

## 'CARTS'

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Mark was working in the e-business initiatives area of Management Services, a small section numbering five staff. Mark worked for AFFA for 12 years, in financial roles for virtually all of this time and for the past three and half years involved with the QSP side, after working on the implementation.

**Mark was featured in the DAFF eBulletin 'All About' column in 2003. For those of you who didn't know Carts the following will give you an insight into his life and character...**

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### **Where did you grow up?**

I grew up in Canberra, in Aranda. A great place due to the proximity of Black Mountain Reserve and Aranda Hill, for riding BMX's and dragsters as a kid!



### **Describe your most embarrassing moment -**

When I was a junior, I was rostered on to be the turn marshal for a bike race near Tharwa. After the juniors had come through there was (supposedly) a half hour gap before the main race commenced, which was a handicap. I decided I'd have plenty of time to ride down to the Tharwa shops and buy some food, which was about 4km away.

Half way back to my stop sign and witches hat, a bunch was steaming towards me. I stopped and threw my bike down and stood in the middle of the road and motioned that the bunch should turn around me. Once they were heading away, I hopped back on my bike and only got another kilometre up the road before the next bunch was coming, so I stopped and did the same thing. For the third bunch I'd made it back to my post, but by now I'd altered the outcome of the race pretty substantially. It was a two-lap race and on the second lap I got some strange looks from the guys that had turned further down the road on the first lap!

### **Describe your happiest moment -**

Every November when the first roses come out, signifying that the warmer weather has arrived and that summer is only a month away.

### **What are your interests outside of work?**

Bike racing (been doing it for 16 years), fashion, food and drinking.

### **What has been your greatest sporting/academic achievement?**

The 185km Goulburn to Sydney race. I haven't won it, but finished 30 seconds behind the winning group. It's a special race, which would celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> year this year, however due to public liability issues and one police officer the race has been cancelled ☹

### **Name the most exotic travel destination that you've visited -**

Castellina in Chianti, Italy. There are four main towns in the Chianti wine district of Tuscany, each have a population of a few thousand people. I've stayed in Castellina with my wife Janelle, on two separate trips in this little stone farmhouse in a small vineyard/olive grove. It's picturesque and filled sunbaked stone buildings, many of which date back a thousand years (The Etruscans were the original inhabitants of the region 2,500 years ago)...Lots of wine, oil, fresh produce markets, gelati and laid back locals.



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### **Which five words would your colleagues use to describe you?**

Carts? He wears fat ties.

For further information about Mark, Cyclingnews.com have published an article about his life and achievements.

<http://www.cyclingnews.com/news.php?id=news/2004/apr04/apr15news>