

HOLBROOK AND BACK

Despite over an inch of rain the night before and threatening grey skies, Saturday's ride to Holbrook took place in dry conditions. About twenty cyclists departed Wagga Wagga and found the riding hard going because of cool, strong headwinds. A very patient Shayne was waiting to join up with the group at Crestview School after riding from Culcairn. Conditions were more favourable after lunch for most of the final 26km into Holbrook.

Most of the cyclists were accommodated at the Riverina Hotel with some extras staying at the Holbrook Hotel. Following afternoon drinks at the Holbrook Hotel, dinner was enjoyed at the Riverina. The evening was incident free except for Ben almost knocking off Nick's head with a high chair! Even the card game seemed less rowdy than usual. Young Steven Butler shared his 5th birthday cake with all despite Ray's offer for the pair of them to eat the lot! The evening really got rocking about 10 o'clock when all had gone to bed. Fortunately the loud music only affected those in the front rooms. You would think that Barb, in organising the weekend, would have asked for the quietest room!

A fine but cool morning greeted the cyclists on Sunday. The fierce headwinds of the previous day were now favourable tailwinds. Heading off, unbelievably at 9 o'clock sharp, the cyclists were able to ride as a large pack to Crestview School. There everyone stopped for morning tea enjoying delights from the Holbrook Bakery. From there it was a short ride to Mangoplah and lunch before the final leg into town. Keeping with tradition, the riders were treated to hot coffee and chocolates from Graeme on their arrival in Wagga Wagga.

Despite Saturday's poor weather everyone enjoyed the weekend ride. A big thank you to Jan Marks for her support and to Barb Hemingway for organising the weekend.