



Davison tames the hungry pack

MORE than 170 of the nation's best riders sizzled up the Hume Highway yesterday for the 110th anniversary edition of the Goulburn to Sydney Cycle Classic.

Pre-race favourite Luke Davison (Budget Forklifts) took out the event in a thrilling sprint finish in Camden ahead

of Scott Law (Illawarra Cycle Cycle Club) and Anthony Giacoppo (Genesys Wealth Advisers).

Goulburn turned on brilliant weather for the Classic weekend, with Saturday's criterium racing in the CBD attracting plenty of competitors and spectators.

Drapac Professional Cycling team

rider Lachlan Norris took out the Division One crit race after a solo attack from a breakaway group.

Photo shows the Goulburn to Sydney Cycle Classic peloton making its way up the Hume Highway just south of Marulan.

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Peterson's unlucky 13

By GERARD WALSH

GEOFF Peterson has missed out on retaining his councillor position by a mere 13 votes after election counting unexpectedly finished in Sydney on Saturday afternoon.

Geoff Kettle, Sam Rowland, Carol James, Bob Kirk, Alfie Walker, Robin Saville, Margaret O'Neill, Andrew Banfield and Denzil Sturgiss have been elected in that order, with polls declared at 2.20pm yesterday.

Mr Kirk stormed into fourth

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spot on the back of preferences from Mr Kettle, while Mr Sturgiss was the final councillor across the line just ahead of his former colleague Mr Peterson.

"I'm disappointed, naturally, but the people have had their say and that's the way it should be," Mr Peterson said.

He told the *Goulburn Post* he won't be seeking a recount despite the ballot papers being transferred by security vehicle to

the NSW Electoral Commission data processing centre in Riverwood on Friday evening.

The Commission's Results Management Team contacted the Goulburn Region Returning Officer earlier that afternoon over concerns about the slow rate of ballot paper data entry.

The Goulburn Region Office in Clinton Street only had 11 data entry operators who spent the bulk of last week processing bal-

lot papers from the Yass Valley and Upper Lachlan Shire council elections.

The Commission had determined that these counts be conducted first despite their much smaller voter turnouts.

The backlog meant the office was unlikely to meet the required Commission weekend deadline for Goulburn Mulwaree's result.

"On Friday afternoon the Results Management Team con-

tacted me over concerns that at our current rate of progress, the Goulburn office would not complete the data entry on Saturday," Returning Officer Brenda Hangilias said.

"It was agreed that the best course of action was to transfer the Goulburn papers to Sydney where the data entry would be finalised.

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