



## Annual General Meeting

This month's Annual General Meeting was well attended by Bug members as well as the Mayor Cr Craig Langdon and Guest Speaker Marcus Walker. All committee members were reelected making for a smooth transition. Also on the night Jean Bysouth was awarded a much deserved life membership.

The committee as it stands:

President – Leigh Jukes  
 Vice President – Peter Heard  
 Secretary - Maurie Abbott.  
 Treasurer – Alan Preacher  
 Committee members:  
 Maureen Fisher  
 Lorraine Hunter  
 Richard Bysouth  
 John Perkins

Our membership has expanded by six since this time last year and the club is in sound financial shape thanks to our army of bike counters.

The club is now the proud owner of a new gazebo shelter which will be an asset on bike parking days as well as other outdoor functions we take part in.



# Banyule Bug Newsletter August 2014



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Any one travelling to Vienna note that there is a hybrid bicycle, currently parked in a hotel in Vienna, awaiting the arrival of any BUG member who is considering doing some cycling in Europe. Would be happy to lend/sell it to them save taking one over. John Sully

## New LifeMember



This year's Annual General Meeting saw Jean Bysouth awarded an honorary life membership for her services to the Bug.

Jean is also our Membership Registrar a position she has held from the clubs conception.

The Latte Groups earliest memories of Jean were the times we would turn up to ride and Richard or Maurie would take us to some park then out would come the tablecloth, the hot chocolate, the tea, and the coffee and then to top it all off those morsels of cake and biscuits all neatly wrapped in cellophane.

The Latte group's standard joke was that the main reason we turned up to meetings was for Jeans supper which we all really appreciate. We also especially appreciate that Jean has kept all these activities going at times when her health was not up to scratch.

**Thank you Jean from all**

## Don't some people have it all

According to Marcus Walker he has been lucky to be able to spend his life amid bikes instead of having a job like everyone else. We were fortunate to have Marcus as our guest speaker at this month's AGM .



Marcus's enthusiastic talk, though speaking to the converted inspired us all to get out there and do more 'biking' .

His total involvement and knowledge of a machine that he says basically hasn't changed all that much since its conception ie. (Two wheels and a frame) impressed us all.

To illustrate his point he passed around the following book available on line which was written round 1856 and is still relevant today .It deals with the history science and engineering of bicycles.

[http://books.google.com.au/books?id=0JJJo6DIF9iMC&printsec=frontcover&source=gbg\\_summary\\_r&cad=0#v=onepage&q&f=false](http://books.google.com.au/books?id=0JJJo6DIF9iMC&printsec=frontcover&source=gbg_summary_r&cad=0#v=onepage&q&f=false)

As always question time is never long enough when Marcus is involved hopefully he will be back again soon.

## WOT CHEESES ME OFF

No indication at bus stops to inform whether bus is late or already left

People who stop at the top and bottom of escalators

Anon



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Jim Hutton has been missing from the Latte group for medical reasons the last couple of weeks. We all wish Jim a quick recovery and look forward to his return in the near future



# Epic Ride

By my computer, 63 km total. Approx 43 km to Yarraman Station via Bulleen Rd, and c. 20 km from Hughesdale to Warringal.

And a tailwind for the whole trip (except for about 200 m near Chesterfield farm).

5 of us headed out. Me, Allan G, Maureen, Arnold and Fred. Decided to go via Bulleen Rd to save some distance and time early on. The north-westerly gave us a tailwind. The hills along Koonung Train/Eastlink to Deep Creek Rd don't get any flatter but we were riding well. Started to rain during a loo stop at Schwerkolt Cottage (but still in the northerly). By the time we got to Maroondah Highway it was clear it was going to be fairly wet. We discussed catching the train from there (Ringwood Line) but Arnold had decided it was going to be an Epic Ride and he wanted to be part of an Epic. Maureen agreed to continue. Allan never wavered. Fred chose to leave us there and he rode back.

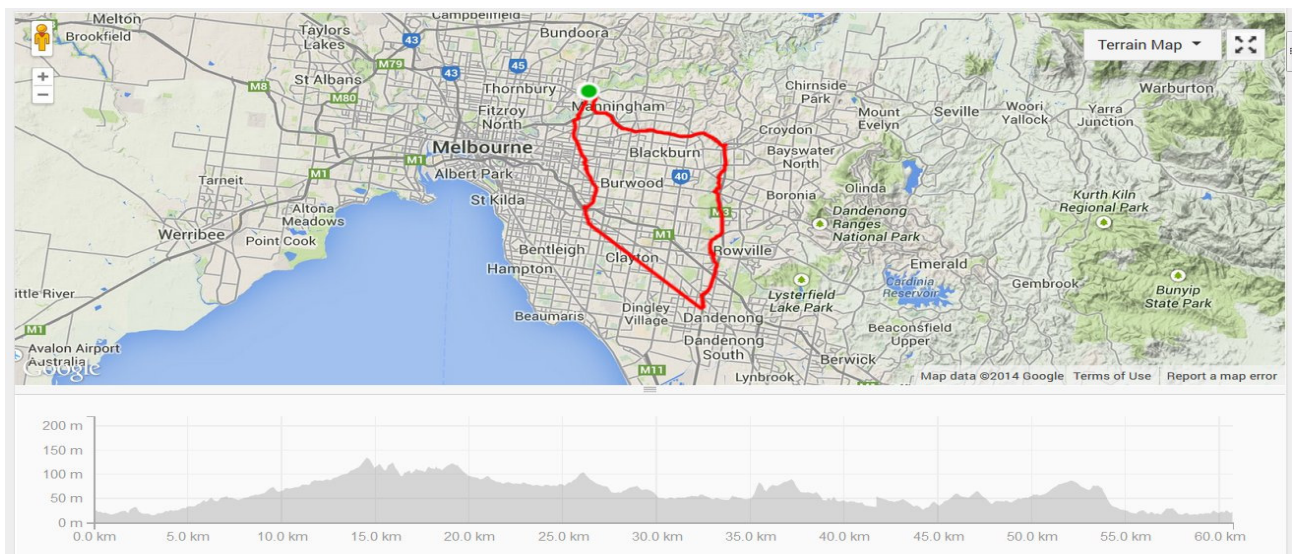
The plan was for coffee/lunch at Chesterfield Farm at Ferntree Gully Rd. We were a bit cold and wet and looking forward to the break. All the signs said "open 10-5, 7 days per week". But the gate had a chain and padlock. OK, maybe we couldn't afford the time anyway if we wanted to keep the tailwind all the way to Yarraman. Passed around the muesli bars to keep up our sugar levels and morale, and continued. By now the rain had stopped and as we headed south, there was even a bit of weak sun/shadows. A planned toilet stop in the park before Dandenong Road was a fizzer – couldn't get into the automatic toilet, even though it was flashing green and inviting us in!

But the sky was darkening ahead. No time to delay. Railway Parade is only 1.8km from Dandenong Rd. Just as we arrived at the station, the change hit. Flurry of hail, colder, sharp stinging rain. But only a couple of minutes to wait for the train. More discussion – would we just continue to town, or stick with the plan? I was tempted to bail out, but decided the only way to warm up my toes was to keep riding. Maureen stayed on the train (but later rode back to Warringal from Westgarth when the weather had cleared).

So now there were three! A handy breakfast/lunch/coffee place could be seen from the station, so we arrived wet and cold. They were welcoming nevertheless. Coffees, soup, toasted sandwich thing, and warmth and we were ready to face the weather again. By now, although colder, the rain had eased off a bit. Followed the line of the old railway line (the extension of the Alamein Line) through the park and Malvern urban forest. Crossing Dandenong Rd was a bit tricky – hard to see through rain-spotted glasses – and Allan abandoned his glasses. But then the rain stopped. So apart from wet tracks and having to take care on bends and downhill, the ride home on the Anniversary Trail was uneventful (except for tired legs after a fairly fast ride).

We started in 11+ deg and arrived back to 8 deg.

Kathy



# Lets Be Merry In Maryborough



Ann Richie has put forward the suggestion of a weekend away in Maryborough ,a beautiful old gold mining town with an abundance of history. It also boasts of many kilometers of bicycle trails ranging in distance from 11 to 80 Klm .Some examples;

[Avoca Mountain View Trail](#) (1819 KB)

80km

### **Mostly gentle ride through forest, farmland and townships.**

With the backdrop of the Pyrenees Ranges and tall red gums along its riverbanks, Avoca is an idyllic rural town with a mixture of cafes, galleries, specialty shops and accommodation.

### **Major Trail Features:**

- 32. Water Race feeding Goldfields Reservoir
- 26. Wildflowers in Spring
- 27. Hendrickson Dam Eucalyptus Still
- 28. Mud Brick Fence 1800's House Site
- 33. Historic Blue Stone Culverts

Other places of interest in the area include the Old Log Goal at Carisbrooke and historic forests on the way there.

### **Craigie Forest Trail**

11 Km.

Easy forest ride; Short rocky area

Craigie State Forest is home to beautiful Box and Ironbark trees Set amongst the forest are the historically significant Bull Gully Aboriginal Rainwater Wells and The Battery Dam Historic Site, home to an old eucalyptus still.

### **Dates; Fri Nov14th to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>**

Camping is available at Maryborough camping ground

Address:Holyrood Street, Maryborough VIC 3465Phone:(03)

54604848Email:[info@maryboroughcaravanpark.com.au](mailto:info@maryboroughcaravanpark.com.au)Visit:[ww](http://www.maryboroughcaravanpark.com.au)

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If you wish to book a cabin best to get in early.

Train service to Maryborough is very frugal the only ones being 4.01pm from Southern Cross on the Friday 8.09am Sunday Mon7.29am other than these other services join up with busses. For further information contact Ann by Email Ann Ritchie <[annmarie49@bigpond.com](mailto:annmarie49@bigpond.com)>;

# Still Blazing Away



**MEDIA RELEASE CREEK TRAIL BLAZERS -**  
Community Walk/ride to The Wattle Festival Cancelled due to Road Dangers. It is with great disappointment and frustration that a "feel good" walk/ride to the Wattle Festival has been cancelled due to Vic Roads requiring expensive safety requirements. Creek Trailblazers Inc was organizing the Walk/ride for supporters of The Diamond Creek Trail. The walk/ride was going to start at Wilson's Rd Reserve Wattle Glen early on Sunday 31st August, travel along the main Heidelberg to Kinglake Road for 3.5 km and arrive at Hurstbridge in time for the festival.

It was a great, healthy way to start the day. Users of the future trail, including walkers, bike riders and horse riders had the opportunity to unite and show their support for the Diamond Creek to Hurstbridge Shared Recreational Trail.

It was hoped that 100's of people would be involved and the support for the much awaited trail would also have an impact on the politicians who will also have a presence at The Wattle Festival. However, in order to keep the participants safe,especially on some parts of the road where there is only a metre of space available to pedestrians, protective bollards, lowering of speed limit and marshalls were required. Together with the appropriate insurances, the cost to run such an event was in excess of \$10,000. Although Creek Trailblazers Inc had support from Nillumbik Council to run this event, the costs were too high for this Non-profit organization. This highlights the frustration for our communities of Wattle Glen. Diamond Creek and Hurstbridge - No safe way to connect our townships - hence the need for a safe and pleasant recreational trail. The Diamond Creek Trail extension to Hurstbridge is a High priority for Nillumbik Council, but it needs the support from State and Federal Governments for funding.

Creek Trailblazers inc seek a \$1.5 million election promise from State Political parties.

**Helen Legg**

# The squeaky Wheel

## CycleWise Confidence Training



For intermediate riders\*

Presented by [Bikes at Work](#), this 4 hour program will help you improve your skills, build your confidence and learn safety tips for riding on busy roads and paths.

Part 1 (10-12noon): In a traffic free area we will cover route planning, bike and equipment safety checks, bike control skills, emergency stopping, traffic skills and gears.

Lunch break (12-12:30pm): BYO picnic lunch

Part 2 (12:30-2:30pm): Discuss cyclists' rights and responsibilities on the road, safe cycling techniques, positioning and etiquette. A group on-road ride around Preston and Preston West to put theory into practice. Where to position when there's no bike lane, avoiding car door collisions, where to wait at an intersection, how to turn right, approaching and safely going through roundabouts, crossing tram tracks and more! If time allows, we'll even show you how to fix a flat tyre!

Proudly sponsored by the [City of Darebin](#) for people who live, work or study in the municipality.

Program is FREE for concession card holders - we just have a \$20 refundable booking fee to discourage no-shows!

[BOOK YOUR PLACE](#)

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### CycleWise Confidence Training - (Intermediate)

From: September 14, 2014 10:00AM

To: September 14, 2014 02:30PM

*Darebin Council Car Park,  
Peter St, Preston,  
Melbourne,  
Australia*

#### Bicycle Quotes

The sound of a car door opening in front of you is similar to the sound of a gun being cocked.

Think of bicycles as rideable art that can just about save the world.

What do you call a cyclist who doesn't wear a helmet? An organ donor.

#### Ride and Park

**Parkiteer bike cages are convenient, undercover and secure places to park your bike, allowing fast access to the station to continue your journey by public transport. Entry to the Parkiteer cage is provided by an electronic card system, providing 24 hour monitored access and a 24 hour helpline.**

**Discover the benefits of using Parkiteer:**

- 1. Improve your health by riding to the station each day**
- 2. Save money by leaving your car at home**
- 3. Discover the convenience of a parking spot close to the station entrance**

**\*A \$50 fully refundable security deposit is required upon application. Should you decide to return your access card, your security deposit will be refunded to a nominated bank account within 14 days.**

**If you lose your access card, you can obtain a replacement card from Bicycle Network for \$10.**

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