

# Newsletter

19 November 2016



## Duty Roster

### 19 November, Arthurs Creek

Tony Curulli (R), Andrew Nielsen (TC), Ray Russo (TC), Leon Bishop, Grant Farr, Neville Williamson, Paul Firth, Cameron Senese, Paul Webster, Quentin Frayne, Roman Suran

### 26 November, Dunlop Road

Steve Barnard (R), Colin Mortley (TC), Dave Brown (TC), Rob Lackey (TC), Louise Wolfers, Grant Greenhalgh, Grant Farr, Alan Hicks, Paul Firth, David Chesney, David De Pedro, Chris Hughson, Steve Foster, John Clarkson

*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, [tiptop2@optusnet.com.au](mailto:tiptop2@optusnet.com.au)*

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Race reports from last Saturday at Dunlop Road are inside. In place of a D Grade report this week, Peter Gray has penned an ode to Movember – it's there, too. This week we are at Arthurs Creek for the last road race of 2016 before criteriums take us through to year's end. Tail lights are required.

Tuesday night racing continues at METEC, Colchester Road, Kilsyth (see TeamApp for details), and there's a crit every Wednesday morning, weather permitting, at the Loop (also known as the Teardrop), off Yarra Boulevard in Kew.

### Opportunity still knocking

The Editor will be out of the country between 19 December and 24 January. A volunteer to keep the club newsletter ticking over in that time would be most welcome – two or three issues over the Christmas/January holiday period would suffice. Some experience with Microsoft Word would be helpful, but the format is fairly well templated and there will be a handover. Anyone interested, please speak to me (Nick Tapp) at racing or get in touch by email at [nick.tapp@detail-ed.com.au](mailto:nick.tapp@detail-ed.com.au).



Rob Amos, Jean-Philippe Leclercq and Phil Smith had plenty to look pleased about after Saturday's A Grade race at Dunlop Road. Rob and JP both reported on the race.



## Graded scratch races, Dunlop Road, 12 November

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
A Grade (16)	Jean-Philippe Leclercq	Rob Amos	Phil Smith	David Holt
B Grade (17)	Paul Semmens	Colin Doherty	Derek Rothsay	Ross Tinkler
C Grade (9)	Franc Tomsic	Ken Allan	Tony Curulli	
D Grade (14)	Rob Devolle	Peter Gray	Mike Joss	
E Grade (5)	Ron Stranks	Jim Swainston	Craig Stannard	
F Grade (8)	Laurie Bohn	Tony Sloan	Frank Lees	

### A Grade (I)

It was windy and overcast, almost felt like Casey, but at least it was dry. Looking behind on the start line, I noticed the the field was full of good sprinters licking their lips. I commented to Phil Smith that we were the only ones in the race who could not sprint so we had to work out some tactics.

As soon as the race started Phil was on the front, upping the pace before teammate David Holt did another massive turn. As he pulled off, it was obvious that nobody wanted to do a turn and keep the pace up, so as the bunch slowed, I attacked. I looked behind and nobody was chasing as with 55 minutes to go and a strong headwind it was a no brainer!

A lap later, JP decided to join me and we both rode flat out, thinking a small group might bridge across. We held the gap at 25 seconds for a while, with Nigel acting as our DS, before increasing it enough to get out of sight. Nigel's next calls were that two riders were at 30 seconds. That turned out to be the in-form Phil Smith and David Holt, who started to make up some time before Dave's lack of racing saw him drop back to the bunch.

JP and I were still working hard. JP was very

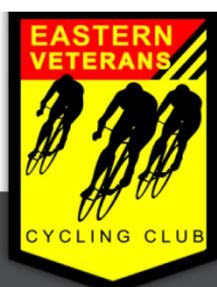
strong into the headwind on the back straight as we tried to dodge the shoe shoppers and their cars. With a few laps to go and my legs starting to fatigue, we managed to lap the bunch. In the sprint finish JP easily took the win. Phil held off the bunch to solo to 3rd, and Dave showed that he still has it by winning the bunch sprint for 4th place.

*Rob Amos*

### A Grade (II)

Sixteen riders at the start and all were looking hungry for a placing. My plan was to stay at the back, watch the attacks and after 30 minutes, get involved in a break if the legs would permit. For some reason, I was not confident on my form and was finding the legs 'a bit funny' during warm-up.

Anyway, the race was starting and with the usual neutral first lap. On the second lap, the pace increased rapidly and I could see already a few guys like Phil Smith and Rob Amos towards the front with 'jumping legs'. I somehow went from the back to the middle then the front of the bunch (could not stick to my plan ...). On the third lap or so, I was towards the front of the bunch and saw Rob Amos attacking and going away on his own. I watched this break from Rob, and thought, let's go. So I went! I bridged to Rob within half a lap or





so, and straight away Rob and myself started to work together. I remember thinking, 'Well, this is too early, and with this wind, the bunch will catch us very soon'. Rob and myself were working well together, was a good match, we were doing half a lap each, seemed it suited well both of us. Nigel, who was marshalling, was kindly telling us the gap to the guys behind. The gap went down to 20 seconds at one stage and I thought it was all over, but then it increased again. So Rob and myself kept on pedalling, aiming to stay away from the bunch. The end was a sprint and I

managed to win the sprint with Rob 2nd. Phil Smith broke away from the bunch and finished 3rd, well done to him (Phil, the all black cyclist!) as he was on his own against the bunch.

Well done to Rob, it was really tough to stay away, only both of us for so long, and with that wind and 14 sharks behind us

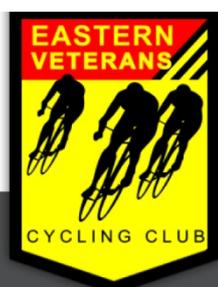
*Jean-Philippe Leclercq*

## Tuesday racing at METEC, 15 November

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
A Grade (8)	Peter Howard	Chris Hughson	Alex Randall	Ken Mayberry
B Grade (13)	Kevin King	Paul Semmens	Doug Reynolds	Dayle Goodall
C Grade (12)	Haydn Chapman	Kym Petersen	Adam Dymond	Sam Bruzzese
D Grade (12)	Rob Lackey	Ron Chapman	Darren Woolhouse	Harry Hibgame
E Grade (6)	John C. Wilson	Mark Granland	Peter Bracka	

## Wednesday criterium at the Loop, Kew, 16 November

Division	1st	2nd	3rd
Division 1 (13)	Stephen Lane (G)	Trevor Coulter (N)	Chris Munro (CV)
Division 2 (14)	Nick Tapp	Phil Thompson	John Williams
Division 3 (8)	Dean Niclasen	David Drew (N)	Doug Page
Division 4 (5)	Michael Waterfield	John Eddy	Laurie Bohn



## News etc.

### Just a mo-mento

An email came from Rob  
What smacked me in the gob.  
I thought my eyes were seeing double  
But in a flash I realised  
It was this extra stubble.

The text requested cash  
For him to grow moustache.  
'Help stop men from dying young.'  
Every day in every way, cancer finds its prey,  
Don't matter how well you're hung.

A 'tash looks grand  
While you're anchored to the land  
But on two wheels it turns a little queer.  
After 30 days it becomes a maze  
Of bugs and slugs and beer.

So good luck to all you bro  
Who plan to raise a mo.  
Take time to carefully groom it.  
Just be careful when you dash  
That you can avoid the crash  
Lest prostrate on the ground you find it.

Forever will I remember  
Every year about Movember  
To ask my Doc to check 'tes-tic-ular'  
'Cause our sender grows a fender  
To benefit his gender  
And not his handlebar.

Now it's time to finish rhyme.  
You can't afford to be slackey.  
Stay in the pink, just press the link  
And give support to Lackey.

<http://mobro.co/roblackey>

*Peter Gray*

### The last Wellington to Auckland

John Williams is a definite starter for the 2017 edition of the Wellington to Auckland Cycle Challenge, from Sunday 12 to Saturday 18 February 2017 – which will be the last edition of this popular event.

If you are interested in joining an Australian contingent, talk to John at racing or flick him an email at [john.williams@jhw.com.au](mailto:john.williams@jhw.com.au).

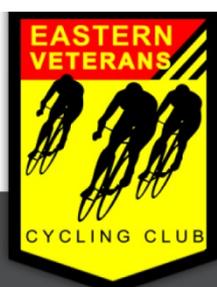
Cost of race entry (12 stages, 7 days, 800+ km fully supported), accommodation, baggage transit and meals will be around \$1,600. Budget \$700 for flights.

For more information and entry details, visit the following link:

<http://dynamoevents.co.nz/event/bdo-wellington-to-auckland-cycle-challenge-2017/>.



*John (second wheel) and Geoff O'Loughlen in the 2016 Wellington to Auckland*





## Future events

### Road National Championships

Ballarat (Buninyong), Sunday 8 January 2017

Women's race at 8.00 am (102 km)

Men's race at 11.50 am (183.6 km)

### EVCC BBQ on the Hill

Location is near the top of the Mt Buninyong climb (look for the EVCC tent).

The barbecue is fully catered for by EVCC volunteers. Drinks are available at club prices.

Parking is available near to our proposed site if you arrive early enough.

Further details to be advised later, when known (by email or on EVCC website).

All welcome. If you are interested in watching the racing and having a barbecue with your mates, please email Colin Mortley ([cmadcab@bigpond.net.au](mailto:cmadcab@bigpond.net.au)) so that numbers are known for catering.

### Ride to the Road Nats

Last year, a small group drove to Ballan Station and rode 30 km or so to join the BBQ on the Hill and enjoy the closing stages of the women's race and the entire men's race. At the end of the day we had a return ride. It solved a number of difficulties with attending the Nationals:

- Have to leave so-o-o early to get a park.
- Even then, difficult to park near the course.
- Miss out on my Sunday ride.

John Williams, David Brown, Mal Jones and Walter Savini are all intending to repeat the ride next year, meeting at Ballan railway station at 8.30 am on 8 January. Let John know (0419 713 087) if you want to join us (so we know who to wait for). Also please email Colin Mortley with BBQ numbers.

### 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
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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