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KICKAROOS KICK ASS!

Who: The KICKAROOS - Australia's 4 man KICKBIKE Racing Team

What: Victory in 160km Trans-Tasman Scooter Race

Where: The Lake Taupo Cycle Challenge, Lake Taupo, North Island, N.Z.

When: 30th November 2002

Background: The KICKBIKE is a bicycle-scooter gizmo, propelled with a kicking action, and is raced at speed, over 42km marathons. KICKBIKING is developing as the latest sports fad in Europe!

Australia Wins Trans-Tasman Scoot

The KICKAROOS, Australia's 4 member KICKBIKE Racing Team, were victorious in a 160km scooter race, at the weekend.

The KICKAROOS out-paced 2 New Zealand teams in the 4 x 40km Relay around the scenic Lake Taupo circuit.

Clocking a top speed of 73 k.p.h. the KICKAROOS completed the hilly 160km circuit in 7 hours 25 minutes, averaging 22 k.p.h.

From Stage One the Kiwi's were unable to match the hill climbing performance of Australian Team Captain Alan Stewart, (44) of Victoria Point- Brisbane. A puncture in Stage Two saw Mark Muscat, (32) of Greenslopes- Brisbane, run the final 3kms to the interchange to remain ahead of the NZer's. Stage Three saw Byron Geneve, (41) of Martin- Perth, open up the lead. Cemented by KICKBIKE Australia's Director, Bruce Cook (41) of Geebung- Brisbane, in the Final Stage, crossing the finish line to win 1hr 34mins ahead of the nearest Kiwi rivals!

The Kickbikers were but a needle amongst the 8000 strong cyclists, competing in the Lake Taupo Cycle Challenge, one of New Zealanders premiere public sporting events.

However, with the prospect of Scooter Racing becoming an Olympic sport, the Trans-Tasman KICKBIKE challenge is to become a regular contest and there's now a search of a suitable course here in Australia.

KICKBIKE Australia would like to thank Active Life Fitness, The CDL Institute and The Athletes Foot for their contributions and ongoing support.

Results:

1ST KICKBIKE Australia: Alan Stewart, Mark Muscat, Byron Geneve, Bruce Cook - 7:24:37 min

2ND KICKBIKE New Zealand 1: Rob Hamill, Roger Vanderzanden, Terrence Kernot, Rob Martin - 8:59:15

3RD KICKBIKE New Zealand 2: Todd Price, Greg Gray, James Roberton, Clare Kernot - 9:00:10

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