

Albany Cycling Club



Newsletter

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Special thanks to Jayne Puttman (Tamworth) who donated \$100 towards our Christmas celebrations. It is wonderful of her to think of us whilst still in intensive rehabilitation from her cycling accident.

Thank you, Jayne, and wishing you all the best for 2021.

Happy New Year! A difficult year is over, but it was great to finish on a positive note with our Christmas Cheer Charity Ride followed by the Summer Solstice Ride on 21st December. Thirty cyclists, many new to our community, colourful costumes, Christmas music, generous donations for the Salvation Army, Michael's creative poem, good food and great hospitality provided by Bay Merchant's Café.

Thank you to all who participated.

Now it is time to look ahead to an eventful year in 2021. We will be updating the Albany Cycling Club website over the next month so check out the new look and features soon

Racing Season Begins in February!

The new event/race calendar reflects your responses from our November survey. There will be a focus on sportsmanship, value-for-money, creative challenges and social inclusiveness. See the calendar attached and stay tuned for more details.



The first race is a time trial on February 6th at 7am. It will be an easy ask. Set your own pace with the camaraderie of a race and only \$2 entry fee for ACC members. This affordable price will be available for the 3 TTs in February. Two individual TTs and an opportunity for a Team TT. The fee is \$5 for non-members. After that, race entry is still only \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Our policy is to make cycling accessible to everyone who would like to participate!

To participate in a road race anywhere in Australia an <u>AusCycling</u> race licence is required. [See below for more information]

As a regional community club, we will need members and/or friends to help run events. Have a look at the calendar to see when you or a family member can assist. If everyone contributes to the running of an event 2-3 times per season, the workload will be light for all and not heavy for anyone. Volunteers will be needed for: trailer transportation, signage, marshalling, starting/timing, chaperones for juniors, refreshments. Our thanks go to Vic Gladish who will be our chief handicapper this season, assisted by Graham Forte. For some events accredited Event Traffic Controllers (ETC) will be needed. If you have current accreditation could you please contact the club so we know who is qualified for this role. Further training will be available soon for others.

Please note these changes:

- The Kosciuszko Challenge scheduled for Easter Monday will not be up Stony Hill. A safer route is being considered.
- Transponders will not be required. A manual timing system will be
 in use for simplicity of set-up, thus more members can race. (A
 race finish app is being considered for those close finishes) Many of
 us have recently acquired transponders and this may be used for
 other events around Australia [AusCycling has a spot to put our
 transponder number when entering Member Information]
- A winner of a race may be any participant, whether an ACC member or not. However, trophies will need to stay in the Albany area.



Race Licence Options
Go to AusCycling

Road Race licence options.

If you like to participate in mountain bike events you will be pleased to see the annual fee for a road licence includes off-road events also.

Some have found difficulty selecting Albany Cycle Club from the AusCycling list of clubs. It is there, towards the bottom of the list.

Further Discoveries

For members who previously held a CA Race-Masters-Regional-Annual you have access to Race-Regional-Adult-Annual membership option for \$245. If you have any difficulties accessing this option, please contact

AusCycling or Mike Gardiner

Other licenses available from the menu on the right of the page including Family licensing.

These options may also be of interest to some and worth mentioning to contacts who may like to try a race:

4-week free trial licence for first timers: https://www.auscycling.org.au/membership/other/free-trial

1 day or 2 to 7 days event licence: https://auscycling.org.au/membership/other/event-licences

Social Membership

There are some who would like to be involved with Albany Cycling Club but not participate in official races. These may be family of members, social cyclists, cyclists who will join non-race events, past racing members or those who would like to attend club functions. Social membership is available for a contribution of \$25. Soon a form will be available for this purpose.

ACC Committee changes

We welcome David Beckwith to our committee. He has already contributed to club organisation. We look forward to further involvement with you.

Vic Gladish and Dave Wettenhall have stepped down from the committee, but Vic continues to be involved as handicapper and Dave is keen to contribute to ongoing club projects. Thank you, Dave and Vic.

So, time to get out there on a bike and enjoy the long days of summer! Albany Cycling Club

Committee members

David Beckwith
Liz Cooper
Michael Gardiner
Jim Lie
Mike Staude
Keith Symes
Paul Terry
Shirley Thurston
Lucy Wellstead

Club handicappers

Vic Gladish Graham Forte









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