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Eastern Cycling Club Newsletter

Duty Roster

Saturday 28 September, METEC
John Thomson (R), Chris Ellenby,
Lawrence Lee

**Saturday 5 October, Casey
Fields**
John Williams (R), Clem Fries,
Graham Nicolson

*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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Last Saturday's handicap on Seymour–Avenel Road enjoyed a bit of luck with the weather – and that's not all, according to referee Mark Edwards, whose race report from a different perspective is inside. Results from the handicap as well as from Wednesday's racing at the Loop are also there.

This Saturday, AFL Grand Final day, we race at METEC, Colchester Road, Kilsyth, starting at 10 am so you can get away and watch the game after. Registrations will close at 9.45 am, and you can enter ahead of time via TeamApp if you wish.

Coming up on Saturday 19 October is the 47.6 km Team Time Trial at Thornton, sponsored by Orger Engines. This is a handicap event and is open to all VCV riders. Women's teams are especially encouraged to take part. Entries (by email to peter.mackie@citywide.com.au) close at midnight on Wednesday 16 October. If you don't have a team, enter anyway and Peter Mackie will assign you to one. See the flyer at the end for more details.



The top six from Saturday's handicap at Seymour (minus Phil Cavaleri): (L–R) Alex Randall, J-P Leclercq, Paul Webster, Glenn Newnham and Lawrence Lee. Results and the referee's take on proceedings are inside.

50 km handicap, Seymour, 21 September

Place	Rider	H/c
1st	Paul Webster	6:00
2nd (and fastest time)	Jean-Philippe Leclercq	2:00
3rd	Glenn Newnham	2:00
4th	Phil Cavaleri	2:00
5th	Lawrence Lee	2:00
6th	Alex Randall	2:00

Referee's report

By Mark Edwards

All's well that ends well

The United States Armed Forces (USAF) is an ARE (Acronym Rich Environment) – from POTUS to JAG to the more esoteric COMNAVAIRLANT. Subordinates, being, um, like, subordinate, added a few of their own. My dad, in the Pacific in Signals, mostly Morse Code, got to know and use a few. I once made a shoeshine box in carpentry at school that he lovingly christened FUBAR. He used it 'til he died. Saturday at our bike race, you ask? Well, SNAFU comes to mind.

On the drive up, with Fast Glenn N. riding shotgun, we travelled through increasingly bad weather but the radar looked encouraging. Through my own fault we arrived unfashionably late, for a referee, to unfolding chaos. Col Mortley had done every bit of pre-race preparation perfectly, all permits obtained and on hand, no easy task. So far, so good. I'll let Webby take up the story on the day.

From the start out, the worst thing we did was to put up the tent because when it started

issing down, everyone congregated under it and didn't want to get out and get on with the signage. We were short of a marshal because Neville's wife had gone to hospital. Then some people were running late to some running race in Yarra Glen. Steve Ross couldn't do what Andrew Buchanan had him doing (lead car) because he had Carol's Alpha, which has a glass roof so the magnetic sign ain't gonna work. Poor John Macleod was loaded up with all the start/finish stuff and had no help so he was all at sea. Peter Gray noticed that the situation was becoming dire and thankfully volunteered to do the follow car (mega thanks). Steve and I had to go and put up all the signage at Avenel and not worry about the start/finish line. The biggest save of the day was Garron Buckland and Michael Muscat at the turn-around point in Avenel. Garron forgot to zero his trip meter. I think the turn-around is supposed to be 14 km from the start so I had to try and remember where it had been from previous experience. The spot I remember has now become very rough and covered with loose stones, so we made an executive decision to move it a little closer to Avenel.

They put out all the signage along the road and picked it all up when finished. They had no witches hat and just had to stand there and tell the riders to go around them. At the start/finish line, Mark and co. were still trying to decide where it should be, and we made another executive decision. We had no witches hats for the turn, so Steve Ross drove my car back to Seymour to get some. But I still had my keys on my belt loop. Steve turned off my car and that means that ain't gonna start again until my keys are nearby. We start playing phone tag. I drive Mark's car into town so Steve can start my car and bring the witches hats back to the finish line. The



riders all know what to do, and everything turns out fine and the race is run and won. No accidents, and I think we have got away with it.

Literally 500 metres from home, I remember that I have put my gym/swimming bag in the back of Steve's Alpha (because we needed every bit of room in my car). I ring Steve and he kindly will drop it off Sunday. Oh, the joys of getting old and Veterans racing! I was so tired from Saturday that I slept for 12 hours. When I told Jan about our day, I haven't heard her laugh so much. Except for the last time I told her that I thought I was intelligent.

Most of you will know Peter Webb worked a career in high-stress and sometimes catastrophic conditions, carnage and danger and all that. His feeling like this says it all. It's one of those things it's funny to look back on, but it didn't feel funny at the time. Happily, everyone stayed calm, and with the much appreciated (and much needed) help of Peter

Gray (who forfeited his own race), we got to start just a few minutes late. The handicap was slightly compromised because the distances were NQR, but the turns were marshalled and safe and the finish ended tight. After the race I was warmly thanked for my refereeing, where in truth it should have been me thanking everyone for their self-organising.

Like Webby, with all the stress I found it more tiring than racing, and even the drive home was tough. Later, after a spousal debrief and a few quiet whiskies and near tears, all I think of is Alan Marshall's beautiful autobiography *I Can Jump Puddles*, with his dour father to the polio-crippled son: 'He paused, thinking for a moment, then added "You're a good bloke, (Alan). I like you and I reckon you're a good rider.'" This is a bit like how I think of everyone who got us through at Seymour.

Thanks to all, and stay safe.

Wednesday criterium at the Loop, Yarra Boulevard, 25 September

Division	1st	2nd	3rd
Division 1a (9)	Mark Seddon (N)	Troy Jordan (N)	Kevin King
Division 1b (9)	Dean Niclasen	Ray Russo	Dale Walton
Division 2 (3)	Alison Skene	Michael Muscat	--
Division 3 (2)	David Drew (N)	Susan Williams	--
Division 4 (3)	John Eddy	Laurie Bohn	Michael Waterfield

Thanks to referee John Williams, Dean Niclasen and anyone else who helped.





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Mornington Peninsula Ride for Relief, 20 October 2019

Come and join us on a fabulous ride on the Mornington Peninsula that includes lunch and bathing at the Peninsula Hot Springs after the ride. The funds raised from this event will go to Mentis Assist, a not-for-profit mental health support service that provides specialised mental health services for people (and their carers) living with a diagnosed mental illness in and outside of Victoria's Mornington Peninsula. Please ctrl-click on the link to download a brochure for further details.

www.peninsulahotsprings.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Ride-for-Relief-Digital-Brochure-2019.pdf

Juanita Stumbles

Annual Awards Night

Saturday 26 October, 7 pm, Maroondah Sports Club. Scroll down for details.

Bike for sale

See the end of this newsletter for details.

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 <http://northerncycling.com.au>. 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.

Other events

There is a flyer at the end of this newsletter with details of the inaugural Australasian Masters Cycling Championships (criterium, TT and road race) to be held at Wairarapa, New Zealand, over Easter (11–13 April) 2020. Australian riders are welcome, we are told, though it's not 100% clear whether a Veterans licence will suffice or whether you will need a Masters licence.





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19TH OCTOBER

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\$2000 in prize money + trophies

1st \$600

2nd \$400

3rd \$200

4th \$160

5th \$120

Fastest Team \$400

Fastest womens team \$120



Entries close midnight October 16

Entry fee \$100 Per team

Team captain must pay at registration

Enter via email - peter.mackie@citywide.com.au

Eastern Cycling Club Annual Awards Night

SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER - 7PM

**MAROONDAH SPORTS CLUB - DUBLIN RD, RINGWOOD EAST
2 COURSE MEAL**

DRINKS AT BAR PRICES

GUEST SPEAKER - DAVID MCKENZIE

TICKET PRICE - \$70EA

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED ONLINE BY 21/10/19

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Our special guest speaker & presenter is David McKenzie. David won the Australian National Road title in 1998 & his biggest victory came on stage 7 of the 2000 Giro d'Italia where he rode to victory after a 164 km solo breakaway. David now works as a cycling journalist and commentator on SBS.



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11 - 13 April 2020



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