

# Newsletter



## Duty roster

### 30 January, Gruyere

David Hyde (R), David McCormack (TC), Ian Milner (TC), Jamie Goddard (TC), Matt Rice, Ross Tinkler, Clive Wright, David MacDonald, Nathan Dewar, Chris Ellenby, Kenton Smith, Brian Smith

### 6 February, Casey Fields

John Thomson (R), Gerald Mclver Snr, Rhonda Kennedy

*If rostered for duty, you must be at there at least 1 hour prior to start time. It's your responsibility to find a replacement if unable to do your duty, then advise Andrew Buchanan, [tjtop2@optusnet.com.au](mailto:tjtop2@optusnet.com.au)*

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After two more weeks of standard summer fare at Casey Fields and Dunlop Road, racing returns this week to Gruyere and *that* hill.

Australia's summer of great spectator cycling has continued, most notably at the Tour Down Under, won for the fourth time by Simon Gerrans, and with Bridie O'Donnell's successful attempt on the UCI Hour Record for women. O'Donnell's new mark of 46.882 km beat the existing record by 608 m and bettered the 15-year-old Australian record, set by Anna Wilson, by more than 3 kilometres.



Richie Porte attacks on Willunga Hill to win stage 5 of the Tour Down Under. Eastern Vets return to Killara Road hill this week  
Photo: Graham Watson

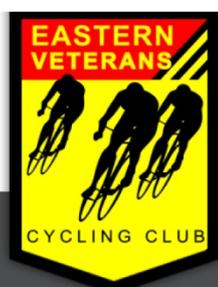


## Graded scratch races, Casey Fields, 16 January

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd
A grade (12)	Jean-Philippe Leclercq	Rob Amos	Phil Smith
B grade (15)	David Richards	Paul Firth	Mark Edwards
C grade (15)	David Hyde	Ken Saxton	Frank Tomsic
D grade (9)	Darren Woolhouse	Adrian Dickinson	Ken Allan
E grade (5)	Juanita Cadd	Rob Devolle	JC Wilson
F grade (5)	Ron Stranks	Jenni Collins	John Eddy

## Graded scratch races, Dunlop Road, 23 January

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
A grade (16)	Phil Cavaleri	Guy Green	Ray Russo	Jean-Philippe Leclercq	
B grade (19)	Dayle Goodall	Martin Peeters	Grant Greenhalgh	Roman Suran	Peter Ransome
C grade (23)	Boyd Williams	Frank Tomsic	Dean Niclasen	Adam Dymond	Ian Gillies
D grade (12)	Steve Barnard	Peter Gray	Rob Green		
E grade (7)	Harry Hibgame	Jim Swainston	Ray Watts		
F grade (5)	Franks Lees	Clive Wright	Laurie Bohn		





## E grade, 23 January

Thank goodness we managed to get out of the wind and somehow our aggressive people were absent. A welcome change from Casey the week before. Five starters at Casey and I finished a distant 5th. Our seven were quite civilised this week and managed to be intact at the finish – a welcome change. Overall numbers were pretty good considering TDU and Bright. Semi-trailer gone so back to the long finish; thanks to those involved.

A highlight of the day was Dayle Goodall's entrance in his vintage piece of Austin machinery. Very hard to top. Our group just rolled turns with no real attacks and the most critical bits were keeping out of A's and C's way.

I had seen Phil Johns's name in write-ups but I reckon I know who he is now! At around about the bell Phil took over and set a nice even tempo, followed by the Footscray veteran, Harry Hibgame, and myself. Harry had told me before the race that he could sprint a bit. As we straightened for the run home Harry proceeded to prove this and went on to win well from myself and the game Ray Watts.

I'm sure we are all looking forward to the moments of truth every lap at Gruyere next week!

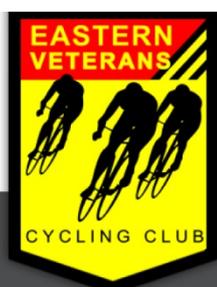
Thanks to all, and best of all, no skin lost.

*Jim Swainston*

## Wednesday criterium at the Loop, Kew, 27 January

Division	1st	2nd	3rd
Division 1 (11)	Ray Russo	Chris Ellenby	Phil Thompson
Division 2 (7)	John Hasouras (N)	Owen Anstey	Grant Farr
Division 3 (4)	Dean Niclasen	D. Drew (N)	
Division 4 (5)	Barry Rodgers	Laurie Bohn	Michael Wterfield

Thanks to Keith Bowen and Co. for setting up and running proceedings.





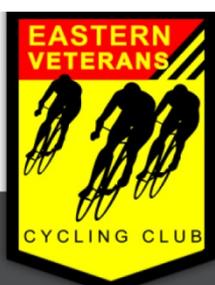
## News etc.

### Audax Alpine Classic

Nick Tapp, Quentin Frayne and two non-Eastern riding buddies, Tim and Chris, lined up for the 320 km Audax Alpine Classic Ultimate on Australia Day Sunday. (Several other Eastern riders took on the original 200 km Alpine Classic.) You may remember Nick's account of last summer's event (EVCC newsletter, 23 May 2015). Nick had been laid low with a chest infection, had lost weight (true!) and hardly ridden throughout January. He turned around 115 km into the ride, about halfway up Mount Hotham, and rode the 45 km back to Bright for a 'measly' 160 km on the day. Quentin and the others continued and completed the mammoth ride – outside the time cut but still feeling strong. While not primarily a charity ride, the Alpine Classic raises funds for the Kids Cancer Project. If you feel inclined, please support this worthy cause by making a donation at [alpineclassic2016.everydayhero.com/au/nick](http://alpineclassic2016.everydayhero.com/au/nick). Even small donations help.



*Tim Fitzgerald finishes the 320 km Audax Alpine Classic Ultimate, just under 17 hours after he started.  
Photo: Nick Tapp*





## NEW SOUTH WALES BIKE LAWS

# Bike riders to rally against new cycle laws

Bicycle Network is urging all bike riders to unite against the NSW Government's plan to introduce mandatory ID and dramatically increase fines for bike riders. You'll find more information at the Bicycle Network website: <https://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/general/media/3856/>.

In the following letter, Eastern member Rob Suter voices a different opinion. What do you think?

### Why it would benefit cyclists to carry a licence

I believe the benefits of carrying a licence outweigh any superficial issues around 'civil liberties'. Sure, it will cost me money to do what I have been for nothing up until when such a move is legislated and enacted – enjoying cycling on roads – but I think the benefits surpass that minor issue.

Firstly, doing so will further legitimise our use of roads, especially in the eyes of those redneck motorists who argue that we are free-loaders. Now we will be paid licence holders, as well as paying registration for our motor vehicles, and rates, and taxes, to maintain the roads we use.

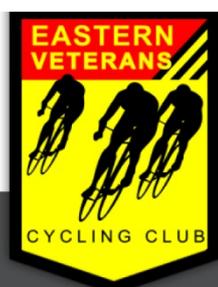
Secondly, carrying a licence will allow emergency services to identify us in the case of an accident when we are left unable to represent ourselves. I started carrying an out-of-date photo ID card on me whenever cycling after an occasion when I was in Perth. A member of the WCMCC was killed when hit by a truck, but his body was not identified for more than 24 hours. Imagine the distress to his family by that delay.

Having ID would also mean that existing medical conditions could be identified earlier when treating an unconscious cyclist.

I also now carry the Middle Distance Bicycle Club's membership card, which is laminated and of a size that matches a puncture repair kit. It not only has my contact details, but those of my emergency contact, and lists any medical conditions that I provided the club with.

So, carrying a licence, even at a cost, will ultimately benefit all cyclists.

Cheers,  
Robert





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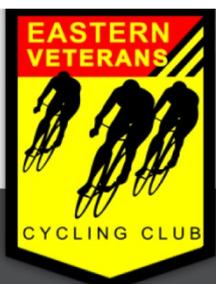
### Eastern Vets

For other events, please refer to page 1 of this newsletter, or go to <http://eastervets.com/roster/>

*Note: Graded Scratch Race entries are accepted on the day up to 15 minutes before the advertised race start time. Handicap entries close the Tuesday before the race. Riders entering a handicap MUST pay the entry fee regardless of participation. Fees are due on race day; entrants will NOT be allowed to start in any EVCC race until fees have been paid. No late entries will be accepted for either scratch races or handicaps. Entries to handicaps can be submitted via e-mail to the handicapper or on any race day prior to the event.*

### Northern Vets

For more details go to <http://www.northerncycling.com/>





## Training rides

Day/Time/Place	Route	Style	Contact
<p><b>Tuesdays</b> 9:30 am (9:00 am during DST)</p> <p>Main Yarra Trail (meet under Burke Road overpass)</p>	Under Burke Road on Main Yarra Trail to Southbank via Yarra Boulevard and bike paths along the river and return	Social, bike paths and roads, coffee @ Southbank	Keithb33@optusnet.com.au
<p>Sunday mornings</p> <p>Beach Road Ride. Leave 8.00 am sharp. Meet at Peanut Farm Reserve, cnr Blessington &amp; Chaucer Sts, St Kilda</p>	Ride along Beach Rd to Frankston. 10 min stop. Then ride back to St Kilda (approx. 65 km)	Social ride, coffee back at St Kilda	
<p>Saturday mornings (7.30 am) and Sundays/public holidays (8.00 am)</p> <p>Meet at Ringwood Clock towers, Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood</p>	Maroondah Hwy to Carlton for coffee, then return	Fast social	

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