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BALLINA BICYCLE CLUB RIDE ATTENDEES

For the week – 35 - For week ending Sun 24DEC2023.

Monday – 12 (See report)

Tuesday – 4 (See report)

Wednesday – 6 (See report)

Thursday- 0 ()

Friday – 1 (See report)

Saturday – 0 ()

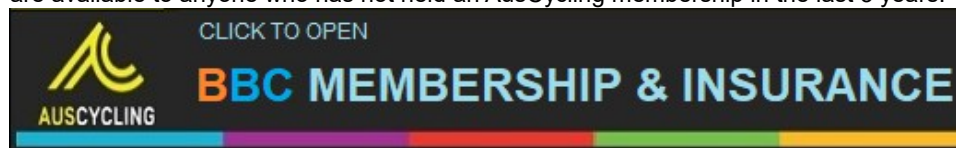
Sunday – 12 (See report)

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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BOXING DAY RIDE (recovery)

DEC Tue 26th 7AM. Coles, Fox St.

HOUGHLAHANS MTB

DEC Wed 27th 7 AM. Coles, Fox St.

WARDELL LOOP

DEC Fri 29th 7AM. Coles, Fox St.

BROADWATER

BROADWATER LOOP2

DEC Sun 31st 7AM. Coles, Fox St.

WARDELL LOOP

NEW YEARS DAY RIDE

JAN Mon 1st 7AM Coles, Fox St.

Monday Report

- Bruce

A large group left Coles car park for the no sweat ride (including breakfast after the ride) to Wardell via the ferry. Tom thought he was only doing 24 kmh but rode away from all. The group also doing 24kmh turned left into Empire Vale rd and Moylans lane. Richard Brown set the pace for the return from Wardell a little high and split the group up. Bruce did a little bit then Dave took the lead group to the ferry, where a very slow walk onto the ferry, and the ramp up and re-lowered by a nice ferry captain, regrouped all again. Coffee at the Proper Café was shouted by new grandfather 2Bob, 12 riders and Pete visiting.

Tuesday Reports

- David

Gavin, Dave and Bob2 met at Coles at 7. Bob2 chose to ride to Broadwater and return on his own while Gavin and Dave flew down the freeway to Broadwater with a very nice tailwind. Continuing onto Blackwall Drive to Woodburn, we experienced only mild effects of the wind. After coffee and a scallop etc we returned up Kilgin Road and Bagotville Road and Wardell Road to a very welcome rest stop at Wardell. Bagotville Road gave us excellent protection from the headwind and the only serious push into the wind was on River Drive. We were back in Ballina before 11 AM.

- Cheers Dave

Wednesday Reports

- Bruce

A group of six riders started out, from Coles car park. Buster, Bob and Hugh on elect. Gary on road bike, Tom and Bruce on Mt Bikes. All got through the interchange and right turn into Teven road safely. Bob took Bruce along the flat, the others over North Teven. Regrouped to ride Houghlahans Creek Road, where everyone waited for Bruce to arrive at the top. No traffic! Then onto Kirklands lane, to Fernleigh school, for a rest under the shade of Barry's tree. Then down to Tintenbar bar shops. The decent rather dangerous due to large pot holes hard to see in the shade. Buster being cautious had a group of cars behind, hit a big hole, but thankfully stayed up. Regrouped then across George St (second roughest road in Shire) turned right onto Hinterland way for a quick ride behind Tom to the north interchange where the lower road to Ballina heights was closed. So back to town with all the traffic on Tamarind Drive. We survived and made it for a our coffee at the Proper café. All enjoyed Gary's view of the worlds problems. (maybe not all)

Friday Reports

- Bruce

Bruce started with, ALL HIS FRIENDS, Tony had decided with the committee? To call the ride off and have coffee at 8. It was a strong head wind from the south, Bruce was struggling but no friends would come to the front. After turning north at Wardell, the pace was up to mid 30s. This Bruce maintained this until the school, where he blew up, but again no friends came through to the front,

and the pace slowed. Arriving at the ferry late, the ferry driver, Pete felt sorry for the cyclist and lowered the ramp for Bruce and his friends, Bruce won the coffee cup home and shouted all his friends a coffee, only had to make one! Bruce never saw a drop of rain or a damp road. Might have to elect a new committee? Get a bit more unionised like Queensland?

Sunday Report

- Bruce

Twelve riders started lead out by Gavin And Shane, all turned into Pimlico Road. The twelve regrouped at Wardell before splitting, with Tony, Bob, Buster and Kevin heading back to the ferry. The others Bruce, Paul, Hugh, Gavin, Shane, 4Bob were led by Dave and John headed for Broadwater. On the widest section of Blackwall Drive, a Ford Ranger passed within inches, a few words were yelled and the driver stopped still in the middle of the road. With his left window open Bruce stopped and gave the driver the NSW rules about a metre and a half, Vic Rego. A little further conversation was had. We rode on and the Ford Ranger then passed with a wide metre and a half clearance. At the stop at Broadwater, Gavin suggested Bruce had wasted minutes of his life talking to the driver. The return was brisk to Wardell. Bruce dropped off the back thinking the group would stop in Wardell, but no they continued. New rider 4Bob was a bit behind, not use to drafting, so Bruce and he swapped turns chasing the others. A regroup at Ferry and then onto coffee. Slightly overcast with breeze from the north, A good day was had by all.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Boxing Day Ride. December, Tuesday 26th. 7am from Coles car park, Fox Street, Ballina.

Cliff Burvill Memorial Ride. January, Sunday 21st. Ride starts at 7am from Meldrum Park, Ballina.

Australia Day Ride. January, Friday 26th. Ride starts at 7am from Coles car park, Fox Street, Ballina.

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

	Forecast for Ballina					
	Tue. 26 Dec	Wed. 27 Dec	Thu. 28 Dec	Fri. 29 Dec	Sat. 30 Dec	Sun. 31 Dec
						
Max (°C)	31	33	33	30	31	28
Min (°C)	20	21	20	21	21	21
Chance of rain (%)	70	20	5	20	70	70
Rainfall range (mm)	0 to 2	0	0	0	0 to 15	0 to 10

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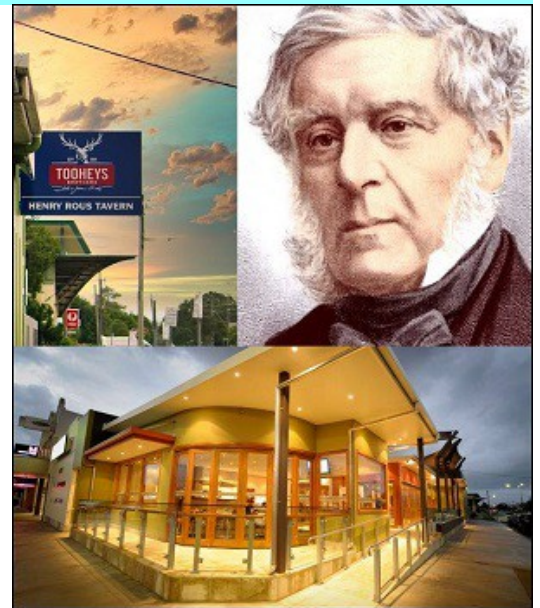
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