



## **CTA 2023 AGM OYB Report – Brian McAuliffe**

### **2022 On Your Bike – Southern Forests Tour**

The tour was close to fully subscribed with 115 participants, with 2 from Tasmania and 1 from Germany.

It seems that most people enjoyed cycling through the forest areas of the South West. The weather conditions were quite favourable apart from cycling into Northcliffe with light showers experienced, hindering people erecting tents. The abundance of rain during the winter ensured that the forests were in pristine condition, with a colourful lot of wildflowers.

The rest day was held in Manjimup with some music and dancing supplied by local musician Helen Rose. Participants enjoyed the local attractions such as the Timber museum, Manjimup Heritage Park and some went lawn bowling.

Unfortunately some participants came down with very heavy colds, not Covid as Sarah and Jenny our resident GP's were testing religiously. The 4 or 5 affected decided in the interests of group health, to exit the tour. A big thank you to Sarah and Jenny for their health assistance during the tour.

As it was a short ride of 30 kms after leaving Northcliffe, we had a half day rest in Pemberton with some participants experiencing the forest tour by train and others just relaxing or wandering around Pemberton.

The tour made a small profit of \$531.26, which was a very good outcome in no small part due to Ann's close watch on expenses.

The bike trailer had the wheel bearings replaced courtesy of Manjimup Toyota who only charged us for parts.

I would like to thank my co-leader Christine and the other OYB committee members, Ann, Sue, Roy and Terry for all their help in planning and running a very successful tour. Also thanks to Mark Stupart for volunteering to be a support driver and helping with mechanical issues on tour.

Finally I would also like to thank all the volunteers for their help and support in running this tour as it would not be possible to run an event such as this one without this assistance.

**Brian McAuliffe**