

Ned points us in the direction to coffee and cake

Friday rides will commence
at 9:30am
from 17th June
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Back– Bob, Tony, Kevin, Eileen, Jeff,
Rick, Adrian, Gerrie and Wayne.
Front– Julie, Paul Trevor and Helene.

Presidents Report;

I must begin with an apology to members whom I may have encouraged to waste their valuable time by having a look at a recent episode of Midsomer Murders. True to form, we got our murders okay, all solved within the allotted time span, however the actual cycling content was disappointing, with not much actual road riding. We had to make do with a lot of backgrounding and warm-up exercise and not much sabotage, from which I thought we might benefit. My wife Renee, something of an amateur crime sleuth, failed to spot the villain among a number of possibles until the dying moments, however Fran had picked her within the first ten minutes.

Speaking of Fran, she and Robin have just celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, for which they are to be heartily congratulated. To celebrate the occasion, Dianne arranged a morning tea which was well supported by BUGs members, and presented the couple with a very handsome bouquet for which they were very appreciative. Fran was very non-committal about signing up for another 50 years, whilst it was generally agreed amongst other male members, a number of whom are approaching matrimonial milestones, that the key to domestic bliss and harmony was learning to do what you are told when you are told, occasionally, from time to time, and when you can manage to fit it in.

Self congratulations all round are due to members for our positive and friendly club attitude, following a recent visit by a group of riders from Windsor, near the Blue Mountains. Six of them turned up to our recent Markwood-Milawa ride, after an earlier visit and positive report by the couple who ride the double recumbent. Another couple of their group are seriously eyeing off local real estate with a view to relocating and enjoying the cycling delights which our region has to offer. Pat Kilroy was to be leader, however due to a late funeral commitment he had to decline and consequently I deputised. In the team brief, I reminded members that as we had visitors, it was an obligatory Good Behaviour Day, and as such, plate licking and pea shovelling were strictly forbidden, with great attention to be paid to the angle of the little finger when raising one's coffee cup. Old Father Time has recently laid his hand on one of our number, be it ever so lightly. Prominent in several fields of sporting endeavour, Des turned up to our ride sporting a shiner. Knowing glances were exchanged, with imaginations running riot. The thought did occur that Rosemary, Wangaratta's leading civil celebrant, must indeed be a girl of hidden talents and possessed of a beautiful right cross. Colourful material indeed! Our worst fears were allayed, however, when Des made a public announcement at smoko to the effect that whilst recently playing tennis, and on the net, was unable to avoid a sharply returned volley, as in days of yore. The inexorable passage of time had eroded his reflexes, with wounded pride being the main damage.

With our senses being currently bombarded with a plethora of polls, policies and promises in the run-up to the election, I was waiting in a checkout queue recently and happened to overhear parts of a conversation between two aged females, well, older than me anyway! They were bemoaning the fact that things were so much better in the old days than now, and how it was impossible to trust anyone in politics anymore. They were as one on this issue, solemnly agreeing that "If Bob Menzies was alive today, he'd turn in his grave."

Menzies, as senior members will recall, was quick witted and a gifted debater, enjoying nothing more jousting with voters of all persuasions at public town hall meetings, now sadly all part of a bygone era. On one particular occasion, an indignant matron, unable to best him and fed to the back teeth, bellowed at the top of her voice "I wouldn't vote for you, if you were the Archangel Gabriel!" Menzies, equal to the occasion, replied "Madam, if I were the Archangel Gabriel, I very much doubt you would be in my constituency."

On a sadder note, Peta-Lynne has recently lost her trusty canine friend Rusty, who had been part of the Dillon household for some fourteen years. A wonderful age for a well loved dog, and I imagine you will looking around for a new pup to spoil in the near future, Peta -Lynne. Also Committee members will be sad to learn that loyal family member Toby, who attended the last meeting, (albeit sleeping on Fran's foot for most of it), has also passed away. He is sadly missed by Jen and Terry.

Till next time, Productive Pedalling.

Adrian Redfern

Bellarine Peninsula trip

11th - 15th April

Seven BUGS recently spent a few days exploring the beautiful Bellarine Peninsula, enjoying the sights, the riding, the food, and even some culture thrown in.

We travelled down to Queenscliff on Monday 11th April. Most of us were staying at the Big 4 Beacon Resort, which is very central to all the main attractions of the area.

On Tuesday we had our first ride, heading up to Portarlington on the beach at Corio Bay, before following the coast back around via Indented Head and St Leonards, where we found a luscious bakery and also a fantastic



long pier, and then back to Queenscliff. 57 km for the day. An afternoon of leisure, with beach walks and general exploring followed.

Wednesday was a shorter ride, just exploring all the bike paths and nooks and crannies of Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale, including the Port of Queenscliff, various holiday houses from Jeff's youth, some of the sports fields where Terry and Jen had some athletic highlights in their younger days, a beautiful coastal bike/ walking trail, ocean freighters heading in and out of the Heads, and of course the obligatory bakery.

The afternoon was another highlight with a visit to the Geelong Gallery to take a look at the Arthur Streeton "Land of the Golden Fleece" Exhibition, as well as checking out the new Geelong library.

Thursday was our longest ride, riding via Ocean Grove and Barwon Heads to Torquay and return. This route took in some great countryside as well as spectacular beachfront riding, and obviously the surf was up as the waves were full of surfers. The beachside car parks were full of tradesmen's vans, so I don't think much work was getting done in the area that day. Altogether about 70km for the day.

The cultural side of our trip continued that evening when we went to a presentation from an author who had just written a book about the "Californian", a ship that was close by when the "Titanic" went down. This event was held in the Maritime Museum, so we were sitting squashed up against an old lifeboat, in amongst all sorts of Marine memorabilia. Another memorable evening.

Friday, most of us travelled back home with some great memories of a very pleasant week. We can thoroughly recommend the area as a very worthy riding destination.



.....And we found a bakery



Tony Ransom

FRIDAY RIDERS EXPLORE APEX PARK



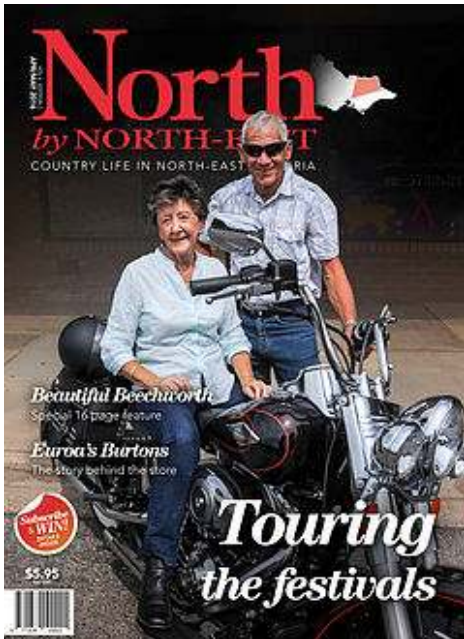
Checking out the new signage that has replaced the “Rail Trail Start” sign.

Dianne pointing to herself in a photo that is part of the monument at the entrance of Apex Park.

Richard, Jo, Frank, John & Peta-Lynne



THE FACES OF NORTH EAST VICTORIA



On a recent ride, while ordering morning tea our group spotted the current addition of "North", by North-East, which is a tourist magazine promoting North East Victoria. You can imagine our joy when we saw members Marj and Corrie gracing its cover.

On this day Marj and Corrie decided to swap their push bikes for their motor bike and enjoy a leisurely ride to Bright. While on their way they were spotted pulling into Myrtleford by a photographer. They were happy to oblige in having their photo taken, however it was a complete surprise to them when they made the front cover. This magazine can be purchased at all newsagents and tourist outlets across the area for \$5.95.

Forget about being on the cover of BUG NEWS!

We Ride to Eat



David, Rick, Tony, Jeff, Paul; & Julie



Tony has returned home to *Black Opal Capital of the World*, better known as “The Ridge”. Tony reports that the weather is fine and warm and all being well he will return to our area early next year and spend the hot summer months with us once again.

TRAVELLING TONY RETURNS TO THE RIDGE



Tour de Bright 15th & 16th October 2016

Are there any members interested in another Tour de Bright? The format will be the same as previous years

- Ride the Rail Trail to Bright on Saturday, lunch at Heiner's Bakery in Myrtleford
- Evening meal at a local pub, ordering from the board
- Sunday morning tea at Lupo's Kiln Café on the Bright side of Myrtleford
- Possibly lunch at The Two Cooks Café in Whorouly before making our way home
- The weekend is tailored around the concept of a “social weekend”
- Each member to book their own accommodation.

If you are interested then please let Julie know- aj.jmmcquade@bigpond.com



CLUB MEMBERSHIP 2016/2017

The time of the year has come around once again and the committee is asking all members for your co-operation in renewing your membership. Subscriptions are due on **1st July 2016**. Unpaid members will receive the August newsletter and if no payment is received thereafter your name will not be on club records. \$25 per single of \$35 for a family.

- Payments can be now made online - WAW Credit Union BSB 803 070 Customer Number 49861. When making online credits please ensure you include your name in the reference area.
- Payments can still be made by cheque or cash as in the past.
- The Treasurer @ PO Box 858 Wangaratta Vic 3676



50th Anniversary

Both of us would like to thank all BUGs members who joined us for morning tea at Café The Pre Vue recently to celebrate our 50 wedding anniversary. Many thanks for the lovely flowers and card, it was unexpected and pleasant surprise, we cherish your friendship.

Many Thanks

Robin & Fran Kneebone

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



To all members,



On Saturday 16th of July I will be celebrating my 65th birthday and I would like to share this occasion with all my cycling friends. The ride will commence at 9:30am leaving from Batchelor's Green and riding to Greta and onto Glenrowan for lunch at the Glenrowan Hotel.

Purchase your own meal from the board and Dianne is making my birthday cake for our sweets to share.

If the day is wet, the celebrations will still take place and we will drive to Glenrowan and meet for lunch.

Non riders are welcome to attend, meet us at 12 noon.

Wayne Selwood



Bob's bike makes its first trip to Stanley

My doctor says to drink lots when doing sports!

And we must always follow the doctor's advice.....



Wangaratta Bicycle User Group supports the responsible consumption of alcohol and does not encourage anyone to combine the drinking of alcohol while riding.

CYCLING!! THIS IS THE WAY OUR BOYS DO IT



*RIDE, EAT AND SOLVE THE
WORLD'S PROBLEMS.
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK
JEFF & PAT.
(you're only halfway !!!!)*

JOB WELL DONE



Can't wipe the smile off Dianne's face after she noticed improvements to a couple of intersections along the Three Mile Creek shared pathways recently.

A big thank you goes to the workers and the Rural City of Wangaratta for following up on our request for this work to be carried out.

NEW SIGNAGE ALONG OXLEY FLATS ROAD



A welcome sight along the Oxley Flats Road with the new 80km zone now in place. We all hope that the road in this area will be a much safer place to ride for all cyclists. Thanks goes to all those who have campaigned for change over the years along with VicRoads who eventually agreed to the changes.



AUSTRALIAN CENTURIONS

Congratulations to Justin and Sharon Scholz who completed 100 mile walk in Schiedam, Holland on 14th & 15th of May to become Continental Centurions. This makes 4 centurion badges for them both (Australia, USA, NZ and now Continental). Well done– amazing performances as usual!

No doubt Jasmine excelled in her role as crew support.



We've found the castle centre of the universe at Bingen, on the Rhein River. And today we visited or photographed 6 of them just in a 10km walk (5km each way to Burg Rheinstein)

1,570kms of riding during three weeks.
Excellent bike paths throughout the Netherlands and Germany. Weather ranged from riding in snow which Jasmine thought was fun for all of 2 minutes, to beautifully sunny days.
Happy times and great memories of the trip.

Justin, Sharon & Jasmine Scholz



“BENALLA BY BIKE”

A stimulating Friday morning ride around Wangaratta followed by coffee and cake with friends what more could a cyclist ask for? This was the scene that led to a conversation of Benalla and Street Art. A date was set- a Thursday suited me and Barry said yes that sounds like a plan. Agreed. The following week Barry and John arrived at the Rose Gardens at 10am in perfect Autumn weather.

Three keen cyclists for a tour of Benalla!

More time off the bike than on because we stopped to admire, take photos and discuss. There are more than twenty walls painted on by well know Street Artists. One in particular has world acclaim being represented in the top 8 in the world. So many pictures time for coffee!

Let's stretch the legs - tour via airfield – a glider trailer painted as part of the first SA festival. The Migration museum is housed further into the complex. Can you imagine 60,000 migrants being allowed to come here today?

Where did the rail line run out to Tatong? Yes we were at the Rail Station. More history. Stretch the legs again out the road towards the tip, I know there is a Geocache nearby. We returned by another route – 2 camels, 2 emus and a paddock of alpacas. We've only traveled 20kms. Time to go home it's afternoon tea time.

A most enjoyable day exploring my new town. Thank you Barry and John for joining me on this tour.

John & Barry found
the Geocache pack.



A few of the many street art paintings

Joan Horton

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