

# HUFF



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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

I will be editing this and the next two issues of HUFF. One of the main reasons I like the idea of recumbents is the ability to make an impression on others. The change to the format of HUFF, I hope will spur some thought of the future direction of HUFF.

OZHPV has a role to inform members of activities of state groups, OZHPV Committee processes and decisions. One of these processes is the AGM to be held at HPV Challenge. This is a chance to make OzHPV more representative of recumbent users needs. From this issue, rides from state groups will be published.

Listed is the available positions. including HUFF editor as I am going overseas with my recumbent, mid January 1999. More information will be published next issue including the agenda for the meeting.

If a state group wants to have closer ties with OZHPV it has to ask what can OZHPV do for that group. OZHPV will be asking it's members, if it will join IHPVA. What benefits will flow from this? Would it be possible to hold the World Championships in Australia? Would people come all that way?

Certainly, OZHPV can offer insurance facilities to state groups, and of course the organisation of HPV Challenge. providing an excellent venue to meet and compete with other owners. OZHPV can be a voice for Australian recumbent riders when it comes to IHPVA matters.

Currently OZHPV is mostly run from Canberra. The national organisation, and events are located to Canberra due to the concentration of interest in organisation at this level. The outcome of the AGM will decide the direction of OZHPV in the coming year.

Damien Clarke

Next Meeting  
7th October, 1998  
7.30 pm  
Peter Heal's Residence  
Canberra

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When visiting Downings Bicycle shop, It is pleasing to find a bike shop that is a pleasure to visit. Most people's first experiences of cycling, are made up of going into to bike shops and mavelling at the variety of makes and designs available.

The recumbent user needs parts that are not cutting edge, but basic in design. If a part was hard to find an attempt was made to find the part, No request was returned with a negative response..

While the majority of recumbents are home built, service like this is essential if recumbents are to be a widely accepted idea. Ian Downing enjoys cycling in all forms. He owns many kinds of bicycles, and appreciates the benefits of a variety of designs, the shop has no end of work with this practice ..

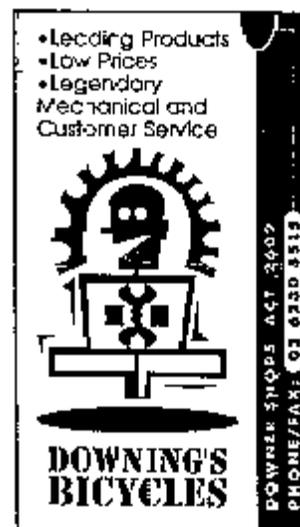
The location of the shop is friendly to the cyclist. It is 10 minutes ride from the city centre, and is reached by quiet roads. It is located in a suburban shopping centre. The shop has the feel of a cafe. The fish & chip shop down the way makes a great chips.

Often, recumbent users need to test an idea out may prefer to reuse bicycle equipment. Ian has boxes of used bit & pieces. Often you can find the one part you need to finish off your recumbent.

One of the most positive aspects about the shop is that you can often buy exactly what you want, so you don't have to repeat the purchase at a later date.

It not uncommon for Ian to enquire about the design of recumbents that visit his shop. This can extend to a ride of the recumbent in question. When asked if it was possible to see a recumbent vehicle sold by Downings Bicycles, the answer was yes, but with the qualification that the vehicle would have to be well presented

If there is a bike shop or commercial supplier that any readers prefer to buy .from, then contact Damien Clarke at [damien.clarke@eudoramail.com](mailto:damien.clarke@eudoramail.com) for details.



# New Projects

## Peter Heal

One thing about recumbent enthusiasts is that they never seem happy with their bikes for too long and there's always at least one new bike in construction. at least there is in the Canberra OZHPV members...NEW BIKES

Chris Curtis has built a new low rider bike which we only saw for a short time at the start of one of the Canberra monthly rides.

Chris explains his new bike for us:

My low rider bike was built to try out some ideas I had for my next solar assisted cycle. My aims were to achieve a small frontal area, which dictated the low seating position and high pedals, and both front and rear suspension. In order to accommodate different sized riders within a full fairing, the adjustable boom had to slide horizontally.



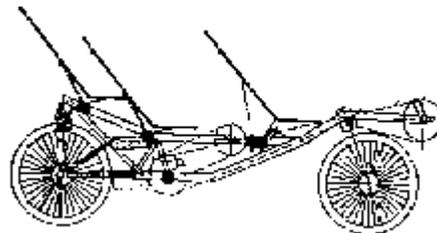
Since the bike was intended as a prototype only. it had to be cheap and quick to build. The main part of the frame is 1.75' exhaust pipe. bent by my local exhaust centre. The forks are by Top Gun and the rear suspension is a couple of elastomer blocks. The suspension is too soft for off-road riding. but gives a nice, Volvo-like ride on the road. The seat is a bent piece of 2-5mm aluminium sheet.

For the solar cycle, I intended to add an outrigger wheel to one side and mount the solar panel between the bike and the outrigger. Experimentation with this configuration has exposed several problems and I have reverted to a more common trike design for the solar cycle. However. this bike has turned out to be the nicest-to-ride bike I have built so far and I expect it to stay around for a while. It should be at the HPV Challenge and may even have a coat of paint by then.

Now, If I can only remember that on a bike you have to put your feet down when you stop.

## ON THE DRAWING BOARD

1. Duncan Cleland has a tandem recumbent ordered from builder Wayne Kotzur and the HUFF belt buckle camera snapped this photo of the rough sketch at a recent meeting. Duncan hopes to ride the tandem in the Round lie Bay in a Day 210km ride in October. Hopefully we'll have a real life photo of the bike in action for the next issue.
2. Brett Edwards has a full Greenspeed fairing which he is installing on his Greenspeed Trike. A few minor problems such as making up suitable brackets and working out how to get in and out but the fully faired trike should be on the road soon.
3. Peter Heal is building a Low bike using the front suspension of a Moulton and skinny 16" and 20" tyres. He hopes to have this finished for the Challenge along with a full fairing.



1. Harry Gordon showed off his new front wheel drive bent at the recent six hour event in Canberra, which is very low and has a low profile but suffers from pedal induced steering effect. More development required here Harry thinks.
2. Peter Heal is also up to his arm pits in Polystyrene once again, this time he's trying to make a front nose cone mould so that a Generic front fairing can be produced for members that will fit most SWB recumbents.  
More on this later.



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3. Several Canberra members are at work constructing a suitable oven to blow mould clear plastic fairings and it would be interesting to know how many other members would be interested in obtaining such an item. If any one has any details of other recumbent projects that they feel the rest of the OZHPV membership would be interested in, please snap off a photo, write down a few notes and get in touch with Peter Heal ([heal@cyberone.com.au](mailto:heal@cyberone.com.au)) and we'll put it in the next issue.



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## OzHPV AGM

At the upcoming Annual General meeting to be held during the HPV Challenge the following positions will be available. To be eligible, one must have email access:

Committee Members President (Currently Wayne Kotzur)  
Vice President:(not filled)  
Secretary:(Currently Leanne McKay)  
Treasurer:(Currently Duncan Cleland)  
Public Officer:(Currently Donald Thomas)  
nb must be ACT Resident for legal purposes.

Sub committee Members  
Newsletter Editor: (Currently Damien Clarke)  
Membership: (Currently Lyndsay Segal)  
State Co-ordinators  
NSW, QLD, TAS, WA, SA, ViC, ACT

## **Presidents Address**

OzHPV was formed with the intention of spreading the creed of human powered transport, and relieving the workload of the keen but few active members who organise the The HPV Challenge. At the end of the first incorporated year, OzHPV has survived and now has a permanent newsletter, two annual events and a series of local rides. We have been able to participate in two criteriums as crowd warmers for the Pacific Power Cycle classic as it wound its way down the coast and into Canberra, as well as a local set of criteriums at Tuggeranong. Members have attended a number of public events - racing at french Day at the National Gallery, displays at the Solar boat races, world environment day and a significant number of recreational rides on the Pedal Power ACT calendar. We also have received a Sport and Recreation grant to produce a video on recumbents and other human powered vehicle this year.

The HPV Challenge, previously the focus of our group, now practically runs itself, and many recumbent riders return year-after-year to meet and compete in the series of events spread over the weekend. It is an unusually laid-back event that aims to encourage everyone to have a go, from the novice to the committed racer. The Challenges are short and some are quite 'novel'. This contrasts with our latest event - the Canberra Six Hour - which was run this July as a test -bed for a longer marathon to involve all types of cyclist. While a good test of new software written by Damien Clarke, numbers were low (primarily because we wanted the presence of ACT riders only). Achievement was based on the total distance travelled around the 2.6km course - with one solo and one team effort achieving more that 180km. It will again be run in the spring or autumn as an annual event, probably in conjunction with other clubs. This time the course will be longer, flatter and more public.

OzHPV was formed as a national umbrella group for all HPV organisations, and we are keen to have the Challenge and other events move around the country. OzHPV would be pleased to hear from groups who may wish to host an event or have an idea that we may be able to develop.

May you have a tailwind, Wayne Kotzur

## **Membership Report**

OzHPV Inc. membership details as follows:

NSW 24, ACT 15, QLD 4, SA 1, TAS 1, VIC 11, WA, TOTAL 57



## Financial Report

### Balance Sheet

As of 19/8/98 (in Aus. Dollars) 26/8/98 Page 1

Bank,Cash,CC Accounts 19/8/98

Acct Balance

#### ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts

OzHPV 1,612.17

Raffle 1,875.86

TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts 3,488.03

TOTAL ASSETS 3,488.03

#### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

LIABILITIES 0.00

EQUITY 3,488.03

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 3,488.03

### Profit & Loss Statement

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Bank,Cash,CC Accounts 5/6/97-

Category Description 19/8/98

#### INCOME/EXPENSE

##### INCOME

6 Hour Ride Event 239.08

adjustment 4.00

Challenge 751.45

Funding from Sponsor 750.00

Interest income 2.49

Membership 640.00

Prior Period Income 2,245.64

Raffle Income 1,825.10

TOTAL INCOME 6,457.76

## **EXPENSES**

Bank charges	17.55
Challenge Expenses	685.85
Equipment	369.74
First Aid Donations	100.00
Insurance	415.00
OzHPV 6 Hour Bike Ride	752.93
Photos	6.95
Postage	185.70
Printing & Stationery	354.69
Raffle Expenses	81.32
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,969.73
TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE	3,488.03

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## **Melbourne HPV Riders Group**

Local contact: Steve Nurse

Contact Steve Nurse on 0394818290, or email [cesnur@eisa.net.au](mailto:cesnur@eisa.net.au)

Web page <http://www.mame.mu.oz.au/~jeremyl/recumbent.html>

The Melbourne HPV group have had 2 successful meetings / rides so far, about 10-15 people have attended. Most rides are held on the second Sunday of the month.

Next ride:

September 13. meet 10:00am, depart 10:15am, at Quarries Playground, Clifton Hill, Melways Map 2d, ref 2c meet at the Rotunda. Ride On Bike tracks along the Yarra, a 20k / 2hr. ride. BBQs at the playground, if you want to stay for lunch.

October 11: On the Mornington Peninsula, Ben Goodall will organise this one.

October 25: Round the Bay in a Day: A big ride, you have to be fit (210km) 2 of us have entered and will travel Melbourne-Sorrento - Melbourne on recumbents. Anyone want to join us at the start? Entries for Melbourne - Queenscliffe-Melbourne already closed.

Entries for Melbourne-Sorrento-Melbourne probably won't close but Bike Vic say to get in your entries asap to avoid uncertainty. Plenty of spaces open at the moment, (1/9/98) (Contact Bike Vic 9328 3000 to enter, then Steve Nurse)

November 1: If there is enough interest, Ian Knox and Steve Nurse will organise a Pre-HPV Challenge set of races around AFL Park.

November 7-8: OzHpv challenge. Biggest gathering of HPV enthusiasts in Australia. Great fun, excellent facilities, camping onsite, make it if you can.

## **Sydney Recumbent Riders Group**

Local contact: Ian Humphries Phone 0298453988(w) or 0295502805(h) or Email [IanH@nch.edu.au](mailto:IanH@nch.edu.au)

Web Page: <http://sunsite.anu.edu.au/community/ozhvp/srriders.htm>

Cycle Sydney Sept 20th - I've had a few more replies so a reasonable group of us will assemble at the start at North Sydney \*further details of meeting place to follow\* A BNSW ride from North Sydney to Parramatta via Homebush participation as a recumbent group encouraged, or ride at your own pace and meet up at the finish in Parramatta Park. If you know of anyone not on email who may be coming along on a recumbent let them know to look out for us. Remember FREE public transport for participants via ferry or SRA trains to and from home or back to North Sydney! For more details ring the BNSW info line on 1800 686 854 or visit [www.ozemail.com.au/~bikensw/cycsyd.html](http://www.ozemail.com.au/~bikensw/cycsyd.html)

Saturday October 17 - 9am to 11am Parramatta Park - a pre-HPV Challenge get-together, with a scenic group ride leaving Parramatta Park at 11am. Meet at the causeway, near the river at the northern end of the park on the main loop around the park. Meeting cancelled if raining at 7:30am. Contact Ian November - No SRR ride in November so visit the HPV Challenge in Canberra to satiate your HPV chat muscles.

Saturday and Sunday November 7th and 8th.

The HPV Challenge - the best get together of recumbent owners, riders and builders in Australia - not to be missed ! A full two days of events, riding and socialising! Find the HPV of your dreams here! View and ride the new recumbents being made by new Australian commercial producers. (3 new home-grown trike makers this year alone! Check out the updated OzHPV web page for more details)

<http://sunsite.anu.edu.au/community/ozhvp/>

Saturday December 19 - 9am to 11am Centennial Park - a social get-together, with a scenic group ride leaving the Park at 11am. Meet at the Cafe on the main loop around the park. Meeting cancelled if raining at 7:30am. Contact Ian H

## **Tasmanian Recumbent Enthusiasts Group**

Contact: Richard Hoad 0364247210 or email Timothy Smith [timotsc@vision.net.au](mailto:timotsc@vision.net.au)

Web site: <http://sunsite.anu.edu.au/community/ozhvp/tas/index.htm>

Monthly social get together to talk about HPV's (what else).

Meeting dates: Sunday 6th September, Sunday 4th October, Sunday 1st November

No rides organised as yet.

## **WA Recumbent Riders Group**

Contact: Geoff Law Email: [glaw@eagles.com.au](mailto:glaw@eagles.com.au)

Web site: <http://oceandigital.com.au/bent/wabent.html>

Rides

Sunday 13th & 27th September. Meet 8.00am at "Gino's" Café South Terrace Fremantle.

Sunday 11th October. As above.

Sunday 8th & 22nd November. As above.

## **Queensland - Brisbane Recumbent Riders Group**

Contact: Ray Hembrow 0738432729(h) Email [rhembrow@qcomnsh1.telstra.com.au](mailto:rhembrow@qcomnsh1.telstra.com.au)

Web site. <http://sunsite.anu.edu.au/community/ozhvp/qldhvp/index.htm>

Great Brisbane Bike Ride, October 4th, 8.30am, City Botanical Gardens, Alice St, City, entry fee applies& for groups of 5 riders, 1 rides free.

Contact Ray Hembrow 07 3843 2729 [after 6.00 pm a/h to co-ordinate a group.

## **South Australia - Adelaide**

Contact: Grant Selleck Email: [grant.sellek@roads.sa.gov.au](mailto:grant.sellek@roads.sa.gov.au)

In suspended animation at present due to Ian Knox's emigration to Melbourne (Bloody Geoff Kennett - steals everything good)

## **OzHPV Canberra**

Contact: Peter Heal 0262884104(h) Email [heal@cyberone.com.au](mailto:heal@cyberone.com.au)

Rides

Sunday 13th September. Meet 10.00am at Acton ferry terminal for an easy social ride.

Sunday 4th October. Same time, same place. Family & kids ride. Filming of promotion video.

Sunday 25th October. Round The Bay in a Day 210km ride in Victoria as a group. If interested contact: [Duncan@ces.com.au](mailto:Duncan@ces.com.au)

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th November The OzHPV Challenge. Be there or be a Wedgie.