

# Masters girls lure interest

A MURARRIE-based group of women's cyclists have celebrated their arrival on the competitive cycling scene.

The over-30s group had created the Balmoral Masters Women's racing team in 2006 and it had been a comfortable invention. But something was missing.

Upset at having to constantly race with men because there were no women-only races, four of the group decided to put their collective spokes in and spin a few wheels their way.

Louisa Montiford (Bulimba), Louise Moseley (Camp Hill), Luciana Battel (Gumdale) and Lisa Brogan (Annerley), armed with loads of enthusiasm and a little know-how, set off to encourage more women to give cycling a go.

"After several brain-



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**SUPER QUICK:** Luciana Battel, Louisa Montiford, Louise Moseley and Lisa Brogan have formed the Balmoral Masters Women's racing team.

storming meetings, it was decided we get off our butts and do something about it," BMW member Lisa Brogan said.

By gaining sponsorship and a specially designed uniform, the tyros were up and cycling. Through advertising in bike shops

and word of mouth, the group grew to more than 25 members of various abilities.

"It was very exciting for us to have reached this milestone and we hope we can attract more women to race with us," Lisa said.