



GREAT VIC BIKE RIDE

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TODAY'S RIDING

The long ride from Dunkeld to Pomonal is all about stopping to smell the flowers – Pomonal is famous for its beautiful native flowers and orchids. Good news is you probably don't need to ride 97 kilometres to smell the flowers wherever you are, but make sure you take a minute to soak up the great outdoors.

WELCOME TO POMONAL

Having completed the journey from Dunkeld to Pomonal, you would have loved watching harvest ramping up with flocks of sheep supervising from a nearby paddock.

The smell of delicious pies and pastry hits you as you enter Willaura, a town famous for its bakery and community spirit. As you continue onto Pomonal you'll see the gum flowers are starting to bloom against the backdrop of lush rolling green hills. Pomonal is waiting for you with open arms, fresh produce and handmade goods are available at the Pomonal Store.

We missed having you this year, but we excited to see you amongst the gumtrees in 2021.

HIGHLIGHTS OF POMONAL

For a taste of some great local businesses, check out [highlights of Pomonal](#) including Pomonal Estate, Red Rock Olives, 5 Ducks Farm, Blue Wren Bakery, Pomonal General Store and Vaughans Australian Plants.

STAY AT HOME CINEMA

[Journey to the Centre of the Earth \(2008, Stan\)](#)

On a quest to find out what happened to his missing brother, a scientist, his nephew and their mountain guide discover a fantastic and dangerous lost world in the center of the earth. *Starring: Brendan Fraser, Josh Hutcherson, Anita Briem*

[The Flying Scotsman \(2007, Stan\)](#)

The true story of Graeme Obree, the champion cyclist who built his bicycle from old bits of washing machines who won his championship only to have his title stripped from him and his mental health problems which he has suffered since. *Starring: Jonny Lee Miller, Laura Fraser, Brian Cox*



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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

NSW Government to invest \$710m in walking and cycling

The NSW Government will invest almost \$710m in infrastructure for people who ride and walk over the next four years. [Read more](#).

Opportunity opens for east trail connection

A new station between Surrey Hills and Mont Albert could provide opportunity to develop the proposed trail along the rail corridor from Box Hill to Hawthorn. [Read more](#).

THE LYRICS QUIZ

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1950s: Well the bellhop's tears keep flowin' and the desk clerk's dressed in black

1960s: It's wonderful to be here, it's certainly a thrill, you're such a lovely audience, we'd like to take you home with us

1970s: Once I had a love and it was divine, soon found out I was losing my mind.

1980s: We don't serve your country, don't serve your king, know your custom don't speak your tongue

1990s: I talk a lot about football and girls I kissed in grade four

2000s: Is this forever and ever? I'm in love (woo) I'm in love (woo)



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VOLUNTEER PROFILE – LISA KLUVER

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

I initially volunteered for the Great Vic with a few friends in 2016 as an opportunity to explore new places, meet new people and try something new in between finishing university and starting full-time work.

Tell us a bit about your role in the event control team.

The event control team monitors what is happening on the ride, at the campsite and anywhere in between! We work in shifts to answer phone calls to event assistance line from riders, staff, volunteers and the community who have questions, concerns or queries about the bike ride.

What is your favourite thing about volunteering?

Every day of the Great Vic I am amazed by the scale of the event, the community that is built at each and every camp site and the spectacular new sights and towns we're fortunate enough to explore (so the answer is everything!).

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

I can't choose just one, coming from Tasmania volunteering on the Great Vic has been a great way to explore areas of Victoria that I otherwise probably would never have seen.

I volunteered on the 2016 Great Vic with some friends, and the 2019 with my cousin so it was pretty special to be able to share the whole experience with them too.

What advice would you give to someone thinking about volunteering?

There are so many different roles available on the Great Vic, you'll be sure to find a role that suits you. No matter your age you'll walk away from the Great Vic with heaps of memories, a great new addition to your resume and a lot of new skills!



Lisa Kløver at the 2018 Great Vic.

REGISTER INTEREST

If you're interested in volunteering at the Great Vic in 2021 you can register your interest now.

Follow the below link, click the register button and fill in some information so we can find a role that might suit you.

[REGISTER INTEREST](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

Less than 25 kilometres to the south-east of Pomonal is Moyston, which is known as the birthplace of Australian rules football. Tom Wills grew up nearby and is thought to have played Marn Grook with Indigenous people of the area. Today, teams play for the Moyston Willaura Football Netball Club which formed in 2000 after Moyston and Willaura merged.

Quiz answers: **1950s:** Heartbreak Hotel, Elvis Presley **1960s:** Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band, The Beatles **1970s:** Heart of Glass, Blondie **1980s:** The Dead Heart, Midnight Oil **1990s:** Heavy Heart, You Am I **2000s:** 2 Hearts, Kylie Minogue

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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!



DID YOU KNOW?

The Great Vic is in no way a competitive bike ride, the beauty is in its relaxed nature, but it has been the catalyst for some professional cycling careers.

Simon Clarke who currently rides for UCI WorldTeam EF Pro Cycling rode many Great Vics and has gone on to ride the Tour de France and win stages at the Vuelta a España. Simon regularly comes back to the Great Vic to ride a day with a school group.

Sarah Gigante is another Great Vic alumnus. She currently rides for UCI Women's Continental Team Tibco–Silicon Valley Bank and in 2019 stunned the bike world by taking out both the U23s road race and the elite road race at the national championships in Buninyong, beating seasoned pros from around the world.



Simon Clarke (right) riding the Great Vic in 1997.