2010 Mt Cootha KOM

Kristian Juel, selected on the Budget Forklifts Team

Commencing studies at the University of Queensland, Kristian joined the University of Queensland Cycle Club. Between 2009 and 2012, he raced extensively at the National Road Series with local Queensland teams before joining the continental-level Budget Forklifts team. Kristian raced extensively at the State, National and International level, largely performing a domestique role for the team, which was one Australia's most prolific during this period. Budget took many stages and overall wins in the National Road Series.



The successful Budget Forklifts Team wins the 2014 Qld Road Teams Series. Kristian Juel pictured front row 2nd from left.

Kristian's personal highlights include stage wins in the Queensland Road Team Series.

- 2012 KOM winner at the 2012 State Road Team Series.
- 2013 4th U23 Oceania Time Trial Championships. 2nd U23 State Road Race Championships.
- 2014 U23 Time Trial State Champion. 1st overall, KOM & best young Rider Qld Road Team Series.
- 2014 KOM Tour of Perth. Grafton Inverell Cycle Classic 3rd overall & Budget were 1st placed Team.
- 2015 4th U23 Oceania Road Championships.



In 2014 Kristian was Crowned the U23 State Time Trial Champion and in the Queensland Road Team Series, he was KOM as well being voted the best Young Rider, why wouldn't you be happy.



Sign on for the 2014 Grafton Inverell Road Classic. Kristian Juel placed 3rd overall in the event and helped Budget Forklifts take 1st place in the Teams category.



Internationally, Kristian earned a 4th place overall at the 2013 UCI 2.2 Tour de Singkarak, in Indonesia, as well as contributing to the Team's overall win at the 2014 UCI 2.2 Tour of Hokkaido in Japan.

Part 5. Down to Business - Banjos Roll out the Dough for WRCC Cycling



Eleven WRCC Members proudly wearing the "Banjos Cleveland Sponsored Red Club Kit at the 2010 Grafton Inverell Race.

Banjos Bakery became a regular refuelling stop for WRCC Cyclists after the Rides, as good coffee and a variety of freshly baked goodies as well as fellowship were an important and enjoyable social aspect of the Club.



The future of the Wynnum Redlands Cycling Club took a huge step forward when Rob Cain (Club Treasurer) arranged for Banjos Bakery Cleveland to come aboard as a major sponsor for several years.

Banjos also showed great enthusiasm and support for the club's Vision Impaired Tandem program as well as junior and women's development plans. The aim of the club was to help develop and guide aspiring young riders to high levels of cycle racing, by building up their riding and safety skills, fitness and confidence. We were fortunate to have the continued support from many sponsors over the years.

The Social Rides to Brisbane City and Mt Cootha, a regular Challenge for our Club.



Always fun to take new Club members up to Mt Cootha Lookout Brisbane. Every serious Climb demands a Photo opportunity.

2010. WRCC Monthly Club Racing at Redlands Business Park.

Following on from the successful Mt Cotton Kermesse, it became evident our Club needed to seek a suitable local venue for Club Criterium Racing. Thanks to the support from the Developers, who were Agents for newly developed Redlands Business Park, the industrial facility in Redland Bay was approved for early Sunday Monthly Criterium racing when most businesses were closed. It has proven to be a great place to slot Racing into a flexible Club Calendar thus avoiding clashes with major open events and Public Holidays however we were not able to hold open events on the course. With such a growth in Membership the RBP racing circuit was excellent for beginners and experienced riders alike.



Gary Hargrave, Managing Director of Fox & Bell Group receiving a framed picture of Club Members from Robin Cain on the 10th anniversary of permission being granted to conduct Club Racing on the Redland Bay Development



Peter Russi leading the bunch at Redlands Business Park.



Redland Bay Business Park (RBP) race circuit.



C Grade Riders rounding the final corner for a Sprint finish.

It was great to see so many club members having a go and getting into the racing spirit in a light hearted competition against their mates. A big thanks Russell Hinwood, who pioneered this venture and negotiated the terms with the Property owners and to Billy Wright and Nelda Walliss who officiated each Month.

2010 – 2018 TOUR de TIMOR with David Lyons.



Rugged Mountain Terrain perfect for Mountain Bike Racing.

The Tour de Timor was a unique Cycling event that also supported Tourism and local economy in Timor-Leste. It well is known throughout the world as a 400 to 600km lucrative and challenging Asian mountain bike stage race. International competitors love the Race and of course, the great feeling of being successful, but for WRCC Club Member David Lyons, the Tour de Timor is more than just a Bike race.

David worked in Timor in 2000 2001 as part of the United Nations Police Force, and he returned from Australia to participate in the Tour De Timor on eight separate occasions, all in Category 40 to 49. Commencing in 2010, David's Podiums Results were 2nd in 2016; and 3rd in 2012, 2015 and 2018.

In 2013 the Timor Leste Government cancelled the race only a few months before it was due to commence, creating confusion and uncertainty for riders who regularly supported the event. The government then resurrected the race, ensuring only Timorese organisers were used.

David established the 'Save the Tour de Timor' Facebook page which ended up being used by the new Race organisers to promote the race and to communicate with the thousands of international participants. The original Event organisers were re-installed for 2017 and 2018.

2018 became the last Tour de Timor. Officially, the ruling government "changed its mind" after the conclusion of the racing and decided not to pay any of the prizemoney or catering contactors etc. Hopes were that with Jose Ramos-Horta now back as president, this will one day be resolved, and the race re-established.



David Lyons



The locals lined the course providing a marvellous atmosphere.



Riders from all over the World line up for the Tour de Timor Start.

Sandy Bletchly. "Champion of Champions" on the Velodrome."

Sandy Bletchly's Cycling Journey commenced back in 1989 with the Surfers Paradise Cycling Club, then later, on to Gold Coast Goldstars. She progressed through Juniors, Juveniles then Seniors winning numerous races. Her dedicated training commitment soon paid off when between 1990 and 94 she became State and Metro Champion for Road and Track in most disciplines. Sandy was forced to retire from cycling early in 1995 after a heavy fall during racing at Chandler Velodrome left her with side effects from her injuries, making racing difficult.

In 2009 Sandy joined Wynnum Redlands. Residing just a stone throw from the Chandler Velodrome provided her the opportunity to reignite her cycling passion and develop into a world class athlete. In 2011 Sandy Won her Clubs Best Competitor award and Queensland Cyclist of the Year. She then competed in the UCI World Masters Championships in Manchester winning 3 Silver medals. In both 2011/12 Sandy was awarded Qld Masters female Cyclist of the Year and Aust Masters Female Champion of Champions.

2011 UCI World Masters Track Championships in Manchester England.

Results: 3 silver Medals, Individual Pursuit, Sprint & Individual Time Trial.

2011 Qld Masters Track Championships 2 Gold Medals.

2011 Australian Masters Track Championships 2 Gold & 2 Silver Medals.

2012 Qld Masters Track Championships 1 Gold Medal.

2012 Qld Elite Track Championships 1 Silver & 3 Bronze Medals.

2014 Australian Masters Track Championships 3 Gold 2 Silver & 1 Bronze

2014 Qld Elite Track Championships 1 Gold Medal.

2014 Qld Masters Track Championships 6 Gold Medals.

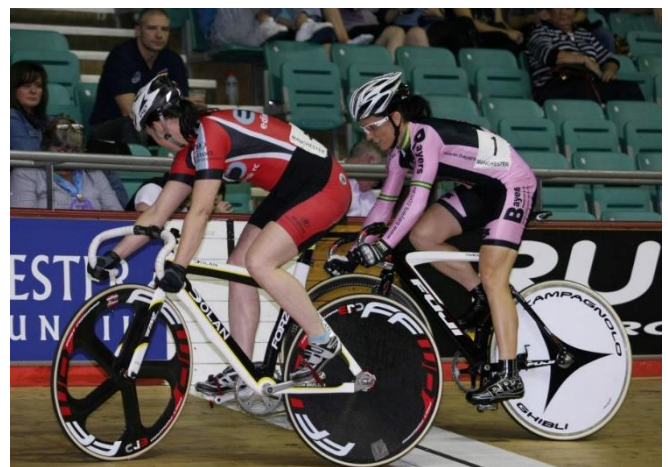
Sandy is ever respectful of her Club, her Team Sponsors and her Country. Where permitted, wherever she travelled to compete, Sandy could be seen wearing a variety of cycling Kits throughout the different events.



Sandy Bletchly up the boards proudly wearing WRCC Kit while Sprint Qualifying at the 2011 UCI World Championships in Manchester UK.



Sandy Bletchly (Left) at 2011 UCI World Track Masters, celebrates Individual Pursuit Silver. She entered every event available and won three silver Medals.



Sandy Bletchly (No 1) unfazed by track standing shenanigans applied against her by Great Britain in the Sprint Final at the 2011 UCI Worlds.



Sandy Bletchly's Time Trial Machine was appropriately known as "The Beast."?



2011 National Masters Championships at Dunc Gray Velodrome Sydney 2 Golds & 2 Silver Medal.

2011 An Epic Adventure across the USA from East to West for Charity. (Plain Crazy)

Who can forget club member John Smallwood's Solo Unassisted Bike Ride across America to raise funds for a charity in Vietnam called Maison Chance. The epic 6300 kilometres journey over 44 days, commenced in Seattle on the West Coast over the Rockies and across the USA to Yorktown Virginia on the American East Coast. All John's kit for the journey, was strapped to a purpose-built single wheel trailer which he towed behind the bike. For Accommodation John used an organisation for travelling Cyclists in the in the USA called Warm showers, who pair Cyclists with host Families. John endured storms, rain, fog, freezing cold weather but he pushed on regardless. He was a stalwart for our club and the first to put his hand up when there was a task to be undertaken. John Smallwood was the Greatest Charity Fundraiser we have known and tough as nails.



"Rocky Mountains High" John was soon to discover how cold it would get riding over the USA Mountain Region, even in summer.



Yorktown Virginia East Coast of the USA – "End of the Line."

The Tandem Program for Vision Impaired Cyclists.

The concerted efforts of Member John Smallwood saw the establishment of the Club's Tandem Cycling Program, enabling vision impaired cyclists to participate in events with sighted trained Pilots. The WRCC Tandem Connection invited participation of individuals who were visually impaired or blind, in the exhilarating sport of tandem cycling. The Tandem Program was made possible through the financial contribution of many Local Sponsors including Banjo's Bakery and Café Cleveland, Redlands Taxi Management and CBD Wealth Solutions. Sadly, John passed away suddenly in 2019.



Claire Byrne & John Smallwood



Riders from left: Stoker Unknown? Pilot Andrew Carroll,

Gordon Carroll - Stoker John Smallwood,

Clair Byrne & Stoker - Murray Peat.

2013 Reid Anderton does his Block for Charity in a Guinness Book World Record.

(Photographs from Redland City Bulletin Australia.)

Reid Anderton, successfully broke the Guinness Book of World Records time to complete the 14,100 km to ride around Australia, finishing in a little over 37 days. This widely reported ride "Around the Block" was a "Challenge for Change" and a monumental feat. From a Cyclists perspective, readers need to understand the daunting task Reid undertook to do those daily Kilometres, thereby smashing the Record by some 19 Hours, but it was his Charity Eagles Wings, in support of Children's Poverty in Zambia Africa, that was Reid's primary focus, and understandably, funds raised were rightly his measure of the success of his effort.



Arriving at Home after an epic 37 Days on the road, Reid was understandably emotional and totally spent having ridden on that final day for some 22 hours. Reid achieved all this on a Time Trial Bike, aerodynamic sure, but not at all comfortable. (Is any bike after a few hundred km's) To stay on target, Reid hit the 400km mark from Day 1, no warm-up or build up.



To make the Distance and Time, Reid needed to average 383 Kilometres EVERY DAY for 37 consecutive Days, around 16.5Hours average Daily. No one could have achieved this goal without a firm belief and spirit and as testament to Reid's faith, the needs of Children of Zambia helped him rise above physical pain. All communities need adventurers and Role Models. Having such people within your own Cycling Club provides inspiration to Members young and old. The Ride raised \$110,000 for Eagles Wings.



2018 Reid's New Challenge for Charity, to cross Canada West to East.

As if doing the Aussie Block wasn't enough, in July 2018 Reid Anderton undertook a new Challenge, this time it was Canada, to attempt to break the 6040km West to East Vancouver-Halifax solo assisted record, which required riding an average of 445km a day for 13 consecutive days. Reid got off to a great start with two productive days on the road but on day three he developed a saddle sore which progressively got worse. His pain was nothing unfamiliar, so he pushed on regardless. On day six Reid finally was blessed with magic conditions, tailwinds helped him push over 500 km for the day and his body felt strong and was getting conditioned. At days end he was now only 60 km off record pace, and he could picture in his mind a close finish with the attempt.

On day seven he woke extremely tired and disoriented and for the next 5 hours on dodgy roads, Reid struggled to stay awake and alert. His tiredness disguised a bigger problem, his right leg was now noticeably inflamed and in pain. Because of his fatigue and swelling, that morning Reid made the call to do less km's on day seven to get extra sleep/recovery. Although he knew the record attempt was done for, Reid couldn't contemplate getting off the bike and walking away so he called together his support Crew and suggested the following. *"To honour the record attempt and its current holder Arvid Loewen, we don't stop until 13 days 6 hours thirteen minutes."*

Reid also wanted to keep riding for that period to honour their vision as an organisation assisting vulnerable children to reach their God-given potential. He didn't want to quit just because of an injury and said, *"I can't ride 450 km with the injury, but I will definitely ride as far as possible until it is inflamed, then rest and repeat."* His support team were happy to make this happen, they had known Reid for long enough to expect nothing less. Resuming on day seven they were 3,000 km in when things went bad. Reid broke a crank, and the nearest bike shop did not have a replacement, so it was pointless to wait for parts. They reluctantly pulled the pin and Reid was devastated for not being able to finish as he had hoped.

This, however, was in no way a failure as the primary objective was to support the Charity Eagles Wings. The record attempt raised around \$65,000 (AUS) and as a bonus, two of Reid's support crew, who did not know each other prior to the Challenge attempt, ended up getting married add that was extra special.

2013 WRCC Mt Cotton Kermesse

(Pictures by Veloshotz Sports Photography)

It's no wonder this race became one of the premier events on the Qld racing calendar. But it could not happen without the fantastic efforts of our club member volunteers and their families.



WRCC Gabriel Yates Winner Masters B



Club President Robin Cain offered a special thank you to all our sponsors. Because of their generous contributions of nearly \$6,000 in prize money across 20 events, the club was able to attract more female rides due to adoption of Prize parity .



Robin Cain presenting Junior Prizes at the Mt Cotton Kermesse.

Most Club Members were also Volunteers on the day, so the work rosters had to be organised like clockwork, to enable them to also compete in the races. The event saw our Redland City Mayor and the Federal Member attend and award the Prizes.

The 2013 Mt Cotton Kermesse was brilliantly organised by John Smallwood (pictured right) with the support of all Members.



2014 AusCycling Hall of Fame & MTB with Donna Dall

Club Member Donna Dall has been racing mountain bikes competitively for many years, but it was her coaching success which has seen her as one of the best cycling minds in the country.



MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

- Coach 3 x Junior World Champions
- 7 x Coach/Support Staff Australia MTB Team
- Staff/Coach Australian Team Commonwealth Games Glasgow 2014
- 3 x MTBA Coach of the Year
- 2020 Inducted into AusCycling Hall of Fame

Proudly representing our Club, outstanding athlete Donna Dall has racing success at all levels including three consecutive Australian MTB Marathon Championships she was also 3rd at the National Cross Country Mountain Bike Championships. In 2014 Donna was appointed Australia's MTB Team Coach for the Commonwealth Games at Glasgow Scotland and it wasn't all Haggis and Scotch Whiskey as the Australian MTB Team came away with two Bronze Medals.



Donna at her best in the Bush



Donna Dall with Glasgow Games Mascot Clyde

Donna Dall was also Coach of the Aussie MTB Team at the 2014 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships Lillehammer Norway.



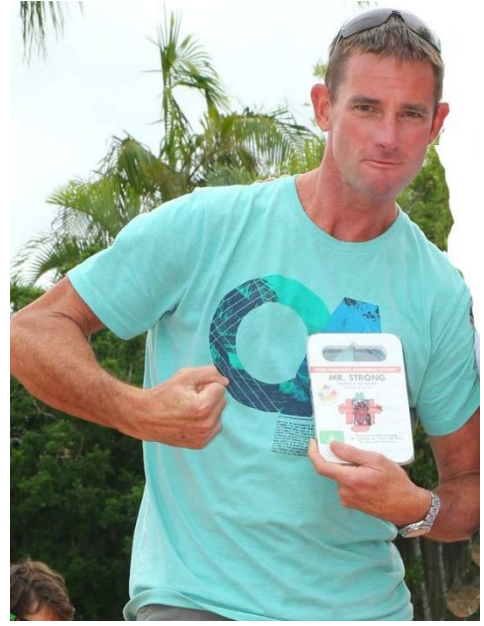
It's not always a Race.



2014 President Robin Cain presenting the Club Shrek award to Andrew Francis



The Club is fortunate to have Members like Dr Russell Hunter.



Darren Donaldson with the coveted annual Mr Strong award.



A club strength has always been the organisation of regular social rides like the popular Australia Day Ride to Mt Cootha, Southbank 2015



Club Championships at RBP 2015. This Annual event included an Individual Time Trial and a Criterium. It was an opportunity for the club racing and social members to come out and have a race and maybe come away with GOLD in one of the events or even become the overall Club Champion.

Redlands Cycling Festival 2016, 2017 & 2018

(Pictures by Veloshotz Sports Photography)



TOUGH European-style bike racing through Cleveland's city streets as part of the Redlands Cycling Festival – Fast and furious Night Criteriums under balmy autumn conditions and a full moon, who wouldn't want to see that?



The Redland City Council WRCC Annual Cycling Festivals attracted thousands of spectators and a huge field of top graded Elite, Masters and junior Cyclists to our region. They battled it out in a series of races on a course through the Cleveland CBD, with top riders reaching speeds of more than 55kph down the home straight.

"The 'night crits' were premium cycling events for Queensland, promoting the sport in a positive way. WRCC riders participated in the Racing as well as rostering on as Marshalls and volunteers between their scheduled events.

The 2018 series was held as the QLD State Criterium Championships and was voted Cycling Queensland (CQ) event of the Year. The course passed in front of many of the local Cafes, affording diners front row seats to the action. Inside the track and closed off Bloomfield St, fans were treated to street food stalls, rock bands and entertainers as well as informative displays of "all things cycling." Para Cyclists were also invited to ride a few laps to the delight and applause of the big crowd.

The events were staged by the Redland City Council, Wynnum Redlands Cycling Club, Cycling Queensland, Queensland Sports Management, local businesses, and service clubs. Through the festivals our club has been to develop a tremendous working relation with the City Council leading to planning and promotion for future cycling facilities for our region.



Rob Cain acclaimed exponent of “the Race of Truth.”

Many of us have a story of how we began our journey in a particular sport that we grew to love, and indeed excel at. Rob Cain has never forgotten his first Sunday Carbrook Club ride way back in 2007, when he was dropped at midway and 62-year-old clubbie Case Scholtes returned to drag him back to Cleveland Finish. Rob couldn't walk for 3 days. There is a saying “a positive thinker sees an opportunity in every difficulty.” Those words aptly describe Rob's cycling journey from that day on. With hard work, a structured training plan, loads of determination and many hours on the bike, Rob Cain became a maestro at Criteriums, and Time Trials. He was also the first to acknowledge the event organisers, volunteer's, his support crew and the Team mates he competed with and against.



Rob's significant solo and Team achievements were:

- 2016 Winner Sizzling Summer Series (2 wins and a 4th with multiple primes) -C grade.
- 2017 Winner Tour de Valley 72km TTT (Currumbin Valley.)
- 2017 Silver medal Qld State Team Time Trial Championship Stradbroke Island.
- 2018 2nd Charles Coin Road race 86km - B grade.
- 2018 Silver Qld State Road Race - Mas 6 Elimbah.
- 2018 8th National Criterium Championship Nerang.
- 2018 8th National Road Race Currumbin (Commonwealth games course.)
- 2019 Gold Qld State Criterium Championship - Mas 6 Nundah.
- 2021 Gold Qld State Criterium Championship - Mas 7 Ipswich.
- 2021 5th National Criterium Championship - Mas 7 Luke Harrop Gold Coast.
- 2022 4th National Criterium Championship - Mas 7 Ballarat Victoria
- 2022 Silver Qld State Criterium Championship - Mas 7 Girraween Sunshine Coast.
- 2019, 2020, 2021 – Gold medal Qld State Team Time Trial Championship - Mas 6/7



2017 Queensland Team TT Silver Stradbroke Island with Colin Marchant, Robin Cain, Jo Maartens and Neil Duncan



2019/20/21 Gold medal Qld Team Time Trial Championships Masters.



Tour de Valley TTT Age Handicap. Darren Timms & Phil Stoneman Rear Jo Maartens & Rob Cain 2017.



Rob Cain Gold Medal 2021 State Criterium.



Rob Cain training on the famous Bormio climb in the Alps North Italy.



Rob Cain leading TT Team.

Random Cycling Emotions



Tortured. Morné Oberholzer wins the Club Championships in a solo breakaway.



Dependable. Martin Mitchell Registrar Mt Cotton Kermisse



Apprehensive. Gerry Robinson Grafton Inverell Road Race.



Misfortune. Peter Russi reluctantly accepts the hazards of Road Cycling



Enthusiastic. Suzy, Disa, Kellie, Jan, Sandra & Ann, Velodrome come and Try Track Day.



Affectionate. Rod Giesemann with friends Bow, Belle and Bonnie



Exuberant. Mark Wakeling & Colin Marchant share a laugh and a beer.



Relaxed. At the half way on the Club Century Ride (160k)



Adventurous. Ann O'Brien up for any challenge.



Exhaustion. Case Scholtes on day 31 as Team Leader of the October Challenge Fund raiser for Children's Cancer Research.



Determination. Some serious climbing in the mountainous Victorian high country by Malcom van Baston Robin Cain and Peter Theodore

Win or lose, Julie Rappo lives for Racing.

Julie Rappo joined the club in 1990 and raced regularly across Qld and at Nationals, despite moving too far off Stanthorpe, Julie is a regular competitor at Cycling Events. Her determination to Race is remarkable and the Podium pictures are just a sample of Julie's journey in Cycling.



2017 QLD ITT Series Women's C grade 3rd place:



2017 National WMASS. Bronze Medal



Julie Rappo becomes Qld ITT Champion 2019 then off to the Nationals where she took Gold in ITT, Silver in the Road Race and Silver in the Criterium. Julie was crowned Australia's Women's Masters 6 Champion of Champions. She is respected as our Redlands clubs most enthusiastic Racer.



2022 Aust National Masters Road Series. Julie once again showed style and consistency earning a bronze medal in the ITT. Julie was then invited to race the Team Time Trial with 3 other Queenslanders winning Gold. Win or lose, Julie Rappo lives for Racing.

The Rapid rise of Club Juniors Lachlan Miller and Luke Harvey.



Lachlan's first race 2nd at Muzz Balmoral 2018.



C Grade 2019 1st Lachlan Miller



B Grade Bronze Lachlan Miller Gold Coast 2019



2019 This is GOLD - Lachlan Miller covered an undulating 18.8km National under 19 ITT course on his Specialized S-Works Shiv TT in 24mins 52secs at a lazy 45.36kmh average.



2019 Lachlan returns to Muzz for a top step finish.

At the 2022 Queensland ITT Championships on the Sunshine Coast, Lachlan Miller placed 1st in A grade men, then backed up in round 2 Under 19 Men to win that event as well. He is proficient in both Road and Track disciplines and will undoubtedly go on to greater things in our sport.

Luke Harvey came to the Club with a group of Sheldon College budding Triathletes and quickly learnt his bike handling and racing skills. In those early days he became the Club B Grade Champion, but it was in Triathlons that Luke would make his mark.



Luke B Grade Champion 2015.



2017 Luke crowned 16-19 Age Group World Triathlon Sprint Champion (Rotterdam).



Carrying the 2018 Comm Games Baton through home Territory



Silver Medal. Birmingham Men's Para Triathlon PTVI. Luke was the Pilot for visually impaired stoker Sam Harding.

2017 in Rotterdam, Luke was crowned 16-19 Age Group World Triathlon Sprint Champion. A year later he defended his World Title and was crowned Australian Junior Male Champion for the 2018/19 triathlon season. Luke Harvey teamed up with a vision impaired sporting star Sam Harding to win silver for Australia in the Men's Para Triathlon PTVI at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. Although many of our young athletes eventually move on, our club is proud to have played a part in their successful path in our sport.

Gold Medal Girls on the Track, in Triathlon and on the Road.



Emily Hanbury 2 Gold Medals (scratch & Points) in the 2022 Women's MAS4, Australian Track Championships at the Anna Mears Velodrome.



Kate Gaynor wins the 2021 Sunshine Coast 70.3 Ironman Triathlon Masters 35/39. Kate qualified for the 2023 Hawaii Ironman.



Sally McLean wins 2 Gold Medals (2019 & 2021) in the Queensland Women's MAS7 Criterion Championships.

The Clubs Female Cyclists show tremendous enthusiasm and have made outstanding progress in all disciplines of our sport. Many also hold key Committee positions and play active roles in the administration of the club.

Blake Quick lives up to his potential.

Blake Quick was a student at Sheldon College and his coach Chris Lang wanted him to get some experience in road racing so Blake joined WRCC and started racing with the Club. Seeing Blake's potential after only his second ride, Billy Wright spoke his father indicating that he would like to see him have a go at track. No track bike, no worries, Russell Hinwood loaned him a bike and when Blake started riding at the Velodrome on Tuesday nights, Billy could see that he was destined to go on to greater things. It wasn't long and he was picked up by QAS and moved to road racing teams. At the Qld State ITT and Road Titles, Blake Quick was a "stand out" competing in the Individual Time Trial to finish 5th then backing up for the Road Race and Criterium to bag a Bronze Medal in each of these events. Regardless, Billy always believed Blake belonged on the velodrome saying " He is such a great contender, and, on the day, Blake could possibly win at any level. We were certain to hear more from Blake's Cycling Journey in the future and we were not disappointed. Selected in the Australian Track Team for the 2018 Junior World Track Championships in Switzerland, Blake Quick, Luke Plapp, Matthew Rice and Luke Wright, got off to a great start in the Team Pursuit placing third for the Bronze Medal.

Blake backed up in the men's Omnium for a second bronze medal and all was set-up for the Madison, the Last event on the program. Paired with Luke Plapp the boys looked strong throughout, earning points in 12 of the 14 sprints, and finishing with 47 points and the Gold Medal.



Pictured in Red, Blake Quick at the 2014 National Junior Track Series Round 1 Dunc Gray Velodrome Sydney. Blake finished in second place.



Luke Plapp & Blake's Gold Medal victory in the Men's Madison at the Oceania 2018 UCI Junior World Track Championships in Switzerland.

Part 6. The Transition to a Multisport Club encompassing Triathlon & MTB.

In 2020, our club made the transition to a full Road Cycling/MTB and Multisport Club, thereby providing membership options that are held with either AusCycling (for those only interested in cycling), and a Triathlon Australia membership for those interested in multisport). The Club committed to providing a family friendly and supportive environment with challenging training opportunities that aimed to maximise the members ability to achieve their cycling and multisport goals.



Kelly Phuah is an elite age group triathlete, Cyclist and Triathlon Certified Coach who has competed with outstanding success worldwide.



Club interest in Triathlon included Port Macquarie Iron Man 2016, from left David Smith, Max Stoneman, Darren Timms, Phil Stoneman & Rod Camm.



2019 Asia-Pacific Ironman Championship Cairns Old Phil Stoneman 2nd Place.

Triathlon Coach and Coordinator Stuart Kemp and his team set weekly group training goals and utilized public Gym Equipment around Parks in Redlands to help club members maintain a well-rounded training program.



Robin Neary gets great workout using public gym equipment located in the local Parks.



Stuart Kemp on the Run Leg at Raby Bay Triathlon. Stuart coordinates regular run, ride, run, brick sessions as well as Swim training.



Linda Meredith training for the Abu Dhabi 2022 World Triathlon Championship where she went on to win 2 Gold Medals.

The Club (RCMC) plans busy schedules for an enthusiastic and supportive bunch of Triathletes who are regularly rewarded for their effort, with Podiums all round, a great example being the Tweed Enduro: Victor Larder 1st Aqua Bike, Kate Gayner 1st Aqua Bike, Phil Stoneman 2nd long course and Stuart Kemp 3rd Sprint. Another great event was Wellcamp Duathlon State Championships - Standard Duathlon 10km run, 40km ride, 5km run, where Christine Kinlay finished in 2nd place. In the Sprint Duathlon 5km run, 20km ride, 2.5km run Linda Meredith finished on top of the podium with a 1st place with Stuart Kemp in the Men's category finishing in 3rd place.

From 2017 on, Kelly Phuah successfully competed in Triathlon and Ironman events worldwide. In 2019 she also won the Tour of Gila, New Mexico, the Masters 35/45 Road series, then in the 2020 the Australian Masters Cycling Championships where she won 2 Silver medals and one bronze medal. Kelly is also a certified Triathlon Coach.

Mountain Bike Action

Mountain biking is activity that evolved within our club over the latter years, and when it comes to MTB Trails in the Redlands, we are unbelievably spoilt for choice. There are several dedicated bush trails like Scribbly Gums, Bayview, Daisy Hill, Leolands and Cornubia, all right on our doorstep, allowing riders loads of variety. Other trails slightly further afield are Nerang, Gap Greek, Bunya, Mt Joyce and the Sunshine Coast.

MTB Training sessions were first initiated by Coach Donna Dall and now Lin Green has carried that to another level with popular Saturday morning MTB sessions that are suitable for Intermediate riders or to anyone new to mountain biking, who just want an easy fun ride in mother nature. The participants come away with some great improvements in skills, most importantly using safe techniques!

In November 2020 AusCycling took on the responsibility for the development, facilitation and growth of all forms of cycling in Australia by forming an amalgamation of Mountain Bike Australia (MTBA), BMX Australia (BMXA) and Cycling Australia (CA) and the 15 State Sporting Organisations (SSO's).

While most Club members were simply ride for pleasure, there is increasing interest in MTB Cycle Cross, Down Hill and Enduro Racing and our Members are taking up these opportunities to race in the disciplines.



Ian Buck Barrett - Samford Cyclocross Nationals



Lin Green RCMC Mountain Bike Coach



RCMC Mountain Bikers ready for some action

Part 7. AusCycling and RCMC Life Members.

Dan Hovey stands out for more than just Riding and Racing (be it that he is modest to the extreme). Dan commenced his cycling in 1956 as a 15-Year-old, Racing with Hamilton then later, Toowong Club. In 1970 Dan Hovey, with others helped to form Wynnum Police & Citizens Amateur Cycling Club.

Dan held various Club Executive positions during the 70's and 80's. He was also on the Team that established the Lota Dirt Track and acted as Race Organiser and Race Handicapper.



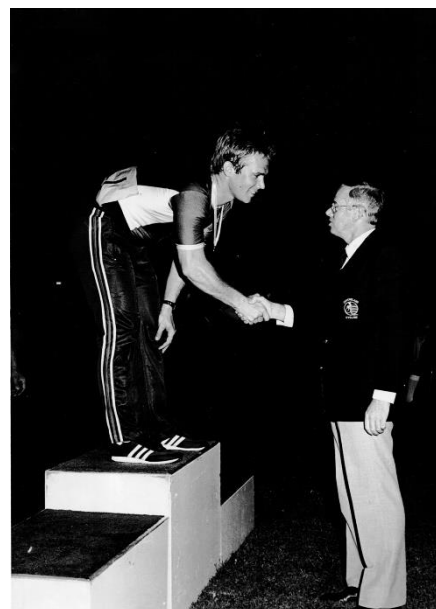
- 1979 awarded Life Membership of Wynnum Redlands Cycling Club.
- 1980 Delegate to the Olympic and Commonwealth Games Councils.
- 1981 Assisted in the running of the Australian Track Titles at the new Chandler Velodrome.
- 1982 Officially appointed to Incorporate the Queensland Cyclists Association.
- 1982 Held various positions in the State Association including Treasurer, Executive Member, Selector, Commissaire and Handicapper.
- 1988-2008 Director of the Queensland Games Council.
- 1996/97/98 State association President.
- 2000 Awarded Life Membership of the Australian Cycling Association.



Dan on his 80th Birthday



Dan & Russell Mockridge 1958



Dan Presenting Kenrick Tucker his Medal 1986

Wendy Sanders (OAM) became a Wynnum Redlands Cycling Club member in January 1991. Wendy has spent a lifetime working at the HIGHEST level of Cycling in this country, yet to this day, has NEVER ever ridden a Bicycle. In 1984 Wendy started cycle shop "Flashing Pedals" for her son. A year later she began working at the Queensland Cyclists Association as a volunteer and then later as paid Administrator reporting to the Development Officers. Wendy remained in that role until appointed the Cycling Queensland CEO in 2002, a position she held until her retirement in 2007. In that same year, Wendy was listed in "Who's Who of Australian Women."

During her years with Cycling Queensland Wendy Sanders managed 14 State Cycling teams, 3 International Cycling teams and 4 Australian Youth Olympic Teams. In 2001 Wendy was awarded Life Membership of Cycling Queensland. During her time with Cycling Queensland Wendy was also a Director on the Board of Cycling Australia, as well as working most weekends at road and track races as a Commissaire.



In 2021 Wendy Sanders received the Order of Australia for service to the Sport of Cycling.

AusCycling and RCMC Life Members (Continued)

Lloyd Flack formally from Casino, NSW, Tingalpa and Cleveland, was highly regarded as a wonderful man who was inspirational to the early Wynnum Club members. In those early days he drove to races in his utility with a bunch of youngsters piled in the back, amongst the bikes. He was the most sought-after pusher in club handicaps and part of the crew that prepared the dirt track at Lota each week so club could race. Lloyd continued officiating at all levels of Club, State and National Road and track events as a volunteer and Commissaire. He was awarded Life Membership by the Queensland Cyclists Association.



John Harris joined Goldfern Amateur Wheelers in 1960 and became the Clubs Delegate at QCA Meetings. John raced competitively, representing Queensland in both road and track Nationals. In 1984 John joined Wynnum Redlands Cycling Club and held several executive positions, as well as organising regular road and track training. John became qualified as a National Commissaire and officiated at all levels of cycling events, including State and National Championships, World Masters Games, ANZ Police Games, University, Pan Pacific and Transplant Games.



For many years John was a Member and Chair of the CQ Technical Committee, where he provided and programmed CQ's first Computer. John's service to the sport of cycling exceeded 50 years. He was awarded Queensland Cycling and WRCC Life Membership in 1991.

Billy Wright joined the Wynnum Redlands Cycling Club in 1988 and soon after, was elected to the Club's Committee. He held numerous positions over the years, often several at a time. Billy was also a competent racer and set many State and National records on the track. He was crowned the Qld Masters Track Cyclist of the year on eight occasions.

Billy's qualification and roles included Level 1 Cycling & Triathlon Coach, event Broadcasting & Commentary and Tack Deryn motor Pacing. Billy also holds a Private Promoter's License and has Directed both Men's and Women's Grand Prix Series. He was also Founding and Life member of The Hell of the West Triathlon Club,



Billy Wright's significant contribution to cycling includes:

- Awarded CQ Volunteer of the Year award several times.
- Race & Sponsorship Director for RCMC Track Carnivals.
- Chairman of the CQ Track Committee for 22 years.
- Cycling Queensland Executive Committee for fourteen years.
- State Representative National Masters Commission for eighteen years.
- Officiated at all levels of Club, Metro, State and National Championships Including the Goodwill Games

Billy has provided a measurable benefit to his club and to AusCycling over an extended period. His unique talent was his process of recognising and developing talent within cycling, and many of his novice riders have enjoyed national and international Road and Track Cycling success.

Billy Wright was Awarded Association and Club Life Membership in 2002. To say Billy has "a cult following would be an understatement," he's been a respected personality and servant of the sport of cycling at all levels.



Redlands Cycling & Multisport Club Life Members

Norm Beverley.

Norm's involvement with Wynnum PCYC began before the formation of the Cycling Group. He served in many Committee roles at the PCYC, including vice President and in 1970 Norman was involved with others in negotiations to have a Wynnum Cycling Group affiliated with the Wynnum PCYC structure. Norman was a Foundation Member and Patron and became the first Wynnum PCYC Amateur Cycling Club President, a role he held in the years 1970/71/72/75/76/77, and as Club Secretary in 1973/74.

Norm was himself an accomplished Cyclist, his three Boys and nephew also raced with the Club. Norman's legacy was his Leadership and the tireless work he undertook with the development of the Club's Youngsters even after his boys moved on to other interests. In 1978 Norman Beverley was awarded the first and only Club Life Membership under the Wynnum Police & Citizens Amateur Cycling Club banner.



Theo (Bon) Dippel.

Theo was a Foundation Member and Patron of the Club. He was elected President in 1978/79, the period when the Club broke away from the PCYC to become Wynnum Amateur Cycling Club. Theo provided strong support and guidance for the club during those start-up years in the 1970's and in 1980, was awarded Life Membership.



Robert Crossley.

Life Member Rob Crossley came to the Club in 1975 proving himself to be an exceptional Cyclist. His accomplishments include winning his first Race in aged handicap Senior 100 km Aust TTT Championship 81/83/84. Senior Aust Road Title 84/88. He represented Australia in TTT 81/82 and Commonwealth Games Road Team 84. He was Qld Road Champ 78/81/82/83. Qld Teams Time Trial TTT with WRCC & Brisbane Blasters and was appointed Qld Coaching Director 1987. Robert raced for teams in Paris and Italy. During his time with the Club, Robert worked with the new members provided many of the youngsters with guidance skill and motivation.



Nelda Walliss.

Life Member Nelda Walliss joined the Club in March 1997 as a volunteer, helping at the canteens the Club used to run at Cycling events. Her Partner was a rider as was her Son Raymond Walliss, who rode as a Junior at that time. Nelda progressed to a judge at the finish line of Club events and in 2000, qualified as a Commissaire/Judge. Nelda went on to officiate at all levels of National, State, Metropolitan and Club Road and Track Cycling Events.



Robin Cain.

Rob Cain came to the Club in 2007 serving in the role of Treasurer 2008/09/10 then President 2011/12/13/14. Apart from also organising events such as the annual club championships that were re-introduced once the Club had access to RBP, Rob often held multiple additional committee roles such as kit coordinator, webmaster and membership. Rob has been a tireless worker and club "Go to Man" in every way having a remarkable influence on our Club. In 2015 Rob was awarded Life Membership.



In 2017 Rob re-joined the committee as membership coordinator and that has been an ongoing role. He also developed and implementing a sponsorship program that contracted sponsors for 3 years periods, commencing in 2009, the year the club had the first Mt Cotton Kermesse. The program raised over \$13k per year for 3 years. Rob also secured additional event specific sponsorships of around \$3k per year. The next 3 years dropped to \$8k per year after Banjos dropped out.

Rob Cain is also credited for introduced member information events such as bicycle maintenance, psychology of racing/riding, etc, using power meters for enhanced training including arranging the special guests/presenters including Marcel Bengston, Nic Formosa, Donna Dall, Peter Richards etc.

The Donkey Award

The Club has many ways of celebrating or simply highlighting achievements, but none stranger than the Donkey Award. It started out as a fun award for stuff-ups with the recipient nominated to strap Donkey of their Bike for all to see. The term of sentence relied on a handover to the next rider who stuffed up.

A good example was on a Club Ride to Wynnum where high tide was 100 mm over the Causeway path. The Group stopped and removed their shoes and one enthusiastic guy, shoes in hand was WHEELING his bike. He was half way across someone pointed out that it may have been smarter wear the shoes and CARRY the bike. Over time the donkey award sometimes changed to the Inspirational and Awesome Award.

Donkey has hosted many interesting events, some spectacular, others an attempt simply gone wrong. Donkey has also travelled around the earth several times, often flying business class. At the end of the day Donkey represents a give it a go and shite happens type of thing, like a badge of honour.



"Terminator" Darren Timms, Donkey recipient. Ex-Navy Seal "Files sealed crime undisclosed."



Reid Anderton - Guinness Book of Records holder for Cycling the Lap of Australia, 14,100km in 37 Days.



Donkey at the Iron man Edmonton Canada



Donkey at Yosemite National Park CA, USA.



Donkey watching the Iron Man Action at Lake Tahoe California USA, after his release from a stint in Alcatraz Prison San Francisco USA.



Donkey enjoying the atmosphere at lakeside watching Darren Donaldson compete in the Iron Man Championships Edmonton Canada



Donkey seemed to enjoy teaming up with people who were going places and is seen here having a flat white with Leighton Taylor, who is now in the RAAF.

Part 8. The Future for Redlands Cycling & Multisport Club Inc.

Club's incorporation took place in 1989 but we had undergone several name changes before then, as explained earlier in this document. At first, we were known as Wynnum Police & Citizens Amateur Cycling Club.

In the 1982 we became Wynnum Bayside Cycling Club, but three year later, there was interest shown in capitalising on the rapid growth of the Redlands Region. The Club had already participated in the Redlands Strawberry Festival Parade and conducted races in South Street Cleveland, and there was even a race meeting held on Russell Island and at Mt Cotton. Several Club members resided in Redland Shire so the opportunity for expanding was not to be missed.

Discussions took place and at the Annual General Meeting dated 25th February 1985 and the first Motion, (moved Heather Schroder Seconded S Pye) was to change the club's name to Wynnum Redlands Cycling Club. The vote was carried unanimously. At that same Meeting Dan Hovey presented a formal Draft Constitution he had drawn for the Club. This document was discussed, amended and adopted by unanimous vote.

In 2018 the Club again investigated a name change, this time from Wynnum Redlands Cycling Club Inc to Redlands Cycling & Multisport Club Inc. The main consideration of this name change was the alignment of our Club to a single identifiable group, being the Redlands City. The Adoption of the new name achieved five key outcomes:

- The Club name change encompassed the transition to a full Road Cycling/MTB and Multisport Club, thereby providing membership options that are held with either AusCycling (for those only interested in cycling), and a Triathlon Australia membership for those interested in multisport).
- Full support both financially and socially from the Redlands City Council which has reflected in the focus they have given us over the last few years.
- Our Club identity was always shortened to Wynnum and was never referred to as Redlands which had become our core catchment, and this caused massive recruiting problems. As riders in the kit rolled around the streets and in races the public, race officials and other competitors still called us Wynnum. This change to Redlands Cycling & Multisport Club Inc has aligned our identity accordingly.
- Well over 90% of our members are Redlands based and almost all new members reside in this region. Our Club growth will continue to come from this rapidly growing city.
- Over 90% of our official rides take place in the Redlands which better aligns to our member base.



Redlands Cycling & Multisport Club celebrates in smart new RCMC Kit on top of the Gateway Bridge on return from Redcliffe.

Our Club in the Cyber World

The Club had always distributed regular Newsletters however the new millennium saw us take a modern approach to communicating to members by participating in the World Wide Web. Committee Members developed a Cycling Website that will be an ever-evolving work in progress. The Public are to research and enquire about Club Membership options and our members can view forthcoming events and results, and even log in to purchase Kit from the on-line Shop. The Domain Name is (<https://www.rcmc@org.au>)

In 2012 the Club set up a Facebook Site that provided instant distribution of information as well as retaining our history and Photographs. This was so successful that it was made accessible to the Public as a tool for promoting interest in Membership. An additional “Members Only” Facebook Site was adopted to maintain Privacy.

The Future outlook for Cycling in Redland City

The Redlands District continues to grow and improve as a “cycle friendly city” with upgrades to much of the road network making social and training rides safer for participants, but what had been lacking, was a dedicated and safe, off-road cycling facility.

From as early as 1995 the club made an unsuccessful attempt to secure support from the Redlands City Council, then in 2018, Club President Darren Donaldson and Committee Members David Smith and Robin Cain, prepared a formal proposal which was presented to the Council the following year for their review and consideration. After numerous discussions, the proposal was accepted and the dream of having a Home for our club, including a dedicated safe cycling precinct became a reality. Redland City Council’s commitment was to provide our Club with a criterium track and clubhouse at the Redlands Coast Regional Sport and Recreation Precinct. Designs were approved with the Cycling infrastructure scheduled to be completed and operational by mid-2024.



RCMC President Darren Donaldson



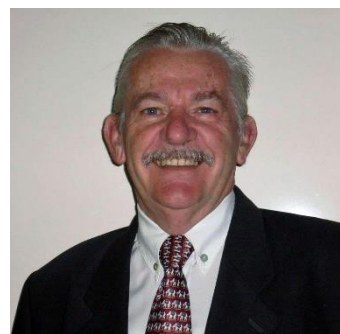
**The design concept of the future new Club House at Redlands Coast Regional Sport and Recreation precinct Mt Cotton.
The new circuit will enable the club to promote junior and Senior Cycling and racing programs .**

The future of Redlands Cycling & Multisport Club Inc gives ground for great optimism. The Club now embraces the inclusion of the Multi Sports concept covering all aspects of the Sport of Cycling, including Road, Track, BMX, Triathlon etc. The challenge now is to recruit Members of all age groups but particularly young people, and to encourage and develop them as Club Leaders and Racers.

Brisbane is confirmed as the Host City for the 2032 Olympic games and the Redlands Cycling & Multisport Club will have the facilities and opportunity to develop elite athletes who could represent their Country and perhaps stand on the Olympic podiums to receive Medals. With good Management, our Club story will go on. TO BE CONTINUED.....

About the Author

Case Scholtes (DOB 21/08/1945) Joined WRCC in August 2001, initially participating as a social Member and then in 2003/4 he took part in some interclub racing, but at age 59, he really enjoyed the challenging Club Social Rides. From the outset, Case also served the club as a consistent and reliable volunteer, as well as supporting the recruitment growth and development of new club members. Behind the scenes his focus was on Club etiquette, Safety, projecting a positive impact and encouraging more people into riding, racing, enjoying and watching cycling.



In 2003 he became a Committee Member providing a measurable benefit to the club over an extended period. He attended numerous club meetings and was never afraid to offer feedback and make positive suggestions to the committee.

Club Positions held:

2003	Newsletter & Social
2004	Publicity & Newsletter & Club Captain
2005/6/7/8/9/10	Publicity & Newsletter
2011	Retired & Travelling o/seas
2012	Social
2013/14	Publicity & Newsletter



In 2008 Case was the recipient of the Club Person of the Year award followed in 2011 by the inaugural Presidents award which he again won in 2018, then the Club Person of the Year again 2021.

Case also helped influence and shape a variety of Club rides including the rider friendly “Chicken Run” which earned him the nick name “the Fox.” This was an alternative ride for members who were not yet up the speed of the main Group. Later those in need of training and assistance were encouraged to join Group 3, an active “Ride Leader” monitored bunch, who conducted regular morning Transition training for male and female members of club. Many of these riders went on to compete and win Medals.

Over the years Case developed strong links with the Local Newspaper as Newsletter/Media Liaison to promote club activity, event success, and to raise the public profile and reputation of the club. He also prepared and distributed regular and informative club bulletins to members, patrons, sponsors and supporters.

The Club participated in many annual Cycling Related Charity Fundraising events for the benefit of the community and in October 2022 Case Scholtes led a Club team of 50 Riders in the “John Smallwood Memorial “ Great Cycle Challenge. In 31 Days, the Team rode a combined total of 37,430 kilometres and raised \$21,680 for Children’s Cancer Research

With a strong interest in the importance of history, Case became a moderator for the club’s social media Public Facebook Group, maintaining a library of club related articles and photographs. The onset of the club’s 50-year anniversary in 2020 highlighted how little we knew about the early club years since the club’s foundation 1970.

This led to a laborious undertaking to research and document the club’s early history, from 1970 through the present time. The project required tireless dedicated hours over two years, researching and conducting interviews with past members, identifying old photographs, sifting through news clippings, then writing illustrating and editing the club’s 50 Year History Book.

Case has endeavoured to present as proud member and role model by virtue of positive behaviours within the club and local cycling community.