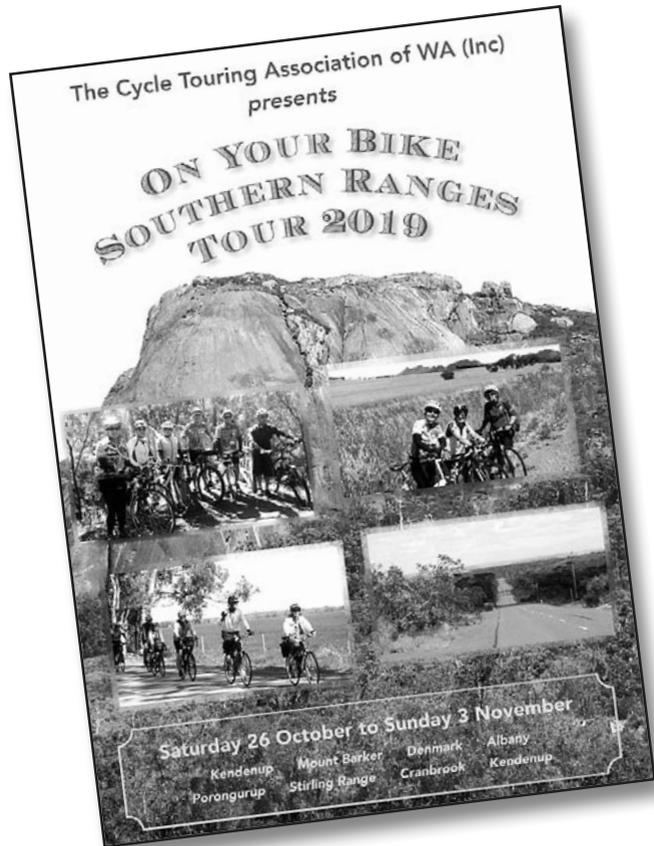


The Cycle Touring Association of WA (Inc.)

presents the

ON YOUR BIKE SOUTHERN RANGES TOUR 2019



Saturday 26 October to Sunday 3 November

**Kendenup • Mount Barker • Denmark • Albany
Porongurup • Stirling Range • Cranbrook • Kendenup**

SOUTHERN RANGES TOUR 2019

Welcome to the 31st "On Your Bike" tour. This fully supported cycling tour is organised by the Cycle Touring Association of WA Inc. through the voluntary work of its members.

This year the tour will see us revisiting some areas of the Southern Ranges that we have visited many times before, the first being in 1991. There are many gems of this region that can be discovered on this tour and so please read the day to day information in this booklet to find out more. This circular tour starts and finishes in the small township of Kendenup. We cycle through the Mount Lindesay National Park from Mount Barker to Denmark and then follow the pristine coastline to Albany. We then head north to the majestic Porongurup National Park followed by the Stirling Range National Park.

Please take the time to read this booklet as it will advise you about how to prepare yourself, what to bring, how to join the tour and what to expect from day to day. It has comprehensive route directions and profiles to help you travel from start to finish without getting lost. The daily notes contain some interesting information and history about the regions and towns that we will be travelling through.

This tour would not be possible without the hard work of the On Your Bike committee and many volunteers. The 2019 committee consists of Ann, Terry, Sue, Brian and myself, Tony. I will formally introduce the committee and all of the volunteers on the first night.

I would like to thank the committee and volunteers for their input into this year's tour. A special thanks to Trevor Knox for compiling all the daily descriptions and historical notes as well as Terry and Haydn Bufton for producing the route profiles.

So get "On Your Bike" and enjoy the next nine days with excellent food, beautiful scenery and good company.

Tony Humphreys

Tour Leader

THINGS TO BRING

BICYCLE

- A bicycle in good mechanical condition, labelled with one of the name labels provided, with:
 - A wide range of gears
 - Good tyres
 - Good brakes
 - A comfortable saddle

EQUIPMENT TO BE CARRIED ON YOUR BIKE

- Bicycle helmet (to be worn at all times while cycling - compulsory in WA)
- Water bottles (at least 2)
- A pump
- A pannier or similar clip-on bag containing:
 - Two spare tubes
 - Spanners/multi tool
 - Tyre levers
 - Puncture repair kit
 - Screw drivers
 - Allen keys
 - Bicycle lock
 - Small first aid kit
 - Sunscreen
 - Insect repellent
 - Toilet paper
 - Rain Jacket
 - Mug for Morning Tea
 - Camera
 - Teddy Bear/Tour mascot
 - Emergency food rations (eg chocolate, muesli bars, and jelly snakes to hand out to your friends)

IMPORTANT NOTE

Do **NOT** pack the cycling gear that you will need on the first day's ride from Kendenup to Mount Barker. After your luggage has been loaded onto the truck, it will **NOT** be accessible until Mount Barker. As luggage may get wet, it is recommended that clothes, sleeping bag etc. are packed in plastic bags before placing them inside your luggage.

YOUR LUGGAGE

Your luggage allowance is 2 bags for each person with the total weight not exceeding a maximum of 20kg. **No one bag may be more than 12kg. Please note your luggage will be weighed at the check-in.** Weight limits have been imposed as bags above the limits are too heavy for our volunteer luggage loaders to safely and efficiently handle.

We suggest you pack your gear in soft (duffle style) bags that do not exceed 1 metre in length. One bag can be for your tent, sleeping bag, cutlery, plates etc and the other for your clothes and personal items. Each bag should be labelled with the white name labels provided. The following is an example of a check list of items to bring:

• Camping Gear

- Water proof tent
- Inflatable mattress (e.g. Thermarest, Exped)
- Tent pegs
- Plastic hammer
- Sleeping bag
- Small / inflatable pillow

• Eating Utensils

- Unbreakable plate, bowl & mug
- Cutlery
- Tea Towel

• Cycle Clothing

- Cycling knicks / shorts
- Colourful tops long / short sleeves
- Shoes suitable for cycling
- Socks

• Casual Clothing

- Track suit
- Jeans / trousers
- Footwear
- Socks
- Shirts
- Jumpers
- Shorts
- Thermals
- Bathers

• Accessories

- Toiletries
- Multi-size basin plug
- Torch
- Microfibre towel
- Laundry supplies
- Ear plugs (anti disturbance appliance!)

TRANSPORT

Participants taking transport from Armadale

You will need to meet in the car park at Armadale Train Station, off Commerce Avenue, on Saturday, 26 October with your **labelled** luggage and **labelled** bike. Please report to OYB committee member, Ann, to check in. Ann will be near the luggage truck and recognisable by the red dot on her name badge. At check in you will receive your

name badge and voucher for your lunch in Kendenup. Please then present your luggage and bike for loading. To facilitate the early bike loading, **please report from 8:00am and no later than 8:45am.** *Please also note that NO parking of vehicles has been organised at this location.*

Participants starting from Kendenup

You will need to meet at the Kendenup Primary School on Austin Street (see map on Day 9) with your **labelled** luggage and **labelled** bike. Please report to OYB committee member, Sue, to check in. Sue will be recognisable by the red dot on her name badge. At check in you will receive your name badge and voucher for your lunch. Sue will direct you to the car parking. **Please report from 11:30am and no later than 12:30pm.**

For ALL Participants

Lunch will be provided at Kendenup with hot refreshments.

RETURN JOURNEY

Participants should aim to arrive at Kendenup by mid morning, and no later than 10.30am.

- Coach passengers should present their bike for loading.
- Morning tea and a takeaway lunch will be provided for all participants.

The anticipated arrival time at Armadale Railway Station will be about 3:00pm.

LUGGAGE ARRANGEMENTS

• **Prior to Tour:**

To make it easier to travel by train to Armadale with only your bike, luggage can be dropped off no later than the Thursday evening before tour:

North:

contact Brian in Karrinyup 0409 468 797

South:

contact Terry in East Victoria Park on 043 9922 765

• **On Tour:**

Your luggage must be delivered to the truck each day by 9:00am unless otherwise advised.

Luggage will be delivered to the next campsite each day.

SUPPORT VEHICLES

Two support vehicles will be available each day:

- A 12 seater bus with an attached bike trailer provides supplies for morning tea and can collect riders and bikes if required.

- The bike mechanic vehicle will be able to assist for 'on the road' emergency repairs.
- **Private support vehicles may not accompany the tour.**

CAMPING

- We will be camping at local sports grounds and caravan parks. Please pitch your tent where directed for the convenience of others using the grounds and for your own convenience and security.
- We use toilet and shower facilities associated with the sports facility. In some cases it may be necessary to allocate shower times.
- **Please do not consume alcohol in the camping area.**
- Please keep the camping area quiet after 10:00pm and before 6:30am for those trying to sleep.
- Please tidy the area before you leave.
- The best time to leave each morning is from 8:30am onwards so as to ensure that the support vehicles have all necessary direction signs on the road.

MEALS

• **Breakfast:**

- A self service breakfast is provided every morning from 7am to 8am.
- Hot porridge, cereals, toast with various spreads as well as tea, coffee and Milo are provided.
- You provide bowl / plate / cutlery / mug.
- Hot water washing up bowls will be available to wash your dirty dishes.
- A fruit box will be available to take one piece of fruit (to consume en route).

• **Morning Tea:**

- Hot drinks: tea, coffee and Milo will be available.
- You provide your own mug.
- A hot water washing up bowl will be available to wash your mug.

• **Lunch:**

- Is provided on the first and last days at Kendenup.
- You are responsible for your own lunch on the other days. You will be advised on tour of the options available.

• **Evening Meal:**

- A sit down evening meal is provided at 6:30pm at the campsite venue or at a venue a short walk from the campsite.
- The meal is provided by a local caterer or community group.
- You will be informed on tour if the venue is licensed or BYO.

BICYCLE INFORMATION

• **Bicycle Preparation**

- It is vital that your bike is in good working order before you start the tour.
- It is recommended that you take the bike that you intend to use to a reliable mechanic for a professional service.

• **Bicycle Maintenance on Tour**

We provide a qualified bicycle mechanic who will:

- Be driving one of the support vehicles each day to assist with any mechanical problems on the road.
- Be available at each campsite approximately 4pm to 5pm to provide minor adjustments such as brakes and gearing which will be free of charge. Significant repairs will be charged by the bicycle mechanic at standard commercial rates.
- Have a limited range of parts, tyres and tubes (available at normal retail prices).

BICYCLE WORKSHOP

On Day 2 at the Denmark camp site there will be a bike workshop at 4pm lasting for about an hour. It will cover basic on the road maintenance, riding techniques and how to ride in a group. It is recommended that any inexperienced or first time 'On Your Bikers' come along and pick up a few tips to help your riding.

HEALTH

- First aid will be available if needed on tour.
- Please ensure your own private health insurance is in order.
- Please carry your Medicare card.
- Please inform the OYB committee in advance of any medical conditions which may be cause for concern.

SAFE CYCLING RULES

On Your Bike's safety record over the 30 years that it has been running is nothing short of outstanding and the envy of many sporting events. This has not been just a 'lucky fluke' it's been by persistent adherence to some basic safety rules.

- Move completely off the road when you stop.
- Ride in single file where there are double lines or on highways.
- Never ride more than two abreast at all other times.
- Do not stop on blind crests or corners.
- Warn others around you of your intentions e.g. call out 'Stopping' or 'Slowing'.
- Warn others around you of hazards on the road e.g. call out 'Pothole' or 'Glass'.
- Headphones must not be worn while riding.
- Do not use a mobile phone while riding.
- Keep alert – most accidents happen when concentration lapses.

TRAINING

- Cycle regularly before the tour.
- Use the bike and clothing you intend to use on the tour to ensure there are no problems.
- There will be an opportunity to ride with some of your fellow tourers on **Sunday 13 October** for a 45km ride through some of Perth's southern suburbs on our way to an eatery for morning tea and coffee before returning to the start. Meet at 8:15am at Bullcreek Railway Station for a 8:30am departure. Contact: Terry on 043 9922 765.

INSURANCE

Provide your own insurance to cover personal belongings, accident and liability.

TOUR PHOTOS

All participants will be provided with a thumb drive of tour photos after the tour. As many people as possible are requested to submit their photos taken during the tour to provide a comprehensive compilation of memories for all to treasure.

ENQUIRIES

If you have any questions then please contact Tony on 0408 955 908 or email oyb@ctawa.asn.au



SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER

Armadale to Kendenup by coach 318 km

Kendenup to Mount Barker 22.7 km

For participants taking the organised coach transport option, your tour commences from the carpark at 18 Commerce Avenue, adjacent to the Armadale Train Station. Remember to take your helmet, water bottle and wear your cycling gear on the coach as you will be riding after lunch to Mount Barker. Whilst your bicycle will be unloaded in Kendenup, you will not have access to your luggage.

Those electing to drive to Kendenup can park their vehicles on a nearby private property for the duration of the tour. Lunch and refreshments will be provided at the Kendenup Primary School to all riders before cycling the first leg of the tour to Mount Barker.

Kendenup is a small rural town known for its fantastic views of the Porongurup and Stirling Ranges. The Great Southern Railway (established 1889) passes through the town, being one of the original stations on the line. In the early years of WA, the area's pioneering Hassell family owned one of the largest farming enterprises so far established in the colony.

A gold mine was established in 1874 about 2 km south of the town. The operation became the first to start mining in the state. However, recoveries failed to live up to expectations with the mine closing in 1876. Remnants of the mine and battery are still visible on Jellicoe Road, although in poor condition.

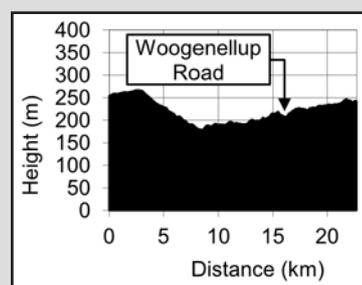
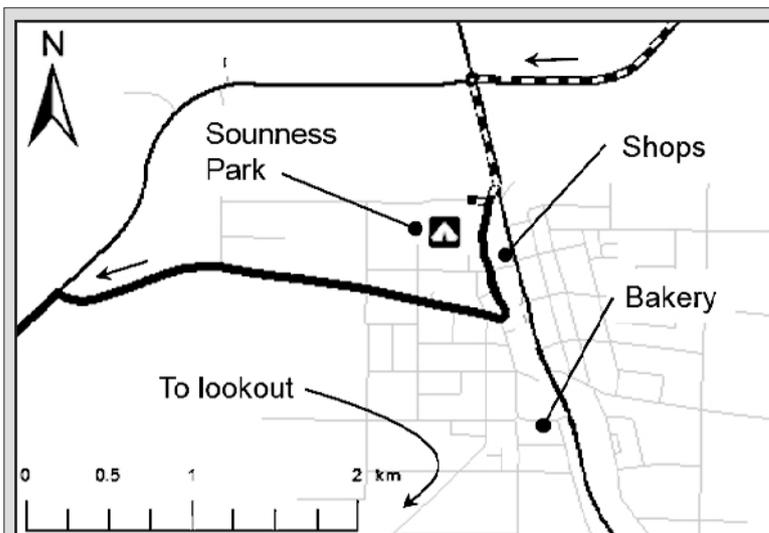
During World War II the town was the site of an internment camp housing

200 Italian prisoners of war. Internees were assigned as labourers to farms in the area.

With a population of just under 3,000 people, Mt Barker takes its name from a nearby hill honouring British military officer and explorer Collet Barker who was commander of King George Sound in 1829. European settlement of the Hay River area commenced around the 1830's and the opening of the Perth/Albany Railway in 1889 helped ensure the town's future.

As the administrative centre of the Shire of Plantagenet, Mt Barker's industry predominately revolves around agriculture, with the area having been described as 'The Birthplace' of the Great Southern wine region, one of Australia's largest, producing around 37% of wine grapes grown in WA.

After setting up camp at Sounness Park, take some time to explore Mt Barker. It is home to numerous historical buildings - the old police station opened in 1868; St Werburghs Chapel built in 1872; Mt Barker Post Office & Telegraph Station constructed in 1892; Plantagenet Hotel circa 1912 and the old town railway building built in 1923 which now houses the local visitor centre. Get into the vibe of the tour and start to sample some of the wines at Plantagenet Winery or tasty treats at the bakery. Visiting the Rotary Club Lookout is worth a look, on a clear day you can see the Stirling and Porogurup Ranges and even to the coast.



Int. km	Total km	Turn	Direction
0.0	0.0	START	From Kendenup Primary School
0.0	0.0	LEFT	Into Austin Street
0.9	0.9	RIGHT	Into Hassell Avenue
0.8	1.7	Continue	Straight into Carbarup Road
14.0	15.7	RIGHT	At T junction into Woogenellup Road
6.1	21.8	LEFT	At roundabout into Albany Highway
0.7	22.5	RIGHT	Into Lowood Road
0.1	22.6	RIGHT	Into McDonald Avenue
0.1	22.7	LEFT	Into Sounness Park



SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER

Mount Barker to Denmark 62.9 km

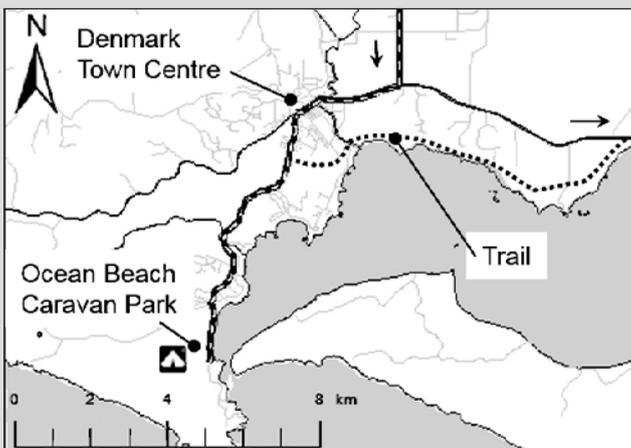
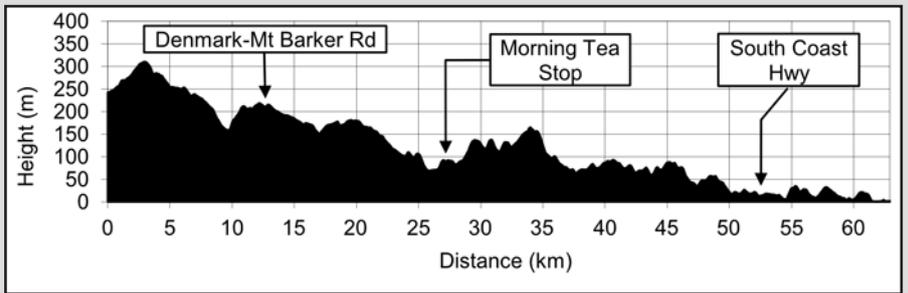
Our journey out of Mount Barker today takes us past the vast operations of West Cape Howe winery along Muirs Highway, named after brothers Thomas and John Muir, the first European settlers in the Warren district in the 1850's.

Turning south, we pass through the Mount Lindesay National Park with its granite monadnock a striking geological feature rising high above the coastal plain. From the summit at 385m above sea level there are dramatic views of Denmark's coastline and the Walpole Wilderness. To the west you can see the peaks of Mount Frankland, to the east Mount Manypeaks and the Stirling and Porongurup ranges. The national park is home to a threatened ecological community and many plant species that grow nowhere else in the world. Alongside the road reserves, the locations of the plants are identified by "yellow hockey sticks" yellow posts with tags pointing in the direction of locations (see the Notes on the back page for other interesting road side facts).

Our destination is the town of Denmark, sitting astride the Denmark River just as it curves and flows into the Wilson Inlet. Covering almost fifty square kilometres of water, the Wilson Inlet is an untouched preserve for Black Swans, Pelicans and of course the Blue Wren, the symbol for the Shire. It is separated from the sea by a sandbar at Ocean Beach with a channel opening to the ocean each year. We will be camping near to the sandbar and dinning with views of the ocean.

Denmark is a wonderfully vibrant, culturally rich town filled with a colourful

mix of different characters, individualists, spiritualists, naturalists, artisans and retired people from all parts of the world, who view the district more or less as a sanctuary.



Int. km	Total km	Turn	Direction
0.0	0.0	START	From Souness Park
0.0	0.0	RIGHT	Into McDonald Avenue
0.1	0.1	RIGHT	At T junction into Lowood Road
0.8	0.9	RIGHT	Into Langton Road
2.7	3.6	LEFT	At T junction into Muir Highway
9.0	12.6	LEFT	Into Denmark-Mt Barker Road
14.4	27.0	STOP	Morning Tea Stop on left
0.0	27.0	Continue	Along Denmark-Mt Barker Road
25.3	52.3	RIGHT	At T junction into South Coast Highway
2.9	55.2	LEFT	Into Ocean Beach Road
7.7	62.9	RIGHT	Into Ocean Beach Caravan Park





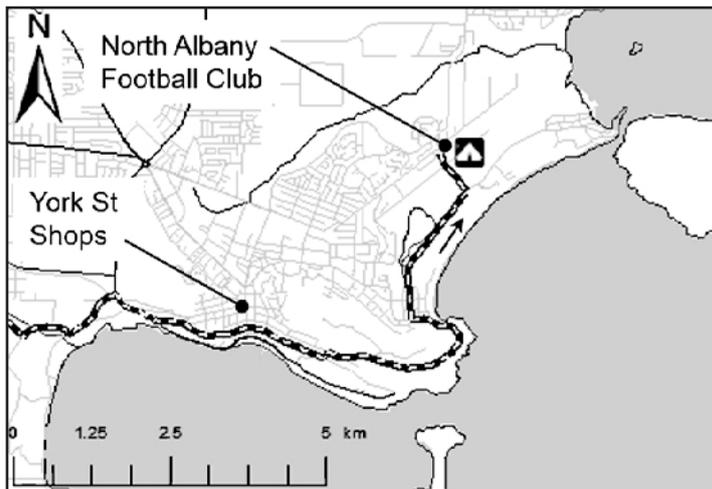
MONDAY 28 OCTOBER

Denmark to Albany 73.7 km

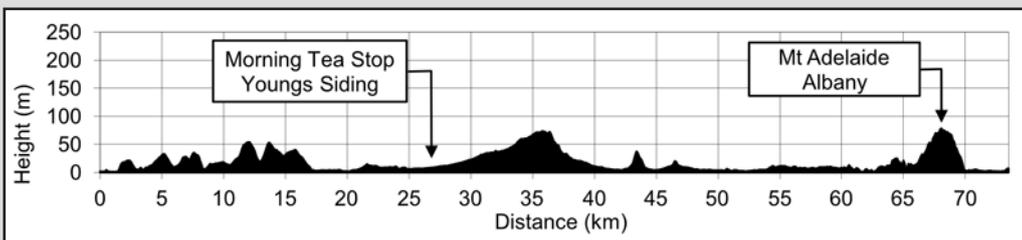
Care needs to be exercised along the 17.5 km stretch of South Coast Highway as we cycle from Denmark around the northern perimeter of the Wilson Inlet. An alternative is to take the Denmark Heritage Trail formally the railway line that skirts the Wilson Inlet and bypasses some of the larger hills (the start is marked on the map). Turning off onto the quieter Lower Denmark Road through relatively flat agricultural countryside, this route is a favourite for cyclists, passing via the small localities of Youngs Siding (or morning tea stop for today), Bornholm and Elleker developed along the railway line which was constructed in the late 1880's from Denmark to Albany.



As we enter the City of Albany located between the hills of Mount Melville and Mount Clarence, nestled along the Princess Royal Harbour & King George Sound we pass close by the Brig Amity replica built in 1975. Located a few hundred metres from where Major Edmund Lockyer and the party of forty-five arrived on the shores of Princess Royal Harbour on Christmas Day 1826, officially being the first European people to land and settle in WA.



With so much to see on our following Rest Day in Albany, the final section of our route takes us around Mt Adelaide with sweeping views across King George Sound, then directly to our venue to set up camp for the next two nights at the North Albany Football Club.



Int. km	Total km	Turn	Direction
0.0	0.0	START	From Ocean Beach Caravan Park
0.0	0.0	LEFT	Into Ocean Beach Road
7.7	7.7	RIGHT	At T junction into South Coast Highway
17.5	25.2	RIGHT	Into Lower Denmark Road
1.5	26.7	STOP	Morning Tea Stop on right - Youngs Siding
0.0	26.7	Continue	Along Lower Denmark Road
29.8	56.5	RIGHT	Into Robinson Road
5.1	61.6	LEFT	At T junction into Robinson Road
0.8	62.4	LEFT	At T junction into Frenchman Bay Road
1.0	63.4	RIGHT	At T junction into Princess Royal Drive
0.8	64.2	LEFT	Into Festing Street
2.9	67.1	Continue	Left and follow Tourist Drive
3.5	70.6	RIGHT	Into Golf Links Road
2.4	73.0	LEFT	Into Troode Street
0.7	73.7	RIGHT	Into North Albany Football Club



TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER

Rest Day in Albany

Today there is an optional 16.4 km unsupported ride to explore this historic town, taking in the splendour of the foreshore cycle path past Middleton Beach, around Mt Adelaide and past the Princess Royal Harbour to the replica of the Brig Amity. For those wanting to stretch their muscles, why not ride up to the top of Mt Clarence to the National Anzac Centre displaying commemorations of the departure of the original convoy of troops to Gallipoli and the Western Front just over 100 years ago.

As early as 1627, the Dutch sailed the coastline around what is now the thriving regional centre known as Albany. Successive explorers came and left, George Vancouver entered and named King George III Sound in 1791, Matthew Flinders arrived a decade later and in 1803 the French led a number of expeditions to the area. Whalers and sealers working the Southern Ocean were also frequenting the area in the 1820s and another visit by the French in 1826 was a determining factor for the British to formalise possession.

After leaving Sydney aboard the brig 'HM Amity', Major Edmund Lockyer, together with a contingent of convicts and soldiers arrived in King George Sound on Christmas Day 1826 to establish the first settlement for the crown in Western Australia. The new town was initially named 'Frederick Town', after King George III's second son - 'The Grand Old Duke of York'. In 1831 the settlement was transferred from NSW to the control of the Swan River Colony and renamed Albany.

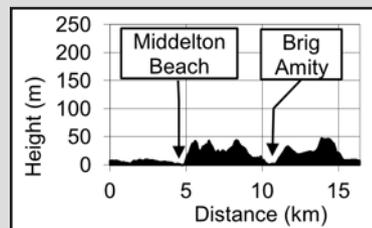
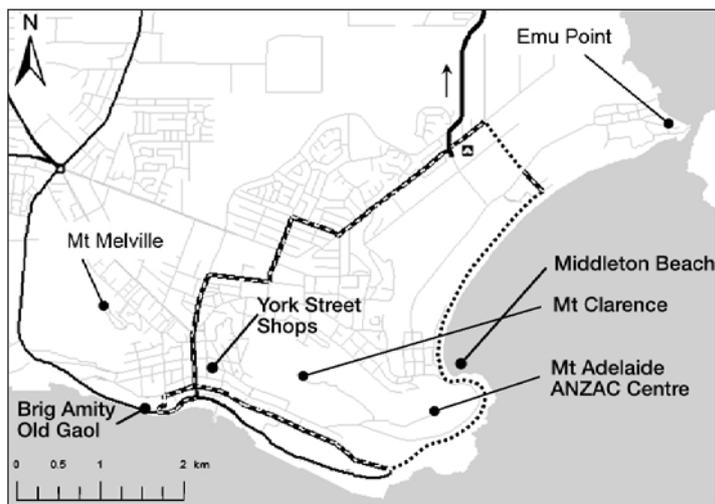
Albany was settled some three years before the Swan River colony, later to be known as Perth.

Albany's Princess Royal Harbour was the only natural deep-water port on the entire south coast of the Australian mainland outside of Melbourne making it

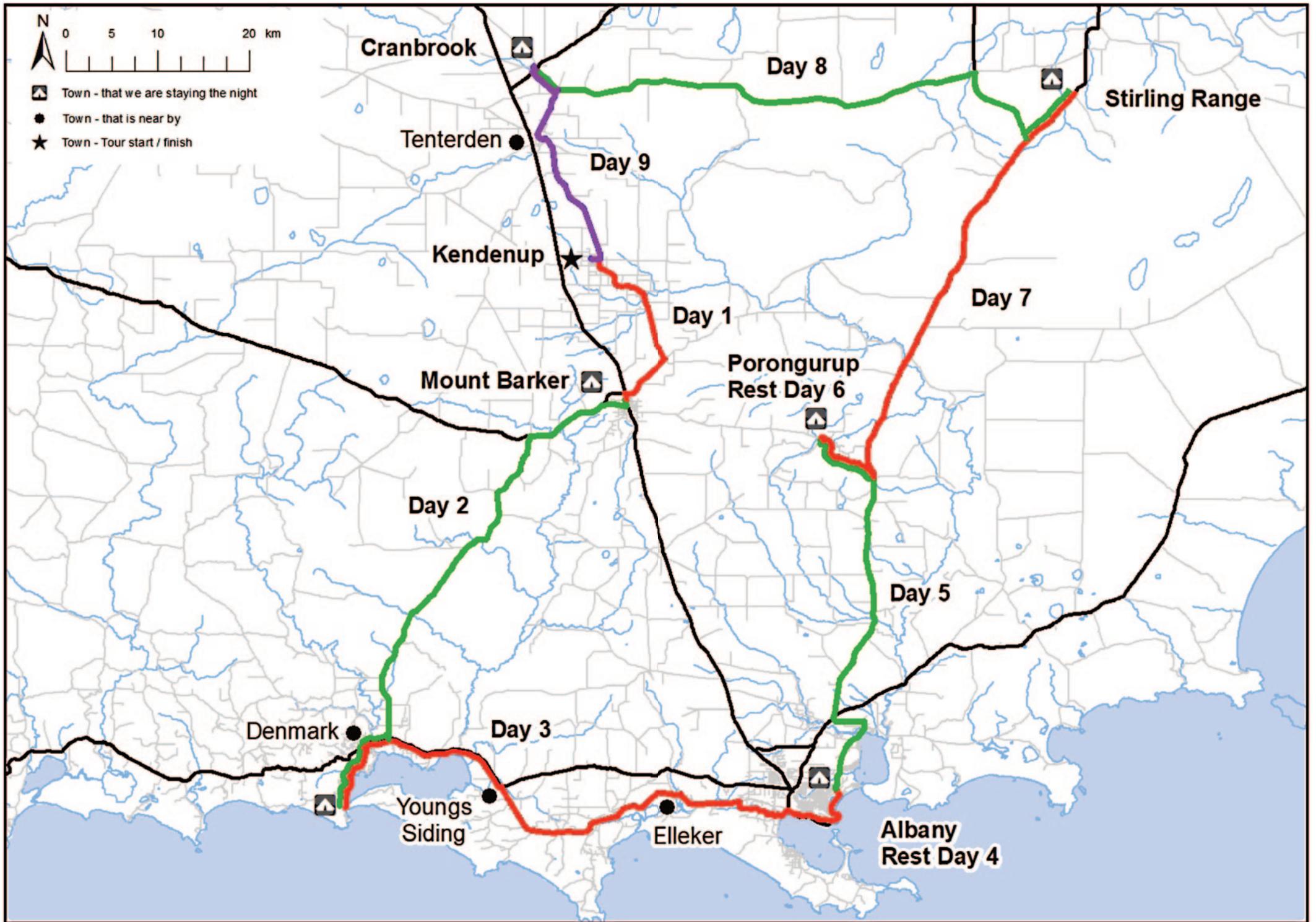
a strategic first port of call for ships sailing from England.

A huge convoy of 45 ships carrying Australian and New Zealand forces to join the World War 1 conflict gathered in Princess Royal Harbour in late October 1914. Embarking for Egypt later in two detachments, Albany was the last place in Australia the ANZACs saw before their heroic service at Gallipoli and the Western Front.

Whatever you get up to today, make sure you call into the Albany Visitor Centre located in town at 221 York Street to check out the plethora of tourist attractions in this Great Southern region.



Int. km	Total km	Turn	Direction
0.0	0.0	START	From North Albany Football Club
0.0	0.0	RIGHT	Into Troode Street
0.1	0.1	RIGHT	Into Collingwood Road
0.5	0.6	RIGHT	At Brewster Road into cycle path
0.3	0.9	Continue	Straight at cross road into cycle path
0.5	1.4	Continue	Straight at cross road into Griffiths Street
0.3	1.7	RIGHT	Into cycle path
2.4	4.1	Continue	Into concrete cycle path past Middleton Beach and café
3.1	7.2	Continue	On cycle path along Brunswick Road
1.9	9.1	Continue	Straight along Stirling Terrace
0.7	9.8	Continue	Straight at roundabout
0.4	10.2	LEFT	Into Parade Street and cross railway - Brig Amity & Old Gaol
0.2	10.4	LEFT	At T junction into Princess Royal Drive
0.5	10.9	LEFT	Into York Street - Albany's Main Street
1.5	12.4	RIGHT	Into Cockburn Road
0.7	13.1	LEFT	At roundabout into Campbell Road
0.9	14.0	RIGHT	At 2nd roundabout into Angove Road
0.6	14.6	LEFT	At roundabout into Collingwood Road
1.7	16.3	RIGHT	At T junction into Troode Street
0.1	16.4	LEFT	Into North Albany Football Club





WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER

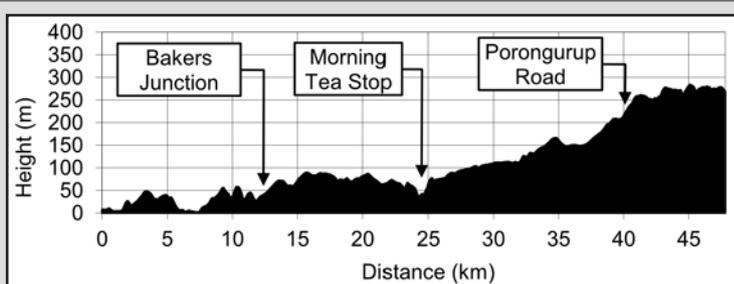
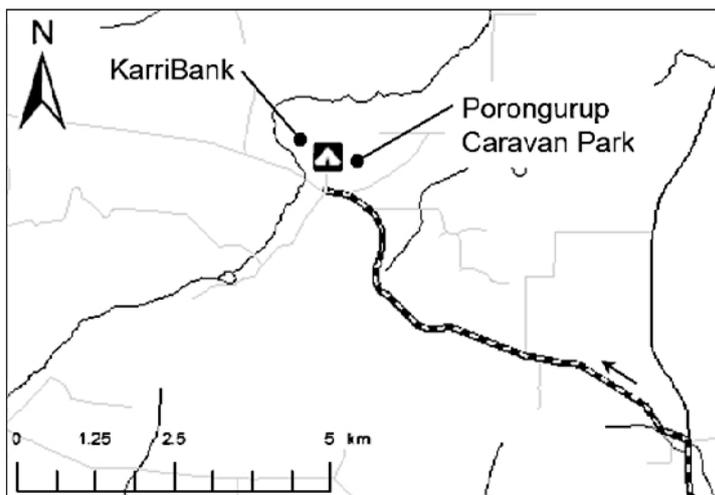
Albany to Porongurup 47.9 km

We leave WA's first settlement to explore the hinterland just as the early pioneers did, heading north via Lower King through forest and open farming land. Located along the lower reaches of the King River on the western shore of Oyster Harbour this area was first settled in the 1830's. Both the town of Lower King and the river were named after Captain Philip Parker King who first visited the area in 1818. These days as we leave Albany we pass recent subdivisions in between glimpses of Oyster Harbour before crossing the King River.

Bakers Junction is your last chance for a bite to eat before reaching the Porongurup's or a snack for morning tea. As we leave the junction we start to gently climb passing a recommended native plant nursery, tree plantations, farms and native bush. Morning tea today is on the right hand side after the bridge on the banks of the Napier Creek, a nice spot for a picnic.

Shortly after turning off onto the Porongurup Road we pass the Castle Rock Estate and then the entrance of the Granite Skywalk. Well worth the climb but don't do it in cleated cycling shoes as there is a bit of scrambling up the granite. (Ask any of the crew that did the Queensland trip in 2008, they will concur!)

Ironwood Estate on the right do nice coffee and lunches for those that can't wait to reach camp or are checking out nice spots for tomorrow. A little further along the road is the settlement of Porongurup that will be home for the next two days.



Int. km	Total km	Turn	Direction
0.0	0.0	START	From North Albany Football Club
0.0	0.0	RIGHT	Into Troode Street
0.3	0.3	RIGHT	At T junction into Lower King Road
7.3	7.6	LEFT	Into Prideaux Road
0.8	8.4	LEFT	Into Bon Accord Road
3.6	12.0	RIGHT	At T junction into Chester Pass Road
12.5	24.5	STOP	Morning Tea Stop on right - Napier Creek
0.0	24.5	Continue	Along Chester Pass Road
15.4	39.9	LEFT	Into Porongurup Road
7.9	47.8	RIGHT	Into Boxhill Road
0.1	47.9	LEFT	Into Porongurup Caravan Park





THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER

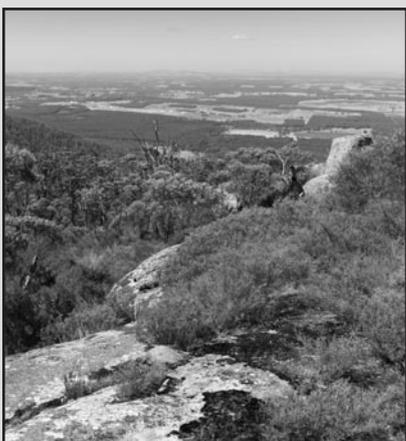
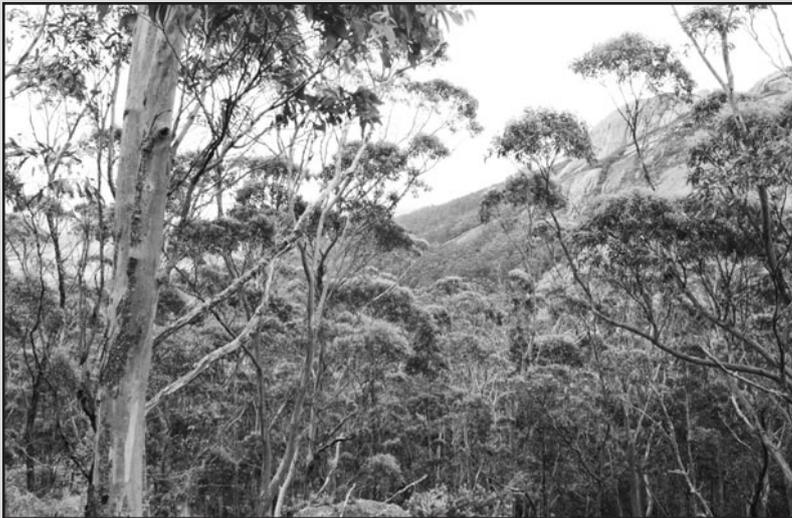
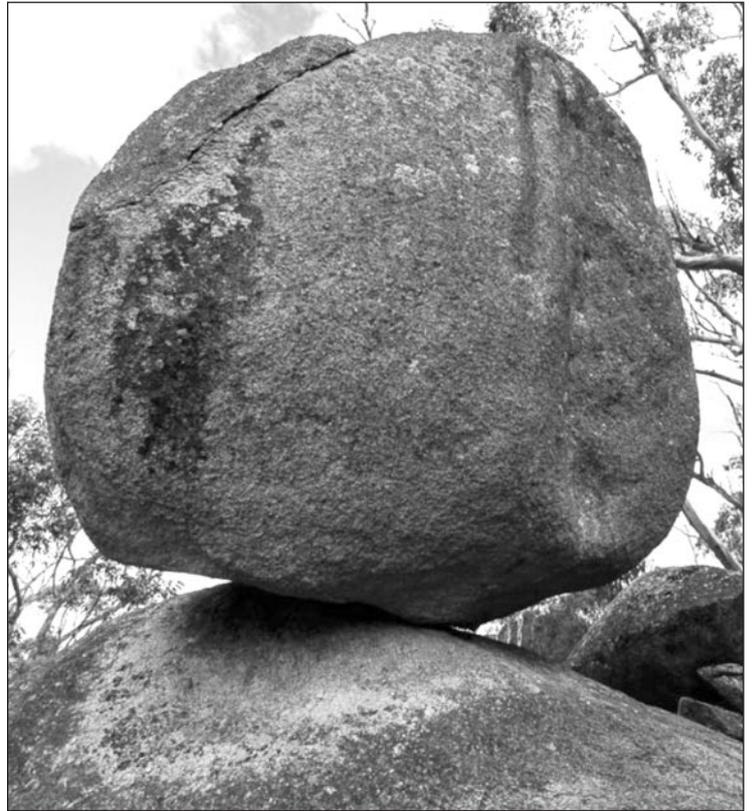
Rest Day in Porongurup

First sighted by Europeans passing near Albany in 1802, the Porongurup Range at around 600 metres high is no more than 15 km from east to west and consists of granite peaks levelled into domes. Farming in the surrounding districts started around 1859 when vegetables were first grown on the southern slopes of the range. The giant karri and jarrah trees of the range were first harvested in the 1880's and timber leases did not begin to be withdrawn until 1925. The National Park was not gazetted officially until 1971.

Today the Porongurup's is a very popular tourist area with galleries, restaurants and accommodation centred on the walking trails within the range itself and the many cool climate vineyards (located in spectacular mountain scenery) renowned for the intense fruit flavours of their wines.

Pack your bush walking shoes to explore many paths of varying degrees of difficulty leading to several peaks, crossing the range and a nature trail through the forest near the Tree-in-the-Rock picnic area. The principal paths in the area are the Bolganup Trail, Walitj Meil Walk Trail, Devils Slide Trail, Hayward Peak & Nancy Peak Walk, Wansbrough Walk and the Granite Skywalk including the intriguing Balancing Rock.

For the less energetic, relax over coffee or lunch and sample some of the local excellent wines on offer from nearby cellar doors and restaurants





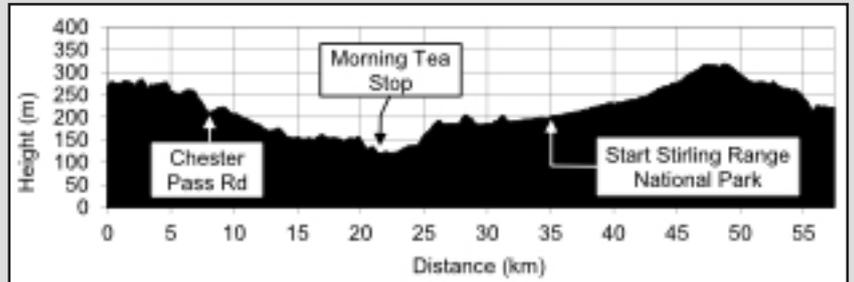
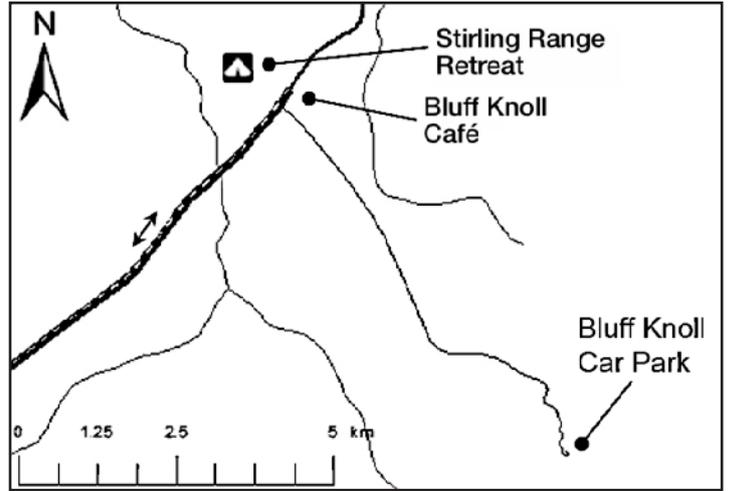
FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER

Porongurup to Stirling Range 57.4 km

After the rest day, it's back on the bike to cycle further northward along the Chester Pass Road to our overnight destination at the Stirling Range Retreat.

The central appeal of this area is the beautiful and dramatic Stirling Range National Park which boasts 15 peaks over 900m and 50 peaks above 600m. It is the only significant mountain range in the southern half of WA and offers visitors jagged cliffs, sheltered gullies, superb panoramic views and a staggering 1500 species of flora - many of which grow nowhere else on the planet. There is a 42km drive through the park, most of it on good dirt roads suitable for 2WD driving, allowing visitors to experience the great diversity and beauty of the area. For many visitors the Stirling Range National Park is about bushwalking, with main trails including Mt Magog, Mt Talyuberup, Mt Hassell, Mt Toolbrunup and Bluff Knoll. As all walks are steep and uneven, there is detailed information and advice available on the features of each walk.

Between August and November it is possible to see over 1,000 species of wildflowers in the park including scarlet banksia, Cranbrook bells, dryandra, orchids, flowering gums and grass trees. It is known to be home to over 180 species of birds including black and white cockatoos, eagles and emus.



Int. km	Total km	Turn	Direction
0.0	0.0	START	From Porongurup Caravan Park
0.0	0.0	RIGHT	Into Boxhill Road
0.1	0.1	LEFT	At T junction into Porongurup Road
7.9	8.0	LEFT	At T junction into Chester Pass Road
13.5	21.5	LEFT	Into Woogenellup Road
0.1	21.6	STOP	Morning Tea Stop on left
0.0	21.6	U Turn	Back to Chester Pass Road
0.1	21.7	LEFT	At T junction into Chester Pass Road
35.7	57.4	LEFT	Into Stirling Range Retreat





SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER

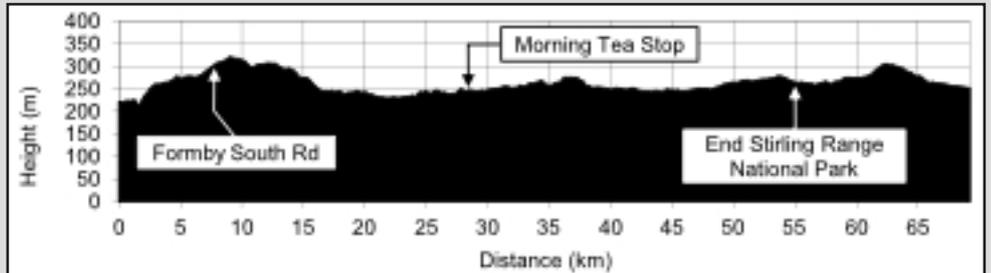
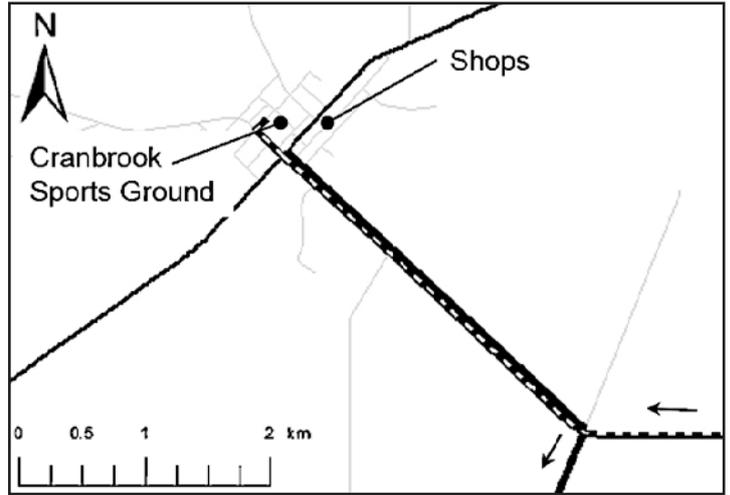
Stirling Range to Cranbrook 69.4 km

Our penultimate day involves an early initial climb as we head south out of the Stirling Range National Park along the Chester Pass Road, before turning westerly towards Cranbrook. The Salt River Road skirts the northern boundary of the Stirling Range National Park for nearly the entire length of today's route.

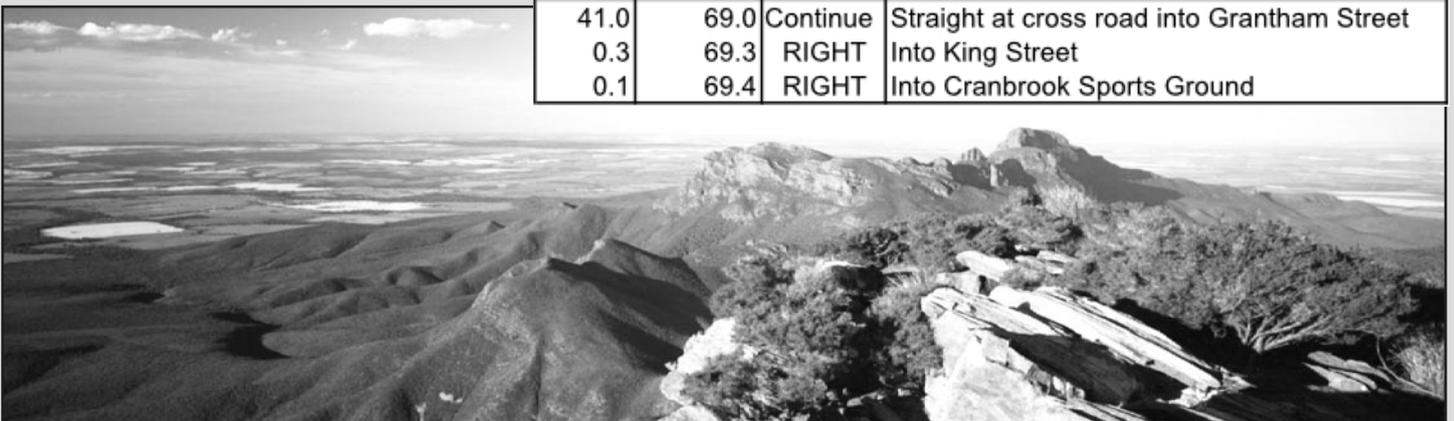
In the late 1850's farming leases were bought in the area after an overland route was established between Perth and Albany. In 1886 work began on constructing a railway line between those destinations. As steam trains needed a regular water supply, the centre of the district was moved from Tenterden to Cranbrook for better access to a suitable dam catchment area. Gazetted in 1899, the town's name was given by J A Wright the engineer in charge of the construction of the railway line who was born in Cranbrook, England. The town soon flourished with the completion of the railway and Cranbrook became the central loading point for wool, sheep, sandalwood, mallee bark and grain.

A number of the salt lakes on the right hand side of the road have been rehabilitated by the local Cranbrook community and landowners, enticing the return of the Hooded Plover and other shorebirds.

Enjoy your final night on tour celebrating over dinner at the Cranbrook Sports Ground, followed by musical entertainment performed by a local band.



Int. km	Total km	Turn	Direction
0.0	0.0	START	From Stirling Range Retreat
0.0	0.0	RIGHT	Into Chester Pass Road
7.4	7.4	RIGHT	Into Formby South Road
10.3	17.7	LEFT	Into Salt River Road
10.3	28.0	STOP	Morning Tea Stop on left
0.0	28.0	Continue	Along Salt River Road
41.0	69.0	Continue	Straight at cross road into Grantham Street
0.3	69.3	RIGHT	Into King Street
0.1	69.4	RIGHT	Into Cranbrook Sports Ground





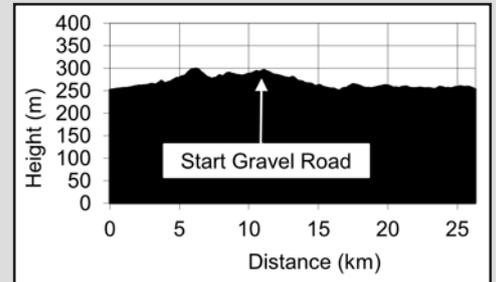
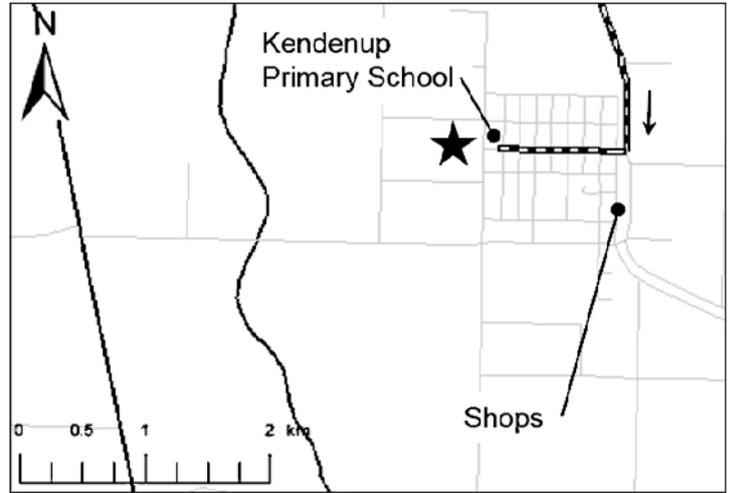
SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER

Cranbrook to Kendenup 26.3 km

Kendenup to Armadale by coach 318 km

Today marks the end of the Southern Ranges Tour with a comparatively short ride on quiet back roads through Tenterden as we follow the railway line to Kendenup. There is a section of gravel road with a gentle grade, missing the busy and hilly route along Albany highway. Before collecting your vehicle or boarding the coach for the journey back home, refreshments and a take away lunch will be provided at the local primary school.

The On Your Bike team trust you have enjoyed all aspects of this year's tour and look forward to catching up with you again in 2020 as we venture into a previously unexplored region of our great State.



Int. km	Total km	Turn	Direction
0.0	0.0	START	From Cranbrook Sports Ground
0.0	0.0	LEFT	Into King Street
0.1	0.1	LEFT	Into Grantham Street
0.3	0.4	Continue	Straight at cross road into Salt River Road
3.3	3.7	RIGHT	Into Ronaldshaw Road
5.4	9.1	LEFT	Into Trimmer Street
1.2	10.3	RIGHT	Into Archers Road - Gravel Road
15.0	25.3	RIGHT	Into Austin Street
1.0	26.3	RIGHT	Into Kendenup Primary School



Congratulations - Made it.
Looking forward to seeing you next Year.

NOTES

Below are some explanations of some of the items you may see on or beside roads that we travel on but you may not have known what they were.

Blue reflective pavement marker (cats eye) – found within towns and cities these indicate the location of a fire hydrant and are usually located close to the centre of the road (so that parked cars do not hide them) but offset to one side to indicate which side of the road the hydrant is in.

Green plaques with white numbers – found along rural roads these are the street addresses for rural properties. Their primary purpose is to allow easy identification of properties for emergency services as well as for mail deliveries and visitors. The numbering is a simple distance based system based on how far the property entrance is from the nominated start of the road. Odd numbers are on the left and even numbers on the right. If a property's number is 327, it's on the left side and 3.27 km from the start of the road. If the number is 1026, it's on the right and 10.26 km from the start.

White posts with black numbers – found at 2 km spacings along rural highways and main roads these are SLK posts. They are used by Main Roads WA to identify the location (SLK or straight line kilometre) along the road for the Integrated Road Information System (IRIS) which stores information about the road, including physical attributes, age, condition, traffic etc. The SLK represents the distance in kilometres from the nominated start of the road (the road being the highway or main road as proclaimed under by the Main Roads Act). This is not necessarily the same as the road name used in the rural street addresses. Some SLK posts have the letters POE and two numbers (e.g. POE 121.85 = 122.10) which represents a 'point of equation', and is used where the length of the road has been changed due to a realignment. The example above represents a realignment where the road got shorter and results in a 'gap' of 0.25 km. The point of equation is used so that the SLK for the rest of the road beyond the realignment remains unchanged, very important for roads that are hundreds and even thousands of kilometres long.

Blue guide posts – typically found along rural local government roads these show the location of culverts (drainage pipes) under the road. On the rural highways and main roads these posts are all white indicating culverts and the half white posts are guide posts indicating the direction of the road around curves.

Yellow posts with yellow tags – (hockey sticks) indicate the location of rare and endangered flora.
Bridge Numbers – All bridges on the road network have a unique bridge number. These numbers are located on the left hand side kerb of the bridge deck and Bridge number signs (black numbers on a white background) are being placed under the Crossing Name signs. Where the bridge number has a letter after it, "A" or "B" or a few "C", this indicates that the structure has been replaced (A indicates it has been replaced once, B replaced twice, etc.). The bridge numbers are used to identify all bridges in Main Roads' IRIS system and the signs are being installed to help bridge asset managers (like our tour leader Tony) to easily identify the correct bridge on the ground.

For any additional information on these topics or road / bridge related question please seek out Tony or Terry.

If you have any comments or suggestions for ways to make future OYB tours better, then please don't hesitate to contact us by either writing to:

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