DAREBIN BUG - Rides April to June 2026

Mid week rides start at 9.30am from Jika Jika Community Centre, Northcote (corner of Plant & Union St unless otherwise indicated
Saturday rides - start at 9.30am outside Rushall station - same destination/approx.KM each week except for a monthly mystery ride
- The mid week 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	Leader	Approx. KM	Brief Description
Thu 2 Apr 26	Newport Lakes via Moonee Ponds & Aberfeldie	Sue	50 km	Ride through Brunswick West, Moonee Ponds, Aberfeldie (MT) Maribyrnong River path, Footscray, Newport Lakes (L) and return via Footscray/North Melbourne. Easy to moderate riding with some hills
Sat 4 Apr 26	Mystery ride	David D	30km	Meet at 9.30am at Rushall station for the ride
Tue 7 Apr 26	Sunbury Discovery Ride	Jopie	42km	**Bring MYKI**. Ride to Parkville Station to catch the 9.59am train to Sunbury. 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 CBD. A/T in Sunbury before the train back to Parkville. Easy to moderate riding with some hills. Note: School Holidays
Thu 9 Apr 26	Djerring Trail/Caulfield / Elwood canal	Gael	55km	Ride to join the Anniversary Trail. Continue on the Anniversary Trail to Hughesdale Station (MT along the way) and join the Djerring trail and turn right to ride to the end of the trail at Caulfield, past Caulfield Racecourse. Continue through backstreets until the Rosstown trail with lunch in Elsternwick Park. Ride to Elwood Canal path to St Kilda and back through the city via Moray Street and Southbank. Travel through Birrarung Marr to MCG. Easy to moderate riding. Note: School Holidays
Tue 14 Apr 26	Blackburn Lake	Colin	55km	Ride to the Anniversary Trail. Continue south, morning tea along the way (MT). Then to the Gardiners Creek trail. At Canterbury Rd, ride north on Middleborough Rd/ Blackburn Rd/ Alandale Rd to Blackburn lake (L). Return through back streets to the Koonung Trail/Main Yarra trail. Easy to moderate riding, with some hills. Note: School Holidays
Thu 16 Apr 26	Plenty River Loop	Wolter	50km	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. Moderate to hard riding with some hills and gravel. Some rough sections of poorly maintained asphalt along Plenty River trail. Note: School Holidays
Tue 21 Apr 26	**Warburton trail (Wandin North to Warburton & return)**	Jon	56km	**Later start.** Meet at Wandin North - Lilydale/Warburton carpark for a 10am ride start. Ride along the Lilydale/Warburton trail towards Warburton. Stop at the Carriage Cafe, Seville for morning tea at the cafe. Continue to Yarra Junction (toilets). Lunch at Warburton. Return to Wandin North carpark. Riders can drive to Wandin North or take the train to Lilydale and meet the group at Wandin North. NOTE CAFE FOR MORNING TEA STOP. Contact the leader if you intend to ride. Easy to moderate riding mainly gravel

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Thu 23 Apr 26	**Wellness Trail**	Graham	60km	**Early start 9am at Jika. Bring MYKI.** Ride to Parkville Station to catch the train to Albion. Ride the Kororoit Creek Trail north to Caroline Springs. Follow the Wellness Trail and Ring Road Trail to Sunshine. Back to Jika Jika via Footcray. Easy to moderate riding with some hills. Some rough sections of poorly maintained trail (longitudinal cracks and loose sand). A dearth of toilets!
Tue 28 Apr 26	Whittlesea Public Gardens and Edgar's Creek	Ralph	50km	Ride up St George's Road, then Northern Pipe trail (morning tea along the way). Ride to the Ring Road trail, turning off towards the Edgar's Creek turn off. Follow this to Westgarthtown. From there cross Edgar's Road to Barry Road and ride to Whittlesea Public Gardens for lunch. Return to Westgarth via the Merri Creek Trail. Easy to moderate riding.
Thu 30 Apr 26	Sunshine and Kororoit Creek	Ian H	54km	Ride to Footscray Park (MT) then along the Footscray to Sunshine path. At Sunshine station take the Kororoit Creek path south to the Lower Kororoit Creek Path to Newport Lakes (L). Return via Seddon. Some hills, easy to moderate, mostly flat.
Sat 2 May 26	Mystery ride	David D	30km	Meet at 9.30am at Rushall station for the ride
Tue 5 May 26	Ruffey Creek trail	Bob	40km	Ride along the Yarra Trail to Possum Park (MT), continue on the Main Yarra Trail to the Ruffey Trail Suspension bridge. Cross to the south side of the Yarra and turn left onto the Ruffey Creek Trail. Continue on the Ruffey Creek trail until Ruffey Lake Park (L). Return via the Koonung Trail. (via either Church Rd or Schramms Reserve/Whittens Lane) or Main Yarra Trail depending on trail diversions. Moderate riding with some short steep hills and gravel.
Thu 7 May 26	Elster Creek and Allnut Park	Sue	56km	Ride to Albert Park Lake (MT) continue onto the Bay Trail and St KIlda/ Elwood. Along to Elster Creek, through Gardenvale/Brighton and down to Allnut Park (L). Return via the Frankston Rail Trail, Djerring trail and Gardiners Creek trail. Easy to moderate riding.
Tue 12 May 26	Taylors & Upper Steele Creeks	Jopie	52km	**Bring MYKI.** Ride to Parkville station for the 9.59am train to Watergardens. Down Taylors Creek, through Keilor bypassing Brimbank Park, then the section of Steele Creek upstream of the Ring Road and the high route around Valley Lake. Then Canning Reserve, the Korean War memorial and the Racecourse including the stables. A/T probably at Edgewater. Moderate riding with some hills .
Thu 14 May 26	Hedgley Dene Gardens	Colin	45km	Ride to the Anniversary Trail . Continue on the Anniversary Trail (morning tea along the way)and take the Gardiners Creek trail west. Cross over Malvern Rd to Hedgeley Dene Gardens (L) or ride back to Gardiners Creek trail to TH King Oval /Pavillion (L). Continue on the Gardiners Creek trail until the Capital City Trail to Westgarth. Easy to moderate riding.

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Tue 19 May 26	Cherry Lake	James	58km	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. Ride to Jika. Easy riding, mainly flat but can be subject to headwinds along the coast.
Thu 21 May 26	Pettys Orchard Café, Templestowe for lunch	Jon	50km	Ride along the Main Yarra Trail to Possum Park, Warringal Parklands (MT). Continue on the Main Yarra trail to Petty's Orchard Café just off the trail for lunch. (Lunch can be purchased at the café). Return via the Main Yarra trail. Moderate riding with some gravel and hills.
Tue 26 May 26	Bundoora and Springthorpe	Nola	40km	Ride up St George's Road, then Northern Pipe trail (morning tea along the way). Ride to the Western Ring Road path. Turn north up to Western Ring Rd path and turn left towards Murchison Way to McKimmies Road. Turning east ride to Plenty Rd to Telfer Reserve Bundoora (L). Ride back through Gresswell Forest, Springthorpe and Latrobe University to the Darebin Creek trail.
Thu 28 May 26	Woodlands Historic Park	Ian H	60km	**Bring MYKI**. 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). Moderate riding with gravel paths including loose gravel in the park
Mon 1 Jun 26	Ride Planning meet			Ride Planning Group meeting at Jon's
Tue 2 Jun 26	Wattle Park via the Koonung trail	Wolter	55km	Out on the Koonung Creek Trail to Box Hill (MT). South via Gardiners Creek Trail to Wattle Park (L). Gardiners Creek to Burnley, Main Yarra Trail and Merri back to Jika via Phil's Bakehouse (AT). Easy to moderate riding with some hills and gravel in the park
Thu 4 Jun 26	**Federation Trail**	Gael	60km	**Early start – 9.00am at Jika Jika. Bring MYKI.** 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. Easy to moderate riding- mainly flat but can be subject to headwinds
Sat 6 Jun 26	Mystery ride	David D	30km	Meet at 9.30am at Rushall station for the ride
Tue 9 Jun 26	Ad hoc ride	Group to decide		Riders to decide on the ride and the leader

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Thu 11 Jun 26	Cairnlea	James	45km	**Bring MYKI.** Ride to the Maribyrnong River for morning tea across from the racecourse. Next ride along the Footscray to Sunshine rail line path to Sunshine station. Join the Kororoit Creek trail going upstream to Ardeer and follow Jones Creek to the Kevin Flint Reserve in Cairnlea for lunch. Continue west through Cairnlea until we rejoin Jones Creek. Return via train from St Albans station to Parkville station and then ride to Jika. Or riders can change trains at Footscray to other lines to go home. Options for riders to shorten the ride in the morning at Footscray or Sunshine Station. Easy riding, nearly all flat except for some short hills alongside the creeks.
Tue 16 Jun 26	Botanic Gardens – Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne and St Kilda Botanical Gardens	Kathleen	50km	Ride via Dights Falls to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Alexandra Ave (MT). Optional visit to Fern Gully. 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. Mainly easy riding
Thu 18 Jun 26	Findon Creek, Edgars Creek & Galada Tamboore	Graham	50km	**Early start. Bring MYKI.** 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. Easy riding mainly flat, some up and downs on paths along the creeks.
Tue 23 Jun 26	Williamstown Beach	Colin	50km	Ride 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. Mainly flat, easy riding, can be subject to headwinds along the coast
Thu 25 Jun 26	Ad hoc ride	Group to decide		Riders to decide on the ride and the leader
Tue 30 Jun 26	**Frankston**	Wolter	66km	**Early start**. **Bring MYKI.** 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 (Morning tea along the way). 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. Easy to moderate riding with some gravel paths. Note: School Holidays