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Next Club Night

Where: **Scribbles Cafe, Fitzmaurice Street**
Time: **6:30pm for dinner**
7:30pm for dessert/coffee and Guest Speakers' talk
When: **Tuesday 2nd May, 2006**
Speakers: **Mystery Speaker**
Topic: **Cycling**

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

2006 has started well with a number of rides and plenty of riders out there enjoying themselves. Riders have gone as far afield as Tasmania and Western Australia as well as the more local rides.

The NSW Big Ride didn't attract as many riders as usual but those who went enjoyed themselves. The reduced number of riders meant shorter queues and less crowded camps.

Riding conditions were generally good even if the hills were challenging. BNSW promises there will be a Big Ride next year so look out for the details when they work it out.

Keith and Gillian have been back among us briefly and we enjoyed catching up with them and the story of their travels. Sadly they have moved on to Canberra but will be back for a visit from time to time.

The proposed Rail Trail to Tumbarumba has generated some strong opinion but there are also a lot of riders out there who support such facilities. Watch out for the Feasibility Study report later this year.

The Bike Friday group that started its tour to their convention in Wangaratta in Wagga Wagga is a great example of the tourism potential of cycling. The BBQ with them was an enjoyable night despite the showers.

Lots of rides coming up so get out there and enjoy. Easter rides are next, then a "Getaway to Ganmain" in May and Ben & Barb have invited us to a ride in Wollongong on the June long weekend. See the details below and on the website.

As the days get shorter don't forget it is even more vital to "Be Safe, Be Smart, Be Seen!" and be alert in the darker hours.

Regards from your President.

Greg Fell

Highlands Rail Trail

During March Bicycle Wagga Wagga made a \$1000 donation to go towards a Feasibility Study to be conducted for the proposed rail trail from Wagga to Tumbarumba and Tumut to Batlow.

Mike Maher from Transplan has been appointed as the consultant for the trail. A series of meetings were held around the district to assist with the Feasibility Study which is being prepared.

Members of BWW attended the meeting at Forest Hill to show support for the project. We also submitted an email expressing this. Will advise you when the study is available for viewing online.

Bike Friday Tour 'Wagga-Wang'

On Thursday 30 March a large contingent of Bike Fridays descended on the shores of Wagga Beach in preparation for the commencement of their tour to Wangaratta.

BWW hosted a 'Welcome to Wagga' bbq for the riders. There was in excess of 40 people at the bbq and our thanks to Leila and David for a wonderful array of foods on offer.



Bike Friday Group assembled for the departure on Friday morning

Gundagai Bug Group

There has been interest shown from the Gundagai community to setting up their own group for riders.

Greg Fell and several members of BWW went along to a public meeting to assist them with our experiences in setting up and running a group. Will keep you updated with their progress.

Tumut – 8th April

This is a 100km Audax ride. The Red Eye Dash is a night ride just for the hell of it and a hamburger at Gundagai. The ride starts at 6pm.

Contact **Jimmy Goode on 6947 3300** for more information about the ride.

Easter Rides – 14th - 17th April



Bicycle Wagga Wagga will be holding a series of rides over the Easter weekend. These rides have attracted visitors from Canberra, Sydney and the South Coast and it is not too late to enter. Ride details as follows:

Friday 14th April at 1.30pm departing from Wagga Beach. **Unique University road tour** – Ride leader Geoff Marks will take you on a 32km tour of the sights around our local area taking in the breathtaking views from atop the uni hills. You will get a birdseye view of Wagga Wagga. Followed by a sumptuous afternoon tea at Lyn's place by the Lagoon.

Also a **Memorable Mountain Bike tour** will take place at the same time. Riders will leave the Wagga Beach at 1.30pm, same time as the road riders and take in the sights of

The Glen. The tour will be led by PJ (Paul Johanson) who will take the riders through some enjoyable countryside and to meet up with the roadies at Lyncs.

Saturday 15th April at 9.00am departing from the Wagga Beach. The **Ladysmith Loop tour** – Ride leader Lisa Glastonbury will lead us on a gentle 62km loop to the village of Ladysmith. Morning tea will be a short stop by the side of the road with lunch at the local store in Ladysmith.

Saturday night will see the riders meeting up at the **RSL Club**.

Sunday 15th April will have two rides on offer. **The first at 9.00am** will see Bruce Hackett lead the riders around the **Shepherd Siding Scenery**. This ride will be 40km with points of interest along the way.

Riders can enjoy lunch at the local Scribbles Café before embarking on the second ride of the day.

Sunday 15th April at 2pm – Ride Leader Greg Fell will take us all to the Wagga Winery. This ride consists of a 33km flat course, and I am sure that if you wish to call in and tour the winery arrangements can be made for a quick stopover in time to return to Scribbles for a coffee wind down.

Monday 16th April will see an early morning start - 8.30am at the Wagga Beach. Reg Pearce will lead the riders to Uranquinty. This will take in the sights at the southern end of the city of Wagga Wagga. You will arrive in time for a late morning tea/early lunch before making your way back to the beach and ultimately home.

The weekend is sure to provide you with some satisfying riding and we hope to see you on at least one if not all the rides.

For further information contact Greg Fell on 69223474.

Tumut – 29th April

The Festival 50 is a flat ride around Tumut and Blowering Dam. Beginning at 6pm you will be finished in time for the festival.

Contact **Jimmy Goode** on **69473300** about this ride.

Getaway to Ganmain – 13th-14th May



Geoff Marks' annual tour will take in the sights and sounds of Ganmain.

We will depart Wagga early Saturday morning with a morning tea stopover along the way. Once at Ganmain we will setup tents at the Sports Club grounds (or you can book into the hotel if you wish). Then the entertainment will begin. I am sure a game of cards will be on the table if not a few ball games. We will dine at the Club.

What better way to celebrate Mother's Day the next morning then with a famous egg and bacon breakfast then off home via Coolamon and Millwood road.

A support vehicle will be provided for this trip so you wont need to carry your camping gear. A fee of \$5 should cover all expenses.

For further enquiries or to register your interest please give Geoff a call on 6922 3814, he can also provide you with further details re accommodation arrangements.

Winter in Wollongong – June Long Weekend 10th-12th June

The I Bug and Shoalhaven Bug have joined together to host a series of rides over the long weekend.

Two rides have been organised for **Saturday.10th** The first leaving Woonona at 8am from Ocean Park riding along the cycle track to Belmore Basin.

Joining up with other cyclists from Belmore Basin and continuing along the cycle way to Port Kembla, returning the same way. This is approx. 50km from Woonona and 30km from Belmore Basin.

Saturday afternoon at 2pm will leave Ocean Park for a flat meander along the cycle track to Towradgi and back. Approx. 14km.

Sunday June 11th the ride will leave Thirroul to Kiama. Approx. 70km. This ride is hosted by the Shoalhaven Bug.

Monday Jun 12th will leave at 8.30am from Ocean Park and ride to Stanwell Park and back via the new 'Sea Cliff Bridge'. Approx.35km

If you require further information you can contact Barb Hemingway on 02 4283 5857 or Greg Fell on 6922 3474.

Membership Renewals

Just another reminder for those who have not renewed their memberships for 2006.

You can collect a form either from a committee member or from the website.

Don't forget this entitles you to collect a 10% discount on parts and accessories at each of Wagga's four bike shops as well as keeping you informed of the Club's upcoming rides and events in a convenient format.

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: It is a good idea to carry some form of identification with you – especially if riding on your own – an old drivers licence is ideal.

Happy Cycling.....

'BE SAFE! BE SMART! BE SEEN!'