



"Country Cycling at its Best"

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The MRCC Newsletter

To start with, can I say 'Thank You' to all those members that turned up on a chilly Saturday morning in July to assist Bike Safe Macedon Ranges in a photoshoot for their article in the Midland Express newspaper. For those that haven't been able to access the article this link may help

<http://www.elliottmidnews.com.au/story/3277163/unsafe-to-ride/?cs=1227>

I understand that the section of the Calder Hwy that the article and petition referred to will soon be made a 100km zone, which most motorists that use the section will appreciate, but there doesn't appear to be any consideration made to the safety of cyclists. For those of you that haven't seen or signed the petition please follow the link <https://www.change.org/p/luke-donnellan-mp-build-the-calder-bike-path>. At last count it appears they only need about 47 more signatures to make it to the 500 person level.



And so, onto club business.

The club has entered the **Kyneton Daffodil Festival** Street Parade and Fair, Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September. The normal Sunday morning riding schedule will be jiggled a bit to have us riding out of Kyneton for a short ride, then back to the starting point for the parade and a bit of fun and frivolity afterwards. Hopefully all of us turning up in our new club kit. We will also be allocated space for our marquee at the finish point where we can talk to interested people. More info will be sent out by email closer to the event.

End of Year Function. The past couple of years we have had an end of year function with fantastic guest speaker (Simon Gillette from the Amy Gillette Foundation, and Scott McGrory, Gold Medal winner Mens Madison 2000 Olympic Games), unfortunately often to rooms of only 20 – 30 people. Thankfully these guest speakers provided their time for free or very little compensation but many decent guest speakers come at a cost. In an effort to keep costs down and focus on the fun side of belonging to a social cycling club, a suggestion has been made that we incorporate a trivia quiz as part of the evening. We have already had a volunteer who has agreed to provide half the questions on "60's music", and we were thinking of 'things to do with cycling' as the second section. If there is

anyone that would like to provide the questions for the 'things to do with cycling' section **please let me know via club email**. Each half (60's music/cycling) is made up of 5 rounds of 10 questions each. For those that enjoy winning – start studying up....or cash in brown paper envelopes...

The venue for the EofY function has previously been upstairs at a pub in Kyneton, but we are open to consider other locations within the shire. Again, **please let us know by club email** if you know of a not too pricey venue that has good food and good atmosphere, even if we investigate it for next year.

We currently have well over 20 riders for the 19-22 Nov Bright Rail Trail/Ride the Mountains extravaganza, but I understand the Bright Pine Valley Tourist Park where most will be staying still has room (<http://www.brightpinevalley.com.au/>). The idea of riding the 7 Peaks has also gained traction with a number of people proposing to climb Mt Buffalo and Falls Creek over that weekend. Having said that – most people are going to be sensible and just enjoy the rail trails and magnificent scenery, and of course the magnificent company. Please join us if you can.

Everyone should have their membership cards by now (Thank You to Christine and Raven Signs, Kyneton for them), and over the next few years we would like to encourage business' to offer discounts to MRCC members for patronage. If you know of a business that would or should support members, be it a coffee shop, gym, cycle establishment, etc, let us know and we can provide forms to establish the relationship. Business' will be located on our website for all our members to see.

And now, a word from our sponsors



NAB are offering members, family and friends that switch their home loans to the NAB a \$1000 cashback offer (think 'new wheelset'). Deal directly with Emeka, the North West Precinct Manager (0488 337 106), or Laura, the NAB Banking Advisor (03 5421 9300), tell them you've been in touch with us and you'd like to talk to them. MRCC also benefits with assistance from the bank, which we in turn use to benefit the club, its members and cyclists in general. The NAB sponsorship also allows us to provide club jerseys at a discounted rate.

As I said at the end of the last newsletter, we as a club exist by the actions of our members for the benefit of our members, and if you have anything you would like to add to the club, either through ideas or effort, just let us know. The chances are, if it's a good idea, we'll look to take it up, and you may also find yourself in charge of your idea, supported by the club and its members to achieve and benefit all. I'd also like to add my personal thanks to the Committee who all do more than their fair share in making the Club function.

Brett Ellis

MRCC President

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