



Calling for Donations of Bicycle Parts for On You Bike Tours

After the successful trial last year of suitably skilled volunteers from within the On Your Bike group managing on-tour bicycle repairs, a decision has been taken to dispense with the hiring of a contract bike mechanic, the cost of which will pass on as a saving in the calculation of the fee to participate in future events.

In a three part approach to cover the logistics of this activity, firstly the OYB Team has purchased a comprehensive bicycle tool kit, along with a bike repair stand and various consumable products to be carried on the luggage truck and made accessible each afternoon to the designated bike repair volunteers.

Secondly, a private vehicle fitted with a rack to carry up to two bikes and passengers will accompany future tours, providing an additional breakdown pick-up service to augment the sag wagon. This support vehicle will also carry water, put out and collect directional signage, collect grocery/milk/fruit orders and attend to other matters as directed by the OYB Team.

The final part of this strategy is to build up a collection of serviceable bicycle parts suitable to effect on-tour repairs to get broken down bicycles operational again to complete the event. As the whole gamut of both new and old style bicycles are ridden on the event - road, touring, hybrid and mountain bikes, accordingly donations are sought for either new or second-hand parts (essential to have a serviceable life) to fit any of the various bicycle types. Donations of any of the following parts are sought:

- Tyres from 26 inch MTB to 700c road/touring in widths 23, 25, 28, 32mm with appropriate matching tubes with Presta or Schrader valves
- Gear and brake cables, including end caps
- Steerer stem rings of various widths
- Bottle (bidon) cages
- Seat post clamps, Quick Release or standard
- Seats
- Quick Release skewers or 12mm thru-axle
- Brake pads for both rim and disc brakes
- Pedals, flat or SPD type
- Handle bar tape and grips
- Spokes and nipples – a range of lengths



- Head stems of various lengths or adjustable type
- Chain master links suitable for 6/7/8 Speed, 9 Speed, 10 Speed, 11 and 12 Speed
- Rear derailleurs or jockey wheels
- Allen key head bicycle bolts, nuts and washers in assorted sizes

This list isn't completely exhaustive, so if you have any part you may consider suitable, please donate. As previously indicated, this is purely an exercise of collecting only serviceable parts, not a means to dispose of cycling junk you may have accumulated in your shed.

Please bring along your donations to the next CTAWA Social Night at the Rise in Maylands on Thursday 24 June 2021. Otherwise contact Trevor on 0402 029 608 or teeb50@gmail.com to arrange alternate collection.