

2023 Life Membership Nominations for election at the Annual General Meeting

Briefing Paper for Voting Members

Life Membership is the highest honour which can be bestowed by AusCycling. It is awarded to recognise eminent achievement and merit to a person who has rendered distinguished or significant contributions to the success, reputation, or positive standing of cycling across Australia.

The 2023 Nominations were reviewed by the AusCycling Awards Committee and endorsed by the AusCycling Board, with recommendations presented within this paper for election at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The nominees for Life Membership must be elected at the AGM by Special Resolution.

The Awards Committee consists of the following members:

- Anna Meares (Track)
- Brad McGee (Road)
- Chris Scott (PARA)
- Jared Rando (MTB)
- Tanya Bailey (BMX)

The Awards committee, with endorsement from the AusCycling Board put forward the following nominations for AusCycling Life Membership:

1. Hilton Clarke OAM

Hilton Clarke OAM has been a towering figure in the sport for more than 50 years. As an elite cyclist, he competed widely, winning a silver medal at the 1968 Commonwealth Games in Kingston, Jamaica. He also represented Australia at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City and won 17 Australian titles between 1966 and 1976. But it's as a coach that Clarke has had his greatest impact, guiding and developing riders to worldwide success.

Twice awarded Cycling Australia's Coach of the Year award, Clarke has coached riders to more than 240 Australian, Junior and Senior World titles. He is an inductee to the Victorian Cycling Hall of Fame and remains active as a coach of both road and track cyclists at the Carnegie Caulfield Cycling Club.

2. Toireasa Gallagher

Launching her life of cycling as a two-year-old, Toireasa Gallagher has been an elite competitor, coach, volunteer, commissaire and stalwart of the Bathurst Cycling Club.

Gallagher raced at all age levels, and competed in State, National and International events. This included riding as a pilot in multiple para games where she helped secure medals at both the Paralympics and IPC World Championships.

Gallagher's coaching career has seen her guide and mentor countless young riders and she was Head Coach of NSW Western Region Academy of Sport from 2014 to 2018. She remains a valued and energetic volunteer at the Bathurst Cycling Club.

3. Duncan Murray

As the leader of what has been described as the biggest and most important merger in Australia's sporting history, Duncan Murray was responsible for creating the foundation from which cycling and riding could thrive.

As Chair of Cycling Australia from July 2018 to November 2020 and then the inaugural Chair of AusCycling for its first 15 months, Murray was responsible for guiding change on a massive scale. He also played a critical role in securing the 2022 UCI Road World Championships in Wollongong, was a Wollongong 2022 Director and served as a Director of the Amy Gillett Foundation between 2006 and 2017.