

THE RIDERS

Jeremy Burfoot - Team Captain :

Jeremy was born in Whangarei, New Zealand on 7 March 1959. He attended Kapiti College near Wellington from 1972-75. After he left school he worked in a number of jobs including working in a bank and an abattoir. He joined the Royal New Zealand Air Force in 1978 as a navigator. While he was there he trained for his commercial pilot's license at the North Shore Aero Club in Auckland. In 1981 he left the Air Force and went to Papua New Guinea where he flew light commercial aircraft for 3 years. In 1984 he joined Qantas Airways as a pilot, rising to the rank of 747 Captain in 1990. In 1987 Jeremy became an Australian Citizen.

From 1991-95 he took a leave of absence and flew for Japan Airlines for 4 years based in Anchorage, Alaska and Honolulu. He is now back with Qantas based in Sydney but living in Auckland. He is married with three sons. Jeremy is a melanoma survivor.

In 2006 Jeremy organised and took part in the Qantas Jetski Around New Zealand adventure with long time friend Brad Burton to raise awareness of the dangers of skin cancer.



Phil Briars - Second Rider

Phil Briars, the second rider, is no stranger to adventure.

Phil has an impressive background that is well suited to the Ultimate Ride.

He was a naval officer for 8 years in the Royal New Zealand Navy.

Phil has also worked as manager/trainer for one of New Zealand's leading fitness centres for over 15 years as well as being a founding Executive Board member of the International Triathlon Union, a position he has held for 10 years.

For over five years Phil has held the position of NZ Olympic Committee Executive.

At the sharp end of sports, Phil's record is just as impressive. He has finished the NZ Ironman twice and the gruelling Hawaii Ironman on two separate occasions.

Phil is currently Manager Special Events for the New Zealand Cancer Society.

