

# PENINSULA PEDALLERS' PERIODICAL

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Welcome to the May 2018  
Periodical. Many thanks to our  
contributors.

## Sunday rides

The Committee is concerned that recent attendances at Sunday rides (particularly the leisurely rides) have been progressively decreasing.

As you know, the Committee and ride leaders work hard to bring you a variety of rides, attempting to cater for members' different tastes and abilities.

So you can imagine that poor attendances are somewhat disheartening for those who work for the benefit of all members.

The Committee will be considering the future of Sunday rides at the May general meeting.

If you have any suggestions for improving the situation, please contact any committee member, or Rod Tacon on 0400 787 543 or email [r.tacon@bigpond.com](mailto:r.tacon@bigpond.com) before May 21.

Your input would be appreciated.

## FROM MEMBER, RICHARD WIGGER

After 30 years of installing and commissioning machinery I should know !!

When the chain randomly jumps off the front ring and the shifter won't move the chain across the full range of gears, tensioning the cable and changing the wobbly rear idlers isn't going to fix the problem and will end up in tears.

Standing on the side of the road with a broken bike is no fun, because the actual problem is always up stream.

We all take care of our bikes cleaning frames and chains, but do we know what's happening out of view ?



*Split outer cable sheath, front ring shifter.*



*Frayed inner rear cluster cable, 3 strands from breaking*

## Angus and Sally's Bushrangers Bay Walk – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March

On Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> March we received 17 mm of long-awaited rain. Although much appreciated, it didn't auger well for our walk to Bushrangers Bay the next day! Then Geoff Payne cancelled his 'Fast' ride on Sunday morning citing 68 mph winds on the peninsula! We dithered about cancelling then decided no – come what may, we would walk even if nobody turned up. Well, bless them, Penny, Mike and Julie did and guess what, within ten minutes of the start, the sun came out and we were sheltered from the wind along the track. The next boost was when we spotted a couple of kangaroos in the bushes beside the track and then suddenly there was a whole mob! There were at least twelve from big Daddy to youngsters and in between, bounding across the track and down through the scrub to the creek for a drink no doubt. They spared us tourists a glance in passing.

At the bay we climbed down to the beach and took a muesli bar break, as is customary for this walk. Mike took the obligatory photo of us seated on the rocks, and we examined the rock pools for interesting marine life.

Then onwards to Cape Schanck. We had forgotten how many steps there were: excellent exercise of course. The vegetation began to change as we approached the lighthouse, from coastal banksias to melaleucas and saltbush, and the wind now made itself known. There was a wedding party having photos taken against the dramatic backdrop and the

bride's veil seized the chance to escape in the wind and almost got away with it. The little café was shut – we wondered when it was ever open – but its front porch was unlocked so we snuck inside and ate our lunch sheltered from the wind.

On our return walk the steps were mostly downhill of course but scarcely less challenging and we knew a different set of leg muscles would let us know about it the next day. Back at our cars we were very pleased with our defiance of the weather and delighted by our very enjoyable day.



## Sally and Angus Harding

## NEW PATH PLEDGE

The State Government has pledged to fund a \$3 million upgrade to improve access to the National Water Sports Centre precinct. Despite 10 years of planning, a 200m stretch of pathway between Patterson Lakes and Riverend Road was still not built. One priority item is improving the Carrum - Lilydale Bike Trail including a new track on the north side under the Peninsula Freeway.

Locals say the path which could connect the Longbeach Trail, the Patterson River Loop and the Dandenong Creek Trail is currently a 'dangerous man-made goats track'. The campaign is for a pedestrian and cyclist underpass that would link houses with the Melbourne Cable Park, National Water Sports Centre and Cornish College.

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## WITHOUT COMMENT



## WHY DO THEY DO THAT ?

Two Irishmen were sitting in a pub watching the Tour de France on TV. Seamus shook his head and asked "Why t'e hell do they do that?"

"Do what?" asked Mick.

"Go on them boikes for moiles and moiles, up and down t'e hills, round t'e bends, day after day, week after week. No matter if it's oicy, rainin, snowin, hailin ? . . . .

Why would they torture themselves loike that"?

"Tis for the prestige and the money" replied Mick, "You know the winner gets about half a million Euros?"

"Yeah, I understand that' said Seamus, "But why do all the others do it?"

