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BALLINA BICYCLE CLUB RIDE ATTENDEES

For the week – 24 - For week ending Sun 23APR2023.

Monday – 9 (Strong SW wind)

Tuesday – 2 (Dave and Gavin to Woodburn via old Bagotville route)

Wednesday – 4 (Dave, Tom, Richard B., and Peter rode solo. Wet roads)

Thursday- 2 (See report)

Friday – 0 (Too wet and windy)

Saturday – 1 (See report)

Sunday – 6 (See report)

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KEY: GREEN(SLOW) BLUE(med-fast)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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EVANS HD - WOODBURN

APR Tue 25th 7AM. Coles, Fox St.

HOUGHLAHANS MTB

APR Wed 126th 7AM. Coles, Fox St.

WARDELL 2

WARDELL LOOPS

APR Fri 28th 7AM. Coles, Fox St.

MURRAY'S RIDE

APR Sat 29th 7AM. Henry Rous Tavern

ALSTON-TUKKI-BROADWATER BROADWATER

APR Sun 30th 7AM. Coles, Fox St.

MOYLANS-WARDELL

APR Mon 1st 7AM Coles, Fox St.

Monday Ride Report

- Peter

There were nine riders in all that rode to Wardell and back. There were five riders in the main group. Three riders, for the last month or so, have been riding at a pace more conducive to improving their own health.

I rode earlier with another Ballina group which started at 6am. This report is more based on this particular ride. Bill, Neville, Peter and myself rode to Wardell via Pimlico Road. The pace was held back due to a decent SW headwind. By the time we got to Wardell, the wind had picked up a few more knots. The return trip via River Drive was very different, not only because it was a tailwind, but on rare occasions as this one, it was a strong tailwind indeed.

During the return trip, when it was my turn to lead, I took the pace up to 39-42 kph, but nobody followed. After regrouping, I told Bill that we shouldn't waste a tailwind. He agreed and when he took the lead the pace went back up to 40 kph. A gap formed and I slipped in behind Bill. Unfortunately we had to reduce the pace to allow for another regroup. However, when there was only two kilometres to go, Bill broke away with me in tow. The tailwind became more behind us as we steered to a more westerly direction, and Bill took the pace up to 52 kph... not bad for an elderly man.

While riding into Ballina via Burns Point Ferry road we saw the five riders on their way out to Wardell. I felt sorry for them because I knew they would be taking on a stronger headwind than we did.

Tuesday Ride Report

- Peter

According to David's brief report, only he and Gavin rode to Woodburn. They decided to travel along the old route via Bagotville and Kilgin roads, both ways. Dave reported that due to another SW wind their return trip was much faster and they often travelled around the 36 kph mark.

Wednesday Ride Report

- Peter

From the start the roads were wet but no rain. Perhaps this shied away the other riders. Only Dave and myself were at the 7am start. I learnt later that Tom arrived late and found nobody to ride with, but he carried on to Wardell alone. Dave, on his mountain bike, rode the usual Wednesday MTB Houghlahans route.

I rode to Wardell via River Drive out and back. I found out later that Richard Brown did the same but included Moylans lane and South Ballina Beach road both ways; a total of 53 km. As I arrived to the

ferry, from the South Ballina end, I noticed how little room there was left by two tip-trucks. I decided to take a photo for future reference to a needed lay-by for cyclists when, lo and behold, Tom turned up.



Not much room, is there?!

Thursday Ride Report

- Peter

Hardly anybody from our group ride their bikes on Thursday. The only exception is Richard Brown who rides whenever the opportunity arises for him, and today he rode to Broadwater and back (65km). Good show Richard!

Since I have not been riding much lately I decided to take advantage of this sunny morning. I took it easy and gave myself time to look around and chat with others. I decided to explore a section of South Ballina Beach Road, near Eaton Trail, which has recently been resurfaced. We used to ride over this section of road ever Monday morning. We abandoned this route while road repairs were being made. So, my reason to explore South Ballina was to check out the repairs. At first glance, all seemed hunky-dory...



...but a month later, new potholes were appearing.



FERRY FEES

So, what's new? For a start, it seems that during the holiday periods there has been visiting cyclists that may not know about the ferry fees. They may also not know that many locals have bought yearly passes, and observe us not paying a ferry fee. So, perhaps they follow suit and avoid payment. Naturally, the ferry operators don't expect us to keep showing our passes, because they know we got them. But equally so, they know that certain new riders don't go and pay their way. The ferry driver and the Ballina Shire Council knows that the ferry operator cannot always find time and opportunity to abandon their navigating to check unknown cyclists. The best we can do as cyclists is to let others, under our charge, to be aware of ferry fees due.

Saturday Ride

- Peter

STRAVA
6:50 AM on Saturday, April 22, 2023 · Ballina Shire Council, New South Wales
Wet Morning Ride 87 km
If you go to the mountain Grasshopper, you must then climb it...

Saturday morning proved to be too wet and windy for most riders. The only exception, that I am aware of is Simon. He braved the possibility of getting blown around the place and repeatedly drenched in the sporadic down pours. Simon rode all over the place and included riding up Meerschaum Vale hill, then took a photo, and rode back down again. I wonder if Simon (the young Grasshopper amongst us) is telling us slackers to have a go?

Sunday Ride Reports

- Peter and Dave

Three brave riders, Buster, David and Dave rode to Wardell via Pimlico Road and River Road. What made them brave was the strength of the head wind when travelling south. This was sufficient to deter most of the regular riders. Pimlico Road was chosen to achieve some shelter from the head wind but it was gusty enough to cause minor wobbles during the ride. The return on River Road was very pleasant with the wind behind and no rain.

The daily mystery was an early morning email received by Dave that stated "Dave not riding". As it turned out two of the three riders who made the trip were named Dave so the mystery remains. The shared opinion was that this was a pleasant ride as human nature tends to remember the good bits and forget the less good bits especially when the good bits occurred last.

- David Cowdery

Another three brave riders ;-) Gavin, Tom and Peter rode to Broadwater via Bagotville Road and returned via the old highway and River Drive, on steelie bikes. The wind was mostly a crosswind

(ESE). The only good reprieve was on the approach to the Burns Point ferry (South Ballina) as River Drive curved along the river bend in a EWE direction _ giving us a direct tailwind.



BROADWATER: Gavin and Tom discussing Tom's stealie bike, the Fausto Coppi.

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Forecast for Ballina

	Tue. 25 Apr	Wed. 26 Apr	Thu. 27 Apr	Fri. 28 Apr	Sat. 29 Apr	Sun. 30 Apr
Max (°C)	23	23	24	24	25	23
Min (°C)	17	16	16	16	14	14
Chance of rain (%)	90	90	90	80	70	80
Rainfall range (mm)	0 to 4	1 to 7	1 to 6	0 to 3	0 to 3	0 to 10

Where to Race

Here are a few links for our racing club members to represent our club in:

Byron Bay <https://www.byronbaycycleclub.org.au/home-1> and/or <https://www.facebook.com/byronbaycycleclub/>

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Grafton Events Feb-Jun: https://drive.google.com/file/d/138CvHjUyUg0HYkXqSbQhMdP2EBErHOQb/view?usp=share_link

Where to Trail Ride

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Kyogle MTB Club: <https://www.facebook.com/kyoglemountainbikeclub>

BBC'S FIND THE MISSING WORDS # 1

- The team _____ for the event.
- _____ the biggest prize.
- A _____ second place.
- Had taken a _____ from the backmarkers.
- People _____ the streets to watch the race.
- The bike was _____ with singles.
- _____ home over the final kilometre.
- _____ over the _____ of the last _____.
- _____ over after losing balance.
- The final _____ to the finish line.
- The rider _____ badly to finish third.
- The rider held off all _____.
- The sprinter _____ through a gap to win.
- She _____ all her reserves of skill and courage to win.
- The rider was _____ for _____ of the rules.
- The climber _____ on the highest longest climb.
- The strong Ballina _____ was now leading the _____.
- He _____ a chain while _____ up the hill.
- _____ of the fittest.
- Winning was a moment of _____.

MISSING WORDS

BARGED	GLORY
BLEW UP	INFRINGEMENT
BURST	LINED
CAPTURING	MARSHALLED
CHALLENGERS	RISE
CHARGE	ROMPING
CLOSE	SADDLED UP
CONTINGENT	STORMED
CREST	SURVIVAL
FADED	SWEPT
FINED	THREW
FITTED	TOPPLED
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