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Matamata Peddlers Cycle Club Newsletter

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If we get enough interest we can do another order of the new Peddlers summer clothing to be here prior to Taupo

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Upcoming Events

- Don't forget that the **Okoi Winter Fun Ride** is next weekend
- **Early bird (discounted) entries for Taupo** close at the end of July. Jo also has a discount code for members. Contact her at sandjbelton@ihug.co.nz
- The **Motu Challenge** is a great multi-sport event with a number of different disciplines and distances available

Out-spokin' with Henry

Hi Everyone.

On the home front in the presidential hot seat its been plain sailing—mostly up on the foils. We've been getting good numbers on Sunday (albeit a bit frosty at times) and hence we've gone back to 9.30 starts. AGM and prize giving were held this year at The Big Club and were, in my opinion, a great success. I would like to congratulate the trophy winners. An omission on my part was that I forgot to present a bunch of flowers to Jo for her sterling work as Club Secretary for the past 3 or more years. As James pointed out, I only had one job! They were left in a vase at the club, but I did

present them the next morning to Jo at her work (sorry Jo) . Thanks also go to the other members who stood down from committee this time—Heath, for doing the treasurers job, Kevin De Frere, Donna Gillgren and Maureen Henderson for their huge input on the committee over a number of years. New to the committee this year we welcome aboard Stacey and Kendall Belton, along with, Nathan Murray. Full committee profiles inside this newsletter. To keep our club strong I urge you as individuals actively promote our club and encourage your mates to

come along. Our Thursday night track sessions are very well attended with more than 20 riders most sessions. It's a huge work out going around in circles for 1.5 hours. I have just started attending again and rate my chances of getting most improved rider because I'm eating everyone's dust. (it's metaphorical dust—it's very clean in the Velodrome). Mind you the bruises from having my de Haas kicked all around the track are very real. I look forward to seeing you on Sundays and after the ride at Robert Harris

Thanks, Henry

PEDDLERS AWARDS

Our annual awards were voted on by our members this year and presented at our AGM/dinner.

The deserving winners were (from left) -

Most Considerate Rider—James Buchanan

Most Improved Road Rider—Stacey Belton

Most Improved Track Rider—Paul Gascoigne

Congratulations and well done!!



Don't forget to check out the Peddlers on the web

www.matamatapeddlers.org.nz

Or on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/matamatapeddlers>

Right on Track

Track is going great guns at the moment, with around a quarter of our entire membership turning up weekly to get thrashed within an inch of their lives for 90 minutes. Our current block is so popular that we're having to control entry each week in order to ensure our numbers don't exceed the track maximum. We've had a heap of new members join specifically to come along to our sessions. This is historically our most popular block, with the cows dried off and winter in full swing. It's great to have an all-weather option for training.

Our next block starts in about a week. If you've never tried it, come along and watch to see if you think it's for you, or dive straight in and book yourself a "Have-a-Go" session and start your accreditation process. We'd love to see you along—it's good fun with a great bunch of people. Contact Stu at stu.e@clear.net.nz if you'd like more info

Subs are due

Don't forget that subs are now due. Our membership year runs 1st June until 31st May and it's still great value at \$25 per individual or \$50 for a family membership. You also get a voucher for eyebrow shaping for the girls, or a back, crack and sack wax for the boys. Ok, that last bit isn't strictly, or even a little bit true, but membership is still a great deal and it does give you access to very cool subsidised Peddlers clothing and discounted track sessions (honest!!!). And don't forget the added bonus of great company whilst riding your bike!!

You can download a membership form from the Peddlers website. If you've already been a member and your details haven't changed, you can just pay your subs into the account listed on the form. Please ensure that you put your name and Subs 17/18 as a reference. As you can imagine there are a heap of deposits around this time of year and it's a bit of a mission to work out what's what if we don't have good references.

Check out our sponsors!

We receive fantastic support from our sponsors, which allows us to subsidise our flash new kit. You can get great looking gear at subsidies of between 25 and 40%. You can find the complete list of sponsors on our website, at

<http://www.matamatapeddlers.org.nz/sponsors.htm>

It'd be great if you could consider supporting them when making purchasing decisions, just as they support us on our bikes :)

You may not be aware that the ANZ offers extra support to the club by virtue of cash grants when Peddlers members take out new commercial and agri-business lending. Essentially, if you're already an ANZ customer, new lending of between 300k and 1 million dollars will result in a donation of \$300 to the club. New lending > \$1M is \$600.

If you're not an existing customer, new commercial/agri-business lending up to \$1M results in a donation of \$600 and >\$1M Peddlers will get \$1200. All you have to do is let them know that you're a Peddlers member when you sign up for the finance. It's that simple. (While this doesn't apply to retail lending, talk to Nathan—he said they're always happy to do a deal). As you can see there's real potential to gain funds for the club to put back into the membership, just by mentioning that you're a Peddlers' member!

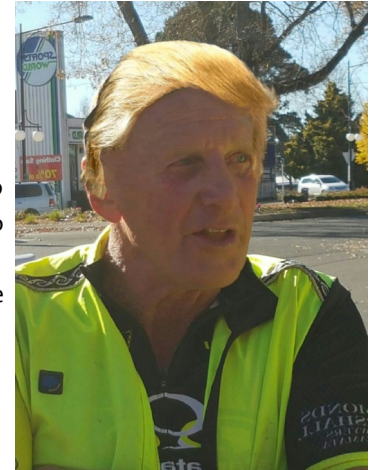
Brycey rang me the other day looking for advice. He said that he'd gone in for a routine check up. Things were going fine until the doctor slipped a digit up his backside. He said he just wanted to know if I thought he should change dentists

MEET THE COMMITTEE

Here's a little bit about your new committee; who they are and what spins their wheels. Names and boring bits may have been changed, with **editor's notes in red**

President—Henry “The Donald” de Haas

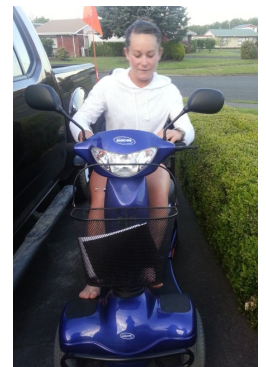
I think back to when I was around 4 years old and my first two wheeler. In those days you were given a bike two sizes bigger than you needed and were told you will grow into it. I can remember having a block of wood to stand on to get on my bike to get started, but stopping was altogether trickier. When I was 5 **the editor deleted this bit because it was so boring he wanted to poke his eyes out with a broken spoke**. At the age of 9 we shifted to our new farm at Te Poi. Sometimes I was kicked off the school bus (though obviously it was never my fault). My punishment—”on your bike boy!”. It used to be a challenge for me to beat the bus home. The bus route was up Taihoa North and South, which at times meant I would win. I can vividly remember waving to the bus driver (prick for kicking me off) as he went past our gate. Fast forward to 2001 (**oh thank God**). My first big challenge was the Hamilton to Whangamata bike race, at 125km. The following year a group of us took on the challenge of Lake Taupo. You may not believe this, but in those days I used to be quicker than Robyn (**I believe you Henry, she says you're still quicker than most**) and I beat her around Taupo. I was still trying to impress her with my superior skills. After a while I realised that the wiser, safer and most prudent option was to back off and let her be the machine. Part 2 of the story another day.



Favourite Movie : Bad Santa

Secretary—Kendall Belton

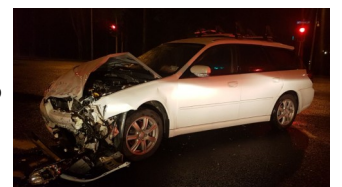
Hi I'm Kendall your new secretary. **I'm a dairy farmer, working on a farm out at Okoroire. Having recently moved back into the district I'm keen to get back into cycling, both on the road and the track. I expect that I'll soon be leaving the other Beltons and AJ in my wake and will resume my rightful place as the best sportsperson in the family, if not the world. Come and catch up down at Robert Harris—the coffees are on me! As I'm reading this now I really wish that I'd given Stu something more substantial to put in the newsletter.**



Favourite Movie : Driving Miss Daisy

Treasurer—Stacey Belton

I started riding 14 years ago when Mum and Dad bought me a road bike for triathlons. Back then a 15 km flat loop around Te Poi seemed so long! I joined Peddlers when the club was just establishing a couple of years later. I did my first lap of Taupo when I was 14 and several other races like around Taranaki and the Rotorua Flyer. When I went to Uni for 4 years I lost interest in cycling on the flat Canterbury plains (**nothing at all to do with boys and drinking mind you**), and really only got back into it when I moved back to Matamata a year ago. This last year I have really enjoyed the social side of the club, riding with others, and the friendly competition with Dad on Wednesday night rides (**I kicked his sorry arse several times J**). My proudest moment so far was last year's Taupo result of 4 hours 41 minutes – (which incidentally is 8 minutes faster than Dad's fastest time). I also beat my boss James Allen! I'm currently training for the Coast to Coast so am not as heavily involved with Sunday rides but will certainly get back into it after February next year. **My partner is fellow Peddler, the little seen Dane Shearman, who is a panel beater. That's really lucky because I'm a shit driver.**



Favourite Movie : Crash

Committee—Theo Brus

Works for Fonterra doing something. Also decided that not sending in a profile was a good idea. Likes long walks on the beach, Justin Bieber concerts and wearing frilly knickers under his bike pants. Particularly enjoys discussing water rights with his neighbours up Henry Watson Road and is a really crap fisherman. Prone to peaking too early, particularly on, (but not limited to) bike rides. Long-term Green Party supporter and likes a good chardonnay.

Favourite movie: anything with Reese Witherspoon in it

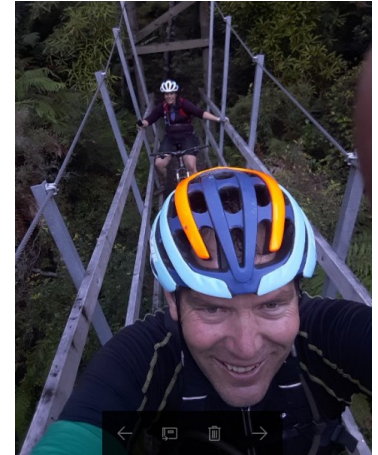


MEET THE COMMITTEE—CONTINUED (EDITOR'S NOTES STILL IN RED)

Committee—Nathan Murray

The picture here is from my last cycling jaunt of any consequence... .biking from the Bridge to Nowhere back to Whakahoro with Mrs Murray. My time on the road bike has been a bit limited of late with the odd ride here & there & I'm currently in the process of attempting to get fit for the 6 hour Whangamata Multi-sport race. This will be my first attempt at something like this so will see how it plays out. Am planning from there to hopefully kick on fitness wise & look to get around the lake again this Spring after not featuring last year. However, life seems to be getting busier so will see how all the training goes. Anyway, looking forward to participating on the committee & helping where I can

Favourite Movie : Wall Street



Committee—Joanne Belton

I started with the Club in its early days and I really enjoy the camaraderie with fellow riders. I am very much a 'fair weather' rider - can't be wet, too hot, too cold, foggy, etc but happy to participate where I can just to get that smoothie at the end of the ride!

Having spent the past few years as Secretary, I'm looking forward to sitting on the couch at committee meetings giving the other Muppets my valuable input, as per the photo. (That's AJ on my right)

Favourite Movie : Run Simon, Run



Committee—AJ Power

Since Crash Gillgren stepped down, AJ (or Girl to his friends), is the only committee member with a legit wrestling name (get it? Girl Power!!!! Oh come on that's good stuff!!!). AJ and the long-suffering Leanne have 2 boys who love to disassemble houses, scooters and bikes. Reassembly skills remain a work in progress. He describes himself as "a part time business owner, part time family man, full time athlete (in my head) part time crash-test dummy. (Thankfully that bad habit does seem to be behind me actually.)" Readily admits to having suffered for many years from the affliction of single speed mountain biking. From time to time sees the light and use gears but frequently lets go of that 20th Century technology in favour of 19th Century technology. AJ, a former Crusaders supporter, recently admitted to minor support of the Mighty Chiefs. He was also recently removed from his father's will. **I asked AJ for the best piece of advice he could give me. He gave me two. He said "Never trust a fart and never let Simon put your bike on the car." Actually, I guess that's the same thing said two different ways.**

Favourite Movie : The Founder



Committee—Kevin Thomas

Editors's note—I had significant concerns about whether Kev had written this himself, but the email said it was from him so it must have been. As he did not supply a photo I had to Google him.

My name is Kevin John Thomas (Please don't laugh at my John Thomas). I am a fit and healthy 50 year old male with a good BMI (It's not my fault I am 1 foot too short for my weight). I have the most amazing wife in the world. She is absolutely gorgeous and does everything for me. (Yes that is Angela I am talking about). I also have 2 children - Danyon 21 (He is so much like me, the moths fly out of his wallet if he does ever open it) and then there is Madi, who is 19 (very much like her mother, bright and bubbly but has my stunning dark hair and eyes, so she must be mine!).

PS: Nearly forgot to say, I work all the time to keep Ang in the lifestyle to which she has become accustomed. (Well that's when I am not sleeping, eating, drinking, biking, tramping, on holiday or just don't want to work!)



Favourite Movie : Angela's Ashes

MEET THE COMMITTEE—CONTINUED (EDITOR'S NOTES STILL IN RED)

Committee—Sheryl Ertel

Apart from cycling (and Dale of course), long time Peddler Sheryl's other passion is golf. Always looking to improve, she's been taking golf lessons and had just started playing a round when she suffered a bee sting. The pain was so intense that she decided to return to the clubhouse for medical assistance. The golf pro saw her heading back and said, "You're back early, what's wrong?". "I was stung by a bee!" she said. "Where?" he asked. "Between the first and second hole." she replied.

He nodded and said, "Your stance is far too wide."

Favourite Movie : Tin Cup



Committee—Stu Edgcombe

With a slew of cycling trophies, awards and certificates purchased off the net, Stu is one of the Peddlers most decorated athletes (not including piercings). In fact, the profile photo shows the one legitimate trophy Stu has ever won, from the Motu Challenge last year. It is exactly like the one that Simon and AJ didn't win. Prone to faking sickness, punctures, chafing, sunstroke and paper cuts, Stu will do virtually anything to avoid Buckland Road, Morgan Road, that stupid hill that you-go-up-to-the-top-of-and-then-turn-around-and-go-back-down-the-way-you-came-from on the Okoroire Summer ride and pretty much any other hill you can name. VERY fast downhill though. Like, super quick, "get the hell out of my way stick insects" quick. Did I mention he doesn't like hills? And that's unlikely to change unless they start putting custard squares at the top of every hill, which kind of defeats the purpose. Rum and raisin ice cream would also work. And that red licorice with the chocolate in the middle. Ooooh, or ginger crunch!! (Funny story, James thought that was a sexual position). Anyway, I may have digressed. Stu, on the committee, looks after the track, goes sometimes, doesn't really like it because there are hills at both ends. Writes VERY occasional newsletters

Favourite Movie : Hamburger Hill



Committee—James Buchanan

I started cycling about 5 years ago in an attempt to lose weight. It worked, and then it didn't and then it worked again and then it didn't again and now I am trying to get it to work again. Unfortunately my love of cycling competes directly with my love of pizza (and burgers and chips...). I've done the Lake Taupo Cycle Challenge three times and have not quite managed to go under the 4:30 mark, so that is still a major goal of mine. Another goal of mine is to make sure I never attempt the K4. Did the K2 once. Can't think why any sane person would do the K4!

I am currently admin for both the Peddlers website and the Facebook page. I was honoured to receive the "Most Considerate Rider" award at the Peddlers' dinner this year. Funny thing happened—I left the trophy behind, but of course I was happy to go back and get it. Ah, never mind

Favourite Movie : Black Hawk Down



I asked the waiter at my favourite restaurant how they prepare their chicken.

He looked at me blankly for a second, then said, "Nothing special really... We just tell them they're going to die."

Man it was cold last week. When I went for my morning jog through Founders park the flashers were just describing themselves