

Entries for single events will be received on the day if space is still available.

Note: the FOW welcomes participation by all-comers. There are no races!

Early Birds: big advantages!

The closing date for Early Bird entries is 13th October 2008. Early Birds go into the draw for a Giant mountain bike and other prizes.

Also the first 50 Early Birds who wish to return to Castlemaine by steam train will ride in the De Luxe First Class 'Tambo' Carriage.

So if you love cycling we hope to see you in Castlemaine on 25th and 26th October!



Join us for the festival of the wheel



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Castlemaine, Victoria
Oct 25th - 26th 2008

The Festival of the Wheel (FOW) will be a major cycling event with an emphasis on fun, fitness and the environment, in and around Castlemaine.

It will cater for all sorts of cyclists, including road riders and off-road riders, experienced riders and beginners.



Castlemaine and its surrounding villages have many advantages for the FOW:

- some of the best rides in Australia, in the bush and on bitumen roads
- the steam railway and adjacent bike trails



- villages established during the gold rush, such as Maldon, Victoria's first heritage town.

- great cafes and restaurants
- fascinating buildings, streetscapes and the Botanical Gardens



- an artistic community, which hosts a biennial State Festival every two years and supports several galleries
- a variety of quality accommodation, including B&Bs, hotels, motels and caravan parks.
- The presence of the path-breaking Mount Alexander Sustainability Group (MASG) which has 800 members and some exciting renewable energy projects underway.

The FOW is a major fundraising event for the Mount Alexander Sustainability Group. By taking part, you will be supporting our renewable energy and transport projects.

The weekend's activities will include:

Sat: fully-supported rides starting from 11am, from 9km to 92km, including rides for road riders on sealed roads and rides for all others around Castlemaine and, via rail trail, to Maldon. Optional return by steam train or bus.

Sat night: *Cycling's Big Night Out* at the Theatre Royal, with comedy, Early Bird bike draw and film. Dinner and drinks available.

Sun morning: Fun duathlons at the Sunken Oval, near Botanical Gardens.

Sun noon onwards: Don KRC Family Day in Botanical Gardens with music, crazy bike events, clowns and much more.



Early Bird entries close 5pm, 13th Oct 2008.

For detailed information, bookings and inquiries, please go to www.masg.org.au or (03) 5470 6825 or 5470 6891