

# Trip Reports:

## Benalla Cancer Charity Ride 2014

Burkey and Kate met up with Val and Alyssa Hill at Swanpool at 8.00am on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September for the Benalla Cancer Charity Ride for 2014. We drove straight to our allocated rest stop atop Golden Mountain track (*see front cover for view*) and set up the club tent, tables and refreshments. Breakfast was made and eaten whilst admiring the beautiful views of low lying fog down in the valley. Whilst we were waiting for the riders to show up Alyssa tried to boil her mobile phone by pouring boiling water over it instead of into the mugs. That's a fine, by the way!

Photo: *Kate and Val showing their awesome table decorating skills...*



The first group of riders turned up at 11.00 and were provided with refreshments of water and lollies.

They rested approximately 10 minutes then were off again. Soon after, we heard some more motorbikes and Val ran up to the track to direct them to the rest stop. There Val was, waving her hands masterfully in the air and with authority, directing 3 motorbike riders whom were completely bewildered and confused as to what was going on. It turned out they were not part of the ride at all.

The second group of riders arrived at 12.00 and they were provided also with refreshments. When they left Val and I prettied up the serving table with tablecloths, fashioned a vase out of an old Pringles container and filled it with native flowers and set it on the table as a centrepiece. The end result was fabulous and represented the true spirit of the club. Burkey, however, not impressed as it ruined his macho image.

The third group of riders showed up at 2.00 and after a rest and refreshments, they headed out. Val, again in her enthusiastic eagerness, stopped another group of riders whom were not part of the event. I feel she was enjoying pretending to be a 'police officer'. The fourth group arrived at 3.00 and the fifth group, half an hour later. By this time all the lollies were gone and with no more riders coming through, we packed up and left at 3.50.

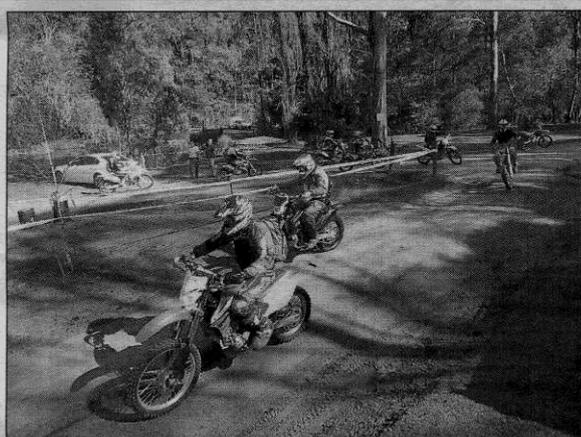


Photo: *View from Rocky Ned Lookout*

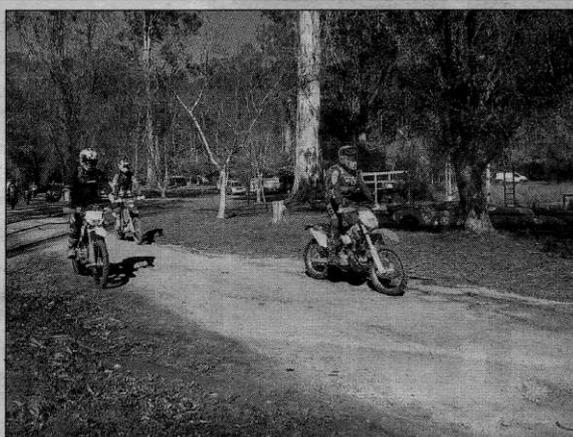
On Sunday, we all had a big hearty breakfast at Charnwood which was the venue for the event before setting up at Hell Hole Sluice at 9.30. The first group arrived at 10.00 and the second group arrived at 11.00. With only a small group for the Sunday, we packed up at 11.30 and took a leisurely drive back home on some of the tracks. We also took a mildly brisk walk up to Rocky Ned Lookout which had some lovely views.

The Benalla Cancer Charity Ride had approximately 100 people entered and raised around \$26,000. A fantastic effort from the organisers, the volunteers, the auction and all whom took part in the ride. And a special thanks to Val and Alyssa for helping out on the weekend. Burkey says hopefully next year there will be more club members to put up their hands to help as it will be required. By: Kate Burke

## Kate's Corner... Articles sent to Benalla Ensign and Wangaratta Chronicle



**Helping others:** One-hundred-and-six motorbike riders participated in the Cancer Charity Ride on the weekend.



**Strong support:** The event raised \$26 000 for the Cancer Council.

# Ride raises funds

Motorcycle riders from across Victoria and NSW converged on Lima East on the weekend for the sixth annual Laser 3D Force Accessories Cancer Charity Ride.

The ride, organised by Benalla resident Murray Edgar and a team of volunteers, raised \$26 000 for the Cancer Council.

This year's funds takes the event's total to \$118 000 since its inception.

The ride attracted 106 participants from as far as Sydney and Melbourne, who travelled to Charnwood Camp at Lima East for the weekend.

Motorcycle enthusiasts enjoyed riding a 60 km loop of the area with a leading rider and happily participated in numerous fundraising events.

An auction and "last man standing" fundraising game brought in more than \$10 000 for the Cancer Council.

"They distribute it how they see fit and they give us a certificate this year and tell us what they bought with the money," Mr Edgar said.

"Some years it goes towards heart and lung, some years to breast cancer and some years to other areas where they need the money."

The ride was opened by State Member for Benalla Bill Sykes and Department of Environment and Primary Industries' Roger Pitt.



**Top honour:** State Member for Benalla Bill Sykes opened the annual event.

Wangaratta 4WD club members Peter and Kate Burke and Val and Alyssa Hill manned the refreshment tent throughout the event.

During the two days the members

handed out supplies of refreshments and water to the participants of the event at allocated rest stops, and were on hand to recover any injured riders or broken down motorbikes.

### 4WD club helping the cancer cause

WANGARATTA 4WD Club members assisted with the annual Cancer Charity Ride, sponsored by Force Accessories, in the Strathbogrie Ranges last weekend.

Club members Peter and Kate Burke, and Val and Alyssa Hill manned the refreshment tent and were on hand to recover any injured riders or broken down motorbikes.

The weekend event, including Saturday night's auction, helped raise approximately \$25,000 for the Cancer Council.