

# This Week with the Ghostriders



THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE GHOSTRIDERS

## What's News

In the last newsletter I put out an invitation for riders to join me on a "reccy ride" for a new route we will be riding in early December. I am pleased that quite a few riders have now offered their company for the day, so we should have an enjoyable time trying to find our way around the forests between Belgrave and Lysterfield. The reccy ride will be held on Wed 10th Nov, starting in Belgrave at 8 am in the morning. If anyone is still interested in joining this ride, they should contact me for the full details.

### Ghostrider Jerseys—Do you need one ?

For the past couple of weeks I have been asking if anyone needs a new Ghostrider yellow jersey. I have had some responses but still do not have enough to meet the "critical mass" to place an order. Our previous jerseys have been made by Body Torque and, although they may seem a little pricey, I think everyone has found them to be very longwearing. I have looked into other companies which have a lower price, but they all have a much higher minimum order

requirement. In the meantime I will keep reminding our readers that this may be the only order for the next 12 months or so. If you want to be a part of our group I would really encourage you to invest in the jersey. Also if you are planning on participating in any of our road rides it is essential that you wear high visibility clothing and I reckon the yellow jersey is so bright you can see it from outer space.

The cost for the "official" jersey is still \$95 and a full range of sizes is available. If you need any further information, feel free to ring me on 5968 3307.

### 2011 European Ride Status

Most of our readers would already be aware that the Ghostriders will be returning to Europe in Aug/Sep of 2011 to complete a longer version of the ride we did in 2009. Although the trip is longer, the current healthy state of the \$AUD actually means that the cost has reduced !

The first group booked out very quickly, however I have now

had several others expressing an interest in this ride and wishing to be placed on a "standby list". There is a possibility that, if enough others are interested in participating in such a ride, we may be able to form a second group. If you have always wanted to experience the magic and history of Europe from a bike seat, then this is just the chance you have been waiting for.

If any readers would like more information and would be interested in helping to form a second group, they should contact me without delay.

### Cup Day Ride—Tues Nov 2nd.

I am pleased to say that enough people have now indicated their intention to participate in this ride that the ride will definitely proceed as planned. The ride will start in Pakenham at 9.30 am sharp. Full details are on the web site.

### Big Kev's Ride—Sun Nov 21st RSVP required.

Kevin Henley has again offered to conduct a ride around the hinterlands of Diamond Creek but he needs to know how many will be attending. If you will be attending this ride it is essential that you confirm your intention

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via email. After the ride he will be running a light BBQ so we also need to know if you will be staying behind for the BBQ after the ride.

Sometimes people take our rides for granted and do not appreciate what is required behind the scenes. A few seconds of your time to send an email is a small contribution that everyone can make.

### 2011 Rides Planning Meeting Tues Nov 9th 7.00 pm RSVP please

With the end of 2010 almost upon us it is now time to plan our schedule of rides for 2011. If there are any readers who would like to have input into this process I would like to invite you to join me on Tues Nov 9th at 7.00pm. The purpose of the meeting will be to determine our Ride Calendar for next year. If you would like to attend this (hopefully short) meeting could you please reply by email to [ghostriders@netspace.net.au](mailto:ghostriders@netspace.net.au) ?

## Upcoming Rides & Activities

### Tues Nov 2nd—Cup Day Ride—Tonimbuk Loop.

This ride starts from Pakenham at 9.30 am and follows a mixture of sealed and unsealed roads through the Black Snake Forest to Gembrook. After lunch at the bakery we return via the sealed roads back down to Pakenham. Mountain bikes or hybrids required. RSVP if you are attending.

### Thurs Nov 4th Warby Trail Ride

Start at Woori Yallock at 12 noon or COGS at 1.00 pm or Woori Yallock at 1.40 pm.

### Tues Nov 9th—Tues Fitness Group

Mountain bike ride today to replace the missed ride on Nov 2nd. Meet at my place at 10 am sharp. A great workout. Lunch at the Gembrook Bakery.

### Tues Nov 9th—2011 Rides Planning Meeting 7.00 pm

See above for details. RSVP if you are planning to attend.

### Thurs Nov 11th—Warby Trail Ride—TWILIGHT RIDE.

This is the first of our designated twilight rides where we delay the start of the ride by three hours so that we finish in twilight. All riders are invited to share a meal at the Launching Place Pub on the return leg. Mark this special date in your diaries now.

### Tues Nov 16th—Tuesday Fitness Group

Bushwalk starts at 10 am in Emerald.

### Thurs Nov 18th - Warby Trail Ride

Ride starts at Woori Yallock

at 12 noon.

### Advance Notice—Sun 21st Nov—Big Kev's Ride (TBC)

Kevin invites all Ghostriders and friends to join him on a hilly ride around Diamond Creek. If you are planning on attending this ride you need to RSVP so that he knows how many to cater for. Send your replies to [ghostriders@netspace.net.au](mailto:ghostriders@netspace.net.au)

### Tuesday Morning Fitness Group

Each Tuesday you are invited to join us for a brisk and scenic walk around the tracks of Emerald. Each walk starts at 10 am and is finished soon after 11 am. On the first Tuesday of each month we have a bike ride, instead of a walk. For more details give me a call on 5968 3307.

Everyone is invited to participate.

### Regular Thursday Ride Details

Each Thursday we conduct rides along the Warburton Trail. Visitors are always welcome to join us. There are several alternative start times and meeting points to choose from.

**11.10 am Early Group**—Meet at Woori Yallock and ride the full distance down to Lilydale before meeting the second group at COGS at 1.00 pm

**12 noon Main Group**—meet at Woori Yallock and ride to COGS at Mt Evelyn to start the return ride at 1.00 pm

**1.00 pm COGS Group** leave and ride as a combined group to Woori Yallock where we usually arrive at about 1.40 pm.

**1.50 pm Woori Yallock** all riders re-group for the ride to Milgrove where we stop for lunch before the ride back to your chosen start point.

*In this way all riders can choose a starting time and ride distance to suit their level of bike fitness. On the leg between COGS and Milgrove we expect all riders to stay together as much as possible (ie no bolting).*

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*This rather intriguing image was sent in by Gary Hall*



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### Some More Images from South America

*This week we continue the images from our 2010 South America Challenge*



Detail of one of the well preserved structures at Machu Picchu. This clearly demonstrates the absolute mastery of the Inca stonemasons.



Wandering automatic lawn mowers at Machu Picchu. They are even smart enough to drop all their manure in designated spots.



The president of Peru Dr Alan García, in the midst of his impassioned welcome speech for the Ghostriders. We knew the nation was expecting us, but this was a real surprise.



Captain Coxhill and his sidekick Gilligan in search of land. This was taken afloat on one of the enigmatic floating islands of Uros. Yes we are not kidding, the whole islands do actually float several metres above the floor of Lake Titicaca.

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The high altitude city of Puno, nestled on the shores of Lake Titicaca on the border between Peru and Bolivia.



Wild vicunas grazing by the side of the road. Altitude approx 4800 metres.



Thousands of rock cairns erected by pilgrims at an altitude of 5000 metres. One of them was built by the ghostriders, but I forget which one.



Adolescent condor perched high above Colca Canyon (near Chivay)



Linda perches precariously over a sheer 1000 metre drop to watch the condors.



Condor rides the thermals to rise above Colca Canyon. The wingspan can be well over 2 metres.



Ghostriders explore the surface of Mars (or at least that's what it felt like). Altitude 5000 metres.



Cycling towards the towering volcanoes of Arequipa. Superb road, no cars—but no air either at 5000 metres.