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TdF Newsletter 21/08/2025

Tour de France Luncheon 14th, August 2025

Hi Fellow Members, past Members and Friends of MJ

I'm a little late in getting out this Newsletter as a follow up to our TdF Luncheon, but what a Luncheon it was, it had everything going for it.

Firstly I'd like to give a special thanks to our Patrons Phil Anderson OAM, Stuart O'Grady OAM & Baden Cooke as well as Scott McGrory OAM for making up the TdF review panel your expert comments were as always spot on.

Thank you to our as I called them very special secret guests, the original Voice of Cycling well before Phil Liggett the one and only Stewart Doyle OAM, it was very special that Stewart came to honour Gordon.

I'd like to thank our other secret special guest firstly for getting Stewart to the Luncheon, none other than possibly the greatest cycling promoter in Australia and the father of the Great Race the Commonwealth Bank Cycling Classic (80's & 90's) along with other great Races Mr. Phillip Bates AM.

Phillip flew down from Sydney and then drove to Stewart's house the day before and then brought Stewart to the Luncheon and that I call an amazing act of 2 great friends so they could honour Gordon.

Special thanks must go to Ray Bowles firstly for his fantastic photos and the part he played in getting both Phill and Stewart to the Luncheon.

It's been awhile since we have had a full house at our functions, but we had an amazing 111 guests in a 100 seat venue, the Pullman pulled out all stops to accommodate us and the service was superb.

Our guests were a variety of riders spanning from the 1950's through to the 2000's covering many overlapping generations a perfect spread who shared experiences with each other and the older generation like a good bottle of Ron Gower Fine Wine they only got better with time.

Well we finally got around to our guest of Honour Gordon Johnson the 1970 World Sprint Champion who was celebrating 55 years since winning his Title in that week 55 years ago.

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Maillot Jaune Club Life Membership was also bestowed on Gordon for founding this great club and 23 years of leadership and dedication to the Club, the presentation was done by current President John Trevorow and Vice Pres Ron Gower, both long time friends of Gordon's.

Gordon's acceptance speech was pure Gordon of old if you know what I mean, a notable guest was possibly Gordon's greatest rival John Nicholson, thank you John for helping make Gordon's day.

It was fantastic to have the younger generation there as they are the future of the Maillot Jaune Club and a special thank you to Stuart O'Grady, Baden Cooke, Jono McKay and Duncan Smith for organizing Tables of the next generation of MJ members.

Through the Luncheon, Raffle, Auction and Silent Auctions the Club managed to raise just over \$26k to go towards assisting Juniors for the 2026 seasons as 2025's amount has already been allocated.

A special presentation was done by Pat Shaw to Dianne Townsend a committee member of Maillot Jaune for her generous financial support to his Praties Women's Team, Dianne has sponsored many young men and women throughout the years.

Dianne's support though comes with a condition the recipient must complete their schooling, one such recent recipient was Sarah Gigante, thank you Dianne from the entire Cycling community.

Once the official function had finished many people stayed around and enjoyed each other's company and a few more enjoyable beverages before moving to carry on a little longer at the Elevator Lounge on the 15th floor, still swapping stories of their Glory Days.

The last guests left around 9.30pm (I know as I was still there Lol.) and to say the day was fantastic could be the understatement of the century.

On behalf of the Maillot Jaune Club Executive thank you all for attending and I look forward to seeing you again possibly at our end of year function in November.

Regards and best wishes to all.

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