

MURWILLUMBAH CYCLE CLUB

NEWSLETTER



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Issue 41

Meeting Notice

Wednesday 17 August 2005
Murwillumbah Services Club
7:30 p.m.

Agenda

Apologies
Minutes – Previous Meeting
Correspondence
Treasurer's Report
General Business;
1. Banana Festival Criterium
2. Portable Toilet

Cycling Queensland State Championships

Any member who wishes to enter any state championship must take along a volunteer or volunteers to help run the event. The rule is one (1) volunteer per club, so ask around and see who else is entering as you can pool your resources to provide the volunteer(s). Remember it is your responsibility, not the club's, to provide that person as entry will be refused.

Editor's Note: If you represent the club in racing events or have other information you would like posted on the website please contact Rod Bailey or Karen Dressel via club email to provide the details. Send pictures if you have them

Club Clothing.

Jersey \$75
Knicks \$70
Bib & Brace Nicks \$85

There is still a small amount of old style clothing available at approximately \$50 per item. It is still legal to wear at Opens and is cheap!

Clothing is available at the Saturday race or at the Kingscliff Cycle Centre.

Please remember you must wear your club gear at all open race events (i.e. not our Saturday races) unless you have a special dispensation letter from our secretary. If you don't you can be fined and refused a start.

Contact Dennis Burger
(02) 66726090 (a/h)
(02) 66743166 (b/h)

Corner Marshals

Our police permit requires us to patrol corners with a "give way" sign. It is vitally important that you turn up on your allotted day or racing cannot commence. If you cannot make it that particular day swap or arrange for someone else. It is **your responsibility** to arrange your replacement.

President's Report

A.G.M. and 2006 committee

Lesley Larsen will accept the secretary position for one more year and Bill Mustard will go round as treasurer again. So these are two spots gone unless you would like to be either. As I stated last month I will not take any official position next year. My view is that fresh people with fresh ideas should always be coming into the committee, so give that some serious thought.

Regional Championships

These went off quite well two weeks ago. Many thanks to those members who helped out. We had members at the three disciplines, competing and officiating. Bianca Bailey took out second in the W/17 women overall, Rod Bailey (no relation) was 2nd overall in M4 division, and Craig Hollindale was in there punching away, too.

Banana Festival Criterium

This is on Sunday morning 28 August. This is the morning after the last day of the festival and there will be a lot of set-up time needed. Probably heaps of glass to be swept. We may have to locate some extra barricades used in the procession the day before.

The BIGGEST change is that Wollumbin St. is to be closed completely so that we are on an entirely closed circuit and will avoid having to pay for qualified traffic controllers, but still need the SES volunteers to man the barricades to stop idiots from driving onto the course.

Assembly time to achieve a smooth set-up will be 6:15 a.m. at police station. So whether you are in the 1st race or last to start (9:30 a.m.) the club expects you to be there at 6:15 a.m.

Portable Toilet

Peter McMahon has researched the cost of a portable toilet as was lined up for the Regional Championships. The cost is approximately \$4000 ready to roll (including the trailer it is on).

Peter has also volunteered to hold it at his home in Dungay and take it to and from racing each week. He can also empty it at no cost via his septic tank. Our ongoing costs would be toilet paper and an annual rego fee on the trailer of approximately \$60.00

This should be given serious thought and it is a generous offer by Peter to store and maintain it. We should also pursue obtaining grant funds or money from/through the Council to assist in the purchase. There are more and more women riders and supporters that we should be considering with this proposed purchase. Tweed Shire Council was prepared to put \$20,000 and the club \$7000 to build a permanent toilet last year. Your views please.

Presentation Night

To be held on Saturday night 12 November at the Services Club. Last year's attendance was very disappointing with only 35 there. Normally we have 70, so please mark your calendar and get your babysitter organized.

First Aid Officer

We have a new first aid officer thanks to Peter Larsen's initiative by putting an ad on the SES headquarters notice board. It was taken within days by Shirley O'Connor. Please make her feel welcome and support her in any way. She is a quiet lady and has to learn the courses, too.

Road Rage – Saturday 6 August

A very disturbing incident happened in the early part of the handicap race when C Grade and D grade met about 500 metres past Boyd's Lane. A dark red/maroon coloured dual cab/king cab 4WD drove between the two bunches at speed, barely missing the riders on both sides.

That has to be the most stupid act yet carried out by any motorist at our races. Unfortunately it happened so fast and everyone was taking evasive action, that the number plate could not be taken. With a bit of luck he will be out there again one day and we should get his number and I will be straight to the police.

We are expected to behave ourselves on the road at all times and so should the motoring public.

This GOOSE (I won't swear) had the temerity to give Shirley (first aid) the middle finger when he met B Grade scratch bunch traveling four minutes behind. Let's get him.

Dennis Burger, President

Club Executives

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Note – In case of bad weather, please check your email and/or website before the race for possible cancellations.

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Entry forms to our club held event and recent newsletters are now available on our website. Also, don't forget that you can enter for all open events through the online entry system provided by CQ. Just go the following www.qld.cycling.org.au and then just click on the "race entry" button.