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2026 Victorian Cycling Hall of Fame Wrap Up

Hi Fellow Members, past Members and Friends of MJ

Well the 2026 Victorian Cycling Hall of Fame for 2026 is all done and dusted as the saying goes and what a night it was as we had a full house (110), members and guests were practically hanging from the rafters.

On behalf of the Maillot Jaune Club I would like to thank our Patrons Phil Anderson, Baden Cooke and all who attended as everybody's presence helped to make the night a very memorable one, with a big thank you to Eva's Restaurant Staff who's service and attention to detail made the night run very smoothly.

We had 5 very worthy inductees to be honoured on the night and a new category that recognized the achievements of a Victorian historic cycling legend in Jackie Clark the 1904 Austral Wheel Race winner plus an outstanding International career in Europe and USA.

Jackie's award was presented by our own cycling legend John "Iffy" Trevorrow and accepted on behalf of the Clark family by Clive Allen-Paisley a descendant/relative of Jackie.

After a short break to enjoy our delicious Entrée it was the one and only legend in Alan Grindal who was being elevated from Associate Member (in 2005) to a full Hall of Fame Member.

Alan looking as young as ever and fully refreshed from a recent Cruise returning the day before the HoF and looked like he could still ride the Olympic Road Race.

After being interviewed by our MC Laurie Norris the man with the Golden Tonsils, Alan enlightened those in attendance what it was like back in the day, winning the first ever Grafton to Inverell from Scratch, duel National Road Championships and representing Australia at the 1960 Rome Olympics.

Alan was presented with his award by fellow Hall of Famer, Olympian, Brunswick CC club mate the Legionary Four & Twenty Pie Man the one and only Vic Browne.

Naturally while all of the presentations were being carried out the efficient staff at Eva's Restaurant in stealth like manner kept up the Hydration and Nutrition to all the Guests on the night.

After a short interval for the main course, naturally it was delicious we were back into the presentations with Ian Maher our next Inductee.

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Ian was of course interviewed by Laurie and just saying he could give Laurie a run for his money for the Golden Tonsils award, during the conversation it was more like 2 old friends talking. Ian's involvement with the sport of Cycling began at the Shepparton CC when his daughters started racing and ended at Cycling Victoria.

After Stewart Doyle retired from Race calling Ian picked up the Microphone and just carried on without missing a beat.

Our MC Laurie Norris also a Hall of Fame Associate Member presented Ian with his award.

As with all Maillot Jaune Junior Cycling fundraising events we have a Raffle and an Auction, well I'm pleased to say the Raffle first prize was a piece of Australian Cycling History, an Autographed Bottle of Phil Anderson Tour de France Port from 1981, Bottle No. 33 of 200 (possibly the only one left) and the Winner was none other than Ian Maher, note Ian also won 3 Prize.

We congratulate the Auction winning bidders Glenn Bush (TDU) and Dianne Townsend (Perth).

Prizes Courtesy of Accor Hotels

- 4 Nights at the Adnate Perth from Thursday 7th January 2027 to Monday 11th January 2027. Plus Access to Road Nat's behind scenes.
- 6 Nights at the Peppers Waymouth Adelaide for the TDU from Tuesday 19th January 2027 to Monday 25th January 2027. Access to Jayco AIUla Team and other TDU activities still being finalized. Note; I did this (TDU), this year (2026) and it was absolutely amazing.

A big thanks to our Auctioneer Ron Gower for doing a great job as always.

After the break in proceedings it was back to presenting the awards and with 2 still to go it was as the saying goes Ladies first and Liz (Tadich) Taylor was next up.

Laurie discussed with Liz what it was like riding in the Femmes in those early days especially in Europe, naturally the Femmes didn't have all of the amazing Prize Money that the Male riders rode for, at times they would be lucky to take home a hamper of groceries or a live chicken.

Liz recalled her 2nd place in the 1997 UCI World Road Championships in difficult conditions and only millimeters in the decision, a truly amazing ride, Liz also represented Australia at Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur 1998 and Manchester in 2002 and missing the 2000 Olympics team due to a training accident that disrupted her preparation.

Liz was presented her award by fellow Hall of Famer and her former Australian team mate Anna Wilson. (Great to see Anna back, please don't be a stranger.)

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Our final inductee of the night was the one and only Michael (Mick) Hollingworth, my first encounter with Mick was on September 24th 1966, the 107 mile Melbourne to Colac, it was my very first race as a Junior.

Mick was First and Fastest Time that day winning an Astor “G3X” Stereogram for 1st prize. FYI. The Scratch bunch was Don Wilson, Mick, Tom Moloney, Lloyd Patterson & John Hine a pretty classy group.

After our MC Laurie had time to lubricate his Golden Tonsils he interviewed Mick on his outstanding cycling career that covered the 1964 Olympics where Mick finished 14th just 2 places behind some unknown Belgium rider called Eddy Merckx a great effort, National and State Titles, Sun Tour Stage wins. We can't forget Mick's dedication to the Carnegie Caulfield CC where he began racing in 1959 and over the years he has dedicated very generous time serving as President to Junior Development in the latter years, a truly amazing Cycling Career.

The award was presented by Don Allan another Hall of Fame member, Don indicated that growing up as a Sub Junior rider that Mick and Don Wilson were the riders that he looked up to.

Congratulations to all Inductees and welcome to the Victorian Hall of Fame.

Click on Link and follow prompts to view the Inductee Slide Presentations.

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I would also like to acknowledge and thank the following guests who came along to support our Inductees as it was great to see you all there on the night.

- Lyndelle (Higginson) Hall, Bill, Elaine and Kelly Dawson, Lynne & Denis Tanner, it was great to see you all back after a long absence, please don't be strangers.
- It was great to see the Carnegie CCC represented by President Linda Hunter, Doug Moody, John Cartwright & Marcel Lima Esq. the Maillot Jaune Club looks forward to enjoying your company again at another function in the near future.
- The Hollingworth, Maher, Grindal, Taylor and Clark, families and friends for helping make the night so special.
- Last but not least, Ray Bowles (Australia's premier Cycling Photographer) and Dan Jones (from Backstage Pass and All For One Fame) for the Video Presentations and Ray for his Photo Gallery of the night.

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- I would like to also give a big well done to one of our younger members and also a guest on the night at the HoF, Jono McKay on the afternoon of Saturday (28th) he single handedly chased down and made a Citizen's Arrest on a person carrying our Burglaries in his area. You are an inspiration Jono to us all, congratulations on a job well done.
- To all our members who are not experiencing good health we wish you all well and look forward to the next time you can grace us with your presence, a very speedy recovery to whatever ails you.
- Over the past 2 years the Maillot Jaune Club has provided over \$68k in support for Junior Cyclists, be it providing travel assistance to Juniors representing Australia at the UCI World Championships or local racing like the Victorian Christmas Carnivals and Junior Austral.
- The Maillot Jaune raise funds through specific events like the Victorian Cycling Hall of Fame and Membership, all funds raised goes towards assisting the Juniors and it's a pleasure to announce that from our recent HoF function we raised over \$10,200.00 for Junior sponsorship.
- To our new Hall of Fame Inductees, please don't be strangers as we would love to see your happy faces at future Maillot Jaune Functions.

Our next function will be the Tour de France Review in August an afternoon event and or 2026/27 Membership renewal will be from 1/07/2026, naturally I'll remind everybody beforehand.

Regards and very best wishes to all.

Tom

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