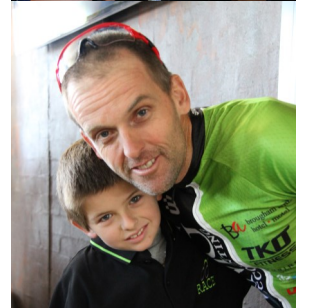


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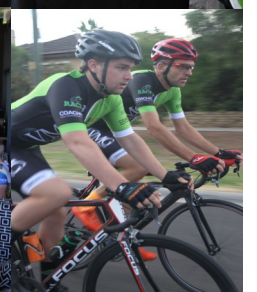
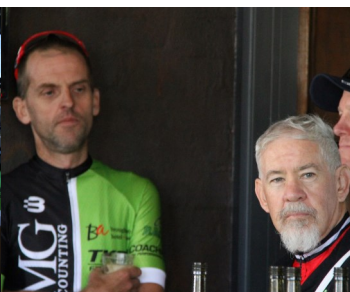


2017 RACE Launch!

Thanks to our many sponsors, helpers, parents, and our 2017 riders, the RACE program for 2017 has been officially launched.

Saturday morning of the Bendigo Madison weekend started with the riders finishing their training ride in time to take sponsors, parents and board members on a ride that included a photo shoot at many of the sponsor's sites, and finished at the Brougham Arms for a scrumptious morning tea and official proceedings.

Of course no special RACE event takes place without Tim Decker, one of RACE's founders, delivering some inspiring and passionate words to the riders. Tim's AIS riders also spoke words of encouragement and of the commitment that is required both on and off the bike. Commitment to building good community citizens is one value of Tim's that is upheld by all associated with RACE. He is a living example and arrived wearing a Pink kit in support of Paul Dalton's ride to raise money for the McGrath Foundation. A special moment to capture a photo of our foundation members, Doug Issell, Tim Decker, Dean Murphy and Edward Barkla was also a highlight of the launch.



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What's in store for 2017

The Board and management of RACE have settled on a budget for 2017, and prioritised the best events for our riders to participate in. Of course there is a huge dependency on our sponsors and there is the ongoing requirement to do fundraising. This year we are hoping to book 3 Bunnings BBQ days which will help to top up the funds, and extend our program for the year. The first BBQ is booked for Sat 24th June at Kangaroo Flat Bunnings.

One new requirement that we will have from 2017 onwards is an annual rider administration fee of \$100. This is payable per rider per year and is due by the end of April. (Thanks to those who have already paid!)

This fee will be used to offset our general operating costs, including team registration, trailer expenses and rego, bank charges and honorarium for DS services. This fee in total will only cover approximately 25% of the costs of the organisation, excluding race entries and associated expenses.

2017 Race Schedule

This year riders have already participated in the Bay Crits, State Crits and Bendigo Criterion. RACE also plans to enter riders in the following events—entries, accommodation and DS time funded by RACE

Tour of South West —Warnambool (May)

Bendigo Club Tour —Bendigo (June)

Tour of Wangaratta —Wangaratta (date TBA)

Criteria for selection and entitlements:

Athletes must have a cycling coach

Athletes must have a training program and evidence of program execution

Athletes must log their training on the RACE strava page and have a minimum of 250km per week for 1 month prior to event

To constitute a Team event RACE must have a minimum of 5 riders for an event to use trailer and Team bus and Director Sportif

Athletes must wear RACE Kit at all official RACE assisted events.

Other Racing Events

Where a team of 5 cannot be arranged to attend an event funded by RACE, then the Board may reimburse a RACE rider up to 1/3 of the entry fee, depending on the finances available.

Where RACE is not intending to send a team to an event, the Board may also reimburse a RACE rider up to 1/3 of the entry fee, depending on the finances available.

NRS events—For RACE to take a team to one of these events a rider levy will be required to pay for associated expenses. This will be determined on a case by case basis.

PS. Team Camp will be in November, subsidised by RACE.

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CALENDAR

May 6 - 7	Tour of South west (Warnambool) NRS	U19 and up
June 9,10,11	Bendigo Club Tour RACE Family dinner on Sunday night—rider's meals subsidised	All
Jun-16	National Junior Road race title	Under 17,19
June 24th	Bunnings BBQ— helpers req'd	All
June 26-30	Tour of Great South Coast NRS	Under 19 and up
Dates TBA	Tour of Wangaratta	
Aug 25-27	Tour of King Valley NRS	Under 19 and up
Sep 16 -17	Amy Otway Tour NRS	Under 19 and up
Oct-14	Melbourne to Warnambool NRS	U23 and up
October 18-22	Tour of Gippsland NRS	Under 19 and up
November - 3 days	RACE TEAM CAMP Bright	

NOTE: Events shaded in **Green** will be funded by RACE unless otherwise notified. Other events may be partly reimbursed—depending the balance of RACE funds available at the time.

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Page views	54
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From our Facebook page—our RACE riders performing well



The brothers from the border travelled across to the Barossa Valley and cleaned up yet again. Sam Eddy claimed polka dots on stage 1 and 2nd overall, Pat Eddy sprinted into 4th position. Stage 2 saw some drama as Sam had a mechanical 12km from the finish and had to chase back to yellow jersey group, Pat led the sprint out and Sam took the stage win defending the KOM jersey.

Day 2 saw Sam 2sec down on GC and Pat looking like he had 3rd position locked in. But the race was turned upside down with a 2 man breakaway consisting of Sam and Kael Thomas of South Australia, meanwhile Pat was controlling the pace in the chase bunch. Sam finished 2nd in the stage securing the KOM classification and also claiming the yellow jersey, Pat also moved into 2nd on GC! Some brutal conditions saw the two boys finish off the weekend going 1, 2 in the Stage 4 time trial. Pat finished 2nd overall sharing the podium with Sam finishing 1st overall.



Massive ride on the weekend by young RACE rider Liam Edwards at Oceania under 19 road racing championships in Canberra. Being one of 3 selection races for the Aussie team, Liam made the final small selection on the hilly course. He narrowly missed the podium but finished an awesome 6th

against some of the Aussie and New Zealand's best. Keep an eye out for this kid, if Steve Fairless says he's a tough and determined young bike rider, then it means something!

"Good luck to some of our young brigade today Liam and Connor racing Melbourne to Ballarat Max racing the golden triangle epic in Bendigo"



Congratulations to two of our young riders who competed in one of the hardest one day races on the Cycling Victoria calendar, the Baw Baw Classic! The grueling 103 km race is part of the Victorian Road Series and takes riders through the rolling hills of Gippsland before heading into the final climb which has an average of 12% for a total of 6.43 kms. Not only was the course extremely difficult but the weather decided to have some fun as well, making the rider's battle through strong winds and rain throughout the race. Well done to all who participated in the event!



Big weekend for the U17/19 boys, taking home a swag of medals at the Victorian Hill Climb Championships including 4 gold and 1 bronze. Today Liam Edwards had a crash but brushed himself off and claimed the win riding a dominant

race. In the U17 race Chase, Pat and Sam worked together extremely well setting up the win for Pat in what was a very tactical race with Chase leading Sam out to claim 3rd in the championship. Liam took out the overall General Classification in the U19 category, Sam with a close 2nd in the U17's with Pat in 6th after a tough day 1 and Chase finishing 10th overall. Some very impressive results from the young guns so early in the season.



Good to see Liam get the arms up on the weekend! Winning both stage 1 and 2 in the Alp D'Buffalo Vic U19 state title, giving him the GC win as well. Also a great pic and story in the local paper!

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