

Over 55 Cycling Club Busselton Cycling Camp 2013

February 2013

Our Club's annual camp at Busselton's very comfortable Peppermint Park Eco Village ran from 9 to 23 February and was attended by about 90 of our members. Some stayed a few days and others stayed up to three weeks, some in tents and some in cabins.

The first couple of days provided extra events for those who cycled along the beautiful Geographe Bay path into town. On Saturday afternoon was the Masters (over 40 y.o.'s) Cycling Competition, and on Sunday was the Around the Jetty Swim with hundreds thrashing through the rough conditions and stingers for about an hour.

On Monday our first organised ride was hosted by the Busselton Cycling Club - it started from the Yacht Club by the beach and ended up at the Guiver family farm for the substantial home made morning tea that the local club members provided in the huge tractor shed.



Members leaving for Sabina Park



Morning tea at Guiver Farm

On Tuesday we had a 31 km ride to the Cheese Factory for morning tea, or a longer ride to Yallingup - 72 km, or MTB rides at Margaret River. Wednesday gave us the choice of shopping in Busselton, a 37, 56 or 61 km ride to Goanna Gallery and a night ride along the coastal path to Busselton jetty for pizzas.

Thursday started with a breakfast ride into Busselton, or an overflow ride to the Old Cheese Factory.

On Friday there was a long (76 km or 63 km) ride to lunch at the Duckstein Brewery at Wilyabrup and evening bowls at Dunsborough.

The week ended with a ride with the Busselton Club, who provided a magnificent morning tea; the Busselton Club repeated their hospitality in the following Monday. Tuesday 19th had Cowaramup to Margaret River rides, both off road and on road, as well as MTB rides. The next day had leader's choice short rides or a 109 km ride to Miller's Ice Creamery, followed by dinner at the Esplanade.

Thursday had a ride to Dunsborough and/or Smiths Beach or MTB riding, followed by a sausage sizzle in the evening to thank the Busselton Club (Geographe Bay Cycling Club) for their hospitality.

And finally, on Friday there were leaders choice rides and a long ride (78 km) to lunch at the Cheeky Monkey on Caves Road.

The many interesting rides and activities over the official two weeks produced many great memories to share at the usual Happy Hour held under the peppermint trees every evening.

Many thanks to Thea for organising the rides and visits! If you haven't been to the Busselton Camp, keep it in mind for next February (and book a cabin now, if you want that type of accommodation).

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