



BUG NEWS

The information RE-Cycle

JUNE 2014

President's Report

My last report came to you from the Mississippi River, but I am afraid this one is much less exotic, from my Byawatha office.

We had a fantastic trip to the USA, seeing some beautiful areas, hearing some great music, and eating all sorts of unusual dishes. We saw plenty of cyclists, including the one in the photo, pulling his grand piano around New Orleans. Great stuff.

We returned to Australia to find this absolutely marvellous autumn was upon us, with warm temperatures and green grass everywhere. Our last night in New York before we came home, it had actually snowed, so this was a great homecoming.

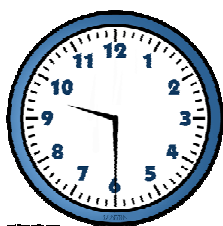
BUG's have had an approach from John Myles, in his position with the Rail Trail Committee of Management. They are constantly hearing of problems with maintenance along the trail, and would like to bring in a more organised way of reporting problem areas along the trail. They are looking for groups to do regular audits of the condition of the trail, and he asked if we were interested. This was discussed at our last committee meeting, and we all agreed that we would participate, and particularly keep an eye on the stretch from Wangaratta to Everton. We already have some real ties with this area, with our connection to the Bowser rest area, as well as the shelter out near Reedy creek, so we are always going to be vitally interested in the upkeep of the trail. We are still to work out the details, but presumably we will make a special effort to include this section in our rides program occasionally, so that we can keep a close eye on it and report on its' condition.

Our new rides committee have been hard at it coming up with another great list of rides for us. It is a continuing challenge to come up with new ideas all the time, and they are always happy to hear your opinions on the various rides. Please have a chat with Corrie and Marge, or Robin and Fran, and let them know your thoughts. They often discuss whether to have more or less out of town rides, so let them know what you think.

I am also looking forward to our Bright weekend in October. We always have a great time when we go away together and I am sure this will be another memorable weekend.

Happy cycling and many tailwinds.

Tony Ransom



**Friday rides will commence at 9:30am
from 13th June through to 5th September.**

Any enquiries please contact Dianne.

Phone 5721 7318 or 0427 217 310.

CYCLING MUSIC MAN



TOUR de BRIGHT 18th & 19 October 2014

Lock this date into your diaries. The plan is leave from Apex Park on the Saturday, ride to Bright and then return Sunday. No meals will be provided 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.

If you are interested please let Corrie know as he is now taking numbers. Over the next few weeks Corrie and Robin will go to Bright and seek accommodation options and prices so an idea of numbers is required.

2015 ASIAN HOLIDAY

Last chance if you want to have some input in going on a holiday to Asia, sight seeing along with some riding. The response has been over whelming . If you have any interest please contact Corrie and Marjorie now as the group are about to meet and discuss what they want to do and where they wish to travel to. The holiday is being planned for our winter in 2015 and will be with Grasshopper Adventures. Family and friends are welcome into the group.



U.K BOUND



L-R Rick, Robin, Heather, Des, Lauren, Rosemary and Fran (front)

Bags packed departing Wangaratta for a five week U.K Holiday. By the time this newsletter goes to print the above happy wanderers will have returned home. On the next few rides we will be hearing about their adventures.

FROM DOOKIE TO THE ALPS

7th to 9th May

Our ride started with six riders at the Tarrawingee station on Wednesday the 7th of May. The day was ideal with clear skies and no wind. From Tarrawingee station we rode the Rail Trail to Everton then up the trail to Beechworth for lunch, we returned the same way and on reaching Everton the group followed the Rail Trail to Myrtleford ending the first days ride. We based ourselves at Bright for two nights enjoying our evening meals at the Bright Hotel.

The second day the ride started at Ovens and travelled through Rosewhite, and Kancoona until we reached the Kiewa Valley Highway then south to Mt Beauty for lunch. After lunch it was the hard ride up the Tawonga Gap then down and back to Bright for the evening, a hard ride for a while but for most of it just beautiful.

The third day was the hard one. We started at Harrietville and it was tough going from the very start. Thirty two kilometres to the Hotham Heights Alpine Village. I don't think we could have done this ride without our support vehicle as we stopped every five to seven kilometres to have something to drink and maybe an energy bar to keep us sustained. On several parts of the ride we had to walk due to the steep climb but however we eventually reached the top and it was cold and windy. After some warm food we set off down to Harrietville, ending one of the hardest days ride that I can remember.

Facts & figures

Day 1, to Beechworth-warm up day easy gradient mainly between 1% and 3% .

Day 2, Tawonga Gap (Bright side)	Tawonga Gap (Mt. Beauty side)	Day 3, Harrietville to Mt. Hotham
Length: 13.8km	Length: 7.6km	Length: 32km
Average gradient: 3.9%	Average gradient: 6.3%	Average gradient: 4.2%
Elevation gain: 537m	Elevation gain: 537m	Elevation gain: 1,279m
Category climb: 3	Category climb: 3	Category climb: HC

Category's start at 5 and go up to 1. Five being the easiest and getting harder as you move towards one. Then after this comes HC which is off the scale, (hardest of hard rides)

An A grade rider will complete the climb from Harrietville to Mt. Hotham in under 80 minutes but anything under two hours is a commendable effort.

Harrietville to Mt. Hotham at a glance:

- A long, challenging climb with three distinct sections, some steep ramps and great views.
- The first section is a steady 11km ... except The Meg at the 5.6km mark (300m at ~10%).
- The second section is a long false-flat from 11km to 19.7km with only minimal climbing.
- The final section begins at 19.7km and features two short descents (at 22.9km and 27km) ... and: CRB Hill at 23.5km (1.1km at 10%) and Diamantina at 28.3km (1.4km at 9%).

Patrick Trethowan

Editor's Note

Our club member from Dookie has done us proud. We can all commend him on his outstanding achievement. He told me he was under the influence of his younger counterparts from the Dookie area. He just had to keep up with them and show them he still has great stamina. (Pat, Wangaratta BUGs would never put you through three days like the above).



**The journey begins
from Tarrawingee
Station.**

Clay, Peter, Pat and Howard



Well earned rest at Mt. Hotham



**They made it.
Congratulations
boys.**

L-R Howard Hanna,
Pat Trethowan,
Clay Manners,
Peter Ryan, and
Peter Howard.

SHEPPARTON—WANGARATTA JOINT RIDE

Saturday 24th May seven BUG members travelled to Nalinga where we met Pat's friends with whom he rides with around Dookie and Shepparton areas. Our group rode to Violet Town and after enjoying a morning tea break in the town we then returned to Nalinga. Perfect riding conditions and great company ensured all had a good ride.



CLUB MEMBERSHIP 2014/2015

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 2014**. 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. Could members please complete the membership form so that we can check that we have correct mobile numbers.

REMEMBERING A CYCLING FRIEND

Many of you know Peter and Carole McGuire who are members of Handle Bar Harriers and are close friends to Graham and Pauline Reid. Whenever they are in Wangaratta they would always join us on our clubs rides. Sadly, Peter passed away recently, while participating in an organised bike ride in South Australia. Our thoughts are with Carole. Peter will be missed as one of our many visiting cyclists.

CORRIE'S MILESTONE



**Corrie's passed the "Flower Power" decade
and now he is "Living in the Seventies".**

Tony presented Corrie with his "Badge of Honour"

Happy Birthday from all of us.

WANGARATTA BUG COMMITTEE:

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