

Newsletter



Duty roster

20 February, METEC

Tony Curulli (R), Paul Consto,
Guy Green

27 February, Lake Learmonth

Eureka CC

If rostered for duty, you must be there at least 1 hour before start time. It's your responsibility to find a replacement if unable to do your duty, then advise Andrew Buchanan, tiptop2@optusnet.com.au

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Last Saturday's racing at Dunlop Road was marred by crashes. For the second time this summer, three ambulances had to attend fallen riders. We wish all those injured a speedy recovery. And if you haven't read the Club Secretary's email from last Sunday, titled 'EVCC 20160214.2 - Three Bus Race', you should. We all should.

Thanks to Paula McGovern for her debut race report. It's inside, and it makes good reading. More like that, please!

Racing on Saturday 27 February is at Lake Learmonth, near Ballarat, where we are guests of Eureka CC. Eureka will also host a VVCC Open at Lake Learmonth the following day, so why not stay the night nearby for a good weekend's racing.

And a reminder: VVCC rules now mandate a tail light (static, not flashing) on your bike for all races, including criteriums, and on all courses.



A welcome sight – Martin Stalder dropped in at the Loop this week, not racing yet but back on the bike after a fall last year. Here he chats with Mal Jones.

Photo: Nick Tapp



Graded scratch races, Dunlop Road, 13 February

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
A grade (12)	David Holt	Sean Wilkeson	Rob Amos		
B grade (27)				No result	
C grade (18)	Frank Tomsic	Brian McCann	Adam Dymond	Ken Saxton	Tony Curulli
D grade (13)	Harry Hibgame	Ken Allan	Colin Mortley		
E grade (11)	Paula McGovern	Rob Granland	Rob Devolle		
F grade (6)				No result	

E grade

Well, getting to the track early to watch the other grades race turned rather sour as the B-grade smash fest occurred in front of us on the finishing straight. It really put a dampener on things and a few of us were in two minds about whether to race as we felt quite uneasy. I think Nigel has said it all and we hope all involved are OK and on the mend.

Eleven of us lined up in E grade with a regular in Harry pushed off to D grade. I thought I could be a chance with H. out of the way. We rolled out and had a pretty easy pace going, with A grade doing their regular loops around us. Usually what happens in E grade is I go for a bit a of a squirt and the guys follow. So 10 km in I decided to have my usual crack. I had planned it pre race with my mate Kym on a good spot to go. So off I went, fully expecting the group to be in hot pursuit and stuck on my tail – but ... no! No one came. Really? So I kept going. Surely they will catch me. They always do. Hammer down and TT mode. I

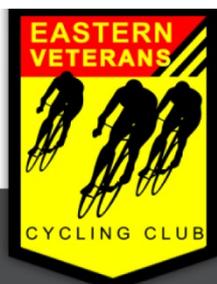
was sure they were coming! I spent the next 14 km in front – my first solo breakaway! Mark and Rob sprinted it out for 2nd and 3rd, respectively. Maybe there was method in their madness? D grade next week for me!

It was great to see Zen back on the bike racing after his accident and especially it was great to see Lou Wolfers pin on a race number and mix it with the boys. Welcome back, Lou! Winning \$40, great; seeing Lou back racing, *priceless*.

Paula McGovern

Last Friday Glenys and I left Melbourne for Mansfield at 8.00 am to go and see a couple of relations who were having a difficult time health wise. I thought it would be great to have a relaxing day at Dunlop Road on the Saturday! *Wrong!*

I was having an easy day as a spectator while B, D and F raced, but Richard asked me to get 5th in B Grade. It was painfully obvious that there was trouble in the camp from the amount of yelling





and swearing happening from the last corner. The rate of riders falling seemed to accelerate as the finish got closer and it was near impossible to pick places as a wall of riders shot across the line. I was still looking at the disappearing backsides when an out-of-control rider took to the nature strip and wiped out Mick Lynch and myself. There is a first time for everything and this certainly was the case for me.

I totally endorse Nigel's comments on rider conduct in his Sunday email and I hope it is read widely. Patience and subtlety are just as important as riding a straight line.

For those who have trouble, a straight line means parallel to the edge of the road! Don't make decisions while 'fired up' because they will be crap decisions.

Our race turned out to be a bit of an anticlimax by comparison except for Paula McGovern, who

creamed us. This was her third very good performance in three weeks. Our chase was pretty ragged and we never seriously challenged her. Rob Devolle was quite keen to keep things ticking over, as was Ronnie at times. Barry Ellem showed a bit of interest with some long turns. Mark Granland rode a patient race and showed confidence to lead Rob out and hold him off to take 2nd. Good to see Louise have a start and get around OK.

Thanks to our faithful First Aiders and let's minimise those ambulances.

Jim Swainston

Peter Gray wishes to express his appreciation to the person who replaced the missing handlebar end-stop on his bike at Dunlop Road on Saturday. It didn't go unnoticed.

Tuesday night racing at METEC, 16 February

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd
A grade (11)	Richard Abel	Peter Howard	Rob Amos
B grade (10)	Matt White	Perry Peters	Dayle Goodall
C grade (12)	Darren Rutherford	Darren Woolhouse	Hayden Chapman
D grade (9)	Chris Sheers	Harry Hibgame	Colin Mortley
E grade (3)	JC Wilson	Zenon Gawronski	Mark Granland





Wednesday criterium at the Loop, Kew, 17 February

Division	1st	2nd	3rd
Division 1 (7)	Ian Clark	Peter Ferrie (N)	Gavin Plummer
Division 2 (3)	Owen Anstey	John Hasouras (N)	
Division 3 (3)	Doug Page	D. Drew (N)	
Division 4 (4)	Barry Rodgers	Frank Lees	Laurie Bohn

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



Gavin Plummer takes the bottom corner at the Loop on Wednesday.

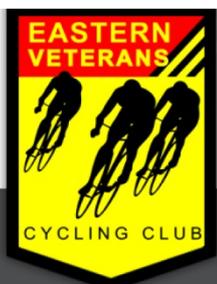
All photos: Nick Tapp



Peter Ferrie out on a long solo break.



Division 3.





Ross Clark.



Tom McDonough.



Peter Webb.



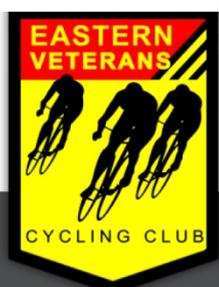
Division 4 completes another lap.



John and Owen made it a solid workout in Division 2.



Division 3 was a close thing.





Future events

Eastern Vets

For other events, please refer to page 1 of this newsletter, or go to <http://easternvets.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.

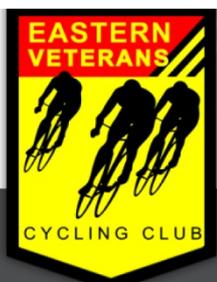
No late entries will be accepted for either scratch races or handicaps. Entries to handicaps can be submitted via e-mail to the handicapper or on any race day prior to the event.

Northern Vets

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

Training rides

Day/Time/Place	Route	Style	Contact
Tuesdays 9:30 am (9:00 am during DST) Main Yarra Trail (meet under Burke Road overpass)	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
Sunday mornings Beach Road Ride. Leave 8.00 am sharp. Meet at Peanut Farm Reserve, cnr Blessington & Chaucer Sts, St Kilda	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	
Saturday mornings (7.30 am) and Sundays/public holidays (8.00 am) Meet at Ringwood Clock towers, Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood	Maroondah Hwy to Carlton for coffee, then return	Fast social	





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