

The Griffith Cycle Club achieved a best ever result at the State Masters Road Championships held in Goulburn on the weekend.

With three silver medals and a fourth place finish the Griffith riders showed that they can match it with the best in the State.

Jenni Massey was once again the star winning two silver medals from her two events the road race and criterium.

Peter Budd also had a spectacular weekend winning a silver medal in the road race and just missing another medal in the criterium with a fourth place finish.

The conditions on Saturday were brutal with cold temperatures and an even colder wind blowing at 30kph with gusts up to 45kph. The wind was to play a part in every road championship and in many cases with devastating results.

Massey kicked things off for the Club early Saturday morning for her Division 5, 57km road race. The strong cross wind put many riders into difficulty but Massey dug deep and put trust in her training.

The faith paid dividends when she put in the best sprint of her life to win the silver medal and just missing out on the elusive gold she seeks.

Jeff Stoll and Matt Nugan raced the Division 4 men's 84km road race and the attacks started from the gun. The peloton of 52 riders was soon strung out in single file and gaps were starting to appear as the brutal cross wind started to take its toll.

Stoll was caught behind when a split occurred and he then spent the rest of the race in the second group chasing the leaders. Stoll went on to finish 16th after a tough ride in a quality field.

Matt Nugan was riding his first championship race and the level of performance of the competitors mind numbing. Nugan put in a gutsy ride where he spent most of it in his own world of pain slogging it out into the headwind. His efforts were rewarded with a 40th place finish.

Rob Hall was riding well in his 102km Division 2 championship when a flat tyre destroyed his chances whilst he was still with the leading group.

Dave Alpen suffered an unfortunate mechanical mishap and although keen to ride in his first championship had to sit it out but took over the cheer leader duties.

Kingsley Massey raced the Division 5 84km road race along with Peter Budd. Massey finished in 35th position from a peloton of 55 riders after getting caught behind in a split in the cross wind.

Peter Budd was 6 inches away from a State title but had to settle with winning the silver when he lost out in the closest finish of the championships. Budd went into the race in his best form for many years after a great training program in the lead up to the event.

Budd rode a smart race and was always well positioned near the front of the field and when the peloton blew apart in the cross winds Budd made the final cut of 12 riders.

Coming into the finish Budd was well positioned and put in a great sprint but was pipped on the line.

Sunday saw the criterium championships contested around the very hard Marulan course. Only one kilometre in length the savage climb in the finish straight destroyed many legs with only a third of the field in any event finishing.

Jenni Massey had no trouble however taking her second silver of the weekend after a classy ride. The uphill sprint suited her and she flew passed several riders on her way to another medal.

Peter Budd was inspired by Massey's effort but just missed out on matching her achievement when he placed a solid fourth in a hard race.

Kingsley Massey started with Budd but still had heavy legs from the road race the day before and they never had the opportunity to recover after a super fast start to the race.

Rob Hall started his race well warmed up and ready for a fast start. Hall was well placed for the first half of the race but chasing wheels was starting to take its toll.

Hall went through a tough patch but regrouped strongly to post an eleventh place finish.

The Club's success in the championships has the riders fired up with many now looking to the National Championships to be held in Ballarat in October.