

Dear Fellow Queenslanders,

Brian Hornby recently circulated some Audax data from last year:

Brevet Type	Queensland		Australia		Queensland %	
	km	Brevets	km	Brevets	km	Brevets
BA	54,527	519	227,771	1982	23.94%	26.19%
BD	6325	130	10822	184	58.45%	70.65%
BG	0	0	6904	62	0.00%	0.00%
BP	25,508	196	146,647	1037	17.39%	18.90%
BPD	0	0	310	5	0.00%	0.00%
BRM	71,900	288	506,770	2108	14.19%	13.66%
BUAF	1700	13	1700	13	100.00%	100.00%
Fleche	3912	9	40,553	106	9.65%	<b>8.49%</b>
Fleche-14	4176	22	9417	50	44.35%	44.00%
LRM	0	0	89,400	65	0.00%	0.00%
SR	0	0	1200	2	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>168,048</b>	<b>1177</b>	<b>1,041,494</b>	<b>5614</b>	<b>16.14%</b>	<b>20.97%</b>

While QLD is punching above its weight in areas like BUAF, we only rode 8.5% of Oppys Australia wide. Shame. This year is going to be different.

This Oppy News Email (the ONE) is just an intro to the Oppy in 2018. I've compiled an email list of who I think are "Oppy definites", "Oppy-maybes" and "Oppy-curious". If you can think of anyone else who should be on the mailing list let me know, (or let me know if you want to be taken off).

#### The Facts:

The Oppy is a 24hr team time trial at least 360k (Petit Oppy 14hr > 180k). You must ride as a team (min.3 / max.5) and finish as a team. This year the Oppy will start 8am Saturday 24th March and will finish 24 hrs later at University of Queensland, St Lucia. Breakfast for Teams & Supporters at **St Lucy's**.

While the ride finishes at UQ, it can start anywhere of your choosing on a route of your own design. Details of the rules, the strategies, the subtleties, tips, stories, to be shared in future emails. The definitive rules can be found on the Audax website:

<https://audax.org.au/public/images/stories/Documents/oppo%20ride%20rules%2020081101.pdf>

#### Oppy Records:

QLD All Male: 528k, 2017; FlatOut Oppytunists (Nick Booth, Nick Burnett, Mark Riley, Rod Staines)

QLD All Female: 365k, 2013; Four Generations (Deb Aitcheson, Lynne James, Anne Latimer, Holli Linklater)

QLD Mixed: 412k, 2008; The Southern Invaders (Paul Cribb, Alex Murray, Martin Pearson, Lisa Turner)

AUS All Male: 770k, 1993; The Endorphins (Mark Hastie, Guy Green, Nicholas Skewes, Ken Mayberry, Derek McKean)

AUS All Female: 550k, 1996; Attitude is Everything (Debra Eason, Carolyn Jarome, Allison Chambers)

(Obviously there was something in the water last century.)

During the "Inland Indulgence" ride today, I noticed a number of people pairing up. My annual appraisal suggested I should be more "pro-active" so I'm going to pencil in some natural pairings. (And for those that were not on the ride, I'm also clairvoyant.)

Team Name	Team Members
	Ral Dover, Peter Watson, Justin Bennett, +
	Christopher Neve, Chris Lewisthaite, +
	Tara Horner, Scott McCarthy, +
	Pat Lehane, Vaughan Kippers, Peter Jenkins, Kym Raffelt
	Rod Staines, Nick Burnett, Nick Booth, Anthony Richardson
	Roger Hawley, Andrew Bragg, Paul Witzerman, Phil Milham
	Brian Hornby, Chris Richardson, +
	Anne Latimer, Liz Hepple, Liz Nelson, +
	Gayle Stitcher, + 1000 of FNQ possibilities
	Jeff Franklin, Mark Harris, James Nitis, +
	Matthew Locker, + Koiled friends
	Peter Robertson, + Mackay cronies

#### Petit Oppy

Team Name	Team Members
	John McMullan, Ruth Brown, +
	+ 1000s of FNQ possibilities

In light of the lengthy application process for the IPWR where numerous riders have failed stage one after submitting long applications which included photos, mission statements, bike philosophy, etc ... I feel it's time to get serious about the Oppy and get us some Rider Profiles up. While we could play this out on Facebook & Instagram, these "media" are somehow not "adult enough" for this sort of stuff. For make no mistake, we are talking cycling, and it doesn't get any more serious and adult than that.

Let me start by giving you my Rider Profile:

*Mark Riley: I'm a shy bicycle Libran, well-balanced as long as I get 4h+ sleep a night. I'm not after permanents, but a once a year relationship around Oppy time. I'm after minimum distance and minimal elevation. Those that set the bar too high need not reply. I promise not to cross wheels. (Txt me if you want to see a picture of my bike.)*

So please, for the next Oppy News Email, please send me your Team Names, and your Rider Profiles. As well as expanded team membership, new teams, etc.

2018 is going to be a great year to do the Oppy!

Mark

(QLD Oppy Coordinator)