



April 2026 Newsletter

A Message from the Chair

I hope everyone has had a great first quarter of 2026. So far this year the club has hosted an overnight event in Tenterfield, established a racing sub-committee to contribute to the 2026 Interclub Series, and continued to run a strong social riding schedule.

At our recent April Board meeting, we discussed how we went achieving the goal we set for ourselves in 2025:

Offer value for membership by providing regular scheduled rides for all skill levels, social events, bunch skills training to build confidence by 31 March 2026.

Overall feedback from the NRCC members at the meeting was that we have done a great job with our social schedule, and most notably, everyone agreed it was great to see members using the WhatsApp community to organise social rides.

We agreed that as a club we had not organised bunch skills training, and we needed to do more activities 'off the bike' to encourage members to meet and get involved. We also agreed that while we have a great social ride schedule, we need to provide more options for newer members who may not have met other riders yet, or those that are less confident with bunch riding.

As a result of this conversation, we have set some goals for April – June 2026, and these are:

- Organise a social event 'off the bike'!
- Set a regular ride at an easier pace – Wednesday fortnightly a slow-paced ride from Brown's Creek Carpark, Lismore to Numulgi Hall & Return, finishing with coffee in town.

We will keep you informed about these events via emails, socials and our website as we lock in the details.

AGM. We will be holding the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Sunday 21 June 2026. This is where the current Board will disband, and a new board for FY26/27 will be established.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of the 25/26 Board and our regular volunteers for their contributions to continuing to establish NRCC. It has been a mammoth achievement to get our small community where it is today, and it is all thanks to the hours put in by a small group of dedicated volunteers. Your work does not go unnoticed, and I look forward to seeing the new board being established in June and the plans for the next FY.

Have you ever thought about getting involved with the club, but not sure where to start? We would love to have you. Many hands make light work, and we need some fresh volunteers for the new FY. It does not have to be as a formal Board member – just coming along to any NRCC meetings or being involved in social rides or events are a few ways to show your support for our growing club. If you are interested in getting involved, reach out to any [current Board members](#) or pop a message in the WhatsApp Community General Chat to register your interest.



Thank you all for your support. See you out on the bike!

Best,

Larissa

AusCycling & NRCC Membership



Thank you to our ongoing members! At the time of this newsletter, we have **69 members** current members and 17 of these are female members.

Many of you may have recently received an email from AusCycling advising that your membership was due for renewal. Most members opt for a 12 monthly renewal schedule, while there is also the option to renew month by month.

There are many membership options including Racing, Lifestyle, Social – so check out the details to make sure your membership is the best option for you.

A few of our regular members have had their membership lapse in the last month or so – so a friendly reminder to check your emails & jump onto TidyHQ to review your current memberships.

Automatic Membership. Those of you with automatic renewal set up, you will receive an email a few days before your renewal date, advising that your automatic membership payment will be automatically processed in the coming days.

A reminder that you can manage your profile, including automatic payment settings, by logging into [TidyHQ](#).

NRCC Members & Event Participation

A big shout out to all NRCC members who rode in the [Tour de Brisbane](#) on 12 April! Members reported some incredible results, new PBs, and shared some great pics in the WhatsApp Community.

A few members also participated in the [Against the Wind](#), 350KM ride across the Northern Rivers, a distance representing the amount of domestic violence calls made in NSW each day.

We also have the [Police Legacy Remembrance Bike Ride](#) coming up on 29-31 May that some of our members regularly support. Riding from Sydney to Canberra, the group will cover 300km over 3 days.

What other events have we missed? We would love to hear about events our members are involved in – so let us know in the WhatsApp Community, share some pictures, let us know about the cause and how we can support you, and share your results!



Interclub Series

NRCC has committed to hosting an event for the 2026 Interclub Series, on the weekend of 21-22 August 2026. The event will be a **hill-climbing event** up the famous Koonoorigan climb.

This event will be the first of its kind within this series, and we are so excited to invite all the participating clubs to our local stomping ground to compete.

The Interclub Series is shaping up to have a great variety of events, and this year both Coffs Harbour Cycling Club and Inverell Cycling Club have accepted the invitation to participate in the Series. Please note a rough schedule below, with some dates TBC:

- 30-31 May – Road Race hosted by Grafton Cycling Club
- 27 June – Crit Race hosted by Coffs Harbour Cycling Club
- Dates TBC – Crit Event hosted by Inverell Cycling Club
- 22-23 August – Hill Climb Event hosted by NRCC
- September (Dates TBC) – Crit Carnival hosted by Byron Bay Cycling Club
- (Dates TBC) – Individual & Team Time Trials hosted by Yamba Cycling Club

Keep an eye on the [NRCC What's On page](#) for more information on the 2026 Interclub Series and events hosted by other clubs.

Lismore Base Hospital + NRCC Partnership

NRCC is exploring an opportunity to create an ongoing partnership with NNSW Health and University Centre for Rural Health for visiting staff and students visiting the area to have an opportunity for NRCC membership. Renato has been working on some amazing website updates that will outline information on local places to explore, bike shops and hire, and the recommended food and coffee spots to help visiting staff and students feel more welcome in our community.

Check out more information on the [NRCC + NSW Health page](#).

Northern Rivers Velo

[NR Velo](#) offers cycle coaching at the Lismore Kart Track, organised by NRCC member and qualified cycle coach, Gratian Punch. The sessions offer skills training for both juniors and adults in a safe, enclosed environment to build cycling confidence.

At the last session, juniors learned new skills like track stands, bunny hops, riding in pairs, and taking a drink of water while riding. Adults learned skills like cornering, figure 8's, and did some negative split laps and some sprint work.

Email admin@NRVelo.com.au for more information on the next session or contact Gratian through the NRCC WhatsApp Community.

Board Meetings

Our Board meets on the third Wednesday, every second month, 6PM at the Lismore Workers Club.

Our next meeting will break from this routine, as we will instead hold the AGM on **Sunday 21 June** after a social ride. All members and their families are welcome to attend both the AGM, and our regular Board meetings.

We are yet to confirm the location of the AGM but please put the date in your calendar & be part of shaping the Northern Rivers Cycling Club!

Check out the Board meeting schedule [here](#). You can also read previous meeting minutes [here](#).

Racing Sub-Committee

NRCC has established a sub-committee to organise our contribution to the 2026 Interclub Series and chat all things racing! If you are interested, come along! The next meeting will be confirmed shortly, but if you are interested, let us know in the WhatsApp Community General Chat! Everyone is welcome – even those who have not raced before. We always need non-racing volunteers and cheerleaders!

Upcoming Events: April – June 2026

As well as our weekly ride schedule, we have some other events coming up for April – June:

- 26 April – Social Hill Climb Recon
 - More info can be found in the WhatsApp Community General Chat & socials.
- 1 May – Full Moon Ride 6PM, South Lismore
- 30-31 May – 2026 Interclub Series – Road Race hosted by Grafton Cycling Club
- 27 June – 2026 Interclub Series - Crit Race hosted by Coffs Harbour Cycling Club



Social Rides

We are planning on adding a new social ride to our schedule. Starting at a fortnightly frequency on Wednesday mornings from 6AM, we will have an easy pace ride from Brown's Creek Carpark, Lismore, riding out to Numulgi Hall & Return, finishing with a coffee in town.

This ride is for all abilities, and those new to bunch riding. Come along and meet other riders and club members.

Let us know what other rides you might like to see by contacting us on our socials, or via email info@nrcc.org.au.

A reminder that we also have our [Full Moon Ride](#) on each month, this is an easy, no drop rail trail ride departing the South Lismore Train Station at 6PM. This ride is a great one to meet members of NRCC and enjoy a social pace. Please invite your friends and family along, we would love to see you there.

Next Full Moon Ride is on **Friday 1 May 2026**.

We also have the regular [Friday Jiggi Ride](#) which is also a flat, no drop, social ride out to Jiggi and return, finishing with coffee in town. Come along and join us on a social club ride!

If you have not joined us before, or are new to bunch riding – check out the [Riding with Us](#) page that details some safety precautions and ride rules.

Social Media

We hope you are all enjoying our social posts. We would love to post about our members participating in events, so we recently put a post in the WhatsApp Community asking for those who participated in the Tour de Brisbane to share some photos and stories from the event for us to put on socials.

We want to make sure that everyone consents to having their images put up online – so from now, after an event, we will put a post in the WhatsApp Community asking for those

interested in being featured to give us a thumbs up to let us know. We want to keep our socials up to date to share the amazing achievements of our members and encourage new members to join us, so if you do see this request on WhatsApp and want to be featured, please let us know!

Feel free to share photos in the WhatsApp Community and note 'not for socials' if there is anything you do not want us to put online.

Thanks!

Thanks to our Sponsors!

Thank you to our [sponsors](#) for their ongoing support to our club. As a non-profit club, NRCC appreciates the support from all of our key sponsors who share our vision.



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