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The Inverell Shire Council and organisers of the McDonalds 50th Grafton to Inverell Cycle Classic have commissioned a monument to celebrate the race's 50th anniversary.

A ceremony to unveil the monument will be held on Sunday the 24th of October at 11:30am on the corner of Otho and Evans streets Inverell, the day after this year's event.

The monument will bear a plaque to commemorate the Grafton to Inverell's fifty year history since the first race in 1961. There will also be a winner's walk incorporating pavers engraved with names of the race winners and fastest time getters.

Organisers are hoping to have as many past winners as possible at the ceremony to hand over their engraved paver in the ceremony.

Race Director Rob Munday said "The 50th anniversary of the classic is a great opportunity to put into stone what the race means to Inverell. It has brought so much to the town through the national and international publicity the event receives. The race is part of Inverell's history."

Organisers are trying to track down all of the past winners and are asking that they contact them to be part of the unveiling of the monument. Former winners can contact Julianne Rodgers on 0437 267 670 or email jr78@bigpond.com.

There will also be a veteran's celebration cyclo sportif ride on Saturday the 23rd of October, the day of the race, starting from Glen Innes. The riders will leave the Standing Stones monument in Glen Innes at 8am and ride the 67km to Inverell where they will be part of the celebrations around the finish line.

The past winners along with the 2010 placegetters will then take their place on a float to take part in Sapphire City's annual Floral Festival parade through the streets of Inverell.

For more details on the Veterans Sportif and the McDonalds Grafton to Inverell please visit www.graftontoinverellicycleclassic.com.au .



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