



SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

DON'S DEEPER AND DARKER DESCENT INTO DARKNESS RUN.

ATTENDEES : Dee (host extraordinaire), Don(host and model 4600), Charles and Peter (3800's), Neil (5000), John and Ted (1700's).

Once again, Don and Dee have hosted a terrific run. The weather Gods were with us tonight for our only night run of the year. We all met at Don and Dee's and enjoyed a BBQ along with some snacks and some lovely salads prepared by Dee.

Don had promised that this run would be longer and better than the last night run with some new sections to be enjoyed. He did not disappoint. I'm very glad to report that Don is a very good navigator. He took us along a number of different cycle paths with all sorts of twists and turns that had me thinking that I had better not lose sight of him for fear of getting lost.

We were gone for about an hour and a half so it was a good lengthy ride. On one particularly long and deserted straight Don encouraged us to let's our bikes really "go for it" with the result that Peter and Ted were dicing for the lead. Ted made the mistake of looking backwards which caused his bike to veer off the paved track and onto the slippery grass verge. The result was a masterful display of desperation to regain control complete with sparks flying as his centrestand struck the raised paving. I thought he was a goner but he managed to get all back together again. It all looked a bit more Mulga Bill than Valentine Rossi.

"But ere he'd gone a dozen yards it bolted clean away.
It left the track, and through the trees, just like a silver streak,
It whistled down the awful slope towards the Dead Man's Creek.

It shaved a stump by half an inch, it dodged a big white-box:
The very wallaroos in fright went scrambling up the rocks,
The wombats hiding in their caves dug deeper underground,
As Mulga Bill, as white as chalk, sat tight to every bound.
It struck a stone and gave a spring that cleared a fallen tree"

I'll leave the rest to your imagination. Except to say that I'm glad that Ted got through that situation without a scratch.

Soon we were back at Don and Dee's and enjoyed some coffee, dessert and great conversation.

Many thanks to Don and Dee for planning and hosting another great run.



Is that a 2CV I'm about to pass ?



OUR NEXT RUN

BALYANG SANCTUARY (GEELONG) TO DRYSDALE

Our next run will be held on **SUNDAY OCTOBER 20th**.

We will meet at Balyang sanctuary in Geelong at 9.00 am for a 9.30 departure. The run will take us along a dedicated bike/walking track beside the picturesque Barwon River for about five kilometres before we switch to the Geelong to Queenscliff rail trail. This is a different part of the rail trail from our annual Queenscliff run until we get to Curlewis. Once we get to the Drysdale we will have our customary stop at a café for food and drink.

This is mostly a new run for us and promises something a bit different with great scenery – taking river views, bright yellow canola fields and some nice long straights.



Balyang Sanctuary