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## Logo and Jersey

### Logo

Netti Australia's designer presented the committee with a number of options and subsequently a logo has been adopted. Our new logo, you may have noticed, is at the head of this newsletter.

### Jersey

A jersey was also designed by Netti Australia and adopted by the committee. Orders were taken and the jerseys supplied in time for The RTA Big Ride. Our jerseys received many compliments on the Big Ride. If you would like to buy a jersey but missed out on the initial order there a limited number available at the Wagga Cycle Centre or Kidson's Cycles, both in Fitzmaurice Street.

## Ride Reports

### Alpine Classic

This year's Audax Alpine Classic was held in hot and muggy conditions. Once again a group of Wagga cyclists, including veterans and first timers, participated in the 100, 130 and 200km rides. All cyclists should be proud their efforts, especially considering the energy sapping conditions. Some notable performances were those of Shayne Godde who completed the 100km ride to Mt Buffalo, Narelle Hobson for her persistence in accomplishing the 200km Falls Creek and Buffalo climbs and those evergreen riders, Keith and Gillian Helyar, who notched up yet another 200km ride. They just keep going and going!

As usual, a good weekend was had by all. This is a regular trip for some of the riders in the club. For those not interested in the Alpine Classic there is a good bike path going through Bright which is part of the rail trail from Wangaratta. It is flat and the scenery is lovely. If you are interested in the Alpine Classic or would just like to head to Bright for the cycle touring call Ben Turner on 6971 1109.

### Holbrook Ride

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 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, 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

### 2001 RTA Big Bike Ride

Fourteen Waggarites including the Butler's young children, Steven and Kimberley, enjoyed The RTA Big Ride from Oberon to Forbes (31 March – 8 April) in glorious cycling weather. After a faltering start with trailer light problems we arrived in Oberon just in time to make the official start. The "Ride to the Ride" riders were all there,

ready to go. The first two days were up and down, with the gravel hill on the first day beating some, and Cherry Tree Hill on the second seeming to go on forever. Some long, fast downhills were also experienced.

It was good to catch up with a number of old friends as well as making new ones. "Henry Lawson's Mates" in Gulgong was a good show and many enjoyable dinners in the Brasserie were had. The rest day in Wellington saw some retreating to the pub for soft beds and we lost one member to some new Sydney acquaintances, only to reappear on the last day for the bus home. Marksy missed his game of golf and Steven and Kimberley were stars of the Red Faces show on Wednesday night. Cumnock (pop 300) will not forget the 1700 invaders on Thursday night – the only pub in town had to send for emergency supplies mid afternoon to last the night.

The riding became more undulating as we headed south for Canowindra and Grenfell with the glorious weather continuing. Good times were recorded by many as they found their rhythm and the kilometres slid by. A little more gravel near Goolagong tested the skinny tyre troops. The warm days meant many thirsty riders in the afternoons and busy times in the local watering holes.

Grenfell put on a big fireworks display and street party to help celebrate the last night of the ride. The last day was a strong headwind as we headed to Forbes. This made it hard going with the disappointed Butlers missing the massed finish. Nevertheless, a great week was had by all.

Shayne, Greg and Pam, supported by Bevan, rode home from Forbes to complete their ride while Geoff and Leo found excuses to hitch rides.

Thanks to Ray Stenhouse and Jan Whitlock for organising the transport, the Butlers for taking the trailer to Oberon at short notice and Shayne for the rest day accommodation (second time lucky).

## Upcoming Events / Rides

### **Federation Ride**

BWW accepted the invitation to participate in the "Links in the Chain" Federation Ride. This ride is based on the Commonwealth Jubilee Loyalty Despatch Relay Ride that was conducted in 1951 to celebrate 50 years of Federation. The "Links in the Chain" Federation Ride is timed to arrive in Canberra on the eve of the centenary of the sitting of the first parliament, and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the conclusion of the 1951 ride.

Our ride will leave from Corowa, where the 1893 Federation Convention was conducted, and has been designed to pass through 11 of the 45 sites that were nominated in 1900 as the location for the nation's Capital.

The first day, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May, is a long day of 140km that will see the riders pass through Howlong, Albury, Bowna, Mullengandra and Morven before staying overnight in Culcairn. On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May, the riders travel up to Wagga and onto Junee for the night, approximately 115km for the day. On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May the route goes through Cootamundra to Young, covering 100km. On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May the route takes in Murrumburrah before finishing in Yass, a distance of approximately 70km, where the riders will meet up with other Federation riders for the ride into Canberra the following day. The final "Link in the Chain" is the Federation Cycle that starts at the Old Parliament House and finishes at the new one which will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

We have riders joining us at Corowa, Henty, Junee and Cootamundra. You do not have to ride the whole way to be part of this ride. Ride Organiser, Ray Stenhouse, would like to see as many people as possible participate and suggests that, if you cannot do anything else, you meet the riders for lunch on the Saturday and then ride with them to Junee. Perhaps you could stay overnight and ride back to Wagga the next day or ride with the group up to Cootamundra or Young and then get a lift back.

If you are interested in more information please contact Ray on 6921 4552. Ray is looking for a support vehicle driver as well. Even if you cannot offer your time for the whole ride you still may be able to assist.

### **Dirt Rides**

Our first and second dirt rides have been well supported. As a result we will be continuing to run these rides in the last week of the month. These rides will be conducted on local tracks as well as out of town. Participants for rides out of town will need their own transport for a half to one hour drive. The rides leave Wagga Beach at 1:00pm and return around 5:00pm. The next ride will be on 29<sup>th</sup> April. Anyone interested in being a ride leader or needing further information should contact Ben Turner on 6971 1109.

### **June Long Weekend**

Ben Turner is organizing a ride to Narrandera for the June Long Weekend. Details are available on the enclosed flyer. Reserve the weekend and contact Ben to advise you are coming or for further details.

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## 2 Not So Noisy Nights in Narrandera

June Long Weekend

Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> to Monday June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001

- Departs** Wagga Catering Equipment at 8.30 am  
54 Hammond Ave  
(Free secure car parking available)
- Distance**
- | Saturday                      | Sunday                         | Monday                        |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Wagga to Narrandera<br>103 km | Return trip to Leeton<br>60 km | Narrandera to Wagga<br>115 km |
- (Maps available on departure)
- Support** Support will be arranged depending on numbers and requirements
- Accommodation** Book your own at the Lake Talbot Tourist Park (Details overleaf)  
A deposit will be required.  
If wishing to share, please discuss your requirements with Ben and Barb and we will endeavour to match people up.
- Meals**
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| Morning tea Sat.   | Currawarna Community Centre (provided)   |
| Lunch Saturday     | Matong Pub                               |
| Dinner Saturday    | Ex-Servicemen's Club                     |
| Breakfast Sunday   | Recreation Room, Caravan Park (provided) |
| Lunch Sunday       | Mick's Bakery, Leeton                    |
| Dinner Sunday      | Frank's Pizza and Pasta                  |
| Breakfast Monday   | Recreation Room, Caravan Park (provided) |
| Morning tea Mon    | Grong Grong or Matong                    |
| Lunch Monday       | Coolamon                                 |
| Afternoon tea Mon. | Euberta (provided)                       |
- Cost**
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|----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Cyclists \$7.50                  | Non-cyclists \$5.00 | Children \$2.50 |
| Breakfasts, am, pm teas, support | Breakfasts          | Breakfasts      |
- RSVP** To Ben and Barb, 6971 1109, by Friday June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001  
Please book your accommodation ASAP

# Lake Talbot Tourist Park

End of Gordon Street, Narrandera

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Fax (02)6959 1949

**Bookings Freecall 1800 106 601**

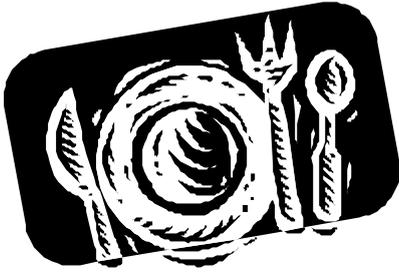
January 2001 to December 2001

**\*all GST inclusive**

(based on 1 or 2 persons)

	Non Peak Rates		Peak Rates	
Brick Cabin – Family Ensuite TV,A/C, Microwave & Cooking Facilities, Toilet & Shower, Linen to Master Bed	\$57.00	Extra Person	\$64.50	Extra Person
Brick Cabin – Ensuite TV,A/C, Microwave & Cooking Facilities, Toilet & Shower Linen to Master Bed	\$53.50	\$6.00	\$61.50	\$6.50
Brick Cabin – Standard TV,A/C, Microwave & Cooking Facilities, Linen to Master Bed	\$42.50		\$49.00	
Mobile Cabin – Ensuite TV, Evap Cooling, Microwave, Cooking Facilities, Toilet & Shower Linen required	\$44.00		\$52.00	
Mobile Cabin – Standard TV & Cooking Facilities Linen required	\$35.00		\$41.40	
Caravans Cooking Facilities Linen required	\$32.00		\$38.50	
<b>Sites</b>				
Powered sites	\$17.00	Extra Adult \$6.00	\$19.00	Extra Adult \$6.00
Unpowered sites	\$13.00	Child \$4.00	\$14.00	Child \$4.00

Peak rates apply Easter, Christmas and School Holidays  
Animals allowed on SITES only.



**Late notice** – Gillian Helyar is organising a dinner at the William Farrer Hotel this Saturday night, 21<sup>st</sup> April. There is a variety of bistro meals available ranging from \$9 to \$14. Seating is limited so if you would like to attend please call Gillian on 6921 1651.



As mentioned in the last newsletter, one of our major costs is the distribution of information by mail. If you have joined the electronic age, and use the internet, we can save considerably by sending you information such as this newsletter via e-mail. If you would like to receive information from Bicycle Wagga Wagga via e-mail please send an e-mail to Ray Stenhouse at [rstenhouse@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rstenhouse@optusnet.com.au)