



## President's Newsletter February 2018

With the season in full swing and several of our National Championships having been run and with more still to come, it is an opportune time to let everyone know what is happening.

### Events

In November, we had the  *criterium Nationals* in Takapuna. Well organised by the events team at Cycling New Zealand and managed on the day by a great team of Commissaires, this was a very successful event with worthy winners and a large, enthusiastic crowd of spectators. Feedback from riders was very positive following some changes made to the timing and format of the event. Running bike races in a large, very busy city is not without its challenges, but the "Crit Champs" is an ideal way to showcase our sport to the public.

*Elite Road Nationals* have come and gone in sunny Hawkes Bay. After a very windy and stormy start, it eventually lived up to its reputation as the sunny capital of New Zealand. Bringing road racing into urban areas makes a lot of work for the race organisers and requires some compromises to be able to put our cyclists in front of the public. However the result is well worth the effort – feedback has been that this was the best event yet. Looking forward to another year of sunning myself in the Hawkes Bay.

*The Elite & U19 and Age Group Track Nationals* are nearly here. While the weather may not be as hot as in Hawkes Bay, I am sure the welcome will be very warm in Invercargill. We have a roof, so no fear about being affected by the elements. "Bring it on" as they say in the South. I am sure that as in previous years, there will be some fantastic racing to enjoy whether we're watching, riding or officiating.

Then after the two track nationals, we are back up north to Carterton, in the Wairarapa, to finish off the season with the *Age Group Road Nationals*. It has been a while since a national champs was held in this part of the country. With some great roads, a very strong cycling community and plenty for supporters, this promises to be a fantastic end to our road season.

It's certainly a full on season. A huge thanks to everyone at Cycling New Zealand, all our officials and the many other volunteers that make these events possible

### Cycling New Zealand Conference & AGM & Awards Dinner

Mid-year our focus turns to the management and direction of our sport. While we can interact with our members in a huge number of ways throughout the year, the *Cycling New Zealand Conference weekend and AGM* remains very important, as the one time that Cycling New Zealand, the Road &

Track Council, all other member organisations (MTBNZ, BMXNZ and Schools Cycling) and our members can come together to discuss what we are doing and where we are going.

We return to the South Island this year, with the Conference weekend and AGM being held on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May at the Commodore Hotel (Memorial Ave) Christchurch. A change in format means that the Road and Track Council can run a workshop on Saturday afternoon, with the *Cycling New Zealand Awards Dinner* Saturday night as usual, and the *CNZ Road & Track AGM* on Sunday morning followed by the *Cycling New Zealand AGM* late morning with an expected finish around lunch time. This means we are only spending one night away from home.

### **CNZ Road & Track Workshop**

Saturday afternoon we will hold a CNZ Road & Track Workshop. One of the main topics will be about the future structure of our organisation, particularly in relation to the Centres. While we have discussed Centres previously, we now want to get some thoughts on future direction. Our structure was mapped out over 50 years ago and we need to look at whether or not that is the best model to take us forward in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. One possibility is to align the Centre regions to those of the Cycling New Zealand Hubs. That would reduce the number of Centres, so would be a massive change, but could bring efficiencies and reduce some of the administrative burden on volunteers.

There could well be other models for our structure that might work better than what we have presently. The Council want to hear from our members about this and welcome your input and advice on the future direction of CNZ Road & Track. At this stage, we are just looking for a mandate to start exploring options and investigate the feasibility of making changes.

So book your flights and accommodation, come along and provide your Council with some direction and enjoy a great evening celebrating the successes of the last 12 months.

### **National Awards**

Which leads nicely into the next item – I need EVERYBODY to make nominations for the national awards. They are a great way to thank and reward the many people that make our sport happen, and to recognise outstanding achievements.

To nominate someone for these awards please fill in the attached form and email to Mike Sim (M.Sim@gns.cri.nz). Remember these are national awards recognising what the person has done at a national level or above for the 2017 calendar year. The awards are listed below. Closing date for nominations is the 28<sup>th</sup> of February.

- ❖ **Malayan Cup**- Outstanding contribution to the sport of cycling. Generally, for the last season but not limited to just one season. Can only be won once.
- ❖ **Shona Smith Trophy**- The person lifting the profile of women in the sport over the last 12 months.
- ❖ **Coach of the Year**- Outstanding coaching achievements in the last 12 months.
- ❖ **Face of Cycling**- Athlete bringing recognition to the sport through their endeavours during the year.
- ❖ **Event of the Year**- Outstanding event of the year.
- ❖ **Club of the Year**- Club that has done something extraordinary this last year.
- ❖ **Masters Athlete of the year**- Outstanding master's athlete of the year male and female.

Also If you think of someone who may not fit into any of these categories, but has done something very special for cycling that we need to recognise, please let Mike know and tell him why. We like to recognise when someone does something that stands out in our sport and show them that we do appreciate what they do.

The Awards Dinner is a special night where all the cycling codes come together to recognise outstanding contribution and success in our sport. If you would like to attend please email [faye@cyclingsnewzealand.nz](mailto:faye@cyclingsnewzealand.nz) for all the information and to book your seat.

Now that I have had my say, it is up to you to have yours. Send your nominations through to Mike and I will see you all at the conference weekend for a great discussion on the future make up of our sport.

Yours in Cycling

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