

Solex

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VELOSOLEX RUN MARIBYRNONG RIVER BOATHOUSE RUN 21 April 2018

John(1700), Neil(650), Charles(3800), Andrew(38000 & Frances(5000) gathered beside the Maribyrnong River in Footscray on a fine but cool autumn morning for a run along the bike track beside the river to the Boathouse Café. With the bikes unloaded we set off but were minus John, who had problems getting his VeloSolex to start. Story by Frances (thank you Frances).

It was a wonderful ride along the river passing the Buddhist Temple, Flemington Racecourse, lots of walkers and fishermen as well as open parklands to arrive at the Boathouse Café at Maribyrnong. Here we were greeted by Ern & June and we sat down to chat while we waited for John to arrive in his car.

It was then time to order breakfast and morning tea with lots more chatter and enjoying the pleasant surrounds and sunshine. As is usual on our runs, some always comes up to say they used to ride a VeloSolex as child to go to school – this time it was a gentleman from Vietnam and he was so pleased to see a VeloSolex again.

After our interlude, Charles, Andrew & Frances headed back to the start using the bike path on the other side of the river – it gave us a different perspective on the river.

It was another great ride with excellent weather and company.

Frances McDougall



Solex, good bike path and beautiful weather.

It is with sadness that I have been told of Jurgen's passing away. He had been ill for a long time. Jurgen was a colourful character who not only loved his Solex bikes but had a great passion for Mercedes Benz cars.



Jurgen (left) seen here sharing a story with Ern.

OUR NEXT RIDE.

Our next run will be **Saturday May 19th** and will be from Curlewis to Queenscliff along the Bellarine rail trail. We will start at 9.30 am from John's place at 145 Hermsley road Curlewis and follow the rail trail to Queenscliff where we can have lunch at the marina prior to our return trip. This is a nice long run through the rolling hills of the Bellarine Peninsula which also gives spectacular views of Port Phillip Bay and Bass strait.

