

DAREBIN BUG – Mid-Week Riders’ Group - Ride Schedule October to December 2025 – version 2 updated 11th Oct 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)
4. Hot weather riding –
 - a. Up to 30c - The programmed ride will go ahead
 - b. Between 30c to 35c - The programmed ride may go ahead but may be altered
 - c. Over 35c -There will be no “official” ride but any riders still wishing to ride can turn up at the starting point to meet up with like-minded riders

DATE	RIDE NAME	DESCRIPTION & APPROX km	LEADER
Thursday 2 Oct 2025	Scotchmans Creek, Valley Reserve & the Waverley trail	Ride to East Malvern on the Gardiners Creek trail to the start of the Scotchmans Creek trail (MT along the way). Ride along the Scotchmans Creek trail to Valley Reserve (L). Return via the Waverley Rail and Anniversary trails. Note: School Holidays <i>Approximately 50km, easy to moderate riding, some gradual uphills.</i>	Sue
Tuesday 7 Oct 2025	Bundoora Park & Coburg Lake – Seniors Week Ride	Introduction to the Darebin BUG Seniors week ride - Ride to Bundoora Park Café. A free morning tea (coffee or tea and a muffin) will be provided. Riders can either return to Jika (30km) or continue to Coburg Lake (BYO lunch) and then return to Jika (40km). Ride north on the Darebin Creek trail and turn off to Bundoora Park. Rejoin the Darebin Creek trail, ride south to McMahons Rd to ride west to the Merri Creek path and on to Coburg Lake (BYO lunch). Return to Jika via the Merri Creek path	Ian S (Sue for earlier return)
Thursday 9 Oct 2025	Djerring Trail to Carrum	Ride the Anniversary trail, turn left at Hughesdale station to join the Djerring Trail and continue to Yarraman Station. Turn south onto the Eastlink and Dandenong trails and along Patterson River to Carrum station. Return on the train. <i>Approx 55km. Easy to moderate riding- mainly flat but subject to headwinds - Amended date</i>	Graham
Tuesday 14 Oct 2025	Williamstown	Ride 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, easy riding, subject to headwinds along the coast</i>	Jon
Thursday 16 Oct 2025	Woodlands Historic Park	Ride to Newmarket station to catch the train to Jacana. Ride towards Jacana Reserve. Turn onto the Moonee Ponds Creek trail towards West Meadows (MT). Follow the trail to Woodlands Historic Park for lunch. Return via the Moonee Ponds Creek trail (either via Pascoe Vale or Jacana to Ring Rd) BRING MYKI. <i>Approx. 55km. Moderate riding with gravel paths including loose gravel in the park</i>	Ian H
Tuesday 21 Oct 2025	Federation trail	Early start – 9.00am at Jika Jika Ride to North Melbourne station for the Werribee train. Ride south from Werribee station on Werribee River trail down to where the Federation Trail starts alongside the Princes Highway. Follow Federation Trail back towards Altona. Then ride back through Footscray, Kensington, and Royal Park. Riders can return on the train from Footscray if required. <i>Approx 56km. Easy to moderate riding- mainly flat but subject to headwinds</i>	Ed

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Thursday 23 Oct 2025	Eastern Suburbs Loop - Ringwood	Ride the Outer Circle Trail, then meander along quiet back roads through Canterbury to Blackburn station with morning tea at Surrey Dive, Box Hill (BYO model yacht). Ride the Box Hill to Ringwood Trail, Mullum Mullum Creek Trail, Koonung Trail and back to Jika. <i>Approx 56km. Easy to moderate riding with some steep hills.</i> Amended date	Gael
Tuesday 28 Oct 2025	Caroline Springs & Kororoit Creek	Early start. Meet at Westgarth station for the 9.04am train to Southern Cross where we catch the 9.33am from platform 11 to Watergardens. It stops at North Melbourne at 9.36. Lots of lakes, red gums and many kilometres along Kororoit Creek. Lunch at Lake Caroline and afternoon tea in Newmarket. <i>Approx 57km all the way back to Jika or about 40km if you catch the train back from Sunshine. Moderate riding with some hills.</i>	Jopie
Thursday 30 Oct 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.</i>	Colin
Tuesday 4 Nov 2025	Royal Botanic Gardens & St.Kilda Botanic Gardens	Ride via Dights Falls to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Alexandra Ave (MT). Continue along the Main Yarra Trail to Southbank, take the Sandridge Trail to Beacon Cove. Take the Bay Trail south to the St Kilda Marina. Cross Marine Parade to Dickens st, to the St Kilda Botanical Gardens (L). Return to Westgarth via Bay Trail or Albert Park Lake/Moray street. <i>Approximately 50 km easy riding.</i> Note Public Holiday – Melbourne Cup Day	James
Thursday 6 Nov 2025	Rosstown Trail	Ride via the Anniversary trail to Hughesdale station and the Djerring trail. (Morning tea along the way). Ride through backstreets to the Rosstown trail, continue through towards Elsternwick. (Lunch along the way). Return via Elwood Canal and the Bay trail. <i>Approximately 55 km easy to moderate riding</i>	Ian H
Tuesday 11 Nov 2025	O’Keefe Rail Trail- Axedale to Bendigo and return. Bikes on cars	Later start. Meet at the Axedale Park, Cnr Mitchell Street &, McIvor Hwy, Axedale VIC for a 10 am ride start . Morning tea along the O’Keefe Trail. Ride to Bendigo (L), then return to Axedale. Contact the leader if you intend to ride. <i>Approx. 48km. Easy to moderate riding</i>	Nola and Ralph
Thursday 13 Nov 2025	Frankston	Early start. Meet at Westgarth station for the 8.57am train to Jolimont then ride to Richmond station for the train to Frankston. From Frankston station ride along the Kananook Creek path to Carrum (MT). From Patterson River take the Longbeach trail to Mordiallic. Continue on the Bay trail north (lunch along the way) and then onto Westgarth. Note- this is a relatively flat ride with escape routes by catching the train along the way. <i>Approximately 66km. Mainly easy riding.</i>	Ed
Tuesday 18 Nov 2025	Ferny/Dandy/ Blind Creeks	Early start. Meet at Westgarth station for the 8.57am train to Jolimont station and ride to Richmond station for 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>	Wolter

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Thursday 20 Nov 2025	Cranbourne Botanic Gardens	Early Start. Meet at Westgarth station to catch the 8:57am 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. Around 2 hours is allowed for exploring the gardens and (AT) at the Visitors Centre Cafe. There are 3 designated walks of 1 to 1.5 hours, and various strolls through the 15-hectare Australian garden. Return journey is a combination of park paths and quiet streets to Lynbrook station for the train to Richmond. <i>Approx. 25km of easy riding, mainly flat and as much walking as you want to do exploring the gardens. Amended date</i>	Ian S
Tuesday 25 Nov 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.</i> Riders wanting a shorter ride can catch trains back at Brighton Beach station a short ride further south.	Nola
Thursday 27 Nov 2025	Kororoit Creek/ Sunshine loop (Reverse)	Through Footscray, Yarraville to Stony Creek Reserve for morning tea. Across through to Newport and Altona to the Kororoit Creek path. Towards Sunshine with lunch along the way. Return via the Sunshine Footscray shared path. <i>Approx 50km. some hills, easy to moderate, mostly flat</i>	Sue
Monday 1 Dec 2025	Ride planning group meeting	Meeting Jon’s at 7.30pm	Jopie, Sue, Jon, Gael & Wolter
Tuesday 2 Dec 2025	Maranoa Meander	Ride to the Gardiners Creek Trail, Ferndale Trail and Anniversary Trail (Morning tea along the way). Canterbury and Balwyn to Maranoa Gardens (L). Return via Anniversary Trail to Jika. <i>Approx. 45km. Moderate to steep riding</i>	Wolter
Thursday 4 Dec 2025	Yan Yean & Laurimar Lakes	Early start - Meet at Merri Station for the 9.02am train to Mernda. Morning tea at Yan Yean overlooking the reservoir. Lunch at Redleap Lake. Yan Yean Pipeline Trail, Darebin Trail back to Jika Jika. <i>Approx. 58km. Easy to moderate riding</i>	Graham H
Tuesday 9 Dec 2025	Morning ride and Christmas Lunch	Lunch at Grandview Hotel, 429 Heidelberg Road 12.15 for 12.30pm Fairfield preceded by a ride led by Gael. Event details will be sent prior to the lunch. Please let Nola know numbers for lunch the week prior and if you do intend to come to lunch but not ride. Morning ride – Ride north on St Georges Rd, up Cheddar Road, across to the Darebin Creek path. (Morning tea along the way). Head south on the Darebin Creek trail to Grandview Hotel for lunch. <i>Approx 27km. Easy to moderate riding.</i>	Nola – lunch numbers Gael - Ride

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Thursday 11 Dec 2025	Western Port Bay trail - bikes on cars/ trains	Later start. Meet at the Fred Smith Reserve carpark, close to the Hastings jetty (Mornington Peninsula) for 10am ride start. There is a cafe and parking available. Riders can drive to Hastings or take the train to Frankston then onto Hastings station. (Note: Some trains are bus replaced during peak hours as they can only run one train at a time on the single track) and then meet the group at the Reserve car park. Western Port Bay trail is mainly a rail trail but also passes coastal, bush and beach areas. Starting at Hastings, ride to Stony Point (MT), Crib Point then to Somers beach for lunch and return via the Bittern path back to Hastings for coffee. For those travelling by train, the train arrives at Hastings at 9.10 am and departs from Frankston at 8.48am and the train returns to Frankston roughly at 2pm 4pm and 6 pm. Riders can shorten their ride by catching one of these trains back to Hastings and then onto Frankston. <i>Approximately 40kms. Easy riding fairly flat. Some gravel and wetlands boardwalks</i> Contact the leader if you intend to ride.	Jon
Tuesday 16 Dec 2025	Sunbury Discovery Ride	Early start – 9.00am at Jika Jika. Ride the 8km to North Melbourne station to catch the 9.49am train to Sunbury (takes 42 mins). In Sunbury we do 3 loops totalling 30km taking in creek valleys, wetlands, gum trees, a river, 2 lakes, historic buildings & views including of the Melbourne CBD. Train back to North Melbourne or further if you prefer. <i>Approx 46km incl to and from Nth Melb. Easy to moderate riding with some hills.</i>	Jopie
Thursday 18 Dec 2025	Mystery ride – leader’s choice	Come along for the last ride of the year.	James