



## **CTA 2023 AGM Tour Report – Trevor Knox**

During the 2022 calendar year club members were able to participate in five multi-day cycling events.

### **Retiree's Run – Monday 4 April to Saturday 9 April 2022**

**Organiser - Trevor Knox**

Starting and finishing in the town of Yerecoin, the 2022 Retiree's Run was an unsupported loop tour of 330 km spread over 6 riding days. The route was predominantly on sealed, quiet back country roads, however it did necessitate traversing some sections of gravel to explore some tiny towns within the periphery of the northeast wheat belt region. Five overnight stops were made in the towns of Wongan Hills, Ballidu, Kalannie, Dalwallinu and Miling. Due to the limited facilities in these small towns, tour registrations were capped with some 24 club members participating in the event.

### **Queensland Rail Trail Tour –Wednesday 4 May to Saturday 21 May 2022**

**Organiser – Stuart Crombie**

An 18 day, self-supported, 980 km tour of Queensland's south-east corner includes the famous Brisbane Valley Rail Trail between Ipswich and Yarraman and the recently built Kingaroy to Goomeri Rail Trail. Whilst interstate travel restrictions imposed during the COVID pandemic meant this tour was postponed for a couple of years. However, the tour still initially attracted the attention of a number of club members, but unfortunately the adverse weather prevailing on the east coast of Australia at the time the tour was conducted meant only 6 intrepid riders braved the conditions to participate in the event. The weather compounded the challenges on this tour. Route changes due to flooded river crossings and/or road works, bike mechanical issues, equipment failures, unsuitable camping conditions, Blackbutt mud and the difficulty of long steep climbs when cycling with full panniers.

### **Queen's Birthday Long weekend Tour–Saturday 4 June to Monday 6 June 2022**

**Organiser –Christine Liddiard**

A social long weekend away for club members, cycling to Toodyay, traveling light and staying in hotel/motel accommodation for two nights. The ride was from Midland, through the Chittering Valley and via Julimar Road to Toodyay. A group dinner was held at the Freemasons Hotel Saturday night followed by a Rest Day on the Sunday. A newly devised route on the return journey, whilst on quiet roads (including a section of gravel to Wundowie) presented riders with a number of challenging hills. In all a total of 26 members participated in the event.



**Southern Forests, On Your Bike Tour - Saturday 15 October to Sunday 23 October**  
**Organiser s- Christine Liddiard and Brian McAuliffe**

The 2022 On Your Bike tour started in the small and vibrant village of Balingup. The tour route took in some scenic parts of the picturesque regions of the Southern Forests riding through some stunning rolling hills, majestic jarrah forests and sometimes views of the Blackwood River.

Overnight stays were organised in Donnybrook, Boyup Brook, Bridgetown, Manjimup (including a rest day), Northcliffe, Pemberton and Nannup.

**Australind Spoke Tour – Sunday 27 November to Friday 2 December 2022**  
**Organiser – Trevor Knox**

Spoke tours are apparently very popular with club members with the advantages of staying in one location for the duration of the event, coupled with access to nearby attractions, activities, cafes/restaurants and hotels. This year the tour was based out of the Australind Tourist Park with eight daily ride route options to various destinations within the wider Bunbury area taking in towns such as Brunswick Junction, Capel, Dardanup, Harvey and Boyanup. A group dinner was enjoyed on the Tuesday evening at the Bunbury Golf Club with members either relaxing, playing tennis, kayaking or participating in other forms of recreation on the mid-week Rest Day. A well supported event with 52 members participating in the tour.

Both within our own State, as well as wider Australia there is great diversity in areas supporting cycle touring and I encourage all members to actively support events organised by the club for your participation and enjoyment.

**Trevor Knox**