
MEDIA ALERT

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Bobbin Head Cycling Classic alert! Sunday, March 26

More than 2000 cyclists of varying ages - and stages of fitness - will converge on Karuah Oval, Turramurra, this Sunday for the sixth Bobbin Head Cycle Classic.

Considered the toughest and most beautiful bike ride in the state – if not the country - the affectionately-known “Bobbo” offers four different levels of difficulty, starting with a sedate 27-kilometre social ride and advancing to the real pedal-pushing endurance test – the 104-kilometre slog - which rewards the dedicated with spectacular views around West Head.

The 104-kilometre ride begins before sunrise at 6.30 am, followed by the 80 km at 7 am, the 57 km ride at 7.10 am and the 27 km at a civilised 7.20 am. All rides start and finish at Karuah Oval.

Organised by the Rotary Clubs of Wahroonga, Turramurra, St Ives and Ku-ring-gai, the event aims to raise much-needed funds for various local charities. Lifeline Harbour to Hawkesbury is an event partner and receives 50% of proceeds.

Other beneficiaries are KYDS Youth Development Service, the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women’s Shelter, the Eagles RAPS youth service in Doonside, Bo Children’s Hospital in Sierra Leone, The Cromehurst Foundation and a Rotary project that supports Wheelchairs for Kids.

Veteran cyclist, the former Prime Minister, Tony Abbott, is riding with the San Cyclists - the team from the Sydney Adventist Hospital in Wahroonga. The San team is the biggest so far with 21 cyclists, closely followed by IAG, with 20. Lifeline corporate sponsor, IAG, entered as a team effort because of the company’s stated commitment to building safer, stronger and more confident communities by fostering resilience at work and in the wider community. Part of that commitment is to raise money for suicide prevention and Lifeline’s telephone crisis support service.

Mr Abbott’s wife, Margie Abbott, will also be riding - with her own team. Other women to watch in the male-dominated 104 km field will be ultra-marathon runner and marathon mountain-bike rider, Meredith Quinlan, of Normanhurst, and Anne Goodman, Lifeline’s receptionist at Gordon who, for several years in a row has raised the most money, riding with her team, Bobbipins.

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