

BRETT LANCASTER



Brett attended St. David's Kindergarten, Gowrie St Primary School and, of course, Wanganui Park Secondary College. He was always keen on sport and showed ability in soccer, football, athletics and swimming. He had set records in high jump and shot put, and won a silver medal at state level in swimming but was undecided on which sport to pursue.

Brett entered competition cycling as a 15 year old in the U17 division and in his second year of cycling dominated the Victorian Track championships in Melbourne with gold medals in

individual pursuit, time trial, sprint-point- score and scratch race. This led to selection in the state team.

In 1996 he won the Melbourne Cup on Wheels in record time as a 16 year old attracting a \$3000 prize. Success after success in both track and road events led to Brett winning gold in the U19 4000m teams pursuit in Capetown in 1997; the same year he completed his year 12.

At the end of Year 12, Brett went straight to the Australian Institute of Sport in Adelaide. His career really took off and he went on to win many title including teams pursuit events at Junior World Titles, Commonwealth games World Cup and World title events. In the 2004 Summer Olympics he reached gold in the team pursuit and is currently training to possibly complete in Beijing this year, while at the same time concentrating on road cycling at the highest level.

In 2005, Brett won the Prologue in the Giro D'Italia (Tour of Italy) when riding for team Panaria and has since transferred to the Milram team and competed in his first Tour de France in 2007. In a fall on the first day he badly injured his hip and after 4 more stages had to withdraw. Surgery to the hip has meant a long recovery and he is not yet back to his best. Brett may compete again this year in the world's greatest bike race, the Tour de France.