



Melbourne to Warrnambool & Shipwreck Coast CLASSIC WEEKEND 2010

October 16 & 17

BACKGROUND – TORQ MELBOURNE TO WARRNAMBOOL CLASSIC:

- ◆ The Melbourne to Warrnambool Cycling Classic was first held in 1895.
- ◆ It is the world's second-oldest bike race.
- ◆ The classic is also the Southern Hemisphere's longest one-day bike race, at 262kms.
- ◆ It will be held on Saturday, October 16, starting at Werribee Racecourse at 7.30am. and finishing in Warrnambool's Raglan Parade around 2.30pm.
- ◆ The course will take in 30 towns and regions along the way, with intermediate sprints and hill climbs at each.
- ◆ The event will be contested by about 200 top-flight cyclists from Australia and overseas.
- ◆ Prizemoney will be \$17,000
- ◆ The classic's honor list reads like a Who's Who of Australian cycling, with names like Sir Hubert Opperman, Russell Mockridge, Billy Guyatt, Dean Woods and Simon Gerrans among previous prizewinners.
- ◆ The race was a handicap event for its first 100 years.
- ◆ It became a massed start race in 1996, to broaden its overseas appeal and gain inclusion on the International Cycling Union's calendar.
- ◆ The classic is the final leg of the Australian Cycling Federation's national teams series competition, founded in 2008.
- ◆ The Australian Cycling Federation elected the classic as its Event-of-the-Year in 2005.
- ◆ The classic is now a double-header weekend. It incorporates the Cheeseworld 117km Shipwreck Coast Classic on Sunday, October 17.



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CLASSIC HISTORY:

- ◆ The race was first held in 1895. 50 riders entered, 24 started, and only 7 finished.
- ◆ The first race was won by Andrew Calder who received 2 hours' start on the scratchmen. He took 11 hours, 44 minutes, 30 seconds for the 165-mile trip, and was reported to have "got through on eggs, milk, and beef extract".
- ◆ The late Sir Hubert Opperman recorded the fastest time on 3 occasions - in 1924, '26 and '29.
- ◆ Only five overseas riders have won the event - the New Zealanders J Arnst (1903) and P Hill (1922), Switzerland's Daniel Schnider in 1997, Bart Heirewegh, of Belgium, in '98, and Sweden's Jonas Ljungblad in 2005.
- ◆ The late and great Russell Mockridge, double gold medallist at the 1952 Helsinki Olympic Games, clocked fastest time in 1956 and '57. (He rode 5 hours, 47 minutes, 5 seconds in '56.)
- ◆ The race has been held 92 times. Extensive recesses were taken during the war years.
- ◆ It has been run in the reverse direction, from Warrnambool to Melbourne, 32 times.
- ◆ Only two Warrnambool riders, Olympian Michael Lynch (1986) and Jamie Drew (1999 & 2002) have won the Classic.
- ◆ The first woman to finish the race was England's 7-time world champion, Beryl Burton in 1980. Beryl, 43, clocked 7 hours, 11 minutes, 12 seconds.
- ◆ 1901 - Bendigo's Albert Nion pedalled 200 miles to get to the start of the race. He then defied atrocious conditions to win it in 9 hours, 20 minutes, 40 seconds.
- ◆ 1909 - Coburg rider Snowy Munro, 21, embarrassed the Victorian Railways Commissioners by clocking 7 hours, 12 minutes, 51 seconds - 5 minutes faster than the best train time from Warrnambool to Melbourne.
- ◆ The "Warrnambool" was held as a massed start event for the first time in 1996. The surprise winner was Bendigo's Chris White in 6 hours, 44mins, 16secs. Germany's Ralf Grabsch won the newly-introduced sprint championship.
- ◆ Another history-maker - the "Warrnambool" was listed on the UCI calendar in 1997, with 126 rating points.



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CLASSIC HISTORY continued:

- ◆ 1997 -The closest finish in the race's history. Switzerland's Daniel Schnider defeated Dennis Rasmussen, of Denmark, by a centimetre - after 265kms.
- ◆ 1999 - The course was extended by 10kms, and a king of the mountains classification was introduced.
- ◆ 2004 -The "Warrnambool," becomes the world's second oldest bike race (behind Liege-Bastogne-Liege).
- ◆ 2008 - The event is named the grand finale race in the National Teams Series by the Australian Cycling Federation.
- ◆ 2009 - The course reduced to 262kms, with the start at Werribee and the Lakes and Craters region around Camperdown incorporated into the event to make it a genuine European-style classic, and host the finish of the Victorian 200km championship.



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CLASSIC PRIZEMONEY LIST:

A GRADE

1st \$2000	9th \$115
2nd \$1000	10th \$100
3rd \$500	11th \$70
4th \$300	12th \$60
5th \$250	13th \$50
6th \$200	14th \$40
7th \$150	15th \$30

TOTAL: \$5000

B GRADE

1st \$750
2nd \$500
3rd \$300
4th \$200
5th \$150
6th \$100
8th \$135

TOTAL:\$2000

C GRADE

1st \$650
2nd \$450
3rd \$230
4th \$190
5th \$110
6th \$70

TOTAL:\$1700

D GRADE

1st \$550
2nd \$350
3rd \$210
4th \$180
5th \$100
6th \$60

TOTAL:\$1450

FIRST WARRNAMBOOL RIDER:

1st: \$150

2nd: \$75

3rd: \$25

TOTAL: \$250

FIRST FEMALE RIDER:

Trophy and \$50 for the first Female rider

SEW EURODRIVE SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP:

OVERALL:

1st: \$200

2nd: \$150

3rd: \$50

SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS:

1st: 3

2nd: 2

3rd: 1

PRIZES FOR EACH SPRINT:

1st: \$100

2nd: \$60

3rd: \$40

SPRINT LOCATIONS (20)

1. Little River	6. Batesford	11. Cressy	16. Vic 200km Champ
2. You Yangs	7. Stonehaven	12. Berrybank	17. Terang
3. Serendip	8. Murgheboluc	13. Lismore	18. Garvoc
4. Moorabool	9. Inverleigh	14. Chocolyn	19. Panmure
5. Bell Post Hill	10. Hesse	15. Camperdown	20. Allansford

TOTAL SPRINT MONEY: \$5200

CITY MEMORIAL BOWLS CLUB - KING OF THE MOUNTAINS CHAMPIONSHIP:

OVERALL:

1st: \$100

2nd: \$60

3rd: \$40

HILL CLIMB POINTS:

1st: 3

2nd: 2

3rd: 1

PRIZES FOR EACH HILL CLIMB:

1st: \$100

2nd: \$60

3rd: \$40

HILL CLIMB LOCATIONS (7)

1. Elcho Park	3. Murgheboluc	5. Lake Kariah	7. Lake Bullen Merri
2. Dog Rocks	4. Inverleigh	6. Camperdown	

TOTAL KING OF THE MOUNTAINS MONEY: \$1400

GRAND TOTAL: \$17,000