



CYCLEMANIA

Mandurah Over 55 Cycle Club Newsletter

March 2009

From the President's Desk – Bill Clare

One of the tasks I set for the committee this year was to review our constitution, ride rules etc . After several meetings and reviews amendments were made to some of our documents (none to the constitution) a copy of those are on the notice board and I recommend that members read them.

Also on the agenda was the task of setting a budget of expected income and expenditure, this has been set out extremely well by our treasurer Arthur Watkins and the committee is grateful of his service. As there has been some mumbling on the terraces with regards to the clubs funds it was decided to print out a copy of this budget and month by month updates and place it on the notice board each month. Repairs and maintenance appears under capital expenditure and this pertains mainly to new work and maintenance on our trailers. The club only carries public liability insurance; no other insurance is paid as it is deemed too expensive; therefore a reasonable amount has been budgeted to remain in the account just in case any major catastrophe occurs to the clubs equipment. I hope this explanation and the budget document sets a few minds at rest.

On Tuesday 24th March the Club is hosting a morning tea to celebrate BIKE WEEK. Attending this event will be Robyn Lister from D.P. & Infrastructure. We have also placed an advertisement in the Coastal Times inviting potential new members to attend this event, funding was obtained from the D.P.I for this ad' after an application was put by Committee member Peter Brophy (thanks Peter). We would like as many members as possible to attend this morning tea to make it a success.

The Club also welcomes new members Ricko & Jan Bowley , Stan & Ros Blaszkow , Alan Kealley, Rob & Jana Crockart .

Bike Ride around Perth

Written by Bill Clare

Friday the 27th Feb. Saw 24 riders pile onto the train and travel to Perth for a ride around the river. After alighting at the Esplanade station it was back over the Narrows Bridge to South Perth (murmurs of “COFFEE” could be heard) then it was a pit stop at the first toilet block & then back to Mends St. for coffee (hooray).

Three of the riders left here for a ride on their own and the rest of us proceeded to ride towards Burswood, crossing over the Winjan Bridge to East Perth; there we rode around eventually doing a 360 degree turn (ride captain Wayne assures us he knows where he is going) and head north along the river riding on a beautiful shared path in absolutely glorious weather, after meandering along the banks of the river through Mt. Lawley and Maylands we stopped at Tranby house for some refreshments only to be told they were expecting a tourist bus and there were too many of us to serve.

Off we go again and up to the Garret Rd. Bridge riding up to the top of the bridge Georgie Coumens shouts “I’ve got a puncture”. John rides his bike along side of her and promptly gets around 20 large Caltrop thorns in both tyres. It was decided to cross the road and fix the punctures in the shade when Bill Clare extracts 3 thorns from his tyres fortunately he was wheeling his bike and no damage was done. After the repairs we crossed the bridge went past the old brickworks (turned down the suggestion of Kentucky fried for lunch) and continued along towards Rivervale.

After a while Brian Chapman calls out “I think I’m getting a flat tyre “Do you want to stop?” No he says keep going. further along a sharp bend is encountered “CRASH” the “STOP” cry goes out Brian has rolled his tyre and come off on the bend fortunately not hurting himself - so he said - another puncture fixed we continue on back over the Winjan Bridge and the suspension bridge in East Perth, past Trinity College where the kids are out playing - cheers and hand clapping for the old fogies on bikes - and pull up at the Barrack St. Jetty. “Bloody useless bells mutters John Naughton”.

After a Bacon & Egg burger with coffee (\$7 only) and deciding not to ride the big Ferris Wheel we proceeded to drift back to the train station and return to Mandurah.

What a great day, thank you Ride Captain Wayne Wright.

Gossip

On a recent ride Lionel decided to cut across scrub from a bike path and rejoin a bit further on, hmm! No one knew about it until he let the cat out of the bag during a conversation back at the club house. Got ya!!

Recently Alan P. went for a ride along Pinjarra Road on the cycle/walk track and managed to collect 3 punctures due to double gees. Wondered why he was out so long as we were expecting visitors.

We had a collection on 17th February for the Victorian Fire Appeal and you donated \$790.00. Well done everyone.

Greyhounds Dinner – 22 people turned up for the dinner on 19th February. A good time was had by all. Some went home a little richer with their winning dog race picks, others failed dismally.

At the Dawesville ride the Saville's forgot their helmets – must have had too good a holiday, not with it yet. Len went home and got two spare helmets for them so they could ride. And low and behold Anne Birch was seen riding in the car park without her helmet, ha! ha! ha!

New Members

Welcome to the following new members:

Terry Lindley

Ricko & Jan Bowley

Rob & Jana Crockart

Alan Kealley

Stan & Ros Blaszkow

We hope you enjoy riding with our club and socializing with members.

Up Coming Events

Our Club Bike Week ride is on Tuesday 24th March followed by morning tea. The general public are being invited to come along and join us for a ride, so please make them welcome. The annual dinner will be on Thursday 23rd April at the Meadow Springs Golf Club. Keep this date free as it should be a good night with good food and friends.

Granny Ride will be held on Tuesday 28th April. Bring the grandees' for a ride and an ice cream followed by a sausage sizzle.

A play at Pinjarra theatre called “The Producers” has been booked for Friday 22nd May. To get a discount payment must be made by 30th March at \$17 a head. Book after this date and it will cost \$20 a head.

FINALLY!! Please Oh! please send me some articles for the newsletters. I would love to have someone else have an input into your newsletter. If you’ve been on holiday with a good story go tell; write it up to include in your newsletter. Happenings/articles of a general nature can be included. Makes it more interesting, photos can be included too.

Send all information and articles to me either by email: alananp@tpg.com.au or by telephone on 95358197, or alternatively hand me a written article at the club meetings.

HAPPY CYCLING

Ann Platt – Publicity Officer