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Mini Newsletter

Calendar of upcoming events:

Sunday 27th April 8.00 a.m. Meet at Clubrooms. Then **Bike ride** or Coffee or both. Contact Neil Tattersall 9774 7019 **Be early.**

Sun 4th May Patterson Lakes "Winter Series" race No 1. Based at clubhouse 10 Launching Way. Carrum.

WANTED! YOUR HELP TO EITHER PADDLE IN OUR "WINTER SERIES" RACE ON SUNDAY MAY 4TH OR VOLUNTEER FOR THE VARIOUS JOBS ON OFFER. WE NEED ABOUT TWENTY PEOPLE TO RUN THIS EVENT. THREE LICENSED BOAT DRIVERS, CATERING, REGISTRATION, TURN BUOY DUTIES. CONTACT CHERYL SCOTT. CHERYL'S DETAILS ARE AT THE TOP OF THIS PAGE. DON'T LET THE SAME PEOPLE DO IT YEAR AFTER YEAR MAKE THIS YOUR TURN. PARENTS & FRIENDS WILL BE MADE MOST WELCOME.

Training times

Mara / Sprint Sunday 8.00 a.m. Meet at clubhouse.

Steve Vegh's group Tues & Thursday morning. Meet at clubhouse. If you are into getting up with the Roosters then this could be for you.

Alan Opie New paddlers Come & Try Tues & Thurs. 4.30 p.m. By appointment until mid May then into Winter ressess,.

Touring Meet at clubrooms Saturdays 1.15 p.m. After paddle cuppa upstairs.

The "Morning Glory" Early morning paddle. Give Marc Lionnet a ring to find out more 0419889313

Other: We have paddlers in the club that work odd hours. If you are one of these let's hear from you so we can spread the word and get you a paddling partner.

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The 2014 Australian Marathon Championships:

Were held at Ballarat this weekend.

Patterson Lakes had 14 paddlers competing over the two days. Most paddled singles one day and doubles the next.. Lake Wendoree can be very challenging on occasions but Saturdays weather, though chilly, had the lake looking unusually placid. It was a joy to paddle on..

Sunday was a bit more rugged due to an increase in wind strength. Nothing like the forecast. Thankfully the 25 to 30 knot winds forecast never eventuated

Thanks to Daniel Ryan, David Cedia, Bridgid Tribe, Katie Cole for coming along and supporting our paddlers.

A couple of our paddlers ended up being named Australian

champions while others won various other medals.

The hardest job award was taken on by Andrew Morrison who was in the front seat of a double with no rudder. Andrew steered the entire race to win gold.. Who needs a rudder? In fact the day didn't start too well. He was lucky to get to the Sunday race as his car transmission decided to play up. A certain mid city hill just could not be climbed.

I have a few photos that were taken at the champ. If you have any more Please pass them on to me for publication in the next newsletter.

SALE: CLUB CLOTHING

Polo's, Singlets, jumpers, T.
Shirts, Caps, Uniforms
Half price and less.
Contact one of the committee to
get your bargain.

Have you checked out the clubs new web site:
Jason Ceddia has spent many hours developing the site.
Thanks Jason.

**NEEDED: Any ideas to make it better. There are links
to most things that we do. It's up to us to provide
photos stories items memorabilia etc**

I will be away for two weeks so could all persons using the change rooms Please clean up
after you use them: **Alan Opie**

**The Clubs time trials are continuing to be a success. The date for the May event is still to be
decided as our "Winter Series" race has taken the first Sunday of the month. We will keep
you informed as to when it will be held.**

**The last two outings had twenty people on the water. The latest being on a holiday weekend
so that was a great effort from those who turned up.**

Thanks to John Lisica for running the event.

Quick jokes

A bicycle can't stand alone because it's too tired.

Q. What if the hokey-pokey is what it's all about.



On Sunday 9th of February. Touring held it's first bike ride for the year.

Patterson Lakes to Safety Beach via the Peninsula Link bike path,

Moorooduc Rd and Old Moorooduc Rd as well as a few back Streets for good measure. Total distance 45km's.

With a minimum tempt of 30c over night and a top of 38c, a cool change from 10am and strong winds was the forecast. Even so we had 10 starters.

We started at 7.00am with a quick swim for myself with son Ben and good friend Greg. By 7.30 everyone had arrived Gary smith, Gary Mahooney, Gau, Ken Gosstray, Kevin Hunter, Leon Savage and Alan Opie.

With a bit of haze in the air we set off at 7.45 to find we had a tail wind and conditions proved ideal. With a mixture of mountain and hybrid bikes we easily made it to our half way point at Tully's Nursery for coffee by 9.00am.

True to form my lovely wife Di was waiting with her famous home made fruit cake and biscuits. This was certainly popular with Al and the other guy's, Thank you Di.

With an eye on the weather we were back on the road at 9.20. Now on Moorooduc Rd we quickly reached the underpass for Peninsula Link Freeway where our road changes into the Old Moorooduc Rd. This brings us down in front of the Dromana Drive In. Here we regrouped to find Ben with a puncture which we set about fixing, but we had lost Greg.

However there was a phone message from Di, all was well, she had picked him up. Greg had taken a wrong turn then got a puncture and no spare tube, so called in the support crew and Di to the rescue.

At 10.30 we were all at the house in Safety Beach. After a short rest we strolled down to the beach for a swim. Come 12.00 we were walking back when the cool change hit with strong winds from the south. Now perfect weather for our BBQ.

Thanks go to Pauline and John for the cooking. Al's Comment was this was the only bike ride he's ever done where he's put on weight.

Come 3.00 pm Al's back on his bike for the return trip with a strong tail wind to help.

In the end this was an easy fun day thanks to our helper's, especially Di, you're now Legend Status. Also thanks to my fellow rider's for braving the heat and giving it a go. Special mention to Ben and Kevin, thanks for coming with us old guy's. Cheer's Phil Savage