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Membership information

We would encourage anyone interested in HPV's to join with us. Benefits include our bi-monthly newsletter, HUFF, Personal Accident and Public Liability Insurance on rides and activities presented by the groups.

For more information or an application form feel free to write to the membership secretary. The application form can also be printed from this web page

<http://www.ozhpn.org.au/membership.htm>

Rates:

Single \$25/year
Family \$35/year
International Single \$25/year
International Family \$35/year

On the Internet

To participate in discussions about Australian HPV activities, you may care to join us at
OZHPV@yahoogroups.com

Australian HPV manufacturers

<http://www.ozhpn.org.au/resource.htm>

OzHPV events across Australia

<http://www.ozhpn.org.au/events/events.htm>



OzHPV

To organise and coordinate
Human Powered Vehicle
events in Australia.



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Who Are We?

Oz HPV Inc. is a collection of people in Australia, mainly recumbent cycle riders, who have a keen interest in human powered vehicles (HPV). We conduct local as well as national events/rides, have a bi-monthly newsletter and participate in social issues relating to transport.

HPV riders have a free spirit and this spirit is alive and well in Australia.



Our intention is to promote HPV's as a way to travel and as a way of reducing polluting motorised transport.

What is a HPV?

A HPV is any form of human powered vehicle be it on land, sea or air. Most commonly people equate recumbent cycles with the notion of a HPV but this is too limiting. A human powered flying device, be it pedalled, flapped or blown by the operator is still an HPV. Similarly, a water craft that is paddled, oared, peddled, or cranked is an HPV. We encourage ingenuity with human power as the primary driver in the formula for locomotion.

In our Articles of Incorporation we state that one of our aims is to promote HPV events in Australia. At this stage it is mainly recumbent cycle racing at various levels but we also exist to encourage and help maintain the various State HPV groups around Australia and participate in World Wide forums through the International HPV Association.

We are focusing on recumbent competitions initially because that is the easiest way to demonstrate that the status quo is not necessarily the smartest way to use your energy and have fun when it comes to cycling.

The modern racing bicycle is the product of two arbitrary design constraints laid down by the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) and date from 1934. These constraints are specifically designed to preclude recumbent cyclists

from competition because of their ergonomic and aerodynamic efficiency. The concept of competition as laid down by the UCI, is that they are testing the riders' abilities and that they want to focus on the person to person aspect of the competition as distinct from any engineering advantage. We have no argument with their stated competition basis.

Sadly, recently released information by the UCI indicates that their line of thought could herald the loss of bicycle status and hence the ability to participate in mainstream bicycle competition, for those bicycles incorporating more recent design and engineering advances.

OzHPV Inc is dedicated to organise and promote events which provide an opportunity for those people who want to compete unfettered by a restrictive bicycle formula.

Rider ability and personal involvement are key ingredients. However, we welcome your ingenuity and any engineering changes. We believe that a diversity of HPVs in organised competition will illustrate the alternatives available and raise our public profile.

We also recognise that by far the greater percentage of people have no real intention to make competition their way of life, they just want to find a more comfortable and perhaps easier way to go for a ride.



There are also a great many people who either cannot or do not want to ride a conventional bicycle that can find satisfaction with either the recumbent position or alternatively an upright trike.



Increased mobility, being able to get out in the world under your own steam is one of the very real benefits a free approach to design allows for a very large number of people. Mobility with physical exercise, at your own pace. Regular exercise at almost any level has positive health benefits, with the potential to extend a healthy life span.

With a population, like most of the developed world, that is tending toward a higher percentage of older age groups this could be a very positive thing.

Our Newsletter - HUFF

Whilst our organised rides and competitions are solely focused on cycling, Huff is not. Huff is our mouthpiece to make public our engineering thoughts and inventions. Huff tells you what others are doing; it profiles the personalities in our loose collection and records the spirit of the HPV. International events are reported as are local activities. HUFF is in print and Adobe Acrobat versions sent by email to members.