

# Newsletter



## Duty Roster

### 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

### 04 February, Casey Fields

Nigel Kimber (R), Sean Hardie, John Pritchard

*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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A change of venue due to roadworks at Gruyere found us at Casey last Saturday. The numbers were down slightly due to those who headed west for the Tour Downunder. Those who fronted Casey enjoyed some great racing in near perfect conditions. Race reports below.

This Saturday we are back at Dunlop Rd. Don't forget to make sure your Tail light is fitted and charged.

Finally, this is my last newsletter as 'relieving editor' as Nick Tapp is expected back in country to take over the reins for next week. So direct any future contributions to Nick [nick.tapp@detail-ed.com.au](mailto:nick.tapp@detail-ed.com.au)

### 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 Casey Fields, 21 January

Grade	1st	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3rd
A Grade (6)	Jean-Philippe Leclercq	Phil Smith	Phil Cavaleri
B Grade (14)	David Pyne	Peter Morris	Peter Mazarella (N)
C Grade (12)	Neil Cartledge	Paul James	Doug Page
D Grade (14)	Rob Lackey	Nick Hainal	Zeon Gawronski
E Grade (4)	Tony Sloan	Jim Swainston	John Eddy
F Grade (3)	Rod Goodes	Clive Wright	Susan Williams

### C Grade (I)

#### *Diesel 'N' Dust*

It's rare for me to assign a title to a race report before writing one, however Midnight Oil's album title, aptly summarizes last Saturday's C grade race at Casey Fields. So, I went with it.

A dozen plus 'The Ghost Rider' (missing #69) set off in rather benign conditions for Casey.

Overcast, 22°C and most importantly (for me at least) a gentle SSW breeze. What more could you want in an afternoon's post holiday racing.

The pace ramped up quickly enough with Rob Devolle, (seemingly back in top form) leading the bunch for a few laps up to the aft of B grade, until they predictably stepped on the gas and drew away.

My aspirations of (legitimately) finishing with the bunch, were quashed about half way into the race, beginning with a sustained surge by Franc Tomsic, then followed by another up the finishing straight, by I think Tim Crow or Rob Green!? At this point, the legs refused to cooperate and I found myself 'spat out the back', having to revert to survival mode and pretend to be a lap ahead of the bunch instead of chasing it.

#### *Diesel*

It was during this period I was overtaken by a rider wearing a blue helmet cover. What the ....! I thought I was running last!  
It became evident over the subsequent laps that

this was not your average C grade motor.

After apparently having a malfunction of sorts, (can't imagine him being overpowered by C grade) Neil Cartledge, (alias Fabian Cancellara) had fired up his diesel-powered engine in pursuit of the bunch 500 metres ahead. An attempt to hitch a ride on his wheel proved to be beyond my present capability, as I helplessly watched him » » 'choof-choof' up the road.

#### *Dust*

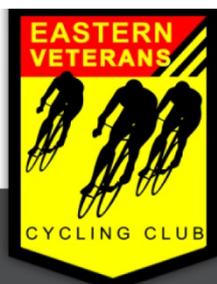
It wasn't 'till sometime later that I noted a figure accelerating away from the bunch, as I had been carefully watching their progress. Not only had Neil bridged back but he had the energy to attack. They didn't respond, as he quickly established a gap leaving the others in his dust. Andre Weber later stated that he regretted that procrastination. As the race neared completion, I recall thinking 'How much longer did I have to hold them off? Ha! Ha! Could I make it to the bell before the catch? "15 minutes" came the reply from race referee Richard Dobson. That's only 4 more laps! Although the gap was rapidly closing, my imaginary lead was looking good. Then Cancellara shot by again, bringing those illusions of grandeur crashing back to earth.

I had just been lapped.

For whom the bell tolls.

(It certainly wasn't for me)

Jumping on to the rear of the bunch just prior to





the bell lap, was unexpectedly rewarding. Firstly, I was now able to match their pace despite numerous laps spent in the wilderness. Secondly, being in a position to observe and maybe predict who might win the bunch sprint, despite Neil having wrapped up first place. Andre effectively led the single file pursuit for much if not all of the final lap, so I didn't expect him to excel in the sprint. Franc, Rob D, Paul James were following closely, with an unpredictable Steve Barnard and explosive Doug Page hovering ready to pounce.

Up went the speed on the back straight and away went Paul, (demonstrating the benefits of repetitive hill sprints at the Loop on a Wednesday) with Doug winding up from several lengths behind on the finish straight. Paul just managing to hold off Doug for 2nd place. Everyone in C was in awe of Neil's successful comeback and breakaway. In my humble opinion 'Ride of the day' and certainly a contender for ride of the year! There should be an award for this category.

*Peter Garrett, (Just kidding) Gray*

### **C Grade (II)**

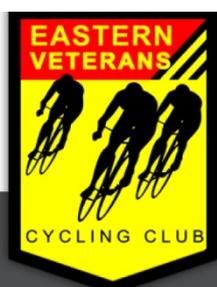
It started in a fairly mundane fashion. C grade was not far off the back of B grade. Then the usual culprits took turns on the front. From memory it was Rob Devolle with his Zipp 808's that started the ball rolling, followed by Tim Crowe in the Trivelo Coaching jersey (just getting in a plug for Gerard Donnelly!). Big Doug Page who has turned over a new leaf since joining C grade, pushed hard for a couple of laps ably helped by

Hylton and several others causing the pace to lift. It was at about the 20 minute mark that Franc Tomsic clicked up a couple more gears and the bunch snaked out. Neil slipped off the back as the rest moved smartly up the road and wasn't seen again for half an hour. Several others also went out the back during that time.

Meanwhile the bunch kept charging to see who was hurting and who wasn't before easing up to recover and then repeat the action. This then allowed those off the back to reduce the gap a little but not get back on before another surge would lower the morale and increase the gap. With several minutes to the hour, the bunch slowed and started the recovery stage in preparation for the inevitable sprint finish. This allowed Neil to get back to the bunch and was then faced with the option of sitting on or keeping going. The rest on a wheel was a very welcome option but he knew he had nothing left for a sprint, so he just kept going passed the bunch in TT mode, fully expecting the bunch to quickly jump on his wheel. Who knows why they didn't? Phil Liggett would have said they were just looking at each other trying to let somebody else do the work or they weren't organised. Maybe they thought Neil was from another grade but whatever the reason, they just let Neil ride away. It wasn't just the riders that didn't know what was happening. At the finish line they thought that Neil had been lapped and failed to give him the bell, until the question was asked of his position and the belated but oh so welcome sound of metal on metal sounded.

The minor placing's were decided with a sprint finish. A sprint that Paul James won giving him second place overall and Doug Page, third.  
*AVE: 35.1kph*

*Neil Cartledge*





### E Grade

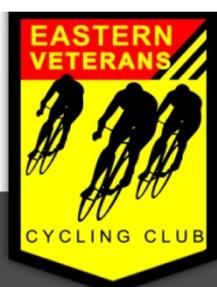
As I dropped onto the Monash at Springvale Rd. the traffic was crawling so off again at Wellington Rd. and out through Harkaway and Berwick. Just so much change out around Casey! Our group of seven was a very mixed bunch, three shiny new riders and four somewhat weathered veterans. It was novel having more riders than D. Barry Ellem took charge of pacing for about the first four laps then it was a bit of a lottery. A, B and C seemed to be getting into it and kept zapping past. We didn't have any serious attacks but the pace stayed lively most of the time. A bit of tactical manouvring went on with about five minutes to go until Andrew Rutherford wound the tempo up and led the field at the bell. To our surprise he leapt out of the saddle and launched an attack with about half a lap to go. He may well have

succeeded but for Ronnie chasing hard immediately however we weren't gaining much. Ronnie swung away with about 600 metres to go and I went through and wondered how long I could maintain the chase as the gap wasn't closing. Andrew started running out of petrol tickets as we rounded the last corner. To my surprise I led until about 30 metres to go when Tony Sloan came past with a well-timed finish. John Eddy picked up his second 3rd in a row. A top ride by Andrew as he had a dip and it nearly came off. Ed Holmes showed that he will settle in Ok with a few more rides. Thanks to all who made the day possible.

*Jim Swainston*

## Tuesday racing at METEC, 24 January

Division	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
A Grade (6)	Steve Ross	Rob Amos	Ken Mayberry	
B Grade (9)	Dayle Goodall	Doug Reynold	Chris Ellenby	John Thomson
C Grade (11)	Darren Smith	Darren Woolhouse	Adam Dymond	Peter Gray
D Grade (9)	Rob Lackey	Geoff Mackay	Colin Mortley	Ron Chapman
E Grade (3)	Mark Granland	Tony Sloan	Andrew Rutherford	





## Wednesday Criterium at the Loop, Kew, 25 January

Division	1st	2nd	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Division 1 (14)	I Clark (N)	T Coulter (N)	F Nyhuis
Division 2 (14)	D Watts (N)	C Ellenby	R Suran
Division 3 (7)	P Gray	K Mills	S Dwyer
Division 4 (6)	J Eddy	D Ellem	F Lees

## Future events

### Eastern Vets

#### EVCC General Meeting

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

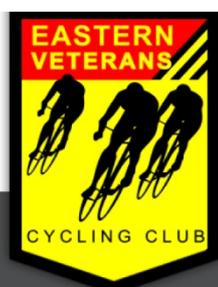
For other events, please refer to page 1 of this newsletter, or go to <http://eastervets.com/roster/>.

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 [www.northerncycling.com](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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