

DAREBIN BUG – Mid-Week Riders’ Group - Ride Schedule July to September 2025

1. All rides start at the **time of 9.30 am** unless otherwise stated. **Alternate start times and/or meeting places are marked**
2. Meet at the **Jika Jika Community Centre, Northcote (corner of Plant and Union Sts)** unless otherwise stated below
3. The ride leader sets the route and nominates a tail. (The leader needs to maintain a ride speed to suit all the group)

DATE	RIDE NAME	DESCRIPTION & APPROX km	LEADER
Tuesday 1 Jul 2025	Brimbank Park	Ride north along the Moonee Ponds Trail to Boeing Reserve (MT). Ride via Mascoma St to meet the Western Ring Rd trail and continue to Brimbank Park (L). Return via the Maribyrnong Trail and back to Westgarth via Kensington. <i>Approx. 55km, moderate to steep riding and with some loose gravel in parts along the river trail.</i>	Ed
Thursday 3 Jul 2025	Wattle Park	Ride to the Anniversary Trail. Continue past Alamein (morning tea along the way). Turnoff onto the Gardiners Creek trail. Continue on the Gardiners Creek trail until just past Burwood Highway. Turn off to go to Wattle Park picnic area (L). Return back to the Gardeners Creek trail. Return to Jika via the Koonung trail. <i>Approx. 55km. Mainly easy riding with some hills and gravel in the park</i>	Colin
Tuesday 8 Jul 2025	Belgrave to Dandenong	Early start. Meet at Westgarth station for the 8.42am train to Jolimont then ride to Richmond station for the 9.19am train to Belgrave station. Ride the Belgrave-Ringwood Rail Trail downhill to Bayswater then the Dandenong Creek Trail on to Dandenong and return by train. Morning tea and lunch along the way. <i>Approx. 45km Easy to moderate riding.</i> <i>Note: School Holidays</i>	Ian S
Thursday 10 Jul 2025	Blackburn Lake (Reversed)	Ride to the Koonung trail. Continue east, morning tea along the way. Then up through Box Hill backstreets to the Box Hill trail. Ride along to Blackburn Lake (L). Return via the Gardeners Creek & Anniversary trails. <i>Approx. 55km. Mainly easy to moderate riding, with some hills. Note: School Holidays</i>	Sue
Tuesday 15 Jul 2025	Wollert, Epping North & Edgars Creek	Early start. Meet at Merri station for the 9.17am train to Epping. From Epping we follow Darebin & Findon Creeks north and then cut westward to the upper reaches of Edgars Creek in Wollert. Then via the Epping North Grasslands back to Darebin Creek, south a bit and westward again to lower Edgars Creek, Edwardes Lake and hitting Merri Creek just below Coburg Lake for the final run home. <i>Approx. 54km Mainly easy to moderate riding. Riders wanting a shorter ride can return on the train at Lalor station 30km, or Reservoir station 41km. Note :School Holidays</i>	Jopie
Thursday 17 Jul 2025	Sunshine & Kororoit Creek Trails loop	Ride to Newells Paddock, Footscray for morning tea. Head out through West Footscray to Sunshine and to Altona North via the brand-new section of Kororoit Creek path. Amble back through Yarraville and North Melbourne to Westgarth. <i>Approx 50km, some hills, easy to moderate, mostly flat. Note :School Holidays.</i>	Gael
Tuesday 22 Jul 2025	Craigieburn & Broadmeadows Valley - Ride/train/ride	Ride to Pascoe Vale station. Morning tea along the way. Catch the train to Craigieburn. Return via the Broadmeadows Valley trail. Lunch at the Adelaide Boulevard Playground, Gowanbrae. BRING MYKI. <i>Approximately 50km. Easy to moderate riding</i>	Jon

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Thursday 24 Jul 2025	Heatherdale to Dandenong	Early start. Meet at Westgarth station to catch the 8.57am train to Jolimont then ride to Richmond station for the train to Heatherdale station. Ride to the Eastlink trail east to the Mullum Mullum trail (Morning tea along the way). Continue to Croydon and ride along the Tarralla Creek trail south to meet the Dandenong Creek Trail and on to Jells Park (L). Continue on the Dandenong Creek trail south to the Lower Dandenong Creek trail and onto to Dandenong station. Take the train back to Richmond or continue on to other lines. <i>Approx. 56km Easy to moderate riding</i>	Ian H
Tuesday 29 Jul 2025	Riders choice	Riders to decide on the day A suggestion - the group rides the Anniversary and Gardiners Creek Trails loop without a leader. Ride to the Outer Circle/Anniversary trail. Continue south on the Anniversary Trail (MT along the way). Continue past Alamein and turn right onto the Gardiners Creek trail west to the TH King Oval /Pavillion (L). Continue to the Capital City Trail turning right then via Dights Falls back to Westgarth. <i>Approx. 40km</i>	On the day
Thursday 31 Jul 2025	Riders choice	Riders to decide on the day	On the day
Tuesday 5 Aug 2025	Hurstbridge - Ride/Train	Ride along the Main Yarra Trail (morning tea along the way). Then the on Main Yarra / Diamond Creek trails to Eltham (Lunch along the way). Continue on the trail to Hurstbridge. Return to Westgarth on the train. <i>Approx. 45km. Mainly easy to moderate riding with some gravel and hills. BRING MYKI</i>	Nola
Thursday 7 Aug 2025	Brighton Beach Gardens	Ride to the Bay trail (morning tea along the way). Continue on the Bay trail south to Brighton Beach Gardens/Green Point (L). Return via the Bay trail/Albert park/Moray St. <i>Approx. 55km. Mainly easy riding, however being coastal can be subject to strong winds. Riders wanting a shorter ride can catch trains back at Brighton Beach station a short ride further south.</i>	Andrew
Tuesday 12 Aug 2025	Jells Park	Early start. Meet at Westgarth station to catch the 8:57 am train to Jolimont and ride to Richmond station for the train to Ringwood. From Ringwood station go east on Bedford Rd (MT). Turn on to Lena Grove to join the Heathmont Trail to Dandenong Creek and then onto the Eastlink trail and south to Jells Park South (L). Past Chesterfield Farm and then Blind Creek Trail to Bayswater Station to catch a train back to Richmond. <i>Approx. 50km Easy to moderate riding wit some hills</i>	James
Thursday 14 Aug 2025	Warrandyte-Pound Bend	Earlier start. Meet at Westgarth station to catch the 9.29am train to Eltham. Ride to the Main Yarra trail & onto Pettys Orchard café. Riders can purchase drinks /eats at the café or there are usually some outside tables to have your own drinks/eats (MT) then onto Beasleys nursery via the Mullum Mullum trail. Along the extension to the Main Yarra trail over Warrandyte hill then down into Pound Bend National park, Warrandyte (L). Return via the Main Yarra trail to ride back to Jika Jika. <i>Approx. 56km. Moderate riding with some gravel and steep hills.</i> Riders wanting a shorter ride can go back to Eltham station independently and return by train.	Jon

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Tuesday 19 Aug 2025	Williamstown	Take the Capital City trail via the City Link then the Footscray Rd path to Yarraville Gardens (MT). Head south on Hyde st towards Newport and Williamstown onto the Bay Trail West. Continue on Bay Trail West to Williamstown beach (L). Return via Newport. <i>Approx. 50km mainly easy riding</i>	Colin
Thursday 21 Aug 2025	Westmeadows with views	Ride to the Moonee Ponds Creek path (MT). Continue to the Western Ring Road path. Ride up through Gladstone Park to take in the views. Continue to Westmeadows (L). Return via the Upfield path or alternatives. <i>Approx. 50km. Easy to moderate riding with some hills</i>	Graham
Tuesday 26 Aug 2025	Braeside, Waterways & Bay trail	Early start. Meet at Westgarth station to catch the 9.04 am train to Jolimont and ride to Richmond station for the train to Edithvale. We ride around the pretty lakes at Waterways and through the pleasant woodlands of Braeside Park (MT). Then on to Mordialloc (probable lunch) and the Bay Trail back to Joka with afternoon tea likely in St Kilda. <i>Approx. 60km Easy to moderate riding. Riders wanting a shorter ride can return on the train at Sandringham station 34km, or Brighton Beach 37km.</i>	Jopie
Thursday 28 Aug 2025	Steele Creek trail	Ride north along the Moonee Ponds Trail before turning at Boeing Reserve and joining the Western Ring Road path. After the Calder freeway turn off and ride via back streets to the Steele Creek path. Down the Steele Creek path past the old Niddrie Quarry site before joining the Maribyrnong Trail at the foot of the Afton Street hill. Back to Westgarth via Kensington or Footscray Road. <i>Approx 55km. Moderate to steep riding.</i>	Ed
Tuesday 2 Sep 2025	Jika to Bundoora - Sausage Sizzle at Nola & Ralphs	Ride to St George's Road, Reservoir station (MT) , Ring Road, Murchison Way to McKimmies Road, then Plenty Rd to Nola's place. Lunch is a sausage sizzle. After lunch return to Joka via Latrobe Uni and Darebin Creek trail. Please bring \$5 cash to cover the cost of the sausages & bread. Nola will have some coins for change if required. There will also be tea and coffee available. To assist with catering numbers, please contact Nola to let her know if you are coming.	Nola
Thursday 4 Sep 2025	Ferny/Dandy/ Blind Creek trails	Early start. Meet at Westgarth station to catch the 8:57 am train from Westgarth to Jolimont and ride to Richmond station for the train the 9.29am Belgrave train to Upper Ferntree Gully. Ride the Ferny Creek Trail (MT) to Stud Road, back streets to Dandenong Creek Trail and Jells Park (L) before taking Blind Creek to Belgrave Rail Trail heading north to Boronia or Bayswater for return trip by train. <i>Approx 40km. Easy to moderate riding.</i>	Gael
Monday 8 Sep 2025	Ride Planning meeting	At Nola's - Bundoora	Nola, Sue, Jopie & Jon
Tuesday 9 Sep 2025	Caroline Springs & Kororoit Creek	Early start. Meet at Westgarth station to catch the 9.04 am train from Westgarth to Southern Cross, then the 9.33am to Watergardens. A lovely mostly flat ride taking in lots of scenic lakes and Kororoit Creek to Sunshine and then along the rail path & Saleyards back to Joka. <i>Approx 57km. Easy to moderate riding.</i> Riders wanting a shorter ride can return on the train from Sunshine Station 40km.	Jopie

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Thursday 11 Sep 2025	100 Steps to Federation - Truganina Park	Ride to Yarraville Gardens (MT). Head south on Hyde st towards Newport and Williamstown and around to the Altona foreshore, to Laverton Creek to the “100 steps” (L). Return via backstreets to Jika Jika. <i>Approx. 66km. Easy riding almost flat, however being coastal can be subject to strong winds. Riders wanting a shorter ride can catch trains back at Altona or Newport.</i>	Sue
Tuesday 16 Sep 2025	Plenty River trail	Ride north on the Darebin Trail to Norris Bank Park (MT), continue north and turn along the Western Ring Road path to Kalparrin Gardens Lake Greensborough(L). Then along the Plenty and Main Yarra Trails to return to Jika. <i>Approx. 50km, moderate riding with some hills and gravel</i>	Andrew
Thursday 18 Sep 2025	Maranoa Gardens	Ride via Wellington Rd to Botanic Gardens (MT), Main Yarra Trail to Gardiners Creek Trail, Ferndale Trail and Anniversary Trail. Canterbury and Balwyn to Maranoa Gardens (L). Return via Anniversary Trail to Jika. <i>Approx. 45km. Moderate to steep riding.</i>	Ian H
Tuesday 23 Sep 2025	Cherry Lake Altona	Ride to Yarraville Gardens (MT). Head south on Hyde st towards Newport and Williamstown and around to the Altona Coastal Park and head west to Cherry Lake (L). Return via Maddox Rd to Newport and re-join the Bay trail near Spotswood. Ride to Jika or return by train. <i>Approx. 58 km Easy riding, subject to headwinds along the coast. Note :School Holidays.</i>	James
Thursday 25 Sep 2025	Findon Creek, Edgars Creek & Galada Tamboore	Early start. Meet at Merri station to catch the 9.17am Mernda train for Hawkstowe station. From Hawkstowe station ride along the Henderson Drain path (MT) along the way. Continue onto the Darebin Creek & Findon Creek paths northwards. Includes the Edgars Creek path coming out onto the Galada Tamboore path southwards. Lunch along the way. Return via the Ring road and Merri Creek trails. <i>Approx. 50 km. BRING MYKI Easy riding mainly flat, some up and downs on paths along the creeks. Note :School Holidays.</i>	Graham
Tuesday 30 Sep 2025	Cranbourne Botanic Gardens	Early start. Meet at Westgarth station to catch the 8:57 am train to Jolimont then ride to Richmond station for the train to Cranbourne. It is a short ride to the Stringybark picnic ground (within the Gardens) (MT). Ride through the bushland section of gardens to the Woodland picnic area (L). It is then a short ride to the Visitors Centre. Sometime will be available to walk around and explore the 15 hectare Australian gardens. Return to Cranbourne station to catch the train to Richmond. <i>Mainly easy riding. Note :School Holidays.</i>	Ian S