



NOVEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

CLIFTON HILL -YARRA RIVER RUN

ATTENDEES : Don (4600), Frances and Neil (5000's), Charles and Andrew (3800's) and John (1700).

The day and evening before this run saw good, soaking rainfall and the forecast was for showers clearing. We did, however, experience some heavy rain on our journey to this run.

We all assembled at Andrew and Frances "restoration barn" with the weather still looking rather dubious. It was decided that we would walk to a café a few blocks away and see what the weather would do. Coffee, food and good company help make conversation flourish and before long we realised that we had spent a good deal of time at the café. We all walked back to the restoration barn via a primary school fair which was quite interesting.

Once back, we all viewed all the restored and "in progress" vehicles which also caused much conversation. Soon we realised that it was already past midday and the weather was clear enough for a ride. John and Neil had to return to Geelong and so had to pass up on the ride.

Frances' commentary :

The ride went for a short run around Clifton Hill. We took the photo below in front of a gardener's shed in Clifton Hill that was built during the Depression. We had a nice run, a bit along beside the Yarra and then through some of the back streets and laneways of Clifton Hill East and we stopped by one of the earliest bluestone houses in Clifton Hill - built around 1855 by Samuel Ramsden, who owned a bluestone quarry beside the Yarra River in Clifton Hill. We passed by the all that remains of the quarry - one wall of bluestone in the bank beside the Main Yarra Bike Track.



330 and 1700 awaiting restoration.



Don's new riding attire.





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CHRISTMAS RUN
SATURDAY DECEMBER 15



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*We have decided to change our venue and format for this years
Christmas run.*

*The Trentham SolexOz crew of Alvin, John and Geoff invite you and
your family to a movable feast starting at John and Pam's in 15
Rocke Court Trentham at 10.30am, then after a bit of feasting we
will trip around the country lanes stopping at Alvin and Di's and then
on to Geoff and Kerry's all the time enjoying the local produce.*

An RSVP is essential for catering purposes so please email or call:

geoff.scott@iinet.net.au or 0403 359876

*BYO your favourite liquid refreshments
and a happy smile*



NOTICE FOR FEBRUARY 2019 WEEKEND RUN

VENUS BAY/GREAT SOUTHERN RAIL TRAIL SATURDAY AND SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8th AND 9TH

This is an exciting weekend run that can optionally start on Friday 7th from Venus Bay (Don and Dee have kindly offered for people to camp, **or bring a caravan**, on their property) or on Saturday 17th for a later than usual start to allow participants time to get to Koonwarra. **If people from Trentham or elsewhere are joining us on the Saturday we will leave Koonwarra at 11am (approx. 2 hrs 45 minutes from Trentham), otherwise 10 am. If you have any other queries about accommodation on the Friday night please contact Don or Dee on 0540644570 or email doubled@ozemail.com.au**

The starting point is at a small village called Koonwarra and the trail is called “The Great Southern Rail Trail” and it is blessed with panoramic views of lush bushland, temperate rainforest and pristine seascapes. The Great Southern Rail Trail winds its way through South Gippsland and the surface of the track is quite similar to the Queenscliff rail trail. There is very little traffic and virtually no public road riding. The ride would encompass riding from Koonwarra to Port Welshpool and return for overnight accommodation at Welshpool hotel/motel which is quite inexpensive and has excellent evening meals. The following morning after breakfast the return journey would take us back to Koonwarra. The total distance travelled would be 135 klms.