



CTA 2022 AGM OYB Report – Brian McAuliffe

2021 On Your Bike – Heart of the Great Southern Tour

The tour was fully subscribed with 130 participants with a dozen or so on the wait list. The large numbers wishing to participate could have been as a result of the closed borders due to the Covid

It seems that most people enjoyed the tour through the Great Southern. The weather conditions were mainly favourable, although a bit on the cool side in the mornings. The abundance of rain during the season made for a very picturesque and green countryside, often with a smattering of wildflowers.

The rest day was held in Katanning with some music and dancing provided on the previous evening. The music was supplied by the Albany based band Big Men Working and they were very well received as the dance floor was full for each bracket they played.

The rest day in Katanning had the participants attending a variety of attractions. Some attended the weekly sheep sale at the sale yards which was a bit of an education for some of the cyclists.

Others attended the Katanning Mosque, where the Imam, Aleff Mydie, gave a presentation. This was an extremely interesting talk as Aleff provided a historical timeline on how the community came to be in Katanning. He also provided some insights into the Muslim religion.

Thanks to Mark Stupart for providing his support vehicle services for the tour, which involved some mechanical and roadside assistance, as well as water on longer days.

The tour unfortunately ran at a loss due to a number of items. The expense to train two new truck drivers was around \$1900. Some accidental damage to the truck resulted in a cost of around \$2760 and two memorial photos supplied by Colin Prior at a cost of \$330.

This resulted in a loss of around \$3990.

The truck licences were an anticipated cost prior to the event but as per the main committee instruction, we were prepared to run at a small loss as the OYB account had quite a large sum in credit.

Finally I would like to thank my fellow OYB Committee members, Ann, Christine, Sue, Terry, Trevor and Roy for all their help prior and during the tour.

Brian