

# This Week with the Ghostriders



THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE GHOSTRIDERS

## What's News ?

### Annual Awards Night Sat Feb 13th 2010 Important Information

With the Awards Night now less than a week away this is your last chance to check your name to verify that it is on the list. It is now too late to book but if your name is on the list it is important to point out that, even if you forget to come you will still have to pay.

This is not only a very beautiful location but it also means that we will have the entire function centre to ourselves. There will be plenty of room and opportunity to mingle during the evening. You can arrive at any time after 6.00 pm and enjoy a drink or a wander around the surrounding gardens and extensive facilities. The main part of the evening will start at 7.00 pm.

The cost will be \$35 per head plus drinks at bar

prices. Of this \$27.50 is for the meal and the remaining \$7.50 to cover cost of the venue. I think this represents excellent value for money. Since we may not have much change available it would help if you could bring the correct money.

The dinner will consist of starting nibbles, followed by two choices of main course and two choices of dessert, plus teas and coffees. As I mentioned last week there will be special options for vegetarians and those who are gluten intolerant but the chef required 7 days notice so if anyone in that category should have responded by now.

Because of the catering arrangements it is imperative that you check your name on the list below. If your name is on the list and you don't come on the night you will still have to pay.

Places have been booked for the following people  
Dennis Dawson (2)

Lisa Barstow  
John Bird (2)  
Linda House  
Glenda Wise  
Jon Bate (2)  
Geoff James (2)  
Bernie Peeler (2)  
Phil Jones  
Kevin Henley  
Marysia Murray  
Noel Wolstencroft (2)  
Peter Warren (1)  
Andrew Dunne (2)  
Mike Litchfield (2)  
Mal Bowmaker (2)  
Chris Mackay  
Lothar Rockmann (2)  
Bob Lewis  
Connie Dekter (2)  
Tom Partel (2)  
Werner Kotnic  
Gael Driessen (2)  
Paul Barnard (2)  
Russell Lloyd (2)  
Bob Andrews  
Viv Sandler (3)  
Marg Jones  
Jim Craig (2)  
Kevin Bird (2)  
Dennis Wilson  
Total 50 places.

Bookings are now closed.

For those who are new to the group the Annual Awards Evening is open to all Ghostriders, partners, friends and

Monday Feb 8th 2010

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family—in fact anyone interested in cycling. It is a chance to share a meal together and also recognise achievements within the group. It is a great way to get together, share a meal and look back over the past year.

If you have not been to the Emerald Country Club it is reached via Lakeside Drive, Emerald (not to be confused with Emerald Lake Rd). There is a very large car park and a huge attached golf course. The venue is usually used for weddings and other special functions. More info can be found on their web site [http://www.emeraldgolf.com.au/tmpt\\_intro.htm](http://www.emeraldgolf.com.au/tmpt_intro.htm)

On the following page is some more important info about this event.

## Coming Rides & Other News

### Thursday 11th Feb— Warby Trail Ride

Start at Woori Yallock at 12 noon or COGS at 1.00 pm or Woori Yallock at 1.40 pm.

### Saturday 13th Feb— Annual Awards Dinner Emerald Country Club

See above and on next page for full details.

### Saturday Feb 20th Pakenham to Drouin and Back

This ride will begin at Pakenham at 9.00 am and follow the back roads through to Drouin and back again. If the

weather is kind we will probably extend the ride to Warragool (another 9 km or so further along).

As the ride is entirely on sealed road surfaces it is best for road bikes or hybrids. It would not be suitable for beginners. The first section is predominantly flat but there are a few climbs further along.

### On a Personal Note

After 22 years of owning and running Crossbow Computers I can inform you now that the business has now been sold to new owners. Although I will miss the fantastic long term friend-

ships I have built up with many hundreds of clients, Maggie and I are excited at the prospect of moving on to some new challenges.

Since the business will be relocating to new premises in Emerald I now have available a vast amount of computer gear and furniture which is no longer required. All of this is now available at prices well below cost. If you are looking for a computer desk, refurbished computer systems, computer memory or just about anything to do with computers, just give me a call on 5968

3307. I even have complete desktop computers with flat screen LCD monitors for only \$245 each. A bargain in anyone's language.

Please also note that the old numbers 59682000 and 59684706 will no longer reach me. The only number we will be retaining is 5968 3307. Likewise please do not send email to the old address [dennis@crossbow.com.au](mailto:dennis@crossbow.com.au) as this will soon be discontinued.

All email should now be sent to [ghostriders@netspace.net.au](mailto:ghostriders@netspace.net.au).

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## Awards Night Arrangements

Since the very beginning of our group we have set aside one day each year to meet together and celebrate the achievements (both good and bad) of the past twelve months.

Of course the major award is for the election of the next "King of the Trail", although in 2009 a new precedent was set by electing our first female "King" of the trail. This award is intended to be given to the person (male or female) who has put in the most consistent, positive and cheerful input to the group over the previous twelve months. In order to cast a

vote you must be a current active rider and be present at the evening.

In order to be eligible to win the major award you also need to be a current active rider and be present at the Awards Evening. Those who have previously received the award are also ineligible.

I would encourage you all to think carefully before casting your vote to ensure that we have another worthy titleholder. The elected King will receive an impressive perpetual trophy as well as a smaller trophy which is theirs to keep.

There will also be a number of other "minor awards" given out during the evening. In addition, anyone can bring along their own "special award" (either light hearted or serious) to be presented on the night.

The best way to reach the Country Club is via Lakeside Drive Emerald. Just keep driving until you see the lake and the golf course. You can arrive any time after 6.00 pm and enjoy a quiet drink or a chat before the main part of the evening gets under way.

**As stated previously the cost is \$35 per head and it would be a great help if you bring the correct money as we may**

**not have much change available.**

During the evening we will also be viewing a couple of short videos showing some of the highlights of the past twelve months.

I would anticipate the evening will finish no later than 10pm.

If you have any other questions about the evening just ring me on 5968 3307.

## Ghostriders on Television ! We need your faces on 18th & 21st Feb

A couple of weeks ago I announced that I had been approached by a production company interested in making a TV show about the Ghostriders and the Warburton Trail. I am excited to let you know that this has now been confirmed and that we now need between 10 to 15 riders to participate in the filming of the show.

The filming will take place on

2 days—**Thursday 18th Feb** and **Sunday 21st Feb**. The producers have requested that on the 18th Feb we need riders available from 9 am to 6 pm. Yes I know it's a long day, but how often do you get a chance to be a star ? On the Sunday 21st we need riders between 2 pm and 4 pm.

I would love as many as possible of our riders to be involved in this production. If

**you are available on one or both of these days can you please let me know ?**

For filming purposes they have also requested that riders bring along both their yellow jersey and another different jersey for long distant background shots.

For your information the production company is Jaypaq Productions who have made a number

of cycling documentaries.

I know the notice is somewhat short but I only received the official confirmation a couple of days ago. We don't get any pay for the show but I reckon it will be a lot of fun and something to remember for a long time.

Can you please all make a real effort to set these dates aside ?

## What Happened to the Web Site ?

Many of you may have noticed that the Ghostriders web site was recently hijacked. Instead of cycling information you would have received an advertisement for cosmetics. In case you were wondering, this was not a new business venture but rather we had been victims of an opportunistic Internet raider.

Apparently the company that had been handling the

registration of the Ghost rider domain had gone kaput and hence all the domains they had been handling became fair game to any vulture.

For a time it looked like our web address may have been lost permanently but, after many hours of haggling and lots of long distance and late night email exchanges, I was able to buy it back again. The website is now back up again and its presence has been secured for the foreseeable future.

It certainly was an unexpected source of stress that I could well have done without.

I guess life really wasn't meant to be easy.

### PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

If you are a business owner you are invited to promote your business or services via this newsletter. This would be especially relevant to anyone carrying on a business related to cycling, but any business could benefit. It is the ideal way to let others know what you do and also support the Ghostriders at the same time.

The cost is very reasonable and all proceeds go towards keeping the Ghostriders functioning. Feel free to phone me on 5968 3307 to discuss options.