



A little too windy; a little too hot; a little too busy; etc. etc. Just a few of the reasons/excuses we use over the summer months, curbing our kilometre tallies. It's not all bad news, having more family time, sharing a few extra beers/ice creams, catching up with non-bike friends might not help your waist line but it's good for the soul. You can also bank a few brownie points for use later in the year when you are absent for whole days, nights and weekends.

This scenario is far from reality for Perry Raison. Summer was certainly no lazy season with his sights set on an annual tally of 29,000km. Christmas day arrived and still the best part of 1000km short of his goal Perry had to endure Perth's record beating heat wave (Perth's hottest week in 80 years, average 39.3C) to achieve his goal by New Year's Eve.

Not surprisingly, despite melting roads and an enormous hydration

challenge, Perry achieved his mission with days to spare. Chapeau Perry.

As you read this item Perry and his wife Helen are celebrating their wedding anniversary in Paris. No doubt the winter chill, sans bikes is a welcome change.

Ride support costs

It has already been noted in previous newsletters that the quality and quantity of ride support is on the up during recent brevets. Having wholesome food, refreshing drinks, happy faces and a kind word at event controls are certainly luxuries that we all enjoy. Unfortunately not all of these things occur without costs.

It is our policy that certain special events be subsidised by the club. Our recent Bjorn Blasse Celebration ride being such an event, the club footed the bill for the wonderful array of food and drinks available before, during and after the ride. Of course the energy, smiles and general goodwill from organisers Alison, Wayne, Kathy and Mary were all free of charge.

Apart from on these special occasions it is club policy that the costs of support for an event shall be covered by rider registration fees. You should expect to pay \$5 - \$10 on top of normal registration fees for a short supported brevet depending on the

type/amount of support provided.

For a longer brevet, which might involve accommodation for riders and support crew and extensive vehicle usage, obviously costs will be higher.



It is the responsibility of the Ride Organiser to prepare a budget when there will be costs involved for ride support. Budgets for rides should plan to break even with a little extra to allow for contingencies. This can seem a bit daunting to a first time RO however there are plenty of experienced RO's in the club happy to guide a newbie in the ride/budget planning process.

Ride Organisers and volunteers are not expected to subsidise Audax rides and are encouraged to claim all expenses. We recognise that sometimes rides will not achieve budget due to lower rider numbers, higher costs (for fuel, accommodation, etc) or expenses due to weather – extra ice, water etc. This generally balances out over time but we need to keep learning from experience to get it right as often as possible.



Accident reporting

We tend to ignore the guidelines for accident reporting and insurance claims until we need them. Hopefully the need will never arise however its worth being conversant with the relevant processes, especially if you are a Ride Organiser and a reportable incident occurs during your ride.

All members/riders should refer to the description of insurance coverage on the club website (on the membership page). You will note that before a claim can be made an accident report must be submitted.

Members are to use the updated form from Cycling Australia (attached with this Newsletter). A copy of this form should be:

- sent to Cycling Australia
- sent to secretary@audax.org.au
- sent to the Regional Secretary for filing
- kept for personal records.

Nocturnal Coolup Loop

Congrats to the Coolup Loop night riders who finished a quite challenging ride as it turned out. With a 4pm start one would have thought the heat of the day would be dwindling but this was not the case. Head wind down the freeway cycle path for most of the way easing the closer we got to Pinjarra. There was a lovely tailwind on Williams/Pinjarra Rd towards Pinjarra with it dropping off as we headed for home.

Finishers Alison, Adrian, Dave, Geoff, Greg, Perry, Wayne H, Wayne B. First time nite ride finishes for David, Kym & Lone. Steve had to pull out due to illness. Danny is still out there somewhere.

A humongous thank you to the support crew of Janice & Jen who fed us with rolls, muffins, biscuits, cookies & watermelon at Hopelands School, Pinjarra, Patterson Rd & Baldivis servo. Thanks for all your efforts.

Wayne and Alison

Coming up

2013 is shaping up as a busy year for riders and committee members. Another very full calendar chock-full of your favourite brevets plus a few new challenges.

HIGHLIGHTS

The early season classic "Midland-San Remo" (Mar 9) should appeal with 150km and 300km options, perfect last minute prep for your Oppy or Petit Oppy team. At the other end of the season the long distance randonneurs will relish the Blackwood 1000 and associated Donnelly River Base Camp rides (Sept 28-30).

PAP2014



WE WANT YOU!

As the year proceeds, the Perth-Albany-Perth 2014 organising committee will be planning and recruiting members and associates to fill the many and varied roles associated with the event.

Whether you can contribute a few hours or a few days there will definitely be something for you to do before, during and/or after the event. Stay tuned for more PAP2014 updates in the near future.

Don't forget the AGM and breakfast on Sat 9th Feb at the Carriage Café, Freo. See you there and don't forget....

"It is all about the bike"

Regards

Tony Gillespie (WA Pres.)



671 kilometres in 24 hours

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS

Guido Gadowsky, Danny Rock and Perry Raison, Australia's current holders of the Fleche Opperman All Day Trial "Oppy" Shield, with the spoils of their success.

OPPY^{24hour}

Sat 16th March to Sun 17th 8am to 8am

Teams of 3-5 bikes

360km

Other distance options*



Choose your own route/start point.
Finish Carriage Cafe Freo.

*For more info/registration call: Tony Gillespie 9537 1428

Or email: wa.president@audax.org.au

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Time to get your Oppy team and route organised. Take note of the following:

- Submit your team list and route plan to Tony by 5th March.
- All riders must comply with Audax lighting rules if riding at night.
- Ride at least the last 25km during the last two hours of the event.
- Completion requires three bikes to finish.
- Petit Oppy teams (min. 180km in 14hr) also follow the above guidelines.

Visit <http://audax.org.au/> for more detail on the rules for the FOADT.



Bjorn's



ride

