



BALLINA BICYCLE CLUB RIDE ATTENDEES

For the week – 34 - For week ending Sun 18FEB2024.

Monday – 13+1 (See reports)

Tuesday – 1 (See report)

Wednesday – 8+1 (See report)

Thursday- 1+1 (See report)

Friday – ? ()

Saturday – ? ()

Sunday – 5+3 (See report)

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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WOODBURN-85

FEB Tue 20th 7AM. Coles, Fox St.

TUCKEAN ISLAND MTB

FEB Wed 21st 7 AM, Wardell, Fitzroy Pk.

COMMITTEE MEETING

FEB Wed 21st 6PM. Henry Rous Tavern.

WARDELL LOOP

FEB Fri 23rd 7AM. Coles, Fox St.

BROADWATER

FEB Sun 25th 7AM. Coles, Fox St.

EASY WARDELL RIDE

FEB Mon 26th 7AM Coles, Fox St.

Monday Report

- David and Shorty

Thirteen riders were delighted by a break in the weather. Eleven headed down River Drive and Moylans Lane to Wardell with a tail wind assist. Two others had to turn around short due to state of health problems.

On the return, the speed into the head/crosswind was 28/29 rounding up to 31 nearer the ferry which was a very good performance for the group. Happily the group remained cohesive.

Twelve riders enjoyed a coffee/breakfast with lots of friendly chats and hardly any exaggeration.

- Cheers Dave

Shorty's report: Monday Due to doctors appointments has a afternoon ride 29Ks down the freeway to Wardell and back along River drive to the ferry just a peaceful ride.

Tuesday Report

- David

After receiving delivery of his new car off the oversize transporter direct, and never having driven a dual clutch car, Dave survived the trauma of driving it home where he studied the 560 page user manual and nearly fainted with confusion.

As a recovery move, at 2PM he started down the freeway to Broadwater with a relaxing tailwind. Unfortunately the return from Broadwater to home was all into a headwind so the benefit of the relaxation was lost. (72 km covered.)

Wednesday Report

- David and Shorty

Eight riders fronted up at the start. Four travelled down the Wardell loop and the other four on road bikes followed the Houghlahans Creek High Country itinerary. Paul, Bob3, Tom and Dave had an enjoyable and fairly quick ride. Following information received on the location of the historic Ballina Booyong Railway line, we stopped 70 meters north of the Tyumba Road intersection and discovered that the line crossed Houghlahans Creek Road from an adjacent gully and DID NOT REQUIRE A TUNNEL. We always assumed a tunnel would be necessary but it turned out not to be true. The crossing was simply a level crossing. This was a real tribute to the builders of the line as the area is very hilly and they achieved an improbable outcome. As usual, the scenery was stimulating and the ride rewarding despite some minor challenges along the way.

- Cheers Dave

Shorty's report: Wednesday 32ks down the freeway to Wardell and back along River Drive to the ferry.

Thursday Report

- David and Shorty

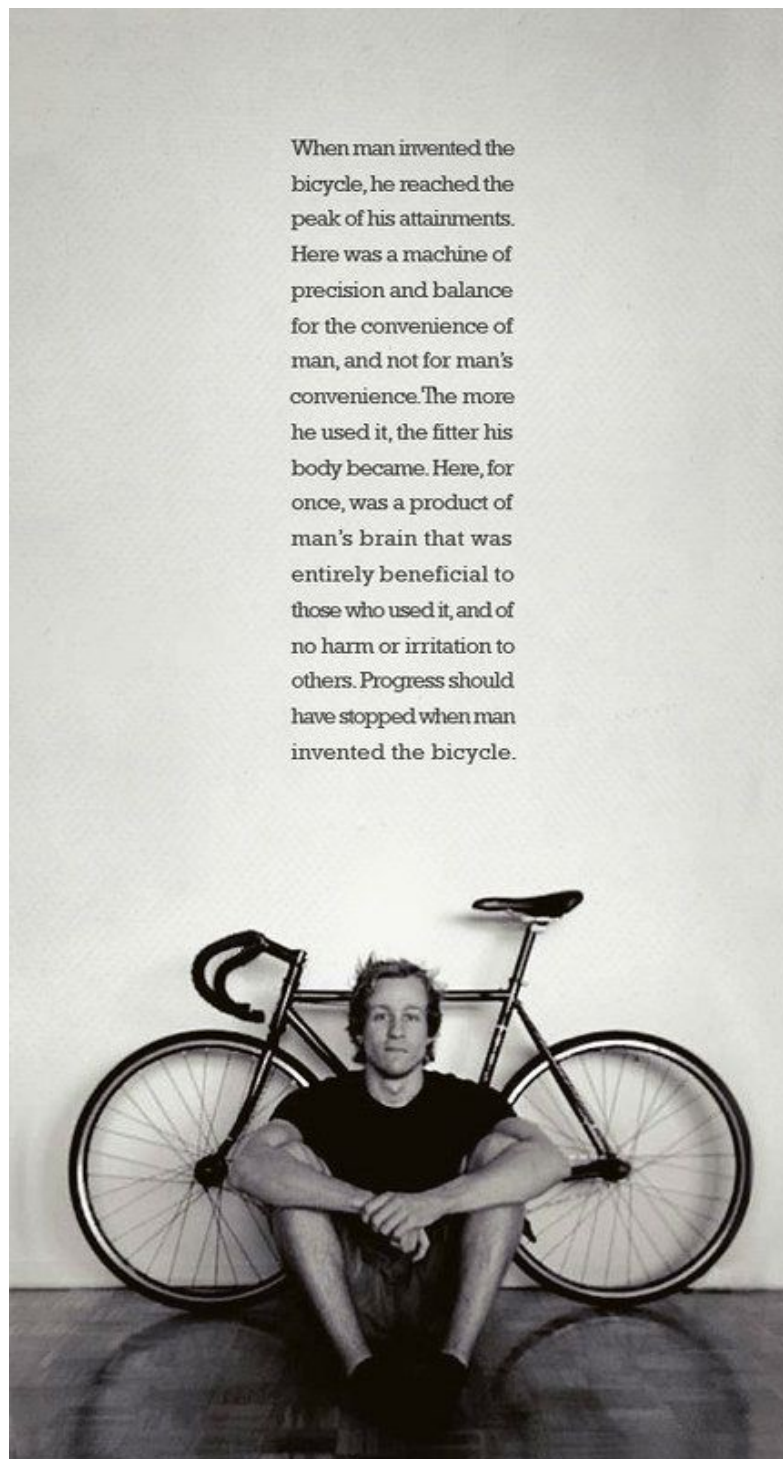
Dave had an early morning circuit to Wardell going down the Freeway and Blackwall Drive then onto River Road and Moylans Lane. Ride was uneventful until reaching Kalinga Street. A green P Plater come out of a side street and cut me off, then another driver cut me off by turning left directly in front of me and the driver behind him objected to me changing my line as a response to being cut off. It never rains but it pours.

Shorty's Report: Thursday 54Ks up Uralba hill across to Rous down Devils Elbow then onto Wardell back to Ballina along River Drive to the ferry, nice tail wind along River Drive. A little slow going up Uralba its some months since I had cycle up the hill, but enjoyed the experience.

Sunday Report

- Peter

All together there were eight riders that left from Coles car park for their Sunday ride. Five riders rode to Broadwater and got drenched in doing so. They all were dry by the time they got back to Ballina. Three other riders rode to Wardell and back. All riders met at the Proper Cafe.



Poster contributed by Shorty



"Richard I think in Uganda" - Tony Davies

Summary of trip so far. We have cycled 2281kml, climbed 21035metres, done 38 days of 114 day trip, cycled in Egypt, Rwanda, Uganda and are now in Kenya for another 12 days. So one third of the time into the trip but have cycled less than 1/3 of the distance, so lots more to do.

We had our first bush camp in a stand of blue gums for our first night in Kenya. A bush camp is where we camp off road with no facilities. So showers consist of a bucket of water. Toilets are a hole in the ground.

Uganda had some long steep climbs e.g., 900 plus metres over 12kml with gradient maxing out at 15 percent, but averaging 4 percent.

Hope all is well in Ballina.

- Regards. Richard





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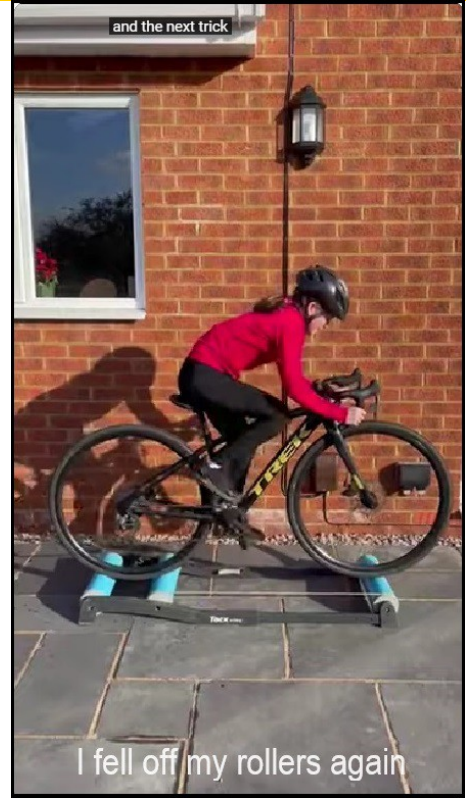
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	Tue. 20 Feb	Wed. 21 Feb	Thu. 22 Feb	Fri. 23 Feb	Sat. 24 Feb	Sun. 25 Feb
Max (°C)	27	28	30	32	32	28
Min (°C)	20	20	21	22	23	21
Chance of rain (%)	90	80	50	50	80	70
Rainfall range (mm)	2 to 15	0 to 4	0 to 1	0 to 1	0 to 20	0 to 2

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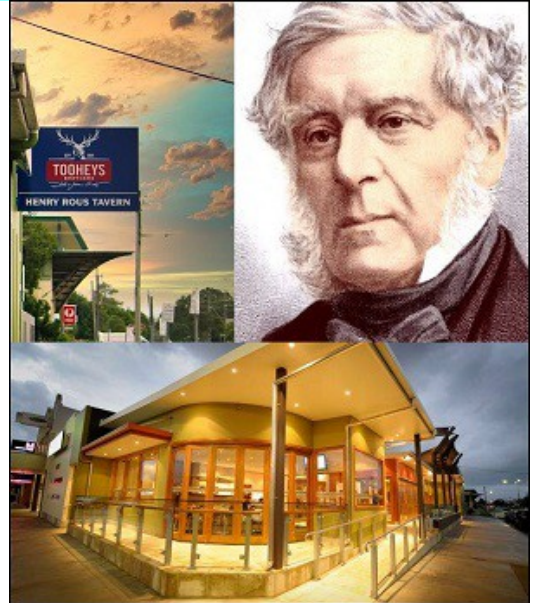
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