

# the Sydney Cyclist



NEWSLETTER OF THE SYDNEY CYCLISTS' CLUB AND THE SYDNEY CYCLING CLUB

FEBRUARY 1984

## LIFE MEMBER

The recently convened Annual General Meeting, led to adoption of a new constitution which includes provision for awarding Life Membership to distinguished persons. Following adoption of this constitution, Don Beavis was nominated for this distinction and the nomination was unanimously accepted by the meeting.

Don Beavis was almost singularly responsible for creation of the Sydney Cycling Club. While competing in the Veteran Championships in Austria one year, Don became concerned with the lack of identity with the club he then belonged to (Eastern Suburbs) and set out to establish a group which could have a more significant identity. He was very active in organisation of various competition events such as club time trials, track events at Camperdown, road racing events and special rides in supporting cycling in general.

The Carnivale Criteriums, which continue to be a great success for the Club owe their beginnings to Don's foresight and dedication. This event and the promotion of criteriums (kermesse) can be attributed to his perserverance. Many long-standing members will remember the early events held at the Rocks, or at Bondi Beach before that time. Several members have also enjoyed the hospitality provided at the "Vine Farmstead" near Wyong by Don and his wife Elanore. This venue has served as the base of operations for several Club Tours, and social events.

Don advised those in attendance at the A.G.M. that he and Elanore had recently purchased a vineyard in S.A. and will soon be moving to McLaren Vale. I'm sure that all members will join in wishing them the very best of luck and many great vintages in their new endeavour.

## Constitution & Road Regulations

As the objectives of the Sydney Cyclists Club have expanded over the past few years, and many new faces have arrived on the scene; there has been some confusion on 'procedural aspects' of running the Club. In its early days, the club(s) ran with a very casual concensus being reached by active members conducting business in Centennial Park. Hopefully this method of conducting club affairs won't be lost; however, there has been need to create a rather more formal structure to cover some business matters which now come before the club. Perc and Desma Carter have drafted a document to put some order into business procedures, and this was circulated to all members prior to the A.G.M. This document was put to the meeting, discussed and adopted. Copies of this new 'CONSTITUTION' will be circulated to all members with the March Newsletter.

The "Road Regulations" which used to be given to all new members, will be reprinted and circulated as well. This should serve as a reminder of the Club's primary purpose - to set an example...

## SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE

1984 CLUB MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE AND MUST BE PAID BEFORE THE NEXT CLUB MEETING FOR MEMBERS TO REMAIN FINANCIAL. SUBSCRIPTIONS MAY BE PAID TO DESMA CARTER OR ALAN SMITH. ALL MEMBERS ARE BEING ASKED TO COMPLETE A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION TO ASSIST THE NEW COMMITTEE WITH MAINTAINING RECORDS.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE: SYDNEY CYCLISTS CLUB - ADULT \$8.00 JUNIOR \$5.00

MEMBERS WISHING TO BE AFFILIATED WITH THE N.S.W.A.C.U. AND BEING MEMBERS OF THE SYDNEY CYCLING CLUB MUST PAY AN ADDITIONAL SUBSCRIPTION AS FOLLOWS:

NON-RACING \$6.00, SENIORS & VETERANS \$22.00, WOMEN \$18.00

**Next Meeting:** Saturday | The March meeting will be the CLUB AUCTION to be held at  
March 3 | Alan's Auction Emporium, 27 Albion Street, Waverley  
starting at 2:00 P.M. - with a Bar-b-que following.

# Reports from Officers ('83)

## Don Beavis, President

Don reminisced a bit, dwelling on the beginnings of the Club. It started as The Sydney Cycling Club with interests in road and track racing and time trialling. Later the Cyclists Club was formed to cater to a wider membership.

The activities of this wider membership were well catered for during 1983 by the numerous events put on by the Committee.

Don stressed the need to recruit new members to keep the 'blood flowing', and welcomed the three new members to the meeting.



## Clay Kesting, Secretary

Clay commented on the extensive activities the Club organised during the past year, which included active participation in road racing, good weekend tours and the various activities.

He pointed out the need to bring some organisation into the Sunday ride, and to give some thought to providing other activities.



## Alan Smith, Treasurer

The Club funds had been placed in a Westpac Bank interest bearing account during the year, and we obtained interest of \$10.96 for the period.

The Club had a balance of \$852.23 as at the close of trading on 14 February 1984.



## Bruce Vote, Touring Secretary

Bruce reported on the various touring events staged during the year.

The Bathurst Area Tour, was hosted by our Central Tablelands rep. Owen Lowe, who has extended an invitation for a return.

The Hunter Valley tour, with a stay at the Neath Hotel was very pleasant, if somewhat plagued by inclement weather.

The 2nd Kangaroo Valley Tour proved to be very enjoyable, but showed the value of having a sawwagon available. A new Devonshire Tea shop has been discovered, showing promise for 1984!!!

The second Bundanoon Weekend once again proved popular, with a good number participating. We were not able to improve on the 1982 record for eating desserts in the Hotel dining room!

Several other tours were represented with the Club colours, including TOSH 83 and the MAD ride in Victoria.

## Paul Montesin, Social Secretary

"The Club dinners came, and the Club dinners went."

Paul was instrumental in providing some very pleasant activities during the year. The Ladies Time Trial being a very memorable event.

The Picnic and Time Trial in the National Park was very popular and proved to be a pleasant day.

## Dave Stakes, Club Captain

## Mark Kitteridge, Union Delegate

Both commented on the various successes registered by club members in open road races during the year.

## Don Sigsby, Newsletter Editor

Don thanked members for their contributions to the Newsletter, especially John Beauchamp and Dave Stakes; and special recognition should go to Bruno Sibilia, Jack Browne and Michael Griffith for their assistance in distribution of the Newsletter.

At the beginning of 1983, it was resolved to have a regular newsletter and the membership subscription was increased to cover this. It should be noted that the Newsletter has, in fact, been subsidized from the beginning as the Club has never had to pay the printing costs. These costs, along with postage, etc. are really too much for any firm or institution to 'bury' and the Club may have to face up to paying for the whole of the costs involved in running itself, including production of its newsletter in future. This is mentioned as a possible foreshadowing of a rise in subscriptions in 1985. The Newsletter did not win the Pulitzer Prize for cycling journalism in 1983!

**T.O.S.H.** The Australian Cycle Trails movement will once again hold the Tour of the Southern Highlands, to be held over the Easter Weekend. The ride will begin at Wallacia on Friday, 20 April and go through to Queanbeyan returning to Sydney by rail. Enroute, there will be camps at Thirlmere Lakes National Park and Morton National Park, Bundanoon. The Tour will include catering for the morning and evening meals, support vehicles to carry luggage, train fare from Queanbeyan to Sydney; as well as, the cheerful company of Warren Salomon and the staff of the A.C.T. Cost of the weekend all inclusive is to be \$90.00 which also includes annual membership to the Australian Cycle Trails.

Contact John Beauchamp (h 665-4255) (w 662-3319) for further information and bookings. Book early, as places are strictly limited and have been advertised in Push-on and Freewheeling!

# THE COMMITTEE

The newly adopted Constitution sets out the Officers of the Club(s), and states that these elected officials be known as the Committee. The following members were elected to form the Committee for 1984. Each member was nominated and elected to the designated position unopposed.

**President:** Bruce Vote, 18 Caerlon Crescent, Randwick 2031 (w358-5388) (h399-9452)

**Secretary:** Desma Carter, 19 Cook Street, Woollooware 2230 (w290-1555x276) (h523-6157)

**Treasurer:** Alan Smith, 11a Rowley Street, Brighton-Le-Sands 2216 (h59-2455)

**Touring Organiser:** John Beauchamp, 41 Byron Street, Coogee 2034 (w662-3319) (h665-4255)

**Race Secretary:** Perc Carter, 19 Cook Street, Woollooware 2230 (w339-5626) (h523-6157)

**Editor:** Don Sigsby, P.O. Box 361, Paddington 2021 (331-4659 talk to my machine)

*Note: If calling at night, please do so before 8:30 as we like to get up early to go training!*

## \*\*\*\*\* NEW MEMBERS \*\*\*\*\*

The Committee was pleased to receive the following new members at the A.G.M. held in February.

Caroline Chapman, 18/113 King Street, Randwick 2031 (h398-1382)

Frank Conceicao, 6/11 O'Dowd Street, Waverley 2024 (h387-6597)

Josef Mach, 4/13 Fletcher Street, Bondi 2026 (h300-0409)

## Road Racing Season

The 1984 Road Racing season looks to be very exciting, with several new events added to the program. The Calendar has now been finalized and will be distributed in the near future. The first road race is scheduled for 14 April at Mudjee, the first metropolitan event will be held by the Northern Suburbs Club at Galston on 28 April to cater to all divisions. The following day (April 29) sees a pro-am event sponsored by the Nepean Club for Seniors/Vets and Juniors, this will be a 100 km race.

Randwick-Botany will hold their criteriums at Heffron Park for all divisions on 6 May.

Yes, it's time to begin some serious training, and that should include race practice. The Club has informal invitations to join in the club racing at Heffron Park on Saturdays, starting at 2:30 P.M. This provides the best method of learning the techniques and tactics necessary to work successfully in a racing situation, and learn some of the subtleties involved in road racing. The Sutherland and Northern Suburbs Clubs have similar programs, and the Committee will be trying to formalize our race training with these clubs as well.

The PREMIERSHIPS (team time trials) are scheduled for 30 June this year, and we should be able to field teams in the Seniors and Veterans events, and hopefully the Womens event this year.

All the Veterans in the club should be aware that this may be the last year that there will be a veterans category in amateur racing. The International body is bringing pressure to bear on eliminating this category. Rumors abound, and details are not clear; however, you will be kept posted as information comes to hand...

Perc Carter, Race Secretary has set out some 'arrangements' for preparations for the road races. Riders intending to participate in events should make note of these, to assure that they will be properly accounted for in their nominated events. These arrangements have evolved because some members were left 'holding the bag' for other members last year, with lack of proper preparation.

### 1984 ROAD SEASON - ARRANGEMENTS

**RACE ENTRY FEES:** The Race Secretary will lodge member's race entry fees with the N.S.W.A.C.U. and the following conditions will apply:

- + Entry forms to be completed by the member concerned
- + Completed entry forms together with appropriate entry fee to be in the hands of the Race Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to race entry closing date.
- + Late entries will not be accepted by the Race Secretary for submission to N.S.W.A.C.U.

**TRANSPORT TO RACES:** Members are responsible for making their own travel arrangements.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Members are responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements.

Perc Carter, Race Secretary

*Heard through the murk in the thunderstorm on last Sunday's Waterfall ride; "Shucks, I ain't had this much fun since I give up hawg knackerin."*

## CLUB TOURING EVENTS

John Beauchamp, Tour Organiser has prepared a very interesting calendar of touring events for the year, and a copy is attached to this Newsletter. As you will see, several of the Club rides are being held again this year and are well established annual events. We'll get another try at eating the whole of the dessert trolley at the Bundanoon Hotel and visiting the glow worms.

The Kangaroo Valley weekend is on again; and we have accepted an invitation from Owen Lowe for his hospitality at Bathurst (different house) again. Andy Doldissen and Owen have been sussing out some new touring routes in the area.

Several new rides are proposed, with one possibly being sponsored !!! Another may be part of the Australian Cycle Trails programme. TOSH '84 mentioned elsewhere in this issue.

CONTACT JOHN BEFORE THE END OF FEBRUARY WITH YOUR INTERESTS, AS ONLY THOSE THAT DO SO WILL RECEIVE FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION... Rides will cater for all touring abilities.



## LAW

# Beware emerging buses

If there's a bus at the roadside ahead of you, be careful.

A new law came into effect in NSW on January 13. It provides that all vehicle drivers and riders must give way to a bus which is drawing out from a bus stop or bus zone when all the following conditions apply:

- The bus, whether Government or privately owned, carries a warning sign on the rear saying "Give Way" or "Please Give Way".
- The bus driver is using the flashing indicators to signal the intention to draw

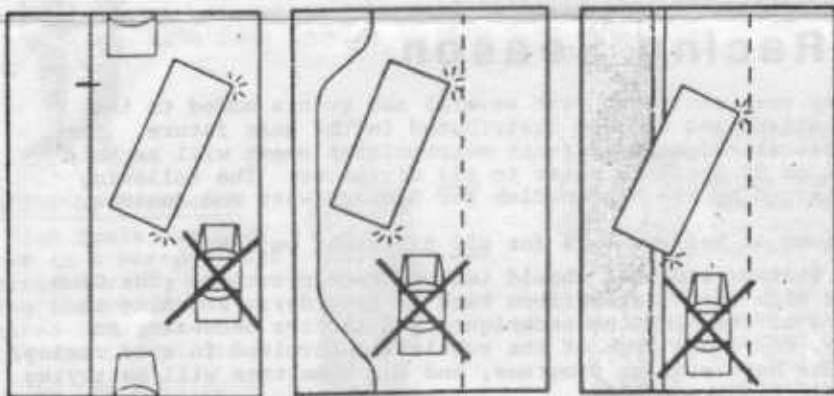
out from the bus stop.

• The speed limit is 60 km/h or less. The bus driver must allow time for other drivers to give way, and must not continue to draw out from the bus stop if there is danger of a collision.

On multi-laned roads, the give-way requirement applies only to vehicles travelling in the left-hand lane.

The infringement notice penalty for failing to yield is \$50, or there's a fine of up to \$500 if it goes to court.

The NRMA, which criticised the introduction of the law, intends to monitor its application.



from "PUSH ON", B.I.N.S.W.

## Give Way to Buses

A new law, which came into effect on 13 January, gives buses right of way over other traffic when pulling out from the kerb.

The law is designed to shorten travelling times for bus users but should also have spin off benefits for cyclists because buses will now be able to re-enter the traffic flow quickly instead of being forced to wait for a break in the traffic.

Although the new law will have a limiting effect on any cyclist who is overtaking a bus as it leaves the kerb (a \$50 penalty applies for failure to give way), those cyclists who have been trapped behind buses attempting to re-enter the traffic will welcome it.

The new law follows an earlier six month trial, during which the rear of buses carried a sign which read, 'Please Give Way.' In the new signs the word 'Please' is no longer used.



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## AUSTRALIAN TRACK RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Canterbury Velodrome - Tempe

Saturday, March 17 through Saturday, March 24



## Cyclists' rights

In reply to Trevor J. Kaine's comments on cycling (October issue), I would like to make the following points:

1. Roads, in common with other community resources such as parks and beaches, are maintained from consolidated revenue to which all taxpayers — cyclists included — contribute.

2. Cyclists and, for that matter, pedestrians, do not pay road user taxes for the simple reason that they do not need the incredibly expensive infrastructure demanded by car users.

3. If the "defenceless transport" argument (against the use of bicycles among vehicles) were to be taken to its ultimate conclusion, we would all be driving around in tanks!

4. If a cyclist uses a roadway in preference to a bike path, there is a good reason for it. Perhaps the path doesn't go where the cyclist wants to.

In conclusion I should point out that I have never heard of a cyclist being blown off a bike by a passing truck — although we do suffer the effects of uninformed hot air!

CLIVE LACKEY,  
President,  
The Bicycle Institute of NSW,  
Sydney.

[The main sources of money for roads are Federal grants from consolidated revenue; the special Federal fuel levy for the Bicentennial Road Development fund; State vehicle registration charges; the State diesel tax; and local government rates. — Editor.]

There have been a series of letters in "OPEN ROAD" over the past few months - pro and con.

Maybe some of you N.R.M.A. members wish to contribute!

Numerous incidents, in which cyclists have come into conflict with buses, have been reported to the Institute. In a future issue, PUSH ON will discuss the problems of buses and bikes sharing the roads and will suggest solutions to the problem and legal avenues open to cyclists who are harassed.

## PROGRAM FOR 1984 CLUB RIDES

EASTER (April 20-23) Tour of Southern Highlands (TOSH) organized by Australian Cycle Trails with support vehicles.

BATHURST (May 19-20) Bathurst Tour.

KANGAROO VALLEY (June 2 & 3) Sydney-Kangaroo Valley-Wollongong.

ONE DAY RIDE (June 24) Penrith-Mittagong-Bowral-Wollongong.

LOWER NORTH COAST RIDE  
(Sept 29, 30 & Oct 1) Cowan-Maitland-Dungog-Newcastle, with touring gear.

BUNDANOON (Oct 27 & 28) Penrith-Bundanoon-Wollongong.

SHOALHAVEN (Nov 24 & 25) Small ride with touring gear. Moss Vale-Shoal Haven Heads-Wollongong.

AUDAX HAS SCHEDULED THE FOLLOWING RIDES: (Contacts are shown in brackets)

March 10 Wollongong-Picton-Mittagong-Wollongong (175km) (Terry Darling (042) 674689)

May 13 Sydney-Windsor-Campbelltown-Sydney (200km) (Russell Moore 608.1125)

May 27 Bathurst-Sydney (200km) (Stephen Poole 808.3735)

June 10 Parramatta-Windsor-Wisemans Ferry-Mangrove Mt-Hornsby-Sydney (225km) (Stephen Poole 808.3735)

June 24 Parramatta-Campbelltown-Penrith-Windsor-Castle Hill-Parramatta 250km (Russell Moore 608.1125)

July 8 Sydney-Moss Vale-Sydney (300km) (Russell Moore 608.1125)

RIDES ORGANIZED BY RUSSELL MOORE (608.1125)

November 11 Singleton-Sydney (200km)

December 2 Green Valley-Twin Century.

Members interested in participating in any of the club rides should contact me 662.3319 (office) or 665.4255 (home). I hope you will all come on as many rides as you can but if you do not contact me to express your interest at this point of time, then I will unhappily assume you have no interest.

JOHN BEAUCHAMP.

PS I will be overseas all of March so please get in touch before the end of February. The only commitment I am seeking at this time is a simple "I might be interested."