

FINANCIAL REVIEW

ORIGINAL VERSION STRAIGHT FROM THE AFR CUTTING ROOM FLOOR

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Job Title: Life Member (LM) of EasyRiders. Big Swinging Dick at Five D.

Kind of riding: Fast and furious.

Kilometres a week: 250 including the sprint to the Greengate Hotel on a Friday evening.

How many bikes? N – 1. A low slung, boy racer, TT machine with lots of light, expensive, shiny bits. A hipster fixie that I'm too frightened to ride fixed so keep in "single speed" mode. Another bike I hardly use anymore but still need to keep in case the "fixie" destroys my knees. A consignment of Chinese Colnagos that I'm planning to off load on my fellow EasyRiders soon.

How much? Best asked after a few beers.

Last bike or gear purchase: An EasyRiders patented backpack cover. Doubles as a parachute to slow me down.

Favourite bit of gear: EasyRiders kit.

Do you stop at a stop sign if there is no-one around? Only if there's a chance of paparazzi present.

Tips: (i) abide by The Rules (except for Rules 48 and 56); (ii) do anything but follow BT's dietary tips; and (iii) live up to my recently acquired LM status.

Favourite ride in Australia: Rumoured to be The Madonna.

Most like to go on a long ride with: Refer preceding response however long rides tend to require the assistance of little blue pills these days.

Favourite refuel station: The Greengate (now that the B&T have showered me with sponsor gifts). In fact anywhere that is willing to shower me with free gifts and let me take liberties with their staff.

Disaster stories, memorable moments: Best: pulling on the green and gold for Australia in Beijing. Worst: going out the back of the EasyRiders bunch on the sprint up the Highway each evening.

What trends do you love or hate in the world of cycling: I spotted the urban hipster ~~wanker~~ fixie trend in Melbourne and was keen to pioneer it in Sydney. I know Brownie has been doing this for years but it really takes a trend setter like me to get this sort of thing off the ground. One day all riders will have bright green wheels.



Ticker enjoying the spoils of stardom in the company of friends