



## **2018 Centrals Junior Tour U13 Boy/Girls Race Report**

The Central's club has been running U13 support races as part of the Junior Tour for several years.

10 x U13 riders completed the 2-stage tour representing Centrals, Kilkenny, Norwood, Port Adelaide, Scotch College, South Coast and an interstate NT rider to join the group.

Stage 1 was a 16.4km road race held on part of the circuit that the older juniors had raced on the day before. SA U13 juniors have limited opportunities to race on the road so this year the club decided on a short neutral section to allow the riders to experience riding in a bunch.

The race was well supported by parents as lead / last rider car and Commissaire and medical giving the riders that 'tour' experience. Three parents rode along with the bunch making sure the riders kept it all together before the Commissaire started the race.

Throughout the race the adult riders moved up and down the bunch of riders making sure of their safety along the route and giving them encouragement.

The bunch of riders hit out hard and it wasn't long until Wil Holmes forced the pace and powered away to a solo win. William Mathwin held off a fast finishing Jack Farrell and Harrison Blackburn with the rest of the riders coming in soon after.

Stage 2 was an 8.2km time trial with riders completing the same course as the U15's & U17s. The U13 riders were the first riders off the blocks with Wil Holmes winning the stage and securing the top podium spot with William Mathwin and Jack Farrell finishing second and third overall. All other riders completed the time trial and enjoyed being a support race for the [National Junior Road Series](#). A great effort by the two girls Ava Schmtke and Chloe Sandow mixing it with the boys.