



MARCH 2016 NEWSLETTER

THE YARRA RIVER / GARDNER'S CREEK RUN

ATENDEES : Don S (3800), Frank (5000), Brian (Motobecane V50) and John M (1700).

We all met at the Kanteen Coffee Club and after our social chatting departed quite promptly around 9.30. It was a beautiful morning for a Solex ride with cool temperatures and not much wind. Geoff had given us some directions to follow but these were not needed because Don knows these tracks very well and had even invited us back to his home where Dee would ensure we had plenty of tea or coffee and not go home hungry.

The various trails we took initially followed the Yarra River and then along Gardeners creek. The scenery is terrific and takes us through many parks. It is often quite hard to believe that we are in the middle of Australia's second biggest city. One thing about Melbourne that always impresses me is how Melbournians have embraced their parks and trails and also how Governments of various levels have had the foresight to establish and maintain them.

Brian's Motobecane has done extremely low kms and the motor sounds very tight and quiet. It also has a surprising turn of speed. The bike that Frank rode was up for sale and it wasn't long before Brian and Frank had struck a deal and Brian went home with two bikes in his van and Frank didn't have to worry about loading a bike into his ute.

The return trip was just as enjoyable. Overall, this was another very good run.

Many thanks to Don and Dee for their kind hospitality and to Don for being our group leader and navigator.



A DEAL IS STRUCK !



DON'S DUTCH VERSION GETS SOME AIR INTO THE TYRES



ALONG THE GARDNER'S CREEK TRAIL

FUTURE EVENTS

Don and Dee's Venus Bay weekend April 8-10th

The Venus Bay weekend is a great weekend away generously organised by Don and Dee. The organisation of this event is, as always, impeccable. I have been for the last two years and regard this Solex run as one of the best.

Obviously Don and Dee would like to know as soon as possible who intends to come and are quite happy to discuss any questions, accommodation and directions to 6 Rita court. There is plenty of room for tents, caravans etc.

There are plenty of things to do for the non Solexists.

These are some points you might like to blend in.

The Great Southern Rail Trail that runs from Leongatha to Port Welshpool is now complete with the addition of three new bridges. We intend to ride along the pretty middle part of this trail on the Saturday and on Sunday the shorter ride from Mirboo North to Boolara.

There are attractive beaches and interesting countryside to explore for those not riding but catching up with the riders for meals.

In the event of bad weather the event will be put off to another time.

BBQ and toilet facilities are available.

Please contact Don & Dee (98078999, 0450644570) to let them know if you are coming or if you have any questions.