

2018 Cycling South Australia Junior State Criterium Championships – Whyalla 11 Feb 2018

Riders and spectators enjoyed a lovely day in Whyalla for the State Junior Crit Championships. There was a significant contingent from the well-organised and friendly Whyalla Cycling Club who mixed with riders travelling from Adelaide. Several groups of local riders stopped to watch, as did a notable number of locals unconnected with the event.

On a closed, technical circuit near the centre of town South Coast riders contested the U11, U15, and U17 races. Results (and links to photographers) can be found via <https://www.whyllacc.org.au/state-junior-criterium> .

All our riders enjoyed the event and gained experience in this form of racing, as well as making or renewing friendships with Whyalla riders.

Angus Corbett (U11B) earned himself top place on the podium and the State Champion title with a solid Gold medal ride against some strong riders.

Orlando Hofer (U15B) gained in experience, strength, and status by getting in the mix with some more experienced and stronger riders and had the strength of character to finish the event with his head held high. Oliver Cullen (U15B) took out Bronze with Luka Elliston and Jack Whisby not far behind.

Ethan Birrairie and Mitch Natt have been mates since early childhood and have done many things together in the ensuing years. In the U17M event they started together with every intention of pushing each other to the line. Ethan won the Boxing Day Crit, Mitch has been selected in the State track team to contest the Junior Track Nationals next week. In the spirit of mateship they crashed together and bonded further as they were patched up!

Elliot Walker (U17M) raced to Gold and the State Champion title and Jude Thursby finished mere seconds behind to take the Silver.

Many, many thanks to Whyalla for running the Championships, to CSA for running the event (and for holding it outside of Metro Adelaide), for the Commissaires for their expertise and judgement, for the volunteers for making it all work, and to the parents who support their children in such a great sport!



2018 SA State Junior State Championships (Whyalla) – medal winners (Photo from Whyalla CC web site)



Orlando Hofer and Oliver Cullen (U15B) (Photo Marcus Hofer)



U11B Podium – Angus Corbett State Criterium Champion 2018 (Photo Marcus Hofer)



Some of the U17M field (Photo Greg Sketcher)