

## ***Congratulations to Keagan Girdlestone!***

by Lisa East

It sounds like a tale from a Hollywood blockbuster movie. A talented young cyclist is nearly killed after a horrific race accident, and just 10 months later he crosses the finish line to complete a top cycling race.

### ***This is the story of Keagan Girdlestone.***

Keagan's amazing achievement is of little surprise to the team at Iron Bridge Property Group. We supported him in the early stages of his career through The Iron Bridge Foundation. Our helping hand allowed him to compete in Australia, which led to him being signed by a professional cycling team.



“The team at Iron Bridge are tremendously proud of Keagan. His determination and drive to not only recover from serious injuries, but then return to racing, is simply amazing. We are delighted to have supported him along his career, as well as helping many other deserving Kiwis,” said Adam Smith, Principal, Iron Bridge Property Group.

Keagan is now focused on competing in the elite grade of this year's Calder Stewart Cycling Series, before possibly entering the Tour of Southland. [Read more about Keagan's remarkable recovery.](#)

### **Could The Iron Bridge Foundation help you?**

The mission of The Iron Bridge Foundation is to help young New Zealanders have a better quality of life, make the most of their talents and fulfil their ambitions.

We believe that a hand up has much greater impact than a hand out. So, our focus is on funding the practical things that individuals and groups need to succeed in achieving their goals.

The funding we provide is targeted at youth and generally falls into two categories:

- Community groups – Practical funding for youth-focused community groups that helps them enhance and increase the services they offer.
- Individuals – Practical funding for talented young people who are working hard to realise specific goals.

### **How to apply**

To apply for funding, simply complete our application form on [The Iron Bridge Foundation website.](#)