

**2007 ANNUAL REPORT
OUR 29TH - ONE SHORT OF 30**

If I'd been running I'd have loved Hotham. These are the days you remember forever. If you walk down a street in the sun, so what, it happens every week, but run for your life in minus 9° wind chill factor, get tossed about and when it's all over, REFLECT, you've achieved, you've suffered and been tolerant. That's why 4 peaks people are such a wonderful lot.

Hotham brings to the fore the need to have a sensible jacket with a hood and light gloves.

My thanks to all the newbies who tried us out, thanks to all the returnees and my so very loyal group of helpers. We CANNOT FUNCTION without these unpaid heroes. Please treat them with the utmost of respect. Congratulations to all our winners. Its taken 29 years but you'll all be in our photo album so year by year you can see yourselves grow younger???

Two new record holders. Kathryn Ewels creates new records on Mystic and Buffalo. Brian Pepper created a new record on Mystic but failed to better the Buffalo time by 4 seconds.

Lifts off Hotham. I don't wish to go into this again. What's happened is history. I absolutely bear no grudge. I hope these people show compassion and return in 2008. They'd be extremely welcome.

Sorry there was a lack of water on Buffalo. The service isn't being treated and our carted in water fell over with a loose top. My fault.

Donors. Blood type made of paper. I don't like elaborating on this topic although I am eternally grateful. I am totally committed to providing an event with the most affordable entry fee possible, added in love and affection and understanding of how people like to be treated. I don't wish to make people feel that donations are the going thing. The lovely ladies sold \$2005 of T-Shirts ensuring 2008's fee is \$10.

One chap asked, "What do I do with ALL this money." A perfectly good question considering the graft in every walk of life. Firstly, at \$2.50 a day, what money? Hands up those that eat about \$2.50 worth of food by 3 days. Simply put, we eat a lot of it. About 120 entrants pay \$5, many pay \$2. We do have to purchase our T-Shirts, like \$1200. I give the chamber \$700 for insurance and printing. There's \$200 to Wandi park, hopefully to help with new toilets for 2008. So girls, save it all up for Wandi? I'm not hanging by my short and curlsies waiting. There's postage. I like to help worthy causes and people. Peta Mullens is our U15 and U19 record holder on many hills. A lovely girl now turned her energy to the bike and she's in the AIS team and we help her. \$150 to Wandi School, \$100 to Punka school and so it goes on. I HATE waste and let me assure you, nothing is wasted and I am accountable for every cent. I am fully self-funded and get no financial assistance from anyone.

Lost property. One blue towel, one cooper's hat.

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It's taken 29 years, at last I got a male kiss. If he returns in 2008 could he disguise himself to look like Elle McPherson with a body like Dolly Parton. Can't wait!

I do hope to see you all in 2008. Perhaps as a present you could all write clearly. Many won't get their emails because we can't read your bloody address.

My job is to supply the best possible event for your dollars. I can always improve, but please direct any problems to me and not your friend, and again, please respect our helpers. With war and sadness in much of the world, it's imperative our small band stays loving and kind to each other so that as you leave us I feel I've been instrumental, in my small way of making you feel good.

Elaine and I wish all our helpers, all the newbies and all those that keep on keeping on the best possible Xmas and health and happiness for 2008, our 30th. Bring a friend.

God bless, Reg and Elaine