



# BBCNEWSLETTER 2023.08.21

## BALLINA BICYCLE CLUB RIDE ATTENDEES

For the week – 26 - For week ending Sun 20AUG2023.

Monday – 0 ( )

Tuesday – 3 (See report)

Wednesday – 6 (See ride report)

Thursday- 1 (See report)

Friday – 5 (See ride report)

Saturday – 0 (See report)

Sunday – 11 (See ride report)

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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#### WOODBURN

AUG Tue 21<sup>st</sup> 7AM. Coles, Fox St.

#### HOUGHLAHANS MTB

AUG Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> 7AM. Coles, Fox St.

#### WARDELL 2

#### BROADWATER

AUG Fri 24<sup>th</sup> 7AM. Coles, Fox St.

#### RIDERS CHOICE

#### BROADWATER

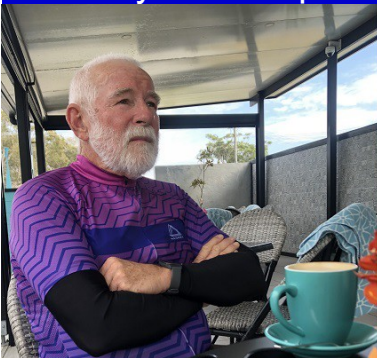
AUG Sun 20<sup>th</sup> 7AM. Coles, Fox St.

#### MOYLANS-WARDELL

AUG Mon 21<sup>st</sup> 7AM Coles, Fox St.

## Tuesday Ride Report

- Peter and David



Tom and myself rode to Wardell via Pimlico Road. Tom set the pace, all the way, today. Since the ferry was not operating, we returned to Ballina via Blackwall Road to Whytes Lane exit onto the Expressway. Along the way back we had two police vehicles speeding passed us with sirens blaring. We had no idea why until we were on the Expressway. On the median strip was a LED sign warning drivers to be aware of a pedestrian on the Expressway. We did not see anybody.

We had coffees at The Proper Cafe, and it was good to see Rosey again after her well deserved hiatus.

- Peter

Dave rode to Woodburn via Broadwater and return via Kilgin and Bagotville Roads and the Freeway. Departure time was 6:30AM because of the narrow time window before the arrival of predicted rain. As it turned out the ride was dry. The ferry is not operating so the return included the West Ballina Roundabout. I entered in the inside lane and as I did a car pushed in just in front of me. It gave me a level of satisfaction when I changed to the outside lane and overtook the offending car at 45km/hr.

- David

## Wednesday Ride Report

- Peter

I started the ride with Tom, David, Gary, Stewart, and 2 Bob, but I cut my ride short. I was too unfit to handle the hills of the Houghlahans MTB circuit, so I turned back not long after the start up North Teven Road. Stewart was the only rider who turned up with a mountain bike. Everybody else was on a road bike.

The circuit used to have dirt road sections, but some time this year the Council sealed them with bitumen. So in affect, the circuit is a road bike one instead of a mountain bike. I wonder when the MTB group will look for another dirt trail to explore and have fun on.





## Thursday Ride Report

- Peter

I rode solo to Wardell and back at a pace that suited me in my poor condition; a pace that even the Old Farts would have considered too slow.

## Friday Ride Report

- David



David, Michael, Tom and myself left Coles car park for a quick ride to Wardell and back along the highway. We picked up Richard (Shorty) along the way. The ride was the same since the ferry has been out; to Wardell via Pimlico road and return via the highway. However, the return trip was too fast for me, and Shorty helped me out by drafting me back to Ballina.

Today was the anniversary of the [Battle of Long Tan](#) (18<sup>th</sup> August 1966), in which Shorty took part in. I couldn't help thinking that I was a wounded soldier that Shorty was helping out.

## Saturday Rides NEWS

- Peter

Due to a long standing lack of interest, the Saturday Rides have been cancelled.

## Sunday Ride Reports

- Peter and David

There were five Vintage Bike Riders today; Mark, Tom, Simon, John'O, and Peter. The goal was to ride to Broadwater via bagotville Road. However, Peter and Tom opted out of the Bagotville route and went straight to Broadwater via Blackwall Drive (Old Highway).





Since the other riders had an extra 12 kms to ride, Tom and myself got to Broadwater some 20 minutes ahead. While waiting, the Old Farts group arrived; David, Gary, Richard, Shane, and Bruce. They headed back before Mark, Simon and John'o arrived.



After our cycle-ogling and snapshots we headed back home along Balckwall Dr. Since the ferry was still out on repairs, River Drive was bypassed for a quick return via the expressway from Coolgardie on-ramp. I could not keep up with the pace, so Tom opted to nurse me back. Since we were far behind, we decided to try and catch up by going straight into Ballina along its main road.

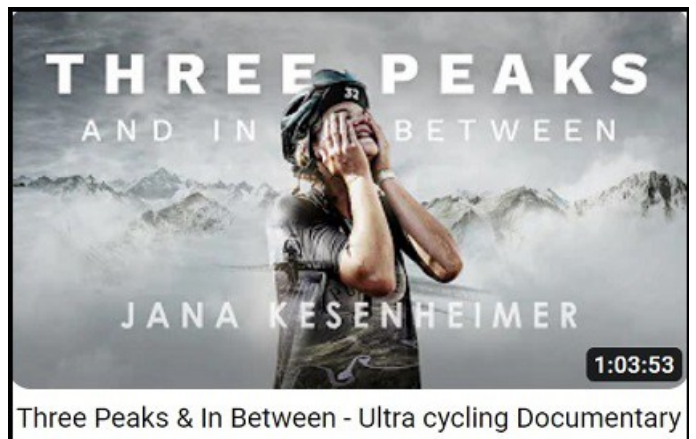
Unfortunately as we were about to enter a roundabout a car towing a caravan was passing us and almost forced Tom off the road into the gutter. Tom got clipped on this right hand by the caravan. Naturally Tom bursted out with a plethora of ill-will to the driver.

Today we also had two other road rage drivers giving us abuse and threats, just because they had to pass us. I wonder, do they abuse every car driver they pass too?





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## 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 Race Calendar (Jul-Sep ):** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nCJEhYz2ZhGNZTezq-T9JNeEmYbPFiOZ/view?usp=sharing>

**Lismore Road Race (24<sup>th</sup> Sep):** [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZRMxGqd5akN0X1i\\_\\_h-QPZ84N0CwRXZr/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZRMxGqd5akN0X1i__h-QPZ84N0CwRXZr/view?usp=sharing)

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## Where to Trail Ride

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

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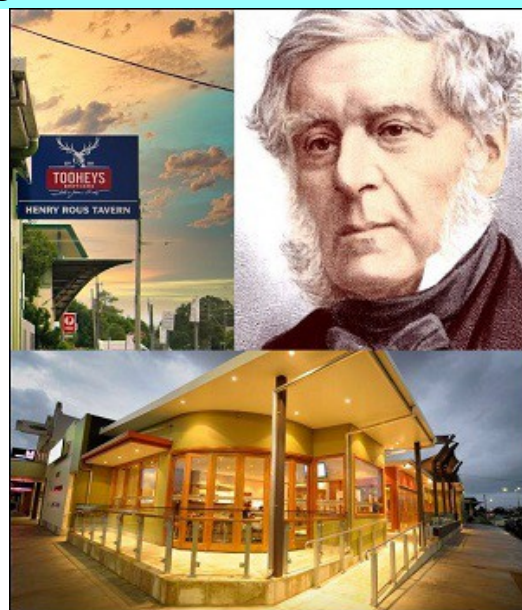
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THE BICYCLE EMPORIUM

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<http://thebicycleemporium.com.au/index.html>



THE HENRY ROUS TAVERN

177 River Street Ballina

<https://www.henryrous.com.au>

## The Bicycle Emporium New Online Shop is Now LIVE!

Building our online shop has been a slow and somewhat arduous process.

Starting during the 2021 COVID lockdown we have been steadily getting the webshop set up and products listed and while there is still a bit of work to do, we are so excited that we wanted to launch it ASAP!

So, go ahead and check it out [here](#) to see what we have in stock and order direct from the comfort of your couch, workshop, shed or man-cave!

There are still a few gaps and I'm sure there will be a couple of glitches along the way, so if you find something that doesn't look quite right, please let us know.

Another super exciting feature of the website is our [clearance](#) page. Most things on the clearance page are currently listed at half-price – check it out and score yourself a great bargain!

PLEASE NOTE: There are no returns on clearance items as they are only available through the online store as they are no longer kept at The Bicycle Emporium. We can ship direct to you or you can click and collect in-store the next business day.

Having merged the online shop with our old webpage, it has a range of exciting features; not only can you buy whatever your heart desires, but it also includes things like popular local riding routes. These

are strangely listed as products for sale for \$0 and you can't actually buy them! This is temporary while we fully develop our cycling Blog. The blog, is still a work in progress, but you can check that it [here](#).

If you have a favourite route you would like us to share, email a link, or share it to our [Strava](#) club.

We have also created a new Instagram account, so to give us [follow](#) or tag us in your riding videos for a share!

**6-DAY BALLINA (FORECAST).** Click image to open METEYE (2478 for Ballina).



**SPOT THE DIFFERENCE** The right-hand image has 10 alterations. Can you spot them?



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