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The presentation dinner for the McDonalds 50th Grafton to Inverell Cycle Classic will held at a new venue this year to cater for an expected large attendance.

In the past few years the event has grown to the point where organisers had been unable to cater for the number of guests for the dinner and not wanting to turn anyone away will be holding it at the Inverell Race Course on Saturday night 23rd October where they can cater for up to 800 people.

The presentation dinner has been an integral part of the history of the Grafton to Inverell and this year's celebration of the 50th anniversary will add to the occasion.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Inverell cycling legend Scott Sunderland. After racing in Europe as a professional for 15 year's Scott has become one of the worlds leading sports directors working with Team CSC to win both the Paris to Roubaix and Tour de France as director. He then worked with both Cervelo Test Team and Team Sky and played an important role in developing both teams. Some of Scott's time is now spent working in sports management and is currently working as a consultant for the UCI sports directors program.

Scott left Australia as National Road Champion in 1986 and has been based in Europe for the last 24 years. He will share some of his experiences with dinner guests and give them an insight into the world of professional cycling.

Another guest at the dinner will be A Grade sponsor and Inverell export Heinrich Haussler. This will be the first time Heinrich has attended the race since he became race ambassador and sponsor three year's ago. Heinrich will mingle with guests and give them a chance to ask questions about the life of a Pro Tour rider.

The dinner will kick off with nibbles being served at 6:30pm. After the evenings formalities are over guests can relax and enjoy the live band, Yamba duo the Ford Bros.

The Tent City accommodation site being erected for the weekend is just a short 5 minute walk from the Inverell Racecourse. Tickets for the presentation dinner can be booked online at the race website www.graftontoinverellcycleclassic.com.au and are \$32.50 for adults and \$15 for children under 12years.

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