

### CABRAMURRA - 6-7 December 2003 – David Glastonbury

Bicycle Wagga Wagga enjoyed some hill cycling in the Northern Kosciuszko National Park as its Christmas trip for 2003. A total of 23 cyclists and supporters enjoyed the weekend of testing uphill, exhilarating down hills, mountain sightseeing and great food and fellowship. We were joined for this trip by three cyclists from the Goulburn and District BUG.



The weekend commenced at Talbingo with a few riders managing to conquer the steep and difficult Talbingo Mountain, to be joined on the road at the summit by the remainder of the group.

Those starting at the top thought that they would find it relatively easy cruising along the top of the range however they were to find further testing climbs over the Cumberland and Yarrangobilly Ranges.

It was no easier from the highway at Kiandra to Australia's highest township of Cabramurra which was our overnight destination. It was most interesting to witness the extensive fire damage and early signs of recovery of the forests in the National Park.



Accommodation was at the excellent RSL Youth Hostel and the group enjoyed refreshments and a huge "working man's meal" served by the Cabramurra Canteen and Mess. Where did all of that chocolate mud cake go?

As expected there was a slow start next morning with riders discussing the day's ride options over a self catered breakfast.



Most riders opted for the long exhilarating downhill ride to Tumut Pondage Reservoir, but only three ground up the steep uphill section to follow.

All riders reassembled at Tooma Reservoir to experience what was for many the longest downhill cycle ride they had ever enjoyed, with about 30 kilometres of continuous downhill into Khancoban where the weekend concluded with a pleasant picnic lunch in the shade at the village centre.