

Sunday saw the Griffith Cycle Club riders contesting the B, C grade and women's road club championships.

The B grade event was 42 kilometres long or four laps of the Hanwood circuit.

Matt Nugan showed that his recent good form could just be a start big things to come by blitzing the B grade peloton to win his first trophy event.

The race was to be decided in a sprint after Nugan had done a brilliant job of keeping the peloton together.

A big attack by Troy Peitsch towards the end of lap two sent alarm bells ringing. Denis Irvine soon jumped across the gap and this could have been race over if these two were allowed to consolidate their break.

Nugan saw the danger and immediately went to the front to bring them back to the peloton. From that point Nugan controlled the race and gave the opposition no sniff of a win.

Denis Irvine wound up the speed with half a lap to race but with the peloton sitting on he was hurting his own chances more than the others.

Peitsch went around the last corner in the lead and with 900 metres to the finish started to wind it up. Nugan was safely on his wheel followed by Jenni Massey who was also trying to secure the women's championship.

Massey had Leanne Kennedy on her wheel and with 450 metres to the line both the B grade and women's championships were up for grabs.

Nugan took to the lead and slowly wound up the speed waiting patiently for the right place to kick for the line.

At 210 metres to go Nugan kicked hard and immediately gapped Peitsch who was digging deep trying to respond to Nugan's powerful burst of speed.

Nothing was going to stop a flying Nugan and he crossed the line the new B grade champion after a well controlled race. Peitsch took second in a good showing in only his second race.

The women's championship came down to the sprint, a head to head duel between Massey and Kennedy. With the line approaching it was Kennedy who kicked clear to take a great win in the women's championship and third overall in the B grade championships.

The C grade event was run over three laps or 32 kilometres. Jo Polkinghorne was looking to keep the trophy in the family after the first up win by Gary in last year's event.

Polkinghorne was riding a good race along with Peggy Carpenter, Peter Stockwell and Albert Ravanello. It was all together with one corner to go.

Polkinghorne attacked out of the corner and caught the other by surprise. With head down and legs powering Polkinghorne had eyes only for the finish.

Ravanello was the only rider with the strength to respond and caught Polkinghorne just before the line to take out the trophy. Polkinghorne took a gallant second with Carpenter in third place.