

BOROONDARA

Bicycle Users' Group

Newsletter April 2006

Boroondara BUG meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, except January. Next meeting will be on Wednesday 12th April, at the Swinburne Hawthorn Campus in room TD244. The TD building is between Park and Wakefield Streets. (refer map on website).

The Boroondara BUG is a voluntary group working to promote the adoption of a safe and practical environment for commuting and recreational cyclists in the City of Boroondara. We have close links with the City of Boroondara, Bicycle Victoria, Bicycle Federation of Australia and other local Bicycle Users' Groups.

Boroondara BUG has a web site at <http://www.boroondarabug.org> that contains interesting material related to cycling, links to other cycle groups, recent Boroondara BUG Newsletters and breaking news.

We also have two Yahoo Groups:

Send a blank e-mail to BoroondaraBug-subscribe@yahoogroups.com to receive this monthly newsletter and occasional important messages.

Send a blank e-mail to BoroondaraBugDiscussion-subscribe@yahoogroups.com to monitor or join in an ongoing discussion of bike related issues both local and general.

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members of Boroondara BUG. All rides publicised in this newsletter are embarked upon at your own risk.

Features

Call of the Wall Ride

A small school in the Dandenongs, Olinda primary school, recently had a small downturn in enrolments that lead to the education department withdrawing the funding for two of their 4 teachers (it's best not to ask how school funding works). Parents have been attempting to raise enough money themselves, to be able to pay for an extra teacher so students can have an element of continuity in their education.

□ challenges on some of those rides, and have done the occasion tour through there with More Bakeries Than Cycling (MBTC). We often make use of their bakeries (of course) and cafes. The local kids cheered and offered support during the gruelling climb of the ITT stage of the Herald Sun tour last year. Why not give back to their community?

A ride was organised for last Sunday -- everyone was encouraged to forego their usual Sunday bunch rides, and attend the "Call of the Wall", a modification of the weekly Bike Life ride from Auburn to Sassafras. An estimated 50 of us gathered in the dark at 0700, Sunday 26th March. I certainly was never going to miss this event, having never ridden the wall before, and having once attended a remote school with a population of 65, 10km from home. Three BBUGians (Ed - 4 actually. David?) were in attendance -- Jason, David and myself -- I hadn't even realised David was a climber, until I saw him going strongly up the side of the mountain. Plenty of other familiar faces, and plenty of people I hadn't seen before. We were briefed, and left for an undulating ride to the base of the 1:20 as a single rather large peleton.

Up the 1:20, things thinned out a bit -- some were saving themselves for "The Wall" -- aptly named -- and others were trying a personal best. It was warming up, but there was plenty of cover from above.

Traffic is never horrible at that time of morning, although you inevitably put up with at least one short sighted driver who thinks it's a great idea to pass a large bunch around a blind corner of a mountain where cyclists regularly get up to 70km/h going the other way.

Most of us arrived at the "top" after 20 minutes, and then we gathered back up to tackle The Wall (I don't know why I had an urge to listen to Pink Floyd). So we went down a big hill. Of course, big downhill usually precede big uphill, and Jason was cursing them like a true dutchman.

The Wall just keeps on going and going and going. In fact, there was a sign halfway up saying just that -- "Keep going". I don't know whether a cyclist put it up 6 month ago, or whether it was words of encouragement put up especially for us, but we faithfully obeyed it. At the top, we got to an intersection with a parent holding out a sign. We followed the directions, and found ourselves being surrounded by dozens of little kids and their parents. We had been encouraged prior to starting to donate a note each, but an extra coin

dropped out of my water proof bag, and an excited child quickly grabbed it up. You can't compete with that -- I'm just glad it wasn't one of my delicious squirmy snakes. Whilst our effort was small in the scheme of things, the parents were quite appreciative. They have already raised at least \$12,000 of the necessary \$60,000 for one teacher's wages.

After donating, we went back down the short distance to Sassafras (hmmm, why didn't we just take the shortcut up? Something about hill training), and put even more stress on the cafe than usual. Of course, after the cafe, it was back down into the city to watch the final hour of the womens road race, and the rest of the afternoon spent watching the men. One of the police motorcycle marshals certainly wanted our beers, and so did some of the riders, I think. Great day all round.

Tim Connor

New Edition of Rides Guide

The second edition of *Bike rides Around Melbourne: Exploring Melbourne by Bike and Train* by Julia Blunden has just been released. It is available in book shops, outdoor shops and bike shops, as well as from Bicycle Victoria, which offers a member discount off the recommended retail price of \$32.95.

Apart from revision of all rides and maps to reflect new developments, there are a number of improvements in the second edition. Ride directions, starting points and routes of some rides have been changed so that they are safer, more scenic, or work better with regard to transport and/or refreshment stops. Side Trips and links between rides, allowing for longer rides, short cuts or variations, have been highlighted. Elevation profiles have been provided for the hillier rides. A new section on 'Kids on Bikes' has been included, along with one on 'Bike Shops' which is keyed to the maps. Best of all there are six entirely new rides, three of them in the metropolitan area and three in nearby country areas.

The Aeolian Ride

Art and bicycles combine!

Sounds like quite a few local cycling faces had a fun day at the Aeolian ride

For more information and photos visit: <http://www.aeolian-ride.info/>

Chris Starr of YarraBUGness was instrumental in getting this happening, and has been run (ridden?) now in New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Capetwon and now in Melbourne.

Speaking of art... a great idea from BrunsBUG (see path projects below)

BrunsBUG 2006

Do you love your bike?

Do you want to help make Brunswick the best cycling suburb in the WORLD!?!?

The Brunswick Bicycle Users Group (BrunsBUG) invites you to join in BrunsBUG 2006, a workshop to help us plan our activities for the year ahead. This is your opportunity to get involved and get things moving!

We've had some exciting ideas already, including:

Community events to promote cycling

Cyclovia Sydney Road: one brilliant Sunday in May Sydney Rd will close to cars,

and cyclists, trams and pedestrians will take over the street - with the full support of Council!

BrunsBUG is helping to organise this exciting event and there will be plenty of opportunities to get involved.

Partnerships with local organisations

The Asylum Seeker Resource Centre runs a recycled bicycle program for asylum seekers in the community.

Second hand bikes are easy to come by but suitable helmets, lights and locks are much more difficult to find.

BrunsBUG wants to think up some ways to assist this incredibly worthwhile program.

Bike path art projects

The time has come to turn the Upfield Path into a visual extravaganza!

***Advocacy projects ***

BUG members have plenty of opportunities to influence policies and funding decisions at the local, state and federal level, drawing on a wealth of experience and technical know-how. How can we give ourselves a louder, stronger voice?

We'll be exploring these ideas and more at BrunsBUG 2006

Brunswick Town Hall

Saturday 8th April from 2 - 4pm

All welcome - bring your imagination, your enthusiasm and as many bicycling buddies as you can muster!

To RSVP or for more information, contact Anna Strempel (Convenor) on 0418 933 774 anna@mefl.com.au

General News

Amy Gillett Scholarship attracts a petrolhead

Media Release: AUSTRALIAN Formula One driver Mark Webber will be a patron of the Amy Gillett Foundation being launched in Melbourne today.

The foundation has been set up to honour the memory of Australian cyclist Amy Gillett, who died when she was hit by a car while training in Germany last year.

The foundation's aims are to promote safe and harmonious relationships between cyclists and motorists, provide an annual scholarship for emerging female cyclists and assist Gillett's five teammates injured in the crash.

Webber said he was moved to become a patron of the foundation because he was so profoundly affected by Gillett's death.

The other patron of the foundation will be Tour de France legend Phil Anderson.

The inaugural recipient of the Amy Gillett Scholarship will be announced at the launch of the foundation at the RACV City Club.

Two of the survivors of the accident, Lorian Graham and Katie Brown, will be present at the launch together with Sports Minister Senator Rod Kemp.

Webber has been in Australia for the Melbourne Grand Prix.

For more information and scholarship application form go to: www.amygillett.org.au

Boroondara News

As part of the general revamp of Greythorn Park, a relandscaping program has been carried out over the last 2 years turning this once windswept barren park into a wonderful area for all to enjoy with BBQ/picnic facilities, wetlands and adventure playgrounds catering to all ages.

The latest initiative is a children's bike and skating area, made with gentle slopes and enclosed with surrounding benches so parents can let the kids play. Learn how to ride safe in the knowledge they aren't far away and in a safe environment. This proposal has been through public consultation stage with only one (minor) objection and will add a welcome cycling benefit to the area

Kew Junction Structure Plan

http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/planning/planning_projects_and_strategies/kewjunction

Kew Junction is one of Boroondara's most popular shopping and working precincts. It is a focus of daily life, a place where our community comes together to meet, dine and enjoy recreational facilities.

Located around the junction of six separate roads, including High Street, Church Street, Cotham Road, Studley Park Road, Princess Street and Denmark Street, Kew Junction is a centre of regional significance incorporating a mix of activities within a total area of approximately 71,000 square metres. According to research conducted by Council, approximately 12 per cent of Boroondara residents cite Kew Junction as their most frequently visited shopping centre.

Kew Junction has been identified as a Major Activity Centre under the State Government's *Melbourne 2030* planning policy. As such, this policy identifies Kew Junction as a suitable location for additional future residential and commercial development, for which Council is required to prepare a Structure Plan. The Structure Plan sets out guidelines for the height, bulk, size and character of any future development, whilst also taking into consideration movement and accessibility conditions.

The Kew Junction Structure Plan project will provide the opportunity for the Boroondara community to work with Council in forming the vision for the future of the area. It is an exciting chance for people with an interest in Kew Junction to contribute to its future and Council will ensure a variety of opportunities exist for the community to provide input and feedback.

Whilst some of the consultation process has already been and passed, there will be an upcoming stage of key stakeholders allowed to make submissions for comment on the Junction review.

BBUG believes it should be included in this process, so email your local councilor to ask them that we be included refer <http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/council/councillors/councillors>

In the News

Progress Press April 4

Staying on track with bike policy

If minister Hulls does carry out his threat to seize control of the Tooronga Village development (Ppress, march 21), it is to be hoped he also seizes the opportunity for a major improvement to the Vicorads Principle Bicycle Network (PBN).

This would be in line with his government's own policy. In the document Melbourne 2030 (Key Directions 8 – Better Transport), one of the stated goals is to give more priority to cycling and walking in planning urban development.

Tooronga Rd has exclusive bike Lanes for its entire length from Dandenong to Riversdale roads, except for a short section near the Tooronga Village development. It would be most unfortunate if this once-only opportunity to close a serious gap in the PBN was lost.

Stockland, the developers, must be required to make provision in their plan for linking the bike lanes. If the Bracks Government is serious about encouraging people to leave cars at home and ride their bikes as much as possible, all developers must be forced to protect and enhance existing bicycle links.

Julia Blunden, Hawthorn

Beyond Boroondara

In the News

Move to push bikes at work Australian Financial Review, 31 March 2006, page 80

At a time when bicycles in Australia are actually outselling cars, the federal government is commissioning a review of the role of bicycle fleets in workplaces, as part of an Australian National Cycling Strategy. The National Cycling Strategy 2005-10 was endorsed by the Australian Transport Council, the gathering of state and federal transport ministers, in November last year.

Safety boost for cyclists Sunraysia Daily, 31 March 2006, page 5

MILDURA bike riders look set to benefit from the latest round of Federal Government funding for black spot road safety improvements. As part of the \$44.5 million AusLink Black Spot Program, Mildura Rural City Council will receive \$54,000 to construct off road paths at the roundabout of San Mateo Avenue and 14th Street for cyclists.

Pedalling with death Frankston Standard Leader, 27 March 2006, page 3; Frankston Standard Leader, 27 March 2006

A CARRUM Dow is cyclist is leading a push for a bike lane to be added to Frankston-Dandenong Rd. Bob Russo says cyclists using the road are risking their lives, and he's not about to become another statistic. VicRoads spokesman Steve Brown said while there were no specific requests for bike treatment funding along the roadway any future proposal would be considered.

Rocky road for users after path disappears Knox Leader, 28 March 2006, page 9

CYCLISTS and walkers will be forced on to choked roads in Rowville after a State Government transport authority slashed a shared path beside EastLink from the road project, Knox Council says. But Southern and Eastern Integrated Transport Authority spokesman Matt Phelan dismissed the council claim as "a complete work of fiction". He said the shared path was never intended to run beside EastLink.

Schools get on bikes

City of Yarra

A meeting is being held by the City of Yarra on Sustainable Travel Options for the children of the school (Princes Hill Primary) my grand daughter attends. Cycling gets a big mention in the blurb. I shall bring up the shortage of bike parking racks. Although there are some, there are more bikes than spaces. The school has good WKLs & one off road bike track (Park St) near by & I see lots of kids cycling. I wonder if the City of Boroondara has ever had a similar public meeting?

On my recent trip to Adelaide I took advantage of one of their free bikes, courtesy the City of Adelaide plus Cycling SA. The bikes are free for the first 2 hours, then a small charge (\$6 an hour) applies. They come with helmets & sturdy combination locks & assistance should you need it eg puncture repair. My bike was very good. I needed to adjust the seat (easy as it was a q□

I did not ask if these were available. I rode some distance to the eastern suburbs & had WKL's all the way apart from one very short stretch. In one area where there was a nasty dog leg, the lane moved onto the foot path so it was very safe. I found the motorists were courteous & seemed accepting of cyclists. I even found a traffic light operated by & for cyclists. Good on you SA!

Regards, Rosemary West

City of Yarra

<http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/cgi-bin/getObject.cgi?id=o19358>

Two workshops for parents who want to cycle with children. Build the skills, knowledge and confidence needed for you to take young children cycling with you and to teach them to ride independently when ready.

At Garden of Eden Project, Albert Park Railway Station, Ferrars Place, South Melbourne Workshop 1. Kids on Board Saturday 1st April 10 am - 4 pm Riding with kids attached. \$40* (Con. available) Workshop 2. Towards Independence Saturday 8th April 10 am - 4 pm Teaching them to ride - Riding with kids alongside. \$40* (Con. available) Call 9341 8107 to enrol (* non City of Port Phillip residents \$50 per day) An Environment Victoria initiative supported by City of Port Phillip and Community Action Fund, Victorian Government.

New Local BUGs Starting Up

Moonee Valley Bicycle Users Group (MV BUG)

The Inaugural Meeting of the Moonee Valley BUG will be held on Thursday 2 March, from 7pm at the Civic Centre (9 Kellaway Ave).

Are you a social recreational bike rider? Do you ride your bike with family and/or friends? Do you ride your bike to be active and healthy? Do you want to be involved in a community group that will be an advocate for improving opportunities and facilities for cyclists? We are calling all young, young at heart, families, individuals, friends, the serious and the not so serious bike riders to come along to register your support in establishing a Moonee Valley Bicycle Users Group (MVBUG).

Please RSVP your attendance by 5pm, Monday 27th February 2006 through either contacting Kathie Schnur on 9243 8820 or Emailing your name, address and telephone contact to: mvbug@mvcc.vic.gov.au Can't make the meeting but really want to be involved? Please Email your name, address and telephone contact to mvbug@mvcc.vic.gov.au

Brimbank BUG

There is a new BUG that is being established in the Brimbank area (Sunshine and surrounds). The first step is to have a meeting to establish a core of interested cyclists. This is going to be at Isis Primary Care on Station Road, Deer Park, at 9.30am Tuesday 7th March. Anyone is welcome. At this meeting we will be discussing having a public forum and the things we will want to address there.

If anyone can't attend that meeting, but would like to be kept informed they can email Gavin on brimbuggw@yahoo.com.au (best option) or phone him on 9311 6762. Alternatively, they can call Murray (who works at Isis Primary Care) on 9219 7103.

Suzanne Cleary, Sustainable Transport Officer, Sustainable Development & Environment, Maribyrnong City Council, Napier St, PO Box 58, Footscray VIC 3011, P | (+61 3) 9688 0395, F | (+61 3) 9688 0258, E suzanne.cleary@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au, W www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/travelsmart

Cardinia

A new BUG is also proposed for the Cardinia Shire, comprising Gembrook, Cockatoo, Pakenham, etc. Contact person is Peter Wylaars, phone: (03) 5968 1997; email: peterwylaars@exemail.com.au

Events

Celluloid Cycles: A Festival of Bicycles on Film

When: 6,7,8 and 9 April 2006

Where: Kaleide Theatre, RMIT, Swanston Street, Melbourne

For full program details see: <http://www.celluloidcycles.com.au/>

Contact Person: Tim Sheedy, phone: 9347 3115; email: info@celluloidcycles.com.au

MBTC presents MAD 2006 Ride

Join hundreds of other cyclists for this unique day, cycling through the hills and forests of the Macedon Ranges region.

[Click here to download a map of the road routes](#)

New location for 2006!

Buffalo Sports Stadium, Tylden Rd, Woodend (Melway map 609, G 9 or VicRoads map 290, B 8) - an easy hour's drive from Melbourne. You may be familiar with the Stadium as the Woodend Racecourse.

For all the details visit: <http://www.mbtc.org.au/>

Minutes of Boroondara BUG Meeting

7.30pm Wednesday 5th March 2006

Swinburne, Hawthorn Campus, Room TD 244

Present: Graeme Stone, Tim Connors, Julia Blunden, Jason den Hollander, Graham Ellis, David Leong

Guest: Nicholas Tragas

Apologies: Don Glasson

Correspondence:

1. Flyer about the Bendigo International Madison event March 11-12
2. Boroondara 'Community on Board' program for March
3. Invitation from Environment Victoria to become a group member

Bunnings Development: NT reported that the outcome is the best BCC could expect as the development could have been much bigger. He also suggested that the BUG needs to ensure that we receive prior warning of developments that could impact on cycling infrastructure. GS pointed out that VicRoads could have insisted on retention of the WKL. GE made unfavourable comparison with the Bunnings development in Notting Hill.

Tooronga Village: The article in the March issue of the *Boroondara Bulletin* doesn't hold our much hope regarding any modification to this development. It was suggested that the letter JB had written to Rob Hulls and others be forwarded to Phillip Storer, Director of City Planning and to Ted Baillieu and Bob Stensholt our two local state MPs. JD noted that other developments of concern include Tram 109 and Camberwell Junction.

Gardiners Creek Missing Link: GS rang Stonnington regarding the \$30,000 grant. Consultants have been appointed to identify options. Preliminary designs have been completed and the next stage will be community consultation. BBUG is listed as a stakeholder and will be kept informed.

Darebin Creek – Main Yarra Trail Link: JD reported that Parks Victoria met with Darebin BUG and other stakeholders on Monday 27/2. The path has progressed almost to Heidelberg Rd but is still about 1km from the Yarra. There is currently an application for compulsory land acquisition with VCAT but this is not expected to be a problem. The golf club is the only possible problem on the northern side. It is not yet a Boroondara issue but it soon will be.

Integrated Transport Strategy: NT is on the BCC subcommittee dealing with this. They last met in November but there will be another meeting again soon and he will keep us informed of progress. NT asked that he be emailed with details of the Road Safety Strategy, Bicycle Strategy and the BBUG submission to the ITS, with copies to Vince Haining and Steven White. JB agreed to do this.

Northern Pool Complex: JD raised the issue of the lack of bike parking at the complex.

Bike Parking Rails in Glenferrie: JB reported that she had attempted to arrange a meeting between herself, Rosemary West and Adam Hall but that AH had not agreed to this. During a telephone conversation AH indicated that only 3 parking rails at most would be installed as traders including Lawrencia had refused to have rails outside their shops. After a further exchange of emails we are back to a possible 6 parking rails but this still depends on agreement from traders. AH has undertaken to keep us informed of progress.

Hawthorn Bridge: JB contacted Richard Smithers but was informed that the plan for Hawthorn Bridge is still with VicRoads and that no response has been received from them as yet.

BBUG Promotion: It was agreed that JB would hand out flyers at the CPF women's tent on Kew Boulevard during the second car-free morning on Sunday 12th March. JD and DL were to organise the re-formatting, duplication and delivery of flyers to this and also to Phil Crohn and/or Dick Menting for distribution at the Surrey Hills Festival in April.

Priority List: JD will reformat this with additional information along the lines of the City of Yarra BAC list. The idea is to maintain a list of current and future BBUG projects and of completed projects. This will form a record for future BBUG members and for BCC staff. To be reviewed at the next meeting.

Glenferrie Oval: JB reported that she had received notice of a master plan being prepared for Grace Park and Glenferrie Oval. As there is a bike route through this area JB agreed to contact Mark Brennan and ask that BBUG be added to the list of stake holders.

Bicycle Federation of Australia Membership: DL reported that Darebin BUG has joined the BFA to show support and ensure Victorian representation as BV is not currently a member. He suggested that we consider doing likewise. DL agreed to investigate further just what this would involve apart from paying a modest subscription of \$20.

Anniversary Trail: GE suggested that BBUG support the re-alignment of the AT along a drainage easement that passes through the grounds of Camberwell High School, and the installation of an additional pedestrian crossing in Prospect Hill Rd in line with this. This would obviate the need to divert to Spencer Rd, and to turn right into Prospect Hill Rd if heading north. JD suggested that BV be asked to support this initiative. GE undertook to procure a map showing the easement.

Guide Dogs Path: JD met with Jim Hondrakis and Christine? to discuss solutions to the problem of cyclists and motorists clashing at the top of the new path. JH has agreed to move bollards, redo the line marking on the driveway into Guide Dogs Victoria and to erect no parking signs on the northern side of this to alleviate the problem. The problem of stones from an informal car park on the Outer Circle path near Willsmere should also be alleviated by the construction of a concrete barrier.

Chandler Highway Bridge: DL reported that the footpath across the Chandler Highway Bridge appears to have been converted to a shared footway with ramps to enable cyclists to move onto it from the road and then back again.

Meeting with Jim Hondrakis: It was noted that it is time another meeting was arranged with JH. However no decision was reached on this.

Contacts for Rides

There are many BUGs, clubs and other organisations, several of them local, which organise rides. Below are some of their contact details. At the end of this newsletter is a separate section with details of many of their forthcoming rides.

Camberwell Downhill Gourmet Bike Riders: contact Elva Parker, phone: 9836 6392

Boroondara Bushwalkers: contact Julia Blunden, phone: 9853 5095, e-mail: jblunden@bigpond.com; web site: www.keypoint.com.au/~bbwinc

Hawthorn Cycle Tours: contact Hawthorn Aquatic and Leisure Centre, phone: 9815 0988; e-mail: lexbishop@bikerider.com; website: <http://www.geocities.com/perften/Hct.html>

Council on the Ageing (COTA) Cycling Group: contact Janet Bennett, e-mail: janpeter@bigpond.net.au or COTA, phone: 9654 4443.

Knox Bicycle Touring Club Incorporated, email: Email: Mikeaatleisure@aol.com Web site: home.vicnet.net.au/~knoxbike

Manningham BUG: e-mail: seball@netlink.com.au, H.Edwards@bom.gov.au; web site: www.vicnet.net.au/~mannbug

Maroondah Bushwalking Club: to obtain details of how to book on a walk and a copy of the current walks and activities program Contact **information officers:** Sandra, phone: 9728 3833; Aileen, phone: 9876 1104; web site: home.vicnet.net.au/~mbush/

Whitehorse Cyclists: e-mail: ejhopper@vicnet.net.au; web site: <http://www.whitehorsecyclists.org.au/>

Banyule BUG: email: banyuleBug@yahoo.com.au; web site: <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~banylbug/> ; contacts: **Richard** phone: 9459 8648, or **Les** phone: 9459 2701

Darebin BUG: Rides and Events Coordinator, Doug Morffew, phone: 9499 7325 (AH), email: dougmorf@alphalink.com.au
Download the [Darebin BUG rides flyer](#), with details of rides. (Word doc); web site: www.darebinbug.org.au

YHA: contacts: Claire, phone: 9726 5142 or Jane, phone: 9525 6462; e-mail: yhacycling@yahoo.com.au; website: <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~yhacycle>

Melbourne Bicycle Touring Club: contact Touring Secretary, Dave Cash, phone: 9817 3269, or e-mail info@mbtc.org.au
(Note that this e-mail address doesn't get checked every day - so don't expect an immediate response!) Web site: mbtc.org.au

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Boroondara Bicycle Users Group

Membership Application Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Member of Bicycle Victoria? Y / N

Phone: (H): _____ (W): _____

e-mail: _____

Membership requires a one-off payment of \$10 per household. There is an additional charge of \$10 per annum for delivery of a hardcopy newsletter. Please send cheque (made out to Graeme Stone) along with this form to: Graeme Stone, 16 Jervis St, CAMBERWELL, VIC 3124

Past and Forthcoming Rides

Camberwell Downhill Gourmet Bike Riders - April Ride

Where: Maribyrnong River & Moonee Ponds Creek Ride based on Ride No's. 12 & 13 in Julia's new book 'Bike Rides Around Melbourne'; (or the reverse of Ride No. 10 in Edition 1).

When: Sunday April 23rd - meeting at Kensington Railway Station for a 9.45 am start. Broadmeadows Line train leaves Flinders St Station at 9.26 and arrives 9.38.

Description: A moderate grade ride from to Kensington Train Station to Pascoe Vale Station (distance 35km) or another 12 km to North Melbourne Station. The Maribyrnong River Path is attractively landscaped downstream and delightfully rural upstream. The very extensive Brimbank Park has many points of interest as well as excellent picnic facilities including a cafe. Return along the Western Ring Road bike path to join the Moonee Ponds Creek bike path. You will pass under two spectacular railway viaducts. The ride also offers several spectacular views. There are a few steep climbs on this ride but none too long. Almost all on bike paths, some unsealed. .

Contacts for information: Bruce and Yvonne - Phone: 9852 1921; 0401 145 009

Hawthorn Cycle Tours

Hawthorn Cycle Tours (run by the Hawthorn Aquatic and Leisure Centre) has 10 bikes (and helmets) available. Or you can bring your own bike (and helmet) if you prefer. Rides are on Tuesday mornings from 9.30am - 11.00am. Child minding is available at the Creche. It is a social ride, with either a coffee stop out on the trail or on return to the centre (or both!). Distance travelled is usually between 15-20km, mostly flat riding with an occasional hill. Riders ages vary from 20-70 years old.

Contact: Hawthorn Aquatic and Leisure Centre, phone: 9815 0988, Website: <http://www.geocities.com/perften/Hct.html> or e-mail: lexbishop@bikerider.com

Sassafras Ride

Every Sunday all year. Starts at "Bike Life", 114 Auburn Road, Hawthorn, near corner of Burwood Rd and the overhead railway bridge, Melways Ref. Map 45 F10. Arrive prior to 7:30am to ensure departure at 7:30am sharp. Arrives in Sassafras around 9:00am and leaves Sassafras by 9:30am Arrives back in Hawthorn around 10:45am.

Distance under 70 kms from Hawthorn to Sassafras return (includes the 7 kms 1 in 20 hill climb). Route: Auburn Road, Rathmines Road, Canterbury Road, Boronia Road, Mountain Highway (Wantirna Sassafras Road), Mount Dandenong Tourist Rd. You can join and leave the peloton anywhere along this route.

Refreshment stop: Café "Ripe", 376 Mount Dandenong Tourist Road, Sassafras, phone: 9755 2100; Melways Ref. Map 66 F9.

Council on the Ageing (COTA) Cycling Group - Rides Program

Council on the Ageing members have a cycling group for people who want to ride more and learn more about their bikes and riding, as well as for people just getting started.

Plans for Seniors Bike rides in 2006

We will ride 4 Wednesdays in the month. We will meet at 10 am at the place specified. If the weather forecast for the day, published the evening before, is 31°C or above the ride will start at 8am and conclude by 12midday. Every effort will be made to find a coffee stop midmorning! We will generally take our own lunch and picnic together. Some rides are on rail trails or roads in the country and the starting times for these rides will be specified, if different. Riders are welcome to join the ride along the way if it is closer to home. Please contact Janet Bennett on 9853 9808 to discuss any details.

The 1st and 3rd Wednesday rides will be reasonably short, approximately 30km. The details of these rides will be decided on the morning with the group, at the listed starting point.

The 2nd and 4th Wednesday rides will be more challenging, approximately 50- 60km, and are detailed below.

All riders are encouraged to join Council on the Aging (COTA). We also recommend that riders consider joining Bicycle Victoria for the insurance and service they offer.

Abbreviations for the ride grades are # easy * medium ! hard ^ hills.

Date	Place to meet	Description	Grade
Apr 5 th	Collingwood Children's Farm carpark, St. Heliers St., MEL 44 G5 or ride from Victoria Park station.	We will choose a 30km circuit to ride on the day.	#
Apr 12 th	Smythesdale at Courthouse Hotel, Brooke St., 15km. past Ballarat on Glenelg Highway.	We will ride part of the Ballarat to Skipton rail trail, from Smythesdale to Pittong or further depending on the weather and track condition. Distance 52km +. Ring Janet to organise car pooling as no train is available currently.	*
Apr 19 th	Collingwood Children's Farm carpark, St. Heliers St., MEL 44 G5 or ride from Victoria Park station.	We will choose a 30km circuit to ride on the day.	#
Apr 26 th	Somerville (carpark behind the hotel), MEL 107 E12 or train to the Somerville station.	Tour through Hastings, the Bittern Coastal Wetlands to Stoney Point and Somers and return, approx 55km.	# if no wind!
May 3 rd	Jell's Park East, MEL 72 A6, car park 5 or ride there from Glen Waverley station.	We will choose a 30km circuit to ride on the day.	#
May 10 th	As above	We will ride the Blind Creek and Upper Dandenong Creek circuit with an extension to Belgrave, ~ 55km.	* some ^
May 17 th	As above	We will choose a 30km circuit to ride on the day.	#
May 24 th	Flowerdale area, meet at Break O'Day cnr Whittlesea-Yea rd. & Break O'Day Rd., MEL 510 P9 or 610 P9.	Ride to Flowerdale, Strath Creek, Yea, and return to Break O'Day. This is an undulating road ride of ~70km. Bring lunch as we may try a short-cut to avoid most of the Goulburn Highway and Yea.	!
May 31st	No ride		
June 7 th	Collingwood Children's Farm carpark, St. Heliers St., MEL 44 G5 or ride from Victoria Park station.	We will choose a 30km circuit to ride on the day.	#
June 14 th	As above	Ride the Capitol City trail to Moonee Ponds trail and then cross on western Ring path to Merri Creek trail with an extension along the new Craigeburn bypass trail, approx 65km.	#
June 21 st	As above	We will choose a 30km circuit to ride on the day.	#
Jun. 28 th	Carpark at the Lilydale Station or take the train there.	We will ride a circuit of part of the Warburton rail trail and then roads to Healesville returning to the Lilydale station via back roads, ~ 70km.	!
July 5 th	East Malvern RSL Bowls club, MEL 60 A12 or train to East Malvern or Darling Station.	We will choose a 30km circuit to ride on the day.	#
July 12 th	As above	We will ride the Scotchmans Creek trail to Jell's Park and then a circuit of Oppy's trails to return via Waverley rail trail ~60km.	*
July 19 th	As above	We will choose a 30km circuit to ride on the day.	#
July 26 th	As above	We will ride the Gardiners Creek trail to Blackburn lake, the Koonung Creek trail including the new section and then the Main Yarra trail to return, approx 55km.	*

For further details later in the year, see the Cota website, www.cotavic.org.au/events/cycle_group.htm

Darebin BUG

Social Rides

Darebin BUG runs rides of distances approximating 10-20km every Monday, 40-60km on Tuesdays and up to 90km on Thursdays and a variety of rides of various lengths on weekends.

The **DBUG Rides Planning Committee** is looking for people who are interested in arranging and leading a ride, or in gaining leadership experience by co-leading a ride. Ride dates, suggestions and leaders should be coordinated through the Rides Coordinator. Please contact Doug on 9499 7325 / 0409 956 913 with your ideas.

Unless otherwise stated, our rides meet at **Jika Jika Community Centre**, corner Plant & Union Streets, Northcote near Westgarth train station.

For information about any of these rides, contact the Rides and Events Coordinator, Doug AH 9499 7325

dougmorf@alphalink.com.au

Download the [Darebin BUG rides flyer](#), with details of these rides. (Word doc)

Please note all rides are free to anyone who would like to participate. After the third ride you take part in, we will invite you to join the BUG. Some rides need train tickets, these are to be bought by the participant. A first aid kit is carried on each ride and emergency contact numbers are taken prior to the start of the ride. Darebin BUG has public liability insurance - please note this **does not** cover you or your bike. If that is something you're concerned about then best become a member of Bicycle Victoria so you will be covered by their insurance. In the case of an emergency, ride leaders will call an ambulance if required. The ambulance will charge the injured person, not the BUG. This can be very expensive, so it is wise to consider taking out ambulance membership.

Rides for Beginners

Monday Rides

Regular Monday rides for those looking for short easy rides. Travel local bike paths around 10-20km. For more information, call 9481 8853.

“Time to Ride” Beginners Rides

Details TBA

Market Rides

Collingwood Children's Farm Market ride - Second Saturday of each month - 9:30am

Meeting Place: Jika Jika Community Centre

Ride Leader: Vivienne 9482.3147

Ride Distance: 12km

Ride Grading: Easy

Ride Route: Merri Creek path then Yarra River Path to Collingwood Children's Farm

Notes: Time to ride event

Tuesday & Thursday Rides

Both are social rides largely on bike trails that conclude around 4 pm. Bring lunch & water.

Tuesday Rides, For experienced riders.

These rides leave from **Jika Jika Community Centre**, corner of Plant and Union sts, Northcote, at 9.45am. They vary in length from about 40 to 60 km.

Thursday Rides, For experienced riders.

These rides leave from **Jika Jika Community Centre**, corner of Plant and Union sts, Northcote, at 9.30am sharp. Rides can be up to 90km.

Saturday & Sunday Rides - Varying Distances & Locations

Sunday Morning Rides, For experienced riders.

Every Sunday, 2-3 hours riding, various distances, training for ATB.

Meet at **Jika Jika Community Centre**, corner of Plant and Union sts, Northcote, at 9am.

Contact Yannick on 0438 785 450

Saturday & Sunday Social Rides, Some for beginners, others for experienced cyclists.

Occasional Saturdays & regularly on 3rd Sunday of the month - a diverse program, some rides local and others involving public transport.

Saturday and Sunday Social Ride Program for 2006

“The Three Waterways Ride”

When: Sunday 9th April

Meet: 10:00am Jika Jika Neighbourhood House, Cnr Union & Plant Sts, Northcote.

Distance: 45km

Grade: Medium

Description: Ride up Merri Creek to Recreational Lake and cycle down Plenty Road to follow a railway line to meet up with Tulla Creek Trail, taking this down to Docklands, picking up the Main Yarra trail back to Merri Creek, then Jika Jika.

Contact Ride Leader Aaron for information (9646 5494) Weekend Rides

Northern Victoria Easter W/E Ride - April Friday 14th to Monday 17th.

Accommodation: Rutherglen Heritage Hotel with day rides to local wineries, Millawa Cheese Factory, etc.

Costs: Train travel; Accommodation; personal spending.

Deposit: \$50 by early December to secure accommodation at Easter.

Ride leader: expressions of interest - Roger 9381.4650

Other weekend rides are being planned. Offers to assist with planning and leading are very welcome, please contact the Rides Coordinator, Doug on 9499 7325 / 0409 956 913

Around the Bay in a Day 2006

Darebin BUG members participate in both the 100km and 210km events. Training teams will form soon. Contact the BUG if you are interested in participating in ATB 2006.

Manningham BUG

Rides are subject to change so always phone the ride contact close to the date of the ride to confirm details.

Mid Week Rides There are rides on most Wednesdays. Meet at 9:30am at Warrandyte (outside Pasta Mania) for a local ride every second week, alternating with a 10am meeting at a distant location for a longer ride. Contact Don 9848-5803

		GRADE	CONTACT	MEET AT...
April				
Sat 1st/ Sun 2nd April	Neville & Cheryl's famous SANDY POINT RIDE Complete with Spit Roast or something similar on the Sat night. Beds for about 12 people and plus tent space for more.	Sat 55km Sun 30km	Neville 9802-0187	Bookings essential
Sat 1st	Zoo to Southbank. (For those who can't go to Sandy Point) We ride underneath Citylink, explore Docklands, coffee at Southbank.	Easy lingering, 20kms	Gary 9439-5016	9.00 am Zoo car park next to the train station Mel 29 E11
Sat 8th	Bay St to Sirens at Williamstown; (Surf, sculptures, seagulls, Swans and Sirens) About 25kms and very flat and is a great ride for those people who don't like hills and is mostly on bike paths. The Punt costs \$5 return trip or \$4 one way An alternative return is ferry from Gem Pier to St Kilda and then ride back to Bay Street from there. Cost another \$6.50 + \$2 per bike. Includes an optional lunch if people are interested. Easter Bunny ears optional Westgate Punt Phone 0419 999 458 http://www.williamstownferries.com.au	Easy 20km	Ann T 94597112 / 0404876156	9:30 am Cnr Bay St + Beach St - Beaconsfield Pde, Port Melb. Mel 57 B4
Sun 9th	Warrandyte Festival Mountain Bike Fun Ride. Ride through Warrandyte State Park by the Yarra River and Historical Gold Mining areas. Take the challenge with your friends and family. This ride is for both family groups and experienced mountain bikers. Riders will be grouped by experience level. Each group will be led by experienced riders with local knowledge. Marshals will be directing riders along the route. All riders must register prior to the ride see www.vicnet.net.au/~warrfest/events/bike.htm	Easy 10&16 km	Stewart 9844 1156	Warrandyte Netball Courts. 7:30am for 8:00am sharp start

Interested?

[Email us to find out more about the BUG](#)

Whitehorse Cyclists Inc

Rides Program

Last updated February 25 2006

Do you need to be a member to join in a ride? No! Try out some rides first. Just phone the nominated leader for more details.				
Note: Tuesday rides are designed to enable new, inexperienced or recovering riders build up their abilities.				
More cycling opportunities in our area: Ron of Rotary Forest Hill leads an easy ride every Sunday at 8am: Contact Ron on 0413 042 043				
Date	Event	Distance	Grade	Contact
Sun 2 April	Find the Aida Tree	45	Med/Hard	Mike McN 9830 4195 and Keith 9857 5805
Tues 4 April	1st Tuesday easy ride	30-35	Easy	Ken 9801 7157
Thur 6 April	Hoppers Crossing to Richmond and Box Hill	860	Med	Ken 9801 7157
Sun 9 April	RAAF Air Show at Point Cook	28	Easy	Darby 9878 3589
Tues 11 April	2nd Tuesday easy ride	30-35	Easy	David M 9885 7673
Tuesday 11 April 7.45 pm: Club Night: Club Night: Box Hill Community Arts Centre Station Street Box Hill Mike Taylor 9859 3647				
Thur 13 April	Visit the Black Snake Range	75	Med/Hard	Max A 9862 1223
Easter 14-17 April	tba?			
Tues 18 April	3rd Tuesday easy ride	30-35	Easy	Ken 9801 7157
Thur 20 April	You Yangs	60	Med	Mike T 9859 3647
Sun 23 April	MAD Ride	Run by MBTC		Contact MBTC
Sun 23 April	Great Divide Ride	Run by Great Cycling Events		Contact Daniel, Event Director 8508 9845
Tues 25 April	ANZAC Day ride	25	Fast, early, easy	Jacques 9497 2306
Thur 27 April	Box Hill Brighton Richmond	55	Med	Alan 9898 0415
Sun 30 April	Port Melbourne	47	Easy	Mike T 9859 3647
Tues 2 May	1st Tuesday easy ride	30-35	Easy	tba
Thurs 4 May	Thursday ride	50	Med	tba
Wkend 6-7 May	tba			
Tues 9 May	2nd Tuesday easy ride	30-35	Easy	tba
Tuesday 9 May 7.45 pm: Club Night: Club Night: Box Hill Community Arts Centre Station Street Box Hill Mike Taylor 9859 3647				
Thurs 11 May	Thursday ride	50	Med	tba
Sun 14 May	tba			Mike McK
Tues 16 May	3rd Tuesday easy ride	30-35	Easy	tba
Thurs 18 May	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea: Brighton	50	Med	Marion 9844 2971
Wkend 20-21 May	tba			
Tues 23 May	4th Tuesday easy ride	30-35	Easy	tba
Thurs 25 May	Thursday ride	50	Med	tba
Wkend 27-28 May	tba			
Tues 30 May	5th Tuesday easy ride	30-35	Easy	tba
Thurs 1 June	Thursday ride	50	Med	tba
Sun 4 June	Williamstown			Mike T 9859 3647
Tues June 6	1st Tuesday easy ride	30-35	Easy	tba
Thurs 8 June	Thursday ride	50	Med	tba
Queens Birthday June 10-12	tba			
Tues June 13	2nd Tuesday easy ride	30-35	Easy	tba
Tuesday 13 June 7.45 pm: Club Night: Club Night: Box Hill Community Arts Centre Station Street Box Hill Mike Taylor 9859 3647				

Banyule Bicycle User Group—Rides Program

Rides start **9am** from Heidelberg Park (Melway ref 32 B4) except where indicated. A reasonable level of riding fitness is assumed, but novice riders will be looked after on shorter versions of scheduled rides. Members BYO morning tea. We welcome visiting riders.

April 2006

Sun 2 *Riders' Choice*

Tue 4 *Ceres* 35 km. To Fairfield by Yarra Trail, then Merri Creek Trail to Ceres for break. Continue on Merri Creek Trail to Fyffe St exit and streets east.

Sun 9 *River and Beach* 56 km. Streets west to Maribyrnong River. Down river to Newport. Punt (\$3) to Westgate Park. Then to Sandridge Beach, city, home. Break at river and/or beach.

Tue 11 *Brimbank Park* ~70 km. (A few hills—H1 & H2—out of valleys on this ride, but otherwise easy going). Streets & trails west, with short tea break at Coburg Lake. Meet Ring Road at Airport West, and on to Park for early lunch. Return down Maribyrnong River Trail to Moonee Ponds, then streets east. Train return (via city) possible from Moonee Ponds (~ 55 km) or Anstey (~ 60 km).

Sun 16 *Riders' Choice (Easter)*

Tue 18 *Capital City Circuit* 50 km. Royal Park, Docklands (break), Southbank, Yarra Trail.

Sun 23 *Geelong Rides*. Council bus (7.30 am depart from Turnham Ave) or own transport. Meet at Eastern Park (near sea at western end—Melway 452 F3). Morning ride starts 9.00 am—railtrail to Drysdale and return (~ 35 km). After lunch, explore a Barwon R. circuit, and back to the Park (~ 20 km).

Tue 25 *Riders' Choice*

Sun 30 *Diamond Creek* 40 km. Out and back by Diamond Valley Trail to Diamond Creek for break. Optional extra is a 20 km road circuit through Hurstbridge and Nutfield back to Diamond Creek (3 x H2-3).

May 2006

Tue 2 *Broadmeadows* 45 km. Out by Ring Road (H1) to break at Roper Reserve. Return by Glenroy streets, Merrie Creek trail.

Sun 7 *Riders' Choice*

Tue 9 *Croydon* 53 km. Anniversary Trail to Canterbury station (1 x H2). Train (Zone 2,3 ticket) to Heathmont. Ride to Ringwood Lake for break. Then up Mullum-Mullum Trail to end, streets (H2) to Croydon town. Down Tarralla and Dandenong Creek Trails then streets (short H3, + H1), and Koonung Trail home. Optional link with train again at Heathmont would shorten ride by ~12 km.

Wed 10 General Meeting. 8 pm Watsonia Library. All welcome.

For further information contact Richard (9459 8648) or Les (9459 2701)

Melbourne Bicycle Touring Club

We are based in Melbourne, Victoria and conduct rides (or events) every weekend. We are a diverse collection of people with a common interest in cycling - cycle touring in particular. Please feel free to join us!

MBTC Rides and Events

Rides Program

Date	Ride	Rating	Leader
2006 April			
Sat 1st April	Warburton loop via O'Shannessy aqueduct	50km medium	Leon
Sun 2nd April	Fed Square, Gardiners Creek, Fairfield & Outer Circle	55km easy	Joe
Sun 2nd April	Beasleys Nursery from Fairfield Station	70km med-hard	Peter
Thursday 6 April	MAD Ride mailout - all hands on deck!	rewarding	Geoff

For information on the above rides, please contact the Touring Secretary, Gael Reid, on (03) 9495 0538, or at rides@mbtc.org.au. Please note that this e-mail address doesn't get checked every day - so don't expect an immediate response!

About the Ride Gradings

Easy: Relatively short distances and easy terrain, with no critical time factor. Suitable for the occasional cyclist.

Medium: Longer distances with varied terrain. Reliable gears, food, tools and wet weather clothing are advisable. Ability to maintain a reasonable speed to meet critical time factors is required.

Hard: Long distances and/or difficult terrain. Extensive experience in all aspects of cycling is mandatory. Riders must be able to maintain a good speed throughout the ride.

YHA

YHA Cycling is made up of people who enjoy cycling in the suburbs and out in country Victoria with a sociable group of like-minded people, aged mainly between mid 20s and mid 40s. YHA Cycling is a recreational club, not a racing club, and we do a mixture of day and weekend rides. The group is based in Melbourne, Victoria, under the umbrella of the YHA Australia, and is one of a number of such local YHA activities groups.

Rides Program

DATE	RIDE	Bike	GRADE	CONTACT
Sunday, 2 April	Fairfield - Broadmeadows - Craigieburn return 2 ride options, 60km's and 100kms	Any	Easy & Medium	Ann Bull & Joe
Tuesday, 4 April	Ride Planning Night - Elsternwick Hotel			
Sunday, 9 April	East Malvern and Blackburn Loop	Mountain / hybrid	Easy	Jim
W/E Saturday, 8th April and Sunday, 9th April	Castlemaine - Cider and Wine trip	Touring hybrid Mountain	Medium	Genia
Easter weekend 14, 15, 16 & 17 April	Available - please email Belinda @ yhacycling@yahoo.com if you would like to lead a ride this day			
Sunday, 23 April	Available - please email Belinda @ yhacycling@yahoo.com if you would like to lead a ride this day MAD Ride also on this day Details to come from Jon Miller. This is not a YHA ride	Any	60 or 110km road. Or 65 km MTB options	Jon
W/E Saturday, 29 April & Sunday, 30 April	Wangaratta - Bright Wangaratta 3 ride options 110/180/260km with Friday option to Beechworth	Any	Easy /Medium /hard	Joe

Last updated on 29th January, 2006.

Visitors (whether members of YHA or not) are welcome to attend any of our rides or other activities. Please note that cyclists aged under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

YHA contacts: Claire, phone: 9726 5142 or Jane, phone: 9525 6462; e-mail: yhacycling@yahoo.com.au; website: <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~yhacycle>

How to join our mailing list

Send a blank e-mail to YHA Cycling with 'subscribe' in the subject line.

Soon after, you will receive an e-mail asking you to confirm your subscription.

Reply to this e-mail and you're in. E-mail addresses are kept private and are NOT broadcast to the masses.