

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

| Sydney Uni Velo Club



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Sydney Uni
Velo Club

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 2019 Sydney Uni Velo Club (SU Velo) Annual Report. This report provides an update of the 2019 season – from race results (including the Helmet of Kratos!), to our sponsors, events, financial overview, volunteers, bush fires, and, most importantly – our members!

We would like to thank all our members who contributed to making the club a huge success in the past 12 months. Without the dedication of those who turn up week-in-week-out to club rides, those who fly the flag around the country whilst wearing their club kit at fondos, and of course those who pin a number on (whether it be for our club, Sydney Uni Staminade Women or Nero Continental) and frequent the podium or just for the thrill of racing. You are what make SU Velo the best club in Sydney!

– Sydney Uni Velo Club Committee

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CLUB PATRON

The club would like to thank our Club Patron, Mike Tomalaris, for his ongoing commitment and continued involvement with the club. Whether this is joining the occasional bunch ride, encouraging our members to take part in charity events or even providing a shout out on live TV during the Tour de France. Mike is an important part of our club and continues to embody the values of SU Velo.



PHOTO CREDITS

We would like to thank Victoria McNeill and our club members for providing the photos contained within our Annual Report.

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OUR MISSION

To focus on rider development, fostering a healthy performance culture that inspires members to strive and achieve their cycling goals whether that is for fitness, skills improvement or racing achievements, in a friendly and inclusive environment.

1 | SPONSORS

The club would like to acknowledge and thank our sponsors for their continued involvement and generosity throughout 2019.

Without their valued contributions we would not be able to host our monthly races, provide members access to training camps, contribute to the wider racing community (Sydney Uni Women's Staminade and Nero Continental, formerly Team Nero Bianchi) or proudly wear such an amazing kit (thank you to Cuore, our kit supplier).



THE MALAYA



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2 | COMMITTEE & VOLUNTEERS

The SUVelo committee is made up of volunteers that manage the day-to-day running of the club. We welcome all assistance from our members to support the club's operations, whether this be through helping on race day, leading bunch rides safely, or through providing feedback or ideas on what you think can make the club even better.



2019 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

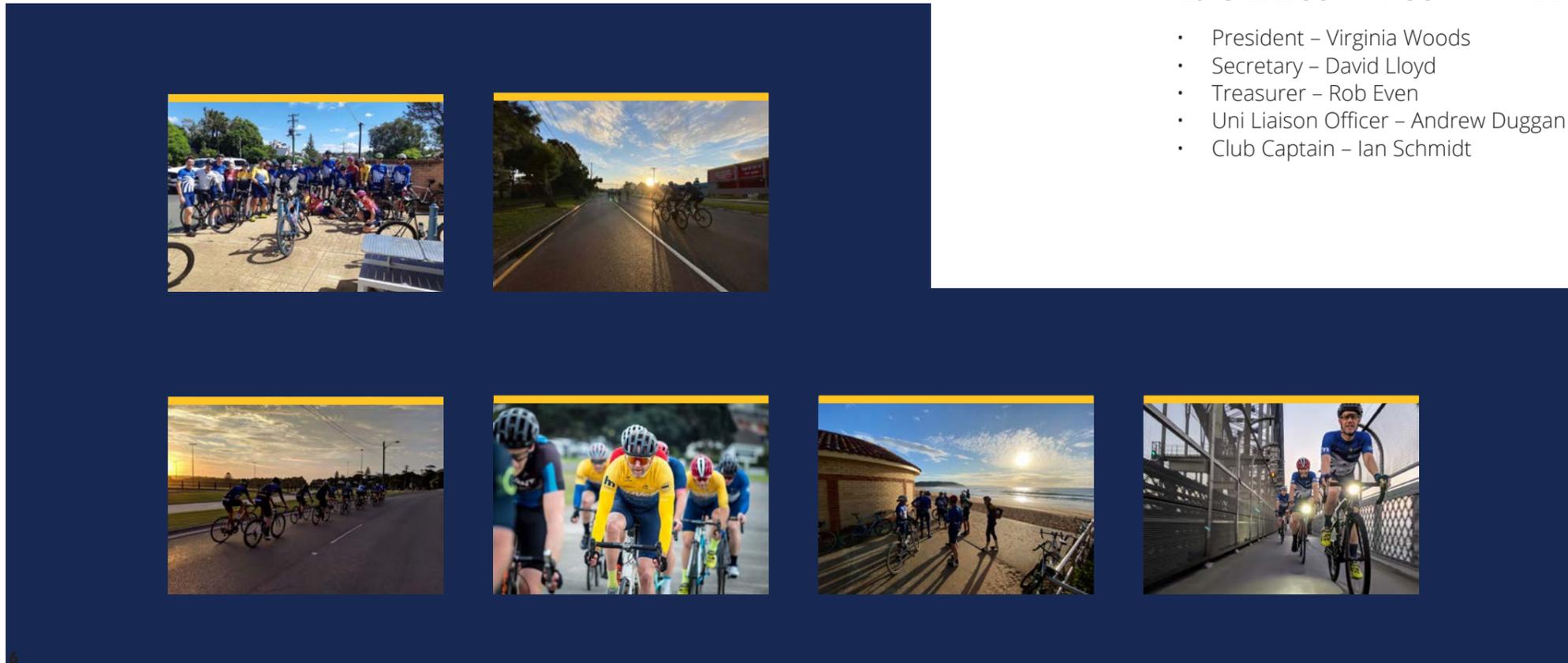
- President – Virginia Woods
- Secretary – David Lloyd
- Treasurer – Rob Even
- Uni Liaison Officer – Andrew Duggan
- Club Captain – Ian Schmidt

COMMITTEE

- Media Manager – Victoria McNeill
- IT – John Twyman
- Student Representative – Phoebe Kee
- Rider Development – Nic Papas
- Events Manager - Aimee Armstrong
- Sponsorship Manager - Angus Wilson
- Club Kit Manager – Richard Scriven

CLUB RACING

- Club Commissaire – Andrew Duggan
- Race Director – Emlyn Simpson
- Women's Race Captain – Lisa Antill





2 | PRESIDENT'S REPORT

OUR VISION

To be a premier club in the Sydney cycling community, respected for its approach to cyclist development and discipline towards on-road safety, while being widely recognised for its continual racing success.

SUVelo is committed to delivering on our mission and vision as we work on our key strategic initiatives of:

- > Member development
- > Member communication & management
- > SUVelo racing
- > Women's participation in cycling.

I am proud to report on our year of 2019, looking back with a sense of nostalgia and a little trip down memory lane.

In May of 2019, I took on the role of President after Andrew Duggan stepped aside. Duggo had served the Club for over two years as President, and graciously remained on the Committee as Commissaire and University Liaison Officer. In my new role, I had one main priority – to retain the Helmet of Kratos with a fourth Battle of the Bridge win for SUVelo. The thought of losing our title was enough to get me racing. Luckily many others felt the same, and thanks to our strong performance right across all grades, SUVelo brought home the Helmet again. This series really captures the spirit of local racing, with collaboration between clubs, many hours of volunteer work and generous support from our sponsors. A special mention to the tomahawk steak from Haverick, the mud crab from Claudio's and prizes from Staminade, allowing us to continue these Battle of the Bridge traditions.

We remain grateful for all our sponsorship, with funding from Wilson Asset Management, Claudio's, Haverick and Staminade, and Malaya's support in kind with our annual President's dinner. Thanks to our Club Patron Mike Tomalaris, President's dinners of years past have been a glitter of cycling royalty with guests such as Richie Porte, Rachel Neylan and Mark Renshaw. In 2019 we saw an opportunity to pay it forward and contribute proceeds of the event to Youth Off The Streets, one of the many charities Mike supports. YOTS provides disadvantaged kids with an entry into our amazing sport that they wouldn't otherwise be able to afford. Our contribution allowed the purchase of 3 start-up kits with the bike, helmet and shoes that were put to good use in the yearly epic ride from Sydney to Brisbane - a meaningful way to support cycling in the community.

The generosity of our sponsors also allowed our continued support of elite teams at the National Race Series level – Sydney Uni Staminade Women's team and Nero Continental Men's

team. This sponsorship is especially important for women's cycling, with a vast gender gap in funding, prize money and opportunity still an unfortunate aspect of our sport. Both teams achieved outstanding results both locally and on the international circuit, while still competing at club level racing and of course showing up to defend at the Club Championships.

The SUVelo week remained a solid traditional calendar- Tuesday Hills, Friday's Coffee Ride and Saturday's Long Haul South – something I'd look forward to all week, for the love of RNP and vegemite on toast at Pieno. Again, volunteer efforts go into making these rides safe and enjoyable and also devising additions to the program. Wednesday's Whip offered a 'race' option, and the Northside weekday rides started up, and Sunday's Cruise gave us the chance to round out the weekend with 100k's. Thanks to all the members who supported these rides with kit compliance and co-operation and making some very enjoyable mornings on the bike. We also rolled out Team App to make it easier to stay up to date with the rides on offer, along with events and news.

Time spent together off the bike has always been a part of our club culture. Many weekends, the hours spent at the cafe come close to ride duration and social gatherings throughout the year provide the challenge of identifying each other out of lycra. We also headed to Kangaroo Valley for our first training camp - a resounding success and another opportunity for relaxed dinners and cafes. These times of togetherness are so precious, and once again made possible with volunteer effort.

SUVelo would simply not be possible without the volunteer efforts of the Committee and other members. The support of our sponsors keeps us operational and also helps us give back to the community. Reminiscing on 2019 reminds me of how grateful I am for our club, to those who founded SUVelo, all our members and to everyone who contributes to keep it running - ten years and beyond.



ROB EVEN
Club Treasurer

Year ending 31 December	2019	2018
Opening cash balance	\$29,658	-\$3,187
Expenses	\$80,236	\$54,804
Income	\$73,276	\$87,649
Closing cash balance	\$22,699	\$29,658

TOTAL CASH IN: \$73,276

Significant income	2019	2018
SUSF Allotment Grants	\$18,000	\$18,000
Sponsorship payments	\$30,500*	\$61,500**
Cycling Australia Fees	\$12,248	\$7,381
2018 Christmas party ticket sales	10,326	-
Online race entries BOTB	\$2,202	-

* Includes the 2018 contribution, WAM sponsorship payment was received in Jan 2020

** Includes payment from Slater and Gordon

TOTAL CASH OUT 2019: \$80,236

Significant expenditure	2019	2018
Sponsorship Nero Bianchi - NRS	\$9,900	\$10,000
Sponsorship Sydney Uni Staminade - NRS	\$20,000*	-
Uni Games entries and travel expenses	\$3,351	\$4,635
International UCI licenses	\$2,763	-
NSW TTT championship entries	\$1,009	-
BOTB prize money	\$2,520	-
First Aid Course	\$1,900	-
SUSF Membership	\$17,480**	\$3,200
Cycling NSW Affiliation	\$591	\$822
Polka Dot and website	\$11,880	\$8,846
Coaching	-	\$15,877
Functions costs	\$1,650	\$5,743
Van rego and maintenance	\$2,973	\$1,026
Other	\$4,219	\$4,655

* Includes the outstanding 2018 Payment

** Includes this year the SUSF membership that members pay not directly to Cycling Australia anymore

The SUVelo accounts are managed, on a cash accounting basis, by Sydney Uni Sport and Fitness (SUSF) Finance. Accounts payable invoices that are processed by SUSF require approval by two club executives and SUVelo accounts are audited annually as part of the SUSF financial year end procedures.

The club is in a sound financial position with a cash balance of \$22,700 for the year ending 31 December 2019 (was \$29,660 prior year). Our most important revenue stream remains the generous contribution from our sponsors (\$30,500). This sum does not include the 2019 sponsorship of Wilson Asset Management that we received in January 2020. The second largest stream of income in 2019 was \$18,000 received through SUSF's Allotment Grants although this was almost exactly offset by the \$17,480 in individual membership fees paid to SUSF.

The most significant item of club expenses was the sponsorship of elite teams (\$29,900). This year's payment to the Sydney Uni Staminade Team included also the outstanding balance from 2018. As a race focused club we continued to financially support members to gain valuable international race experience through reimbursing for UCI license costs (\$2,763) and supporting student members participating at the Uni Games (expenses and event entries of \$3,351). In 2019 the SUVelo website was redesigned and we have continued with an agency that manages our social media channel content on behalf of our sponsors, incurring a total of \$11,880 in marketing expenses.

DAVID LLOYD Club Secretary

2019 was successful from a membership perspective with our key performance measures all improving for the year.

SUVelo membership numbers have held steady over the past 3 years with 276 in 2017 dropping slightly to 258 at the end of 2018 and rising to 273 by the end of 2019. This 6% increase in 2019 compares with an overall drop in members of CNSW clubs of -7% with almost all Sydney-based clubs registering small reductions in membership numbers.

The club has always been a strong advocate of women's cycling and the proportion of female members increased from 15% in 2015 to 21% in 2019 which compares to the CNSW average of 18%. SUVelo also continues its strong focus on performance with 70% of members now having race licences (including UCI and Audax), up from a steady 60% in past years, and well over the CNSW average of 56%. SUVelo has more Elite riders registered with CNSW than any other club.

The average age of members is 38.4 years reflecting that only 9 members are actually full time students of the University of Sydney. Approximately a third of members are alumni or past or present staff, while two-thirds have no direct association with the university, reflecting the community nature of the club.



GROWTH OF OUR CLUB

In 2019, our member base increased from 258 members to 273 members. This accounts for a 6% increase for the year.



STRONG RACING FOCUS

Out of our 273 members, 197 hold a race membership accounting for 70% of our member base.



ONE IN FIVE MEMBERS

At the conclusion of 2019, we had 63 female members, accounting for 21% of our member base.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT



DECEMBER 2019

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PROUD CLUB MEMBERS

At the outset of 2019, Cycling Australia changed both the menu of membership types and the IT system for administering memberships, causing some issues for club administrators and members which have been largely resolved during the year, with the notable exception of automated email reminders for expiring memberships which remains a manual process. During 2019 the club formalised its "onboarding" process to ensure all new members receive a "welcome" email which

includes an information pack and arrangements for obtaining club kit (as most members join outside of the ordering windows) and an automatic sign-up to TeamApp which has been settled upon as the key channel for communication to members.



6 | CAPTAIN'S REPORT

IAN SCHMIDT Club Captain

2019 was an exceptional year for many reasons, not the least of which were the bushfires making cycling outdoors hazardous.

SUVelo finished 2019 on the cusp of its 10th birthday and has built a strong reputation for focusing on developing riders and as a result, benefiting from safe and enjoyable rides. This was reflected in the membership survey which saw "SUVelo's bunch etiquette and safety" ranked as the number one reason for choosing to join us. The club has reached a stage where it can focus on sustainability, maintaining high standards over time following our well established riding ethos.

With membership numbers steady we renewed our commitment to provide suitable rides for our members nearly every day of the year. The Sunday adventure ride was added to our weekly roster and since it started it has been focusing on welcoming a wide range of abilities in a single bunch riding at a manageable but solid pace and finishing early enough in the morning to allow riders to get on with their day later.

In the absence of a sponsor with a training capability, our Thursday sessions in Centennial Park landed back in our ride captain's hands. A new set of structured sessions came to life, alternating with our classic "CP enduro". During winter 2019 we provided sessions targeting Team Time Trial training which encouraged solid participation in the Singleton TTT. After that our Thursday sessions explored locations outside Centennial Park which has become somewhat hectic.

Following a Ride Captains' meeting in June 2019, a Captains' Guidelines document was reviewed and approved. The main goal of that document is to consolidate our good riding practices in one place to ensure that all captains tap into the same source of information. This document focuses strongly on safety and it also includes general guidelines on what to do in case of an emergency. Many of our captains attended the First Aid Course organised by the club at the beginning of 2019. These skills were put to the test with two incidents, which fortunately didn't result in serious injury. In both cases captains and riders collaboration resulted in the best outcome possible.



As part of our commitment to safer rides, we have been focusing on encouraging riding in small bunches. Not only is safety increased - with more bunches with more people riding at the front and doing more work we get better training effects. Smaller groups also increase communication, creating stronger bonds between riders. This approach is helping greatly with the South Long Haul Saturday ride, which at times in the past had rolled out with more than 50 riders in a bunch.

We are proud to have now officially a SUVelo North branch with its own rides and regulars. We expect this community to keep growing thanks to the constant effort being put in by our north captains.

Our traditional coffee ride has attracted a variety of new riders and helps build the social part of the club. The constant dedication of our Development Officer and now Andrew Stewart makes this ride safe and enjoyable.

The bush fires presented new and unique challenges towards the end of the year. We focused on informing and warning our riders of the health risks of riding with bad air quality. Communication with the committee and social media was essential to send the right message to our riders. This was something of a warm up for the COVID19 pandemic where we needed to manage a dynamic situation and manage health and legal risks. But more on that in next year's report.

Despite the challenges, we can say that it has been a good year riding with SUVelo. Our focus on quality riding and safety always come first.

AIMEE ARMSTRONG Events Manager

The social calendar for SUVelo kicked off with the annual pilgrimage to the Tour Down Under for a week of riding the Adelaide Hills, spectating the main event, and eating and drinking – not necessarily in that order. Numbers were down on previous years, in part because the change in race schedule and format meant many could not stay for the Willunga Hill stage (now on Sunday instead of Saturday) which is generally regarded as a highlight for in-person spectators. A number of dinners throughout the week were organised by the club while smaller groups also hooked up on other nights.

March rolled around and with it the Blayney to Bathurst Cycling Classic which has customarily had great participation from SUVelo with members having won many divisions over the years and qualified for the UCI Gran Fondo World Series Final. A large contingent from the club made the



trip with participation across the various events of the festival and the traditional pre-race pub dinner before a very wet day of racing for the main fondo. The other large fondos, including Peaks Challenge, Fitz's, Bowral and Amy's all also attracted sizable contingents from SUVelo with members organising pre-race meet ups and in many cases riding together.

In November SUVelo ran its first ever Training Camp in Kangaroo Valley with a great turnout of 29 riders taking part, including our womens and mens NRS riders. Riders were greeted with supplies for the weekend, hydration supplies thanks to Staminade and nutrition and Premax goods thanks to the club. Members enjoyed two days of riding with a dinner at the amazing Hampton Deli on the Saturday night.



Also late in the year was the President's Dinner held at the Malaya which has supported the club from its early days. Special guests this year were two students from the Youth Off The Streets program, Claudia and Kim. All proceeds from the dinner (\$4,700) were donated to YOTS in support of their Cycle of Courage program. The event also raised awareness for the need for kit donations and even bikes. Club Patron Mike Tomalaris was MC as usual and interviewed both the girls about their experiences as part of the Cycle of Courage program.

The final organised social event of the year was the Christmas Party and Awards, held at Vessel with the ever-generous support of sponsors Haverick Meats and Claudios Seafood supplying a veritable feast, and Malaya providing dinner vouchers for prizes. The awards as voted by club members were:

- Male rider of year - Alex Durrant-Whyte
- Female rider of year - Georgia Miansarow
- Handbag of courage - Nick Fisk
- Mike Tomalaris plate - Lisa Antill
- Spirit of SUVelo - Victoria McNeill and Ian Schmidt





2019 was another highly successful year of racing for SUVelo, with joint and individual successes from grassroots to international level. The club defended its honour in the Battle of the Bridge series to retain the Helmet of Kratos and status as Sydney's most successful racing club for the 3rd successive year, and was crowned NSW Club Road Premiers for the 5th successive year.

At the NSW Championships there were notable performances at the Elite level including Jesse Coyle winning the Men's Criterium and Anna Booth winning the Women's Criterium just ahead of Georgie Whitehouse in second place. At the NSW Time Trial Championships Nadia Younan brought home silver in Elite Women's ITT, while the women's team won gold in the TTT and the men's team took bronze. We also had our first National Champion with Daniel Van Der Laan winning the C5 Para at the Mount Buninyong course.

Women's representation in the club has been bolstered at elite and grassroots levels with plenty of new signings in 2019. Club stalwarts (and committee members) Vic McNeill, President Gin Woods and Aimee Armstrong were joined by Nicole Wilson, Eline Smit and Georgia Miansarow, who have consistently punched above their weight at club races around Sydney as newcomers to racing in 2019. Eline has quickly become a regular on podiums around Sydney, Nicole became a most worthy Club Champion in a race contested by half a dozen National Race Series (NRS) riders, and Georgia's background in elite rowing saw her quickly snapped up by the Sydney Uni-Staminade team. 2019 also saw a number of exciting signings in the mens ranks with Sydney Uni student Leo Yip quickly finding his way to the Nero team, fellow students Luke and Jayden Schofield tearing up Heffron and Charl van Wyk racing with D'huez.

SUVelo is proud of its association with the elite Nero and Sydney Uni-Staminade racing teams. These teams provide development pathways for members of the club and also bring elite riders into the club to help mentor and inspire others – also pretty handy to have around for club bragging rights. Nero is the most followed cycling team in the country on all social media platforms and had many successes in 2019 including being the highest ranked Australian team at the Herald Sun Tour (a UCI 2.1 race) and being 3rd placed team in the Australian National Road Series. Other results included back-to-back stage wins at UCI Le tour de Filipinas, a GC win at Tour of Tropics, stage wins at Tour of Tweed, and Tour of the Great South Coast. At the end of 2019 Nero announced it would step up to become a Continental team.

The highlights for the women's Sydney Uni-Staminade team were arguably at either end of the year with the team invited to race at the Tour Down Under in January, and team member Jess Pratt winning Swift Academy and earning a contract with Canyon-SRAM in December. Sydney Uni-Staminade had consistent performances in the women's NRS, taking the GC win at Tour of King Valley and the Teams Classification at Tour of Gippsland while the individual consistency of both Georgie Whitehouse and Jess throughout 2019 earned themselves places on the UniSA-Australia team for the 2020 TDU. SUVelo was happy to assist members Gina Ricardo, Georgie Whitehouse and Jen Dermody with the cost of UCI licences so that they could gain valuable experience overseas.

One of the reasons for the club's consistent success at Battle of the Bridge is its strength across all grades, ages and genders in club racing, with 70% of members holding Race licences. Every weekend (and midweek in Summer) finds SUVelo members at races across Sydney and its surrounds, particularly those hosted by our friends at Randwick Botany, Manly Warringah, Waratah Masters, Northern Sydney, Lidcombe Auburn, Southern Cross, Parramatta and Penrith just in the metropolitan area.

With the generosity of the club sponsors and an army of volunteers led by Emyln Simpson, SUVelo was able to host numerous monthly Sunday club races. The 2019 Club championships was one such successful criterium format at the hallowed Heffron Park track. This year's edition saw an upset in Women's Division 1 by newcomer Nicole Wilson and a dominant performance by Jesse Coyle in Men's Division 1.

1ST DIVISION - WOMEN

- 1st and Club Champion - Nicole Wilson
- 2nd - Georgia Whitehouse
- 3rd - Anna Booth

2ND DIVISION - MEN

- 1st Richard Scriven
- 2nd Ben Wray
- 3rd Ryan Scarth

1ST DIVISION - MEN

- 1st and Club Champion - Jesse Coyle
- 2nd - Charl van Wyk
- 3rd - Angus Wilson

3RD DIVISION - MEN

- 1st - Ian Schmidt McLachlan
- 2nd - Dave Leon
- 3rd - Craig Japp

2ND DIVISION - WOMEN

- 1st Taryn Cornell
- 2nd Rose Vassel
- 3rd Victoria McNeill

4TH DIVISION - MEN

- 1st - Christopher Chung
- 2nd - Giuseppe Graziano
- 3rd - Craig Burrell





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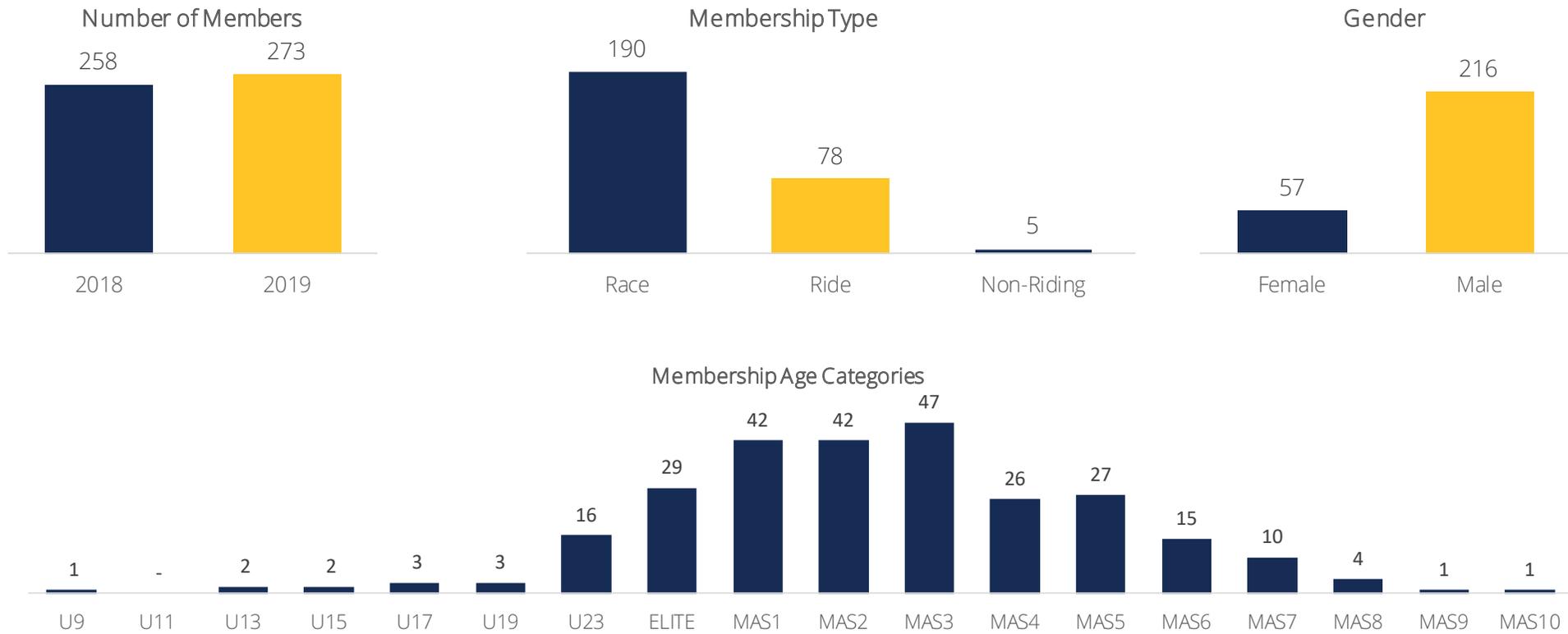
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APPENDIX A

| Membership Profile Charts

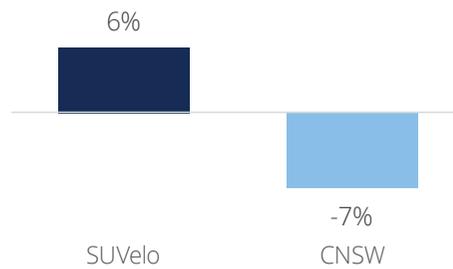


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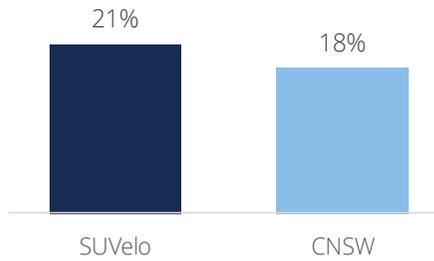


SUVelo Memberships vs CNSW Averages

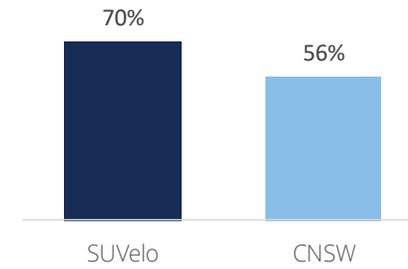
2018 vs 2019 Members



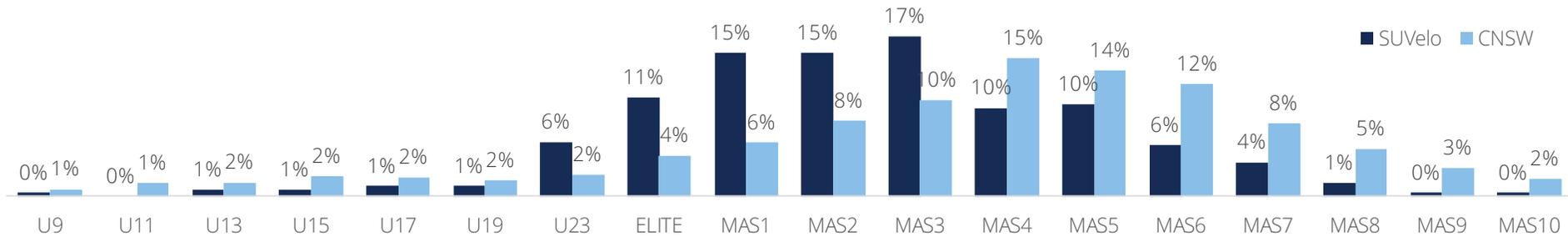
Female Members



Race Membership



Membership Age Categories



SUVelo Memberships vs Sydney Clubs

