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BALLINA BICYCLE CLUB RIDE ATTENDEES

For the week – 21 - For week ending Sun 28APR2024.

Monday – 0 (rainy day)

Tuesday – 4 (see report)

Wednesday – 3 (see report)

Thursday – 3 (see report)

Friday – 0 (rainy day)

Saturday – 0

Sunday – 11 (see report)

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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WOODBURN-85

APR Tue 30th 7AM. Coles, Fox St.

TUCKEAN ISLAND MTB

MAY Wed 1st 7 AM, Wardell, Fitzroy Park

WARDELL LOOP

MAY Fri 3rd 7AM. Coles, Fox St.

SATURDAY MYSTERY RIDE

MAY 4th 7AM, Henry Rous Tavern

BROADWATER LOOP 2

BROADWATER

MAY Sun 5th 7AM. Coles, Fox St.

EASY WARDELL RIDE

MAY Mon 6th 7AM Coles, Fox St.

Tuesday Report

- David and Shorty

Four keen riders arrived at the start and were somewhat frustrated by the frequent lost riding days due to rain. Tom, Gavin, John (Alstonville) and Dave. We had a nice downwind ride on the Freeway to Broadwater where Tom decided to turn around. The pace remained high to Woodburn due to favourable winds and a good level of push power. After coffee we returned up Kilgin and Bagotville Roads to Wardell. Amazingly the wind again seemed to be a tailwind. The tailwind continued up River Road and was so helpful that we arrived at the ferry at 10:10 and were luckily back on Ballina Island at 10:15 which I think is a new record for early arrival.

Cheers Dave

Wednesday Reports

- David

Tom, Dave and our French friend Fabrice had an adventuresome ride on the standard Houghlahans Creek Road circuit. The climax was on old Bangalow Road where we rode through lots of muddy water where the road was not at all visible. Fabrice asked about the water depth and was told "about 2-3 metres" but he bravely carried on without mishap and made excellent time for the circuit. Several other riders known as lowland mud grubbers rode the Wardell circuit.

Cheers Dave

Thursday Report

- David

Gavin, Tom and Dave met by mutual arrangement and had a long fast ride. The route followed Pimlico Road and Blackwall Drive to Broadwater with return along Broadwater Road and Bagotville Road and Wardell Road to Wardell and then along River Drive. The ride was dry and very enjoyable.

Cheers Dave

Sunday Report

- David

After having Friday and Saturday washed out by rain, eleven keen riders arrived at the start including some dry weather only members. Four riders being Tom, Gavin, Dave and Dave2 had a fast ride down the Freeway to Broadwater. They arrived only moderately wet mainly due to water on the surface. Just as they were beginning the return, the slower riders also arrived, but the faster group could not wait because they were too cold and damp and starting to feel the cold. Just near Empire Vale, a heavy downpour arrived and everyone was thoroughly soaked so they made best time direct to the hot coffee shop to try and recover some warmth. Despite the rain, the ride was enjoyable and we were highly impressed with the strong riding performance of Dave 2 (South African Dave).

Cheers Dave

Richard Hughes African Trail Update #14

I am in Namibia with only 6 more riding days left. Since my last message we have ridden through Botswana.

The riding: Botswana was on good roads, generally with wide shoulders so it was easy to get out of the way of log haul trucks and buses. The drivers were generally very good as they gave us a wide berth. The area of Botswana we rode through was sparsely populated so there was minimal local traffic and little foot traffic that has been characteristic of most of the other countries we've ridden through. The Botswana section was labelled Elephant Highway by the tour group as the area is home to elephants. We did ride past elephants grazing or crossing the road, taking the precautions that the tour leader told us to take i.e., stay clear if there were any signs of the elephant feeling we were invading their space!

We rode the longest day's ride in Botswana of 217klm. The ride was manageable as the road was good tarmac and the winds mostly tail or cross.

All the riding in Namibia except a few kilometres has been on gravel. Some of the early days were tough as the gravel had a long stretches of corrugations, punctuated by sand stretches. The roads are graded regularly but it doesn't take long for corrugations to form. The last few days the gravel has been great and the riding less tough. We rode 169klm yesterday. Most days have been 120klms plus on gravel. The landscape is amazing and ever-changing so this makes the hard work bearable.

Attached a random selection of photos from Botswana and Namibia.









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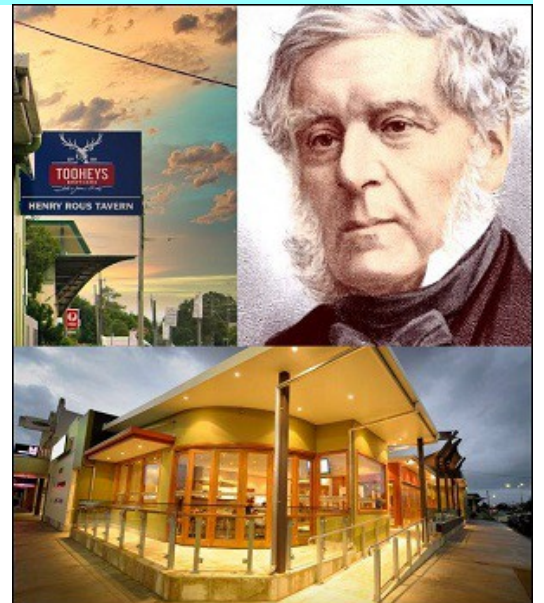
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Forecast for Ballina

	Tue. 30 Apr	Wed. 1 May	Thu. 2 May	Fri. 3 May	Sat. 4 May	Sun. 5 May
Max (°C)	24	22	22	22	22	22
Min (°C)	14	15	15	15	14	14
Chance of rain (%)	70	90	90	90	80	50
Rainfall range (mm)	0 to 4	3 to 15	3 to 15	3 to 15	2 to 25	0 to 15

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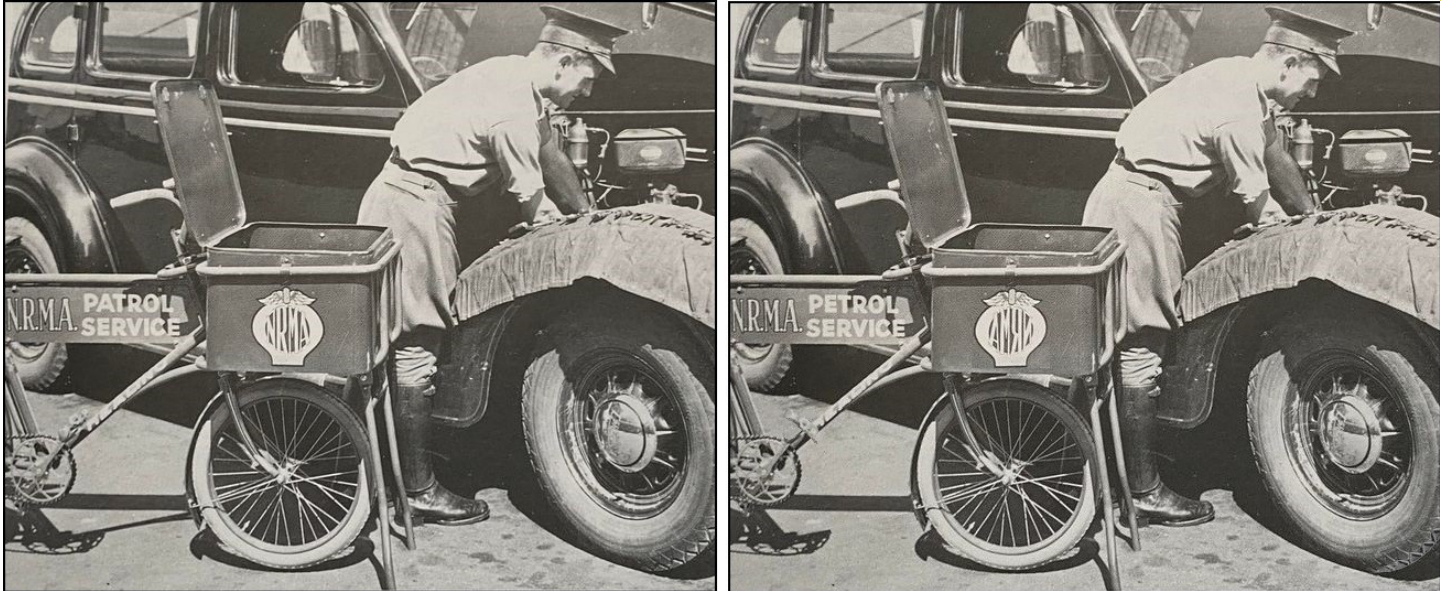


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