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BALLINA BICYCLE CLUB RIDE ATTENDEES

For the week – 40 - For week ending Sun 07JAN2024.

Monday – 9+1* ()

Tuesday – 3+1* (See report)

Wednesday – 2+3+1* (See reports)

Thursday- 1+1* (See report)

Friday – 2+1+1* (See report)

Saturday – 1* ()

Sunday – 12+1* ()

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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WOODBURN

JAN Tue 2nd 7AM. Coles, Fox St.

MTB RIDERS CHOICE

JAN Wed 10th 7 AM. Cole, Fox St.

WARDELL LOOP

JAN Fri 5th 7AM. Coles, Fox St.

DAVE'S TIME TRIAL TRAINING

JAN Sat 13th 8AM. Empire Vale School.

RIDERS CHOICE

JAN Sun 14th 7AM. Coles, Fox St.

EASY WARDELL RIDE

JAN Mon 15th 7AM Coles, Fox St.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

2024 Time Trial Training. The Ballina Bicycle Club Committee decided at last committee meeting that the Training Time Trials be held at 8am on the second Saturday of each month.

The next one will be on Sat 10 February 2024.

Tuesday Report

- David

Three riders Gavin, Simon and Dave braved the weather forecast and had a totally dry ride. The wind was favourable so we followed the freeway to Broadwater and Blackwall Drive to Woodburn. We arrived at 08:20AM with an average speed of around 31km/hr. We chose the historical protected route home via Kilgin Road and Bagotville Road and Wardell Road. After a rest at Wardell we returned via the ferry arriving in Ballina just before 11AM. Amazingly, even though the wind was largely a crosswind, we did get some assistance from it on the bulk of the trip home. Simon did a lot of leading and Gavin hung in remarkably well despite Simon's higher speeds. Dave did not get any punctures****



Wednesday Reports

- David and Bruce

Gavin and Dave drove their mountain bikes down to Wardell for the start of the Tuckean Island Road ride beginning at 7AM.

When travelling down to Wardell they passed a mysterious solo rider wearing a Bicycle Emporium jersey who looked very similar to Pete. (Editor's note: Pete was so fat, nobody recognised him).

The route followed Wardell Road, Marom Creek Road and Tuckean Island Road and Hoare Lane to Dungarubba. The return leg followed Bagotville Road and Old Bagotville Road back to Wardell. Total distance was almost 40km.

The weather was cool and pleasant with just enough fine rain near the end to settle all the potential dust on the dirt. There was almost zero traffic. The Wardell pies and coffee were very welcome at ride end.

- Cheers Dave

3 Mt bike riders 2Bob, Tom and Bruce turned up with Kevin and Bob road bikes at Coles car park, after the showers, all decided to just do the Wardell ride, slight shower on return and a brief stop at the Empire Vale P.O. Big rain out to east heading toward Ballina. Tom thought we might beat it so we headed off but 2 km from the ferry it bucketed down. No coffee for Bruce who rode straight home for a hot shower, after emptying out his shoes full of water. Kevin and Bob were still going for coffee.

- Bruce

Thursday Report

- David

Dave did a standard loop down the freeway to Wardell and back on River Road. Navigation was easy because he just followed the bike tracks left by the mystery rider on Wednesday. Moylans Lane was avoided because there was a rain shower happening down toward the east. On the way out of Ballina, he passed Peter Ogg, Carol Sharrock and two others heading south.

Friday Report

CRY WOLF

- Peter

Before the 7AM start, someone cried "WET" (wolf), and straight away everything fell apart. Gavin and John arrived for the start, but thought nobody else will turn up, so they left several minutes early. I turned up at 6:56AM and waited till 7AM before heading off on my own. Tom was running late and he turned up at 7:01AM. So, four riders, in three different time frames, rode to Wardell and back. And the crazy thing was, none of us got a drop of rain. The roads from Fishery Creek Bridge to Wardell and back was dry as a bone.

I can only account for my own ride. The weather was cool and sunny. It was almost perfect except for some southerly headwind to Wardell. The return trip via River Drive was easier and a joy to cruise along almost effortlessly at 33 kph.

Fifty percent of the time the 'Coffee at 8AM' is in error. That is, it is not raining or the roads too wet nor windy for a ride. Even the Bureau of Meteorology's (BOM) weather predictions have a higher success rate than the wolf crier. What I am saying is, check the BOM weather reports and if you think it's worth a chance to ride, then ride. There is a good chance you won't be alone... Then again, some need others to make all the decisions for them.

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Where to Trail Ride

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Forecast for Ballina

	Tue. 9 Jan	Wed. 10 Jan	Thu. 11 Jan	Fri. 12 Jan	Sat. 13 Jan	Sun. 14 Jan
Max (°C)	29	29	29	27	27	27
Min (°C)	21	21	21	21	21	21
Chance of rain (%)	70	60	70	90	90	90
Rainfall range (mm)	0 to 4	0 to 2	0 to 2	0 to 15	1 to 25	1 to 20

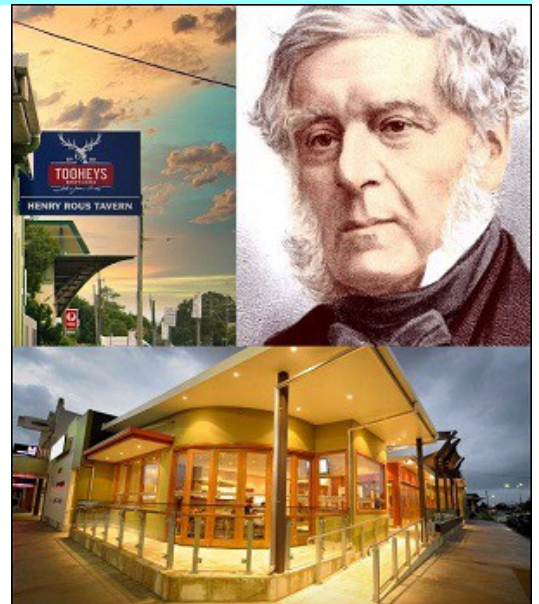
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