

# Report on LAC cycle camp 21-25 March 2022 based at Geelong

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## Overview

A most successful cycle camp was held based at Riverglen Holiday Park, Geelong, with rides enjoyed over 4 days. We had good weather for riding and enjoyed two planned social activities.

We dined out two nights, Tuesday and Thursday with a BBQ at camp on Monday and a BBQ at the Geelong Bowls Club on Wednesday.

## Program

### Monday

This was arrival day, with a most enjoyable ride commencing south side of the Barwon River, then completing a loop to return on the North side of the river. A distance of about 20 km.

Back at our camp, a happy hour including information on the program, progressed nicely. This was followed by a BYO BBQ in the evening.



*Riders near Barwon River*

### Tuesday

We departed from camp at 8:30 am making our way across the Barwon River to South Geelong Station where the rail trail began. We peddled our way to Drysdale where we were welcomed by staff at the Café Zoo for coffee.



*Enjoyable coffee at café Zoo*





*Non-riding Ladies enjoying coffee also*



*Riders on the rail Trail*

From Drysdale we made our way to Queenscliff to enjoy the view and have lunch.

Some riders chose to ride different sections of the rides with several brave souls completing the whole distance of around 78 km.

Dinner was an optional arrangement with the majority going to various restaurants in Geelong.



*Locals beside rail trail*

### Wednesday

We departed camp in our cars and assembled at Port Arlington for the start of our ride.

We rode to St Leonards around the foreshore track. We were amazed at the large number of houses with sea views covering most of the distance.

After an enjoyable coffee at cafes in St Leonards we retracked our tracks to return to Port Arlington for a picnic lunch.

After retuning to Gelong, we made our way to the Geelong Bowls Club for an afternoon of “barefoot bowls” Club representatives provided some instruction and coaching for us riders-turned-bowlers to demonstrate our skills on the greens. A mini competition was held between teams of three.

Some drinks and a BBQ followed our “strenuous” activities to round out the day.





*Bowlers in action*



### Thursday

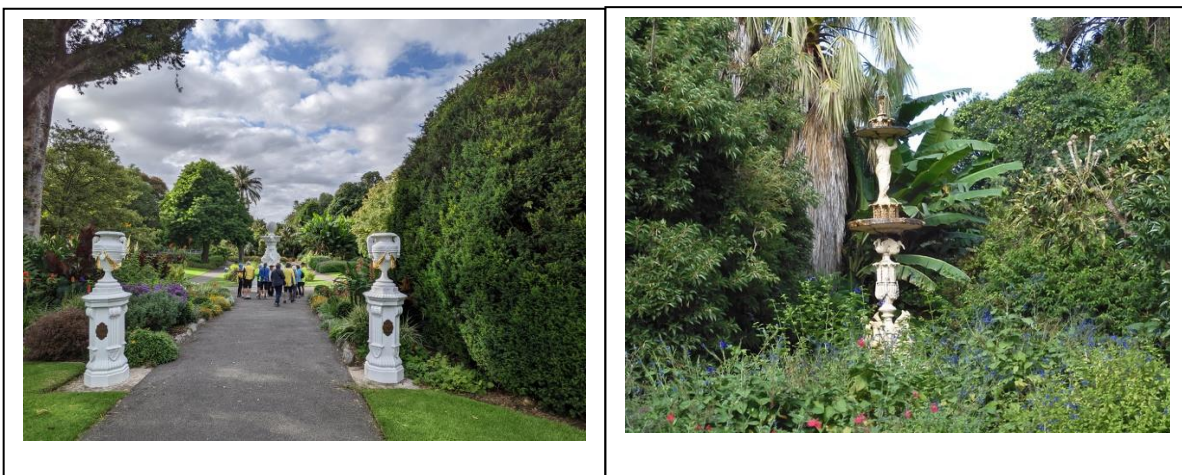
We departed our camp and rode to Eastern Park, Geelong. After a circuit of the park, we arrived at the Botanical Gardens. We were split into 3 teams and with volunteer guides, were taken on a tour of the Gardens.

Armed with new botanical knowledge and the history of the gardens developments we thanked our guides and depart to Eastern beach for coffee.



*Entering Botanical Gardens*





Primmed with caffeine, we followed Eastern beach shoreline to North Geelong. We passed through a large industrial area, including works for the new Tasmania ferry terminal.

After arriving at Moorpanyal Park we collected a most delicious selection of sandwiches supplied by Ellen's Café. After lunch several riders continued to Geelong Gramma School for a viewing.



*Lunch delivery boys*



*Riders outside Geelong Grammar*

Returning back to camp we prepared for our final dinner. This dinner was held at St Lords hotel. After an amusing session of allocating "fines" for supposed misdemeanours money was collected which will be donated to a charity.



*Riders relaxing at our camp BBQ dinner*





**A very big thank you to the Waverley LAC committee for providing a grant covering the cost of the Botanical Gardens Tour and the Barefoot bowls**

### **Review**

I am sure everyone enjoyed their time at the 2022 Geelong cycle camp. It provided the opportunity to enjoy an area we had not been to for several years.

**A very big thank you to David and Belinda Lawrence for organising this camp including the great social activities. We appreciate the large amount of time and effort that was expended organising this camp**

We now look forward to many rides this year and another camp in a different location next year.