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## TODAY'S RIDING

Today would have been our most scenic day on the bike, with plenty of Instagram shots of the majestic Grampians ranges flanking us on both sides as we roll from Halls Gap to Dunkeld. If you're out on the bike today, do yourself a favour and take the scenic route! Use **#GreatVic** to share the experience.

## A MESSAGE FROM DUNKELD

We can't wait to welcome you to Dunkeld & the Southern Grampians! Until then, we've collated local insights into the whole Greater Hamilton region to get you excited. Read our interactive eMag, watch our new videos and discover insider secrets over at [www.inspiredbylocals.com.au](http://www.inspiredbylocals.com.au), or follow [@visitgreaterhamilton](https://twitter.com/visitgreaterhamilton) to see glimpses of our region through the eyes of our locals.

If you're able to visit us before the Great Vic, let us know & we'll help you have the most amazing experience visiting this incredible part of Victoria! Reach us on 1800 807 056 and [tourism@visitgreaterhamilton.com.au](mailto:tourism@visitgreaterhamilton.com.au).

- [Read the Greater Hamilton eMag](#)
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## 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.

### [The Pink Panther \(2006, Stan\)](#)

Bumbling Inspector Clouseau must solve the murder of a famous soccer coach and find out who stole the infamous Pink Panther diamond. *Starring: Steve Martin, Kevin Kline, Jean Reno*

### [Interstellar \(2014, Netflix\)](#)

A team of explorers travel through a wormhole in space in an attempt to ensure humanity's survival. *Starring: Matthew McConaughey, Anne Hathaway, Jessica Chastain*



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## GREAT VIC BIKE RIDE 2021 – FLASH SALE!

We were shattered to miss the Great Vic Bike Ride for the first time since it all began in 1985.

To say we're excited for its return in 2021 is an understatement, and to celebrate, we are giving away a limited edition t-shirt to the first 500 people who secure a spot with a deposit for the 2021 event! Simply sign up before Friday 11 December 2020.

The 2021 Great Vic will be held from Saturday 27 November to Sunday 5 December, following the 2020 route of the Art Silos and Grampians in Western Victoria.

## CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR THE 2021 GREAT VIC

Things are looking good in Australia at the moment, but to give you some peace of mind we have also updated our [refund and cancellation policy](#).



### IN THE NEWS

#### Brisbane CityCycles up for swap

Brisbane's CityCycle sharebike scheme is set to be shut down and replaced with dockless e-bikes in July 2021. [Read more](#).

#### Paris removes another 10,000 parking spaces

French capital Paris is speeding up the plan to get car parking out of its beautiful, bustling, people-crammed streets. [Read more](#).

#### Pop-up bike lanes coming to Heidelberg Road

Construction is about to begin on Heidelberg Road to install the first of the Victorian Government's new pop-up bike lanes. [Read more](#).

### THE FRIDAY QUIZ

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1. The wood fire oven in the Dunkeld Old Bakery has been cooking for approximately how many years?
2. The town of Dunkeld is at the foot of which mountain?
3. True or False. Mount Abrupt, a highlight of the nearby Grampians, is taller than 1000m in altitude?
4. Name the River that flows to the west of Dunkeld.
5. Dunkeld is a cathedral city located in which Scottish county?
6. How many times has the Great Vic stayed at Halls Gap?
7. Glenthompson Dunkeld Football Netball Club has what nickname?

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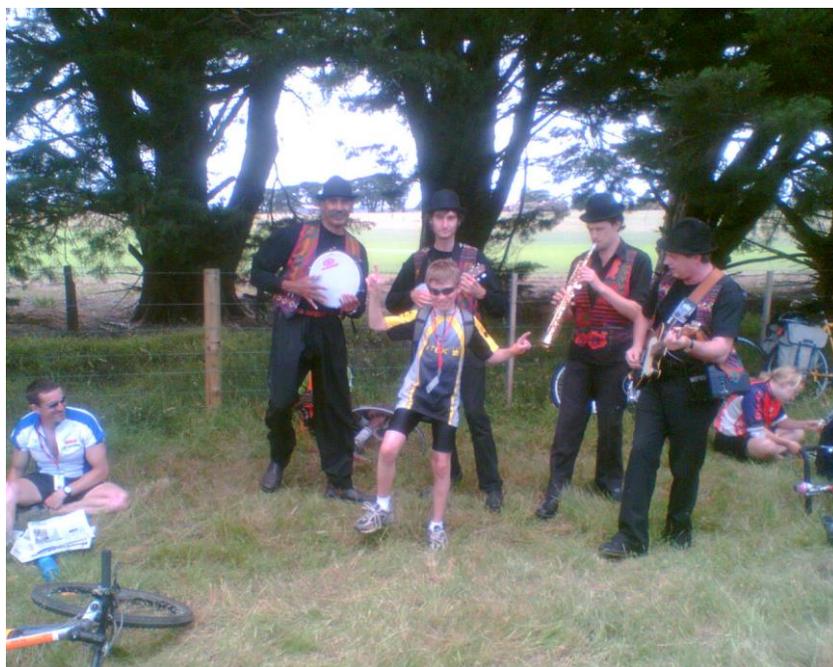
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## RIDER STORIES

### Riding for a cause

This is a great picture of my son Damian's first Great Vic in 2007. At 11 years he was one of the youngest and one of the biggest fund raisers for Diabetes Victoria that year. He did five Great Vic's and then decided that getting up at 5:30am every morning was not his cup of tea. I was literally packing up the tent with him still in it. In the photo he is dancing with the roaming musicians. I wish they could make a comeback on the ride.

**John Verbakel**



### On one wheel – riding the Great Vic on a unicycle

I have had the pleasure of volunteering at MULTIPLE events over many years and my favourite memory is always the PEOPLE! Each year had its own pleasures with the different routes and locations, and towns people and campsites and entertainment. However, the riders and the staff and the volunteers and the community spirit is the most memorable part of my Great Vic journey. I have made LIFELONG friendships, been invited to birthdays and housewarmings and engagements and weddings of those I have met on the Great Vic.

**Katie Rae Sanders**

### Memories too good to miss out on

My family started riding in the Great Vic in 2013. It has now become our annual family holiday. We are saddened that the Great Vic is not on this year, so my eldest daughter Natasha has devised a shortened version of the Great Vic called the Great Benalla Bike Ride.

As we have no way of transporting our things each day, we will camp in Benalla and do day trips from there each day. It will start one week later (due to my daughter Miranda finishing VCE exams on 2 December), on Thursday 3 December until Monday 7 of December. Natasha has kept the theme of the Great Vic, even finishing the last night with '80's music, as we pine for 80's is Enough. See you next year!

**Caroline Turewicz**



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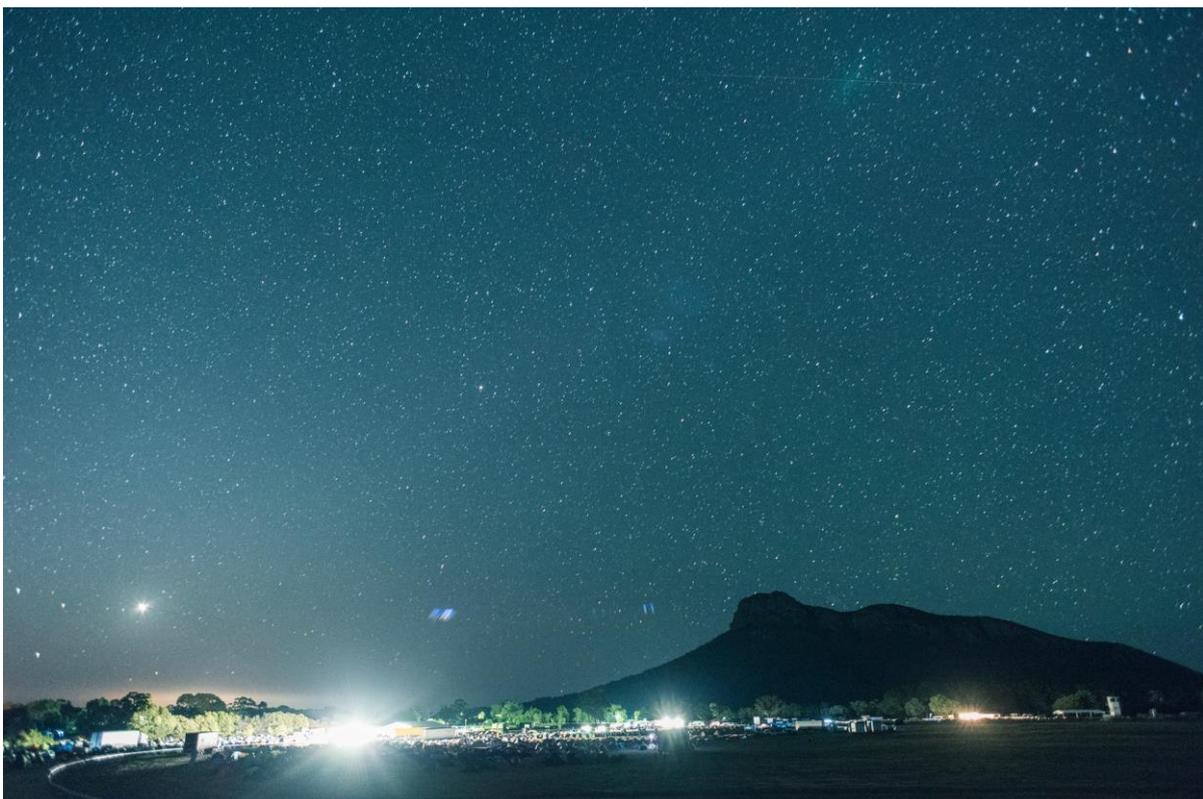
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### EAST GIPPSLAND SOCIAL RIDES

Join Bicycle Network this summer to help stimulate local communities along the beautiful East Gippsland rail trail. Enjoy a coffee and cake on us, pedal worry-free knowing our WARBYs have your back and take in some of the beautiful riding the area has to offer.

We are hosting three separate rides over three weekends at Bruthen West, Bruthen East and Nowa Nowa East. Turn the social rides into a weekend (or more!) away in a great pocket of Victoria.

[Read more and register now – the rides are free!](#)



From the archives – the 2016 Dunkeld campsite



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## DUNKELD BUSINESSES

### Gerard Murphy Furniture

Gerard Murphy designs and makes fine furniture and giftware in Dunkeld. His showroom displays his unique designs, in a range of sustainably-harvested quality timbers. Commissions of furniture, timber kitchens and vanities are a specialty, providing a collaborative opportunity to design and create an exceptional bespoke piece. Great Vic Bike Ride participants are offered a 5% discount on any purchase from the range, valid until December 31 2021.



## OTHER BUSINESSES WE LIKE

- [Grampians Good Co](#)
- [Mt Baimbridge Lavender](#)
- [Rox Coffee Roasters](#)
- [Glenelg River Herbs](#)
- [Terra](#)
- [Pierrepoint Wines](#)
- [Bochara Wines](#)
- [Henty Estate](#)
- [Crawford River Winery](#)
- [Tarrington Vineyards](#)
- [Mt Napier Wines](#)
- [Hochkirch Wines](#)
- [Herrman Wines](#)

**Quiz answers:** 1: 130 years 2: Mount Surgeon 3: False (827m) 4: Wannon River 5: Perthshire 6: Four (2021 will be the fifth visit)  
7: Rams



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## VOLUNTEER PROFILE – JOHN SMITH

### What motivated you to start volunteering on the Great Vic Bike Ride?

Being involved with fellow riders from different locations and experience many small and major beautiful towns across the country that I have never been to.

### Tell us a bit about your role on the catering team.

My role is to serve riders, fellow vollies and all other helpers on the ride for breakfast and tea. Breakfast is at 5:45am for 6:00am start till 8:00am. Then tea is at 5:00pm till 7:00pm. Help pack up at the end of the shift in preparation for the next camp site.

### What is your favourite thing about volunteering?

My favourite thing about volunteering is the brief contact when serving the riders. I enjoy finding out how they are going and how their ride is. Meeting past riders from previous years and my old school group as well.

### What is your most memorable moment of volunteering on the Great Vic?

One of my most memorable moments was out at camp at Beech Forest which my hero Cliff Young lived. Cliff won the inaugural ultra-marathon from Sydney to Melbourne in 1983 at the age of 61. He was known to train on his farm and around the district in his gumboots. Also known for a shuffle. I rode from our camp out of town to Cliff's memorial. It was a very sparse place. The memorial was a huge rubber boot. Visited local house and was informed where Cliff's farm and house were. I then went to the local pub where there was a lot of photographic memorabilia and talk about The Man. Had a beer in remembrance of the Great Man.

### What advice would you give to someone thinking about volunteering?

My advice is to get onboard, it's a wonderful experience meeting so many likeable people and helping out to make the riders "have a week in another world". Not to mention the beautiful towns and scenery we visit and the welcome that they give you.



Great Vic volunteer John Smith.

## WHICH TEAM IS FOR YOU?

Thinking about joining our volunteer team in 2021? Whether you're new to volunteering or someone who has been camping on the Great Vic for years, [check out our chart to see which team is for you!](#)

