



## **NOVEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER**

### **MARIBYRNONG RIVER RUN.**

**Attendees :** Neil (5000), John M (1700), Charles and Peter S (3800's), Don B and Don S (4600's).

The weather forecast for this run was a bit iffy – cloudy with the possibility of rain. However, it was remarkably warm – up to the mid twenties with negligible spitting conveniently occurring whilst we parked up enjoying café delights.

After starting off at the meeting place, we made very good progress. Charles' bike was running very well with its new coil which also proved our diagnosis correct. He seemed quite happy to have the problem behind him and is no longer considering joining the Foreign Legion..

Quite soon we were riding past the large Chinese temple and then past Flemington Racecourse where only a week and a half previously the famous Melbourne Cup was run.

Because we made good progress we decided to see how far the track we were on went. It was new territory after the look-out which is level with the old Government munitions factory. As the track made its way up and down some very large and steep hills we encountered a significant amount of zig zagging (switchbacks). The track was mostly deserted. This, of course, encouraged the more competitive amongst to give their bike some welly. It was quite amusing to see Peter passing all the other riders on the inside of each switchback with his sticking out to balance his weight. They say imitation is the sincerest form of flattery so I conclude Peter is a big fan of Valentino Rossi.

Sadly the track deteriorated not long after this and turned to loose dirt so we decided that the boathouse café was a better option. This also meant a repeat run through the switchbacks. All good fun. The coffee was good and so was the socialising.

After about an hour, we decided it was time to return to our cars. Another pleasant run behind us.



## **DECEMBER RUN**

Our last run of the year will be the Scarsdale to Skipton rail trail on Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup>. On this run we will present our perpetual trophy to a well deserving recipient. This is a very long run on a relatively deserted track so there is plenty of opportunity to clear the cobwebs from your Solex. It might pay to give your bike a good check over prior to this run because it is quite long and fast. It could be a long way back to your car if a breakdown occurs. A reminder with details will be sent in the week leading up to the run.

