

LAC Pedallers News:

January 2025

FUND RAISING RECOGNISED

eMail received from Rare Cancers Australia...

Dear Rob and the Geelong Life Activities Bike Group,

On behalf of Richard and the entire team at Rare Cancers Australia, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your incredible generosity and support throughout the year. We are truly grateful for the \$5,000 donation you have raised.

Your commitment to this cause, through your fundraising efforts, means the world to us and our patients. It is because of supporters like you that we can continue to provide the necessary assistance and care to those in need.

Thank you once again for your generosity and dedication.

Kind Regards,

Natalie Clancy,
Head of Fundraising

CHRISTMAS PARTY

What a great day we had at the Leopold Sportmans Club on Thursday 19th December! It was fun to get together to celebrate the season and the fantastic year we have had together.

Many thanks to David Jolly, Jimbo and Geoff James for organising this year's festivities. Some photos from the day are shown below.

MONTHLY DINNER

There will no dinner in January, The next get together will be on the 18th February at the Belmont Hotel.

EXTENDED RIDE PROGRAM

As well as the planned ride in Tasmania in late April organised by Geoff James, we are planning on a week long riding program around Myrtleford in November. More details to follow but if you are interested please have a word to me in the next couple of months.

BTW, if you are interested in the Tasmania ride, contact Geoff on 0427 442 753. Accommodation is limited so you need to act quickly.

TUESDAY RIDES

Tuesday 7th January: Geelong ride. **Depart Grey Room at 9.30am.** Ride Waurn Ponds track to 9 Grams for coffee. After coffee ride along Baanip Blvd to Gazephore Rd, then past Bunnings and over the highway, through Highton Village to the water lily patch on the Barwon River for a picnic lunch. Short ride of about 35 km

Leader: Peter Rogers **0433 982 840**

Shorter, shorter ride, 9 Grams for coffee and return back to Grey Room, skipping lunch at the lily pond.

Tuesday 14th January: Lara ride. Depart Grey Room at 9:30 am. Ride to Ring Road bike path via Church St to Bell Post Shopping Centre at North Geelong for coffee. After coffee ride beside Cowies Creek to the wood chipping plant and to Hovells Creek track for Lara and lunch. Return via Hovells Creek track, Grammar School to Rippleside and waterside track, Swanston St back to Grey Room. Medium ride of about 65km.

Leader: Julie Hehir 0414 847 838

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

Tuesday 21st January: Queenscliff ride. Depart 9.30 am from Showgrounds. Ride via road or trail to Drysdale for coffee. Then continue via road or trail to Queenscliff for lunch near marina tower. Return via road or trail. A longer ride of about 75 km.

Leader: Tony Minchin 0417 509 918

Shorter ride: ride to Drysdale for coffee and return

Tuesday 28th January: Little River ride. Depart Rippleside carpark at 9.30 am. Ride via Hovell's Creek path to Lara for coffee. Thence along Old Geelong Road to Little River, to You Yangs for lunch and return via Lara and bike path to Rippleside. Medium ride of 63km

Shorter ride, Lara for coffee and return

Leader: Geoff James 0427 442 753

Tuesday 4th February: 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 to Breamlea for lunch via Lake Rd, Staceys Rd, Blackrock Rd, and along bike track. After lunch return to Geelong via Blackrock Rd and the Surf Coast Highway. A medium ride of about 60 km.

Shorter ride, Cockatoo for coffee and return

Leader: TBA

THURSDAY RIDES

Leave from the Grey Room at 9:30 am.

Leaders:

Date	Leader
2 nd January	Geoff James
9 th January	David Purnell
16 th January	Jim Hayes
23 rd January	Mary Thomas
30 th January	Peter Rogers
6 th February	Geoff Van Halen

SATURDAY RIDES

Leave from the Grey Room at 9:30 am.

Leaders: Peter Rogers & others organized on the day.

Christmas Breakup Pics



With best wishes for a happy and safe pedalling 2025

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Footnote: It was wonderful to see 27 riders starting off for the ride last Tuesday. What a fantastic end to a great year of riding!!