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Presidents Prattle

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 22^{nd} July 2004. All positions will be open and this will be your chance to help lead and organise activities for the Club over the next 12 months.

In my last prattle I mentioned the requirement of a Commaissaire to run races. Don't not forget we need as many members to become commissaries to ease the load on particular individuals. You could help by doing the commissar's course. See Ian Walk if you are interested.

Also keep up with the European exploits of Joel Pearson by checking the website.

Steve Hall, President

Annual General Meeting

Please be advised that the Club will be holding its Annual General Meeting at the <u>Clubrooms at 7:30pm on Thursday 22nd July 2004.</u>

The following positions will be declared vacant and nominations will be received by the current Secretary Ian Walk:

- o President
- o Vic President
- o Secretary
- o Treasurer
- o Race Fixture Officer
- o Membership Officer
- Social Officer
- Junior Development Officer
- o Asset and facilities Officer
- Newsletter Editor
- o Gippsland Delegate
- Ordinary Committee Member

Members are strongly encouraged to consider nominating or nominating others for these important duties. Members are also asked to attend the meeting. The future of the Club is in your hands!

The Club Needs Your Assistance and Input

The time has come when all clubs must have a nominated commissaire on duty for every race.

The commissaire is responsible for safety and will have the final say as to whether or not conditions (including safety) are appropriate for racing. The commissaire will need support from all associated with the club. An increased emphasis on signage, marshalling, assembly area safety and following road rules will occur. To ensure the future of racing with the WCC, the club is calling for more volunteers to help out on race day.

Membership to a club means a lot more than turning up on race day. Help is required with signage, marshalling, track carnivals,

major events and commissaire duty are all part of **your** racing. From A-Grade to Bunch Riders, if you are a paid up member then it is **your** responsibility to contribute.

Country and Metropolitan Road Championships

It is going to be a busy month for the Club especially with organising the Country and Metropolitan Road Championships at Darnum on Saturday 3rd July (Country Championship) and Sunday 4th July (Metropolitan Championship).

Please note that although the venues for the two days are in Darnum, the country championships will start at the Darnum Hall however the metropolitan championships will start from the Darnum Recreation Reserve.

Once again helpers are required to run a successful event. Contract <u>Chris Beales (0417551423)</u> for further information and to register your interest in helping on the day or leading up to the event.

Reminder - Riding at Night or Mornings? Make Sure you are well lighted and visible.

For your safety and others ensure that you have working front and rear lights whenever you ride at twilight or in the dark. Most importantly you need to be seen clearly by passing traffic. This means you must have adequate and functional front and rear lights that can be clearly seen for 200m. Statistics show that being on the road at dawn or dusk are particularly dangerous times. Apart from a legal requirement it is for your own protection and safety that you are visible in all light conditions.

Racing Calendar

The preliminary road-racing calendar for the winter season has been prepared. The fixture is limited because the Committee is reassessing the suitability of our existing circuits to meet CVS Insurance and permit requirements .Check out our web site for updates: www.warragulcyclingclub.org.au or Phil at Bikeland 56232398.

| 26 June | Sat | Shady Creek | Scratch |
|---------|-----|-------------|----------------|
| 3 Jul | Sat | Shady Creek | Country Champs |
| 4 Jul | Sun | Shady Creek | Metro Champ |
| 10 Jul | Sat | Shady Creek | Scratch |
| 17 Jul | Sat | Shady Creek | Scratch |
| 24 Jul | Sat | Shady Creek | Scratch |
| 30 Jul | Sat | Shady Creek | Handicap |

Junior racing starts 1pm, Seniors at 2pm.

Diary Dates

Country Road Championship
Metropolitan Road Championship
CSV Awards Dinner
Annual general Meeting
3rd Jul 2004
4th Jul 2004
9th Jul 2004
22nd Jul 2004