

Chairman's Report for Cycling New Zealand Schools 2024

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I present the Chairman's Report for Cycling New Zealand Schools for the year 2024. This year has been successful, marked by strong growth, increased participation, and continued excellence across all levels of school cycling in New Zealand.

Highlights of 2024

One of the most encouraging aspects of 2024 has been the strong number of students participating in school cycling events nationwide. These numbers reflect the growing interest and passion for the sport among our rangatahi. Most of our events, including road, track, CX and mountain biking witnessed an increase in entries, showcasing the depth of talent and enthusiasm within our school communities.

The dedication of students, coaches, teachers, and volunteers has been instrumental in this success. Their commitment not only to performance but also to fostering a love for cycling has created an environment where young riders can thrive both competitively and personally.

Growth and Development

Our student-led focus group has once again provided invaluable feedback and fresh perspectives, ensuring that the voices of our young rangatahi is heard and helping to shape the future of school cycling. Their insights have been instrumental in tailoring programs and events to better meet the needs and aspirations of student cyclists.

Our partnerships with local cycling clubs and community organizations have strengthened, enhancing the support network available to schools and helping to promote cycling as an accessible and inclusive sport for all students.

Acknowledgments

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the countless volunteers, coaches, school staff, and parents who dedicate their time and energy to supporting school cycling. Your efforts are the backbone of our success.

A special thank you to the Cycling NZ Events team who continue to give so much support, their strategic insights and commitment have played a vital role in our continued growth and achievements. Also our executive members, whose leadership, vision, and unwavering dedication have been crucial in guiding Cycling New Zealand Schools through another successful year.

Special thanks also to our sponsors and partners, whose generous support has been vital in enabling us to deliver high-quality events and development programs throughout the year.

We also wish to acknowledge and thank our event providers, whose professionalism and dedication have ensured the smooth and successful execution of our events. Their hard work behind the scenes has been key to creating memorable and well-organized competitions for our student athletes.

Looking Ahead

As we look forward to 2025, our focus will remain on increasing participation, enhancing development pathways, and ensuring that school cycling continues to be a vibrant and integral part of developing our future champion cyclists. We aim to build momentum by introducing new

initiatives that support both competitive excellence and the broader enjoyment of cycling among students.

Ngā mihi nui to everyone who has contributed to a fantastic 2024. Together, we are pedalling towards an even brighter future for school cycling in Aotearoa New Zealand.

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