

## G2I - Grafton to Inverell for the Masses

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For those of you who like the idea of riding the Grafton to Inverell Cycle Classic but were put off by the fact that it's a race over 228km, well, the organisers are going to create an event for you. The G2I Grafton to Inverell Cyclosporitif, Saturday 24th February 2007.

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Australia's toughest one-day classic the Grafton to Inverell has been testing competitive cyclist for the last 46 years. Next February organisers will be adding another event to be ridden on the same course. The first Grafton to Inverell Cyclo Sportif Challenge (G2I Cyclo Sportif) will be held on Saturday 24th February 2007.

The G2I Cyclo Sportif will be a mass participation, semi competitive cycling event over the same 228km course as the Grafton to Inverell Cycling Classic. It will offer a challenge to anyone who competes whether they be a hardened club road rider or the serious recreational cyclist looking for knowledge, fun and a riding challenge to improve fitness levels and cycling capability in an organised and safe event.

The G2I Cyclo Sportif event is not a race, it is a personal challenge where a rider can approach it seriously or enjoy the ambience of riding with friends. The ultimate challenge of the ride is to finish within the allotted 14hours time limit. It's all about participation, having a go, experiencing the thrill of conquering the toughest 228km ride in Australia.

The ride will start at Grafton's McKittrick Park with the first riders leaving at 5:30am (Daylight Saving Time) through to the more competitive riders who will leave at 8:30am. Start times will depend on your estimated average speed or your cycling grade on the entry form. Riders have until 7:30pm to complete the course.

There will also be a short course 70km ride from Glen Innes to Inverell. This will start at 11:30am with the same finishing time as the long course.

The ride will finish in front of the Inverell Swimming Pool where there will be a presentation and dinner dance party "on the Green style". Shower and toilet facilities will be available at the pool. So get your friends together and start training for the ride of your life. For full details go to [www.nsw.cycling.org.au](http://www.nsw.cycling.org.au) or phone Garry Boggs on 02 6722 2163.

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