

03 April 2021

Eastern Cycling Club Newsletter

Duty Roster

Saturday 10 April

GSR, Dunlop Rd, 1:30 pm

John Thomson (R), Nick Hainal (TC), Dave McCormack (TC), Peter Webb (TC), Matt Clarke, Tim Maffey, Dave Griffin, Quentin Frayne, Tony Renehan, Glenn Newnham, Dale Walton, Ken Bone, Michael Lillycrapp, Justin Van Tol

Sunday 18 April

ECC Crit Champs, Bazelgette Dve, 10:00 am

Tony Curulli (R), Ian Smith (TC), Dave Moreland, Chris Ellenby, Mark Sontag, Ivana Cicchelli, Danielle Van Tol, Cameron White

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.

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A ridiculously windy Casey blew 43 riders all over the shop last Saturday. Many of the more minutely statured are still MIA. Well done to all who survived to the finish.

This week's racing is at Dunlop Rd with the first start at 1:30pm Saturday.



Hanging on at Casey....

Also coming up are the club Crit Champs which will be held at Bezelgette Drive on Sunday 18 April.

Then on May 01 we have the Eastern Grand Prix Womens Race at Casey Fields. This promises to be a great day out and involves three races, a hot lap, an elimination race and a crit with grades A to D. Kym Petersen has provided more information below on what is sure to become an Eastern Flagship Event.

Afterwards, there will be a Crit at 2pm, open to all.

Casey Fields, GSR, 03 April

Grade	1st	2nd	3 rd
A Grade (6)	Max Kornhoffer	Rob Amos	Glenn Newnham
B Grade (12)	David Pyne	Paul Webster	Ross Clark
C Grade (16)	Peter Ransome	Damien O'Hara	Darren Thompson
D Grade (4)	John Thomson	Max Michelson	Tanya Simpson
E Grade (5)	Danielle Van Tol	Philip Johns	Harry Hibgame

B Grade

By Mark Edwards

"The race is won by the rider who can suffer the most" – Eddy Merckx

A week is a long time in B Grade

This week I won nothing. Again. I suffer heaps but Eddy says not enough.

TUESDAY evening METEC: The last dance of the season. Big field wary, watching, marking. The prizes are worthwhile, the aggregate is tight, the contenders are strong and they carry protection. The race is a procession. When the bell rang The President made an executive decision to go off early. I qualify for free tickets on weekend trains and lately the Sunday Express has been running Tuesday nights as well so I waited, hopped on and sat down for the ride. Dean Tune flew for a last race last turn speccie but couldn't hold it. I had a good seat to watch the kids play it out. Matt Clarke rolled Dale and Corey. No podium for me but a name check for fourth and happy with that. Repeat Series Champ Glenn loves a chat and is as slow to leave as he is quick to finish so we have to feel our way through the gloom

along Dandy Creek. That's sixteen summer series in a row for me and never a series top ten. Next season.

Just a half day later: WEDNESDAY morning, not close to being recovered but why not race again anyway? Everything's changed but the day. The Teardrop used to be The Loop (no Johnny never the Loup), the Grades used to be Divisions, Simon used to be Keith and we used to have a pre coffee roll around for Veterans who enjoyed a long chat by the river. All that changed with AusCycling. It's on. This is the best \$4 show in town with more drama than Netflix. The fields got bigger, younger, stronger, faster and way keener. Sheep Stations? More like Space Stations. This Is Serious Mum! Grade stooging and tears before bedtime. That faded line still gets crossed though. The race? Yep, more suffering, so much suffering. Whippets, hill, attack, repeat. Soft dropped early with the rest of Eastern crew then later dropped hard by everyone. Places to the breakawayers Dave Rooke, Craig Harvey and Val Usatoff from Northern and Carnegie.

SATURDAY: Casey, hot, windy and a whole corridor of hurt lockers. Morris forgot something





early and went back. Mid race half the field had fallen off the back. A couple of gun sprinters lurked down the back with me, with real intent. I just sucked wheels and chewed tape and swore silently, crusty salty sweat stinging my left eye closed and all the time knowing it's all for nothing. Wait - no! Not all for nothing, I drop the f so now it's all or nothing. I launch a spectacular early last lap attack. Daylight second! This time surely. Ooh is that a headwind? They don't even chase, just let me flame out without even a nod as

they roll by intent on the real race. It's Dave Pyne from Perry Peters and Ross Clark. They didn't seem to suffer much but won anyway. I thought we would have gone harder said Ross later. I limped in the last rider of the last group, with packing up near done and the tape finish line pulled up.

Another week of suffering. Does this Mercx bloke know anything about cycling?

Wednesday GSR, Teardrop Criterium Track, 07 April

Grade	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
A Grade (6)	Jean Phillipe Leclercq	Mark Seddon (NC)	Tony Kimpton (SMCC)
B Grade (11)	Ross Clark (BruCC)	Paul Firth	Craig Harvey (NC)
C Grade (8)	Peter Webb	Andreas Weber	Ian M Smith
D Grade (4)	Ken Allan	Peter Gray	Vincent Sinni
E Grade (2)	Shane Dwyer	Meredith Kelly (NC)	

News etc.

Eastern Grand Prix

By Kym Petersen

As a lot of our members may know, Eastern are hosting the first of its kind, a 3-race Grand Prix. Just for women!!!

A lot of time and energy is being put into this event to make it a huge success.

We hope to showcase our club and demonstrate how friendly and inclusive it is.

I had the pleasure (and pain) of racing with Eureka on Easter Monday, in an all women's Open Handicap.

A group of our male Members also raced there, in the Ron Rivette Handicap.

Whilst the racing was brutal (along with some of the marks given) the hospitality shown was really something quite special.

The photo here is of the post-race feed - quite the biz really!!!

It was a great show of community; the Members all pitched in and contributed to a lovely afternoon tea.

I'm putting a call out to all our Members that are heading to Casey Fields on Saturday 1 May.

You may be coming earlier to watch some of the Grand Prix, or perhaps racing yourselves at the usual time of 2pm.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could





bring a plate of food.

Obviously we don't have refrigeration so if your contribution needs cooling, please bear this in mind.

I would love to hear from you if you are keen to help us make this event a roaring success.

I will pledge to bring something for everyone to enjoy, after the 2pm racing concludes. Fair is fair!!!

It'd be great if the women's contingent of the club could share this responsibility, so that they can also race in their marquis event, knowing they are fully supported.

Please email me at kympetersen@icloud.com, I would love to hear from you!!!

Thanks kindly



Eureka's Post Race Feed.

Wanted

Second hand 56cm men's road/race bike.

Potentially a bike that you have upgraded from.

Doesn't have to be flash, just suitable for a young rider getting into crit racing.

Please contact Dale Walton on:

0409 943 663 OR

dale@designeq.com.au

Thanks,
Dale Walton

Order Your ECC Club Kit

An order has been placed for several 'test' kits so we can examine the colours, logos, text etc, just to be sure, to be sure.

These should be available by early April. Once we are satisfied all is well the main order will be placed, and we will expect to take delivery 6 - 8 weeks later. The cut-off date is 10 April. If you have placed your order by then yours will be part of the first delivery (end of May/early June).





You can view the full selection and order your new Eastern CC kit at <https://www.bikegearnow.com/eastern-cycling-club>

The Password for the website is: **eastern2021**.

VeloEx, run by ECC member Doug Reynolds, provided the club with great versatility with small orders (most suppliers insist minimum order of 50), a great website and competitive pricing. In addition, if you wreck your kit in a fall, VeloEx will replace it at 40% discount.

So let's get it on!

Ride for Rotary – Celebrating 100 years in Australia

The Rotary club of Lilydale are organising a charity bike ride along the Warby Trail. It's a \$5 entry fee with proceeds going to Rotary Ride for Research.

Rotary Australia & New Zealand 100 YEARS

LILLYDALE LAKE - WARBY TRAIL RIDE

SUNDAY 11TH APRIL, 2021
STARTING FROM 8AM

Join our bike ride from Lillydale Lake up the Warby Trail and back to Celebrate 100 years of Rotary in Australia

- Water stations provided along the Trail
- BBQ and bottled water at the Lake after the ride.
- Ride is 80km (40km each way) or choose a shorter ride at <https://www.dotheyarravalley.com.au/warburton-rail-trail-yarra-valley>
- Registration and BBQ - grassed area at Lillydale Lake near Community House.

ENTRY FEE \$5
(donated to Rotary Ride for Research)

FOR REGISTRATIONS AND QUERIES
PLEASE CONTACT LYNN WHELAN,
ROTARY CLUB OF LILLYDALE, MOB 0409 938 694,
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Member update - 80YO+ members

Greetings members, please be advised that there is no requirement under AusCycling for members over 80 years old to provide a medical certificate to race.

The ECC committee ask that all members regardless of their age have an onus on themselves to ensure they are fit to ride. If you are unsure, please take it upon yourself to seek medical advice.





Sunday Club Ride

No Sunday club ride this week. Weather is looking dubious.

Duty Roster

A friendly reminder to all club members. If, for some reason you are unable to fulfil your roster responsibilities, it is your responsibility to find a replacement marshal to swap with AND then notify the duty co-ordinator (Andrew Buchanan) preferably within 72 hours of your scheduled duty. If members need the phone number of a potential swap, contact Andrew Buchanan.

Call for Additional Race Day Facilitators

The role involves directing the marshals to their pre-determined (road course) locations 1 hour prior to the race. With this role you can still race on the day. Contact the duty co-ordinator (Andrew Buchanan) if interested in helping.

Race Entries

Race entries for Tuesday night and Saturday are online via Entry Boss .

ECC on Instagram

Eastern Cycling Club has cast its social media net further and now has an Instagram page. Be sure to follow your club to access photos, news etc

Future events

Eastern CC events

Please refer to page 1 of this newsletter, or go to <https://easterncycling.com/event-calendar/>

Note: Graded scratch race entries are accepted ahead of time on Entry Boss <https://entryboss.cc/calendar/ecc>. 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. 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.

Wednesday racing at the Teardrop/Loop is still cash on the day with registration closing at 10:00 am and a start time of 10:15 am. Cost is \$4 in coins or a \$5 note. No change is offered due to ECC Covid-Safe procedures.





Eastern Grand Prix Women's Race

Saturday 1 May is the ECC Womens Grand Prix at Casey Fields. This is a multi race womens only event with more details to follow. So mark this in your diary and spread the word. If you're female, 30+ years of age and would like to give this road racing a try, get yourself an Australian Cycling license and come along. Casey Fields is a closed circuit so is a safe place to learn the art of cycling!



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Womens Only Racing

3 Races in 1 Day

Saturday
1st May
2021

Grades
A - D

2.2km
Circuit

Hot Lap,
Elimination
& Criterium

Casey Fields, Cranbourne

Entries & Info: <https://easterncycling.com/>
Riders will need a current AusCycling licence.

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Northern CC events

For details, go to northerncycling.com.au. Please note that Northern road races start at 10 am on Sunday; start time for criterium races at National Boulevard is 9 am.

Benghazi Handicap

Our northern friends have their Benghazi Handicap fast approaching. Entries are capped at 120 so get in early. Details below.



2021 Benghazi - Top Tech Panels Masters Handicap 77km

Anzac Day, Sunday 25 April 2021 Race start at 1pm

Entry fee \$25 Transponder Hire \$5
\$15 discount entry fee for 2020 Northern Cycling members

Entries are open to all masters members from any affiliated
AusCycling Club

Online entries via Entry Boss
www.northerncycling.com.au (Events)

Entries will close on Tuesday 20th of April at 11:59pm or earlier if the
entry cap of 120 competitors is reached

Northern Cycling is a masters racing club for men and women aged 30+

Registration at the Lancefield Park Recreation Reserve, Woodend-
Lancefield Road, Lancefield, Victoria

\$3050 Prize Pool - Winner \$800 + Trophy
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At a Northern Veterans club meeting in 1979, it was agreed to stage a handicap race on Anzac Day. It was also agreed that the race carry the name 'Benghazi' inspired by the battles for the Libyan city of Benghazi during World War II. The race celebrates the ANZAC spirit and it is in their memory that veteran riders from across the state converge on Lancefield to contest this monumental race.



Presentation and refreshments will be at the pavilion after the race.





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