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Next Club Night – Planning Meeting

Where: **49 Brooklyn Drive, Bourkelands**
Time: **7.00pm**
When: **Tuesday 25 July, 2006**

All members and any prospective members are invited to attend. Any questions or further information required?

Contact **Greg Fell** on **6922 3474**.

Ramblings from El Presidente

This winter seems suited to cycling if not to the farming community. Mild and generally dry weather seems a regular event and very conducive to pedalling. Wagga's cyclists have been out enjoying our rides.

Marksy's gambol to Ganmain was a great weekend and a small group enjoyed the winter in Wollongong rides with Ben and Barb and Nicholas. We also had a great gathering of riders from Wagga Wagga, Cootamundra, Young and Canberra in Gundagai to encourage those looking to start a new BUG.

The rides continue with Pedal Power's Christmas in July in Cowra, a weekend of riding in Cootamundra and the Junee Ride to end the season. Check out the details inside. Spring will bring even more rides at Rutherglen, around the Bay, the Canola Canter and more.

The committee and others have been working hard to get these events happening and more are in the planning. August sees our AGM roll around again and now is the time to think about putting something back into your club. Some have been on the committee for many years and would like to give others a chance. My thanks to all those who have contributed this year.

Your ideas and enthusiasms are needed. New ideas for new events, working with the other cycling clubs to get council more interested in cycling matters, liaison with the rail trail committee, with Bicycle NSW, with RTA - the options are many and looking for your input to help make them happen.

Talk to a committee person and see what it is like - put your hand up and get to know the club even better and help to make it better. I look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Don't forget the *Be Safe, Be Smart, Be Seen!* message as the days grow longer and you enjoy your cycling.

Regards from your President

Greg Fell



2006 Visibility Campaign

During June we ran a Visibility Campaign thanks to funding being available through the RTA – Road User Safety section.

We ran an advertisement in the Weekend Advertiser over 4 Saturdays with the simple message of *Be Safe! Be Smart! Be Seen!* There was also a coupon asking readers to send in and receive a free BWW reflective slapband. We received in excess of 120 coupons from readers as far as Qld and Vic.

We are very happy with the outcome and hope that riders take heed and wear the bands as well as bright coloured clothing along with adequate lighting to the front and rear of their bikes.

Should any member wish to obtain a slapband for their improved visibility write to BWW and one will be forwarded to you.

Annual General Meeting 25 August

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 24 August dinner at 6.30, meeting at 7.30pm – venue - Scribbles. All positions are up for grabs. You can nominate prior to the meeting or on the night.

We encourage all members to think about coming on board in some way whether on the executive committee or as a committee member.

The time spent working for the club is minimal compared to the satisfaction you get from helping fellow cyclists. BWW is a great organisation with members that support the committee well.

As an added bonus all attendees of the AGM will go into a draw to **win a \$50 Dean Woods voucher.**

Highlands Rail Trail

The feasibility study has been completed and it has been recommended that the project go ahead with conditions. You can access the report from the Riverina Regional Board's website www.rrdb.com.au/railtrails.

BWW Jerseys

Our latest orders for jerseys have been finalised and we received over 30 people interested in purchasing.

We hope to see the new product by mid August. We also ordered a few extra stock items so will advise sizing available in case you or your friends have a change of heart and wish to purchase one.

Cootamundra BUG Fun Weekend 12-13 August

Coota BUG will be holding an eventful weekend in support of CanAssist (CPAS) Cootamundra.

Action starts on Saturday with a moderate 80k ride to Coolac and return. \$9 will get you soup/sandwiches/slice/tea/coffee at the Coolac Hotel.

Saturday night will see a Roller Derby and Dutch Auction with some great prizes up for grabs eg a years membership to BNSW.

Sunday will see a moderate 40k ride to Wallendbeen and return, this will take in the Yandilla Mustard Oil Factory.

For further details or to book a spot (1 August is deadline) please call 02 6942 3134 or email proberts@dragnet.com.au.

Annual Ride to Junee - 27 August

It's on again with Greg and Leila. Our annual fun ride to Junee on August 27. The ride will leave from the Wagga Beach making our way across to Junee via Pattersons Road with a morning tea stop along the way.

Lunch will be at one of the many pubs to choose from. Keep an eye out for further details as the time gets closer.

If you can't wait and you wish to know exact details give Greg a call on 69223474.

Escape to Rutherglen – 16-17 September

Keep this weekend free and escape to Rutherglen with Glenn Grosvenor to enjoy the sights and wineries around the town. When details are finalised we will pass them on.

Shelley With Altitude – 23-24 September

Les Sobey is organising this weekend which is a good training ride for Around the Bay in a Day.

You will travel around 140km each day and camp over at Shelley Forest Camp, altitude is 780m. Non riding family and friends are invited as there is plenty of accommodation available.

Check the website and emails for brochure and entry forms or contact Les via email at lesobey@tpg.com.au.

Canola Canter – 8 October

This is run as an Audax event and has become an annual springtime event for some.

The objective is to ride your nominated distance within a generous time limit. The time limit is based on maintaining 15km/h.

There are three events being run. The 50km event is an out and back trip to Millwood. The 100km event goes from Wagga to Coolamon via Marrar and returns via Millwood. The 200km riders then take a trip to Wantabadgery, and then to June before returning to Wagga via Harefield.

More details will be available closer to the event.

Return to Laurel Hill 24/25/26 Nov – Annual End of Year Ride

David Glastonbury is in the early stages of organising a repeat of this fantastic weekend of socialising and riding based at Laurel Hill.

The weekend will be a shared weekend with Bicycle Wagga Wagga and Pedal Power Canberra. This year other clubs that are invited include Sydney Bike Friday Club, Coota BUG, Gundagai & Leeton BUG & MTB Bike Wagga.

There will also be an added option of riding back to Wagga from Laurel Hill as this coincides with a tour that Bike Friday is undertaking.

More details will be available at the end of September.

Ride Reports – Winter in Wollongong – June Long Weekend

Several members from Wagga and Coota Bugs made their way down to the Gong for 3 days of riding.

The first 2 days saw some wet and windy riders on the coastal bike paths. All riders were in high spirits as the views were magnificent.

On the Monday the sun was shining as they made their way from Thirroul to Stanwell Park and some to Stanwell Tops, and return via the Sea Cliff Bridge. Once again views were breathtaking.

Whilst on the bridge the riders were told by pedestrians to get off the path as it was not for cycling.

This matter has been pursued via Bicycle NSW and RTA and the latest report is that due to the large amount of foot traffic on the bridge cyclists are not allowed on the pathway it is for foot traffic only, this may change in the future when pedestrian traffic subsides.

But from all reports it is a very popular tourist spot with whale sightings reported this winter already.



Some of the WaggaWagga riders at Port Kembla

Gundagai Ride

BWW members travelled over to Gundagai on Sunday 11 June to conduct a ride around Gundagai.

Several members rode from Wagga to Gundagai and for some it was their first 100km ride in a day.

Around 40 riders took part on the day which included around 15 interested parties from Gundagai. The exercise was to introduce riders in Gundagai to the pleasures of riding and hopefully gain enough interest to start their own BUG.

We have news that a Gundagai Bug will be formed and the President will be Leon Patterson, we look forward to participating with them on joint ride ventures.

Regular Rides Social Rides

Coffee Grinds – Wednesdays leaving the 4 Bears at 9am. Distance – Various routes, 40-50km

B4 Breakfast Ride – Saturdays leaving the 4 Bears at 7.30am. Distance – Gregadoo Loop 35km

Sunday Rides – Sundays leaving the Wagga Beach at 2pm. Distance - Various routes 30-40km

TIP: During the winter months it is important to be as visible as possible.

Wear light coloured clothing have adequate lighting on front and rear of bike and add a slapband to either your person or bike for added visibility.

Remember –
‘BE SAFE! BE SMART! BE SEEN!’

Happy Cycling.....



**Notice of Bicycle Wagga Wagga
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday - 24 AUGUST 2006**

PO Box 5789
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Email: secretary@bww.org.au

Date: Thursday 24 August 2006

Time: 6.30pm Dinner - 7.30pm Meeting

Venue: Scribbles – Fitzmaurice Street, Wagga Wagga

All members and interested public are welcome to attend. This meeting is to elect the committee for 2007.

All positions are vacant and nominations can be made prior to the meeting using the nomination form below or you can nominate on the night.

Please rsvp to the Secretary – Heather Pearce - 6926 2256 by 18 August

All attendees will go into a lucky draw with the chance to win a \$50 Dean Woods voucher.

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NOMINATION FORM – 2007 COMMITTEE – BICYCLE WAGGA WAGGA

I _____ wish to nominate _____

For the position of (list below): _____

Dated: _____

Positions vacant:

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|  President |  Vice President |
|  Secretary/Treasurer |  Publicity Officer |
|  Advocacy Officer |  Webmaster |
|  Ride Calendar Co-Ordinator |  Committee Members (several positions) |