

Newsletter

21 January 2017



Duty Roster

21 January, Gruyere is Cancelled. Alternative venue, Casey, to be confirmed.

Helpers also TBC.

28 January, Dunlop Rd

Richard Dobson (R), Kevin King (TC), Rob Giles (TC), Adrian Dickinson (TC), Gerald McIvor, Sean Wilkeson, Rob Monteath, Adrian Zubovic, Shane Dwyer, Doug Page, Peter O'Callaghan, Geoff Mackay, Edward Smith, David McKindoe

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, tjptop2@optusnet.com.au

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A fresh and buffeting wind greeted competitors at Dunlop Rd last week. A sprinkle of rain prior to the race did not bode well, however the clouds parted and some great racing was enjoyed. See below for race reports, followed by some Buninyong action.

This Saturday's graded scratch race at Gruyere has been cancelled due to roadworks and unsatisfactory road condition. An alternative Venue, Casey Fields, is 99% confirmed at time of publishing. Check the App tomorrow for final confirmation.

2017 Calendar and Roster

The 2016/17 summer calendar is now up and available on the web site. The first half of the roster is also available. Please check the roster and see if you have been allocated a role.

Membership Renewal

If you haven't already, link and full instructions available on the Club web site – [Membership](#) / ReJoin. Remember your licence is embedded in the email you receive from 'the system', print it out and bring/take it to all races for proof of membership.



Graded Scratch Race at Dunlop Rd, 14 January

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd
A Grade (15)	David Holt	Phil Cavaleri	Guy Green
B Grade (12)	Grant Farr	Boyd Williams	Ian McGeoch
C Grade (13)	Steve Barnard	Frank Tomsic	Doug Page
D Grade (13)	Rob Lackey	Chris Norbury	Geoff Mackay
E Grade (8)	Jim Swainston	Neil Wray	John Eddy
F Grade (3)	Ed Holmes	Susan Williams	Frank Lees

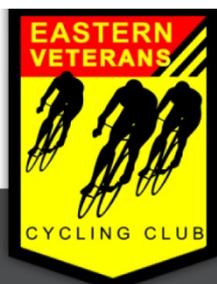
A Grade

Fifteen starters in A grade , making it the largest bunch of the day. The attacks started from the start, but the bunch was very attentive and the gaps were soon closed down. Paul Firth was busy trying to get in all the moves. After about 20 minutes Phil Smith finally got a gap and was joined by Steve Ross until a few riders tried to bridge, closing the gap down. A strong turn by Guy Green strung out the bunch, allowing an attack by Phil Smith & Rob Amos to get a good gap, the two working well together to increase their lead. After half a dozen laps a strong effort by David Holt & JP had them bridging the gap along with Guy, the evergreen Ken Mayberry and Phil Cavaleri. After a couple of laps the break became dysfunctional with Phil Cav & JP trying to save their legs for the sprint finish, despite the chasing bunch not being far behind. With a couple of laps to go the break neutralised to give C grade their bell lap. On the bell everyone was fighting for Dave's wheel, having won the previous races at Dunlop. With Phil S. leading out, Dave launched his sprint to take the win, closely followed by Phil Cav, Guy, Rob & JP.

Rob Amos

B Grade

My pre-race strategy was to do no more than my fair share of the work, thus saving some legs for the sprint. Great in theory but within 10 minutes the first serious attack was mounted by Ian McGeoch. I was sitting around third wheel at the time and thought I would cover this break being so early in the race, just to bring it all back together. However having crossed the gap with a little more difficulty than expected, I looked back to discover rather than bringing it back together, I was now part of the break with Ian flicking elbows, obviously keen for us to continue. A few hesitant words were exchanged regarding the earliness of the break and the lack of my ability to sustain it for the rest of the race. However, sure enough, we rolled turns until about the 25 minute mark. My HR was consistently in the red and the legs became lactic acid suppositories. It inevitably all came back together. Any thoughts of recovery were short lived with a succession of attacks, from the likes of Ian, Anthony Gullace, Boyd Williams, Geoff O'loghlen and a couple of others, but somehow they were all countered by a thinning bunch. With the race ticking down, people's strategies seem to transition from 'breakaway' to 'sprint'. At this point Grant Farr mounted one last concerted attack. It proved perfectly timed, with those who worked earlier in





the race unable to respond and the few who still had legs to chase, weren't able to sustain a working group to cover the gap. By the bell, Grant had built himself an unassailable lead, leaving about six of us to fight for the minor places. The sprint wound up after the final bend and Ian managed to just get over Boyd for a well-earned second, with myself in fourth.

All in all a challenging race given the tactics and the windy day. Thanks to all officials and helpers for another safe and enjoyable race.

Peter Morris

E Grade

Our numbers were a little more numerous on Saturday with some promotions from F in the form of Clive Wright and Laurie Bohn. The weather kept us guessing and I had to take shelter at the Shell servo on the way down. It was a change to be about the youngest member of our group which would have had an aggregate age of about 525 years! Just a bit of trivia.

The last time I raced at Dunlop Rd. I had been dropped as had Neil Wray and a similar result at Arthurs Creek.

The breezy conditions meant we were in for a solid outing however the "Barry train" (Ellem and Rodgers) were out to give themselves a hard ride and most of us were passive passengers. The pace stayed up at a lively tempo although we were passed by A frequently. The pace took its toll and we were reduced to five by the time two fingers appeared followed by the bell. As we rounded the last corner and lined up for the run through the cars and trucks Ronnie powered toward the front and Neil Wray loomed up on the right. I moved at this point and managed to hold Neil off with John Eddy taking 3rd. Ed Holmes seemed to be quite comfortable having a look at E.

Dunlop Rd. seems to suit people so let's hope we can hang onto it. Thanks to all our helpers.

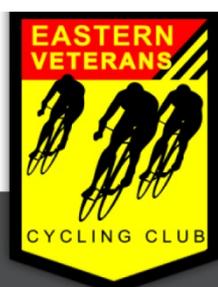
Jim Swainston

Tuesday racing at METEC, 17 January

No racing. Track unavailable.

Wednesday Criterium at the Loop, Kew, 18 January

Division	1st	2nd	3 rd
Division 1 (7)	T Coulter (N)	P Cavaleri	A Giramondo (N)
Division 2 (9)	D Beovich (N)	R DeBernardi	R Suran
Division 3 (5)	M Deans (N)	P Grey	D Drew (N)
Division 4 (5)	J Eddy	L Bohn	C Wright





Australian Road Championships, Buninyong

Dave McCormack attended the exciting day's racing at Buninyong and provided the following snaps of the action. A big thanks to Colin Mortley for organising the day. For those watching from home, the Eastern Vets Marquee was prominent in the background.



Eastern sets up on the top of the climb



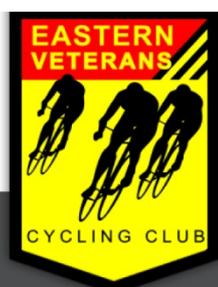
A few of the boys discussing the race tactics



*John Williams resting his eyes after the ride from Ballan
He didn't spill his yogurt either!*



The first time up the climb





An early break that didn't stick



This rider well known to many Eastern Members – Allan Iaccone - The only non pro and over 40 to finish the race!

Future events

Eastern Vets

EVCC General Meeting

Monday 30 January, 7:30 pm, Maroondah Club.

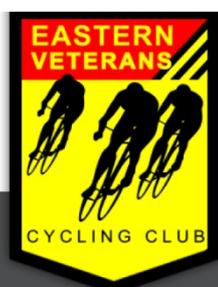
For other events, please refer to page 1 of this newsletter, or go to <http://easternvets.com/roster/>.

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 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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