



BUG NEWS

The information RE-Cycle

JUNE 2013

President's Report

I have just returned from another wintery BUG ride. This time, 8 of us tackled the Bright to Harrietteville run. It really was quite spectacular, with a snowy Mt. Feathertop towering over us. Dianne took lots of snaps as usual, so I am sure you will all see the scenery.

Many of us enjoyed a wonderful weekend of cycling around the Kiewa Valley recently, basing ourselves at Mt Beauty and Tawonga. This weekend highlighted all the best of cycling in North East Victoria, with quiet roads, wonderful scenery, all highlighted with magnificent autumn colours. Well done to Maureen for all her organising.

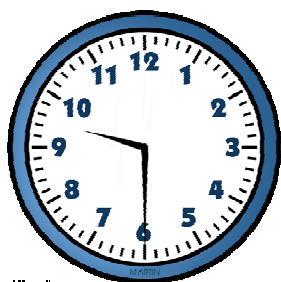
The recent ride taking in Stanley and Mudgegonga also showed us a new bit of countryside along the newly sealed section of road. This one certainly tested the brakes out. Everyone seems keen to tackle it again, so we must be getting braver.

We were all saddened by the recent death of Kath Semmler. Kath was a lady who just loved her cycling, and it was amusing to hear at her funeral how she had to slow down when riding with her daughters and grandchildren so they could keep up. She and Laurie have been great members and friends to BUGs for many years, and she will be sadly missed.

We will be shifting our clubrooms in a few weeks, from the present spot at the showgrounds, to sharing the Wangaratta Cycle Club meeting room at the saleyards. This meeting room will be much more comfortable than our present one, with a well set up kitchen, air-conditioning, flash television, coffee machine, and all sorts of other mod-cons. The official move in date is 1st of July, and we will be having a working bee to shift our gear, and clean up the old clubrooms shortly, as you will see from the notice in this newsletter, so hope to see many of you there.

Good cycling and many tailwinds

Tony Ransom



FRIDAY RIDE - TIME CHANGES FOR WINTER

**AS FROM FRIDAY 7TH JUNE THE RIDE START TIME
AT BATCHELOR'S GREEN WILL BE 9:30AM**

VISITORS FROM OVER THE BORDER

A trailer load of fourteen bikes plus two car loads of cyclists from Albury Bicycle Users Group (Pedal Power they call themselves) arrived at Batchelor's Green to join up with thirteen members of Wangaratta Bicycle Users Group for a ride to Milawa on Saturday 13th April – 31 cyclists in total. The bikes were off-loaded into the hands of their members who were eager to get started on the ride – but introductions and photo shoots came first to record the occasion.

Joining us also were Valda and Ray, down again from Queensland, who rode out to Oxley with us, then left for another function (busy people those two) – as always, great to catch up with them again.

A decision was made to split the throng of cyclists into two groups – one top and tailed by Paul and Fran, the second by Maureen and Derek, the two groups then proceeded to travel along Greta Road to Clarkes Lane. A small diversion took place along this section as a few members took a turn too early but were soon pulled back into the fold and the group continued on their journey once again.

It was quite a colourful peloton that snaked its way along roads and the bike trail to the Milawa Cheese Factory where the combined groups spent some time mingling and conversing with each other under the beautiful autumnal colours of the vine surrounding the terraced area. It was then time to return to Batchelor's Green and for Albury to load their bikes onto the trailer in preparation for their return journey to Albury – a relaxing way to travel home but not before a stop for lunch on the way.

The two clubs spent such an enjoyable day of riding and socializing together that future plans are in the pipeline for Wangaratta BUG to reciprocate and pay a visit to Albury BUG. Our thanks to Ann for organizing the trip and to Ron for transporting both the bikes and the wonderful group from Albury BUG – we loved having you with us.



Maureen

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

2013/2014

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 from **1st July 2013**. Unpaid members will receive the August newsletter and if no payment is received thereafter your name will not be on club records. I am sure you can all appreciate the work that is done at a committee level and with your co-operation in regards to promptly renewing your membership our office can effectively run smoothly. Again this year a list of names, addresses and phone numbers of members will be distributed with the October newsletter. You will see a footnote at the bottom of your membership renewal/application form in regards to this. If you object to your details being distributed to other members then please tick the box. This year members will receive their receipt via email.

Members – Please take note of the following:

Rides Registration Forms

Firstly

The Sign On sheets prior to each ride are held during the ride by the leader on the day. Should an emergency arise during the ride and an emergency contact required to be informed the ride sheet holds the information to enable the leader to make the call to the appropriate person. This information is very important, so members please make the effort to fill the form in complete with contact name and phone number. Many do, but some don't.

Secondly:

*The forms are filed away in our Club Rooms should the Committee need to refer to them.

*The information on these forms helps the Rides Coordinator to collate how many people attend each ride.

Please don't discard them – hand them to Maureen or Fran when you eventually catch up with either of them.

Thank you for taking note of this message.

Maureen



RELOCATING WORKING BEE

Sunday 23rd June at 1pm there will be a working bee at the club house. As you are all aware we are relocating to the Wangaratta Sale Yard complex where we will be sharing a meeting room with the Wangaratta Cycling Club. Please come along and help as many hands makes for light work.

WANGARATTA BUG AGM

You are all invited to attend the **Annual General Meeting**

Monday 9th September at 7.30pm.

BUG Club Rooms—Sale Yard Complex. Please bring a plate for supper.

All members are asked to be financial to vote. You are encouraged to nominate members or nominate yourself to help lead your club for the next 12 months

HANDLEBAR HARRIERS COMBINED RIDES TO GLENROWAN



On the 24th April 48 cyclists from Melbourne named the Handlebar Harriers arrived in Wangaratta to cycle around North East Victoria for a week. The group joined our club at Batchelor's Green to participate in their choice of one of three rides that was on offer. 12 riders led by Robin Kneebone went over Ryan's, 27 riders led by Des Steele rode over Taminick Gap and 15 riders led by Maureen Adcock rode to Glenrowan. All cyclists stopped at Glenrowan for morning tea before heading back to Wangaratta. Handlebar Harriers invited BUG members for a barbecue tea at Painters Island Caravan Park that evening. A great day was had by all.

Robin Kneebone.

A letter of thanks

Hi Tony Ransom, President of the Wangaratta BUGs,

The combined ride we had on April 24th was a great success. Our members enjoyed the ride out to Glenrowan, the hill and morning tea at the Bakery. The scones ran out but we got over that!!!!

Many thanks to Robin, Des, Maureen and everyone who joined in on the rides. We really appreciated you giving up your time.

Your members are most welcome to come to town and either join one of our rides on a Friday or we could certainly plan a special ride.

Regards
Dick Bartley
HANDLEBAR HARRIERS

ALL IN A DAY'S RIDE

Sunday 7th April our ride was Wilby to Yarrawonga and return. As we all know John Holmes does not have a car. Determined not to miss out on this ride he left Wangaratta at 6:30am and rode to Wilby and greeted fellow members one by one as they arrived. We all had a most enjoyable ride to Yarrawonga and return which was a leisurely 55km ride. Arriving back at our cars John then knocked back an offer of a lift back to Wangaratta and instead off he went, last seen in the direction of homeward bound. Well done John.

Kathleen Joan Semmler
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Members of the Wangaratta Bicycle User Group are deeply saddened at the sudden passing of their friend and fellow cyclist, Kath.

Kath set herself goals each week, completing certain amount of kilometres and if she returned before those distances were reached she would go out and ride 10 or so kilometres just to reach her goal!

Kath was very strong remarkable woman who put her all into everything she did. A woman well before her time, when Kath joined the teaching profession.

A school principal at Wangaratta Chisholm Street Primary for a number of years before her retirement, Kath's life revolved around her teaching career whilst raising two daughters, Lynne and Jayne with husband Laurie.

Our deepest sympathy and condolences to them on their great loss.

Kath will be missed very much on the Friday fun rides.



Dianne Cribbes



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO JAN AND DON BRADSHAW
ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**



**PAT AND CORRIE
READY TO TAKE ON THE CHALLENGE
OF DESCENDING MT. STANLEY**

MOUNT BEAUTY WEEKEND

Weekend 26-28th April twenty seven cyclists from Wangaratta Melbourne and Albury arrived in the township of Mount Beauty for a weekend of riding and exploring the picturesque scenery in the Kiewa Valley. They were not disappointed as the weather was superb – thick early morning fog veiled the countryside, lifting to reveal a magnificent and colourful landscape.

Mount Beauty, as the name suggests was at its most beautiful – trees displayed their splendid autumn colours – carpets of multi coloured leaves on the ground – cattle grazed in emerald green paddocks – high altitude mountains provided a magnificent backdrop to a picture postcard vista.

Once members had settled into their accommodation there was no time to waste, so Friday afternoon the club set off from Tawonga on a 20km undulating ride over the fast flowing Kiewa River and on to Mount Beauty township. They were unaware that this was a mere warm up for what the next day held in store for them. The evening meal was held at Roi's Restaurant – a gastronomic indulgence enjoyed by all.

Saturday was a challenging day for all riders as they wound their way along the Kiewa Valley to Gundowring – not much flat but plenty of hills!! An achievement of 70 hilly kms by the gung-ho riders, the more sensible riders chose to turn back after accomplishing 40 or 50kms and took a more leisurely ride back to Tawonga taking in the stunning scenery and a coffee stop on the way. The old Gundowring School brought memories flooding back for Corrie who lived in the area, attended the school and rode there each day on horseback as a youngster. The evening meal was at The Country Club and much conversation was held about that days 'hilly ride' – the more wine consumed, the bigger the hills got!

The next day, Sunday, the ride was from Tallangatta to the Sandy Creek Bridge and return to Tallangatta. The trail was of good quality and easy riding, much to the relief of many! On reaching the bridge the group were treated to the history of the rebuilding of the bridge across Lake Hume by Corrie whose firm completed the bridge over existing pylons, making a wonderful crossing for riders and walkers alike. This completed a great three day weekend away in the Kiewa Valley.



Karen, Tony, Eileen, Bernie, Neil, Pauline, Pam, Jill, Graham,
Katherine, Robin, Corrie, Merrilyn and Kathie



Bernie, Pauline, Graham,
Pam, Jill, Karen, Neil,
Merrilyn, Eileen, Kathie,
Robin, Corrie and Tony.

Robin and Tony riding
along the Sandy Creek
Bridge which is 600m in
length over the Lake
Hume Weir.



Judy, Libby, Robin,
Hans, Liz and Fran
enjoying pre dinner
drinks

Maureen

Corowa Ride

On Wednesday 17th April, 13 BUG members travelled to Corowa's John Foord Oval to join Don Bradshaw and two of his friends for a 50 km ride around Corowa and district.

We commenced in mild weather, very little wind and an enthusiastic atmosphere for a flat easy ride.

Proceeding out of Corowa township to Spring Drive heading in a westerly direction, we rode 13 kms to Freyer's Lane.

After meeting at a T intersection for a short rest, we proceeded to ride 33 kms along Redlands Road back to Corowa where we picked up the bike path, passing the Corowa Chocolate factory, to Federation Bridge then onto Wahgunyah. Then it was a short ride back to the Foord Street bridge to John Foord Oval at Rovers Park to load up our bikes.

After a most enjoyable day's riding, we dined at the Newmarket Pub for a scrumptious lunch where we were joined by Jan Bradshaw and Annie Lowe.

Thanks to Don and Maureen for their leadership and congratulations to Don for completing the ride, when he thought he wasn't able to do it.

Keep those pedals turning buddy!

Dianne Cribbes

Dressed in all it's winter finery -a Bike like no other!!



This wonderful rainbow coloured bike is the brainchild of a very artistic Lauren of Café Dérailler and is surely a drawcard to the café so do yourself a favour and take a look at Lauren's creation - and have a delicious coffee while you're there. Two months in the making and what a fabulous idea - we all know now where to take our unloved bikes for some dressing up!

Maureen



EVERTON-BEECHWORTH- STANLEY-MYRTLEFOR and back to EVERTON RIDE.

What a ride it was, 11 riders, and 3 non riders enjoyed perfect weather, up hills and down hills with beautiful autumn trees as a back drop. Top speed down Mt Stanley was Rick @ 55km/h followed by Pat on a cruising speed of 50km/h.

FOUR DOOKIE LADS CONQUERED MT.BUFFALO

On Wednesday the 15th of May a party of four riders and one support person left Dookie on a three day ride taking in Mt Buffalo. The riders were Peter Ryan, Howard Hannah, Peter Howard and Pat Trethowan and the support driver was Bill Bloomfield. We departed Dookie around 10am and arrived at the Thoona Pub at 12noon. After enjoying a nice meal the ride continued on to Wangaratta where we stayed overnight. The next day we followed the Rail Trail to Myrtleford for lunch and then onto Bright for another overnight including a nice meal at a local Pub. The final day saw us taking on Mt Buffalo in cloudy and cool conditions but as we ascended the mountain we rode into fog and cold conditions, however all riders made it to the top cold and weary only to be greeted by our support man Bill Bloomfield with hot soup and coffee.



Howard Hannah, Pat, Peter Ryan and Peter Howard.

Pat Trethowan

THE SHARING OF THE PLASTER CAST.

Good to see Marjorie is back riding after her bones have mended but unfortunately her cast was handed onto Maureen. After a recent accident Maureen is now nursing broken bones. We all wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you back riding with the group very soon. In the meantime it is great to see members who are recovering from broken bones and different illnesses join us for morning tea on our rides.

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