

# Manningham B.U.G Newsletter - November 2009

## Minutes of the General Meeting

Date: 19.10.09

Meeting started at 8.20 pm

Present: Peter, Terry, Harvey, Alan E., Fiona, Jan, Lyn, Andre.

Apologies: Helen, Katherine, Bernard, Gary.

### Treasurer's Report:

Bank Balance- \$2589.21

Membership: 9 family, 20 singles, 5 couples.

Correspondence: (None received)

### Business Arising

-Website- Harvey, Gary and Luke have discussed - to be continued.

-Christmas breakup - Peter to book Pancake Parlour for Dec 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm.

### General Business

-Neighbourhood Watch flyer has information - "Secure Bike' -re.keeping your bike safe (eg. description/photo of bike to give to police) - Terry to get flyers for next meeting.

-Some discussion around insurance for bikes- eg. RACV- pay \$17 /year which covers theft of bike anywhere.

### Ride Reports:

Sat Oct 10<sup>th</sup> Warburton rail trail- 12 riders set off on a beautiful day. Left Woori Yallock at approx 10.30 pm (1 rider received misleading directions about the whereabouts of the trail).

11/2 punctures (slow leak).

Lunch out on decking in Warburton café- now has shade sail.

### Future Rides (See newsletter & calendar for details):

November 28<sup>th</sup>- Blackburn ride.

December 23<sup>rd</sup>-Fish and Chip ride.

### General Business

Meeting finished 9.10 pm.

## OUR NEXT MEETING

- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 8pm Venue: Pancake Parlour, 550 Doncaster Rd Doncaster.

-Future meeting dates: Christmas breakup party at Pancake Parlour- Mon Dec 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm.

## **We need more rides :**

*We need more rides to fill our calendar so ring Gary on 9439 5016 with your ideas.*

*Currently there are **ONLY 2** rides for the calendar, OCT, NOV, DEC are the best times for a ride.*

## Future rides :

-Sat Nov 28<sup>th</sup> -Meet 10am on north side of Blackburn Station. 20-30 km circuit around Blackburn.  
Contact Anne: 9890 8006

-Wed Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> (last Wed before Christmas). Meet 6pm at floral clock for annual Fish and Chip Ride. Contact Harvey: 9890 8006

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## RIDE REPORTS: See minutes

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## FYI - Community Events

### Manningham Spring Festival Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Ruffey Lake Park. 9.00am George st. Doncaster.

The Bug is running the bike crèche again this year at the spring festival, similar to the set up as last year. Could we have some **volunteers** to help baby sit the bikes please. All you need to do is hand out a ticket to the bike owners and help promote the Bug. Come for 1 or 2 hours or all day, we finish about, 4.00 pm.

Please ring Gary. 9439 5016

### BV Dates for 2009

#### **Great Victorian Bike Ride**

A Week in another World The Great Ocean Road, 28 November - 6 December

#### **Gourmet Pedaller** 7 - 15 November 2009

Taste the flavours and see the sights of the Great Ocean Road

#### **3 Peaks Challenge**

Sunday, March 7, 2010 - Bicycle Victoria's new one-day ultimate challenge ride - the 3 Peaks Challenge. Take the ultimate challenge, ride the 230km course through Australia's most spectacular Alpine Region! Or get a group of friends together and enjoy one of the 115km Ride Options.

Entries are now open to the 3 Peaks Challenge - [Register Now](#) to receive your free [finishers event jersey](#)! Be quick as rider numbers are strictly limited to 3000 participants

#### **Great West Australian Bike Ride**

We will be back to Western Australia in 2011 - but not with a Great Escapade. This event will be known as the Great West Australian Bike Ride with lots of local riders and schools. We have made lots of friends in Western Australia and everyone that has been involved with the last 2 rides in WA are keen to see it back with even more WA involvement.



We are currently planning the route and will be announcing details later this year.

## **Where to ride in 2010**

So what about 2010? Well, even though we won't be taking an event across the Victorian border there are still plenty of riding opportunities. We have been speaking to the team at Bicycle Queensland and they would love to see you on the [Cycle Queensland](#) ride in September 2010. We are also working with the team at All Trails and will announce a few additional rides to the calendar for the coming months.

And of course the 2010 Great Victorian Bike Ride will be weaving it's way around Victoria - details announced in December.

So for those of you that love multi-day rides, make sure you pencil these dates into your diary

September 2010 - Cycle Queensland

November 2010 - Great Victorian Bike Ride

March/April 2011 - Great West Australian Bike Ride

September 2011 - Cycle Queensland

November 2011 - Great Victorian Bike Ride

## **An invitation from Super Sprint.**

Today's mail includes an invitation from event organisers Super Sprint for the BUG to provide marshals for some of their events. They offer to pay the BUG an average of \$35-\$55 per marshal, depending on the event's requirements. We aren't desperate for money, but it is always welcome.

They seek marshals for the following events:

- Gatorade triathlon at Sandringham on Sun 10/1/10, 5.30am-11.30am (\$35-50)
- BRW triathlon at Elwood on Sun 28/2/10, 6.00am-noon (\$40-\$55)
- Gatorade triathlon at St Kilda on Sun 21/3/10, 6.00am-11.00am (\$35-\$45)
- Otway Classic Ride at Torquay on Sat 26/3/10, noon-5.00pm (\$45)
- Otway Classic Ride at Torquay on Sun 27/3/10, 6.00am-5.00pm (\$25-\$100)

Each marshal is provided with an event top or vest, as well as a show bag containing refreshments and sponsor products. Tasks include course marshals, registration, pedestrian crossings, drink stations, timing, and handing out show bags.

If we are interested in any of this, Super Sprint want a response by 13 November (ie, before our next meeting).

## ***RACV wins Melbourne's public bike contract***

**1 November 2009.** Giant car club RACV has been awarded the contract to design and operate Melbourne's public bike system, which will be on the streets around mid-2010.

RACV won the bid in conjunction with Alta Bicycle Share from the United States and will utilize the Bixi bike share system from Montreal.

This system has recently won tenders for London and Boston.

RACV has more than two million members and its transforming itself from a car organization into a mobility organization. "One hundred years ago we were advocating for the rights of cars; now we are advocating for the rights of bike riders," RACV's General Manager for Membership and Motoring Services, Gordon Oakley, said at the announcement. Under the scheme people in Melbourne will be able to use the system for as little as \$50 for a yearly subscription, with the daily subscription to cost \$2.50.