



Upcoming events

-  Sunday Social Ride
June 26
-  Barkly Challenge
July 16 - 17
-  Top End Gran Fondo
August 14
-  Hot Dog Criterion
2016 Mitchell St Mile
September 18



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Darwin Cycling Club
current membership

154

▲ 68 members

Blue Cycles Bark Hut Classic

Sunday 19 June 2016 saw the return of the Bark Hut Classic. This iconic race was last held in 2012 but has languished for the last few years. The event is a handicap race which gives all contestants the opportunity of the chance for victory and to claim the men's or women's trophy.

Over 50 riders started the 81.2km course which, like 2012, started and finished at the Bark Hut Inn at Annaburroo. The race headed east along the Arnhem Highway with a turnaround about 5kms into the Kakadu National Park. The weather conditions were near to perfect with a fine, cool morning (for Darwinites!) and a slight westerly breeze at the start. The field consisted of a wide range of riding ability with the first group of riders setting out at 6:45am with groups being sent out at intervals according to their speed rated handicaps with the scratch group at a 40kph handicap moving out at 7:19am.

It was great to see the diversity of riders in the event with riders of all ages, male and female and from beginners through to Darwin's elite riders which included Matt King, a past U23 Road Time Trial Australian Open Champion in scratch and who, through his bike shop Blue Cycles, supported the event. Thanks Matt.

The handicapper certainly did a great job because the finish saw most groups come together for the sprint, with the 37kph group just missing out by a few metres and scratch coming in behind them with a very impressive 41.4kph average. The women's winner came from the first group on the road while the men's winner came from the 35kph group.

The winner of the women's was Jenna Dennison with Darby Currie in 2nd and Sonia Waller in 3rd. The men's winner was Phil Cousins with Christian James in 2nd and John McChrystal in 3rd. Both the men's and women's winners were first time race winners and very deserved indeed.



Congratulations to all the place getters and also to every participant who gave their all. I think that everyone would agree that it was a great event as well as good fun. A shout out to all those that also came to support and encourage the riders.

Many thanks to the organisers of the event but most particularly to Fiona Crompton and Nicki Howley from Darwin Cycling Club, and Simon Murphy from Alice Springs Cycling Club who volunteered their time to be Commissaires. Thanks also to Alex Kersemakers and Pam Clarke for their valuable assistance in the event, and Mark Ashley who did a great job organising the necessary permits and traffic management plans.

Darwin Cycling Club is proud to reintroduce this event back into the cycling calendar and looks forward to staging it in the years to come.



Sunday social ride

Our third club social ride is being held this Sunday 26 June. We're riding the 2016 Sunbuild Top End Gran Fondo route, averaging 25-30 kph with a few stops along the way (approx 120 km.) Lights are required as it's a 6 am (sharp) start from the Waterfront, finishing back at the Waterfront. This is the last social ride before the Fondo on 14 August. Join in and support your club.

All welcome and you don't have to be a club member to come along.



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Barkly Challenge

The dates for the Barkly Challenge have changed - now on 16 & 17 July.

Registrations for this will be opening soon.



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