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Ride Summaries

Thanks to all ride leaders for taking the responsibility to lead rides. Here is a selection of summaries for the May and June 2018 rides.

13th May 2018

Mother's Day Ride – Wicks Reserve

Riders: Melisa (L), Graham, Brenda, Jacinta, Rod, Noelene, Stewart and Werner (W)

From Bayswater, we rode on the Tarralla Creek Trail to Croydon then onto Leigh Rd, crossing Dorset Rd to the trail behind the golf course.



Riders setting out for the Mother's Day ride

Then the ride went along Colchester Rd to the Dandenong Creek Trail to Liverpool Rd. From here we rode on the graveled Pavitt Lane, and then climbed up the Sheffield Rd hill to the Salvos Farm. Finally, we rode down to Wicks Reserve and enjoyed Noel's home cooked breakfast.

A big thankyou to Noel for organising such a wonderful breakfast for us all.

Weather: Cool

Distance: 15kms



20th May 2018

Karkarook Park, Moorabbin

Riders: Melisa (L), Helen, Noelene, Stewart and Chris (W)

From Bayswater, we rode on back roads to Eastlink Trail and to Ferntree Gully Road. From there, the ride took back roads to Jells Rd then to the old VFL Park at the Last Piece Cafe for morning tea.

We continued on roads via Jacksons Rd, Elonera Rd and Chandler Rd. At Noble Park, we came to the new overhead train line and followed it through Springvale and eventually to Bourke Rd to the back entrance to Karkarook Park for our lunch stop.

Returned to Noble Park, up Heatherton Rd and onto the Eastlink Trail to Jells Park where riders made their own way home from there.

Weather: Windy

Distance: 60kms



27th May 2018

Kinglake

Riders: Peter (L), Chris, Noeline, Stewart, Mike (W)

We met at Yarra Glen this morning and rode along the slightly undulating Steels Creek Road then turned onto the unmade Old Kinglake Road.

The surface was in good condition and we made our way through the Mountain Ash forest interposed with a few tree ferns until we reached the main Kinglake Rd which then

climbed steeply for about a kilometre before levelling out a bit for the run into Kinglake, our morning coffee stop.

There was crowd of motor bike riders there including former KBTC member, Sheri. We returned along the Kinglake Rd to the Melba Highway crossing into the Toolangi Rd for our lunch spot at the Mount Slide picnic ground. We then rode down Mt Slide on the Melba Highway on a very narrow shoulder which fortunately widened considerably once we reached the flat for our run back to Yarra Glen.

Weather: Fine

Distance: 50kms



3rd June 2018

Williamstown

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

We met at Bayswater Railway Station and caught the 8.38am train to the City. Rod was suffering severe caffeine withdrawal but as we rode along Southbank everything was either still closed or had a queue out the door.

Finally at Docklands we got lucky and found a place at the Port Arlington ferry terminal. Suitably medicated we followed the path along Footscray Road and across the Maribyrnong River on a new bike / foot bridge. Soon enough, we were under the Westgate Bridge and riding along the waterside through to Williamstown. We rode through Williamstown past the Time Ball Tower and on to our lunch spot at the L A Parker Reserve.

None of the riders showed any enthusiasm for continuing to Altona so after lunch we headed back. Werner elected to take the Punt and the rest of us returned to Southern Cross Station for the rail trip home. Except for Chris – he decided to cycle home.

Weather: Mild, sunny, no wind

Distance: 30kms



9th to 11th June 2018

Seymour Camp

Riders: Melisa (L), Noel, Chris, Mary, Mike, Noeline, Stewart, Brenda, Rod (W).

Support: Bronwen

Saturday Afternoon Ride:

We rode around the back roads of Seymour stopping at a property whose fence was covered with 17 old bikes.



A front fence made up of old bikes

We then we continued onto the Light Horse Memorial Park for a look around then back along the highway back to camp.



Scene at the Light Horse Memorial Park

In total, we rode 15kms (but it was a very interesting 15kms!)

Saturday evening we shared casseroles and desserts in Noel and Stewart's cabin, since it had the best layout to accommodate ten people for a sit-down dinner.

I ate too much because there was so much great food. The desserts in particular were magnificent!

Sunday Ride:

Last year on the Stratford long weekend, Alf and Cathy joined us for some of the Sunday ride and we were expecting them to join us again this year. However, due to illness, they were not able to join us at the start. We did however see them later in the day.

After lining up for the mandatory pre-ride photo, we were off!



We took Emily Street towards Puckapunyal then turned into Dysart Rd and Schoolhouse Lane to Tallarook for morning tea. It was quite foggy in places out on these roads and very cold as well! We were greeted by Bronwen and Noel who were patiently waiting in the park behind the Fire Station.

Morning tea was a highlight of cakes and slices prepared earlier by the lady club members which were good enough to be entered into next year's Royal Melbourne Show. Most of us took the opportunity to wander through an old 'wares' yard but not too many bargains to be had!



After a full stomach of treats we proceeded along the Great Victorian Rail Trail to our lunch stop at Trawool. Once again, we were met by Bronwen, who, with Noel's help, had setup our lunch spot. Cakes and slices and hot cups of tea and coffee were waiting. We didn't stay long at the lunch spot because it was a very cold spot.

Mary and Mike decided to ride directly back to Seymour along the Goulburn Highway (a distance of 43km for the day) while the rest of us, including Noel, returned the way we came (a distance of 50kms for the day). On the way back we passed Alf and Cathy who were riding out towards Tallarook but decided to return to Seymour with us.



Some of our group out on the trail

Sunday night we went to the pub as usual for dinner where we were joined by Cathy and Alf. It was like having dinner at the Old Melbourne Gaol, with lots of cell doors opening into the central courtyard. All we needed was a hangman's noose and a trap door to complete the picture.



Diners on the floor of the Royal Hotel

On Monday morning, we met at New Crossing River Reserve (Lions Park) for a morning walk. We followed the walking trail along the Goulburn River to where the remains of the old bridge stand as a relic of a bygone era.

We returned to our cars and drove a short distance for morning tea at Aramintas Tea Rooms, set in a magnificently restored old building. After morning tea, we all headed home.

Thanks to Melisa and Noel for organizing the weekend and to Bronwen and Noel for supporting the Sunday ride.



Old Goulburn River Bridge (1892)

Weather: Cold but dry

Distances: refer above



The next Committee Meeting will be held at Noel and Melisa's home on Thursday 23rd August 2018 at 8pm. Please ring 0410 544 769 for details.



The next social outing will be held on 21st September 2018. Please keep this date free. Details will be communicated in due course.



Mike and Mary's Ride

Mike and Mary went on a big bike adventure recently. They took the train to Albury and rode to Corowa, Yarrowonga, Cobram, Nurmurkah, Nathalia, Barmah, Echuca and finally Elmore. From Elmore, they caught the train back home.

Follow their trip using the following link - [Mike and Mary's Great Murray River Ride](#)



Cycling News

There is plenty happening in the cycling world relating to this great city of ours. Refer to the following website for many interesting stories -

<https://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/>

There are quite a few interesting articles but have a read of 'Riders duck-shoved on Swan

Street' (archives – July 2018). The massive Swan Street Bridge widening project has inexplicably failed to fix the sub-standard bike underpasses at the Yarra River.



Upcoming Rides

- 15/07/2018 Blackburn, Doncaster triangle
- 22/07/2018 Local bike paths
- 29/07/2018 Churchill National Park
- 05/08/2018 Mooroolbark loop
- 12/08/2018 Mullum Mullum Trail
- 19/08/2018 Port Melbourne
- 26/08/2018 Dandenong loop
- 02/09/2018 Father's Day ride
- 09/09/2018 Mik'e Mystery Meander
- 16/09/2018 Darebin Creek
- 23/09/2018 Pakenham loop
- 30/09/2018 Scoresby, Rowville loop

And finally...



Chris and friend at the Mother's Day breakfast

