



Banyule BUG Newsletter

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Vale Elizabeth Thompson

Sadly, towards the end of 2023, Elizabeth Thompson passed away. Below are the comments made by our club President, Peter Gurney, at that time.

I am sorry to advise all members of Banyule BUG that Elizabeth Thompson, a long time member (possibly an original member) of Banyule BUG, has died.

Elizabeth had a diagnosis of terminal cancer for a few years but with treatment she has been able to live at home and involve herself in a number of activities until quite recently. Many members will remember that Elizabeth attended our annual dinner in October and enjoyed the evening while generously addressing the people she knew, myself included, as 'darling' and being wonderfully self-deprecating.

Elizabeth rode with the Latte Group for many years, attended club meetings, shared her point of view and involved herself in various social events. Maurie Abbott thinks that she may have been one of the women to first join the BUG and to build its membership.

All of us who knew Elizabeth and shared many kilometres and coffees with her will miss her company, wit and friendship.

I will send the club's condolences to Elizabeth's daughter Simone and will advise when funeral details are known.

*Peter Gurney
President, Banyule BUG*

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**THOMPSON,
Elizabeth Mae "Betty".**

22.03.1946 ~ 22.12.2022.

Much loved mother of Simone,
mother-in-law of Darryl,
Nanna of Bailey and Mackenzie Herring.

Mum was the best cook, google search for
Bailey and Mackenzie (before computers),
dinosaur excavator extraordinaire, volunteer at
Museum of Victoria for over 20 years
(after retiring from there), World traveller,
elephant collector, Banyule Bug bike club member,
Thursday coffee with friends, and loved friend
to many amazing people.

We are all so proud of Mum.
She lived her life, her way, as a strong,
independent and courageous woman.

The best Mum, Nanna and friend
who will be loved and missed every day.



This is what Mum wanted in the paper:

Elizabeth Thompson
Ceases to exist.

Honouring Mum's wishes, there will be no Fur



Ms Simone Herring
4th January 2023
C/O 5/111 Rattray Road,
Montmorency, Vic 3094

Dear Simone,

On behalf of the Banyule Bicycle Users Group I should like extend our deepest sympathy on the death of your mother.

Elizabeth was a long-term member of the club. She was one of the first female riders, a keen cyclist and an enthusiastic social member. Elizabeth took part in many rides and relished the exercise, the company and the coffee shops and cafes we visit all over Melbourne. She also came to most of our club social events and was a frequent and involved member at club meetings.

As a result Elizabeth was known by many in the Banyule BUG. She is missed by all who knew her. Reflections from people on rides this last fortnight have included her wit, her enjoyment of the company of other riders, her willingness to vent an opinion on issues and her wonderful hair and hats. She could take a joke and, with a few words, put people in their place – nicely.

Elizabeth was open about her illness and the likely outcome. We admired her stoicism and realistic acceptance. When Elizabeth announced she could ride no longer and sold her bike we knew that her situation was dire. She would not have parted with her bike and her independence had it been otherwise.

We were all pleased when she was well enough to attend the few social events during her illness and to take up a social membership of the club. Most recently she attended our club annual dinner in October and the birthday morning tea for our 95-year-old regular rider, Kelvin, in early November and was in great form at both events. We were all heartened that her spirits were so good. None of us expected Elizabeth would pass away before Christmas.

You and Elizabeth's family and friends will be grateful that she was so able and keen to be involved in life events over the course of her treatment and inevitable decline. The Banyule BUG enjoyed Elizabeth's company for many years and also these last months. She enjoyed our company too.

If you care to send me your email address I will seek photos of Elizabeth from members and will forward them to you. My email address is below.

I send the condolences and the sympathy of all members of the Banyule Bicycle Users Group.

Peter Gurney
President Banyule Bicycle Users Group

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Grand Sale! Grand Sale! Grand Sale!

Hannah is selling her Velectrix having very recently purchased a new Merida!



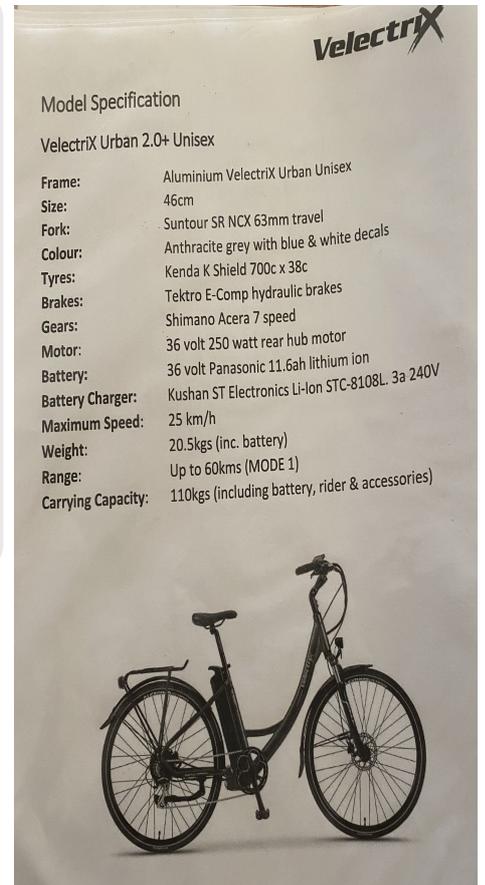
VelectriX used bicycle
This bike was bought from 99 Bikes and serviced by them it is a well maintained great bike , Made in the UK and very easy to ride , it will include an odometer, instruction manual and tool kit as can be seen from the photos it is in excellent condition, The range is about 60 KM but many km more if you pedal without battery power engaged. On flat roads no need to turn it on as the shimano gears make riding so effortless
The Kenda K Sheild tyres make for safe riding on sealed roads or off the beaten track

The price is reasonable and negotiable.

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Amsterdam calls for crackdown on menace of souped-up e-bikes

Demon young riders speeding at 40kph are making the Dutch city's once cycle-friendly streets dangerous – and the problem is spreading

[\(Link\)](#)



And the day started out with the promise of excellent riding.

Lilydale Warburton ride, Banyule BUG

Wednesday 22 March 2023 to Thursday 23 March 2023

10:15 am start on Wednesday morning, meet on the Red Bridge over the 6 lane Maroondah Highway

40 kms each way

Join us for this lovely ride through the Yarra Valley, stay overnight with or just do a day ride on the Wednesday for part of the distance (say Lilydale to lunch at Woori Yallock - 46 kms return)

You may like to join the ride at Mt Evelyn, this cuts out 7kms uphill climb, be there 10.45 am ish; or you may like to join at some other point. You can look at the trail at <https://www.railtrails.org.au/trails/lilydale-to-warburton-yarra-valley-rail-trail/>

Accommodation: please organize your own accommodation

- Alpine Hotel, Warburton ph: 5966 2411
- Warburton Motel ph: 0499 770 696
- Warburton Holiday Park ph: 5966 2277 (cabin style accommodation)

Warburton Motel and Warburton Holiday Park are about 2 kms from the Alpine Hotel and Riverside café, which are our eating venues.

Wednesday night dinner about 6 pm ish

Alpine Hotel, Warburton Highway

Thursday morning breakfast / first coffee, about 9:00 am ish (please ensure you have checked out of your accommodation by this time)

Riverside café, Warburton Highway or choose your own café

Thursday morning we will start riding after 10 am, back to Lilydale by mid afternoon

Bring:

Money, MYKI card if needed, usual cycling gear, dry clothes, rain gear, toiletries, medications, phone charger etc

Transport:

Car – you may like to drive your car with bikes and park somewhere in Lilydale; or Mt Evelyn if that's where you are joining the ride.

If you would like to come, but can't get yourself and bike to Lilydale; please ask other BBUG members to see if they can help. Then if you still can't get you / bike to Lilydale, let Sue know and we will endeavor to get you and bike there (no promises). Sue: 0417 528 585 / suegriff@tpg.com.au

Car share: we are particularly looking for club members who could take a passenger and/or bike (including e bikes; you don't have to take both, just a bike or a person), please advise Sue on 0417 528 585 / suegriff@tpg.com.au.

Train – as of January 2023, PT Victoria have advised that there will be some disruptions to the train service, Flinders St to Lilydale station; with buses replacing trains (buses won't carry bikes). You may like to check yourself by ringing PT Victoria on 1800 800 007 or checking website <https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au> (look for journey planner, Flinders St to Lilydale Station).

Significant health issue:

If you have any significant health issue, which you think the ride leader should know about, please advise Sue on 0417 528 585 / suegriff@tpg.com.au

Interested:

Please advise Sue at suegriff@tpg.com.au by Friday 10th March 2023; let her know if you are coming for a day trip or staying overnight and where you are staying. Also, if you are coming to meals: dinner and breakfast.

Trail Map

Here is a link to an “AllTrails” map that gives route, distance and elevation to help you decide where to join the ride. ([Link](#))

Warburton Trail

You might also like to view a video I made some years ago of the Warburton Trail from Wandin Station to Warburton. It will give you a good idea of the trail conditions. It was a very busy day along the trail when the video was taken ([Link](#))

Truly horrifying truck/bicycle crash

You may have seen this video of a bike accident along Rosanna Rd. It is sickening to watch. How quickly your day can change? I hope the cyclist is OK and that he gets justice. ([Link](#))



Melbourne Cycle Loops

Searching for a loop ride, but have no idea where to find one? Well this site will help. Clear presentation with rides graded by length makes it easy to find that circuit ride. ([Link](#))

Local government in drivers seat to showcase clean transport options

The following article is well worth a read. It outlines the role of local government in driving clean energy technologies in personal transport.

Our year is underway and may it bring many enjoyable cycling adventures to you. Record your rides and write a contribution for our next newsletter.
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Local government in drivers seat to showcase clean transport options

23 January, 2023



Two in three Australians think governments should invest more in footpaths and bike lanes

During the holidays, councils saw bike lanes, e-scooters, and walking paths getting lots of use. But the enthusiasm for active transport isn't just a summer fling, writes Portia Odell.



Portia Odell

Recent polling by the Climate Council shows two in three Australians think governments should invest more in footpaths and bike lanes.

Councils can play a huge and important role in creating sustainable communities with clean transport at the forefront.

So it's prime time for discussing how local governments can hit the accelerator on investment that gives their communities more active and sustainable transport choices, reduces reliance on increasingly expensive petrol and cuts emissions.

Transport is Australia's third largest source of greenhouse gas emissions. Emissions from cars, motorbikes and utes in particular are one of our fastest growing sources of climate pollution. The air pollution generated from cars, trucks and fossil-fuel powered buses alone is responsible for up to 1,700 deaths every year in Australia. That's more than the national road toll.

The good news is that making our towns and cities pedestrian and bicycle-friendly and encouraging the uptake of EVs (electric vehicles) will deliver cleaner, healthier air – particularly in our cities. Then there's also the perks for hip pockets and the liveability of our communities – as well as being better for the climate.

Transforming the transport sector

The Cities Power Partnership believes councils can demonstrate to other governments – be it state or local – the opportunities for transforming the transport sector. For example, Wollongong City Council is championing bike-friendly roads, and Lake Macquarie City Council is charging ahead with their electric vehicle rollout.

Wollongong City Council's "goal of improving access to cleaner transport options for everyone" includes upgrading pathways and crossings, investing in on and off-road pop-up cycling infrastructure, supporting cycling for recreation and adding new bike parking options near local cafés and businesses. They're not only showcasing best-practice to other councils, but internationally too. This year (2022), their focus on cycling was broadcasted globally to an audience of over 200 million people when the streets of Wollongong were transformed into a world-class bike racecourse for the 2022 UCI Road World Championships.

Lake Macquarie City Council took out top honours in the Cities Power Partnership [2020 Climate Awards](#) for their EV Charging Strategy, a council-led initiative to see more electric vehicles on the road. Fast forward to now, and the council has already transitioned 75 of their passenger vehicle fleet to hybrid petrol/electric vehicles. They're also making waves in the charging space, with recent upgrades to their charging stations, and grant funding to install more destination EV Chargers at three key tourism locations across the city by 30 June 2023.

Electrifying council fleets

Accelerating the uptake of EVs and electrifying council fleets is a key proponent of local government transport decarbonisation. With the average government fleet of

vehicles entering the secondhand market after only three to four years, local governments can play a unique role in increasing the supply of affordable electric vehicles for Australians by going all-electric.

The Climate Council's recent [Clean Transport Scorecard](#) empowers local and state governments to advocate to the Federal Government to design strong national fuel efficiency standards that will incentivise the supply of more cheap, clean electric vehicles to Australia.

This is important considering councils have a large range of different types of EVs – from utes to garbage trucks – and these policy levers are critical to ensuring the supply in Australia is available for local governments.

Cleaning up transport must be a priority for councils in reducing emissions, as we work to prevent harmful climate change. Local governments must invest in well-connected networks of footpaths and bike lanes, zero emissions public transport and affordable electric vehicles. This will empower Australian communities with plenty of clean, healthy options to get to where they need to go.

****Dr Portia Odell is Director of the Climate Council's Cities Power Partnership***

https://www.governmentnews.com.au/type_contributors/local-government-in-drivers-seat-to-showcase-clean-transport-options/?utm_campaign=GN%20-%20Overall%20Publication%20-%20Master&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=243393296&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-87LGmeiNEhHnfhp0_v1JjdGkjQwHy2i3Yi3G0xvGHlftayTu_wXlrBdKjVzbW1LeoMrM4KXKyHQsxp3DFW-1YPPBV83A&utm_content=243393296&utm_source=hs_email