

THE CHAIN LETTER

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We are finally getting into the good cycling weather. Many of you will be going on the 'On Your Bike' - Bay to Bluff Tour. This promises to be a great tour with 2 rest days being included for the first time. This will give people the opportunity to explore both Bremer Bay and the Stirling Ranges.

There are a number of exciting events in the current calendar. The Christmas Long Table Lunch will be at the Tradewinds Hotel. This is always a good opportunity to catch-up with members in a relaxed social setting. Put your name down for the weekend at Mundaring Weir, on the 3-4 December. It was very heart-warming to see the huge turnout

for the Social Night on the 6 October. Whether the change of night or having 3 presentations on different styles of cycle touring is the reason I don't know. For me it was good to see the tour of Switzerland from a slightly different perspective. Perhaps the word has got out that there is a nice selection of supper on offer!

Summer months are a time to keep an eye out for Caltrop. If you do spot the nasty weed, next time you pass, pick it out. Bag it either in a dog poo bag or a shopping bag. Over the last few summers Connie and I have been trying to eradicate a couple of outbreaks near our home. It will be interesting this summer,

to see whether our efforts have been successful.

Regards, Noel

Change of Venue for AGM

The AGM will be held on:

Sunday, 26 February 2017 – 11 am

The Rise
28 Eighth Ave (Corner of Guildford Rd), Maylands.

More details will be provided in the next newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Social

Christmas Long Table Lunch Sunday, 27 November 2016

Venue: Tradewinds Hotel, 59 Canning Highway, Fremantle

Start time: 12:00 noon

All members and associates are invited.

Join the ride to the lunch, meeting at 10:30 am, starting from the front of Perth Arena, cnr Wellington and Milligan Street "under the blue poles" for a leisurely ride to Fremantle.

RSVP for lunch is required by 19

November to confirm numbers:

Contact: Steve on 0420 224 911 or

email social@ctawa.asn.au (see page 5)

Tours

Where's the Weir Weekend

**Saturday, 3 December to
Sunday, 4 December 2016**

This will be a great weekend and will suit all members who wish to camp (full



**Campground at
Beelu NP**

pannier) or stay in the onsite hostel accommodation. You will be staying at the beautiful Beelu National Park, surrounded by forest.

See page 6 for more details on this great weekend tour.

Leader: Kleber

Phone: 9354 7877

Help fill up the rides calendar for 2017 Lead club members on you're favourite route for a Sunday ride!

Any recommendations, suggestions and routes are welcomed.

Contact Greg
at rides@ctawa.asn.au



FEES PLEASE:

Just a reminder that your 2017 membership fees are now due. You have until the end of January to pay and receive the \$5 discount (for adult membership only). After this date full price applies. If we have your email address, your renewal form will be emailed mid-November. A renewal form will be posted to those without email.

All membership forms should be signed and sent to Cycle Touring Association of WA (Inc.), PO Box 174, Wembley WA 6913. If paying online (see website: www.ctawa.asn.au/ctawa/membership for bank account details), please include a note of the date when payment was made. Cheques may be sent to the Post Office box address with the membership form. Members who have not renewed by the end of February will not receive the following edition of the Chain Letter.

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DEADLINES: Contributions for the next issue (January/February) should be sent to the Editor (editor@ctawa.asn.au) no later than **6 December 2016**.

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The Chain Letter

The Chain Letter is published by the Cycle Touring Association of WA (Inc.) every two months.

We welcome articles and photos on:

- Rides you have done, in WA or elsewhere in Australia or the world
- Articles on bicycles, cycling gear, maintenance or safety
- News of members—whether related to rides or not
- Health, physiology, exercise programs or anything else related to the rider
- Riding tips or techniques
- Cycling trivia or quizzes
- Letters to the Editor...

The Editor will be grateful!! Copy and photos (at least 500kB) should be sent to: editor@ctawa.asn.au.

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Bits and Pieces

 Speedy recovery to Mark Bliesner who suffered some nasty injuries resulting from a cycling accident in Europe. Mark was only into his third day of riding on the Danube when the accident occurred.

The Why Factor:

Why we love to cycle: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p035yyjk#play>



Flies, Flies and more Flies!



Head netting might be wonderful for things like gardening, camping or walking, unfortunately it is a bit awkward for wearing while cycling. However this is one piece of gear that's easy to carry and works well for a cyclist who plans on stopping in the bush or roadside for awhile.

At the CTA Social Night on 13 July (Lets go on Tour), Stan demonstrated what he takes on bike tours, one item amongst many that he suggested, is to always carry a head net.

So if you don't want creepy crawlies surrounding your head while enjoying your break, pack in a small fly net for comfort!

Jarrahdale Overnighter

13/14 August 2016

By Miranda Stanton

It was a still and cold morning when 14 cyclists left from Kwinana Train station for the start of our weekend. We were fortunate to have the very good company of Nicole, who was holidaying from Berlin. Nicole is one of the founding members of the club and designed the CTA logo. It was good to also see Matthew visiting from Canberra (was on the 40 Anniversary tour) who came to farewell us from Kwinana.

We took some quiet back roads and cycled a few short miles and, guess what?? Coffee time at the Dome at Rockingham! After we were fed and watered and also enjoying a group natter, we continued on some very pleasant roads through the country side to Mundijong.

What a greeting we had. The Mundijong Fair was on!! (this happens once a year and they put it on for us- ha ha). We stopped at the fish and chip shop for

lunch where the service was excellent. Great salad rolls and fish and chips.

From here we slowly made our way over flat terrain until we commenced our climb up Jarrahdale Hill to arrive at our accommodation early afternoon. The Environmental Centre is just off the main street and conveniently located. You guessed it, next to the Jarrahdale Coffee shop.

Here we met Greg which brought our numbers to 15. Greg misunderstood our meeting point at Mundijong and cycled independently to Jarrahdale. There- after Greg enjoyed some good natured ribbing, placed in the middle of the riding pack so we couldn't lose him again.

In the afternoon, Bill and Patrick still had energy in their legs and went to Kitty's Gorge for a meander on their bikes.



Patrick at Kitty's Gorge, Jarrahdale

Others enjoyed the view from the verandah, had a sleep or headed off to the tavern to watch the footy. Stan was overcome with emotion when Nic Nat kicked the winning goal for the Eagles with 15 seconds to go, he subsequently lost his voice from cheering.

An enjoyable dinner and a few wines/ales were had at the Jarrahdale Tavern.

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Group looking down from the balcony at Environmental Centre at Jarrahdale (overnight stay)



Bill doing his 'Ghostbuster' imitation!

Sat evening was very cold in our accommodation. Mark, who is known for his sartorial elegance, usual attire; purple glory sunnies, reflective vest, grey baggy tracksuit bottoms, complete with an

elastic band for his right lower calf (chain protector), upped the anti Sunday morning with a "new fashion statement." He was wearing the hair of the dog, literally. A beanie had been made from the hair of his two Samoyed dogs Mitsubishi and Mush (see photo on previous page!). Very flash Mark, and warm too!!

After cleaning our accommodation we had a leisurely coffee at the Jarrahdale Coffee Shop. Some riders also had breakfast. Lucy was determined to get up and down those undulating Nettleton Rd hills fast. She hatched a cunning plan to leave her back pack at the coffee shop. This was foiled by Stan who was the consummate leader, good briefings, clear instructions and expert eyes on the

ground and promptly returned the back pack to Lucy.

Our ride along Nettleton Rd was magical. Great temperature, dappled sunlight and accident and puncture free. Stan saw an echidna crossing the road.

Lucy continued on trend, this time attempting to lose her waterproof cover when descending. Lucy clocked 62.8 km, her fastest time yet. Foiled yet again when Bill picked it up for her.

After our descent we all re-grouped and went together on a novel route back to Armadale where we had a final coffee and enjoyed camaraderie before saying goodbye. Thanks Stan for a great weekend and to Kleber for being tail end Charlie.

CTA Social Night - 6 October 2016

Croatia....Outback....and Europe!

It was great to see so many people come along to hear about Cycling Tours with a difference.

Our presenters for the night L-R: Steve, Liz, Richard and Christine



Island Hopping in Croatia

Richard (with the help of Liz in the background), gave an interesting and amusing account of their recent trip 'Island Hopping in Croatia.' Liz and Richard caught the plane from Zurich to Split to board the boat in Trogir. With only 30 people on board it meant everyone was able to mingle and get to know one another (also encouraged by the operator). The group comprised of people from New Zealand, Australia, UK, Canada and Norway. Richard said that they could opt to

do self-guided rides with the maps or go as a group. Everybody decided to stay with the group with a guide to tell them about the various places of interest along the way. The riding was from 30 – 50 km/day, with the option of a shorter or longer ride route, the tour went over 7 days and cost around \$1000 Euros each. This included accommodation, bike hire and meals, except for one dinner. The weather was fairly warm for July and this was a draw back when starting a ride around mid-day. Photos were also shown of various scenes, interesting that Richard could point out all the ladies and where they were from! www.islandhopping.com



The bikes being off loaded ready for the daily bike ride



Photo taken looking from the ride

Outback Cycle Tour

Chris and her husband Cass, did the 'Best of the Kimberleys' a remote outback cycle camping tour in May this year over 12 days. Chris gave a great presentation on their experience, with some interesting details in relation to the different areas they passed through. She showed a very impressive photo of Kununurra taken from their plane trip looking down on the rich broad acre agricultural areas, also different views of Lake Argyle and the Ord River. The tour started after spending a few days in Kununurra. We were all treated to some magnificent photos of the red/orange landscapes, with spectacular views of the Mitchell

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Lift out Rides Calendar for November/December 2016

Ride Guidelines

All riders are responsible for showing up with a well-maintained bike. You must wear a helmet, and we recommend you bring a spare tube, puncture repair kit, tyre levers, pump and, if your bike is not fitted with quick release hubs, a spanner that fits your axle nuts. Most importantly, bring water!

Rides are described using the guidelines below. *If you are unsure of your*

suitability for a ride, or if you feel it may be too long for you, don't be put off. Please contact the leader before the day to discuss your suitability, or to see if you can do part of the route.

Terrain refers to the hilliness of the ride, and can be 'Mostly Flat', 'Rolling', 'Some Hills' or 'Hilly'.

Mountain bike rides (on tracks or unsealed roads) are described as 'MTB'.

Pace refers to the average speed on the

flat without breaks. Downhills may be faster, uphill slower. For rides with 'Hilly' terrain, consider choosing a pace one grade below your usual comfort level.

Social	Under 15 km/hr
Leisurely	15 – 20 km/hr
Moderate	20 – 25 km/hr
Brisk	25 – 30 km/hr
Strenuous	30 – 35 km/hr
Super Strenuous	35 km/hr or more

Contact: info@ctawa.asn.au

LIABILITY DISCLAIMER: While every effort is made by CTA ride leaders to ensure the safety of all participants on our rides, individual cyclists (whether they are members or not) are **not** covered by the club for injuries if an accident occurs. We recommend that you obtain personal accident insurance before taking part.

IMPORTANT: We do what we can to ensure the ride details are correct when going to print. However sometimes unforeseen circumstances can occur after publication of newsletter. **Therefore please check the website before going on a planned ride.**

Clone of Mundaring Cake Run (Take 3)

Sunday, 6 November 2016

8:30 am for 8:45 am start

74 km, medium pace, hilly.

Meet at Cannington train station. This time we'll try to get all the way around.

If you are gen-Y and you would like to get the gpx file for this ride, just e-mail me (elsbethmarshall@gmail.com) and I will send it to you.

Leader: Liz

Phone: 9293 0398, 0423 207 258

Sunday, 13 November ride

Check the website for the ride details.

Let's Hit the Hills Ride

Sunday, 20 November 2016

8:15 am for 8:30 am start

65 km, moderate pace, hilly

Meet at Midland Train Station. We will head for Mundaring on back roads via Boya, Darlington, Glen Forrest and Mahogany Creek. It's then to our lunch stop at Kalamunda via the scenic Mundaring Weir Road. After the break we return to Midland down the Zig Zag and through Helena Valley.

Leader: Kleber

Phone: 9354 7877

Night Ride: Here we go, here we go, here we go!

Wednesday, 23 November 2016

6:00 pm for 6:15 pm start

25-30 km, moderate, undulating

Meet at the Loftus Community Centre, Leederville. It is the start of the night ride season and we kick off with a simple one from the LCC, meandering through the suburbs to that cute little mall in Mt Hawthorn. **Must have good working front and rear lights.**

Leader: Stan

Phone: 9345 3552 or 043 9955 241

Long Table Christmas Lunch

Sunday, 27 November 2016

12 noon for lunch.

For anyone wanting to ride to the lunch from Perth—10:30 am start.

Meet up in front of the Perth Arena on the corner of Wellington and Milligan Street "under the blue poles" for a leisurely, flat ride to Fremantle. Where you will meet up with everyone for the annual CTAWA Christmas Lunch for members and associates.

The a la carte menu ranges from light and crisp to greasy and celebratory. **RSVP by 19 November is required to confirm numbers.**

Contact: Steve - 0420 224 911 or email—social@ctawa.asn.au

Where's the Weir Weekend

Saturday, 3 December 2016 - Sunday, 4 December 2016

(see page 6 for more details)

Night Ride: The Lights are Brighter South of the River

Wednesday, 7 December 2016

6:00 pm for 6:15 pm start

25 km, leisurely, flat

Come and join "No Hills Leisurely Pace Kleber" for his first night ride.

Meet at the Narrows Bridge, South side near the toilet block, before we head South on the Freeway PSP. We then pass through Salter Point and Waterford on quiet back roads and PSP's following the Canning River to our dinner stop in Manning. After our fill, it's back to the Narrows via the Freeway PSP.

Must have good front and rear lights

Leader: Kleber

Phone: 9354 7877

Western Wander

Sunday, 11 December 2016

8:15 am for 8:30 am start

50 km, moderate, some hills

Road Bike: Some Hills

Meet at the Loftus Community Centre, Leederville for a meandering ride through the coastal suburbs west of the

LCC. As it is coastal, expect *updulutions* and *downdulations* but well worth it as I have discovered a new and very popular bakery.

Leader: Stan

Phone: 9345 3552, 0439 955 241

River to Ocean

Sunday, 18 December 2016

7:45 am for 8:00 am start

48 km, moderate

Meet under the Narrows Bridge, south side of river. Will stop at Fremantle for coffee at Dome, returning back to the Narrows Bridge.

Leader: Michael

Phone: 0412 888 114

Wednesday Morning Beat the Heat Ride

Wednesday, 4 January 2017

7.15 am for 7.30am start.

50 km, slow/moderate, hilly.

Meet at the Narrows Bridge South side near the toilet block. For those who are still on holidays, or retired, or work for themselves and can get away, a ride to start the year off to work off some of that festive cheer. We will be riding around the river to Freo and back and it will be a slow/moderate pace and when allowable a fast pace. This is for the stronger riders to open up a bit but don't worry, we will wait when there is a turn off. A ride for all levels.

Leader: Stan

Phone: 9345 3552 or 043 9955 241

Night Ride: Alfred's in Guilford

Wednesday, 11 January 2017

6:00 pm for 6:15 pm start

30-35 km, leisurely

Meet at East Perth Railway Stn. East Pde East Perth. Leisurely ride along the river paths. Build up an appetite before arriving at one of Perth's last remaining outdoor Hamburger Institutions, Alfred's Kitchen in Guildford. Return via the Principle Shared Path. **Must have good working front and rear lights.**

Leader: Noel

Phone: 0419 964 808

Coming Tours

Where's the Weir Weekend

Saturday, 3 December to Sunday, 4 December 2016

Leader: Kleber

Phone: 9354 7877

This weekend will suit all our members with full pannier or hostel accommodation being available. How many times have you ridden past Mundaring Weir without stopping to check out the many places of interest, offered within walking distance of the hostel? Visit the No.1 Pump Station, the start of the world's longest freshwater pipeline, the Mundaring Weir Arts and Crafts Gallery, a walk on the Munda Bididi Trail, or maybe a few social drinks at the Mundaring Weir Hotel, and in the evening, a showing of a movie at the Kookaburra Open Air Cinema. Details of locations and entry costs of venues will be supplied at the start of the weekend.

Saturday, 3 December 2016

9.00 am for 9.15 am start.

45 km, leisurely pace, hilly.

Meet at Midland train station. After handing out information and collecting money, we will be on our way on quiet back roads up through Darlington as we head towards John Forrest National Park. Continuing on we visit Parkerville, Mt. Helena and Sawyers Valley and arrive at Mundaring for lunch before heading to our overnight stop at the Weir. After settling into our accommodation we can take advantage of all the things on offer, as mentioned previously.

Accommodation:

We will be staying at the Department of Education Hostel, (ex YHA), surrounded by the beautiful Beelu National Park trees.

Tent sites under the trees are available and those who will be

using the hostel will have bed linen and towels supplied. The His and Hers bath rooms and a fully supplied kitchen with all you need is available to all guests. Hostel bed numbers are limited, so book early.

Food:

Maybe we can take advantage of the counter meals offered at the Mundaring Weir Hotel before we go to the Kookaburra Open Air Cinema to watch a movie.

You will need to bring your food with you if you intend to have dinner at the hostel and for breakfast in the morning.

Costs:

Hostel: \$25 per person. Tent site: \$10 per person.

Depending on your choice of accommodation, please have correct money ready for payment at the start in Midland. Also bring some extra cash for visiting some of the places of interest you may wish to visit.

When confirming your participation in the weekend, please indicate what accommodation you prefer and if you intend to dine out at the Mundaring Weir Hotel, so that bookings can be made.

Sunday, 4 December 2016

We will start when everybody is ready.

36 km, leisurely pace, hilly.

We will continue along the picturesque Mundaring Weir Road to our morning tea / lunch stop at Kalamunda. After the break we return to Midland down the Zig Zag and through Helena Valley.

Long weekend Geesebrook Farm Stay

Saturday 24 to Monday 26 September 2016

By Brian McAuliffe

A group of intrepid riders set out from Mandurah train station on Saturday of the long weekend, bound for Geesebrook Farmstay, Pinjarra. Ride Leader Stan Wiechecki led everyone out around 10.30am, with the weather forecast not looking very promising. The morning tea/lunch stop was at Pinjarra before cycling on to Geesebrook.

Kleber was slow in following as some 'smarty' had put an elastic band around his front brake, necessitating a quick fix. Riders all paused on the swinging suspension bridge to admire the surrounding views across the river. Riding on the swinging bridge was not an option (particularly on the tandem), instead the bikes were walked over.

Geesebrook Farmstay certainly lived up to all expectations. Wow, what a beautiful place, wonderful gardens, large lake and a very nice grassed camping area. We pitched the tents and then made use of the wonderful hot shower in the fantastic outside shower room. This



Crossing the swinging bridge

large room is constructed of limestone walls, concrete floor with a toilet inside.

Stan then led us on a nature walk around the property, the gardens are just magnificent and there were various metal sculptures on display as the owners Alan and Michelle Linney plan to have an exhibition on the 16 October.

Evening saw most riders having a BBQ meal with much conviviality. Alan and Michelle joined us after the meal, to complete an excellent day. The rain then started with a vengeance which saw Chris and Brian retreating to the comfort of their tents much earlier than the rest.

Sunday morning up bright and early with rain all gone, some gear a little wet but overall okay. After breakfast we cycled up to Dwellingup, which Nicole (a CTA member visiting from Germany) found quite challenging as she was suffering from asthma like symptoms. To her credit she did not give up and made it up the steep climb. After morning tea at the Blue Wren Café we cycled to the Forest Heritage Centre. The Forest Heritage Centre has various wood and painting displays. After lunch at The Blue Wren, we cycled down the scarp via North Spurr road for an exhilarating steep descent down to the coastal plain. Stan flew down in excess of 70 km an hour, the rest of us were much more sedate. After dinner Chris demonstrated to



Rotunda in the beautiful grounds of Geesebrook Farmstay

Kleber how to toast marshmallows over an open fire as he said he had never done it before (truly!).

On Monday morning we packed up to head back home. We stopped in Pinjarra for morning tea at a very funky café in the main street called Jarra Infusion Café, very nice, can recommend it to anyone passing through. We then cycled to Mandurah train station which was the end of a very enjoyable tour.

Our thanks to Stan Wiechecki for organising and leading this memorable tour. If Stan decides to do this again next year I would strongly recommend it to anyone interested in a full pannier tour.

(see some more photos on rear page)

What Dutch Drivers Are Taught!

Dutch people grow up riding their bikes, about 1 in 3 people say their bicycle is their main source of transport ie shopping, work commuting, socialising etc.

Dutch drivers are taught a simple way to prevent the **dooring** accident eg a car driver not paying attention opens their door directly on to a passing cyclist ...ouch!

Dutch drivers are taught that when you are about to get out of the car, you reach for the door handle with your right hand –

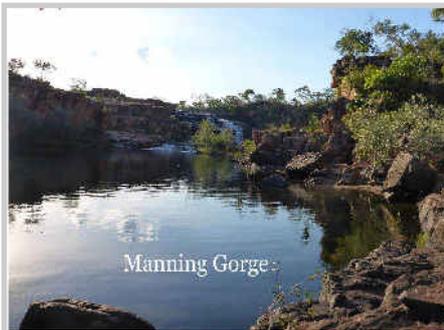
bringing your arm across your body to the door. This forces a driver to swivel their shoulders and head, so that before opening the door they can see if there is a bike coming from behind.

Of course in Australia because we have right hand drive cars we would use our left hand to reach for the door handle, if opening the drivers side. If opening the passenger door you would use your right hand to open the door handle. Try this idea and see if it works for you. This simple twist allows you to see cyclists, cars, or pedestrians you may have otherwise missed seeing.



Chris at entry to El Questro

Falls, Bungle Bungles (now called Purnululu). Cycling on the Gibb River road was pretty dry, hot, corrugated and dusty; however stops along the way at different gorges filled with water looked very inviting. There were many river crossings, especially going into El Questro, where Chris would take the opportunity to cool off in (where there were no crocs!), however they had to be carted by vehicle across the Pentecost River, too risky with the 'salties' waiting for a meal! This was a camping tour with



Beautiful Manning Gorge (Kimberleys)

everything provided, there were the usual camping challenges e.g. snake in the

toilet at one camping site. On most days you could ride as long as you liked (MTB supplied by tour operator), unfortunately the hot conditions restricted long riding distances, on these occasions the cool air conditioned support vehicle was very tempting!

CTA European Tour

A group of CTA members recently completed a cycle trip covering areas of Switzerland, Austria, Southern Germany and Northern Italy. Liz was the leader of the group; having lived in Switzerland she is very familiar with this part of Europe and more importantly speaks the language. Keith McBurnie who has cycled extensively through these areas was able to help by mapping out the GPS route which the group could download on their Garmin's and other devices – just needed to follow that purple line! Steve (assisted by Noel and Bruce), presented some wonderful photos of their trip where they passed through medieval villages, saw some spectacular castles such as the Neuschwanstein built on a steep rock



View of the Dolomites (Italy)

face, surrounded by forest (near Fussen in Bavaria), while also taking in some of the local village activities and events. The



Group leaving from Nesslau, Switzerland

groups cycle trip covered many kilometres traversing some beautiful areas such as Lake Constance (Bodensee, SW town of Bavaria), with views of the Dolomites (north eastern Italy), cycling around Lake Garda (northern Italy) and Lake Como. The green lush countryside was a deep contrast to the dry arid looking areas of the Kimberleys which was enjoyed on the earlier slide show! Steve said they mainly cycled on nice even roads or bike paths however there were a few hills en-route and with the traversing of 5 mountain passes the cumulative elevation on 19 riding days was over 13 km. The group carried panniers on their bike with their belongings and mainly stayed in small hotels and camping ground chalets.

Many thanks to Liz, Richard, Christine, Steve, Noel and Bruce for their informative and interesting presentations and photos.

Sad passing of a CTA Identity

By Ron Bowyer



One of CTA's more colourful characters, Neil Porteous, has died at the age of 86. In the picture on the left, taken in 2008, Neil, second from left is in his typical riding gear: CTA t-shirt, ordinary shorts with braces and shoes with no cleats. Old fogeys with him are Ton van Royen, myself and Dennis Braddon.

Neil was a great cycle-tourist and long-range rider and had a Super Randonneur to his name. His friends from CTA are assembling a pictorial tribute to this most enthusiastic and entertaining rider. Look for it in the next edition of the Chain Letter.

Photo of group supplied by Ron

The CTA Achievement Ride Series

The CTA conducts a series of 'Achievement Rides' (ARs) each year. These rides provide you with a graded set of challenges. Each ride must be completed within the set time limit, but is otherwise non-competitive. Each ride is supported by a volunteer and the series is coordinated by the Achievement Rides Coordinator. (See website for details and conditions)

Housekeeping

Please shoot us an update if your contact information changes (so we can keep our database up to speed).

Email: members@ctawa.asn.au

Safety Issues

If you have safety issues — email info@ctawa.asn.au

All riders are encouraged to report path and road hazards observed during their rides. You should email a clear summary, subject 'Hazard report', including details of the location and the problem (with a photo if you have a camera at the time) to: cycling@transport.wa.gov.au and/or enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au (send a copy to info@ctawa.asn.au).

You may also make hazard reports at : www.transport.wa.gov.au/activetransport/25460.asp

Green Senator Scott Ludham has sponsored an iPhone app, Bike Blackspot, for reporting bike hazards in Perth. It seems to be a useful easy-to-use reporting tool. Information goes to both the Minister of Transport and the Greens. The CTA does not support any political party or Senator Ludham.

You wish to hire equipment? We have Rear Panniers, a small Rack Bag and a Trangia (camp stove). By hiring, you can sample cycling touring without investing in lots of equipment. And if you do decide to invest, you'll have a better idea of what you want for yourself. Cost is \$5 per 2 weeks, \$10 per month, plus a bond.

CTA Clothing

CTA clothing is available as follows:

CTA jerseys:

Short Sleeve Unisex (full zip): \$85

Short Sleeve Womens (short zip): \$85

Long Sleeve Unisex (short zip) : \$95

Long Sleeve Womens (short zip): \$95

Long Sleeve Unisex (full zip): \$95



Sprint Design, recommend that buyers select a tighter fitting jersey to achieve good moisture absorption.

CTA jerseys are available in a range of sizes, in both long and short sleeve and half and full zip. Sizing is deliberately small to aid in moisture absorption, however it is **recommended you try on a sample before selecting**. If CTA's selection does not suit your requirements you can order direct from Sprint Design. Allow a 6-8 week lead time. Providing you only vary the length (long or short), rather than CTA's regular length and do not vary the jersey material, pricing should be approximately the same. To place an order, contact Sprint Design directly via their website at: www.sprintdesign.com.au/cycling-clothing/cta.html.

CTA bib knicks and knicks

Available by special order through Sprint Design.

CTA Orange Fluoro Shirts (sizing is very large)

Short sleeve unisex style. Limited stock in size 16 & 22



CTA Socks

Orange/blue socks with CTA logo — \$10 a pair

Safe-Zone Mirror

The 57 mm diameter 'Safe-Zone' mirror gives an improved vision of vehicles or other riders approaching from behind. Normally only available on line at \$53, including handling and postage. CTA is able to offer these mirrors to members at **\$43 including postage**, or if you collect the mirror yourself from Doug (at Greenwood) **\$35**.

These mirrors use two zip ties for mounting onto your helmet. If you are cycling overseas where traffic is left hand drive, these mirrors can be easily adjusted.

Contact : Doug 9447 2554 (H) or email clothing@ctawa.asn.au for any enquiries or orders.



Radio & TV

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Curtin Radio 100.1 FM, Saturdays 7.40 – 8.00 am and SBS 2 (TV), Sundays 6:00 – 6:30 pm



Below: Nicole in front of some of the artwork at Geesebrook with new bike!



L: Stan, admiring some of the fascinating pieces of artwork at Geesebrook .



Membership Details

CTA membership is from 1 January to 31 December. New members joining after 30 June may pay the half year membership price (1/2 of the prices shown below).

	Membership 2017
Renewal Adult membership	\$50.00
(If paid by 31 Jan	\$45.00)
New Adult membership	\$45.00
Concession:	
Full-time Students/Pensioners	\$33.00
Dependents under 18	No charge
Printed newsletter-additional	\$10.00

Membership forms can be downloaded from our website <www.ctawa.asn.au>. Please send your cheque and form to the Cycle Touring Association, PO Box 174, Wembley WA 6913. A receipt of payment is only issued on request.

The CTA is a non-Government organisation relying on membership fees, donations and volunteer labour to achieve our aims and objectives.

These monies help provide each member with six newsletters per year, a number of social evenings with suppers, weekend trips and tours at cost, to name a few of the material benefits.

For more information, send an email to info@ctawa.asn.au.

**If undelivered please return to
PO Box 174 Wembley WA 6913
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