



BBCNEWSLETTER 2024.04.22

BALLINA BICYCLE CLUB RIDE ATTENDEES

For the week – 26 - For week ending Sun 21APR2024.

Monday – 7

Tuesday – 3 + 1

Wednesday – 2 + 1

Thursday- 1 + 1

Friday – 3 + 5

Saturday – 1

Sunday – 1

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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WOODBURN-85

APR Tue 23rd 7AM. Coles, Fox St.

HOUGHLAHANS MTB

APR Wed 24th 7 AM, Coles, Ross St.

WARDELL LOOP

APR Fri 26th 7AM. Coles, Fox St.

SATURDAY MYSTERY RIDE

APR 27th 7AM, Henry Rous Tavern

BROADWATER LOOP 2

BROADWATER

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

EASY WARDELL RIDE

APR Mon 29th 7AM Coles, Fox St.

Monday Report

- David

Seven riders met at the start. Five travelled down Moylans Lane while two travelled directly to Wardell. The speed was around 24km/hr and this was mainly due to e-bike control limitations. On the return Bobby and Dirko went out ahead and reached the ferry first. Jack lead the rest of us all the way back at a steady 25-26km/hr downwind and we travelled on the next ferry. It is always a pleasure to get draughted by the master. Dave did his coffee cup thing and arrived at the Proper Cafe just as Bobby and Dirko turned up. Very pleasant riding conditions.

Cheers Dave

Tuesday Report

- David and Shorty

Three riders were present at the start. Gavin, Dave and the most welcome returning John McKechnie. Please do not complain if I cannot spell his name correctly. The route followed the freeway and the pace was set very high with a moderate tailwind. After a brief stop at Broadwater, we arrived at Woodburn before 08:30.

The wind then seemed to drop at Woodburn but we still did a high speed return to Wardell and Ballina using the usual traffic free back roads. We were actually back in Ballina at 10:30 which is some sort of record. It was helped by good timing with the ferry. This was a very satisfying ride for me because John and I maintained a pace that was so high that Gavin was unable to do any leading. Last week total riding distance was 386km and there is some hope that the weather this week will permit a similar amount.

I do point out that high speed riding is enjoyable but is not compulsory and anyone wishing to experience this ride at a modest pace would be extremely welcome.

Cheers Dave

Shorty's report: 28 k down the highway to Wardell and back along River Drive, sunny and a nice quite ride.

Wednesday Reports

- David and Shorty

Gavin and Dave on Mountain bikes started at Wardell at 7:00 AM. It was a pleasant ride out Wardell Road and Marom Creek Road to the start of the dirt at Tuckean Island Road. We saw a lot of reluctant cattle in knee deep water laden fields. The quiet, peace and tranquillity out in the middle of the low country is always pleasing. We then followed Broadwater Road and old Bagotville Road back to Wardell. After 40km we were happy to enjoy a Wardell pie and coffee.

Shorty's report: 55 k down the freeway and back from Broadwater, slight wind and a warmish morning.

Thursday Report - David and Shorty

Dave snuck out early at 6:30 AM heading down the Freeway to Wardell with return via Moylans Lane and River Road. Obligations on Thursdays require an early return and he was back in Ballina by 8AM with 260km on the clock for the week. Conditions were excellent and the ride uneventful.

Shorty's report: 114 k down the freeway pass New Italy and back, very warm and some sun burn with a slight tail wind coming home, great coffee at New Italy.
Shorty

Friday Report - Peter

Fridays ride followed the classic lanes route. Tom, Gavin and Dave did the full trip whilst 5 others did the direct no lanes route. The faster guys caught the slower group at Wardell and met again at the ferry so the timing worked out to perfection. It is always nice when a plan comes together.

Saturday Report - Shorty

Saturday 20th: up the freeway to the Byron Bay tunnel and back got very wet and at times I couldn't see a few feet in front of me, plus a strong headwind on home ward lef. Nice hot shower made the trip worth it.
Shorty.

Sunday Report - David

After the rain looked like stopping Dave headed out at 1:45PM. The radar looked encouraging but unfortunately it rained heavily from Ballina to Ballina on the Wardell loop. The route followed the Freeway and Blackwall Drive to Wardell and River Road and Moylans Lane on the return. Dave's boots contained several litres of water, but the spray created by passing semi trailers was a real highlight. Trip distance was 355km giving a week total of 365km which was pretty satisfying given the weather. Dave has now resigned from the weather prediction working group.

Richard Hughes African Trail Update #13



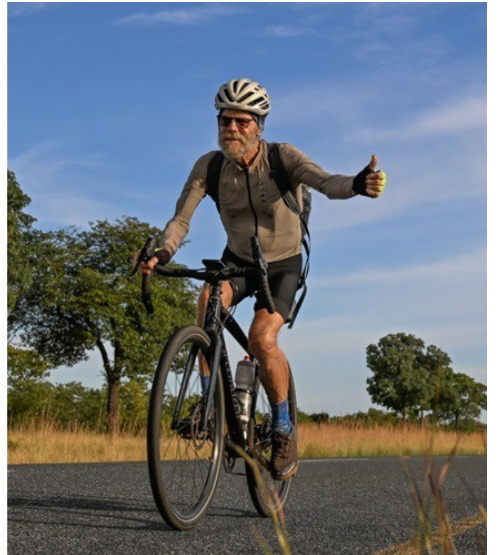
Ever wonder what a lunch stop looks like on the Tour d'Afrique? Well it looks something like this... Bikes all over the ground, a nice tree for shade, and a lovely lunch truck waiting with food!



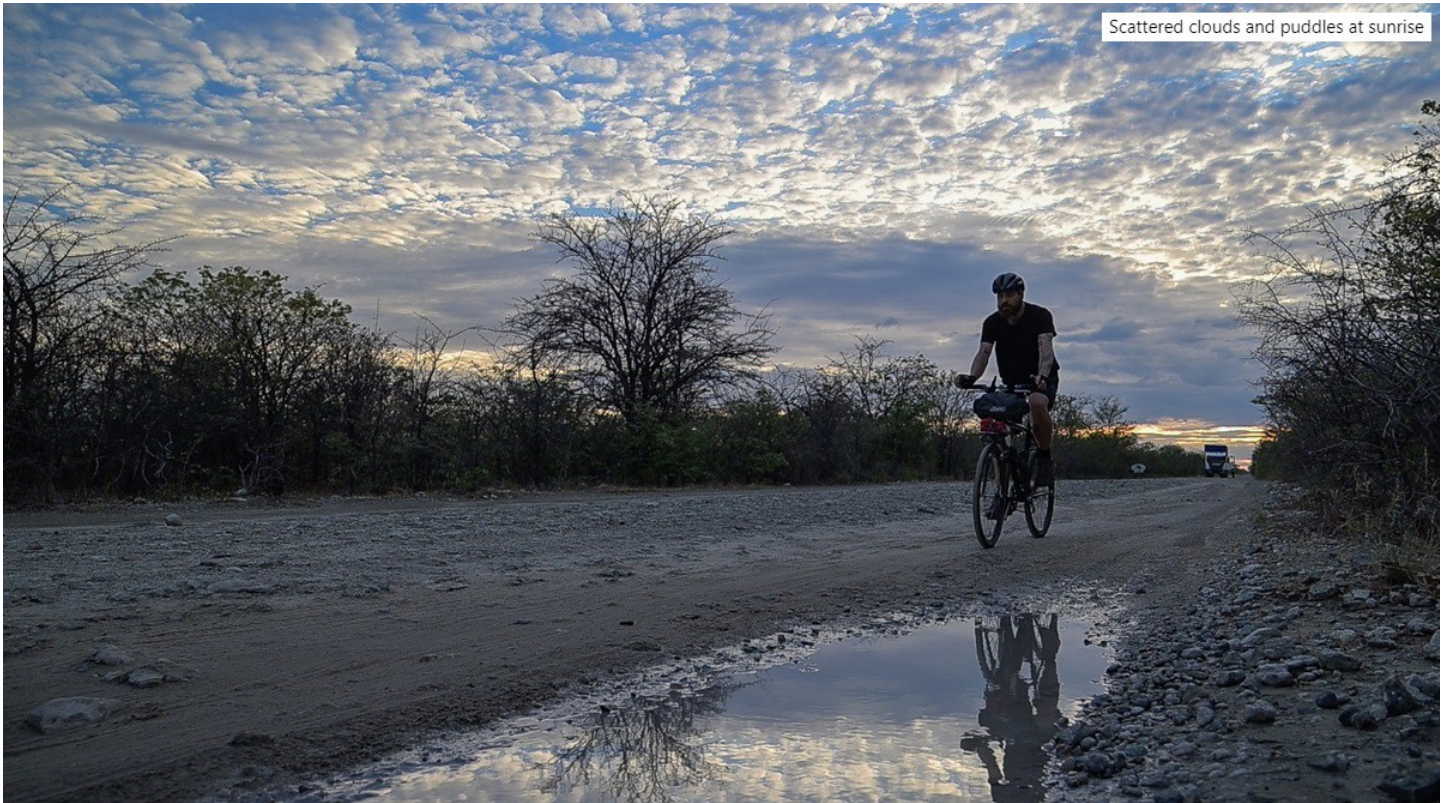
Riders check their bikes as they prepare for the day ahead



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Scattered clouds and puddles at sunrise



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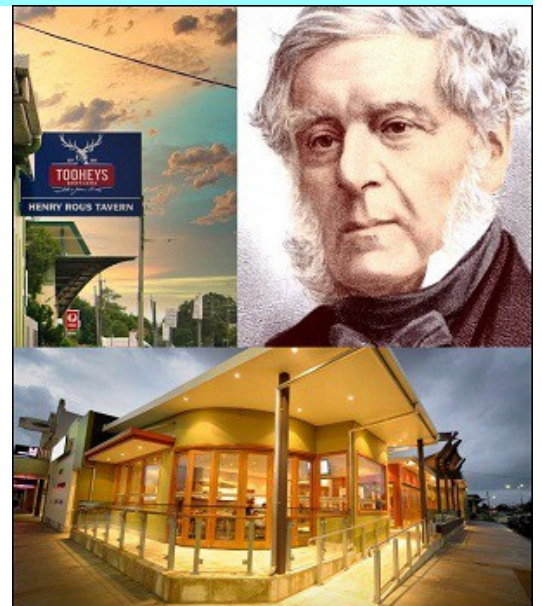
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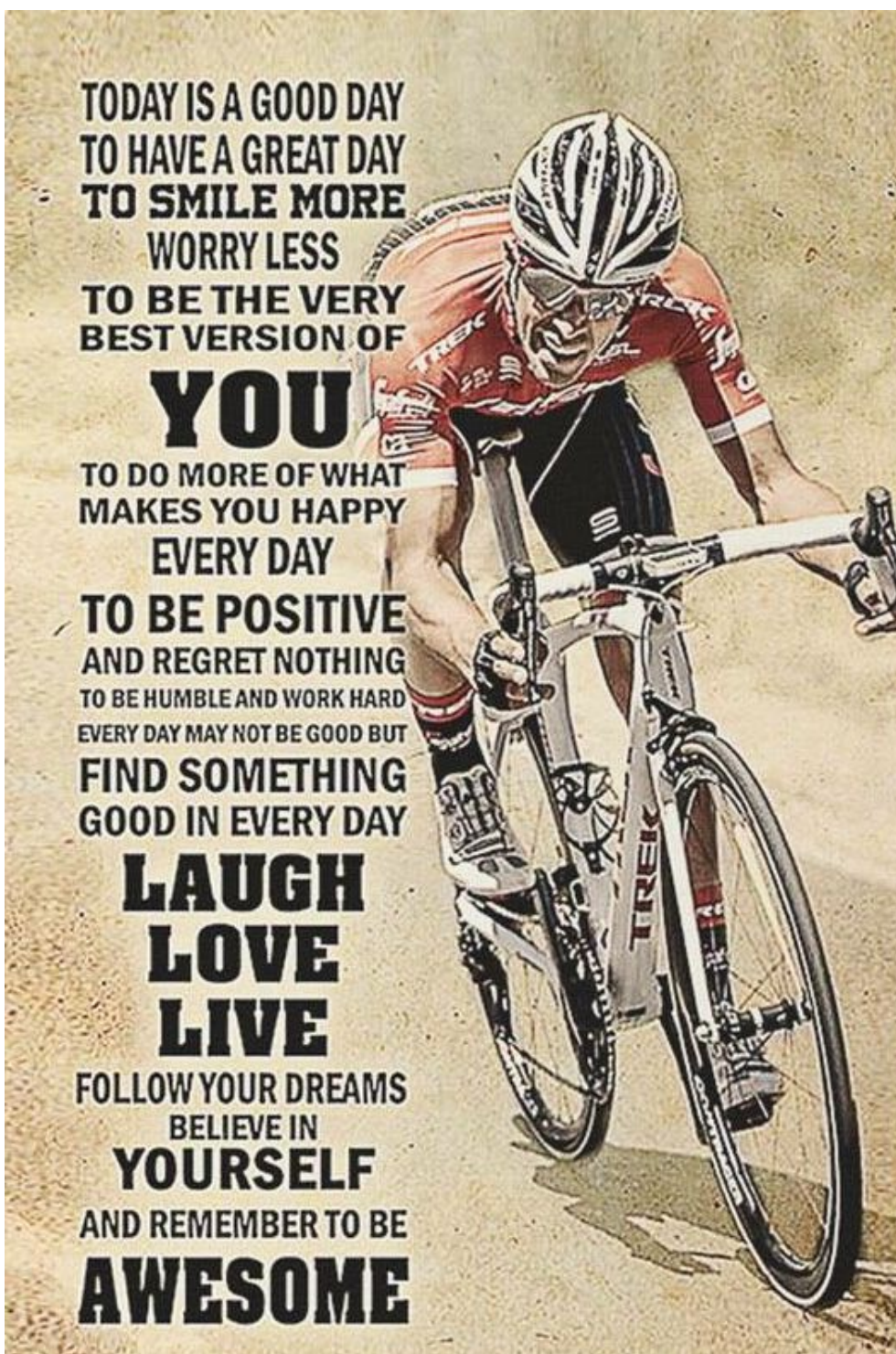
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6-DAY BALLINA (FORECAST). Click image to open METEYE (2478 for Ballina).



Forecast for Ballina

	Tue. 23 Apr	Wed. 24 Apr	Thu. 25 Apr	Fri. 26 Apr	Sat. 27 Apr	Sun. 28 Apr
Max (°C)	25	25	26	23	23	24
Min (°C)	17	16	16	16	15	14
Chance of rain (%)	60	30	50	70	70	60
Rainfall range (mm)	0 to 2	0	0 to 2	0 to 7	0 to 6	0 to 2



Poster contributed by Shorty.

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



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