## **ROAD MARSHALS BRIEF**

Road Marshals have an important role in directing cyclists and keeping them safe. Let them know if there is a car coming etc. Marshals **don't** have the authority to control vehicular traffic. There will nevertheless be approved traffic control signage at certain locations along main roads. The law also requires drivers to keep a certain minimum distance from cyclists.

Some Marshals are rostered on for the Saturday event. They should report to David Byfield, Wollundry Rotary, at the Wagga Beach carpark between 8:00 and 9:30am on Saturday morning for instructions and their specific location. The Mystery Ride starts at the main stage area Riverside Precinct at 10:30am, which means there should be plenty of time from 9:30am to get to your location on the course around Wagga (tba by David).

Marshals who are rostered on for Sunday morning should report to David at the registration tent at Victory Memorial Gardens on Saturday afternoon between 1:00 and 6:00pm for instructions. If you haven't already you will be advised of where and when you are rostered on for and will be given a copy of the Traffic Marshals Handbook (which includes maps of the courses). This Handbook is paramount to the riders safety and yours, so please read it.

The first Sunday in October heralds the start of Daylight Savings. The time on the Sunday roster is Daylight Savings Time. Don't forget to put your clock forward one hour last thing on Saturday night. The Traffic Marshals Handbook might also help you get to sleep.

You will be given a hi-viz reflective vest (if you don't have one of your own) and a flag-stick. Those who are rostered on at an Aid Station will also be given water and energy food for the cyclists. The vest, flag-stick and any left-overs should be returned after you have finished (through any Wollundry Rotarian). There may also be a porta-loo at an Aid Station.

Things you should/could bring with you:

- Mobile phone
- Chair
- Hat, sunscreen
- Water, morning tea, thermos
- (if you are at an Aid Station) small table, a roll of toilet paper
- Ventolin puffer (if you have one).

If someone comes along needing medical assistance etc., the following contact back at the Event base can coordinate a response such as an ambulance: David Byfield 0418 298 708. There is also a Sag Wagon (with a First Aid Kit, some spare tyre tubes and a pump) following along behind the last cyclist in each event. When the Sag Wagon comes along it will be time to pack up.

If you see a sign Navy Blue with 130 on it then that indicates the direction for the Dirty 130. If you see a

Pink sign with 70 on it then that is for the Salty 70. Some cyclists don't mind the dirt. They are encouraged to bring their own supply of spare tyre tubes.

Volunteers are entitled to free entry upon arrival at the Festival entrance afterwards at Victory Memorial Gardens. They will give you a wrist band if you explain that you are a volunteer Marshal (they should have a copy of the roster at the gate). Unfortunately this does not mean free food and drinks, but there is music to be enjoyed in a festival atmosphere. The Festival is open to the general public, not just cyclists, and cyclists' entry is included in their event registration fee.

Thank you for volunteering to assist as a Marshal around the cycle courses this weekend. It's amazing how appreciative the cyclists are that we are scattered around the course for them. It really adds a personal touch to the event which caters for all levels of cycling involvement and helps them have fun. Your involvement as a volunteer Marshal is much appreciated. Have fun yourself too.