

LAC Pedallers News: March and April 2024

RIDE ETIQUETTE

A reminder that on all rides the allocated leader will decide on the route to be taken for that ride and all others participating on that ride will follow that leader on that route. That is one of the reasons we have leaders; to lead and keep the group together when there are options as to which route to follow. Riders choosing their own paths to a destination not only fragments the group it also confuses both leader and kelpie as to the location of riders and their well-being. Technically any rider choosing their own route are not covered by the LAC Insurance Scheme.

Riders are also reminded, that in the interests of safety, that hook turns should be undertaken at intersections with traffic lights, avoiding the more dangerous right hand turn from the middle of the road.

MARCH DINNER

The next dinner get-together of the LAC Bike Group will be on Tuesday 19th March at Lorme Thai , 485 Moorabool Street Geelong from 6:30 pm.

RSVP to Judy Zabinskas at judithzabinskas@gmail.com, no later than Sunday 12 midday 17th March.

APRIL DINNER

The April dinner get-together of the LAC Bike Group will be on Tuesday 16th April at the Sir Charles Hotham Hotel, 3 Brougham Street Geelong from 6:30 pm.

RSVP to Julie, preferably by email at djhehir@bigpond.net.au, no later than Sunday 12 midday 14th April.

DONATION TO RARE CANCER ORGANISATION

On Thursday 9th May Richard Vines, Founder and Chairman of Rare Cancers Australia will be speaking about his organisation's involvement into research into cures and causes of rare cancers and their support of cancer patients. Rare Cancer Australia is the organisation we all have been working for and fundraising for the last few years.

This talk will be part of the normal Thursday ride, with coffee at Carol and Noel Dyett's home in Highton. More details to follow but keep this date clear in your diaries.

WARRNAMBOOL RIDE WEEK

Seventeen riders participated in the rides at Warrnambool this week, and was a great success by any measure. Thank you to Ian Keith and Peter Rogers for organising this week of rides.

A fuller report to follow but here are a couple of photos from the week.



TUESDAY RIDES

March

Tuesday 12th March: Barwon Heads ride. Depart Showgrounds at 9:30 am and ride the Queenscliff rail trail to the Zoo at Drysdale for coffee. After coffee ride via Princess St, Swan Bay Rd and Banks Rd to Ocean Grove. Then onto Barwon Heads for lunch. Return via Thirteenth Beach, Black Rock, Lake and Barwon Heads Rds. A medium ride of approx 70km.

Leader: Mickey Huson 0429 365 046

Shorter ride: ride to the Zoo for coffee and return

Tuesday 19th March: Torquay ride. Depart Grey Room at 9:30 am and ride bike tracks to Torquay Rd and Warralily Blvd to Warralily shopping centre for coffee. After coffee ride to Torquay for lunch via Lake Rd, Staceys Rd, Blackrock Rd, along bike track, Blackgate Rd and Horseshoe Bend Rd. After lunch return to Geelong using the Surf Coast Highway. A medium ride of about 65 km

Leader: Strahan Olesen 0438 658 511

Shorter ride: ride to Warralily for coffee and return

Tuesday 26th March: Lara ride. Depart Grey Room at 9:30 am and ride Ring Road bike path via Church St to Bell Post Hill Shopping Centre for coffee. After coffee ride beside Cowies Creek to Bluestone Bridge Rd, and Tower Hill Drive to Bacchus Marsh Rd and then Patullos Rd for Lara and lunch. Return via Cowies Creek track and waterfront back to Grey Room. Medium ride of about 65km.

Leader: Kim Shimmin 0497 840 547

Shorter ride: ride to Bell Post Hill for coffee and return

April

Tuesday 2nd April: Torquay ride. Depart Moriac at 9.30 am. Ride via Cape Otway Rd, Church Rd, Larcombe's Rd and Forest Rd to Great Ocean Rd Chocolaterie (coffee). Then ride via Great Ocean Rd, Jarosite Rd, Bell's Beach, Bell's Blvd, Sunset Strip etc to Cosy Corner (lunch). Return to Moriac via Esplanade, Darian Rd, Briody Drv, Frog Hollow, Coombes Rd, & Hendy Main Rd. A medium ride of about 60km.

Leader: Jim Carman 0400 844 767

Alternate ride: start at the Grey Room at 9.30 am for a spontaneous ride.

Tuesday 9th April: Point Lonsdale ride. Depart Grey Room at 9:30 am and ride via River track, Swanston Street to Showgrounds and along the Queenscliff rail trail/road to the Curlewis Driving Range for coffee. After coffee ride via Princes St, Banks Rd and Bellarine Highway to Point Lonsdale for lunch. Return to Geelong via Shell Road, Banks Rd and Bellarine Highway. A medium ride of about 70 km.

Leader: Tony Minchin 0417 509 918

Shorter ride: ride to Driving Range for coffee and return

Tuesday 16th April: Grammar School Lagoon ride. Depart Grey Room at 9:30 am and ride the Barwon River track to Fyansford. Then Upper Paper Mills Rd to Hamilton Hwy to Friend in Hand Rd, Dog Rocks Rd to Batesford. Then Midland Hwy to Moorabool Valley Chocolates for coffee. After coffee along Ring Rd track to Beckley Park and School Rd to Grammar School Lagoon rest area for lunch. After lunch return via the waterfront, Boundary Rd, Leather St and Barwon River track. A medium ride of about 65 km with some hills.

Leader: David Jolly 0428 838 350

Alternate ride: start at the Grey Room at 9.30 am for a spontaneous ride.

Tuesday 23rd April: Bellarine Peninsular ride. Depart Drysdale Rail Road Station at 9:30 am and ride around Ring Rd to Murradoc Rd and to St Leonards for coffee. Then onto Portarlington for lunch via Indented Head. Return to Drysdale via Grassy Point Rd, Queensclif Rd, Swan Bay Rd and Princess St. Medium ride of about 55 km.

Leader: Rob Ballard 0412 308 166

Alternate ride: start at the Grey Room at 9.30 am for a spontaneous ride.

Tuesday 30th April: Drysdale ride. Depart Grey Room at 9:30 am and ride via River track, Swanston Street to Showgrounds and along the Queenscliff rail trail to Point Henry and onto Leopold for coffee. After coffee ride around Drysdale via ring road to Clifton Springs Rd and Beacon Point. Then via Edgewater Dve, Coronae Dr, Country Club Dv to The Dell and lunch at Drysdale football ground. Return to Geelong via trail or Grubb Rd and Swan Bay Rd. Easy ride of 55 – 60 km on road or trail.

Leader: Peter Rogers 0433 982 840

Shorter ride: ride to Leopold for coffee and return

May

Tuesday 7th May: Skeleton Creek ride. Depart “100 steps of Federation” carpark, Altona Meadows at 9.30 am. Ride around Cherry Lake and then back to Altona for coffee and onto the Cheetham wetlands. Then along picturesque Skeleton Creek, Sanctuary Lakes and Point Cook to the Boardwalk Boulevard Wetlands park for lunch. Return via Sanctuary Lakes.

An easy ride of about 50km, mainly on bike paths.

Leader: TBA

Alternate ride: start at the Grey Room at 9.30 am for a spontaneous ride.

THURSDAY RIDES

Leave from the Grey Room at 9:30 am.

Leaders:

Date	Leader
14 th March	David Purnell
21 st March	Peter Rogers
28 th March	Andrew Broadfoot
4 th April	Geoff James
11 th April	Sylvia Taylor
18 th April	Geoff Van Halen
25 th April	(Anzac Day) Mary and Bob Thomas
2 nd May	Rob Ballard

SATURDAY RIDES

Leave from the Grey Room at 9:30 am.

Leaders: Peter Spurr & others organized on the day.

Happy Pedalling

Rob Ballard/Andrew Broadfoot
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