

Dear Annual Tour Rider,

There is just one week to go now before we set off on our Annual Tour adventure!

Here is a few reminders as you make your final preparations.

We trust that you have read and understood all the information on our website, Ride Guide and Rider updates. In particular, please make sure you are familiar with all the information regarding luggage capacity / weight limits and what to bring. Please ensure that all your bags, phone/device chargers and cables are all clearly labelled with your name.

Weather outlook

Like many parts of Australia, Adelaide and the surrounding regions have experienced above average rainfall this winter and this has extended into early Spring. Whilst we are optimistic that the weather gods will be kind to us, there is still the chance that we will experience some showery conditions whilst on tour. So please ensure you have packed adequate wet weather riding gear just in case. In addition, we highly recommend that you that you have flashing front and rear lights fitted to your bikes to increase you visibility to other road users. We also recommend that you bring a good bike lock with you to secure your bike each night. The amount of rain we have received has also meant that some of our overnight camping venues may be a little soft and damp underfoot. You may wish to bring a lightweight ground sheet to further protect the underside of your tent.

Annual Tour - Official Start location

A quick reminder that the Annual Tour start location will be in the South Eastern corner of [Hindmarsh Square](#) (cnr Pulteney Street and Pirie Street and opposite the Channel 9 building). There is plenty of street-side car parking available on the eastern side of Hindmarch Square. Please note that from 8am a parking ticket is required.

Check-in at will be from 7.00am on Sat 17 September with a Rider briefing at 8.10am before departing at 8.30am. At Check-in, you will be asked to complete your Covid-19 / Health Check declaration and you will receive your welcome pack which includes your Rider ID and Lanyard, a copy of the Ride Guide and your official Annual Tour jacket.

We will have a complimentary croissant available for you once you have checked in, however please make sure you have fuelled up with an adequate breakfast beforehand. Coffee will also be available for purchase at the Square. The luggage truck will be at the start venue to load all baggage immediately AFTER you have checked in. Luggage can also be dropped onto the luggage truck at our office location (11a Croydon Road, Keswick) on Friday 16 September, **only** between the hours of 3pm and 5pm. You can take a day pack with you for your overnight requirements on Friday night and then proceed directly to the start venue on Saturday morning, where you can deposit your bag with the luggage truck. Please note that we DO NOT have the facility to store bikes overnight on the Friday.

Online Route Maps

There have been some minor updates to the route for the final Day 9. All other days are the same. A map of each day's route is included in your Ride Guide.

For those who wish to download daily route maps to a Garmin / GPS device, we have added an abbreviated prefix to the Title of the route for each day to enable them to be more easily saved. Some GPS devices including Garmin will only recognise the first 15 characters of the title. The added prefix will allow the device the recognise each route individually.

i.e. **AT22-1** Bike SA Annual Tour 2022 - Day 1, **AT22-2** Bike SA Annual Tour 2022 - Day 2, etc

Crockery and Cutlery

As an ongoing consideration of Covid-19 food service and hygiene protocols, crockery and cutlery will be provided for all meals. In some cases, meals will be served on biodegradable or compostable disposable plates and bowls. Where provided, hot beverages will be served in take-away cups. Stainless steel cutlery will be provided for all meals. This means that you will not need to bring any eating or drinking utensils with you and you will not have to do any washing up.

Rest day lunch options in Clare.

As you should be aware, lunch is not provided on the Rest Day in Clare. Whilst there are the usual cafes, bakery, takeaway outlets available there is also the opportunity to indulge in a restaurant / Pub meal or cellar door experience with food options.

There are many options in Clare and also nearby towns that are easily accessible by bike along the Riesling Trail. If you are looking for a Cellar Door / Restaurant experience, we highly recommend that you book well in advance to avoid disappointment on the day. You can use the following links to explore the many options that are available. <https://www.clarevalley.com.au/eat/eating-out> <https://www.clarevalley.com.au/drink/>

You can also contact the Clare Valley Wine, Food & Tourism Centre for more information and assistance.

Phone (08) 8842 2131

Freecall 1800 242 131

Email ask@clarevalley.com.au

This will be the final update before Annual Tour commences, unless there is any last minute information that we need to make you aware of.

Please also take time to review our previous updates as well.

[Annual Tour 2022 - Rider Update #1](#)

[Annual Tour 2022 - Rider Update #2](#)

[Annual Tour 2022 - Rider Update #3](#)

[Annual Tour 2022 - Rider Update #4](#)

[Annual Tour 2022 - Rider Update #5](#)

[Annual Tour 2022 - Rider Update #6](#)

We look forward to seeing you at the end of next week.

As always, don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries in the meantime.