

Newsletter



Duty Roster

Saturday 25 August, Thornton

Nick Tapp (R), Nick Hainal (TC), Ian M. Smith (TC), David Chesney, Ian Milner, Dean Tune, Andrew Wedderburn, Davina Calhaem, Anthony Gullace, Phil Smith, David De Pedro

Saturday 1 September, Casey Fields

John Thomson (R), Ian McGeoch, Louise Wolfers

If rostered for duty, you must be there at least 1 hour prior to start time. If unable to do your duty, it's your responsibility to find a replacement, then advise Andrew Buchanan, tip2@optusnet.com.au.

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Racing at Garfield was cancelled last Saturday on the strength of the weather forecast – which delivered, if anything, an even icier afternoon than the week before. That means no race reports once again this week. Once again, we hope you enjoyed your Saturday afternoon.

Our luck appears to be changing, and the forecast for this Saturday 25 August is promising at this stage. And so we travel to Thornton for the combined Rob Graham Memorial TT Handicap and Club Individual Time Trial Championships. Entries have now closed. Note that racing starts at 1.30 pm. The registration desk will be at the Thornton Recreation Reserve, on Taggerty–Thornton Road, just south of the Goulburn Valley Highway. Tail lights are required.

The following Saturday 1 September we are at Casey Fields for a round of graded scratch races.



Don't look back! Spring is coming and swooping magpies have started early. You may have seen this on social media, from somebody's helmet camera.



Graded scratch races, Garfield, 18 August

Racing was cancelled owing to forecast bad weather.

Wednesday criterium at the Loop, Yarra Boulevard, 22 August

Division	1st	2nd	3rd
Division 1a (6)	Russell Newnham	Trevor Coulter (N)	Tony Hallam (G)
Division 1b (6)	Nick Tapp	Tom McDonough (N)	Chris Ellenby
Division 2 (5)	Russell Wheelhouse	Richard Dobson	Emma Andrews
Division 3 (5)	Ross Bowlby	Shane Dwyer	Tony Curulli
Division 4 (3)	Laurie Bohn	Barry Rodgers	John Eddy

Thanks to referee Rob Giles, Dean Niclasen and other helpers.

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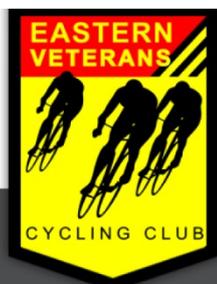
Vale John Porter

Long-term Eastern members will be saddened to hear of the passing of former member John Porter at the age of 88. John competed regularly in E and F Grades early this century, regularly running a place. In about 2004 or 2005, John joined Southern to race in their G Grade, where he continued to have success.

John was a keen karaoke singer and he helped raising funds in support of Graham Cadd's Perth to Sydney rides by singing at the presentations.

We all have fond memories of racing against John and of his friendship.

Keith Bowen





Cycling movies

In addition to the Big Bike Film Night (see below), ACMI at Federation Square is screening a season of cycling documentaries from 10 to 25 September. On offer are old favourites *MAMIL*, *All for One* and *Le Ride* as well as the Australian premiere of *Time Trial*, featuring David Millar and with a soundtrack by Dan Deacon. There's a button to book if you go to <https://tinyurl.com/ycvh3rpo>.

Social notes

Save the date

Saturday 17 November – Awards Night, with guest speaker Matt Keenan. Don't throw out that old suit and tie, you might need it. More to come.

Sunday 26 August – **The Big Bike Film Night** in the city at 6.30 pm. It's general seating – come along and join the fun. Book and buy your own tix [here](#). Let us know if you are coming, we'll try to organise something around this. So far I know of Pat Ruys, Madam Secretary Susan Williams and Ed, and Helen and me, with the Big Chief a possibility.

It's going to be a long, hot summer on the road ...

Buninyong [Australian Road Nationals](#) Sunday 6 January 2019

We are keen to have a club presence there. Does anyone know how we got access to the tent spot a few years ago? We'd like to know any thoughts about what people want other than food and drink.

And for recovery the following week ...

Tour Down Under, 10–20 January 2019

No doubt a number of us (including Helen and me) will be going again for all or part. Let's all get together one night, I reckon there must have been up to 50 Easterners there last year. A great spot for the Sunday Crit is [Aquinas College](#) at the top of Montefiore Hill. For a token fee you get a seat, a (fight for) an umbrella and a view of the city. They also do accommodation for the Tour.

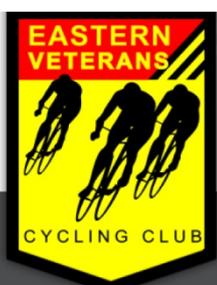
Social rides

For those of you able, there is a big group that converges from all points (especially under Bourke Road bridge at 8.30 am) Tuesday mornings at Southbank around 9.45 for a coffee or two and a chat. It's not just Eastern riders but you will most likely know someone.

Club sponsor [Croydon Cycle Works hosts Shop Rides](#) for varying abilities...all welcome

Helen and I are still feeling our way, asking for suggestions, all things considered. We are keen to get anyone else involved who is interested. You can contact Helen at 0408 437 409 or HelenEdwards55@gmail.com, or Mark at 0418 310 092 or MarkEdwardsmac@gmail.com, or look for us after a race.

Mark Edwards





Future events

Eastern events

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 or Wednesday before the race, as advertised. Riders who enter a handicap *must* pay the entry fee regardless of whether they participate. 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 to the handicapper via email or TeamApp, or on any race day before the event.

Northern events

For details, go to <http://northerncycling.com.au>.

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