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Grafton to Inverell Cycle Classic Announces New Major Event Partner - CWP Renewables

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The Grafton to Inverell Cycle Classic is pleased to announce CWP Renewables as the new major event partner supporting the 61st edition of Australia's toughest one-day cycling race.

CWP Renewables develops, builds, operates and owns renewable energy assets in Australia, working with local communities and customers to lead the transition to Australia's clean energy future.

"CWP Renewables has a strong commitment to community and we've built long-lasting relationships in the Inverell region through our Sapphire Wind Farm. It's great to be supporting a long-standing event which brings people to the region," said CWP Renewables CEO Jason Willoughby.

"Sapphire Wind Farm is the largest operating wind farm in New South Wales and not only makes a valuable contribution to our transition to net zero emissions but also supports vital regional investment and growth."

Establishing CWP Renewables as a major event partner is critical in ensuring the longevity of 'the great race' which is increasingly impacted by the escalating costs involved in hosting a National Road Series cycling event.

"The Grafton to Inverell Cycle Classic strongly aligns with the values of CWP Renewables," said Event Director, Chris Thompson. "It is a great fit to partner with an organisation that is working towards a sustainable future with an emphasis on supporting local communities."

"Our iconic national event belongs to the local community and brings visitors to the region from around the country providing a significant boost to the local economy."

The 2022 CWP Renewables Grafton to Inverell on Saturday May 7 will again be a feature event on the AusCycling National Road Series (NRS) calendar. After a successful debut in 2021, the Gibraltar to Inverell des Femmes returns as part of the program for 2022. The Women's NRS event provides an opportunity for the leading female riders and teams in the country to take on the 136km course that starts at the top of the Gibraltar Range.

All other divisions will be racing over the testing 228km course that has remained essentially the same over the last 60 years.

"It is rare to have a cycling race in this country for competitive cyclists of all levels with the terrain and distance that rivals a European Classic," said Event Director, Chris Thompson.

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