



BUG NEWS

The information RE-Cycle

AUGUST 2014

President's Report

This has been a real old fashioned winter, with lots of rain, foggy mornings, and rugged frosts, all of which have been pretty tough on cycling. Sadly it has meant that several of our rides have been non-events, but hopefully you have all been able to keep up your fitness by riding at other times, or doing some other activities.

Many of our members have been travelling as well, to all sorts of amazing places in Australia and around the world, so I hope you have all been diligent in keeping your exercise regime up. Sadly, fitness often goes out the window when we are travelling.

Justin Scholz and Julie have completely revamped our web page over the last few weeks, so make sure you have a look, and also make sure you change the address in your "Favourites" list. We have paid Justin a small amount for his work, but it has definitely been a case of "Mate's Rates", with him charging only a fraction of commercial rates, so a great thank you to Justin from all at Wangaratta BUG. Julie has also put in a huge number of hours in, and has been on a great learning curve to get the new site set up.

The site contains a lot of similar information to the old site, but has a completely new look, and brings us right up to date with current technology, so hopefully will last us for many years with normal scheduled maintenance.

Several of our members will be heading off on various "Great Rides" over the next few months, some to Queensland, and others doing our own Great Victorian Bike Ride, which of course is in our local area this year. Congratulations to all involved. I am very concerned however, particularly with the crew heading to Queensland, that they may get up to some antics which could greatly harm the wonderful reputation of our club, and so I am handing out a formal warning to them to behave, and if they are caught playing up, then to say they come from Shepparton.

Happy cycling and many tailwinds

Tony Ransom



**Our club has a new web page.
www.wangarattabug.com
read more on page 2.**

WEB PAGE UPDATE

Earlier this year I started to encounter a number of technical issues with our web page, so it was decided by the committee that it was time to have an upgrade as the old one was set up in 2008. Six years without an upgrade is a long time in the world of computers and technology. After a number of phone calls and inquiries to different I.T professionals it soon became obvious that our web page had reached it's use by date. The next was to set up a new web page. The committee enlisted the help of Justin Scholz, a local I.T businessman. Justin has put in the hard yards as the task turned out to be a technical nightmare at times, then with Justin's help I have uploaded material to the new web site. You will see many changes from navigation, colour and layout, I ask you to take the time to tour the new web page and pass any comments that you may have to me. You will see there is no longer a "Member Log in" area, no passwords to remember. Your feed back, good or bad is welcome. So head to: www.wangarattabug.com

Our web page address has changed, you will notice it is now .com instead of .org.au. Our old website address still exists, so those that have links to the .org.au address will now be automatically redirected to the new site.

JULIE

MID AUTUMN MORNING TEA



Wayne, Corrie, Fran, Pat, Robin, Rick and Julie

CLUB MEMBERSHIP 2014/2015

Your membership is now **overdue**. If you have not paid then please send payment to Colin. This will be the last newsletter you will receive. If no payment is received your name will be removed from club records. Membership form can be found on our web page.

TOUR de BRIGHT 18th & 19th October 2014

Lock this date into your diaries. Have you booked your accommodation?

The plan is leave from Apex Park on Saturday, ride to Bright and then return Sunday. No meals will be supplied as we will buy our food along the way. Your overnight bag will be transported so no need to worry about carrying any bags on your bike. See the attached flyer for all details.

2015 ASIAN HOLIDAY v's LOCAL GET-A-WAY

A number of members showed interest in an Asian Holiday next year but there were not enough members to proceed any further. The plan now is that maybe next Autumn a Monday to Friday trip will be planned somewhere within Victoria or southern NSW. We would stay in the one place for the duration as a base camp and then embark on daily rides. Have a think about this idea as it is currently been floated and feed back is required. Give your thoughts and any suggestions to Corrie and Marj.

Some People Like a Challenge!

While we were in Central Australia recently, our bus driver told us about this encounter:

The driver lived at Yulara near Uluru. The previous weekend, he and some friends had driven west about 200km in a 4WD over a dirt road to the Western Australia border to celebrate a birthday (as you do!!!). They had cut the cake and were having a few quiet ones, when they were staggered to see a young rider on a mountain bike coming across the border.

The rider, in his 20's, was Korean and since they couldn't pronounce his name, they just called him "Old Mate". As part of an extended bike tour through Australia and Asia, he was riding from Perth to Sydney via Uluru and Adelaide. At that stage he had covered about 2000km from Perth, with more than half of it over some pretty challenging unmade roads, through the Great Victoria and Gibson deserts. He still had 200km of dirt, sand, corrugations and bulldust ahead of him to Yulara and another 1600km of lonely bitumen to Adelaide.

The bus driver was not a bike rider so he didn't have much info about the bike, however he noticed that Old Mate was carrying a tent, sleeping bag and 10 litres of water and he told them that he had not had a single puncture since leaving Perth. Needless to say he was very pleased to meet a reception committee with birthday cake and a cold drink to greet him!

The bus driver had put it on his Facebook page and was getting daily updates on our tour as to where the rider had reached. He was not quite to Adelaide when we got back to Alice Springs.

If you have been in this area, you will appreciate the enormity of this guy's ride!

Terry Kirby



*HAPPY BIRTHDAY
FRAN
FROM ALL YOUR
CYCLING FRIENDS*



COLIN'S GALLERY

Recently Colin travelled overseas, and was away for 5 weeks. England 1 week, Paris 1 week, Amsterdam 4 days, Nancy (France) 4 days, Zug (Switzerland) 4 days, Venice 4 days and finally Rome 4 days.



Amsterdam, A city of canals, boats and bikes



Snow bike. This bike has 4.8inch tyres for riding in snow.



Stolen bikes always end up in the canals.

Sign on snow bike



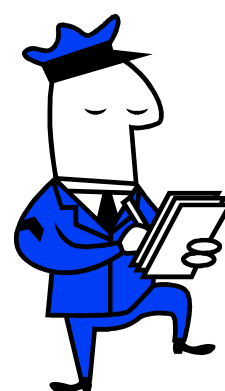
Bike rack in Oxford

CURRENT ON THE SPOT CYCLING FINES

List compiled by VicRoads

Offence	Fine
Ride through an amber or red traffic light or bicycle light	\$361
Does not obey give way sign	\$289
Does not wear a securely fitted Australian approved bicycle helmet, including bicycle passengers	\$180
Does not have lights	\$180
Does not have at least one working brake and a bell, horn or similar warning device in working order	\$180
Pass a stopped tram at a tram stop	\$361
Overtake to the left of a vehicle that is turning left and indicating	\$144
Fail to give way to a pedestrian on a shared path or footpath	\$144
Ride more than two abreast	\$144
Carrying a passenger on a bicycle illegally	\$144
Misuse a bicycle path, separated footpath or shared path or footpath or fail to use a bicycle lane	\$144
Ride bicycle on a dividing strip, footpath, nature strip or traffic island when not permitted	\$144
Fail to give a right turn signal	\$144

Obey the rules to stay safe. Then you will keep your cash for our bakery and coffee stops.



CHILTERN –A July's Winter Morning



Heavy frost as far as the eye could see, -1 degree and not a cloud in the sky. Who wouldn't go for a ride? A cool start to an enjoyable ride for Rick, Heather, Jeff, Tony, Pat, Robin, Julie, Wayne and Corrie, (Marj as photographer)

WINTER ESCAPE



Dianne and Graham Cribbes enjoyed 2 weeks away, relaxing through Central Australia via The Ghan to Darwin. They spent 2 days exploring Kakadu National Park, Dianne squeezed in a flight over Kakadu and Arnhem Land, before returning to Darwin. After spending the morning walking through Darwin's Mitchell Street Mall, they flew to Brisbane to visit family for 5 days. Then came home to the grindstone !



Le TOUR De FRANCE FACTS

- The Tour de France is the world's largest annual sporting event
- It starts at the end of June/beginning of July and lasts 3 weeks
- The entire race covers approximately 3,500 kms
- The Grand Départ is the opening of the race of the Tour de France
- The Grand Départ is regularly held outside of France - in 2012 it was hosted by Belgium
- A worldwide television audience of 3.5 billion people watch the Tour de France annually
- Over 188 countries around the world broadcast the Tour de France
- 121 different television channels across the world show the race every year
- There are 4,700 hours of TV coverage annually
- The last hour of every stage is broadcast live across western Europe
- 2,000 journalists representing dozens of nationalities attend the Tour every year
- 1,200 hotel rooms are reserved each night for the teams, staff, press and tour personnel
- The Tour de France attracts 12 million spectators along the route in a typical year's race
- On average spectators travel 130km to see a stage of Le Tour
- They spend on average six hours at a time at the roadside
- 30% of those spectators are women
- Yorkshire's Brian Robinson was the first Brit to win a stage of Le Tour de France in 1958
- Bradley Wiggins became the first British rider to win the Tour de France in 2012, this was followed up by a second British winner, Chris Froome, in 2013.
- The 2005 Tour had the fastest average speed at 41.5 km per hour (25.8 mph), which is nearly double the slowest year, which was 1919 at 24.1 km per hour (15 mph).
- Cadel Evans only Australian winner in 2011



Some interesting signs in “Bike Zone” In the UK

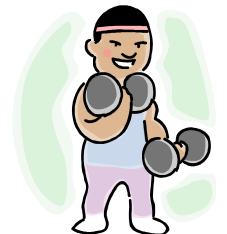
Express puncture repair! Looks a little expensive! at least you get a free cup of tea or coffee!
“Tour of Britain” Never heard of It!



COLIN

Who says we don't exercise?

We 'jump' to conclusions
We 'throw' our weight around
We 'twist' the truth.
We 'stretch' the lies.
We 'bend' the rules.
We 'push' our luck.
We 'lift' our egos.
We 'run' from tough situations...



We are absolutely fit!

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