

### Banyule Bicycle User Group

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### **NEWSLETTER**

## September 2011

# Annual General Meeting

The 2011 AGM was held on the 10th August Guest speaker was Marcus from Walkers Wheels who was most generous with his time due to the amount of questions that arose from his talk. We would like to extend a welcome to Leigh Jukes our new President and a thankyou to Graeme who has stood down after fulfilling this role for the past seven years.

### **New Committee for 2011-12** President - Leigh Jukes. Secretary - Maurie Abbott. Treasurer - Alan Preacher Committee members: Maureen Fisher Lorraine Hunter Richard Bysouth Les Bennett Membership Registrar - JeanBysouth, 9am Tue and Sun Ride Program Co-ordinator -Alan Preacher 9.30/10.00am Tue & Fri ride coordinator - Les 8pm Wed ride coordinator - Robert Thorpe Newsletter Editor - Maureen Fisher Website/email - Maurie Abbott Bicycle Parking and Bus booking coordinator -Richard Bysouth Gill Scott - coordinator for Latte group component of the Sunday Intermediate Ride Roster

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A warm welcome to all our new riders we hope you all enjoy your riding experience with the Banyule bug

## Nillumbik to spend more than \$12 million on trails

According to the Diamond Valley Leader dated the 16<sup>th</sup> Aug more than \$12 million will be invested in trails across Nillumbik The plan includes extending the Diamond Creek Trail to Hurstbridge and establishing a trail from Hurstbridge to Arthurs Creek also formalising the Green Wedge Trail from Wattle Glen to Kinglake, and developing the Aqueduct Trail from Greensborough to Yarra Glen

# Nearly a decade of involvement

Close to a decade of involvement in the club six of these spent as president. This is Graemes account of how it all began.

I grew up in the inner suburb of North Melbourne

I started my working life after finishing an Art course at RMIT

For the next twenty years I moved around working in Art Studios as a graphic designer prior to becoming a self-employed designer which lasted for another twenty years. I am currently teaching overseas students at RMIT who are pursuing a career in Art and design or architecture.

Cycling came about fifteen years ago after many years playing football and boundary umpiring bringing about knee and ankle surgery. The bike is an ideal substitute for running.

My first bike was a Malvern Star roadster when I was at primary school. My father brought a 28" which was full size, to my disappointment it had to be replaced by a 26" [as I was only ten] which I used for riding to school and delivering papers.

My next new bike was 40 years later which a client purchased for me to avoid paying his account. It was a Phillips road bike made in Geelong. That bike was used on many four day trips over the years for Easter and Cup weekends travelling throughout Victoria. We would travel by bus with the bikes in a cattle truck and cycle back to Melbourne camping overnight at football ovals. The rides were one long party interrupted by some cycling.

The Phillips was replaced by a second hand Bottechia Italian road bike which I had for a number of years before replacing it with another Italian bike called a Moser.

I still have the Moser along with a mountain bike and the bike I ride with Banyule BUG, a flat bar Merida road bike which will be possibly my last purchase.

I have had many great moments on a bike with friends seeing many sights not available in a car. I will continue to enjoy my time riding with

friends and being involved with BUG.

I have been a member of the BUG since 2002 and took on the position of president at the 2005 AGM after being persuaded by Richard Bysouth. My tenure over the six years was enjoyable due to the people within the group, committee people and members.

Graeme Williams

# Transport in Banyule

There was a very successful "Transport in Banyule" workshop held in Heidelberg Primary School by Transition Banyule and Friends of Banyule. Prf. Frank Fisher gave the guest speaker address. Geoff Ball ran the workshop, including the comparison of cycling with cars and the World Cafe discussions. Councilor Tom Melican was an active participant as were several other members of Banyule BUG. Geoff pointed out that cars use at least 500 times the energy for personal transport compared to bicycles- demonstrated by John Merory riding a stationary bike attached to an electricity generator. The batteries being charged ran the speakers' amplifier. Frank Fisher expanded on the "obscenity" of the waste of energy by carsless than 0.5% of the energy of the oil is used in transporting one's person from point to point, taking into account the energy conversion of the internal combustion engine, the weight of the car, the energy required to build not only the car but all its supporting infrastructure, etc. And this is before considering the illness and death caused by car pollution, accidents, and the obesogenic car-driven lifestyle. We have to change the "default" to cars for transport to walking, cycling and using public transport. A lot of good ideas were generated. Geoff urged people to start acting on them in the next 2 weeks, at least meeting in small groups of people that want to develop action around the ideas. They will be listed and described in the next newsletter.

John Merory

### **Happy Birthday Allen**





To commemorate his birthday Allen was presented with a new shirt by fellow riders as a testament to his talents as Ride Program Coordinator.

Congratulations Allen from all of us. We can see you are much appreciated may you wear it with pride. Just remember though if you think someone could be having an underhand shot at you there is always the Latte' Group.

### A Hot issue?

While heated handlebar grips may be nothing new for snowmobilers or motorcyclists, they're something that mountain bikers have never been offered before - or have they? The comments board is open, if you know of a previous product. In any case, A'ME's Clamp-On MTB Heated Tri Grips are just such an animal. If you're a coldweather cyclist who doesn't like wearing thick gloves that cause your hands to get sweaty, they may be just what you're looking for.

The grips' internal heaters are powered by a rechargeable 11.1 volt lithium-ion battery pack, which attaches to the handlebar stem or frame with an included mounting kit. Watertight connectors allow the system to be used in snow and rain. Jumper leads are also available, should riders wish to save money and use a battery pack they already own.

Six temperature settings are available, which can be selected by pressing a button - an LED on each grip indicates its current setting. This could come in handy (no pun intended), as riders' hands tend to heat up throughout the ride.

Compliments of Les

### Some people have a lot of Gaul?

Well actually not any more Congratulations Maurie on the safe removal of the above hope this loss will in no way impede your duties as secretary.

#### **Rumor File**

There is a strong rumor that a certain person well known for their aversion to the powdered variety of coffee was seen partaking of this variety at a recent meeting there were quite a few witnesses to this event and I also believe this rumor has been posted on Montmorency station