

# ***LAC Pedallers News:***

## ***November 2024***

### ***MELBOURNE CUP DAY BBQ***

As we have done for the last few years, we will holding a barbeque lunch on Melbourne Cup Day, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November, at Rob and Annis's home to raise funds for rare cancer research. We will be selling items such as plants, jams, marmalades, pickles etc as per 2022/23 events. This year we will also have used books for sale.

There will be a short ride before the BBQ, or just turn up around about midday to the Ballard's at 11 Grosvenor Drive Wandana Heights.

BBQ snags, salads and slices will be on the menu. There is no cost, but we ask for a donation to support cancer research and to avail yourself of some of the bargains on offer.

Note: This is a cash only event. Just bring along some folding stuff and forget the plastic!

We will conduct a sweep to add some more interest to the day, and of course there will be prizes for "Fashions in the Backyard"!!

### ***MONTHLY DINNER***

The November dinner get-together of the LAC Bike Group will be on Tuesday 19th November at St George Workers Club, 212 Pakington St Geelong West at 6:30 pm.

RSVP to Julie, preferably by email at [djhehir@bigpond.net.au](mailto:djhehir@bigpond.net.au), no later than 12 midday of Sunday 17th November.

*Note: You will require photo ID to be admitted to the Club!*

### ***CHRISTMAS PARTY***

To wind up another great year of the LAC Bike Group the Christmas Break Up Lunch will be held at the Leopold Sportmans Club on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. The Christmas Party will follow a short ride that concludes at Leopold,

David Jolly and Jimbo are organising this year's festivities. To cover the costs of Christmas treats and decorations we will be asking \$5 a head from everyone attending. Any change from this amount will be added to our fund raising for rare Cancers Australia. Jimbo and David will be compiling a list of attendees and collecting the money over the next few weeks.

### ***AROUND THE BAY MARSHALLING***

A big thank you to David P, Jimbo, Geoff J, Andrew B, Tony, Paddy, John H, Ian K, Ken B, Mary, Bob, Murray, Julie, Dennis, Mickey and Annis for giving up most of their Sunday on the 6<sup>th</sup> October (and for getting up at the crack of dawn for a 6:30 start!) to help at Bicycle Network's Around the Bay in a Day event. About 2500 riders passed through our checkpoint and we distributed lunches, organized ferry tickets, supervised their storage of bikes on the ferry for every one of them, plus miscellaneous enquiries and help.

Not only was it a fun day for all concerned but we also raised \$1350 to add to our fund raising efforts!! Well done guys!! Photos from day shown on last page.

### ***RACV BIKE ASSIST***

Geoff James has investigated the costs and benefits of RACV Bike Assist. This is what he has found out...

You can have your Bike covered for roadside assistance through the RACV in the following ways:

If you have RACV Total Care (for your vehicle/s) you are automatically covered for Bike Assist. Alternatively, you can take out a separate Bike Assist policy, the cost is currently \$47.00 per year.

I recently changed a tyre and tube (rear wheel on the E Bike) in my garage, in the end I had to get help from Jim Hayes to refit the wheel, and that was with the bike suspended on a Bike Stand. Jim and I agreed that it would be near impossible to do it on the side of the road.

I reckon RACV Bike Assist is worth having, especially if you're on the wrong side of 'Senior Citizenship'.

## ***TUESDAY RIDES***

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November: Melbourne Cup ride.** Depart Grey Room at 9:30 am ride bike tracks to Deakin University Waurn Ponds bike tracks and onto Epworth Hospital for coffee. After coffee ride along Pigdons Rd and over the highway. Then along Wandana Drive to Bent Rd and Grosvenor Drive. Alternatively return to Grey Room and drive back to No 11 Grosvenor.

**Leader: Geoff James**                      **0427 442 753**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November: Breamlea 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 via Horseshoe Bend Rd to Blackgate Rd and onto Breamlea for lunch, Home via bike track, Blackrock Rd, Lake Rd, Warrilly Blvd and Torquay Rd. A shorter ride of approx 55km.

**Leader: Jim Carman**                      **0400 844 767**

*Shorter ride, Armstrong Creek for coffee and return.*

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November: Bellbrae ride.** Depart JB HiFi, Waurn Ponds at 9.30am. Ride via Waurn Ponds Dve, Freeway, Pettavel Rd, Reservoir Rd, Hendy Main Rd to Moriac for coffee. Then via Hendy Main Rd, Vickery's Rd, Grundys Rd to Bellbrae for lunch. Return to Geelong via Anglesea Rd, Dickins Rd and Ghazeepore Rd and Waurn Ponds track. Medium ride of about 60 km.

**Leader: Zdenka Spacil**                      **0474 193 372**

*Alternate ride: start at the Grey Room at 9:30 for a spontaneous ride.*

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November: 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: Peter Rogers**                      **0433 982 840**

*Shorter ride, North Geelong for coffee and return (approx. 35km)*

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December: St Leonards ride.** Depart Grey Room at 9:30 am and ride bike tracks to Leopold for coffee. After coffee ride onto Drysdale and then Murradoc Rd to St Leonards for lunch. Return home via Swan Bay Rd and Bellarine Hwy. Medium ride of about 65km.

**Leader: Tony Minchin**                      **0417 509 918**

*Shorter ride, Leopold for coffee and return (approx. 30km)*

## ***THURSDAY RIDES***

Leave from the Grey Room at 9:30 am.

### **Leaders:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Leader</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Ian Keith
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Andrew Broadfoot

21<sup>st</sup> November      David Purnell  
28<sup>th</sup> November      Peter Rogers  
5<sup>th</sup> December      Sylvia Taylor

## ***SATURDAY RIDES***

Leave from the Grey Room at 9:30 am.

Leaders: Peter Spurr & others organized on the day.

## ***Photos***

The crew at Queenscliff,  
about 7:00 in the  
morning!!!



Some of the bikes on  
the small car ferry as  
they are transported  
across the bay.



## ***Happy Pedalling***

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