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COMING EVENTS

Sunday 9 October

"Bike Hike 77"

At the time of printing specific details were not available. However it is anticipated that three major events will constitute this years Bike Hike which is being organised by the Midland Bassendean Cycle Club.

A Massed rides by cyclists from metropolitan venues.

B Major cycle races for Amateur and Professional groups

C Displays and exhibitions of cycle equipment.

The C.T.A. will run a stall advertising the work of the organisation. The venue will be Perry Lakes. Watch the press for details or telephone Mr E Barron on 74 1411.

Thursday 13 October

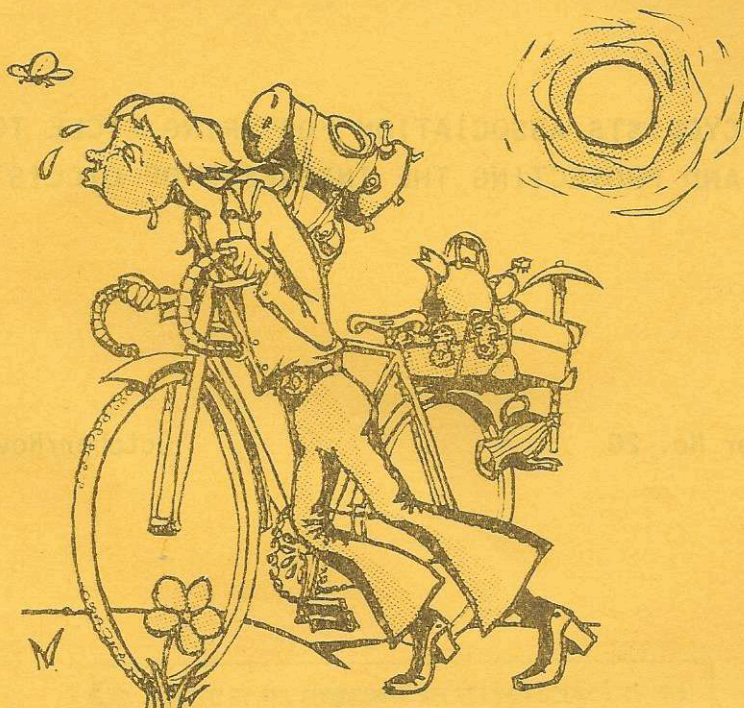
Bangalore Bicycle Company Dinner

Dinner outing at the Bangalore Bicycle Company Restaurant, Hay St., Subiaco.

7.30 p.m. \$7.00 per persons

Organizer: Dale Neill (447 8168)

Bookings made after October 7 will not be accepted.



Saturday 22 - Sunday 23 October

Camp-out weekend 180 kilometres

Hard ride. Meet at Causeway Car park at 1.30 p.m. Cycle through Jarrahdale to Gleneagle. Camp near Gleneagle. Sunday, ride along Biblimun trail to Mundaring, fishing down Greenmount.

Requirements: sleeping bag, tent (if you want one), own food.

Organiser: Ian Staniland (274 1164 - business hours) please advise by October 20.

Sunday 6 November

Beach Ride and Bar-b-cue 40 kilometres

Easy - Moderate Ride

Meet at Nicole Harrison's place (31 Bruton St. Balcatta) at 2 pm. Cycle down to Scarborough Beach and up the West Coast Highway to a suitable swimming spot, then back to the Harrison's for bar-b-cue tea. Bring your own drinks. A small contribution will be requested to cover costs. Organizer: Nicole Harrison (349 3589). Please book before November 1st.

Sunday 20 November

Piesse Brook - Mundaring Ride

Hard ride 95 kilometres

Leaving Guildford Post Office at 9.00 am, riding to pool at Piesse Brook for a swim for those who want. Riding to Mundaring Weir for lunch. Returning via Greenmount.

Leader: Wayne Lally

Thursday 24 November

Annual General Meeting

Community Recreation Council (Perry Lakes), room 126

7.30 pm

Please come and join us.

NEW MEMBERS

The C.T.A. would like to welcome the following new members and hope to see them on many of our coming rides.

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Nigel Davey

Andrew Duncan

Ian Ingle

Robert Scott

Robert Crossing

Terry Reynolds

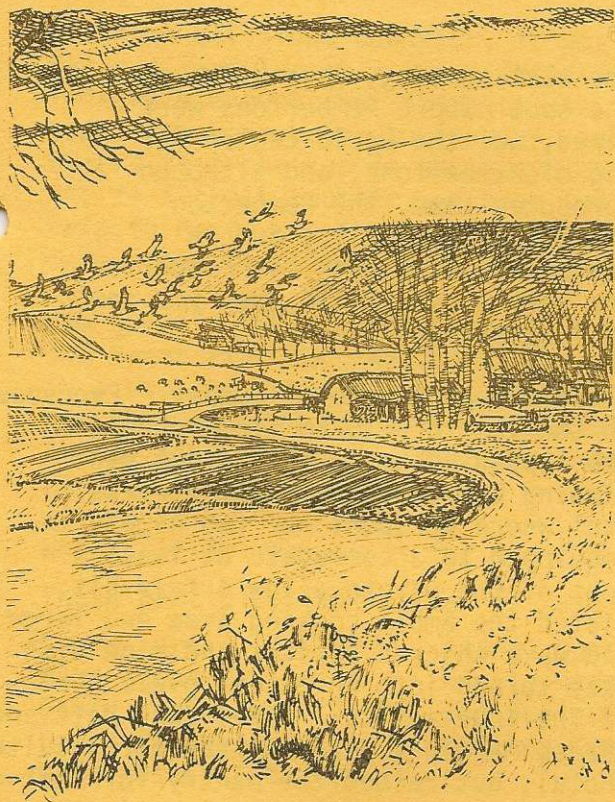
HAPPY CYCLING

1977 TALL TIMBER TOUR

The last few days of August and first week of September saw the C.T.A.'s third annual Tall Timber Tour. Twelve riders met at the Perth Railway Station on Monday August 29th for the three hour train ride to Bunbury. The Australind trip gave us all a chance to get acquainted, or re-acquainted, and it was a jovial group of thirteen (Andrew Brain having joined us in Bunbury) that set off for Quindalup. After three hours of brisk formation riding, we pulled into the Quindalup Youth Hostel and settled in for our first evening. We had a lovely evening meal - Matt King's hamburgers/rissoles were well appreciated by all, and well remembered by the cook himself... in his sleep! Quindalup was as delightful a spot as ever, with its beach setting, beautiful hostel buildings and friendly warden.

After Nigel Davey and Ian Ingle's porridge breakfast, we were off early the next morning for the 85 km ride to Augusta. Andrew Duncan was the first to succumb to the "Communal cold", and rode in the van until morning tea. After a bar-b-cue lunch in Margaret River, we rode on to Augusta, where we took up our quarters in the Shire Hall. Although the hall was not quite up to Y.H.A. comfort standards, it gave us plenty of space for working on our bikes, playing badminton, frisbee and even piano. During our Augusta rest day, some of us rode down to Cape Leeuwin, where we found a green iguana (Mike Brank) on the rocks, and brought him home on a leash! Some took the Meaning of "rest day" a bit more literally, and rode no further than the Augusta town centre.

A new tradition was started in Augusta: on the evening of our rest day, Graham Purdie and Dave Buckingham concocted a stew which was quickly dubbed "Augusta Stew Mark I", in the hope that in future tours there would be a Mark II, III etc. This was surely one of our most pleasant, if unusual (there were rumours about porridge in the stew!), evening meals.



September 1st was our longest riding day. However, we covered the 95 km from Augusta to Nannup in much less time than expected. After riding through some very attractive countryside, Matt King and Andrew Brain, paced by the van, thought they were miles ahead of the bunch when they dropped their cycles by the Nannup Shire Office... they were surprised to see the main bunch pull up no more than five minutes later! Nannup is a lovely little town with a very friendly population. Our special thanks go to Mr Williams, the publican, for allowing us to use the Nannup Hotel showers before we appeared on the Nannup social scene. After our showers, we attempted to do

communal laundry in the hall coppers...Matt's wheel turning ability and knowledge of bicycle mechanics and resulted in other group members booking him days ahead to check over their cycles.

Saturday was the only cold and overcast day of the entire tour. The ride was hard, and other group members were somewhat put out when tail enders Dave Millward and Nicole Harrison discovered a short cut to the Pimelea Hostel and arrived almost an hour before the front riders.

After resting from the day's ride, a few of us visited (and climbed) Gloucester Tree, while Dave Campbell and Andrew Duncan cooked our dinner steaks one by one in the single frying pan.

Cycling through Pemberton the next morning, Dave Buckingham knowledgeably pointed out the spot where Pembertons were made. Pemberton, he explained, was the world centre for the manufacture and exporting of Pembertons, and although the mills in Manjimup also produced them, the Pemberton Pembertons were definitely of superior quality and in high demand. When asked what he would do with his Pemberton Dave replied that "Pembertons were so versatile that you could leave it up to each person's imagination.

We arrived in Bridgetown in the mid-afternoon of Sunday. Everyone had a great time coming down the last 6 - 10 km from Yornup, especially Dave Millward, who topped 80 km/hr behind the van. Five riders succeeded in climbing Loftie and Allnutt Streets, to the Methodist Church Hostel where we spent our two nights in Bridgetown. The hostel is equipped to accommodate at least a small army, and far enough out of the way to allow a fair bit of noise. The cooks appreciated the ample cooking area and large pots and pans - Nicole cooked up a chicken apricot and rice dish one evening, and Martin Wookey turned into an expert pizza chef for our second night's tea. The four adults - Mike, Ian, Matt and Nicole - half reluctantly traded Martin's pizza dinner for a quite evening at the Freemasons' Hotel, but raided the pantry for left-over pizza when they returned. One of the more delightful activities of our Bridge town rest day was a visit to the Buckingham family farm and a very quick dip in the Blackwood River... willingly for some, not quite so for others!

The ride to Noggerup would have been one of the easiest of the tour, had it not been for a nagging head wind. We paid our traditional visit to De Haans Bakery in Boyup Brook and went on to Noggerup, doing the last 40 km in an hour and a quarter, with the help of the van as a much needed wind break. The quick-paced ride was more than enough for Martin and Nicole, who went to sleep before tea.

In Noggerup, of course, we enjoyed Noggerup Stew Mark III, prepared fittingly enough by Adam Newman (a veteran of Tall Timber Tours '75 and '76) and Ian Ingle.

After an all-night downpour, it was miraculously dry when we set off for our last leg at 7.40 on Wednesday. The ride to Donnybrook was leisurely enough, but the pace was considerably quickened on the road from Donnybrook to Bunbury, and it was a tired-out group of riders that checked in their cycles at the Bunbury Station and went off to a great counter lunch at the Rose Hotel. The return train Trip to Perth was for some a much needed wind-down before our re-entry into urban civilization on Wednesday evening.

The group's special thanks go to Mike Brant, and to Jim Brant of Jim Brant Pty Ltd., Nedlands, for allowing us to use the V W Van as a back-up vehicle. The tour such as it was would not have been possible without it, and we are truly grateful. The organizer's thanks also go to all the riders who helped, each in their own way, to make the tour pleasurable.

What's left? Why, wait for the '78 Tall Timber Tour, of course!

Those participating in the '77 Tall Timber Tour were:

Andrew Brain (76-77)	Andrew Duncan (77)	David Millward (77)
Mike Brant (77)	Nicole Harrison (76-77)	Adam Newman (75/76/77)
David Buckingham (76-77)	Ian Ingle (77)	Graham Purdie (77)
David Campbell (77)	Matthew King (77)	Martin Wookey (77)
Nigel Davey (76-77)		

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On behalf of the C.T.A. I would like to express thanks and pay tribute to Nicole Harrison for the excellent work she did in organising this year's "TALL TIMBER TOUR". I'm sure that without Nicole's efforts the tour would not have eventuated.

DALE NEILL (Secretary)