



BUG NEWS

The information RE-Cycle

DECEMBER 2013

President's Report

We are now heading into the warmer part of the year, which is always a great relief to riders like myself who are not so keen on winter conditions.

I have still managed to get cold and wet on my two recent trips into the King Valley though. Firstly on the Kelly Country Classic, and then again on our ride to Lake William Hovell. The beautiful scenery of the King Valley does make up for it though.

I have just been speaking to Eileen, who at present is battling the elements on the Great Victorian Bike Ride. They have had a tough time, with wet weather and head winds. Today she rode over Laver's Hill, temperature 3 degrees and fog, meaning she could hardly see across the road. She was not very happy!!! She does have a snug sleeping bag and tent though, so that may revive her overnight.

At a recent meeting, our committee discussed what the actual responsibilities of a ride leader should be. We have come up with a set of recommendations. These will be distributed to all members, so everyone should know what is expected of the leader and all riders. We have recommended a rest stop every 10 km, but this will need to be quite flexible. On hot days, or windy or hilly conditions, it may need to be a shorter distance. If you are feeling a bit worn out, make sure you let the leader know, so that they can stop more regularly.

Our annual Christmas lunch is coming up again, organised ably by Fran. I hope to see lots of you there in party mode, to celebrate another great year of riding in North East Victoria.

Happy cycling and many tailwinds.

Tony Ransom

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Through out the year many members achieve different things, many of which we don't see or hear about. So the following are a few that have recently taken place.

John Holmes rode from Wangaratta to Melbourne in a day.

Wayne Selwood and Bob Ver Steegen conquered Ryan's while battling very strong gusty winds. It was a first for Bob and a long time since Wayne had faced this hill.

Robin Kneebone and Bob Ver Steegen clocked over 100kms in a single ride.

Des Steele turned 70 - Happy Birthday.

CHRISTMAS PARTY



We have a lunch time booking at Gracebrook Winery on Saturday 7th of December which is located in the King Valley for this years Christmas Party. The club will be providing a bus which will leave from Swan Street pool at 11:00am-sharp. Cost will be \$35 per head so contact Fran on 5722 1019 to reserve your seat. Payment in full must be given to Fran by Saturday 1st December.

There will be wine tasting on arrival with bread and local olives. The main meal is porterhouse steak, with mixed roasted garden vegetables or chicken breast stuffed with tarragon butter with summer salad and garden greens. Then if you have room, dessert is Christmas pudding with brandy custard or lemon tart and berries.

So come along and enjoy a social day with friends.

BANYULE BUG



L - R, Les Deady, Maurie Abbott,
Graeme Williams and Bill Eager.

Dear Wangaratta BUGs

We thoroughly enjoyed riding with your friendly crew on Saturday and the day went well. We were impressed by that extensive path along the creek through Wangaratta that Maureen and Gunter took us on back to Painters Island Caravan Park. Our ride on Sunday through Eldorado, Tarrawingee and Oxley Flats also went well. We also did a short circuit out of Benalla on Monday morning and just got back to the cars as it started to rain. So, yes, the better than forecast weather for our trip was much appreciated.

Thanks again, and let's know if you someday want to do a ride in the "big smoke".

Les



Recently Terry has been confined to the car as his mode of transport thanks to a troublesome nagging knee. Maybe too much walking between the grape vines over the years! Reports this week from the Kirby household is that Terry is now on the mend and it will not be long before he is back with the group.

2013 Kelly Country Classic Sunday 10th November



Nine members participated in this years eighth Kelly Country Classic. An enjoyable day was had by all in near perfect riding conditions. As we rode through Greta a misty shower passed us by and we were sure that we were going to get wet tails. But within a 2km stretch it cleared and the sun shone on us the rest of the way. A gentle tail wind pushed us from Moyhu to Oxley which was a bonus. Tony joined the 105km circuit that's why he is missing from this "family photo". 150 riders enjoyed the day with \$1,500 going to NE Health.



Back; Wayne, Pat, Robin, Adrian, Eileen. Front; Hans, Julie and Fran.

RIDE REPORT

Recently the group had a sensational ride to Eldorado, lead by Graham Reid. We had some decent winds out, on the nose, but what bliss it was with a tail wind around the back from Eldorado. The little general store were most kind with their percolated coffee.

However, not without its share of adventure and many laughs.

At the school, there was a division of the group and hence a splinter group of five riders went forth. Along the way our little peloton had a crash. I was in front and heard many expletives, and thought, oh dear, this is serious. Upon arriving at the scene to be met with a pile of bikes and bodies. Then, within a few short seconds there was much laughter as everyone was ok. But, the reason this happened was that one intrepid rider stopped for a mechanical problem and was then run over. The laughter was that the mechanical problem was not to be seen or heard after the crash. All riders were accounted for, albeit, one soul could have used some love handles to avoid a sore hip.

Thank you people for a great day out.

Yours, the renegade rider.



MELBOURNE RIDING



On Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th October Fran, Robin Kneebone and myself cycled parts of Melbourne. On Saturday the 19th we journeyed from Princes Park along the City loop trail to Southbank turn right after crossing over the Yarra down Lorimer St. to the West Gate Punt across the mouth of the Yarra to Spotswood along the foreshore to Williamstown and the Altona Coastal Park. We returned to Williamstown for lunch, after lunch we returned on the same route back to Princes Park approx. 53km. Weather was good with some wind. On Sunday we did the city loop stopping at the Abbotsford Convent for coffee and completing the circuit at Princes Park where we started, approx 33km.

Hans Jakowenko

DES CELEBRATING HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY



ROBIN AND HIS NEW BIKE,
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BIKE ROBIN.



SAILING ON THE ENDEAVOUR

Its a bit difficult to condense the experience sailing on Endeavour, so the following is just a summary;

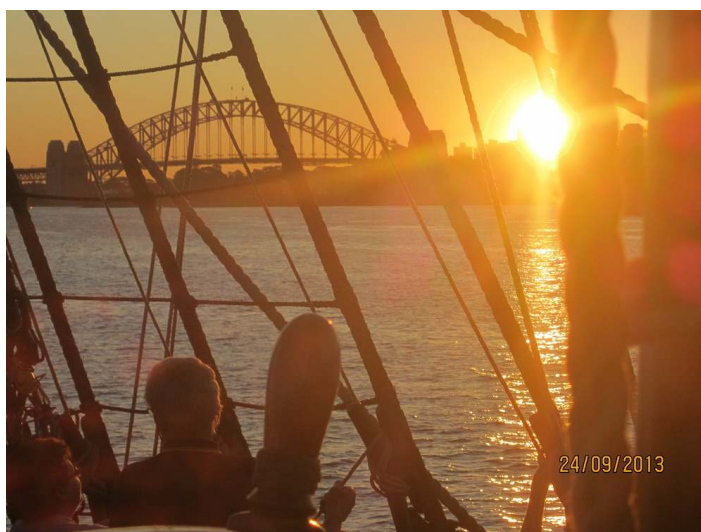
A 10 day voyage of the replica of Bark Endeavour from Sydney Cove towards Jervis Bay and places south joining a fleet of tall ships participating in the International Fleet review 24th September to 3rd October 2013. During the 10 days we sailed in everything from light airs to winds above 45 knots (about 80kpm with high seas to match), operated at ranges from 3 to 90 miles offshore and sailed at a maximum speed of 12 knots. A total run of 830 nautical miles with 760 nautical miles under sail.

The only wet weather encountered was on the day we entered Sydney Harbour, just as the 15 tall ships approached the heads so did the southerly change and within minutes we were motoring into a 25 knot head wind and heavy rain. The little sail we had up was quickly taken in.

Despite the atrocious conditions, the entry was great fun and the ships were well rewarded with thousands of people at Bradley's Head, Bennelong Point, Dawes Point and Milson's Point.

In the space of 20 minutes the ship fired a quick five rounds from the cannons, a gesture appreciated by those sheltering in ponchos and under their brollies.

This brought to an end a wonderful experience, with a new appreciation the skill and stamina of those who explored the world with only the simple technologies of the pre industrialised world.



Colin Andrews

INTRODUCING KING KONG



A sculpture of King Kong is currently on show at the Cheese Factory in Milawa. A very well made piece of art for all to see.



RECENT NEW MEMBERS



Roslyn (Roz) Tresham

A warm welcome to Roz, Bob and Ken who have recently joined our club.

We hope you enjoy all the rides that lay ahead of you.



Bob Ver Steegen and Ken Rogers

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WEEKEND AWAY

At the November Committee Meeting I announced that I was planning a weekend in March in the Warburton area with the intention of riding the Warburton Rail Trail from Lilydale to Warburton. Unfortunately this planned weekend, which was to be 21-22nd March, will have to be postponed as I had forgotten a previously planned Annual Melbourne Peninsula few days from 17-21st March so the two events clash. Since quite a few of BUG members will be overseas during the Autumn months and considering possible inclement weather during the Winter months I feel it would be better to reorganize it in Springtime.

Maureen

Saturday 23rd November - Sunday 1st December 2013 Mount Gambier to Geelong



By the time you read this Eileen, Trevor and Hans will be on their way back home from participating in the 30th year of the RACV Great Victorian Bike Ride.

Starting for the first time in South Australia, the ride took them from the rugged terrain of Mount Gambier, along the famous Shipwreck Coast, winding around the Great Ocean Road and into the lush hills of the Otways for a total of 610km, with a rest day at Port Campbell and the Twelve Apostles. The final day saw them travel from Torquay into Geelong.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Three old stockman found themselves in a nursing home sharing their different maladies with each other. The first one stated, "My problem is that I get up every morning at 7 to do No. 1s but nothing happens. I dance and jiggle, but nothing..."

"I don't have that problem," remarked the second. "My problem is that I get up at 7:30 to do No. 2s, and strain and grunt, but to no avail."

The third exclaimed, "Well, I don't have either of those problems. At 7 I do No. 1s, and around 7:30 I do No. 2s. My problem is that I don't wake up till 8!"

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