



CTA 2022 AGM Tour Coordinators Report – Trevor Knox

During the 2021 calendar year, other than annual On Your Bike tour, club members were able to participate in another three multi-day cycling events.

Grain Silo Art Tour – organiser Trevor Knox

This total 22 day, partially supported tour of 1238 km followed an anti-clockwise circular route commencing and finishing in York over nineteen riding days. Three rest days in the towns of Katanning, Ravensthorpe and Narembeen allowed participants time to recuperate and explore the area. Conducted during April/May 2021, this theme based tour followed a route taking in 6 of the painted grain silos in country WA, with the exception of the one in Albany. As a concession to riders, a support vehicle assisted in carrying a limited amount of their luggage. Overall, 40 members participated at some point, with 22 riders completing the entire event.

Southern Dams and Murals Tour – organiser Christine Liddiard

Another theme based tour visited a number of dams south of Perth in the Waroona, Harvey and Collie areas in the first week of November 2021. In addition participants got to see many murals, including the recently completed 8,000sqm mural painted on the Wellington Dam wall. The event comprised of two main options either the full 8 day pannier tour or the shorter 3 day spoke tour based out of Collie. The 25 cyclists who rode from Perth to Collie and return covered some 480km along with a further 14 who only participated in the spoke tour day rides out of Collie.

Bridgetown Spoke Tour – organiser Connie Van den Ende

Held between 28 November and 4 December 2021, this spoke tour was based out of the Bridgetown Caravan Park. There were four separate day rides along quiet back roads to Donnelly River, Boyup Brook, Greenbushes and Balingup, with a mid-week rest day to enjoy other non-cycling activities. Another well supported event with approximately 40 participants covering some 275km.

I participated in all events, each presenting different challenges from hilly terrain, longer distances, some adverse weather conditions, as well as the odd sections of un-sealed roads. Whilst cycling is the primary activity underpinning these events, it is the socialising and camaraderie amongst participants which is always the highlight. Each event held a tour group evening dinner and every day there was coffee and chat at café stops, along with many impromptu get-togethers for a meal or a few drinks at the end of the day.

Our State has great diversity in areas supporting cycle touring and I encourage all members to actively support these events when presented to the membership.

Trevor