



GREAT VIC BIKE RIDE

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THE GOOD OIL

Horsham – Monday 30 November 2020

Today's riding: Brim to Horsham – 109 kilometres



Our longest day on the bike! This fairly flat ride from Brim to Horsham is a good excuse to crack the ton. We wish we could catch you at the lunch stop halfway, but until next year, you'll just have to pack your own!

Check out World Walking to plan a replacement ride – see the route and daily ride distance and start planning some trips to fill that Great Vic hole.

WELCOME TO HORSHAM

Horsham, the capital of the Wimmera Region, welcomes you to its vibrant city in which to live, work and play, with a diverse business base, arts & culture theme.

Take time and visit the Horsham Botanic Gardens or stroll along the beautiful Wimmera River, here you will find walking tracks and boardwalks. Discover the Public Art and Heritage Trail located in and around the CBD including the Gardens River Trail.

Visit Natimuk with its historic buildings that still grace the main street. Whilst Mount Arapiles is widely regarded as one of the top rock-climbing areas in Australia.

IN THE NEWS

A look at the Victorian budget

Wetsuits were required to get to the bottom of the Victorian 2020/21 budget released this week, but details emerged about both new and delayed projects.

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Campaign highlights autonomous vehicle tech

A new advertising campaign has been launched showing how autonomous vehicle technology can take over control from drivers and avoid crashes.

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THE MONDAY QUIZ

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1. Who was the internationally acclaimed mural painter who painted the Brim art silos in 2016?
2. Where does A. B. Paterson's nickname "Banjo" come from?
3. Name the two landlocked countries that are only bordered by India and China
4. "Brim" is thought to mean what in the local Aboriginal language?
5. Ron Swanson is a character from what TV show?
6. On October 11, 2018, Singapore Airlines flew the longest non-stop commercial flight from which US Airport?



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SCHOOLS PROFILE – SIMONE KENNY, ELTHAM COLLEGE

What do you teach at Eltham College?

Physical Education

How many years have you been involved with Great Vic?

Since 1996, have missed four or five over that time due to being overseas.

Why do you take a school group on the Great Vic every year?

The community involvement from our school is fantastic, we have students, parents, staff and often past students and past parents teaming together to form a group to work together to introduce cycling to as many young people as possible and create a fantastic caring and social setting for all.

The responsibility, resilience, teamwork and camaraderie is amazing to see throughout the group. Many students come along in year 7 and then do the ride every year and bring along more friends on future rides.

What is your all-time favorite route?

A very hard choice, but I think any of the rides that were up around Bright and the High Country, though the Great Ocean Road routes, the Grampians rides and the rides around Gippsland are all spectacular.



Eltham College students at a Great Vic campsite.

Quiz answers: 1: Guido van Helten 2: Their family racehorse named Banjo 3: Nepal and Bhutan 4: local Aboriginal word meaning "a spring" or "a well" 5: Parks and Recreation 6: Newark, NJ



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From over the years of being involved in the event can you share a highlight with us?

Having watched me do the ride for many years, my two younger nephews were exceptionally keen to come. I eventually gave in and trained them up when they were 8 and 10, that year the ride went over Tawonga Gap, Powers Lookout and the Black Spur and they both rode every single kilometer on their own bikes, proving that with proper preparation, the right mindset and constant encouragement anyone can do this event each year, which I think is one of the amazing things about it.

I am exceptionally rewarded every year watching young students make it the whole way completing an event that many parents are unsure about signing them up for as they are not sure they can do it, the sense of achievement is wonderful

What are you looking forward to on next year's Great Vic?

Every single minute of it, the camping, the riding, the socializing, and a chance to introduce more young people to the fun and adventures you can have cycling.

STAY AT HOME CINEMA

The Great Vic has an outdoor cinema at each campsite that shows movies to the masses. In each issue of the Good Oil we will list the movies we would have shown at this year's Great Vic so you can still make a mug of milo, kick back and watch.

Dad Wanted (2020, Netflix)

Blanca's mom stopped letting her ride her BMX bike after her dad died in an accident. So, after reading about a BMX contest happening soon, she tries to enter it without her mom's knowledge. The only problem? A parent needs to sign her in. *Starring: Mauricio Argüelles, Moisés Arizmendi, Luis Arrieta*

Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom (2014, Stan)

Trace the journey of Nelson Mandela from being a common man to the President of South Africa. *Starring: Idris Elba, Naomie Harris, Terry Pheto*



From the archives: kicking the pill at a Great Vic campsite.