

PENINSULA PEDALLERS' PERIODICAL

December



2017



Welcome Peninsula Pedallers to the December 2017 edition.

From the Secretary.

(Gary Moranda)

The Peninsula Pedallers' Periodical has completed its first year.

I would like to thank those who have contributed to this year's Periodical. Your submissions are what have made it such a success.



BOB, TRISH, ANITA, ROD AND Mike
on recent Sorrento ride.



YOUR COMMITTEE AT
WORK



The Peninsula Pedallers
Committee wishes all
members safe riding, a Merry
Christmas and a happy 2018



This is a truly spectacular ride through some of Victoria's most pristine scenery. Please see the flyer above for more details

CHRISTMAS PARTY



Don't forget: this year's **Christmas Party** is to be held at Penny and Paul's home **on Sunday, December 10**. Details to follow.

If any of our members would like to submit anything towards the Periodical please let us know.

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Cup weekend at Bright 2017

12 Peninsula Pedallers went on our recent annual 4 day long weekend to Bright.

Felix, Joan, Brenda, Ron, Rita and David stayed in a caravan park close to our accommodation. Christine, Trish, Julie, Mike, Paul and myself stayed in Orana Flats, which is great for groups. We all arrived Friday night.

On Saturday Felix, Ron, Christine, Trish, Julie, Mike, Paul and Penny rode to Myrtleford for lunch and back.(60kms.)

On Saturday night we came to Orana Flats for a BBQ. Great conversation and great food.

On Sunday, Paul and David rode up the hill from Everton and back to Beechworth. Ron, Trish, Felix, Christine, Julie and Mike started at Myrtleford rode up the rail trail to Beechworth, but came back via the very steep and windy road. (70 kms). Penny started at Everton rode up to Beechworth and back to Myrtleford via the road. So you can see Bright offers rides of various distances.

On Monday, some were going to walk at Mount Buffalo but looking up it was covered in cloud. So they had a lovely day exploring Beechworth. Paul and Penny played golf.

The weather was delightful and the company sensational.

There were so many cyclists in Bright. There were more bikes than cars. The cycle path between Bright and Porepunkah was full of parents and children on their bikes. It was wonderful to see. This is the 10th year we have going to Bright and it is a cyclist's paradise, with plenty to do for those who don't cycle.

It was a very special weekend for us because it was the last ride we would do with Ron.

Penny Mc Carthy.

CGH Bike Relay 18-19 November

We were down on number this year but Dennis, Trish and Mike made the very early start from Melbourne whilst myself and Beverly (non-rider) drove from Walhalla. A MTB ride taking in the Bairnsdale to Lake Entrance rail trail was added to the calendar this year and attracted 80% of all entrants leaving only a couple of dozen riders for the road ride starting from Sale at 8 am. It was ideal riding in benign weather with a very slight mainly Easterly breeze. We divided

the ride into roughly 40 km sections. I drove Dennis' 4WD with bike trailer to Briagalong. It was evident that turning signs were minimal and only where "it was not obvious that a turn was required."

Mike was keen to start so he and I started off on the leg to Bairnsdale a short while before Dennis and Trish turned up on their bikes, leaving the car and trailer with Beverly. After a coffee, they passed the two cyclists about ¾ hour later.

Shortly afterwards, Mike and I took an incorrect (not marked) turn and it was not until we reached the A1 that it was evident that we off track. Unfortunately, Dennis and Trish had already restarted on their bikes about 9 km beyond the unmarked turn.

Eventually, Beverly phoned me whilst we were riding the A1 towards Bairnsdale. Lacking a map, I couldn't be sure of where the car and trailer were. Eventually, and after some local directions and despite having never driven a car towing a trailer previously, let alone the long bike trailer, Beverly drove to the A1 just before Bairnsdale where Mike and I caught up with her and then Dennis and Trish after cycling 25 km on the A1.

We lunched together and decided that with time lost, we would all drive to about 20 km short of Lakes Entrance where Dennis, Trish and Mike rode into town and I was at the wheel of the car and trailer. Trish had the use of a friend's unit and the others all stayed at the Bamboo Inn, thanks to accommodation booked by Trish. Saturday evening meal was at the RSL hotel with other CGH cyclists.

Sunday weather again was fine with a pleasant slight breeze. Dennis, Trish and I rode the first leg to Bruthen, mostly along the very picturesque Tambo River where Beverly indulged in picture taking. We had a brunch meal and swapped drivers with Mike and I then riding to Bairnsdale. By then, the temperature was in the high twenties and we decided to drive directly to Sale. All four riders had covered 130 to 140 km for the weekend. Again, there was a little confusion over the navigation but Dennis's memory of the route was certainly better than the location of markers. It had been a good weekend but the numbers on the road relay were disappointing and even when adding the MTB riders, the organisers admitted a fall-off in interest in the ride. We will bear that in mind for 2018. However, it is a very picturesque ride taking in the best of Gippsland for cycling and there was very little traffic along most of the route.

Geoff Payne



STARTING FROM LAKES
ENTRANCE
(GEOFF, MIKE, TRISH AND
DENNIS)



SUNDAY MORNING

Another unattributed quote.

"Whenever I watch TV and see those poor starving kids all over the world, I can't help but cry. I mean I'd love to be skinny like that, but not with all those flies and death and stuff."

- (Well-known US singer)

