



Banyule BUG Newsletter

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Our thanks to the Office of Anthony Carbines MP, state member for Ivanhoe, for their support in providing the photocopying facilities for this newsletter.



The rhino sculptures adjacent to the new shared trail in La Trobe Uni were created by artists Gillie and Marc to raise awareness about the plight of rhino species in the wild.

New trails for La Trobe university precinct from Bicycle Network. [\(link\)](#)

This article also from BN will interest many of our members. It relates to the CEO's mission to get more women riding bicycles. [\(Link\)](#)

Indigo Epic Trail

The \$2 million Indigo Epic Trail, billed as “world-class” by the local Indigo Shire Council, links existing trails between Beechworth and Yackandandah in a helix-loop design.

Riders are encouraged to take on the trail in its entirety, or opt for shorter outings.

“Choose your own challenge level, from the full loop or just a small section,” says Ride High Country ambassador Paul van der Ploeg. “It’s really up to you and your group to decide.

Open year around, the one-way Indigo Epic Trail is built to an intermediate blue rating and includes rolling B-lines. plus more testing A-line features such as berms, step-ups and gap jumps. [\(link\)](#) Youtube [\(link\)](#)

If you have ever cycled from Greensborough to Eltham or between the Darebin Creek Trail to Warringal Park and thought to yourself - “we can do better than this”. Well complete the following survey.

[Do you ride in Banyule? We’d like to hear from you](#)

If you live in, work, travel through or visit Banyule, we would like your help.

Bicycle Network is working with Banyule City Council to learn about the riding habits of local riders, including where people like to ride and how often.

The survey takes roughly 2 minutes and will assist in building a better profile of people that use bikes in Banyule, with the long term goal of building a better local bike network.

If you use the Darebin Creek Trail, Main Yarra Trail, Plenty River Travel, we encourage you to participate.

You can take the survey by [clicking here](#).

Thanks to all the people who enquired about the e-bike advertised for sale in our last issue.

Hannah has sold the bike!

Banyule BUG Warburton Trip



During one of the last week's of March, 12 BBUG members and associates rode the Lilydale to Warburton rail trail. We returned the next day, after an overnight stay in Warburton. It's a lovely ride, weaving it's way through a number of small towns, interesting countryside and some Avenues of Honour.

We all really enjoyed this beautiful time in the Yarra Valley and sampling plenty of food along the way: a delicious

traditional bakery in Woori Yallock for lunch, mouth watering ice cream at Millgrove and an excellent dinner matched with Victorian wines at the The Alpine Hotel. On the return leg, we loved sitting in the Carriage Cafe at Seville for our lunch. We ate well!

An added bonus for us, was a walk led by Elaine, along O'Shannassy Aqueduct trail. The forest and views were stunning.

A really enjoyable trip.



Three Lakes Sunday Ride



Recently Cheryl S lead a Sunday ride around three lakes in the north – Redleap Reserve Lake, Mill Park Lake and Janefield Lake near Uni Hill. In addition. The ride took us from Mill Park Lake on a loop through Mirrabucca Wetlands. This was a most successful ride enjoyed by all who attended and the coffee break at St Ivy, Mill Park Lake was most welcome. When this ride next comes up, make an effort to be on it. You wont be disappointed.

Here are a few pictures from the ride. [Map Link](#)



Mystery Ivan – near rubberised section alongside the Epping Trail



Stone Giraffe – Janefield Reserve

General Club Meeting

Banyule BUGsters,

Our beloved President, His Excellency Peter Gurney, would like to remind everyone that a General Meeting of the Banyule BUG will be held from **7.30 pm Wednesday 12th April 2023**. You are very welcome to attend - the more the messier!

This is an opportunity to raise and discuss any issues about Banyule BUG that deserve an airing - rides, fees, behaviour, advocacy and more. The good, the bad and the ugly. An agenda will be circulated before the meeting. If you would like to have an item discussed, please email it to our hardworking Minutes Secretary Sue Griffith at suegriff@tpg.com.au by **4 April 2023**. Don't be shy!

The meeting is going to be held at the **Ivanhoe Croquet Club, 132 Lower Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe East.**

Tea and coffee will be available after the meeting; anyone who can donate a cake or biscuits will be greeted with open arms (and mouths).

Cheers,

John Pe



Thank you to the contributors to this newsletter. You can send your items for the next newsletter to

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Until then. Ride safely and enjoy the continuing good weather.