



2ND ANNUAL KWIZ FOR THE KIDZ - THURSDAY 22ND APRIL

Join us for another fun trivia night with host Brian Nankervis, the fabulous RockWiz dynamo, and celebrity table captains including Tom Gleisner, Rob Sitch, Jane Kennedy, Glenn Robbins, Ed Kavalee, Wendy Stapleton, Santo Cilauro, Luke Darcy and more!

Hotel Shoppingtown Doncaster
6.30 for 7pm Kwiz start
\$85 per head includes supper
Drinks at bar prices.

To book tickets go to
<http://www.trybooking.com/EDE>

Tables up to 8- we can help with seating
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THE LEARNING FOR LIFE AUTISM CENTRE PROVIDES ABA PROGRAMS TO PRESCHOOL CHILDREN WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER, ALL FUNDRAISING GOES TO SUBSIDISE AS MANY FAMILIES AS WE CAN FIND FUNDS FOR ...SUPPORT OUR EVENTS AND OUR L4LIFE FAMILIES.

Right - the Bay Riders fundraiser was held at a private home on 27th Feb. It was a successful evening with the auction and night raising over \$40,000 to be shared by 4 charities, including L4life. Committee members Mary Muirhead, Melanie Larkey and Mandy Sampson attended a fabulous evening with entertainment from singer Abby Dobson. We thank the organisers and the teams.



2 TEAMS WILL RIDE OVER 500KM EACH FROM ECHUCA TO PORT FAIRY NEXT WEEKEND ...A MAMMOTH EFFORT....THANKS FROM ALL AT L4LIFE!

GOOD LUCK TO BOTH THE L4LIFE/M-POWER TEAM RIDING NEXT WEEKEND (THE FERRIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS) AND THE BAY RIDERS TOO...IT IS GOING TO BE A HOT WEEKEND...NOT SURE IF THAT IS BETTER THAN GETTING SOAKED... HOPEFULLY AS YOU HEAD TOWARDS THE COAST FROM INLAND YOU WILL FEEL THAT COOL WIND BRINGING YOU HOME..... PLEASE SUPPORT THE RIDERS AND L4LIFE BY SPONSORING THE TEAMS

FERRIS FAMILY AND L4LIFE/M-POWER RAISING MONEY FOR L4LIFE AND LOCAL WARNAMBOOL DISABILITY ORGANISATION - GO TO DONATIONS AT WWW.LEARNINGFORLIFE.COM.AU

BAYRIDERS TEAM

-GO TO

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MURRAY TO MOYNE RETROSPECTIVE 2009

Written by Julie Speight ex Olympic rider and L4life team member last year

“During that last 60km into Port Fairy as the rain thrashed down relentlessly and I hung back off the fountain of water spraying up from the wheel in front of me, Jeanette’s words echoed in my rain drenched ears ‘we’re doing it for the kids’. It had taken almost 500km, no sleep and a total soaking to start to really get what that meant and to realise that I could do so much more. The symbolism of what we were doing and whom we were doing it for suddenly hit me harder than the rain. For example we were a team of nine riders amongst nearly 1500 riders, a percentage that mimics the one in 160 kids diagnosed with ASD, we were riding for 24 hours in various weather conditions with only two hours sleep and for the large part didn’t really know what lay ahead of us, which is an uncertainty that I imagine is something families of ASD kids experience as well. However the most poignant comparison for me was when we were two kilometres out from Port Fairy and we encouraged everyone to get out on the road so that we could ride in to Port Fairy together as a united team. I briefly spoke to Michelle about how weird it was to have ridden so far and gone through so much and yet not be gearing up for a big sprint finish; and that’s when the final and probably most symbolic point splashed upon me. You see as a competitive cyclist you don’t really mind going through the suffering of the race as long as there is a finish line and opportunity to win. It was then that I realised that the finish line for the families of kids with ASD and the kids is not a defined line, yet instead it’s an ongoing challenge with many small victories to be achieved along the journey. In the face of that challenge 500km seemed so small.”



World Autism Awareness Day

Autism Victoria will be marching to the State Library to mark World Autism Awareness Day. Once at the library, we will be releasing 1000 multi-coloured balloons representing the individuality of those on the Autism Spectrum and to support the 1000 Hours Campaign.

- * Meet us at Autism Victoria (24 Drummond St, Carlton) at 12pm
- * Thursday 1st April 2010
- * March to library and release balloons @ 1pm
- * If unable to march, meet us at the library @ 12.30pm



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