

The Darwin Cycling Club was established in 1955.

The first Darwin Amateur Cycling Club Track was at the site of the present Aircraft Museum on the Stuart Highway. It was an oval track with a surface made of blue metal compacted gravel. It was about half a mile long. Remnants of the track can still be found at the site. This track was in use during the 50's and 60's.

The current velodrome was built some time before 1970. Originally it did not have a guard rail, but this was considered dangerous and was putting people off using the new track and sometime later a guard rail was installed.

A whole year's work in 1988 by Manuel Martins and others enabled the Darwin Armature Cycling Club to secure governmental funding for the current lighting at the velodrome. The velodrome was resurfaced in 1994 with bitumen and then again in 2000.

Famous and well known riders from DCC.

Shayne Bannan - represented Australia at the World Junior.

Nino Calado (Around 1988) - Was road racing with a professional team in Europe, based in Portugal.

Pedro Martins (1988 - 1992) - moved from Darwin to Adelaide to be coached by Mick Turner, Olympic Gold medallist.

Corey Heath (2000 -) - Represented Australia in the World Junior Track Championships, came 3rd in the Kieran.

Matt King (2004 -) - Represented Australia in the World Junior Road Racing Championships. 10th in the Time Trial.

Gerald Burton-Batty (1988 - 1995) - Moved to RMIT, studied Product Engineering. Cycled a little. Moved from Cycling to the sport of Wrestling and Submission Grappling. Won 3 Australian Titles for Grappling and also 2 Pan Pacific wins. Turned professional at age 30 and had 6 fights in various MMA (No Rules) events. Gerald was main event a few times and challenged for the Australian Pro Title as a Heavyweight twice, but a draw and a loss was the best he got. Here is a quote from Gerald:

I have lost touch with most people from Cycling over the years and locations, but it is never far from my thoughts, the time racing as a teenager on the dusty streets of the NT always bring a smile to my face and some epic people who touched my life, foremost Rick Tavenor and John Da Costs, also guys like Ian Cameron and Pedro Martins.

Life Members:

Rick Tavenor

Bill Bannon

John Scott

Darwin Cycling Club has been established for over 50 years and during this time competitive cycling has had varying levels of participation. In recent years there has been a resurgence in member numbers with more and more people taking up the competitive aspects of cycling.

STATE ORGANISATION

The CNT (then NTCA) was started in 1980. The first President was John Scott with Bill Clifton as Vice-president. The position of secretary and treasurer were combined and the incumbent was Roger Textor (at that time Deputy Commissioner of Police).

Prior to 1980 the Northern Territory cycling fraternity was part of the South Australian Cycling Federation. Two riders from the Northern Territory represented South Australia. These were Shane Bannon and Nuno Collado.

The CNT was formed so that government funding was available to Northern Territory cyclists. The then new NT government requested the formation of a Northern Territory body so that funding could take place. In 1981 the Australian Cycling Federation granted the new CNT permission to attend national conferences with two delegates for an apprentice period of three years before gaining full voting rights. Northern Territory cyclists however represented the Northern Territory as a fully representative team.

Roger Textor left the NT in 1983 and then the Secretary/Treasurer position was divided into two positions.. Shirley Davis became the Secretary of the Association and June Scott took on the position of Treasurer. At this time there were two clubs in the Northern Territory being Darwin Cycling Club and the Alice Springs Cycling Club. When the Katherine Cycling Club came into existence another Vice-president position was added to the Association executive. This position was taken by Mike Barnes.

June Scott remained Treasurer of the association until 1994, when after the National Track Championships held in Alice Springs, she decided to retire.

The Northern Territory has had some successes on the national scene. Shane Bannon and John Pyper riding for South Australia have won medals at National Track Championships. Corey Heath won a bronze medal at the Junior National Track Championships in the sprint and two years won bronze at the National one lap standing start and gained selection to the Junior Australian Cycling team. In Los Angeles Corey as part of the team sprint won a World Championship bronze medal. On the road Matthew Stephens and Adam Davis won a silver medal in the pairs team Time Trial at Mooloolaba and then Matthew went on to win the gold medal in the U/15 Individual Time Trial. Joel Lewis won the criterium of the Junior National Road Championships. Kym Hansen has won a number of national titles on both the track and road over the past years. Renee Brennan represented Australia at the Junior World Championships in Mexico

Shane Bannon won a bronze medal in the 50km Points Race at the National Track Championships and was selected for the Olympic team for the Los Angeles Olympics. However he contracted glandular fever and was unable to compete.

Katherine Cycling club affiliated to the CNT in the late 1980s while the Crazy Dogs Cycling Club, also from Katherine affiliated in 1999. The Crazy Dogs disbanded when the majority of their members were sent to Timor as part of the Australian peace keeping operation. The Alice Springs Mountain Bike Club affiliated in 1999, but left the Association after a disagreement with the Alice Springs Cycling Club executive.. A breakaway club, the Top End Mountain Bike Club was formed in 1992, but merely split the Darwin cycling fraternity and was later disbanded

The NT Library has provided additional information and reading references:


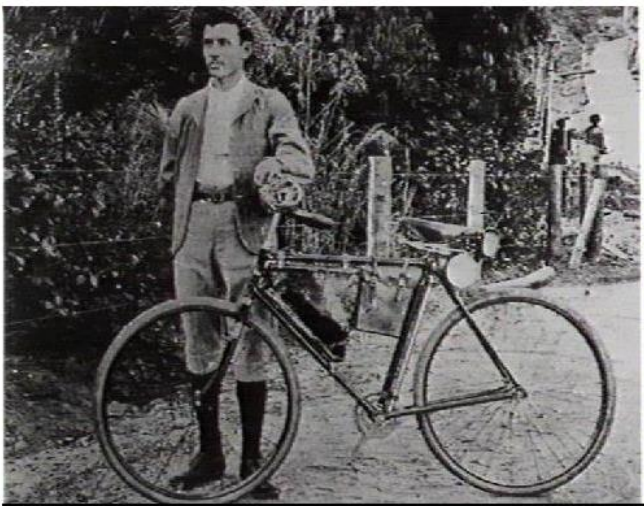
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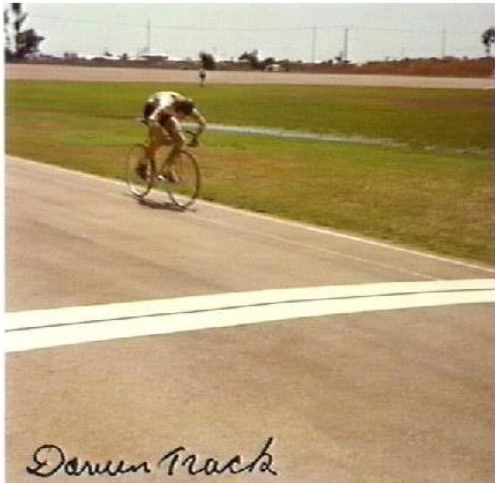
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Darwin Track

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Date taken: Unknown.
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Description: Cyclists racing in Darwin.



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Place: Arnhem Land
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Description: "Arnhem Land cycling episode - overcome by the Myalls."
'Running the gauntlet of spears'.
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Place: West Alligator River
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Description: "Cycling across the Alligator River, N.T." Shows Aboriginals wading across river with bicycle and gear.
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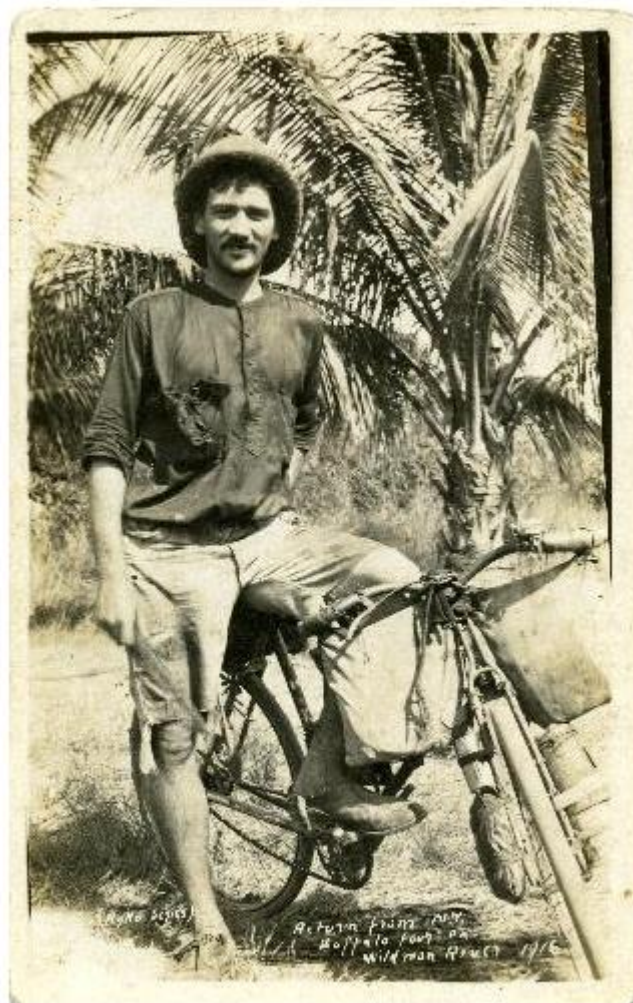
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Description: Cyclists competing in a road race.

Notes: Date:1979



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Title: [Cyclist](#)

Photo No: PH0413/0070

Photographer: Ryko, Ted

Collection: Karilyn Brown

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Description: Cyclist on his return from a buffalo tour to Wildman River.

Notes: Date: Unknown

KATHERINE DARWIN 1979
P. COOK ASPRINGS



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