CYCLING IN CASTLEMAINE!

Castlemaine Cycling Club would like to thank the Mount Alexander Shire Council for their support and commitment to ensure that the recent Criteriums, which were held in central Castlemaine on 7 April, went ahead. These State Criterium Championships and the Showmen and Women’s events proved to be a great success.

Over 200 riders entered, representing clubs from all over Victoria. Riders, their families and supporters travelled from: Camperdown, Ararat, Geelong, Blackburn, Carnegie, Preston, Wangaratta, Albury, Seymour, Gold Coast, Shepparton, Portland, St Kilda, Leongatha, Mornington, Norwood, Horsham Geelong and more. A group of 25 stayed for a few days training in the area, others visited in the weeks before to check out this challenging circuit and some stayed overnight or the weekend to be fresh for their events. The positive feedback received from riders, officials and other visitors is very encouraging and indicates that there are many return visits as a result of cycle racing held in the Mount Alexander Shire.

The Cycling Club converged on Harcourt for the Metros and Country Road Championships on 18 and 19 May. We are also holding the Maldon and District Community Bank Individual Road Time Trials at Harcourt on Sunday June 23rd. These events are open to all Cycling Australia registered cyclists and usually draw entries from across the State. At the local level there has been steady growth in the number of junior riders competing at club racing and there is always an open invitation to any community members who are interested in cycling. We are encouraging new members and are interested in seeing riders of all ages and abilities, or people who would like to take on a regular position assisting with the running of club racing. If you are interested in following up, please contact Cheryl at secretary@castlemainecyclingclub.org.au.

MESSAGE FROM THE RECREATION TEAM

As the winds pick up and the snow falls on the mountains we encourage you all to get outdoors, stay warm and stay healthy. Being active in your community is a great way to meet new people and find out what’s happening in your local community.

Council’s Recreation Team have been busy with new infrastructure projects to help entice you outdoors. Over the coming months works will be completed at several of our venues and we look forward to seeing you at some of the launch events.

Council will be undertaking a Playspace Strategy which will assist us to develop plans for all our structured play areas and provide information on alternative spaces where play can occur. Information about opportunities for your input will be promoted soon.

Watch this space!
Best wishes
The Recreation Team

Photo shows some club members sporting their sashes and medals following our Track Presentations recently. Winners are grinners!
RECREATION PROJECTS

Some of the works recently completed...
Autumn Oval Surface Upgrades, refurbishment of the Taradale Tennis Courts, rectification works on the ceiling at Campbells Creek Recreation Reserve pavilion and Guildford Saddle Club risk works.

Some of the works on the go...
Campbells Creek Park Stage 2, Guildford multi use court redevelopment, relocation of Campbells Creek Park playground to Campbells Creek Community Centre, Campbells Creek Recreation Reserve amenities, Newstead Tennis/Netball light upgrade and relocation of the cricket nets at Newstead Recreation Reserve, Wesley Hill velodrome investigation works and at Bill Woodfull Recreation Reserve we have the change room upgrade and drainage investigation works taking place.

Some of the strategic moves...

SPORTS FOCUS
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Mount Alexander Shire Council congratulates Vanessa Saunders for being a finalist in the Sports Focus 2013 ‘Administrator of the Year’ award.

As Development Coordinator of the Castlemaine & District Netball Association, Vanessa coordinates many programs to benefit the sport in her community. She runs the Net Set Go! program that runs over a 10 week period each season for 7–10 year old children, which saw the introduction this year of an additional program, due to the interest Vanessa has generated.

Vanessa also coordinates and conducts junior umpire training courses throughout the year to support new umpires, which hopefully provides them with the confidence to become a senior umpire, not only at their club, but also the surrounding leagues.

Coaching is also another hat Vanessa wears, and within this role she has introduced a number of coaching courses and workshops for the netball community. If time permits, Vanessa also umpires netball when needed and she assists at the Castlemaine Cycling Club as a volunteer time keeper, judge, handicapper, lead car or corner steward.

Once again, congratulations Vanessa for proudly representing Mount Alexander Shire!
**Funding and Grants**

**DPCD Emergency Grant: Sporting and Recreation Equipment**
To provide assistance to local sport and active recreation clubs and organisations to replace essential sports equipment that has been lost or destroyed as a consequence of fire, flood, significant storm event, theft or criminal damage.

*Max per grant $2000. On-going.*

**Australian Sports Foundation Sport Incentive Program**
The program aims to increase opportunities for Australians to participate in sport and/or excel in sports performance.

*Ongoing.*

**Local Sporting Champions**
Young people find it difficult to meet the ongoing and significant costs associated with participation at sporting competitions, particularly those from regional areas.

*Max per grant: $500 (individuals) or $3,000 (team)*

**2013 WorkSafe Club Safety Fund**
To provide financial support at a local level to assist with occupational health and safety initiatives at a club level, for Football and Netball clubs (first aid course, protective equipment, shelter structures, minor facility maintenance). *Up to $600 per application (to the value of 50% of the total project cost)*

**Mount Alexander Shire Council Strengthening the Community Grants**
Support to a range of local community-based projects and initiatives.

*Offered annually Aug/Sept.*

For applications, guidelines and further information please visit:

- [www.asf.org.au](http://www.asf.org.au)

Please also refer to Useful Links section on Page 4 for additional information.

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**SECTION 86 COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**
The Section 86 Committees of Council (Special Committees) would have received information informing them that new Instruments of Delegations are being developed. These Instruments of Delegation assist Council’s Special Committees to undertake their delegated duties in a collaborative manner with Council. Council wishes to acknowledge and congratulate all our Special Committees who have the task of managing facilities on behalf of Council. As part of the new Instruments an identified Council contact officer will be allocated to each committee. If you would like further information about Council’s Special Committees please contact Council’s Recreation Unit on 5471 1700 or email recreation@mountalexander.vic.gov.au

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**ELPHINSTONE TENNIS CLUB UPDATE**
The Elphinstone Tennis Club started the 2012/2013 season with a Junior 1 Team. This season the team was under the guidance of Alan Burke, making it to the finals in its first year. We are hoping to have 2 junior teams running next season. The MLC Hot Shots will be starting in October 2013. Fridays are our Social Game Day 9:30-11:30 starting October (weather permitting). Everyone is welcome to join, even if you have not played before! Our aim is to have a round robin tournament towards the end of the year.

For further information you can find us on Facebook Elphinstone Tennis Club Inc, email elphinstonetc@gmail.com or phone Lisa 0412137345

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**VicHEALTH 2012/13 ACTIVE CLUB GRANTS**
The Victorian Health Promotion Foundation (VicHealth) has awarded funding to 472 sports clubs in Victoria to purchase sports injury prevention and management equipment, essential sporting equipment, volunteer training and portable sun shade through its annual Active Club Grants program. Victorian Minister for Sport and Recreation The Hon. Hugh Delahunty said the grants are designed to increase participation in physical activity, particularly for people who may be disadvantaged and less likely to take up a sport.

Congratulations to the following successful Mount Alexander Shire clubs!

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PHOTO: Junior 1 Team (r) Brayden Wright, Nicholas West, Alan Burke (coach), Angela West (f) Tess Kelly, Tara Kelly, Alyssia De Grandi, Jasmine West
DID YOU KNOW?
The oldest continuous trophy in sports is the America's Cup. It started in 1851, with Americans winning for a straight 132 years until Australia took the Cup in 1983.

ARE YOU ORGANISING AN EVENT IN MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE?
Your first point of contact should be with Council’s Events Officer in order for Council to assist you with meeting any event regulations or permit requirements. Council has designed a new “one-stop shop” Event Guide and Application Kit for everything public event-related. Click to download the Event Kit.

If you are holding your event on publicly owned land, such as a park, garden or reserve, you need to submit a ‘Use of Council Owned Land’ form which will be approved by the Recreation Unit. If the Reserve you want to book is managed by a S86 Committee then you also need to obtain permission directly from them.

If you would like your event to feature in our Spring issue of Arena, please send information to recreation@mountalexander.vic.gov.au

For a full listing of events in the Shire please visit Council’s Tourism website www.maldoncastlemaine.com.au

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Melissa Fowler – Community Activity and Culture Support Officer, 5471 1786

A reminder will be sent out regarding content for the next newsletter. Contributions can be sent at any time by email to recreation@mountalexander.vic.gov.au Please ensure your contact details are included.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CASTLEMENAINE CYCLING CLUB ROAD TIME TRIALS
23 June 2013, Harcourt

GUILDFORD SADDLE CLUB WINTER WOOLLIES
23 June 2013, Guildford

CASTLEMENAINE GOLF CLUB MIXED SOCIAL GOLF
14 July, 5 August, 6 & 28 October 2013

USEFUL LINKS
Mount Alexander Shire Council: www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au
DPCD Sport and Recreation: www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/sport
Loddon Campaspe Sport Assembly Focus: loddoncampaspe.sportslink.org.au
Regional Development Victoria: www.rdv.vic.gov.au
Aquatics and Recreation Victoria: www.aquaticsandrecreation.org.au
Our Community: www.ourcommunity.com.au
Department of Community and Planning: www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/home
Vic Sport: www.vicsport.asn.au/Home
Vic Health: www.vichealth.vic.gov.au
Sports Focus: www.loddoncampaspe.sportslink.org.au

Please also search the national or state organising body of your specific sport or activity for further information such as funding opportunities, development ideas and event details.

DISCLAIMER
Council has made all efforts to ensure the accuracy and integrity of the above information but does not endorse any of the above mentioned businesses or events and will not be held liable for any loss resulting from involvement in advertised events or services.