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BWW News

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held at Scribbles Café on 17 August. President, Graeme Buchan, gave the attendees a brief summary of the year's activities before declaring all executive positions vacant.

The election of office bearers saw Graeme returned as President, and Ray Stenhouse was re-elected to the position of Secretary/Treasurer.

The Committee Members elected are: Greg Fell, Martin Zweep, Gillian Helyar, Steve Brown, Keith Helyar, Carol Raadgever, Peter Dixon and Ian Lobley.

Jerseys

Another production run of our famous jerseys is being organised. As yet, the prices have not been confirmed but are expected to be similar, if not a bit cheaper than our first run.

If you would like to put your hand up for one, or perhaps two, as you never know when you might like to sell one for an exorbitant profit, then please register your interest with Ray Stenhouse on 02 6921 4552. There is a minimum order of 25 garments so unless we can get this number there will be no second order.

Once costs have been confirmed this will be advertised in the Riverina Leader and those people that have registered an interest will be advised.

Urban Rally Report

This was held on Sunday July 14th and was very successful. The organization was superb, the challenges were well suited to all types of riders, and even the weather was great. Most importantly, the enjoyment was such that the participants have been begging for more. Martin and the mountain bikers were the powerhouse behind this event and can be well congratulated on their

efforts. There was not a strong presence from non-MTB riders, which was a pity as road riders were accommodated equally well. Don't miss the next one!!

Web Site

Don't forget our very own web site to use and tell others about. It is www.bicyclewaggawagga.com-1.net.

Upcoming Rides and Activities

Ride to Junee

Sunday September 8, 2002. Start 10am.

This is an enjoyable annual event. It commences at 10am at the Beach and riders travel 43km via Oura and Pattersons Rd to Junee, and lunch together. The route is back via the slightly shorter (37km) Bomen Rd. A support vehicle will be available, and you can come back on train if you desire (leaves Junee 1.23pm, costs \$5.50 per person and \$10 per bike). It may be possible to transport a few bikes back. Lunch will be available at the Broadway Café or the Bakery in Broadway, and lunch location will be decided depending on the weather conditions. For further information contact Greg Fell Ph 02 6922 3474. (If you would like a longer route to Junee - 120km leaving at 6.30am - contact Keith on Ph 02 6921 1651).

Bike Week Activities

Bike Week: Sept 21st – 29th, 2002.

Theme: Ride to Work.

Special thanks must go to the RTA for supporting Bike Week and especially Joanne Cheshire who is working hard for bicyclists.

- **Ride to Work.** Please make a special effort during this week to ride to work, to encourage others to ride to work, and to encourage your employer to support riding to work. We hope to have special brochures available to assist with your efforts. Contact: Gillian 6921 1651.

- **Moonlight Ride** on Saturday Sept 21st. Start at 9 Marns St, at 6.30pm. Ride will be about an hour, with a gettogether at the Saigon Restaurant afterwards for a snack. Riders must have light coloured clothing, and front and rear lighting. A reflective vest is also recommended. Contact: Keith 6921 1651
 - **Junee Bike Fun Day** on Sunday Sep 22nd. See separate item.
 - **Mountain Bike Breakfast** on Sunday Sept 22nd at 9am at Tim's, 1 Barinya St, Koorungal. Bring a few coins for food. Contact: Tim at 6922 5758
 - **Start of Midweek Day Rides** Wednesday, Sept 25th Start 2pm at Wagga Beach. Leader: Lisa 6926 2354
 - **Recommencement of MTB Night Rides** on Wednesday Sept 25th. Start at 7pm at the Museum carpark, Baden Powell Dve.
 - **Progressive Dinner on Bikes.** Saturday Sept 28th. Starts at 6.30pm. Start (drinks & nibbles) and finish (coffee & chocolates), both curtesy of BWW, at 9 Marns St., Wagga Wagga. Dress for the occasion (ensuring all usual visibility precautions) and bring a lock!
- Entrée:* Bahn Thai
Main: Il Corso outside
Dessert: La Porchetta outside
Decorate yourself and/or bike or fun (will increase our profile of having fun on bikes). For non bike riders, consider borrowing a bike or walking – the distances are small - but wear walking shoes!
Contact: Gillian 6921 1651
RSVP by Thurs 26th please.
- **Regular Sunday Ride** on Sunday Sept 29th. 2pm at Wagga Beach.

Regular Sunday Rides

These will continue to be held each Sunday commencing at 2pm from Wagga Beach. The route and difficulty is decided on the riders who turn up, but

are generally about 1.5-2hours in duration with a coffee shop finish. We are still working on a calendar of other rides.

Mid-week Rides

One of the successful rides conducted by other groups is a mid-week ride. We have been asked by several members about conducting these and now have a starting date and time - see Bike Week activities. If you are keen to join others for a regular ride, on Wednesdays, please contact Lisa on 6926 2354.

Mountain Bike News

Night Rides – recommencing Sept 25th – see Bike Week Activities.

Weekend Rides – on 2nd and last Sundays in general. Details from Martin – also watch The Leader.

Contact: Martin on 0409 173 195 or email mzweep@csu.edu.au. Martin has an email list for distributing info on regular and special rides, and will put you on this if you have email.

Canola Canter

This is an Audax event and will be held on **Sunday October 13th, 2002**. There will be a 50km, a 100km, and 200km. Audax rides have a small charge, and for this you get a card that you have stamped as you reach various destinations, then it is returned to you after successful completion. The Canola Canter has some support (some snacks, drinks supplied) and has a good range of challenges, and some delightful routes. To successfully complete it you must average 15km/hr or better, but it is not a race! You do need to register for this ride, and it helps the organisers greatly if this is done in advance. Contact: Graeme 6922 6806

Fleche Opperman

This is another Audax ride held on **November 3rd, 2002**. Riders must be in teams of 3-5 persons, each riding the whole distance. You register a preplanned route which must be 360km or greater, and commences at 9am on

the Saturday, finishing at 9am on the Sunday. Most teams from the Riverina choose to ride to finish at Rochester (the birthplace of Sir Hubert Opperman) and breakfast with all the other teams finishing there. Contact Ray Stenhouse Ph 02 6921 4552 if you have an interest in this.

Other Rides

- **Shayne Goode's Spring Ride** along the Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail in Victoria. Sept 29th to Oct 10th. Contact Shayne on 6036 5251
- **2002 Great Victorian Bike Ride** November 30, 2002 till December 8, 2002 from Warrock to Sunbury.
- **2003 Great Tasmanian Bike Ride** January 11, 2003 till January 19, 2003.
- **Tour de Muscat** at Rutherglen on October 5th and 6th, 2002. \$120pp.

Please contact Ray 6921 4552 if you are interested so that he can put you in touch with other interested members, to rationalise transport etc. Further info on www.bv.com.au.

Junee Bike Fun Day

Sunday September 22nd, 2002 at Junee. This will commence at 10am with a family ride around the town and especially using the new bike facilities in Junee. Local organizations will be providing refreshments, and there will be basic information to help riders look after their bikes and their bodies. It is also hoped to have a market showcasing local products. To accommodate more serious riders, there will be a 50km circuit starting at 1.30pm, calling at a lavender farm (which also has great refreshments). This day is a joint community effort, and is rescheduled from an earlier day which had to be cancelled because of the weather. It should provide something for everyone (even non bike riders!). Contact: Gillian 6921 1651

Path around Lake Albert

You may have been following the debate in the DA. BWW has deliberately taken a low profile, apart from our letters encouraging the Mayor to hold a public meeting on it, as we already have done a lot of groundwork on it, and it is already on the Bikeways Plan. We felt it was important for other users/supporters to come forward, and this has happened. The last meeting of WWCC, on Aug 26th, voted to set up a working party to try to find a way to make a public pathway a reality. It is now important for everyone who has an idea for how a path could be built to put pen to paper. Don't be put off by the fence that has been erected, the expense, or the difficulties – it does not need to be built tomorrow! It is crucial that we take leadership and provide as many ideas to the working party as possible so that their meetings can be productive. Please do not be shy – your humble idea needs consideration. Please send your ideas to Gillian, in writing please so that they do not need to be interpreted by a third party. Send to: Gillian Helyar, 9 Marns St, Wagga Wagga, 2650, or email kghelyar@ozemail.com.au

Return to Talbingo

Weekend of **Nov 31st - Dec 1st**, **2002**. This will be our end of year function and Christmas Party. Please mark it in your diaries, and details will be provided later. The accommodation will be again at Talbingo Mountain Retreat (\$16.50pp pn). For those who did not make it to the last weekend there in June, Talbingo offers many recreational opportunities for all sorts of bike riders and non bike riders, so is perfect for families/partners – we will have details of these later also.

Bicycle Expo

The date set for the 2002 Bike Expo in Wagga Wagga is **Sunday, November 3rd, 2002 between 10am and 3pm at Bolton Park Stadium**. At this stage, participants are being finalised, and plans are well under way with the workload being spread over several persons. The plan is essentially to

conduct the Expo similarly to that of last year, but we hope to make some improvements. There are still some opportunities for people to help if possible:

- We want someone to put on a “swap-meet” for bicycle bits during those hours, at the site.
- We would love someone/s to help with publicity close to the event
- We will need plenty of lovely helpers on the day (as for last year)

Please Contact Gillian 6921 1651 or kghelyar@ozemail.com.au if you would like to assist.

Wagga Wagga Bicycle Safety Strategy Group (WWBSSG)

This group is meeting again, convened by Joanne Cheshire at RTA. RTA and BWW (usually 3 members) are well represented at this, but unfortunately several of the other representatives have not been at the last meetings. This group provides major planning/publicity for Bike Week, and helps with the Expo (which again will have a health and safety theme). However the Group did put on a highly visible “Be Safe! Be Smart! Be Seen!” campaign in the media in June with special thanks to Joanne for her efforts, and also Belinda McClure of WWCC. The aims of this group sit very well with those of BWW, encouraging safe use of bicycles.

Police on Bikes

It was announced in the press that 2 bicycle mounted police will be operating in Wagga Wagga from late August. Please keep your eyes peeled for these and give them encouragement! BWW supported this through the WWBSSG (see above).

Mountain Designs

Mountains Designs has recently opened a shop in Baylis St, Wagga Wagga. They are hosting a **special open night on Monday Sept 9th** for Club members only. It is designed for you to be able to get to know the staff and the store.

BWW members will be offered 20% discount on that night only, but you will need proof of membership for the discount.

Apologies

Ray is the usual fastidious newsletter designer and editor, but Gillian has done this one and may have overlooked something – apologies if so!!!

Safe cycling!