



CTA 2023 AGM Social Coordinator Report – Yew Li Cheng

The social calendar was filled with three Social Nights held at The Rise. There were three other events being organised at other locations for members to socialise over a meal. Despite Covid cases in the community, the events were all well attended.

Social Night 9 Jun: Quiz Night + Talk on cycling from China to UK

The first event on the calendar kicked off with a Quiz Night on all things to do with the CTA and its history, tours, cycling and bikes or anything interesting about particular cyclists. Great questions were submitted from many members. The quiz was chaired by Yew Li, with questions presented on the screen with a time limit. Patrick was the official marker of the answers submitted. Prizes were awarded to the top 3 teams, with Lo Quay sponsoring \$50 towards it.

Huilin Sun presented a talk she did exactly 30 years ago when she cycled 10,000 kms across 9 countries from Beijing to Paignton in the UK. Those were the days before Google maps, mobile phones and Ride with GPS! It was certainly an interesting talk across different cultures and time.

Social Night 18 Aug: Queensland Rail Tour + Q&A with the CTA Panel

Six of our members went on a tour organised by Stuart Crombie to Queensland. Stuart, Christine, Bruce, Jane, Steve and Randell each took turns to present their highs and lows of the tour with photos of floating tents, flooded creeks, walking up steep hills and being wary of even steeper downhills.

After a delicious supper break of hot food and sweets, the CTA panel comprising experienced touring cyclists Christine, Rita and Trevor were interviewed by Yew Li. Questions (some submitted by members who were too shy to ask) on what to pack, how to plan a trip and even why they do it were asked and sage advice from the panellists' own experiences were shared. An informative night indeed.

Social Night 6 Oct:

The Whys and Wherefores of OYB Tour - by the Wise and Therefores

This was the highlight of the year with around 80 people (members past and present) attending. Kleber, Ron and Dale together with other previous members gave a talk on how the first CTA On Your Bike tour started and how it has evolved since then. Poetry, photos, tour routes and stories were shared. For some people, the main highlight was the hot sausage rolls that night!



Christmas in July - 9 Jul Friar Tucks near Mandurah

A ride to Mandurah was planned with the Christmas in July lunch held in Wannanup. Unfortunately, bad weather on the day meant only 2 really committed members (Stuart & Soozie) cycled. However, a group did cycle down from Perth the day before and stayed a couple of nights before cycling back.

There were a number of unintentionally unpaid bills at the end of the day. Lesson learned is for members to pay for the lunch when ordering.

Ride Leaders BBQ - 1 Oct Banks Reserve

Members who led rides during the past year were invited to this event to thank them for their efforts. An application was submitted by Yew Li for a Bike Month grant and \$250 was awarded by Westcycle which resulted in some delicious BBQ fillet steak & desserts by Dejexo cafe. Yew Li was in charge of the food while Connie (Ride Coordinator) got the drinks. Thank you to all the ride leaders who attended, Bruce for doing the BBQ on the day, Sally & David for helping with the preparation and Rita & Jeremy for pickup & delivery.

This event also coincided with the end of the 200km Achievement ride at the new location Banks Reserve, where the riders also got a loud cheer when they finished the ride.

Christmas Lunch - 10 Dec Chidlow Tavern

The last event to round off the year was the Christmas lunch. For those who wanted to earn their lunch, Randell led the riders from Midland train station along the rail trail to Chidlow, arriving to meet the others for a leisurely Christmassy lunch. 44 people pulled crackers, told bad jokes and wore silly hats. Lovely day to wind up by riding home.

Special thanks to Robyn for making delicious date slices and chocolate brownies for each social night and to both Charlie and Robyn for showing me the ropes on what to do as the social coordinator.

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