



# BBCNEWSLETTER 2024.06.17

## BALLINA BICYCLE CLUB RIDE ATTENDEES

For the week – 24 - For week ending Sunday 16JUN2024.

Monday – 8 (see report)

Tuesday – 5 (see report)

Wednesday – 3 (see report)

Thursday – 1 (see report)

Friday – 7 (see report)

Saturday – 0 (rainy morning)

Sunday – 0 (rainy morning)

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

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#### WOODBURN-85

JUN Tue 18<sup>th</sup> 7AM. Coles, Fox St.

#### HOUGHLAHANS MTB

JUN Wed 19<sup>th</sup> 7 AM, Coles, Fox St.

#### COMMITTEE MEETING

JUN Wed 19<sup>th</sup> 6am Henry Rous Tavern

#### WARDELL LOOP

JUN Fri 21<sup>st</sup> 7AM. Coles, Fox St.

#### BROADWATER LOOP 2

#### BROADWATER

JUN Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> 7AM. Coles, Fox St.

#### EASY WARDELL RIDE

JUN Mon 24<sup>th</sup> 7AM Coles, Fox St.

## Monday Report

- David

Eight riders started the trip. Tony and Bobby on a standard bike took the direct route without using Moylans lane. Six others including Tom, Richard Slingsby, Richard Hughes, Dave, Dave2 and Richard Brown travelled the full distance.

The trip down was into a headwind and the lead was shared extensively. On the return leg, Dave set the pace a little higher but this was over the tipping point for Richard Slingsby. Dave left the group and assisted Richard back to the ferry.

It all worked out extremely well as Dave and Richard caught Tony and Bobby just before the ferry and with a big effort we all joined together for the ferry departure. Later we all enjoyed a breakfast and were joined by Peter, and Barry from Fernleigh who we have not seen for a while.



Editor's note: David (above left) celebrated his 81<sup>st</sup> birthday with us today. As our group tradition, he bought everyone a coffee. Remarkably, he is currently the fastest rider in our group.

## Tuesday Report

- David

This was Dave's 81st birthday ride. John Nichols and John Moeokoeken from Alstonville Grupetto joined with Gavin and Dave. Both Johns are very competent riders so the pace was seldom below 30km/hr despite the headwind going down. The coffee machine at the cafe in Woodburn was defunct and a total panic was avoided when we were directed to the bookshop next door where we had an excellent coffee service.

The pace did not reduce on the way home. John H left us on Wardell Road to return home via Meerschaum Vale Hill while John M left us at the Uralba turn off. An excellent ride but slightly exhausting for some.

## Wednesday Report

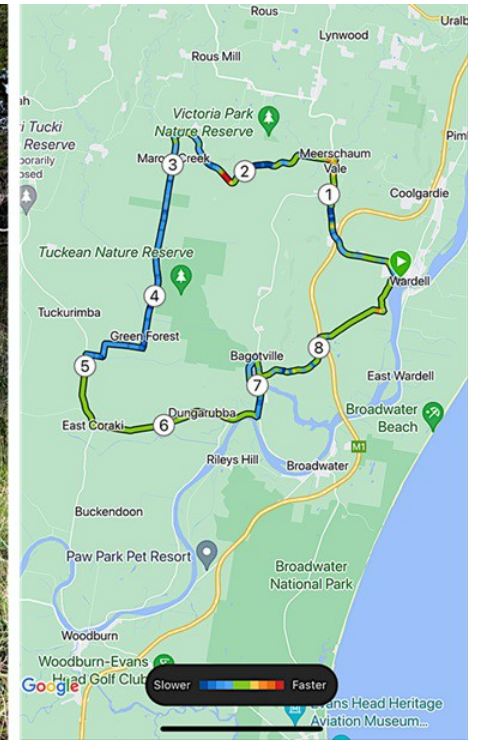
- Gavin

Dave, Tom and I left Fitzroy Park in Wardell at 7 am dodging the B double truck filled with bark chips for the playground renovation. We headed out to Marom Creek Road without incident and cruised down Tuckean Island Road with the Tuckean swamp still being full of water and road still full of potholes. We stopped for a photo just down from the old Tuckean Dip site shown in the photo (next page). This dip has apparently not been remediated as have most of the other cattle dips around the Northern Rivers so we would assume the dip and yard are still contaminated.



At Hoare Lane we made the decision on such a fine morning to ride the outer loop past Stibbards Road onto Wyrallah Rd then Broadwater Road through Dungarruba and back to Wardell via Old Bagotville Road for a pie, scallop and coffee at Wardell Cafe. We talked to another cyclist of our vintage at the cafe who was on a Specialized electric and lived out on Old B'ville Rd. He had lived in the US for many years.

Tom is heading up to Queensland now for two months and I am up to SW Queensland particularly Carnarvon Gorge for ten days.



## Thursday Reports - David

Dave did his usual Thursday thing by riding the Wardell loop early in the morning. There was a headwind going down and a sort of tailwind coming back on River Drive. When he reached the ferry it was about 10 metres off shore on its way out. The surprise was on Kalinga Street where Dave thought he glimpsed Peter on his town bike. It was a fleeting glance so it may have been a mirage.

Later Dave drove down to Woodburn with family and had coffee at Hemlocks. The Tuesday ride also had coffee at Hemlocks because the normal coffee machine was broken down. This establishment is unusual, weird different and interesting. Worth a look for anyone passing by.

Editor's note: Dave did see me. I was on my way to see my doctor.

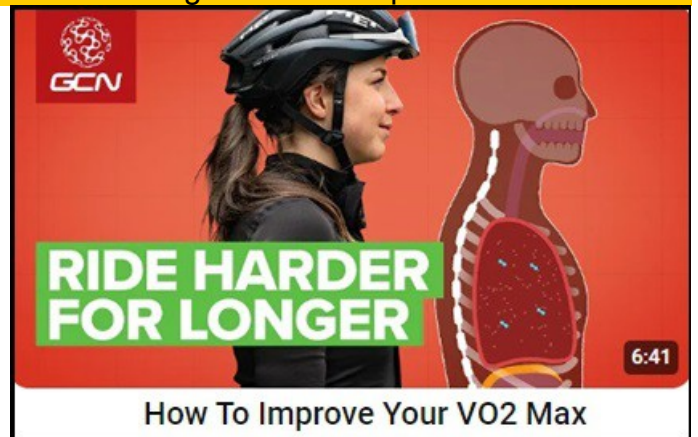
## Friday Report - David

Seven riders assembled at the start. Four faster riders rode along both Hermans and Moylans lanes while the slower riders used the direct route without the lanes. Simon, Tom, Richard and Dave pushed hard into a headwind down to Wardell and then enjoyed a tailwind for the remainder of the ride. Simon pushed so hard that Tom and Richard were frequently dropped and only rejoined when the pace was temporarily reduced.

The slower riders comprised Tony, Bobby, Buster and Shorty who joined the ride after the start.

We all assembled for coffee where Peter joined in. The faster pace of the ride today was very helpful in staying warm because the day temperature was very slow to start climbing.

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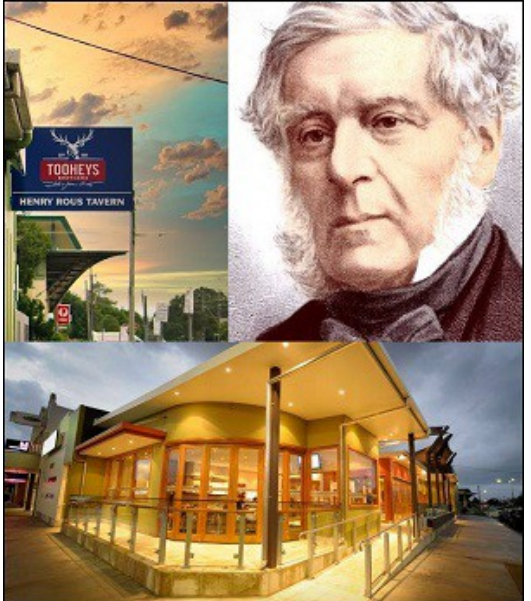
Forecast for Ballina

	Tue. 18 Jun	Wed. 19 Jun	Thu. 20 Jun	Fri. 21 Jun	Sat. 22 Jun	Sun. 23 Jun
Max (°C)	20	20	21	20	19	19
Min (°C)	8	8	9	10	7	8
Chance of rain (%)	0	0	0	5	20	40
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