

WOBBLY WHEELS

Darebin BUG Mid-week Riders' Blog



RIDES RESTART

We were able to run two Saturday rides and two midweek rides before the end of October. I was originally inclined to include these in a November Wobbly but when I heard that Bruce was recovering in hospital after an operation to remove a tumour under his ear, I felt that we should notify his many friends in both the Saturday and midweek rider groups. The first midweek ride on Tuesday 26 October, circulated a get well card. All good wishes from Wobbly Wheels and we look forward to seeing our oldest rider in the saddle again soon.



SATURDAY RIDES

October 23

Our first ride after a protracted lockdown and we're faced with a forecast of 100% chance of rain but the radar shows bands of rain streaming over the Eastern suburbs and bypassing us. I Headed off in drizzling rain, that cleared by the time I arrived at Rushall but it was pretty cool.

Seven brave riders turned up for the

our toilet stop at Docklands. The usual wind tunnel, that is Lorimer St, wasn't too bad, through Westgate Park, then morning tea at Caps. For a brief moment we actually had some sunshine to warm our conversations.

Time pressing we dragged ourselves away and headed for home, still overcast, it had warmed somewhat. A pleasant ride back and we all safely arrived back at Rushall.

David Downing

SATURDAY RIDES

30th October

The forecast for this day was a bit more promising, with showers later in the day, hopefully after the end of the ride. Ride day dawned beautifully, no sign of clouds, a bit cool but sunshine to warm the cockles. Only 7 riders set off from Rushall Station but we gained 3 more at Royal Park, now we were 10. The underpasses had drained on the cycle path along Citylink so no detours required and at our Dockland toilet stop we were joined by Carmel, who had caught up. Now 11 the ride to Caps was effortless in the pleasant sunshine. While coffeeing the sky started to cloud over and cool down somewhat.

Fully refreshed we headed back, losing one rider at the tram depot. Through the city the sky clouded ominously and at Claridon St we had a modest downpour, causing all to shelter under trees. It didn't last long, so we were on our way and arrived back after a very pleasant ride.

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Our lunch stop was at Telfer Reserve Bundoora. Soaking up the sunshine while we ate our lunch was very enjoyable.

After lunch we cycled through Cresswell Forest then past the beautiful Cascades, Springthorpe and onto Latrobe University where we connected with the Darebin Bike path.



Afternoon tea was optional so a small group stopped at the Bean Counter in Fairfield and it was great to socialize with each other.

Report from Ralph Moulden - Ride distance 40 km.

BUNDOORA SPRINGTHORPE ROAD 26 OCTOBER

For our first ride back since lockdown 13 riders participated. The weather was perfect for cycling and the company was excellent.

We stopped for morning tea at the Reservoir Station where a 'Metro' employee asked if she could take a photo of our group.

Everyone agreed so we accepted the offer.

WATTLE PARK 28 OCTOBER

Between bursts of rain there was the opportunity for six riders to reach..... (please name your own destination as I have drawn a blank) and return. According to the Met this was possible without getting wet.

The number would have swollen to seven if George hadn't forgotten his helmet.

Morning tea was at Frog Hollow.



Wattle Park it is (finally) as we rode through Alphington and Ivanhoe to ride along the Anniversary and Gardiners Creek Trail to Wattle Park, to sit in a tram for lunch. It was as empty as most public transport.



A little bit of navigation or should I say a lot! Quite a number of streets were ahead to get us to the Koonung Trail. My hand drawn HB pencil map caused a little confusion because of my inaccurate rendering around Mont Albert station but with some help from GPS coordinates on Ed's phone we finally found the slowly disappearing Koonung Trail.

Thumbs up from everybody for The Chocolate Shop after our lockdown delay.

Arriving back in Alphington we separated to go in different directions to end our second ride for October without any rain. Good to be back.

Ian H