



# Joey Graham Back for Nationals

NZ Champs

ACT Champs

SQ Shootout

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New Industries

New CC Rides



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# introducing cyclecraft new team additions

Since the end of last year I have been looking for new talent to add to the CycleCraft National Team ranks. Welcome to the following riders **Steve Ewart** 45+ men - Qld, **Dale Moore** A Pro - VIC, **Kyle Hughes** Jnr Elite - NSW and **Jesse Asmus** 10 Boys - QLD will join CycleCraft Australia for the 2013 season, and in the following months all have their eyes on National and World titles plates.

New team uniforms are now fitted to all our riders with the US team running the same, giving CycleCraft a global uniform look with Fly Pants.



## jesse asmus

Jesse started racing at the age of 3 following his 2 older brothers into the sport and instantly showed a natural ability on the bike. Representing CycleCraft in 10 boys, Jesse already has State and National Champ results under his belt.

Challenging himself, riding new tracks, traveling and making new friends and a big fan of Sam Willoughby keeps Jesse on the path to BMX stardom. Jesse's short term goal is to win a world plate in New Zealand this year and eventually represent Australia at an Olympic Games. With a big future in the sport, we are excited to have Jesse represent CycleCraft Australia.



## steve ewart

Steve needs no real introduction this being his 25th season in the sport. His best result so far was winning both the Australian & New Zealand Championships. "I'm still having as much fun as I did when I first started racing."

Steve's goals for this year are to win the World, Aussies and New Zealand Championships & to help Team CycleCraft win the Team Trophy at the Aussies! Steve's first official outing for the team will be at the NZ Champs!



## dale moore

Dale started racing at the age of 7 in Coonabarabran in NSW and into the 90's where he raced State and Aussie Champs. He left the sport in 1999 and started racing again in 2008 in Queensland and moved to Victoria where he now lives. Dale is dedicated to training hard and will be a great asset to CycleCraft Aus down in Victoria. "I'm excited to be apart of the CycleCraft Australian factory team for the 2013 race season and to help my team mates win the team trophy at this years nationals"

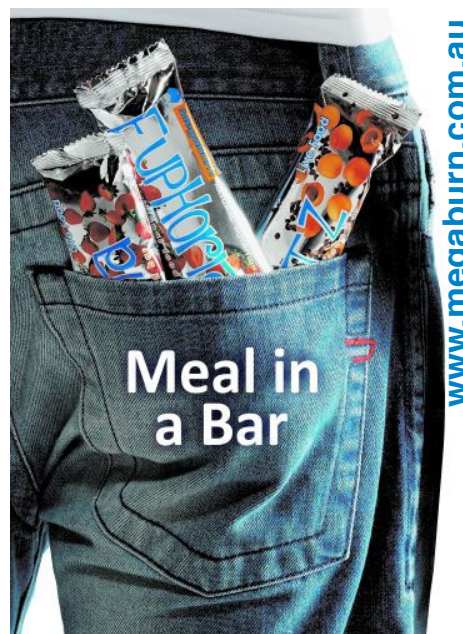


## kyle hughes

Kyle started racing at the early age of 4 at Liverpool BMX Club in 1999. Since then his passion with BMX and training hard still thrives and is constantly focused on improvement!

Kyle placed 3rd at the World Titles in 2009 and has won an impressive 7 State titles as well as 3 Australian Titles. In 2011 Kyle travelled to America where he raced the ABA Grands and qualified 3rd. The following year he travelled to America again competing in 11 races qualifying for 10 finals and making the podium 9 times.

Future goals for Kyle is to win more Australian Titles and National Champ Bike rounds, represent Australia at the Olympics and travel the world racing BMX professionally.



Megaburn



Jason May with the throttle down

# SQ shootout series



Maddie Janssen in charge

## 2013 ACT Championships

By Jason May

**This years ACT Championships were held on the 1st to 3rd of March at Vikings BMX track, Canberra. Cyclecraft Australia had 2 riders make the trip, WA's Jason May and Jake Thaler from NSW. Thanks to Jason for the following report.**

I flew in on Thursday night the 28th of Feb to a damp Canberra evening, straight away things were looking a bit bleak for the weekend however after a good flight, I was ready to ride.

I arrived at Vikings track around 07:30 Friday morning for scheduled practice only to witness the great club members working frantically trying to get the track up to standard after an overnight down pour.

Subsequently morning practice was cancelled to let the track dry out for the Champixx/Probixx round that afternoon.

On completion of round 5 on Friday afternoon they opened the track for 30 mins and as you could imagine the track was packed resulting in only 3 practice laps and no gates.

Round 6 of the national round was completed on the Saturday, the ACT titles commenced on the Saturday afternoon with cruisers and sprockets.

Sunday morning arrived with sunny skies and a fast track. Fnally got some more track time with 3 more laps and a handful of gates.

First Moto was a reminder of just how long the track is (450m approx) I ended up grabbing a third. Second Moto was alot better with an exciting start and some old school bar banging going on down the first straight with me picking up a second. Third Moto was more of a prep lap for the main as some of the big guns in the previous heat, I picked up the win and I got to have a good

look at some lines at speed and have a bit of a jump through the 4th straight, I pulled up down the 6th straight to try and save some legs for the main. I wasn't happy with my times all day.

In the main I had 3rd pick and went lane 4 got out on the button but got pulled into the first corner by some of the boys from NSW and that's where I stayed in the 3rd spot for the whole lap. Stoked with 3rd for the day and my time was a second faster than the moto's. This gave me a good indication of where I need to be for the nationals in early May. Training has amped up and feeling strong looking forward to Sleeman.

Jake Thaler made the drive from NSW for the weekend Racing in A Pro. Jake had some great results in his moto's keeping the CC rig up the pointy end. Jake's run came to an end when he just missed the cut in his semi final, but was overall happy with his efforts for the weekend flying the CC colours.



A Pro Jake Thaler

**The Oxley Cycles 2013 Shootout Series is over for another year. The 5 round series was another great success with only Ipswich not being able to host its round due to rain with Centenary hosting the cancelled race.**

CycleCraft's Maddie Janssen and Jesse Asmus completing the series. Maddie racing the first 2 rounds, but wasn't too feeling to confident going into the 3rd with the Chinese National Team giving also showing up for a couple of rounds making the racing interesting. But it was great to have 2-3 gates of pro women and some good competition!

By the 4th round Maddie was sitting comfortably in 3rd position and could see all the racing over the past 4 weeks was improving her skills on the track. So the second and last round were defiantly a stand out for Maddie. Overall it was a good series for Maddie taking out 3rd place in the series.

CycleCraft's newest team rider 10 Boys Jesse Asmus had great success in the series also. Jesse being awarded 2nd in 10 boys Cruiser and also 2nd in 20" which was a great effort considering he raced a class up with 11 Boys in the series.





**The NZ National BMX Titles were held at Cambridge this year. The track was Awesome! I just wished I could have had some more time to practice on it...**

The track is a replica of the 2013 World titles track. The start hill was around 6 metres. The jumps were pretty big (especially the 1st jump).

In NZ, Saturdays racing is used to seed the riders into their moto draws for Sunday's Championship Meeting. I had a solid qualifying effort on Saturday, and finished with two 1st's & a 2nd.

Our class had a rider count of 44! It was going to be a BIG day, 3 motos, 1/4, Semi & Mains (If I made it that far). The caliber of riders was very solid, as 3 of them had made mains at the World titles over the years.

The day for me started out well, I qualified in 3rd overall after the motos, with two 1st's & a Second. The 1/4 finals were up next. I got a great gate (Thanks Pro Gate)!, The result was a Win. Nice.

This qualified me for the 2013 World titles for the NZ Team (Top 16). Next was the semi final. I rode a solid race & finished 2nd. It was a great feeling to qualify for my 14th National Final!

This qualified me for the Main, due to the way that BMXNZ do their qualifying, this has also qualified me for the 2014 Worlds.

The Main was very hard, unfortunately for me, after getting a great gate, I didn't jump the 1st jump, and had to come through from 4th place. A bit of a coming together in the last turn (fighting for 3rd), resulted in me getting bumped back to 5th. The 3-5th placing's were very close at the finish, It would have been nice to have an extra 5 feet of track!

I would like to thank all of my supporters (You know who you are) and my great bunch of sponsors!

All the best to the rest of the Cyclecraft Factory Team for the Aussie Titles in 4 weeks time. I'm sure that you will all step it up!

I'll be there racing the 20" only, in the 45/49 class, so I'll see you all on the Friday.



## Thanks Megaburn Australia



With the lead up to the Australian Titles only a few weeks away, Megaburn's protein bars and Ammo Drink will come in handy for our riders training hard at the moment. I would like to thank John and Jema for their continued and much appreciated support of the team for close to 3 years now and again for this year. [www.megaburn.com.au](http://www.megaburn.com.au)



## out but not for long..

**The team has 3 riders who have been sidelined due to injuries over the last couple of months putting there racing on hold.**

Cheryl Pointon who had a race accident last month, having to undergo a shoulder rebuild operation, but will be back for the Qld State Champs at the end of the year.

Perth's Joey Graham's racing has been put on hold while his wrist mends after breaking it training with Aussie HP Squad at Nerang, by the time you read this he started back racing as the front cover that shows he is looking forward to the Aussies in a few weeks.

Cam Small also breaking his wrist and having an operation, will be out till at least the end of April. Big thanks to Maddie and Jo Janssen, for their help on the night of the accident, and to everyone else for their support!!



# Welcome Nerve Industries

**Factory CycleCraft Australia would like to officially announce and welcome Nerve Industries as an official team sponsor for the 2013 season.**

A locally based company on the Gold Coast, Nerve Industries is becoming a brand with one clear objective – to hit the right nerve with retailers, consumers and sponsored athletes. With an early focus on designing apparel for Freestyle motocross (FMX), the brand has since expanded to include Freestyle BMX and now BMX Racing with the CycleCraft Australia

team offering a diverse range of clothing and accessories to a growing and competitive market. Nerve prides itself on creating product ranges that are not only distinctive but tap into the personality of the Nerve customer. The CycleCraft Australia Team will be generously kitted out with Nerve Industry Tee's, hats and specially designed CycleCraft Team shirt over the coming weeks.

Check out their website for some cool gear and help support a local Australian company.

[www.nerveindustries.com](http://www.nerveindustries.com)



Kai sporting one of Nerve's new T's

## New Frames are a Standout

**Congratulations to Factory team riders Michael Young and Kai Angel who are both on their 3rd season representing CycleCraft Australia. To start the year both riders are riding new custom painted rigs for 2013.**

Michael Young's new whip has a sweet two tone paint job starting at a metallic candy green and fading to a gloss black. Built with new wheels with annoed green profile elite hubs and black rims, bars and cranks, the bike is a standout, especially in the sun! Big thanks to Michael Jankowski for the paint work as well!

11 Boys Kia Angel needed to go to a slightly bigger frame this year. His new Expert XL frame



has been coated in a bright Orange Fluro powder for this year which is sure to stand out on the track. The teams newest edition 10 boys Jesse Asmus also had a special request for his Expert XL frame getting a Fluro Pink paint job which is Jesse's favorite colour.

CycleCraft is known for bikes with bright custom colours and these are no exception!!



Mick Young on his 2013 ride

## News Flash - Latest Results

**Some great results just in from around Australia. With the National Champs just under a month away team riders are showing they are fit and ready!**

At a cold and windy Toowoomba Open Factory CycleCraft/Megaburn Australia riders Maddie Janssen was 1st in pro women, 10 Boys Jesse Asmus also taking home a nice win, 11 Boys Kai Angel with a close 2nd in his final and Jakob Dunne 2nd in 15 boys.

To WA and Jason May scored a nice win at Hills BMX Club in the 3rd round of the Club Challenge. You can see his video final on our facebook page!

Also NSW/VIC riders Kyle Hughes and Dale Moore raced at the 3 Track Classic, Kyle just missing the mains but is happy with his prep for the Aussies, Dale coming off in practice, injuring his shoulder, and have just heard the bad news that Dale will be sidelined for the next 13 weeks, speedy recovery mate!!



15 Boys Jakob Dunne

Image Just BMX Photography



## New Rider ID Stickers

Team riders will have new custom id stickers on their frames for 2013. These stickers represent all out sponsors, in including Megaburn, Nerve Industries, Crit Number plates, and all our other great sponsors. The stickers will show the riders name and race number and Australian flag. Big thanks to Jay at Shaw Signs who produced these for the team in a very quick turn around and great quality!!



# Standout from the Crowd

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