

An Off-road Adventure - 18-19 September 2004 - David Glastonbury

This was the first of a planned series of off-road rides to be conducted this year by Bicycle Wagga Wagga.

The venue was the MIA State Forest through the stately and magnificent River Red Gum forests along the banks of the Murrumbidgee River between Narrandera and the Yanco Agricultural High School.

A total of 15 members participated in the trail rides over the weekend. Those present were: Lisa and David; Gordon; Petrina, Edward and Quinn; Lesley and Paul; Adam and Brooke; Luke, Sue and Matt; Kerrie and Claire.

Quinn, Brooke and Matt particularly enjoyed leading the slower adult riders along the winding forest trails.

The rides were of about 35km each day and followed the recently marked and number coded trails which varied from sandy ridges to polished river clay flats with the occasional mud puddle!

The group made frequent sightings of kangaroos, emus in the forest and were entertained by the carp frolicking in the muddy creeks.

Despite the rather gentle terrain, Adam managed a spectacular tumble on a section of single track formed by trail bikes. Unfortunately neither Adam nor his cycle was fit for the trails on the second day!

David following PJ along a narrow gap between puddles, found his lack of skill and confidence and ended up horizontal in the mud in full view and to the great delight of the group!

A most enjoyable and peaceful riverside camp was held on Saturday night at Sandy Beach with a roaring campfire, under the constant guard and surveillance of our white goose companion for the weekend.

Everyone agreed that it was a fantastic weekend of cycling and that the Club should arrange future similar rides for those interested in off-road and bush track cycling.

Any member with any ideas of suitable venues or who would be prepared to assist in being a trip leader should contact David Glastonbury on 6926 2354.

Any club member is welcome to propose a trip and act as trip leader. David will give any assistance necessary.