



BUG NEWS

The information RE-Cycle

OCTOBER 2013

President's Report

I am pleased to present the President's report for 2013.

Our club has again enabled our members to ride the wonderful North East Victoria with a magnificent range of rides put together by our Rides coordinator Maureen, with the help from many of our members. Our three weekly rides have provided great times for all those who participated. The Road BUG crew have gone into recess for the time being.

The Kelly Country Classic has been taken over by Sam Miranda Wines and many of our members had a great day on this ride which we pioneered. I am sure that we will continue to support this iconic ride in the area, particularly as it still supports North East Health Wangaratta.

Our Christmas party was also a great success at Gracebrook Winery. A very pleasant afternoon was had by all. Another great weekend of riding was held at Mt Beauty. Two magnificent days of riding the Kiewa Valley was an absolute highlight, particularly our bridge tour of the new bridge over the Hume Weir conducted by Corrie. This weekend was also well organised by Maureen.

Members have also been involved with several extra-curricular activities such as helping with the Wangaratta marathon and also the recent State Junior Cycling championship, so well done to all those involved.

Our Committee has again performed their duties very well. Secretary Terry/Jen and Treasurer Colin have been very diligent at their tasks. Vice President Maureen is very thorough with everything that she does, Fran for organising our social outings and a special mention to Julie for another outstanding job on the newsletter and website. This is possibly the biggest job in the club and she carries it out with great gusto.

We were saddened during the year by the death of our long time member Kath Semmler. We all have many happy memories of riding with Kath. It was a great tribute to see so many of our members at her funeral.

As we can all see, we now have new clubrooms, which we are sharing with the Wangaratta Cycle Club. It is certainly a lot more comfortable than our old ones. This hopefully will be the start of a long and fruitful association with the Cycle Club.

Again it has been a real privilege to lead the Wangaratta BUG for another year.

Tony Ransom.

FRIDAY RIDE START TIME

A notice to all members who ride on Fridays.

As of Friday 4th October the start time will revert back to **9:00am**. Dianne wishes to inform us that the 9:30am starts during the winter months was a success.



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, desert is Christmas pudding with brandy custard or lemon tart and berries.

So come along and enjoy a social day with friends.



BOARD ROOM MEMBER

We would all like to welcome Corrie Haring as our Vice President. Corrie has been a member of our club for many years. A new face around our “board room” table.

Welcome Corrie.

BANYULE BUGs are coming.



The Banyule BUG cub are coming to Wangaratta for a riding holiday. On Saturday 9th November they will be joining us on our weekend ride. We will be riding along the Rail Trail to Everton, Markwood, Milawa, Oxley before returning to Wangaratta. Morning tea will no doubt be at the Cheese Factory. Some come along and meet the Banyule BUG members.

Cycle of forgetfulness

The following appeared in “Black & White” in the Hearld Sun. Kevin won’t give us any names because he says the women is very embarrassed, but for the second time in three weeks, she drove into her carport, forgetting she had a bike on the roof of her car. The first time cost her \$1000 in repairs to house and bike.



2013 Kelly Country Classic Sunday 10th November



Sam Miranda King Valley are pleased to announce that the Kelly Country Classic is back for 2013. Entries are now open for the 8th Kelly Country Classic. The ride will start and finish at the Sam Miranda Cellar Door in Oxley and will meander through Glenrowan, Myrree and Moyhu with a 55km and 105km options for riders to choose from. The Event Village is back which will allow riders to relax before and after the ride and enjoy great coffee and the complimentary food while kicking back listening to live music by local band Groovyard Hammond Combo.

Entry will be a flat rate therefore enabling those more enthusiastic competitors to continue riding and complete either loop a second time. A donation of \$10 from each entry will be made to Northeast Health Wangaratta to provide much needed medical equipment for the well being of local residents.

Ride Options

For 2013 2 ride options are available.

55km - (9AM Start Time) Start/Finish Oxley travelling via Glenrowan, Greta, Moyhu

105km - (8AM Start Time) Start/Finish Oxley travelling via Glenrowan, Winton, Lurg, Myrree, Moyhu

For your entry fee you will receive:

- The option to ride the 55km or 105km circuits
- Fully signed ride route
- On Course Marshals
- On Course Food & Drink Stations
- Ride Maps
- Event insurance
- Entry to Event Village
- Buffet Lunch after your ride
- Live entertainment post ride and into the late afternoon

Enter Online

Entering is easy! Simply follow the link to register online at <http://www.sammiranda.com.au/>

Entries are available online until 9 November. Entries will be available on the day however they will attract a late entry fee.

2 Entry types are available.

Ride (includes buffet lunch etc) and Limited Edition Kelly Country Classic Jersey

(Total Value \$170.00) ONLY \$130

Ride only (includes buffet lunch etc) \$80.00



CHILTERN MO (Hybrid Bike) RIDE Sunday 24th November 2013

Commencing in Chiltern, a 23km loop

Start time: 8.15am

Start venue: Chiltern Recreation Reserve

Address- Alliance Street, Chiltern VIC

Distance: 23km FREE Details: 03 5726 1300

HOLIDAY HAPPINESS

Recently Graham and I had the holiday that we never thought would come our way. It was absolutely wonderful, with perfect weather much of the time. Was had to come home when there was so much more to see and do.



Dianne & Graham in Paris

AWESOME FOURSOME IN QUEENSLAND

Late September three fellow Dookie friends and myself set off to Queensland to participate in an eight day riding event. The ride started at Mission Beach then onto Innisfail and up through the Atherton Table Lands to Mareeba, onto Mossman before finishing at Port Douglas. The ride was one of the best that I have been on and also the weather was just ideal and the cooks did a fantastic job. The three guys that I rode with were the best company that you could wish for on a ride like this.

Yungaburra where we had our rest day



Peter Howard, Clay Manners, Pat & Peter Ryan



Patrick

HOMeward BOUND

Six happy travellers about to return to Australia having enjoyed a wonderful holiday in Cambodia and Vietnam. A trip packed with sightseeing of labarynth of ruined temples, many covered with massive Banyan tree roots, excursions to villages and markets, fun rides by Ox cart, tuk tuk an rickshaw, cruising down the mighty Mekong River– what a way to go! Superb dining on a board entertainment but the beautiful Cambodian people who were determined to make our trip a memorable one-they sure succeeded in that!.

Maureen.



Pauline, Graham, Maureen, Gunter, Marj and Corrie

Joke of the week

A couple made a deal that whoever died first would come back and let the other know if there was an after life. After a long life together, the husband was the first to die. True to his word, he made the first contact. "Marion....Marion" "Is that you, Bob?" "Yes, I've come back like we agreed." "that's wonderful. What's it like?" "well, I get up in the morning, I have sex, I have breakfast and then it's off to the golf course. "I have sex again, bathe in the warm sun, and then have sex a couple more times." "Then I have lunch –lots of greens– another romp around the golf course, then pretty much have sex the rest of the afternoon. "after supper, it's back to the golf course again. Then it's more sex until late at night. "I catch some much needed sleep and then the next day it starts all over again." "Oh, Bob, so you're in Heaven?" "No. I'm a rabbit somewhere near Mildura."

JOHN'S ROAD TRIP TO MELBOURNE 2ND OCTOBER



CITY BOUND:
Wangaratta's John Holmes will be riding to Melbourne today in one of his longest bike ventures in his 25 years of riding.
PHOTO: Luke Plummer

John's Melbourne ride just because he can

By CAITLIN SARTORI

WHILE many people will have spent last night getting a good night's sleep, John Holmes will be well on his way to Melbourne – on a push bike.

Mr Holmes, who has been riding bikes since 1988, departed Wangaratta this morning at 2am, a time that would make the average person cringe.

The 63-year-old decided to ride his bike to Melbourne citing "just because I could do it".

"It'll be my first time riding to Melbourne, and I'll be by myself," he said.

"Seymour will be my main stop, I'll aim to get there and have some brekky, but I'll be snacking along the way of course.

"I don't mind what time I get to Melbourne, as long as it's before 6pm so I can catch the train home.

"I'll be taking a bit of a mix with the freeway and the old roads, but I'll end up at Southern Cross.

"It'll be one of my bigger rides, it's 237 kilometres."

Mr Holmes will arrive on the outskirts of Melbourne, before catching

a train into Southern Cross Station to avoid confusion or getting lost in the city.

He has been a member of Wangaratta's BUGs (Bicycle User Group) for the past eight years.

Seeing the sights of the North East are enjoyable factors for Mr Holmes, regularly riding to and from Benalla, Beechworth and Everton.

Rides to Yarrawonga and Rutherglen remain among the most interesting routes in the area, according to Mr Holmes.

Clocking up 130km in one ride is not an unusual feat either for the keen cyclist.

"Some of my friends say they don't know how I do it," he said.

"It's good to get on the road in the open air, see some different towns, have a bit of a snack with people while having a chat, and then ride home."

Mr Holmes said motivating factors were keeping fit, combined with the sense of achievement he felt after completing a ride.

His longest trip to date was his first ride 25 years ago, spending 15 days to ride to Sydney with 2500 fellow riders.

.....and home

John's Melbourne bike ride was a huge success

By CAITLIN SARTORI

HAVING never attempted a bike ride of 237 kilometres in one go, John Holmes (pictured) left Wangaratta, and made it safe and sound to Melbourne on Wednesday.

Mr Holmes left Wangaratta at 2am on Wednesday and arrived at Craigieburn at 2pm.

His friend and fellow Bicycle User



Group (BUGs) member, Dianne Cribbes, said he had no mishaps the entire ride.

"He was back riding his bike around this morning," she said.

"He gave me a call close to 9am yesterday (Wednesday), and he was 17 kilometres away from Seymour, and he called me again when he had just got on the train at Craigieburn, which was at about 2pm."

Mr Holmes was out riding again yesterday, but was faced with one problem before heading out – a flat tyre.

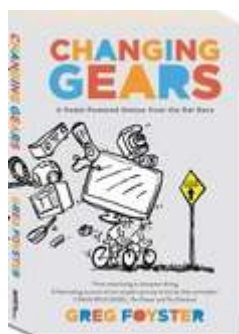
BOOK LAUNCH



My name is Greg Foyster and I'm the author of the book *Changing Gears: A Pedal-Powered Detour from the Rat Race*, which tells the story of a 6500-kilometre cycling journey from Hobart to Cairns exploring more sustainable ways of living.

But the book is also about cycle touring and the inspiring and eccentric characters we met on the road – from a forest activist living up a tree, to an 18th-century woodsman and a monk walking barefoot through Queensland

During September, October and November, we're embarking on a 'pedal-powered' book tour from Melbourne to Sydney, and we'll be visiting Wangaratta on Thursday 24th October 12:30pm Collins Book Store, 57 Murphy Street Wangaratta. I am planning a 20 minute talk with questions. Everyone is welcome.



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LEAD THE
GROUP BACK
TO WANGARATTA**

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