

Amy Gillett FOUNDATION

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Welcome to the 2008 Q4 AGF newsletter – a quarterly update on the AGF activities and programs to keep you informed. Feel free to pass on to your friends and thanks for your on-going support.

AGF Team



Amy's Ride

The inaugural Amy's Ride in South Australia was a fantastic success, with almost 2000 people riding their bikes and sharing the road from the Flinders Medical Centre to McLaren Vale on Sunday 2 November.



RIDING THE SOUTHERN EXPRESSWAY

South Australia was Amy's home state so many of Amy's friends and team mates took to the road alongside Amy's parents, Mary and Denis Safe. People were extremely excited to ride the Southern Expressway whilst it was closed to other traffic. Bicycle SA, the ride partner and event manager, are to be commended on how well the event was organised, especially considering Amy's Ride had the highest number of participants of any inaugural mass participation bike ride in SA.

The ride generated over \$65,000 for the AGF from registrations and donations, which is an amazing result. Just as pleasing is the fact that 99% of people who responded to the rider survey said they would participate in Amy's Ride SA next year and/or recommend the ride to friends.

Whilst not technically in the last quarter of 2008, we thought we would include a quick report on Amy's Ride Victoria in this newsletter! The 2009 Amy's Ride, proudly supported by CycleCover, took place on Sunday 4 January. Over 2200 people rode the course around the Bellarine Peninsula in perfect summer weather, including Cadel Evans, Cameron McConville, Olivia Gollan and the Jayco Flyers. Many people were returning

for their second, third or fourth Amy's Ride, showing a level of support that is greatly appreciated. Over \$80,000 was raised for the AGF – another outstanding result.

Full event reports and photo galleries for the South Australian and Victorian events can be found on the Amy's Ride pages on our website.

The AGF's goal is to have an Amy's Ride in every state and territory around Australia. The first regional Amy's Ride will be held in Albury on Saturday 7 March as part of the Multisport AlburyCity weekend. Sign up online for either the 40km ride or the challenging 124km ride around the Lake Hume region.



TAKING IN THE VIEWS ON AMY'S RIDE SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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WOMEN'S HUB AT THE BRUNETTI WOMEN'S COFFEE CLUB RIDE



CARLEE TAYLOR

Fundraising

Club 500 continues to grow as we welcomed six new members to the 'club' during the last quarter of 2008.

New members include Tony Fox, Rod Salmon, Margie Barry, David Fox and Mark Hollis – thanks to all of you for your support as we work hard to keep our roads safe.

Club 500 donations have now become much easier, with an online donation facility. To join or renew your membership simply visit the Club 500 page on our website where you can make automatic monthly, quarterly or annual donations from your credit card.

A huge thanks goes out to all the people and organisations that have raised funds for the AGF. School students in South Australia who have been involved with Mary Safe's 'Remembering Amy for a Reason' presentation continue to make donations. A number of events also named the AGF as their benefiting charity in recent months, including the Brunetti Women's Coffee Club Ride, the Scody Teams Plus – Mornington Peninsula, the Freycinet Lodge Challenge and the Tour of the Shipwreck Coast. The next event to support the Foundation is the Peter O'Callaghan Mt Dandenong Challenge – for details visit the events page on our website.

Short Cuts

Road-Right The second year of our learner driver competition, Road Right, is well underway. Over 16,000 entries have been received since August with driving instructors and the internet still the major referral sources. Monthly prize winners to date are Georgina Read (Vic), Daniel Mcleod (Vic), Kara-lee Maloney (NSW) and Isaac Southern (SA). Driving instructor winners are Colin Grieg (SA), Sue Dietrich (Buzz Box Driving School, Vic), Jes Jorgenson (Hastings Driving School, Vic) and Bruce Boswell (City Cross Driving School, ACT).

"Thankyou so very very much!! I can't believe I won! Not only that, I've learned that some things I thought were right were actually really wrong. It's good all round!" Kara-lee Maloney

E-newsletter Our monthly e-newsletter was launched in October and has proven to be extremely popular. The links with the highest activity are related to Amy's Rides and other cycling events, so the e-newsletter is clearly a great opportunity to reach cyclists

AustCycle

AustCycle is the Australian leader in providing cycling training for all people who want to ride bikes for recreation and transport. We help people ride better, more often and more safely.

AustCycle, our joint venture with the Bicycle Federation of Australia and Cycling Australia, has had some exciting developments in the last few months. The full website has gone live at www.austcycle.com.au. A new Project Manager, Allison Maher, has also been appointed and she is working closely with the Board to roll out AustCycle nationally.

The first Provider information and induction sessions were held in NSW, with several organisations now accredited and actively providing cycling training under the AustCycle banner. We welcome Mobile Bike Rental, Nexus Podiatry, Onyabike Cycle Coaching, PedalSafe, Warriorkatt, Sue Webber and TH Imports as the first AustCycle Providers.

A limited number of DECC Cycling Vouchers, each worth \$360 (plus GST), are now available FREE to NSW local councils, community groups and employers, thanks to the Department of Environment and Climate Change. Vouchers are for adult AustCycle training courses, from beginners to experienced riders. For info contact DECC at OnYourBike@environment.nsw.gov.au.

and inform them about the AGF's road safety initiatives. If you haven't received a copy, or know someone who would like to subscribe, you can sign up at www.amygillett.org.au.

Annual Report The 2007-08 annual report is now available. Produced by Floate Design Partners and printed by Stream Solutions, the theme of the report is 'Counting the Cost'. We asked what it costs to be visible on our roads and the answer is extremely little, especially when compared to the costs of being invisible (such as a hospital stay following an accident). The annual report comes with a poster that is ideal for displaying in an office or school – if you would like additional copies please contact our office.

Program Manager In January the AGF farewells Suzannah Pearce, who has been our Program Manager since August. Suzannah will be returning to the world of publishing and we thank her for the contributions she has made to the Foundation in recent months. A new Program Manager will be appointed shortly.

Amy Gillett Scholarship

Nominations are now open for the 2009 Amy Gillett Scholarship. One talented Australian woman cyclist will be selected to join Australia's AIS High Performance Program overseas to compete internationally and will receive financial and in-kind support as she endeavours to launch her cycling career.

The scholarship is a partnership between the Foundation and Cycling Australia and honours the memory of Amy by supporting young female cyclists who share her sporting and life goals. Selection criteria and application forms are available on our website and nominations must be received by 5pm Friday 20th February.

There has been exciting news for some of the past recipients of the Amy Gillett Scholarship. 2007 recipient Carla Ryan, who signed to European professional team Cervelo Lifeforce, completed a rare double at the recent Scody Australian Open Road Cycling Championships in Buninyong (Victoria). On Wednesday 7 January Carla won the Australian time trial, the second time that she has done so, coming in ahead of AGF Ambassador Alexis Rhodes and Olympic gold medallist Kathy Watt. Carla backed up her win with another victory on Saturday 10 January, this time in the road race. The only other female to have won the double at the national championships is Oenone Wood.

2008 recipient Carlee Taylor has also had good news. Following her strong performances in Europe last year she has been offered an AIS scholarship which will enable her to travel and compete throughout 2009, with the USA being her first destination. We wish all our Amy Gillett Scholarship cyclists well for the coming season and look forward to announcing the name of the 2009 recipient in March.



AMY GILLETT JERSEY

Cycling Kit

The AGF cycling kit is selling like hotcakes, and it was great to see so many people wearing the 'safe together' message at Amy's Ride in Victoria. Jersey, knicks and arm warmers can be ordered online at www.bodytorque.com.au. Alternatively, if you join Club 500 you will receive a free jersey.

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