
DIE BURGER FIETSTOER - 2007 - on going



2007 was the first time this race was run and organized by the Events Office and The rotary Club of Newlands. The long course was over 98km, the short race was over 44km and there was a mountain bike race of 24km which took place mainly in the Jonkershoek reserve. The start and finish areas were also moved to the Stellenbosch High School vicinity.



In 2008 more delegation of responsibility and reward was given to the local Rotary clubs in the area. While Newlands Rotary held the overall responsibility for course manpower management, it delegated the organization of each of the sectors to the local clubs namely, Stellenbosch, Paarl, Wellington, Helderberg Sunrise, Strand and Bellville.

Newlands provided all the sector marshals and managed the road maintenance, cycle repairs, sweep functions and assisted in the JOC. The local Rotary clubs provided and managed some 170 marshals and 5 refreshment station management teams.

These races seem to be gaining in popularity and this year there were 6250 entrants in the three races. The management of the Claremont Rotary Events Office is to be congratulated on a well-planned and well- implemented event which has set the stage for Die Burger Fietstoer to become a major player in the cycle racing program in South Africa. This will truly benefit Rotary and in so doing all those less fortunate individuals and organizations whom Rotary serve.

