



CYCLEMANIA
Mandurah Over 55 Cycle Club Newsletter
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From the President's Desk – Bill Clare

Presidents Annual report October 13th 2009

As I was preparing this report and looking back over the minutes of our committee meetings for highlights to report I realised that this club has become a very important part of my life and that by being involved in the decision making of events and issues for this club has enabled me to get to know and respect a lot more of my fellow bike riding friends than if I was just riding with the same group every week, so I thank all of you for helping me through what has been a pretty tough year on a personal level having to deal with Carmel's illness.

Our first big event for the clubs new committee was the Melbourne Cup luncheon and it went off very well. Other events were the charity ride with huge baskets of food and goodies that were donated to Vinnies who were very delighted by the clubs generosity; then came the Christmas Pageant with lots of fun riding (sort of) around town.

In the new year it was decided to review procedures for inducting new members and to review and update the clubs constitution, ride rules and other printed material. This took quite a few weeks and Peter Brophy was a great support during this time. Also on the agenda was to produce a budget for the year. This task was taken on by our treasurer and he did a great job. It was also suggested that a web site would be a great attribute for the club, after some discussion it was decided to proceed with this as one of our members, Anne Bourke had experience in setting up web sites. Around this time Peter Brophy had to leave the committee because of work commitments so Anne was asked to take his place and she accepted. We also asked her if it was possible to have the web site ready for the AGM; this she has done and if you look up www.mandurahover55cycleclub.org.au you will see what is happening during the year in your club.

Some of our rides during the year entailed travelling on the train to various parts near Perth and riding around the river. This proved very popular and I am sure this will continue into the future. Other popular rides were in the hills and of course our tours of Albany, Busselton and this year a Wheat Belt tour was organised by our ride captain. We also had a 50 and 100km achievement ride.

On a sad note the passing away of Peter Edmonds was a great loss to the club and the onset of Alzheimer's has robbed us of one of our life members, Kevin Buckingham.

As the year progressed we finally got to ride on the new shared path along the freeway. This will give us a lot of safe rides in the future.

Finally I thank all the committee members and volunteers for their tireless efforts in making this great club function so well.

Bill Clare
President

From the Ride Captain's Desk – Wayne Wright

The year has passed by in a flash of blurred spokes. It has been a great year with some memorable rides. By using the train monthly rides in the Perth suburbs made a change of scenery. These rides were primarily on cycle paths. The first set out from the Esplanade up to Garrett Road Bridge and home along the Rivervale side of the river. Another ride started at Bull Creek Station to Fremantle for lunch and back around the river to catch the train home from the Esplanade. Other rides went out past Riverton and to Guildford. All of these rides were well attended and all participants enjoyed the safety of the network of cycle pathways and the different scenery.

The annual event at Busselton was also well attended. Happy hours are always well remembered plus the highlight of each evening with the presentation of the NACA award. And who would forget the fabulous fish barbeque put on by the caravan park managers, Greg & Colleen Carr. Don't forget to diarise next year which is set for 18th to 25th April 2010. This date has already been booked with the Kookaburra Caravan Park. Ph. No. 9752 1516.

The Munda Biddi trail was ridden for a reasonable distance starting at Nanga Mill. The trail now runs to Nannup and will ultimately finish at Albany. It would be a great achievement to ride sections each year to eventually ride the entire trail to Albany. I would like to hear from any interested members to plan this ride over a period of time.

The September tour this year went from Wagin to Wave Rock at Hyden and back. 13 riders took part with the support of back up services provided by Gary Duff. Any tour of this type cannot function without a support crew. Thanks Gary. Weather overall was generally good. It was organized that if it was going to rain it would happen at night. Some whist coined the phrase that it was a 'Camelot' ride, lucky that it didn't snow. However just to test our resolve the wind blew on the fourth and fifth days. The wind was in our face the entire time. Sometimes one wonders why we do such things.

Friday (29th September) was the first official club ride on the new cycle path adjoining the freeway extension. Members had a range of choices to suit their abilities. I am aware that some members exceeded 100kms on the day. This facility provides a great opportunity for a variety of rides to the extent that one can ride to Perth and catch the train home.

Next tour is on 22nd November at Albany. Please make bookings at the Emu Caravan Park. This is located at 8 Medcalf Parade. Ph 9844 1147.

I am always interested to hear from members if they would like any other type of cycling event.

Happy and safe pedalling

Social news by Angie

We couldn't convince too many grand children to come for ice cream last week.. In fact, the weather was so foul that only four intrepid grandkids and their granddads were keen to ride. As though on cue the rain bucketed down just as they left the clubhouse. Wonder how many caught a cold! The weather hasn't been kind to us over the last few months resulting in few members riding and planning for occasions such as this. My thanks to the members who came along and helped devour our bacon and egg rolls.

Here we are at AGM time again. Can't believe how fast this year has gone. I have had a great year as part of your committee. I regret that I will be unable to continue in this position for another year. My thanks to members for their help and support.

Best wishes to all incoming committee members and our club for a fantastic and successful year.

Forthcoming events:

Tuesday: 4 November: Melbourne Cup Lunch. Lists on board for attendance, and for making salads and deserts. Cost \$15 per person.

November: Albany Trip.

December (date tba) St Vinnies charity ride. Starts 9am. Basket for donations at clubrooms.

December (date tba) Xmas Pageant generally need members to assemble at 5.15pm.

Friday, 11 December: Club Xmas Dinner at clubrooms. Cost \$25 pp.

Tuesday, 16 December: Sponsors morning tea.

December: 9am sausage sizzle at Riverside Gardens.

Gossip

Heard on the grapevine – Judy is having a tattoo in memory of her son Paul who died in tragic circumstances. Brave lady eh!

On a recent ride one group had coffee at Pt. Bouvarde café. There was a gentleman filling up a gas bottle and had a trolley; Helen asked for a ride but received rather a grumpy answer, but later he came by us sitting having our coffee/teas and said we were bikies with their moles. Never heard this saying before, have you?

I recently took part in the Friday bike ride up the freeway and what a beautiful bike path it is. It was a beautiful, sunny day and although I rode nearly 60 kilometres it didn't feel like

it. The path is fairly flat terrain and walls provide some shelter from cross winds. On getting the train at Cockburn to return to Mandurah, there were already some of our club members on it who had ridden to Leederville. Fred entertained the whole carriage with his jokes – hope the other passengers accepted them. To those who organized it, thanks for a great ride.

Don't forget your donations for the Christmas Charity Ride for 'Vinnies'. All contributions greatly appreciated.

GREAT NEWS – We now have a Web site, thanks to Anne Bourke for all her great effort. Check it out at www.mandurahover55cycleclub.org.au. Let us know what you think about it and if it will be helpful to you and others in the future.

This is my last Cyclemania and I hope you have enjoyed reading it for the past 2 years as much as I've enjoyed producing it. Thank you to all people who have submitted articles and I just hope you will continue to support Anne Bourke during her tenure of the position.

Send all information and articles to Anne Bourke, preferably by email: publicity@mandurahover55cycleclub.org.au or if you're not on the internet hand Anne a written article at the club meetings.

HAPPY CYCLING

Ann Platt – Publicity Officer