Eastern Eycling Club

Duty Roster

Saturday 20 April, METEC Andrew Buchanan (R), Craig Stannard, Anthony Netkow

Saturday 27 April, Jindivick Richard Dobson (R), Andrew Buchanan (TC), Hylton Preece (TC), Lawrence Lee, Matt Clarke, Paul Firth, Brendan Wain, Chris Ellenby, Pat Ruys, Phil Taylor

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, tiptop2 @optusnet.com.au.

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Last Sunday, 59 riders travelled to Bazalgette Crescent, Dandenong South, to sample our latest criterium circuit. A big round of applause for Colin Mortley, who persevered for years – literally – to secure a permit to race here. Those who were there could see why he had bothered. The course was wide, smooth and empty and felt very safe. As anticipated, it was a day for the sprinters. Nowhere was this more in evidence than in the 'new-look' A Grade podium (see below). Results are inside.

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Racing this coming weekend is scheduled for 2 pm Saturday at METEC. At the time of writing, however, the hunt was on to find someone who could fill in for Peter Mackie, who has another commitment at short notice and can't be there. Keep an eye on Facebook and TeamApp in case it is necessary to cancel.

At the end of this newsletter are the details (promised last week) of the members night on Tuesday 7 May at Croydon Cycleworks, where you will be able to order the new club kit.

And good luck to any Eastern members who are competing over Easter at the AVCC Championships in Maryborough!



Paul Webster on top of the biggest hill in Dandenong South – the winner's step.

Graded scratch races, Bazalgette Crescent, 14 April

| Grade | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th |
|--------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| A Grade (17) | Paul Webster | Perry Peters | David Pyne | Steve Parker (trial) |
| B Grade (9) | Dean Niclasen | Grant Greenhalgh | Paul Firth | |
| C Grade (15) | David Griffin | Brendan Wain | Peter Ransome | |
| D Grade (9) | Greg Harvey | Harry Hibgame | Colin Mortley | |
| E Grade (3) | J.C. Wilson | Phil Johns | Ray Watts | |
| F Grade (6) | John Eddy | Rod Goodes | Neil Cartledge | |

B Grade

By Nick Tapp

It wouldn't be right to let the new circuit at Bazalgette Crescent, Dandenong South, go unreported. First thing is to add to the many plaudits for the work of Colin Mortley in securing us a permit to race there. It sounded like an epic process. Many thanks, Col, it was well worth the effort.

Second, as the race profile (below) hints at, it's a fast, safe, flat course. *Very* flat. The surface is great, the corners are wide and smooth, and there's only one of them that you'd even think about slowing for – at least on a dry day like last Sunday. It might be a different story if the wind got up, but in B Grade none of the various attempts to break away came to much. There were a few – usually involving Paul Firth, among others, until Peter Mackie took a series of cheeky flyers in the last few laps – but a bunch sprint was always the most likely outcome.

No argument at all with the podium. Dean, Grant and Paul had been active and looked strong all day. If anyone was unlucky to miss out, it was Shane Crowhurst, who got stuck on the front for much of the last lap. The rest of us just weren't quick enough.

Well done, all. Thanks to everyone who made it happen. See you at Jindivick.





Wednesday criterium at the Loop, Yarra Boulevard, 17 April

| Division | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Division 1a (6) | Mark Seddon (N) | Russell Newnham | Troy Jordan (N) |
| Division 1b (13) | Paul Firth | Nick Tapp | Ross Clark (N) |
| Division 2 (8) | Trevor Perry (N) | Doug Reynolds (GCM) | Doug Page |
| Division 3/4 (5) | Michael Waterfield | Alan Cunneen | Laurie Bohn |

Thanks to referee John Williams, Dean Niclasen, first-aider Shelly and other helpers.

News etc.

Increase in race fee

After careful consideration, the committee has decided to increase race day fees for all Saturday and Tuesday twilight races to \$15 so that we may continue to cover the cost of providing safe racing for our members. This change will come into effect on 1 May 2019. We are aware that this comes on top of an increase in our membership fee this year, but increasing costs and falling membership numbers have meant that we have been spending more each year than we receive in fees, and this is not sustainable.

The committee has also decided to revise all prize money and the thresholds for the number of riders in each grade determining the prize money, as follows:

| Riders | Prizes |
|--------|--|
| 1–4 | 1st \$30 |
| 4–8 | 1st \$30, 2nd \$25 |
| 8–15 | 1st \$30, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$20 |
| 16–20 | 1st \$30, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$20, 4th \$15 |
| 21+ | 1st \$30, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$20, 4th \$15, 5th \$15 |

Adam Dymond, ECC President

Anzac Day ride

Looking for something to do on Anzac Day? Why not join Hylton Preece and ride along the spectacular Great Victorian Rail Trail.

The ride will start at the old Yea railway station car park at 8.30 am and head to Alexandra (approx. 38 km), stop for coffee/brunch then head back to Yea via the same trail.

This is a no drop ride (we all stay together), the trail suits most bikes – ideally with slightly wider tyres as the surface is compacted gravel.



As usual, the ride would be weather dependent. If rain is predicted, then it would be a non-starter. Got a question? Contact Hylton Preece on 0409 136 261.

Room to rent in Girona

Eastern member Rob Birch lives in Girona, Spain. It is a fantastic location for cycling, not far from the Pyrenees, France and the Mediterranean.

Rob has a 2-bedroom apartment and his second bedroom is available to rent for any Eastern Cycling Club member, subject to availability (June is currently booked out). Price is €120 per week or €20 per night. Rob's contact details are as follows:

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Future events

Eastern CC events

Please refer to page 1 of this newsletter, or go to https://easterncycling.com/roster/.

Note: Graded scratch race entries are accepted on the day up until 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 ECC 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 CC events

For details, go to <u>http://northerncycling.com.au</u>. Please note that Northern has a new start time of 10 am for road races. Start time for criterium races at National Boulevard remains unchanged at 9 am.

VCV events

Sunday 5 May: Brennan/Hall Memorial. Hosted by Warrnambool Veterans Cycling Club

Entries close Tuesday 30 April. NOTE: Change of venue, back to the traditional course at Wangoom. No nasty hill at the start of each lap!

Enter here: https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=33732

Scroll down to see a flyer for this event.



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RUTOMOTIVE ENGINE SHOP



Warrnambool Veterans Cycling Club Proudly Presents the 60km Brennan/Hall Memorial Sunday 5th May 2019

Commencing at 10.00am

Wangoom Community Hall

Wangoom-Warrumjea Road,Wangoom

\$25.00 Entry Fee

2 Bants 1 Falls circuit 60km

http://www.warrnamboolvetscycling.com/category/circuits/

Entries close Midnight Tuesday 30th April 2019

www.veterancycling.com.au

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Eastern Cycling Club MEMBERS NIGHT

In partnership with our major sponsor Croydon Cycle Works

we are holding a members night to launch the new ECC kit!

Tuesday 7 May at 7.00pm

CCW Shop, Mount Dandenong Road, Croydon

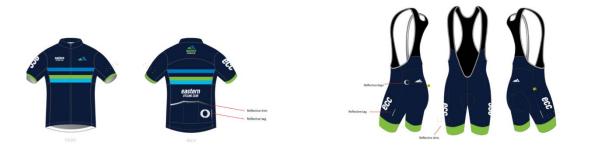
Don't miss your chance to try on a sample for size and place your order to take advantage of the ECC bulk order price. There will also be a surprise model to showcase the new kit.

Get your raffle tickets on Saturday race days, or on the night, and go into the draw to win a

new club kit (jersey and bib shorts) valued at **\$289** TICKETS: \$10 each or 3 for \$20

Funds raised will go towards a new canopy for the club registration tent in the new club colours.

Croydon Cycle Works will have an ECC members—only special offering 10% store wide and special prices on a select range of bikes.



Kit pricing

Jersey & bib nicks \$289 Jersey only \$124 Arm warmers \$55 Gilet \$135 ChillBLOCK Jacket \$219

Note: you must order via CCW and pay in full at time of order.

Orders close on Friday 10 May, orders taken from Thursday 18 April.

These prices are for first bulk order and will go up by approx. 30% after the initial order.