The Geelong Throng

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'Scody Cup' tours Geelong



...doing it tough

photo by Peter Redmond

QUEENSLANDER Jonathan Cantwell (Fly V Australia) took full advantage of Geelong's Leigh Howard's absence to claim victory in the first stage of the GMHBA Tour of Geelong, held at North Shore.

Cantwell, who has just returned from a successful series in the USA, displayed his dominance in the sprint laps early in race, accumulating 11 points, 2 first, 2 second and one third, and finishing in a time of 01:04:12, in the 30 lap crtierium.

"I love coming back to Australia although the weather is proving a little difficult, with 18 wins this season under my belt I am feeling in good form", the 27 year old Cantwell stated on the podium after his win.

127 riders lapped the North Shore Sports ground, with top teams Fly V Australia, Budget Team Forklifts, Savings and Loans and Praties pushing hard to claim prime position on the leaders board. Warrigul's Joel Pearson (Savings and Loans), winner of stage 5 in the Tour of Gippsland, and Dale Scarfe (Mace-McDonagh Blake) crossed the line 2nd and 3rd respectively.

Teams from Australia, New Zealand, USA and New Caledonia have pushed the entries for this year's event up to an astronomical 599 riders.

Stage 2 saw 20 year old Richard Lang (Titans-Race) manage to hold off Queenslander Cameron Jennings (Budget Forklifts) and race favourite David Kemp (Fly V Australia) in a tight sprint to the finish of the GMHBA Tour of Geelong.

The 79.6 kilometre Road Race from Lara to the You Yangs began in perfect conditions, riders remaining tightly packed for the largest part of the race. David Kemp placed first in the first sprint of the race before rain swept over the peloton making the final climb (a category 3) to the You Yangs a soggy affair.

Gippsland's Charles Howlett (Cycle City) laid

the foundations for a great tour with placings in 4 of the 5 sprint legs, earning him the Most Aggressive Rider Jersey, while Richard Lang, a student at Sydney University, claimed the King of The Mountain Jersey and Jonathon Cantwell the Sprint Jersey.

"I tried to get a break in the final 20 kilometres of the race but the peloton drag me back in, I've been training all year and I was hoping to secure a stage win", Lang said after stepping up to top position on the dais.

Winner of the final stage of the Tour of Elk Grove, Jonathon Cantwell has been making huge waves in the USA, helping team Fly V Australia claim 60 wins so far this year. The GMHBA Tour of Geelong may add another feather in the hat of one of Australia's leading riders.

Riders lining up for stage 3, consisted of 3 laps of a 47.7 kilometre circuit around the town of Anakie made up of 11 sprint stages and 12 category 3 & 4 hill climbs.

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Stage 3 saw Fly V Australia continue to dominate the GMHBA Tour of Geelong with 28 year old Queenslander Darren Rolfe securing the stage win in 3 hours 45 seconds and 1 minute, 49 seconds ahead of Malcolm Rudolph (Budget Forklifts) and Tasmania's Ben Grenda (Praties).

Riders were challenged on the 3 x 47.7 kilometre circuit, maintaining a 40 kilometre per hour average in the first lap. A break containing 9 riders formed 39 kilometres into the race and dropped to 6, with a 2 minute and 20 second lead at the 85 kilometre mark.

Unfortunately, a light shower passed over the peloton causing havoc, a large group of riders going down on a decent, 3 riders including Fly V Australia's Scott Davis, ACT's Sam Genge (Susuki-Canberra) and Tasmania's Jeremy Hills (GMHBA) taking a trip to hospital, Jeremy Hills with a suspected broken collarbone.

Out of harms way the 6 lead riders, consisting of New Caledonian Gael Bonnace (New Caledonia), Queenslander Darren Rolfe (Fly V Australia), South Australian Andrew Roe (Savings & Loans), Queenslander Malcolm Rudolph (Budget Forklifts), Tasmanian Ben Grenda (Pratie) and New Zealander Andy McNab (City of Greater Geelong), opened the gap to 4 minutes and 15 seconds.

With a score of riders out of the race, the lead group continued to press the pace, maintaining a more than comfortable lead in the final lap, Rolfe sprinting across the finish line, 2 minutes and 4 seconds ahead of the peloton and 50 seconds ahead of Rudolph.

"It was unbelievable, a highlight, we knew we had cards up our sleeves with 4 riders in the top 10, its just unfortunate we lost one in the fall", Rolfe commented after the race.

Stage 4 - Gap Widens After Time Trials

The first day of the 2009 Victorian Open Road Championships and third of the GMHBA Tour of Geelong was a little more relaxing for riders following yesterday's day of carnage.

The tour field, reduced to 79 riders, was bolstered to 133 for the men's elite individual time trials and 39 for the elite women's, held between Gnarwarre and Ceres, just outside Geelong.

Port Adelaide's Carly Light laid down the gauntlet, winning the gold medal for the individual time trials in a time of 41:27:55, over a minute ahead of Louise Kerr (42:30:20) . Bronwyn Ryan from the ACT claimed the bronze in 42:54:94.

Not long after the women completed their ride for the day, and just as the near perfect weather conditions settled in, the men hit the spectacular 28.2 kilometre course through the Barrabool hills.

Former National Time Trial Champion, Peter Milostic held the number one position after an impressive time of 37:38:71, however the team Praties' boys were on the hunt. Tasmania's William Clarke, who fell in the peloton yesterday, crossed the line to take the lead position in a time of 36:56:16, 23 seconds ahead of team mate Dylan Newell, and 28 seconds ahead of David Kemp (Fly V Australia).

"The course was outstanding, I was a little sore from my fall yesterday but I managed to pull up well this morning", Clarke stated after receiving his 2009 Victorian Open Road Championship Time Trial gold medal.

Day 2 of the 2009 Victorian Open Road Championships and day 4 of the GMHBA Tour of Geelong was held in Eastern Gardens. The men completed 20 laps of a 2.3 kilometre criterium, and the women 15 laps.



Stage 5 - Criterium Secured by Cantwell

1000 metre World Junior Track Champion Tom Palmer (City of Greater Geelong) held off Victorian Gary Mueller (Total Rush) to win stage 5 of the GMHBA Tour of Geelong and 2009 Victorian Open Road Championships. Joel Pearson (Savings & Loans) placed third, although neither Mueller nor Pearson are still in the tour.

Cantwell's claimed the much sort after Criterium Jersey, 1 point ahead of Dale Scarfe (Mace-McDonagh Blake).

"I ran out of legs just before the end but our main concern was to keep the yellow jersey, hopefully we can keep it tomorrow", Cantwell told the crowd.

David Kemp (Fly V Australia) is edging closer to Leigh Howard in the overall placing's for the Scody Cup.

12 Women in Spectacular Crash

Two days after four riders were taken to hospital during the GMHBA Tour of Geelong, another three were transported after a spectacular crash involving 12 women in the criterium section of the 2009 Victorian Open Road Championships, held at Easter Park today.

Ballarat's Beth Canny, fellow Victorian Emy Huntsman and West Australian Rebecca Halliday suffered severe injuries in a crash 300 metres from the finish line on the final lap.

"There were bikes spinning, flying in the air and doing 360's, knocking riders off their bikes, girls were going over handlebars and about a dozen bikes ended up with damaged handlebars, saddles and wheels. It's the most spectacular crash I've ever seen", said Neutral Spares, Martin Millwood from Shimano after the accident.

Spectators were shocked as the peloton, sprinting towards the finish line, came undone, riders crashing hard, Huntsman and Halliday breaking collarbones and Canny ending up with multiple minor injuries. Several riders received medical attention for grazing and deep cuts.

"It's the worst crash I've attended to in 35 years in women's racing", medical officer Bobby Hall commented afterwards.

Robert Doyle (Prime Estate Buyers Agents) withdrew from the men's criterium to remain close to girlfriend Beth Canny while ambulance members attended to her. For Emy Huntsman, attending only her second criterium, the choice to change sports from rowing to riding may take a little longer to consider.

Meanwhile, 32 year old Victorian Jenny MacPherson tried to keep a cool head as she stepped

up to the podium to accept the gold medal for the 2009 Victorian Open Road Criterium Stage. Fellow Victorian Peta Mullins was second while Imogen Vize from NSW claimed the bronze.

Stage 6 - Gale Force Winds End Tour

Gale force winds of up to 65 kilometre an hour made the decision to cancel the Women's Road Race in the 2009 Victorian Open Road Championship an easy choice today.

However, as the wind dropped the men were told to kit up for the final day of racing in the GMHBA Tour of Geelong, only to be told 15 minutes later that the race had been cancelled due to extreme weather conditions.

Event Organiser, John Craven, from

Caribou Publications made the difficult call, "I am very disappointed that we have had to call off the race, the first 4 days of the Tour have been wonderful and we have seen outstanding results from the teams, in particular Fly V Australia who ran a superior race across the board, for everyone involved rider safety is paramount", Craven announced to the teams and riders.

Results remained unchanged after yesterdays criterium held at Eastern Park in Geelong, Queenlander Darren Rolfe (Fly V Australia) taking first place in the GMHBA Tour of Geelong with a total time of 08:20:00:43, 2 minutes ahead of fellow team mate David Kemp, and 2:16 ahead of Tasmanian William Clarke (Praties).

Fly V Australia cleaned up in the jersey stakes, Jonathan Cantwell taking home the Sprint Jersey, 7 points ahead of Charles Howlett (Cycle City), Howlett not walking away empty handed, he was awarded the Most Aggressive Rider Championship honour.

Tour winner Darren Rolfe (Fly V Australia) claimed the King of The Mountain Classifications, sweeping the poker dot jersey from Malcolm Rudolph's (Budget Forklifts) grasp by 2 points.

1 point enabled Jonathan Cantwell to bag the Criterium Jesey yesterday ahead of Dale Scarfe (Mace-Mcdonagh Blake), and Kyle Marwood (Praties) a little further behind in 3rd position.

In a week marred with broken bones and extreme weather conditions but held in some of Victoria's most spectacular scenic locations, Fly V Australia remained the dominant team, walking away from the Tour 1:24 clear of Praties and 4:40 clear of Budget Forklifts.

"We have a great team, we have big ambitions and without these races we wouldn't have anything to do in Australia, every race gets us closer to our ambitions", David Kemp (Fly V Australia) told spectators at today's presentations.

Kemp's Tour 2nd place saw him gain enough points to overtake Leigh Howard in the overall Scody Cup placing's.

It is hoped the final day of the 2009 Victorian Open Road Championships, the men's and women's elite road race will be held on October 25th, following the Melbourne to Warrnambool road race.

The next event in the Scody Cup is the Elgas Tour of the Murray, starting in Echuca on Sunday, August 30, and finish in Mildura on Sunday, September 6.

The 940km tour will also visit Rochester, Moama, Barham, Swan Hill, Lake Boga, Manangatang, Tooleybuc, Robinvale, Euston, Ouyen, Patchewollock, Merbein and Wentworth.

Information courtesy of Cycle Sport Victoria.

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POINT LONSDALE is a popular, but relatively peaceful holiday resort located on an outcrop which forms the western head of Port Phillip Bay. 3 km east is Point Nepean. In between is the entrance to Port Phillip, where the calm waters of the bay meet the turbulent waters of Bass Strait. This stretch of water is, for good reason, known as 'The Rip' which, with its turbulent cross-currents and variable depths, is recognised as one of the most dangerous stretches of water on the Australian coastline. Point Lonsdale is 101 km south of Melbourne and 28 kilometres south-east of Geelong at the south-eastern tip of the Bellarine Peninsula.

The area was originally inhabited by the Wathawurung Aborigines. European visitation of the bay dates back to 1802 when Lieutenant Murray spent over three weeks exploring its features. He was soon followed by Matthew Flinders who mistook Port Phillip Bay for Western Port.

Two French ships were also exploring the southern waters at this time and, largely to forestall French claims to any part of the continent, the first European settlement on Port Phillip Bay was established by the British in 1803, though it was abandoned the following year. A convict escapee from this settlement, named William Buckley, was adopted by the local Aborigines with whom he lived for 32 years. He is thought to have lived in a cave beneath Point Lonsdale lighthouse.

Buckley aside, white settlement of the peninsula was not resumed until the 1830s after the establishment of

Melbourne.

...putting the focus on

The township gained its name from a police officer called William Lonsdale; Lonsdale was the first Police Magistrate for Port Phillip. He emigrated from England where he had joined the army making his way to Captain of the King's own regiment in 1834 before coming to Australia in 1834. An interesting piece of trivia is he married the eldest daughter of Benjamin Smythe whose daughters name was Martha, today you can see Mount Martha in the distance on the Moringinton Peninsula which carries her name.

A pilot service for ships passing through The Rip was established beneath Shortland Bluff in 1838. This was the genesis of Queenscliff which emerged as a town in the early 1850s.

A signal station was established at Point Lonsdale in 1854. The operator, Captain Preston, built a house there. His nearest neighbours were two kilometres away. After a stone lighthouse was constructed at Queenscliff in the 1860s, the old wooden structure it replaced was rebuilt at Point Lonsdale in 1867. It was superseded by the current structure in 1902.

Little development occurred at Point Lonsdale until the first land sales proceeded in 1876. In the early 20th century, a shell-processing works was established at the southern end of Lake Victoria, just west of Point Lonsdale. Here shellgrit was removed and processed for commercial usage in glass-making and the poultry industry. Large deposits were found beside the Geelong Highway in 1935.

The Geelong to Queenscliff railway opening in 1879 made Point Lonsdale more accessible, and guest house started to flourish with people traveling from Melbourne to stay at Point Lonsdale. Today the town boasts plenty of accommodation from caravan parks to luxury boutique hotels and quaint B&Bs.

Point Lonsdale

The waters around Point Lonsdale have taken several vessels including the schooners Sophia and Thetis. In 1948 the Princess Royal suffered the same tragic fate. During the 1850's quite a few ships were destroyed entering the dangerous heads including the Conside, Portland, Isabella and Sacramento. This tragic period cemented the need for the lighthouse which was commissioned by the Auditor General at a cost of 15000 pounds in 1853.

1946 saw the beginning of one of Point Lonsdale's most loved traditions the mighty Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club. This brave team has patrolled the beaches of Point Lonsdale for over 60 years and saved many lives in the rugged and untamed surf. Records show the club has saved over 1600 people but that number is likely to be higher. The number gives testament to how dangerous the sea can be and no one should ever consider bathing where it is not patrolled and even when patrolled it is still extremely dangerous. The club is one of the states most respected and has a pretty impressive trophy cabinet from its competition in surf carnivals.

Points of interest at Lonsdale

Coastline

Front Beach, in Lonsdale Bay, is a fine sheltered beach for swimming and fishing while the Back Beach, on the other side of a series of large sand dunes, is ideal for surfing (it is patrolled in the holiday season).Salmon, barracouta and mullet can be caught from the rocks at Point Lonsdale while snapper, whiting and salmon inhabit the waters off Point Lonsdale ietty.

The foreshore around the headland is very pleasant, particularly at low tide when there are plenty of exposed rock pools and caverns.

Rip View Lookout

Rip View Lookout offers fine ocean views over The Rip - a 3 km stretch of water dividing Point Lonsdale and Point Nepean - the two headlands at the mouth of Port Phillip Bay. The lookout is on the water's edge and is signposted off Point Lonsdale Rd. It affords the opportunity to observe the ships entering and leaving Port Phillip Bay.

Point Lonsdale Lighthouse

The Point Lonsdale Lighthouse is at the end of Point Lonsdale Rd. It provides panoramic views of the area, taking in Point Lonsdale, Queenscliff, Barwon Heads and Point Nepean.

After a stone lighthouse was constructed at Queenscliff in the 1860s, the old wooden structure was dismantled and rebuilt at Point Lonsdale in 1867. In 1902 it was replaced by the current structure which stands 120 m above sea-level, radiating light for 30 km out to sea. It is manned 24 hours a day and is equipped with meteorological equipment, rendering it an important link in local weather forecasting.

Buckley's Cave

The base of the lighthouse leads to Buckley's Cave. In 1803 three convicts escaped from the newly-formed British settlement at Point King which had been established largely to forestall the creation of a French settlement on the mainland. The convicts made their way around to the Bellarine Peninsula but starvation loomed and two of the men vanished while attempting to return. William Buckley (who had been transported to Australia for life in 1802 for being in possession of a roll of purloined cloth) remained on to the western side of the bay where he was discovered by the Wathawurung people who thought he was a reincarnation of a dead tribal chief. He learned their language and customs, married, had a daughter and lived in the Point Lonsdale area until 1835. One of his dwellings is thought to have been this cave.

In 1835 Buckley allegedly overheard the Aborigines plotting to attack a party of whites at Indented Head. He gave himself up to the party of John Wedge who had followed in the wake of John Batman. It was some time before he regained enough English to communicate his experiences. He received a pardon and acted as an intermediary and interpreter between the whites and Aborigines but he was divided in his loyalties and felt he lacked the trust of both sides. Disillusioned he went to Tasmania, obtained employment, married and later received a government pension. He died in Hobart in 1856.

Historic Cemetery

The cemetery on Williams Rd (which runs off Point Lonsdale Rd) contains some interesting graves of shipwreck victims, lighthouse keepers and early pilots. It was opened in 1856.

Marconi Memorial

A memorial to Marconi, the first successful inventor of the wireless telegraph, is located on the foreshore in Royal Park, just off the Point Lonsdale Rd, opposite Anderson St and adjacent the oval. It was from this point that the first radio transmission from mainland Australia to Tasmania was made in 1906.

The Terminus

The Terminus, at 31 Point Lonsdale Rd, is one of the state's oldest guesthouses (1884).



"Geelong Throng Weddings in Geelono

THIS MONTH, we take a look at Geelong Throng members who participate in the noble art of being wedding photographers.

Hopefully, if other members are having a wedding or know of someone preparing for one, you take the time to have a look in here for consideration, I'm sure your fellow photographer will apreciate the networking that the group can produce.

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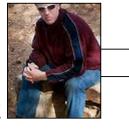
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In this edition, we "stick" Heather under the microscope

AFTER Peter Marin's grilling last month, he has passed the baton onto Heather Hartkamp to be scrutinized. Thanks for taking part Heather, hopefully by the end we'll know a little more about you and get a peek inside your "photography world". Let's get started.

GT : What camera gear do you have?

HH: I use a Nikon D300 DSLR plus a heap of lenses. My trusty general purpose lens is a Nikkor 18 - 200 mm which is great for travel and just roaming about. I have a Nikkor 70 - 200mm which is so sharp and I use it for telephoto shots with a 1.7x extender. My other favourites are my Nikkor 12 - 24 mm wide-angle, my Nikkor 60mm macro and the terrific little Nikkor 50mm prime. I also have the usual peripherals like tripod, Epson P-2000 media storage, Cokin filters, polarisers, SB-600 Speedlight and some bounce screens and backdrops for portrait shooting. I have an iMac computer - changed from PCs about 3 years ago best thing I ever did!!!.

GT : Quite a setup you have there Heather.

GT : How long have you enjoyed the art of Photography?

HH: I've always been a keen family/holiday snapper but it was the beginning of my travel lust, the advent of digital photography and a new career in IT that really got me going about 9 years ago. Joining up with on-line camera clubs has taught me heaps, introduced me to some wonderful photographer buddies and the rest is history - it's become an all-consuming passion, creative outlet and has led me to meeting some valued friends.

GT : Who is your favorite redbubble photographer?

HH: That's a hard one. It changes constantly. I look for people who push their photography to the limit - experiment - take risks. They may have very few comments but they have resisted the urge to post mainstream images and have done something that has pushed the boundaries. At the moment I am watching "*ghastly*"

http://www.redbubble.com/people/ghastly

because she is so young and is already creating unusual photographic images. I've always watched *Lauren Simonetti*,

http://www.redbubble.com/people/laurenrabbit

because I admire her dark, moody images and masterly use of lighting, all produced with film and darkroom processing

GT: Two for the readers to check out, thanks for the 'heads up'



GT : What is your favorite photograph you have taken, and any reason why?

HH: Without a doubt my shot at Bell's Beach, "Breaker". Why? Because, to me, it is a 'pure' photograph - a frozen moment in time - no editing - no manipulation. Even though I went down there early that morning looking for shots of waves at sunrise I never expected to get anything like this. I like to use photography as art but this photo, to me, is an example of photography as a medium for capturing an event or moment that is unlikely to be repeated.

GT: Not surprised with your selection, I'm tipping it will go well in the APOTD image of the year, you heard it here first.

GT : You've done quite a bit of travel photography, is there one place that is a MUST DO and why?

HH: Rajasthan is amazing. So much colour, cultural surprises and the people are so willing to be photographed.

At the moment I am investigating the Trans-Mongolian railway trip from Vladivostok to St Petersburg - in winter. I think it would be unforgettable to experience the vastness of the landscape, especially covered in snow.

GT : If money was no object what would you include on your "Lust List"?

HH : Travel. Africa, Antarctica, South America, Iceland - the list is endless. Photographic gear is always tempting but the gear doesn't matter if you are somewhere amazing with a camera.

GT : Is there a style of photography that gives you more satisfaction?

HH: I like grungy stuff - old factories, bare spaces, minimalism, interesting textures and light. People photography is a satisfying challenge but so difficult to get interesting subjects. The power of nature - the sea, skies - is also high on the list.

GT : What would be your "perfect day, photographic wise"?

HH : My perfect day? Probably one where I set out for a blissful day of searching for photographs - just roaming around, looking, with no particular outcome planned. Of course, coming home with a swag of special images would be the icing on the cake!

GT: Why did you join the GT group?

HH : I joined GT because it is an excellent way to meet up with other photographers locally. GT is a vibrant group, largely due to Lisa Kenny's passion for keeping everyone posted on events and organising get-togethers. It is a way to showcase our home town with its lovely bay and surrounding rural regions. The photographic community that has evolved is supportive and socially enriching.

GT : Think that pretty much sums GT up to a "T"

GT : Who would you like to see grilled in the next GT news letter?

HH: Hans Kawitzki. He is such a good photographer and has been doing it for so long that I am sure he would have some interesting insights.

Good selection Heather, Hans is well respected in the photography circle, not just locally but nationally. Also a thanks to you for the insight into your photography world

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Serendip ~ Geelong Throng Gathers



THE GEELONG Throng group got together on the last weekend of August for a barbecue at Serendip Sanctuary, in Lara. Thankfully, and surprisingly, the rain stayed away for the most part. There was plenty of food to eat and being shared around and the walk through the Sanctuary later on probably was a good idea to get rid of those extra calories. Great to see new faces and meet up with some "old" ones.



A high five? or another case of "no pictures please"?



One of the "inmates" at the Serendip Sanctuary

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Ever get the feeling you're being watched?



Take the kids to fly a "Kite"

A collection of 'birds' at Serendip Sanctuary



Not called Superb for nothing ...



No where to hide from this "Geelong Throng" mob



Trust Barry to find a different kind of bird as he slips back into "Wedding Photography" mode



Looking well fed and content, like most of the GT gang



A well guarded egg, this brolga means business

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Some of the Geelong Throng Gatherers





Now THAT'S a bird nest!



Starting off young with a lens as long as her arm.



No eating in peace with this mob around.









What's On The Throng?

Coming up in September 2009

Under the Microscope

NEXT MONTH we take a look at local photographer, Hans Kawitzki and find out about him and his photography.

Focus On

A CLOSE up view on areas in and around the Geelong Throng "boundary" with a brief history, events and photos from the group, show casing the selected area.

A Local Event

IF YOU HAVE come across a local event held in the Geelong region, why not stick it in the Geelong Throng Forum. Putting it in early gives people the chance to organise themselves so that they may attend

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