# *Geelong LAC Pedallers News: November 2026*

## *Melbourne Cup Day Barbecue Fundraiser*

The now annual fund raiser BBQ will be held at the home of Rob and Annis Ballard on Tuesday 3rd November. Partners and friends are very welcome.

All proceeds will go to our charity, Rare Cancers Australia.

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

BBQ sausages, salads and slices will be on the menu. There is no cost, but we ask for a donation to support Rare Cancers Australia and to avail yourself of some of the bargains on offer. On sale will be jams, relishes, books and bike gear. We will be raffling several items including Annis's famous fruit cakes.

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

We will be conducting a Melbourne Cup Sweep, and don't forget to frock up for the day for "Fashions in the Backyard".

## *Christmas Party*

The LAC Bike Group Christmas Party will be held at the Leopold Sportsmans Club on Thursday 17th December, following the morning ride.

Jim Carman will require names of those wishing to attend (and we hope that means everybody!) by early December. Partners are very welcome.

## *Around the Bay in a Day*

A big thank you to David P, Jimbo, David J, Jim H, Andrew B, Tony, Ian, Mary, Julie, Dennis, Carol, Tom, Mickey, Paddy, Peter R, Peter S, Jim and Julie Mc and Annis for giving up most of their Sunday on the 18th 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 2000 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.

I think everyone enjoyed the sunny day. As a result of everybody's involvement we raised $1500 to add to our fund raising efforts.!! Well done guys!! Photo from day shown on last page.

## *Clare Valley Ride Week*

We now have 14 of our group participating in the Clare Valley ride week. The group will leave for SA on Saturday 7th and return on Sunday 15th November. More details about the week will be sent to participants next week.

## *TUESDAY RIDES*

***Tuesday 3rd November:*** **Melbourne Cup ride.** Depart Grey Room at 9:30am 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 then make your way back to No 11 Grosvenor.
**Leader: Jim Hayes** **0419 551 475**

***Tuesday 10th November:*** **Optional ride.** Depart 9.30 am from the Grey Room for an informal ride.
**Leader: Jim Carman** **0400 844 767**

***Tuesday 17th November:*** **Geelong ride.** Depart Grey Room at 9.30am. Ride any way Julie decides to The Local for coffee.After coffee ride along Baanip Blvd to GazephoreRd , then past Bunnings and over the highway, through Highton Village to the water lily patch on the Barwon River for a picnic lunch. Shorter ride of about 40 km
**Leader: Julie Hehir** **0414 847 838**
***Shorter ride: The Local for coffee and return (approx. 30km)***

***Tuesday 24th November:*** **Drysdale ride.** Depart Grey Room at 9.30am. Ride through Newtown to Church Street and then Cement rail trail onto Deakin waterfront campus for coffee. After coffee ride along waterfront and East Geelong to the Bellarine Rail Trail to Drysdale Railway Station for lunch. Home via rail trail. An easy ride of about 55 km.
**Leader**: **Peter Rogers** **0433 982 840**
***Shorter ride: Deakin waterfront campus for coffee and return (approx. 25km)***

***Tuesday 1st December:*** **Red Rock ride.** Depart 9.30 am from the NE end of the Colac Gardens. Ride through Colac to Cororook for coffee. Then Lake Rd to Alvie and Red Rock reserve for lunch. Then back to main road to Warrion. At Warrion either continue on north to around Lake Beeac to Beeac and then back to Colac OR ride Warrion/Ondin Rd around Lake Colac and then return to Colac. Longer ride approx 55 km, shorter ride approx 45 km.
**Leader: Rob Ballard** **0412 308 166**
***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** |
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| 5th November | Ian Keith |
| 12th November | Peter Rogers |
| 19th November | Geoff Van Halen |
| 26th October | Bob Haywood |
| 3rd December | Strahan Olesen |

## *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
0412 308 166/0429 436 249



**PADDY ENJOYING A RECENT RIDE!!**



**SOME OF THE HAPPY CREW AT QUEENSCLIFF**