



# Le Grand Randonnee

August 2-16  
2003

**ONLY 8 PLACES LEFT – BOOK NOW !**

## A supported cycling tour of the best of France.

Le Grand Randonnee is a 15 day tour specially designed for cyclists who are planning to ride or support the Paris Brest Paris next year. The tour will explore the best of France including the vineyards of Burgundy, the lavender fields of Provence, the Dordogne and Lot River valleys, and finally the coastline of Brittany. A highlight for many riders will be the chance to ride the legendary Tour de France stage of Mont Ventoux. Our tour starts and finishes in Paris, ending at St Quentin en Yvelines on the Saturday before the PBP. A coach with a secure bicycle trailer will transport you and your beloved machine over the longer distances, and transport your luggage each day to our hotel for the evening stop. Each day will have ride options between 50 and 120km, with plenty of quiet back roads to explore if you wish to ride further. The emphasis is on flexibility – ride as much or as little as you want! Non cyclists, or those who do not wish to cycle the full distance each day, will travel in our coach and meet the cyclists at a pre-arranged stops, as well as enjoying plenty of time for sightseeing and exploring towns along the route.

### Inclusions:

- ✓ Transport by modern air conditioned coach with cycle trailer
- ✓ 14 nights accommodation in centrally located, cycle friendly hotels
- ✓ Breakfast daily and 8 evening meals of regional cuisine
- ✓ Sightseeing and local guides
- ✓ Airport transfer in Paris
- ✓ Comprehensive route guide daily



**Paris Brest Paris airfare specials ex Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane . Book and pay by 31 January 2003.**

**Singapore Airlines - \$1899\* Qantas - \$2075\***

\*Prices based on departures from Australia between 30 May and 18 August 2003 and subject to availability. Prices do not include departure taxes, government taxes or other surcharges. \$300 minimum purchase of eligible land content is required with these airfares.

### PBP 2003 Accommodation

All rooms at the Audax Australia PBP hotel are taken. We do still have a number of alternate hotels to choose from close to the PBP start and can help you find accommodation to suit your needs.

For more details on Le Grand Randonnee or travel to PBP 2003 please contact :

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## Canola Canter

Ray Stenhouse

Strong winds on the day didn't deter the keen riders from enjoying the annual Canola Canter held in October at Wagga Wagga, NSW.

Seven cyclists turned out for the 50km event which saw them ride into the wind out over Malebo Hill to the Millwood control. Their perseverance was rewarded with the wind's assistance which pushed them back into town. For several of the riders it was their first attempt at the distance.

The 100km event had 19 entrants although one did start later than the others when he found his helmet was at home and had to go get it. One cyclist came all the way from England to take part, or perhaps it was just convenient timing. Lisa lead out of the car park and took the peloton out into the wind along the Old Narrandera Road. From the control at Millwood it was generally up hill to Coolamon with a stiff breeze to the side before a great tailwind pushed the riders to the control at Marrar. This control was well stocked with foodstuffs enjoyed by cyclists and the energy was used to ride back with the wind again at the side until the wind was in their faces again for the last few kilometres back to the Beach.

Six intrepid souls put their hands up for the 200km event, with visitors coming from Goulburn, Canberra and Wangaratta to enjoy some different scenery. These cyclists completed the 100km route and then were pushed out to Wantabadgery before having to face the dreaded wind into Junee. Clyde had a drink at the Locomotive Hotel in Junee to celebrate having ridden his furthest distance to date before remounting his bike to add some more to his tally. From Junee it was a hard slog once again into the wind back to Wagga Wagga. However, the wind did not win, and all six riders completed the distance with plenty of time to spare.