## 2011 HIGHLIGHTS

After two years of wind, the organising team nervously watched the weather forecast as Race Day got nearer. Messages via e-mail, Facebook and Twitter were united in their plea: “Please organise a windless day.” And as dawn broke on Sunday morning, 13 March, not a breath of wind could be detected at the start or finish line. The day remained perfect, providing ideal riding conditions for all participants.

Tyler Day and Cherise Taylor established course records for the 110 km course, incorporating Boyes Drive, in times of 2:32:10 and 2:49:45 respectively, while over 5000 riders finished in under 3:30.

The number of charity groups increased from 7 in 2010 to 27 this year, their bright jerseys providing a colourful element to the middle of the field.

Walter Hein (87) in 5:07:01 and Marie-Louise Swoboda (75) in 5:32:33 were the ‘golden oldies’ this year. And all of the Magnificent Seven finished!