



CTA 2019 AGM Touring Coordinator Report - Stan Wiechecki

This has been an relatively successful year with a variety of weekend overnights, long weekends and larger tours with very good participation on most tours.

Looking at the numbers, it is evident that the membership does support in a big way the larger premium tours with a duration of a week or more. This is very good to see as this is what the CTA is all about, cycle touring. As in previous years, this has continued. Starting with The Long Weekend, One Day, No Pannier Tour (Again) with numbers of 13. This was really a day ride and just an excuse to put a hard ride on a Sunday of a long weekend and a prelude for the following week for The Great Southern Full Pannier Tour led by Stan with a participation of 42, almost a new record for a the club. This was followed by Trevor's Retiree's Run 2018 with 28 participating. Liz started a very popular tour years ago and has continued yet again with very good numbers. Outstanding.

However, there was a mixed bag re: numbers for the following overnights and long weekends.

The June long weekend had only 9 participants for the Lions Myalup Pines Cottage Stay (west of Harvey) led by Stan. Riding from Mandurah and back and staying in old forestry shacks. Weather wise it was perfect. Numbers maybe were low as the weekend was only three weeks after Trevor's Retiree's Run 2018. This needs to be considered for future weekends away.

Next was the Christmas in July at Toodyay Overnighter led by Kleber with 20 participants. Good numbers for a very enjoyable weekend, weather was great.

Next was the Chilling out at Yanchep National Park Long Weekend in September led by Kleber and Stan with 14 participants, three of which stayed in the inn or motel and the rest camping on the large oval in little 'corals'. The weather was also perfect and being so close to Perth, it was anticipated more members would have attended.

In late November early December we had two tours. The first being a two week mountain bike tour led by Steve called the Munda Biddi Nov 2018 which had 8 participants, not bad considering it was way down south and it was a mountain bike tour. The second being an overnighter led by Liz called The Overnighter of Choices, a ride using the Kep Track and road bikes to Northam. Liz had 2 mountain biking, 7 on the road and 6 non riders driving up. A total of 15, not a bad number for an overnighter and close but not too close from Perth.

What is planned so far for the 2019 year is a long weekend stay at Guilderton called Australia Day Long Weekend Spoke Tour. It is planned to do what cycling there is but the weekend is designed with the consideration of invariably the hot summer in mind.

We have another major premium tour called the 2019 CTA Victorian Goldfields Tour in March and to be led by Trevor. The numbers have exceeded expectation for Trevor with 47 participants and he has had to put members on a waiting list as his tour was filled out



almost 6 months prior to the tour. This is an outstanding number for an interstate tour and not only a credit to Trevor but for the CTA as well. Truly amazing.

Also we have the Christmas in July to be led by Trevor, a new leader for this event and a new venue staying at the Waroona Hotel. This should be a very well participated weekend and I hope the hotel is big enough.

At time of writing there are other tours in the pipeline but information is not available.

Going on the numbers it appears that overnights and long weekend tours need to be positioned around 6 weeks away from each other, major premium tours and OYB. The membership needs to consider that organising any of the events can take up to 6 months or more prior in planning the event and the reward for the leader and the amount of work organising the event is the participation by the membership.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kleber for his willingness for putting his hand up to lead weekends away and also helping me on the rides I lead. His experience, support and advice (all which is second to none), and for filling in when I fell ill, I am most grateful. My work load basically was reduced by half because of his efforts.

In closing, I put forward the TC report for 2018/19 and ask it to be accepted into the minutes.

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