



## Knox Bicycle Touring Club Inc.

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### Ride Summaries

Thanks to all ride leaders for taking the responsibility to lead rides.

**1<sup>st</sup> October 2017**

#### Fish and Chip Ride

Riders: Mike (L), Helen and Melisa (W)

I don't know what everyone else was doing but a grand total of three riders left Bayswater riding along the Dandenong Creek Trail, then crossed the Creek and went up Eastlink to Canterbury Road. We went down Canterbury to Heatherdale Road and onto the bike lane to Heatherdale Railway Station.

We turned onto the Ringwood – Box Hill Trail to Mitcham where we stopped for morning tea. After the break, we continued north along Mitcham Road, crossing Eastlink Freeway and picked up the Koonung Trail through to Box Hill.

A number of back streets later, we were back on the Box Hill - Ringwood path again. At Nunawading, we took to the streets again and headed to Brentford Square. Mary was waiting at the fish and chip shop and joined us for lunch. After lunch we went down to the Dandenong Creek Trail and back to Bayswater.

Distance: 45kms

Weather: Mild and dry



**8<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

#### Belgrave, Lilydale and Wandin

Riders: Melisa (L), Werner, Mike, Brenda, Chris and Rod (W)

Started on Dandenong Creek Trail to Colchester Road then along Hawthorn Road then the bike path past the Miniature Railway to Mooroolbark

and the Moo Cafe for morning tea. We were met here by Brenda who joined us for the rest of the ride.

After morning tea, we continued on Hull Rd, Mooroolbark Rd (on the track parallel with Mooroolbark Rd, which is a bit steep but safer), crossing Maroondah Highway to Victoria Rd to Beresford Rd and the rail trail to Wandin.



*Lunch at a small park opposite Wandin shops*

Lunch was at the Park opposite the Wandin shops. Returned via the rail trail to Mt Evelyn where Rod and Brenda continued via Lilydale Lake back to Mooroolbark and Werner went to the Railway Station to catch a train home. Chris had a puncture at Mt Evelyn, which he fixed with a minimum of fuss.



*Chris fixing his puncture at Mt Evelyn*

Melisa, Mike and Chris rode via York Road to Swansea Road, Canterbury Rd, and Colchester where we all took our own ways home.

Distance: 50kms

Weather: warm and windy



### 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017

#### Local Knox Ride

Riders: Rod (L), Brenda, Mike, Melisa, Virginia and Chris (W)

From Bayswater, we rode south along the railway line trail to Ferntree Gully then the Ferny Creek Trail through to Scoresby for morning tea.

After morning tea, we picked up the Eastlink Trail right through to Ringwood Lake for lunch. After lunch, we headed east and picked up Patterson St to Dublin Rd. After crossing Dublin Rd, we continued along Patterson St to Eastfield Rd.

Before crossing over the railway line, we turned left through a small park and joined up with Cheong St. Off the end of Cheong St is a gravel pathway, running parallel with the railway line, which comes out at the end of Moralla Ave, coming out at Mt Dandenong Rd.

From there, we rode along Mt Dandenong Rd into Croydon. We crossed Mt Dandenong Rd at Civic Square and rode back to Bayswater along the Tarralla Creek Trail.

Distance: 44kms

Weather: Sunny and warm



### 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017

#### Mooroolbark Ramble

Riders: Helen (L), Werner, Mike, Beth and Chris (W)

Bayswater Park, Bayswater Rd, Billara Drive, Brushy Creek Trail, to Mooroolbark. Morning tea at the Moo Cafe which is becoming a regular stop for us then a loop along Graydendale, Hull Roads, Blackburn Loop via Hawker Rd Pool, Colchester Rd and Allamban Rd.

At some point during the ride, Werner broke his chain and replaced the master link. I recall that happening once before to Werner's chain!

Distance: 29kms

Weather: Rainy



### 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017

#### Tooradin

Riders: Melisa (L), Peter, Beth, Mike and Chris (W)

With a strong tail wind pushing us, five riders left the Cranbourne Railway Station, through some back streets to Cranbourne Rd, then Scott Street to Sladen Road. We crossed at the lights by the racecourse entrance and picked up the bike path leading to Cranbourne Botanical Gardens. We had coffee in the cafe overlooking the red dirt of the Australian Garden.

We then returned to Ballarto Rd, unmade and corrugated, then more dirt on Yallambie but the corrugations were not so bad.

At Manks Rd we were back on bitumen to Tooradin Station Rd and on to Tooradin, where we had lunch at a picnic table alongside the water.

When we stopped Chris and Melisa heard a loud hissing sound and sure enough it was a puncture in Melisa's front tyre. It was repaired easy enough but a new tyre might be a good idea. We had a head wind all the way back to Cranbourne

Distance: 50kms

Weather: Warm and windy



### 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017

#### Wattle Park

Riders: Melisa (L), Kristina, Werner, Mike, Beth, Brenda, Rod, Noel and Chris (W)

Seven regular riders, plus Kristina The Pilbara princess and a guest appearance from Noel, left Bayswater following the Dandenong Creek Trail then crossed the swing bridge and climbed up to Centre Road and into Morack Rd to the Java Script Cafe at the Vermont Day Hospital.

Continued back Morack Rd to Tarrara Rd and Hawthorn Rd crossed Blackburn Rd into Eley Rd, right into Middleborough Rd to the Gardiners Creek Trail to Elgar Rd and into

Wattle Park for a picnic lunch in one of the old trams.



Lunch at Wattle Park. Don't forget your Myki!

Noel disappeared to find a BBQ to cook his lunchtime sausages. Returned to Gardiners Creek Trail to Middleborough Rd then to Laburnum and onto the Railway line bike path back to Ringwood and on to Bayswater.



Clearly, Mike can't read English!

At Nunawading Station, while waiting for other riders, Mike the 'rebel' up yours Metro – I want to park my bike right here!

Distance: 55kms

Weather: Cool



**12<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

Scotchman's Creek Trail

Riders: Beth (L), Brenda, Jacinta, Rod, Helen, Chris, Melisa, Noel and Mike (W)

Good to have Kristina with us again and we all agreed that the best way for Jacinta to transport

her bike to her new home in Richmond was to ride it there!



Nice morning for a bike ride!

Bayswater to Jells Park for coffee with freshly baked scones provided by the resident chef, Shannon. Up the steep Sunnybrook Drive then Whites Lane to find the creek just over Waverley Road from the swimming pool.

Followed the trail until it became Gardiners Creek Trail after Warrigal Road. Lunch at Phoenix Park after which Jacinta departed and the rest took the train from East Malvern to Glen Waverley and then rode home from there.



East Malvern Station where Beth left her helmet and gloves!

Meanwhile back at the ranch, Beth discovered that she had left her helmet and gloves behind on the platform at East Malvern. She got the next train back and found her possessions still on the bench where she had left them!

Distance: 45kms

Weather: Misty at first, then fine



**19<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

Lilydale Lake to Warburton



Riders: Mike (L), Melisa, Warwick, Beth, Brenda and Rod (W)

Chris was away and Mike decided that he did not really want to ride all the way to and from Bayswater this time so we met at Lilydale Lake for a 9.00am start.

We rode out the back of the park and crossed Swansea Road at the big roundabout and through the houses up the Rail Trail. We took it easy on the uphill bit to Mount Evelyn then enjoyed the nice long downhill to Woori Yallock. It is the half way mark on the ride to Warburton, as well as lowest point on the trail, and as actor Michael Caine would have said, "Not many people know that".

Astute readers may have noticed no mention of a coffee stop at the Carriage Cafe because this took place at the Woori Yallock bakery which required an uphill ride. Brenda joined us as we were enjoying our coffees, as did Warwick (and Kym, who joined us for coffee only).

After coffee (and cakes for some) we continued our ride. The trail was quite busy as there was a fund raising ride taking place but we managed to get to Warburton without incident. Here we met Beth who had 'Music Ministry' duties at her Sunday Mass and had driven to Warburton.



*Riders on the Warburton Trail*

There was a nice shady picnic table just past the Cog Cafe but the incumbents showed no signs of moving so we had to continue to our usual spot down by the river. Down at the river the fund raising ride people had taken all the picnic tables but we found a patch of grass in the shade and sat down for lunch there.

Beth rode to Woori Yallock with us then returned to her car at Warburton while Brenda loaded her bike onto her car at Woori Yallock. Melisa stopped at Mount Evelyn because she had left her car there and had ridden down to the start at Lilydale Lake.

Then there were three riding back to Lilydale Lake and Mike continued back to the Railway Station and did not have long to wait for a train.

Distance: 80kms

Weather: Hot and humid



### 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017

#### Lilydale, Seville and Gruyere Loop

Riders: Peter (L) and Mike (W)

Victoria Road, Coldstream West Road, Another Victoria Rd, Burgi Hill Road then the Warburton Rail Trail to the Carriage Cafe for morning tea.

Then Station road to the Seville roundabout then we started climbing, Monbulk Rd, Parker Road, Monbulk Rd again and lunch at Silvan dam. Up the hill back to the Lilydale-Monbulk Rd to Mount Evelyn then onto the Rail Trail back to Lilydale railway Station.

Before we started Peter had a soft tyre so we changed the tube. No problems for the rest of the ride.

Distance: 45kms

Weather: Stormy with showers



### 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017

#### Mike's Mystery Ride

Riders: Mike (L) and Werner (W)

Many members were away and the forecast was for lots of rain but Werner and Mike fronted up at Bayswater anyway. We rode along the Dandenong Creek Trail to Koomba Park, we turned across the Freeway and through Wantirna South to Burwood Highway, where we took the bike path along the highway to Knox City, where we stopped for coffee.

We then continued along the Blind Creek Trail to Stud Road which we followed to the Ferny Creek Trail. Just before we went past the Middle Pub the bolt holding Mike's saddle sheared and the saddle came off the seat-post.

Fortunately Mike did not suffer any damage and Werner found all the bits for the saddle clamp

so we went looking for assistance. The nearest bike shop was no more than just an empty building and a nearby bolt shop was closed, it being Sunday.

Mike walked to the nearby Upper Ferntree Gully Railway Station and Werner rode home.

Distance: 15kms

Weather: Cloudy, some showers



### 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017

#### Christmas Break-up Ride

Riders: Melisa (L), Werner, Kristina, Mike, Virginia, Alistair, Beth, Brenda, Helen, Warwick, Mike Neal and Chris (W)

Workers: Noel and Rod

Other members: Mary, Peggy, John, Maureen, Graham, Phyllis, Kym and Jacinta

It was a three way team effort to lead the ride today. Melisa led the ride first towards Bayswater Railway Station onto Sasses Avenue, Lewis Rd and onto the Blind Creek Trail. Then right at Scoresby Rd, across FTG Rd onto Bunjil Way onto the Ferny Creek Trail, turning into the Industrial Estate area of Rowville to the Tossario Restaurant for coffee.



*Chris, Maureen and John at the Christmas lunch*

Chris led the ride next taking us via Hendersons Rd, crossing FTG Rd to Harley St and through back roads to the Lakewood Estate, around the lake to Burwood Highway. Brenda then led for the last leg taking us up Lewis Rd, back Roads and tracks to the Community Gardens to be greeted by non-riders and Christmas lunch.



*Club members enjoying Christmas lunch*

Distance: 20kms

Weather: Fine and warm



### 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017

#### Mike's End of Year Mystery Ride

Riders: Mike (L), Werner, Rod, Helen, Warwick, Eamon and Chris (W)

We rode the Dandenong Creek Trail then turned left at Koomba Park crossing Eastlink into Wantirna South. Then along Templeton Road to Burwood Highway where we took the bike path running parallel to the Highway and on to Knox City for our coffee stop.

We then followed the Blind Creek Trail to Stud Road and took Stud road down to the Ferny Creek Trail. At Upper Ferntree Gully we crossed over the railway line along Quarry Road to Ferntree Gully then along Forest Road to The Basin.

Helen and Werner did not fancy the next stretch of unmade road and elected to go down Mountain Highway to Bayswater. The rest of us turned off The Basin-Olinda Road into Sheffield Road up a steep pinch past the Salvation Army farm then down the unmade part of Sheffield Road. We then turned left into a very corrugated Piggery Lane before crossing Liverpool Road and onto the Dandenong Creek path back to Bayswater park where we had lunch.

Distance: 30kms

Weather: Warm and humid



## News

Congratulations to Noel and Melisa (Nanna and Poppy) who became grand-parents for the first time recently. Lolla May Nealon was born to Shannon and Harley on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 11.56pm, weighting in at 2.64kgs. Congratulations also to Shannon and Harley who are very excited first-time parents.



A number of our members have not been that well over the last couple of months. Please keep John and Maureen, Kym and anyone else who is battling health issues in your thoughts. We all hope you are back on your feet again soon!



The Annual General Meeting will be held at Rod and Brenda's home on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 at 8pm. Please ring 9801 4263 for further details.



The next social occasion will be a dinner at the Wheelers Hill Hotel on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018. Please ring Melisa on 0410 544 769 for further details.



The next club camp will be held at Yea over the Labour Day weekend, 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Please contact Chris on 0403 068 285 for all the details.



Our condolences go out to Christina regarding the recent passing of her mum. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.



Our condolences also go out to Bronwen and Chris regarding the recent passing of Bronwen's dad. Our thoughts and prayers are also with you at this time.



## Upcoming Rides

07/01/2018	Richmond and Inner City
14/01/2018	Mullum Mullum
21/01/2018	Ruffy Lake Park
28/01/2018	Local ride
04/02/2018	Craigieburn
11/02/2018	Noel's bike paths
18/02/2018	Mt Donna Buang (TBC)
25/02/2018	Upwey
04/03/2018	Powelltown
11/03/2018	Labour Day Weekend - Yea
18/03/2018	Belgrave Lake Park
25/03/2018	Caulfield Park



## Dandenong Creek

The Dandenong Creek Trail at Heathmont will be detoured until the middle of next year as Melbourne Water makes the Dandenong Creek a creek again. Currently the "creek" is actually 830 metres of underground pipe between the H.E. Parker Reserve and the Ringwood-Belgrave Railway line.

Now it is being returned to an open waterway, to be landscaped with rock features and revegetated with native plants to enhance the amenity of the area. And a better environment to ride through, no doubt.

In January the Dandenong Creek Trail shared use path between the footbridge and the railway bridge will be closed and a detour will be established between Marlborough Road and Church Street.

There will be an increase in traffic in this area during work hours, predominantly on Armstrong Road and Heathmont Road which are the main access roads into the project site. The works are expected to be finished by May, weather permitting.