

# Newsletter



## Duty Roster

### Saturday 2 September, Casey Fields

John Thomson (R), Alex Randall, Derek Rothsay

### Saturday 9 September, Thornton

Nigel Kimber (R), Matt White (TC), Peter Webb (TC), Ed Smith, John Eddy, Haydn Chapman, Rob Truscott, Ken Allan, Bruce Will, Owen Anstey, Sean Wilkeson, Leon Bishop

*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, [tjptop2@optusnet.com.au](mailto:tjptop2@optusnet.com.au)*

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Last Saturday, Eastern Vets hosted the VVCC State Criterium Championships at Casey Fields. Well done to all those who competed and thanks to those who helped out on the day in a variety of capacities. Results, photos and a race report from 'cleanskin' Jim Swainston are inside.

This Saturday we race at Casey Fields again (registrations close 1.45 pm, racing starts 2 pm), followed the week after by the Rob Graham Individual Time Trial at Thornton, which is simultaneously a sealed handicap and the age-based Club TT Championships. Note that this is a pre-entry event. Entries must reach the handicapper via TeamApp or email ([peter.mackie@spotless.com.au](mailto:peter.mackie@spotless.com.au)) by 5 pm, Wednesday 6 September. The ITT Handicap is sponsored by the Lawn Mowing Contractors Association of Victoria. Please support them if you need your lawns done ([www.mowingmelbourne.com](http://www.mowingmelbourne.com)). Our thanks to Ian Smith (that's Ian R. Smith) for his continuing support of this prestigious event.

Looking further ahead, the Team Time Trial is not far off. It will be held at Thornton on Saturday 23 September. Entries will be taken on the day, but teams need to be organised ahead of time. Riders looking for a team to ride with can contact Peter Mackie by email (see above) or through the usual channels.



Men's D Grade was a good one for Eastern at the State Criterium Championships. Adam Dymond (left; 3rd) and Paul James (centre; 1st) bookended Eureka rider James Knipe (right; 2nd). Congrats, chaps!



# Eastern Vets Cycling Club

Proudly Presents

Team Time Trial

Handicap

Teams of 4 Riders

\$2000+ in Trophies & Prizes

Saturday 23th September  
2017

Thornton, Vic

\$20 per Rider, Entries close 5pm 19th Sept.

**\*\*Non Eastern Riders need to submit recent ITT result\*\***

Enter via Team App or E-mail  
[Peter.Mackie@spotless.com.au](mailto:Peter.Mackie@spotless.com.au)

**\*\* Start Time 1:00pm \*\***

## VVCC State Criterium Championships at Casey Fields, 26 August

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>Men</b>			
A Grade (8)	Michael Borowski (N)	Tony Mirabella (Eur)	Peter Howard
B Grade (15)	Scott Blade (N)	Scott Riddell (N)	Steve Ross
C Grade (15)	John Short (N)	John Hasouras (N)	Colin Doherty
D Grade (9)	Paul James	James Knipe (Eur)	Adam Dymond
E Grade (9)	Tony Gherxi (N)	Terry Collie (Eur)	Harry Hibgame
F Grade (6)	Jim Swainston	Ron Stranks	Clive Wright
<b>Women</b>			
A Grade (1)	Amanda Hosking (GSC)	--	--
B Grade (3)	Stacey Hatton (N)	Paula McGovern	Emma Anderson
C Grade (3)	Jo Read (N)	Meredith Kelly-Smith (N)	Sue Willams

### F Grade

By Jim Swainston

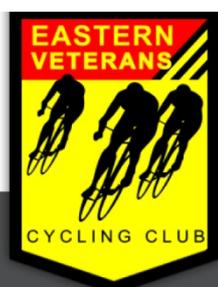
I was a bit of a cleanskin as I hadn't ridden this event last year. I thought the turn-up for our grade was quite good, and Jo and Meredith, the women from Northern [Women's C Grade – Ed.], made sure it was a lively race. They demonstrated their intentions on the neutral lap as they charged off to a handy break, but our brave officials restrained them – much to our relief! Eight starters out of nine entries was encouraging. I took close order on Meredith and Jo as they looked like they could cause a bit of havoc, and it wasn't long before we started shedding riders.

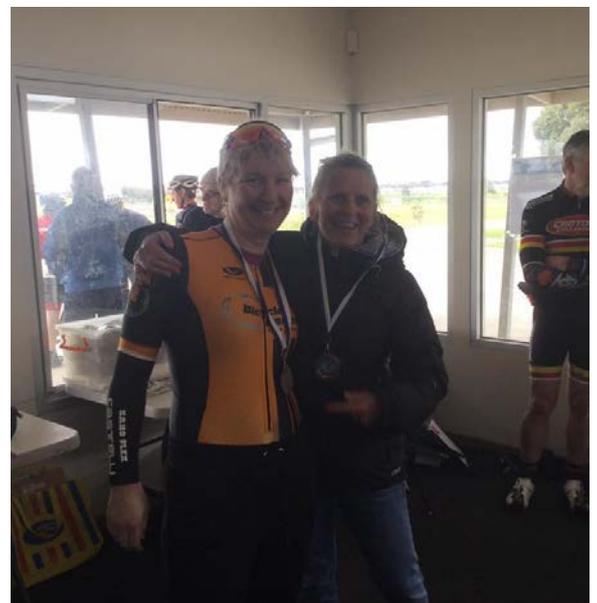
About halfway we were down to three riders – Jo, Meredith and myself – swapping turns, and everyone

else spread around the course. It was a typical Casey day, with a solid north-westerly blowing and threatening to get stronger. At about four laps to go, I was weakening and adjourned to the 'dining car'. This didn't deter Jo and Meredith as they kept pounding away. On our final lap Meredith gave Jo a handy lead-out down the back straight, then Jo kicked really well and went to the line strongly to win narrowly from myself, with Meredith 3rd.

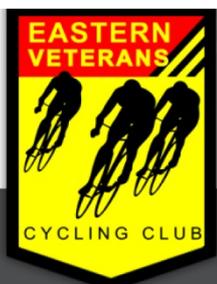
Thanks to all the riders who turned out on the day, the VVCC officials, our own people and especially Peter Gray for all the shopping and setting up he does. You only realise his efforts when you get a bit involved in the cooking etc.

*All For One* was great into the bargain!





*Jim Swainston and Ron Stranks (top; 1st and 2nd in F Grade); Peter Howard (bottom left; 3rd in Men's A Grade) with Michael Borowski from Northern (1st) and Tony Mirabella from Eureka (2nd); Stacey Hatton (Northern; 1st in Women's B Grade) and Emma Anderson (3rd). Visit the Eastern Vets Facebook page for more photos.*





## News etc.

### Around the Bay

If you plan to ride the 250 km Around the Bay loop on Sunday 8 October, or 210 km in the same direction as the 250 (i.e. anticlockwise from Melbourne), you're invited to get in touch with Mal Jones, a recent Eastern member well known to many of us ([mal@shotproperty.com.au](mailto:mal@shotproperty.com.au)). Mal is looking for some buddies to ride with.

### GIRR

By now you've probably heard about Get Into Road Racing (GIRR), an introduction to road racing that Eastern Vets is offering to new and prospective members this September. The response has been encouraging and places are limited. David Richards and Paula McGovern as qualified Cycling Australia coaches will be taking the lead on GIRR. However, we are looking for three or four members to assist in the training sessions. If anyone is able to help out, they should speak to Adam Dymond or Emma Smith on race day, or email Emma at [fortune5@live.com](mailto:fortune5@live.com).

### Referees

To meet insurance requirements to race we must have an AVCC accredited Club Referee in charge of the race. We currently have a pool of half a dozen referees who take turns to fulfil the association's requirements. We have lost a few over the past 12 months and will undoubtedly lose a few more going forward – it's just the way things happen.

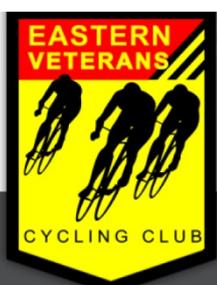
We need more referees to enable us to rotate the referees on bigger rosters so they can race more frequently. We are also at risk of being unable to race midweek (Wednesdays and Tuesdays) if we do not have more accredited referees to be in charge of those races.

At the moment, accreditation involves completing a couple of forms, obtaining a letter of recommendation from the club and submitting them to the AVCC along with a passport photo. It would be helpful if the applicant was familiar with the AVCC and Club racing rules. Going forward, the AVCC is looking at introducing an accreditation process that will involve practical and written tests – the club will support its referees in getting through these tests.

If you are interested and would like to assist the club in bringing good, safe racing to its members, please contact Nigel Kimber to start the process.

### Thornton weekend

The Rob Graham Memorial Individual Time Trial, coming up in Thornton on Saturday 9 September, is also the Club Championship for the ITT. The club is making a weekend of the event with dinner at the Rubicon Hotel on Saturday night, accommodation at the hotel and a social ride on Sunday morning. A couple of rides are planned, an easy roll and a not-so-easy roll, both meeting for coffee before the run back to Thornton. Speak to Nigel Kimber or Peter Gray if you think you might like to join us.





## Future events

### Eastern Vets

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 Vets

For details, go to [www.northerncycling.com](http://www.northerncycling.com).

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