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**CLUB CARNIVAL**

The club carnival is one of the biggest events that the club hosts each year. It is a spectacular event with loads of action. This year’s event features an all-star cast with James Henry, Scott Keeble, Brett Rollinson Monique Hanley and Chris Hunt all riding in club colors. The Senior events will be held on Saturday and the junior events on the Sunday.

So we can put our best foot forward it would be tremendous if you could chip in for the club. We need members to do things such as car parking, gate entry, BBQ, drinks/canteen, and setting and packing up. watch the action and we know you will be rewarded. For further information contact Karin Jones on 56268386 or email the president at justen.oconnor@education.monash.edu.au

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**PRESIDENTS PRATTLE**

I hope everyone has enjoyed the Christmas break and managed to extract the bicycle from the shed every now and then. Whilst the weather could have been a little better there certainly is no excuse for not getting out on the road. The club has some fantastic events coming up with the finish of the crit series drawing near, and some great rec-rides planned. The club is looking forward to hosting its’ track carnival this year and with a stack of WCC entries along with the best from around the country you really should get down and take a look.

In order for any club to continue operating it relies heavily on you (its members) to put in and volunteer your time. We must not forget that without input from you the club will struggle. The committee has already donated hundreds of hours to run the club and its times like the track carnival that we need more people to step up to the plate. I am confident that no one will sit back and expect the signs to be put out every week by the same people and I am sure the carnival duty roster will fill with minimal fuss.

The club will continue to be challenged by the risk management issue and I would like to thank everyone involved for their support on this so far. Planning a race is certainly a lot more complicated now than it used to be but the end result is safer cycling for all. I would especially like to thank club stalwart’s Jake deBlauw, Staf Duncan, the Atkinson’s, Chris Jones and new club Commissaire Graeme Fricke for their tireless assistance in running races. The committees for both racing and the ‘ride it’ groups have also been wonderful and everyone should be grateful to these people for giving up many, many hours so you can enjoy your cycling.

Keep on pedalling
Justen

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**CLUB SPONSORS**

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**MONIQUE, JAMES & CHRIS FLY THE CLUB COLOURS**

James Henry 2nd in the State Criterium Championships

WCC Young Gun, James Henry almost stole the show on at the U17 State Criterium Championships, narrowly pipped at the post by super-youngerst Leigh Howard. Henry had suffered from the early pace on the tough hot-dog circuit, finding himself off the back of the pack for quite a few laps. Showing some dogged determination he fought his way back into the bunch where he grabbed a chance for a quick recovery as the pack’s pace slowed prior to the finish. Not considered a threat, the State’s top riders were content to let him ride clear while they carefully watched each other cat and mouse over the remaining kilometres. It wasn’t until the final lap when the pace soared and Henry’s lead was finally reduced. Fortunately for James, no one expected him to kick from the final corner as he sprinted for the finish with metres ahead of the bunch. In a desperate lunge for the line, top Geelong rider Howard managed to sneak past Henry by the narrowest of margins. Overall, James was happy with the result and father Ross was extremely proud of his son’s cunningness.

Monique Hanley posted the best ride of her short career finishing an excellent third in the Victorian Pursuit Championships. As first cab off the rank, Monique had no idea how fast to ride in order to qualify so she just rode flat out. It paid off however and she was able to ride off for third place taking the victory and a spot on the podium. This is a great result for someone who only just started on the track a couple of months ago. Congratulations Monique!

Congratulations to Chris Hunt

Chris recently competed in the Individual time trial and came first. Congratulations Chris. An excellent performance and deserves to be congratulated by the club.
COMMISSAIRES ACCREDITED

During the Burke Street Criterium series a number of club members were accredited by Cycling Australia as Club Commissaires. Graeme Fricke, Jake deBlauw, Luke Hanley, Ross Henry and Justen O’Connor all completed a compulsory commissaries accreditation course, whereby they completed a workbook with questions about club racing and were tested during a club race. This is a huge step forward for the club in its attempts to conform to state and national standards. Congratulations to these members for making an important contribution to the club.

Marshalling signals during a race

There are 3 signals which a corner marshal may signal to you as you arrive at a corner, 1. Pass signal, 2. Stop signal, 3. Caution signal.

Pass signal—The marshal will hold the flag perpendicular to the ground (facing the direction the cyclists will be travelling) and wave you through.

Stop signal—The marshal will be waving the flag above his/her head with one hand, while you will see the palm of the other hand outstretched. You must come to a COMPLETE stop.

Caution signal—Currently this is the signal which is causing some confusion. The marshal will hold the flag still above his/her head and will hold the corner of the flag with their opposite hand. The caution flag is used to slow the cyclists but not stop them completely. It may be used when the marshal is uncertain about conditions, if a car is approaching from the ‘safe’ side of the road, there is loose gravel on the road, the corner becomes slippery due to rain, a dog is nearby or any other caution. You must SLOW and be prepared to stop. The signal could change to a stop or an all clear at any time. This signal will be used unless the marshal is absolutely certain the path is clear. Because it is used often, don’t assume that if you see this signal you will get the all clear.

Club licences

Do you want to race? You will need to obtain a racing licence. To do this you will need to become a member of the Warragul Cycling Club. To join simply go to Bikeland in Warragul and fill in all the paperwork. Phil is usually in the shop on Mon, Wed, Fri, and Sat. Best to call first.

Volunteers Required

Marshalling signals during a race

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JOIN THE TRAIL RAIL EXPRESS

The WCC is hosting a special Rail Trail Ride on Sunday March the 6th. What better way to spend a Sunday then cruising along some spectacular countryside. Join in on this fantastic ride amongst some great company. The car pool will depart the WCC velodrome at 8:00am on Sunday. Love to have you there.

COMMENTS

Planning is well advanced for the ride program for April-June 2005 which will be presented for approval at the February meeting.

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Special Upcoming Events

WCC carnival, Jan 29 & Jan 30, come and see all the action at the WCC velodrome

Great Tasmanian Bike Ride Feb 5–Feb 13, see http://www.bv.com.au for details

Lilydale to Warburton Rail Trail Sun March 6, contact Roy Hammond for details

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