

CYCLE TOURING ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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The cyclists' association fostering cycle touring and  
protecting the interests of cyclists.

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COMING EVENTS

Sunday October 5th

Rottneest - whole day (Easy - moderate ride)  
Easy riders, loiterers and walkers - Ride to Geordie Bay and  
return (5 miles).  
Hard Riders - Ride around Rottneest - 20 Miles.  
Everyone re-grouping at Geordie Bay for picnic lunch, swim etc.  
Adults \$4.00, Students \$3.00, Children (4 - 12yrs) \$1.50.  
Fares are to Rottneest and return and include cycle.  
For tickets contact the Secretary or any committee member.

Organizer Geoff Camm.

Sunday October 19th

Parkerville 25 miles (hard ride)  
Leaving Midland Town Hall 10.30 am. Lunch at the Old Parkerville  
Inn.

Organizer Wayne Lally.

Sat. Nov 1st - Sun. Nov 2nd.

Piesse Brook - Weekend Excursion (Moderate - Hard ride)  
Saturday Leave from Causeway Car Park 2 pm. Ride to Piesse Brook  
youth hostel 17 miles. Overnight at hostel.  
Sunday Ride to Mundaring Weir (BBQ lunch), then to O'Connor  
Museum, to Mundaring Town, down Greenmount, finish at  
Causeway Car Park approx. 4.30 pm.  
Fee \$5.00 adults, \$4.00 students includes meals and  
accommodation.  
Note: Limited to 12 riders. A sleeping sheet is compulsory.  
Bookings close October 15th.

Organizer Dale Niell.

Sunday November 16th

Perry Lakes. (Easy ride)  
11 am ride followed by BBQ lunch.

Organiser John McQuillan.

Sunday December 7th

Kings Park (Easy - Moderate ride)  
5 pm ride starting at the Adventure Playground.

Organizer Bill Clark.



Newsletter

The October Newsletter will be the last to be posted directly to members. From November on, the newsletters will be available to members free of charge from the following places:- Bike Peddler in Midland, Fred Fewings in Hamersley, Gordonsons Cycles in Perth, Oliver Cycles in Cannington and Fremantle, Parkers Cycleries in Karryinup, Dennis Stallard in Shenton Park, Varsity Cycle Shop in Nedlands, or from the Secretary.

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The Ten - Day Tour.

Amidst the bustle of press and T.V. cameras twelve cyclists loaded their cycles aboard the 'Australind' at 9.30 am on Tuesday, August 26th. Spirits were high and the three hour rail journey only served to build up this enthusiasm.

From Bunbury the group set off on the 70 kilometre haul to Quindalup. It was a pleasant, easy ride over flat terrain. The Quindalup youth hostel is situated on a quiet peaceful part of the coast south of Busselton.

Our group left at 8 am the next day on the long ride to Darradup. The ride through Busselton was in sunny, windless conditions. However, the easy section was soon to end, for a few kilometres out of Busselton the hills began and we weren't to see flat roads again for 8 days. We stopped for lunch on the road to Nannup where Dave Winch had the billy boiling. After the hot soup and sandwiches we set off to Nannup with light rain beginning to fall. The remainder of the day's journey from Nannup to Darradup was one of the most difficult stretches of the tour. Although only 20 kilometres, the road was narrow, winding and very hilly. Add this to the fact that it was raining steadily, the sky was darkening and big log trucks were hurtling past at high speed, it was no wonder that everyone was glad to see Darradup. The youth hostel at Darradup was once a tiny one-teacher school. We had a wood stove, hurricane lamps, pan toilet and one bed short. The hostel already had two guests, young lady schoolteachers from N.S.W. They appeared somewhat bewildered when 12 rain-soaked, mud-splattered, slightly mad cyclists arrived on the scene.

Ian Milne drew the short straw and slept the night on the table.

Thursday morning saw the sun appear again and our group set off on what proved to be the hilliest but most beautiful part of the tour. The 120 kilometre ride took us back to Nannup and then through the magnificent Beedleyup National Park where man and cycle were dwarfed against the giant Karris. Robyn Domney and Gerry Krajewski were delayed when a large mob of cattle ambled along the main road. That night we stopped at an abandoned mill town called Pimelea, about 12 kilometres out of Pemberton. The hostel in Pimelea is well equipped and unbelievably peaceful. The cooks prepared a mammoth meal of corned beef and carrots and after dinner one group of enthusiasts played 'spoons' while several others chattered with hostellers from The Eastern States while drinking milo around the open log fire.

The next day was a rest day. Adam and Nick Newman and a couple of others went fishing after digging up some healthy Pimelea worms. The five 'oldies' of the party were taken on a guided 16 kilometre walk of the Arboratum by tree expert Len Hartogh.



The weather continued to be sunny and mild and on Saturday we set off on a leisurely 70 kilometre ride to Bridgetown via Manjimup. The countryside here was more undulating than hilly and the landscape was particularly picturesque. Steven Dutton discovered the knack of sitting in behind a wheel and found the going easier. As a fitting end to one of our most pleasant rides we descended a 6 kilometre grade into Bridgetown. Our accommodation was at the Methodist Youth Hostel which was relatively luxurious with hot showers, gas cooking, electricity etc. The hill approaching the hostel (Loftie Road) with a grade of almost 1 in 4, was conquered by only Dale Neill and Michael Pepper.

We had two rest days in Bridgetown during which the cycle enthusiasts completed a 45 kilometre and 120 kilometre ride. The fishing enthusiasts managed to entice some freshwater cobbler out of the Blackwood River and cooked them for lunch. Other highlights from Br'getown included Ian Milnes midnight descent from his top bunk to the concrete, the two hour spoke repair job on Jerry's cycle and Robyn Domney's chip marathon.

On Tuesday we set off on the second last leg of the journey to Noggerup via Boyup Brook. The first section of this leg was moderately hilly but this gradually flattened out, the scenery remained spectacular. Noggerup was another old one-teacher school, a rustic, peaceful old building set in amongst tall pines with a small stream running nearby. The one little store, about ¼ mile away is the only sign of life nearby and the pace of living here seemed to almost stop. Several of our riders relaxed against the verandah posts of the store in the drowsy afternoon sun. Two lambs came walking up and entered the store followed later by a bantam rooster and a ragged grey dog.

That night Nick Newman prepared our final meal - a delicious concoction of 'Stew Noggerup', the aroma of which prevailed some hours afterwards.

It was a four blanket night for the temperature dropped down to -2°C and next morning John Walker and Michael Pepper had to chip ice from their bikes before pushing off. Ian Milne ended up wearing a pair of Gerry's socks on his hands.

We stopped for morning tea at Donnybrook and then the road flattened out for the final run into Bunbury. With the scent of home and a flat road, the pace quickened and all riders completed the last 30 kilometres in just over 3/4 hour. To cap off a perfect day we all rode to the Back Beach, where we swam and changed, and then went to dinner at the Rose Hotel.

The 'Australind' departed at 3 pm for the return journey. It seemed a slow, laborious journey as we re-entered the city with its traffic and noise I suspect that there may have been one or two of us who were reminiscing visions of Pimelea or Noggerup.

The tour was an immense success and will undoubtedly become an annual event probably on a slightly different route. Every rider that came along participated to the full and this added immensely to the pleasure of the tour.

Those completing the inaugural 800 kilometre 'Tall Timber' tour:

Robyn Domney	Dale Neill	Steven Dutton
Len Hartogh	Dave Winch	Nick Newman
Michael Pepper	Ian Smith	Adam Newman
Ian Milne	John Walker	Gerry Krajowski