

February 2020 – CLUB NEWS

Club Management

The Ride Calendar

On Saturday 7th March, ride start times change and commence later. The 34km, 35km, and 40km ride commence at 6:30am and all other rides at 7am.

The Club's website shows all starting times and information on rides. Particularly with Sunday rides, check the e-calendar to confirm the scheduled ride is going ahead and who is the ride leader.

Cycling – traffic rules and ride safety

Here is a refresher on QLD Transport rules that apply to riders.

Offences common to both bicycle riders and motorists include:

- failing to stop at a red traffic light
- disobeying a 'no U-turn' sign at an intersection
- failing to stop at a 'stop' sign at an intersection
- using a mobile phone

Common offences specific to bicycle riders include:

- failing to give way to pedestrians on a footpath or shared path
- failing to display a light at night or in hazardous weather conditions
- failing to wear an approved helmet

A dangerous practice we want to change is riders not stopping at a 'stop-sign' and riding past the lead rider who has stopped.

If you are riding in the middle or at the back of a ride group beware that the lead rider is required to stop at a "Stop Sign" and you need to slow down to avoid a collision.

The same principle applies at a round-about. Beware that the lead rider could stop, you need to slow down to avoid a collision and ideally ride safely behind the lead rider through a round-about.

Club Culture

Our Club has the title 'touring' (not racing) in the name and it's important to reflect on what this implies. Tour-riding is about riders staying together, supporting each other and respecting the safety of fellow riders. The SCBTC is a club for members to enjoy riding in the company of like-minded people.

Important to a successful culture is being respectful to fellow club members and not using inappropriate language or riding dangerously.

If members experience riding behaviour that they believe is unacceptable from another rider then they should bring it to the attention of the ride leader or the management committee for action.

Events

The next **After Ride Social Event** will be at Bli Bli, Muller Park on 7 March and there will be a coffee van onsite. Ride leaders, plan your ride to have coffee at the end of the ride to allow riders to mingle with other club members.

Stay safe on the bike,

Michael Jacobson

President SCBTC.