

Hi TBUG

Tamar Valley Cycle Challenge (aka Sally's Ride) – have fun on Sunday everybody! If you haven't already registered, quickly get onto www.rccl.org.au. We have started a TBUG "team" – just nominate Tamar Bicycle Users Group in the "corporate team" box when you enter and our times will be put together.

Westbury Family Ride coming up next Saturday 21st Nov. It goes for 8km, flattish sealed roads around Westbury. Meeting time is 9:30am at Westbury village Green and we may ride for up to 2 hours. There is a playground and shady trees for a picnic at the starting/ finishing point.

This is a ride for older kids or half-bikes so we can go a little further and faster. However, shortcuts can be arranged if any child can't keep going. Contact Janice March 6334 5567 Janice@braesidedental.com.au

The following Sunday 29th November, enjoy the Tamar from **Beaconsfield to Greens Beach**. Contact Peter Ford (6394 3516 evonpeter@yahoo.com) for more details, or check our website.

Trip report: "Five of us met at Royal Park for our inaugural **Social Women's Ride**, aiming to get women who had not ridden before (or for a long-while), (back) on their bikes, lured by coffee. Led confidently by Michelle we followed the levee bank to Hobblers Bridge, returning via quiet back streets to Stillwater for coffee. And didn't our bikes look nice, all lined up along the boardwalk in front of the cafe! Along the way we joked and laughed and plotted 'training' for a cycling wine tour to Evandale! Since the ride, one woman has purchased a new bike!

We plan to **do it again next month, Dec 6th. 10.30 Royal Park**. Be there if it sounds like it suits you!" Lu.

The Great Western Tiers Cycle Trails have been launched and offer four different excellent routes. They are signposted and you can download free podcasts to tell you interesting things along the way, including stories by local people. Check it out on www.greatwesterntiers.net.au (the podcasts will be there soon).

"Cycling with kids around Tasmania

I ran into these German cycletourists on Margaret St the other day. Very impressive kit! Kids helping on the front, and apparently they have been on cycle touring trips since they were about 1 ½ years old (but maybe a different setup when they were young). The kids love it. Checkout the bikes on www.hasebikes.com (if you've got a few thousand euro spare). Click the English flag on the website. Apparently this tandem fits into almost any compact car – and can be reassembled in just a few minutes' time." Anna.



KEEN CYCLIST NEEDS RIDING BUDDIES December-January

A keen cyclist who will be in town on holidays needs riding buddies this summer.

"I'm happy to ride days, weekends hills - 100k's (as long as not too many mountains involved)

I'm 39, married with a dog (sounds like I'm writing a personal add)

I arrive Sat 19th Dec - Fri 15th Jan so am here for a month.

My phone number is 0412 41 69 17" – Sharon

"Greetings from a very warm Clare SA

We have been pedalling hard in preparation for the Great Ocean Road Ride. The terrain is a lot flatter but with the temperature between 30- 35C it can be hard going at times. We have spent time cycling in Bendigo and Mildura, both cities have excellent cycling facilities.

Mildura Rural City Council has produced an excellent map which details the cycling lanes around the city and training routes. Yesterday we rode the Riesling Trail from Clare to Auburn and return. The trail follows the former railway line, is a compacted surface and with lots of trail markers. Regards, Coral & Tim"

Trip Report: Mole Creek Cycletour

"1 tandem, 2 bikes, 2 bike trailers, various panniers and 4 people set out from Launceston loaded with their camping gear for a night at Mole Creek in mid October. The weather for the 8.45am start was perfect as the group headed out of town on the Old Bass Highway through Hadspen, Carrick and stopping at Westbury for coffee and cake. Back on the bikes the group stayed on the Old Bass Highway and passed through Exton onto Deloraine. The road undulated only slightly so pedalling was straightforward. The backdrop of the Western Tiers was picture perfect.

Deloraine was the lunch stop and also where 3 others joined the group. The party split after leaving Deloraine with some opting for the shorter direct route and others taking the scenic route through Montana and Caveside with various views of Mother Cummins Peak. Once at Mole Creek the group met at the Mole Creek Caravan Park, set up tents and enjoyed a cuppa before later cycling/walking to the Mole Creek Hotel for a counter tea and a warm social evening and then cycling back to the caravan park in the dark.

The next day, another fine one, saw the group head back to Deloraine and have a cuppa before the 4 riders from Launceston headed off with a stop at Westbury again. Mid afternoon saw us back at the Casino in Launceston. It was my first time as a touring cyclist and I found the extra weight on the bike very manageable and my mindset one of going slower and enjoying the scenery. I enjoyed the journey, the company and the ride." Sue Walker.

Our new website is online!!! www.tbug.org.au

Josh Bush has done a sterling effort on our website, so that there is heaps to check out in this new version. As time goes by, we will have more and more online. Go and have a look, and put any thoughts/comments/chat you have about biking onto the forum. (You need to register when you first visit, which is easy). Right now we have a poll there, regarding **edge**

markings on roads. Some roads just don't have room for regulation-width bike lanes. In these situations, wide edge markings and road shoulders are often painted in as "unofficial" bike areas. Is this a good idea? What do you think? (We are giving feedback to the council.)

You can see the **discounts we have for members** (on presentation of your membership card, which should be in the mail), which currently include:

Cycle Torque and Coffee,
Every Battery,
Mountain Bike Tasmania,
Mountain Designs,
Sport'n'Surf and
Sprung.

JOIN us!! Our membership flyer is on our website www.tbug.org.au

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