

This Week with the Ghostriders



THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE GHOSTRIDERS

What's News

Maggie and I have just spent the past few days on holiday in Adelaide. It has been about 45 years since I was last in Adelaide and we were keen to see if anything had changed in that time. Faced with the difficult task of trying to find any supermarket open after 5 pm one could almost be forgiven for thinking that we were still back in the 1960's. Apart from that we both had quite an enjoyable time and I was particularly interested to see that Adelaide has also been very busy constructing a network of sealed bike paths. Unfortunately this was a "bike free" holiday and we were both restricted to walking the dog instead.

Because of my absence I have been away from computers and the Internet for the past week and therefore this newsletter will be rather shorter than usual.

Over the past couple of weeks I have been requesting feedback on a number of issues relating to the Ghostriders. After a slow start I am pleased to report that I have now received quite a number of responses and I would like to sincerely

thank all those who took some time to put their suggestions to the keyboard. I will be reading all these responses over the next few days and hopefully will have some conclusions for the next newsletter. In the meantime, if you still have not responded, it is not too late to send in your opinions. Just have a look at the previous two newsletters to get an idea on some of the issues that I would like your opinions on.

One item that has already been decided is the Ghost rider Calendar. Due to the lack of response and the work involved, I will not be producing a calendar for 2011. Following our planning meeting held a couple of weeks ago the rides schedule for 2011 has now been decided and I will progressively post details of these rides on the web site. For those who would like the entire year's program in advance I may upload a calendar in pdf format to the web-site. That way anyone who wants to download it can do so and print out their own copy.

Another item that is currently

looking doubtful is the 2011 Awards Night. Although these evenings can be a lot of fun, the large amount of organizing can be rather daunting and time consuming. One suggestion I have had is that we replace the Awards Night with a family picnic/BBQ at Emerald Lake Park. Your feedback on this would also be appreciated.

With the end of the year now rapidly approaching there are only a couple of weekend rides to go before the calendar ticks over to 2011.

The first of these will be held on **Sat Dec 4th** and will take the form of a mountain bike ride. This is a completely new ride that 5 of us trialed a couple of weeks ago. The ride will start in Belgrave at 10 am and begins by following the bike paths down to Upper FTG. At that point we join the Ferny Creek bike path and meander through to Wellington Rd. From that point on the path starts to head uphill as we make our way to Churchill Park and Lysterfield Lake. Here we sample some of the vast assortment of mountain bike tracks (and grab a coffee at the coffee shop) before heading back over Wellington Rd and up the Dargan Trail.

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This section is steep enough to get many off and pushing their bikes. You eventually emerge near Glenda's house on Mt Morton Rd and then follow the roads back to Tecoma and Belgrave.

Since some of the paths are unsealed and rough you must have a mountain bike for this one. It is not suited to beginners, although it could be made easier by an alternate route over the final section. **All those taking part are asked to RSVP their intentions no later than Wed 1st Dec.**

The final ride for 2010 will be the **Bellarine Peninsula Loop on Wednesday Dec 29th**. This is a road ride that starts and finishes in Queenscliff. After the ride you are all invited to stay behind and share a meal at the Chinese Restaurant in Ocean Grove. This is a great ride that takes in a variety of fantastic scenery and some great ocean views. A perfect way to work off those Christmas calories.

Upcoming Rides & Activities

Tues 23th Nov—Tuesday Fitness Group

Bushwalk starts at 10 am in Emerald. Everyone welcome. Walks last for approx 1 hour.

Thurs 25th Nov—Warby Trail Ride

Ride starts at Woori Yallock at 12 noon.

Tues 30th Nov—Tuesday Fitness Group

Bushwalk starts at 10 am in Emerald. Everyone welcome. Walks last for approx 1 hour.

Thurs 2nd Dec—Warby Trail Ride

Ride starts at Woori Yallock at 12 noon.

Sat 4th Dec—Belgrave to Lysterfield Loop (NEW)

This is a brand new ride which

takes in a collection of bike paths and dirt tracks. The ride will start next to the Cameo Theatre in Belgrave at 10.00 am sharp. Mountain bikes required. This is a reasonably challenging ride with a fair degree of climbing. Not suited for beginners. All those planning to attend are asked to RSVP beforehand to our email address.

Tues 7th Dec—Tuesday Fitness Group—Mountain Bike Ride

Starts at my place at 10.00 am and takes in some delightful forests and tracks before heading up to Gembrook for morning tea. Usually finished by 1 pm. MTB essential.

Thurs 9th Dec—Warby Trail Ride

Ride starts at Woori Yallock at 12 noon

Tues 14th Dec—Tuesday Fitness Group

Bushwalk starts at 10 am in Emerald. Everyone welcome. Walks last for approx 1 hour.

Thurs 16th Dec—Warby Trail Christmas Ride

This is the final Thursday ride for 2010 and your chance to spread some Christmas smiles along the trail. Grab your reindeer ears and some tinsel and have some fun.

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).