

# GREAT VICTORIAN BIKE RIDE

## Portland to Geelong

Saturday, November 28 – Sunday, December 6, 2009

### SUMMARY

If you know about the GVBR and just want a brief statement, then read this page. The **registration form** is attached. Full details are on the following pages.

#### COST TO SCHOOL GROUPS

	<b>Enrolment with BicVic before July 31</b>	<b>Enrolment after July 31</b>
Secondary Student	560	660
Accompanying Adult	650	750
Normal Adult Fee	750	850

#### DEGREE OF URGENCY

1. There is a cap of 1,200 on schools. First-in basis.
2. We issue and collect the registration forms and your deposit of \$200.
3. We send in our online enrolment asap after June 1.
4. Therefore, please return to our general office your enrolment and deposit by **May 29**.
5. We will accept registrations after this date, but the risk of exclusion because of the cap increases.
6. The deposit is non-refundable, but BicVic seems to be saying that it is refundable if you are a member. (See the BV website for membership details).

#### TARGET GROUPS

1. Present students in Years 9 – 12
2. Past students
3. Parents and friends
4. Students from other schools whose schools are not participating.

#### TRANSPORT

School mini-buses both ways.

#### PRESENTATION AFTERNOON

... is on Saturday, December 5. Teachers and present students have to be at Robert Blackwood by 1.30 pm. This means that we complete the second last day to Queenscliff and are then bussed back to Huntingtower. Other members of our group can complete the ride and will be picked up at Geelong on Sunday.

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1. Nine days including one rest day.

This year's timing of the Ride is unfortunate. It clashes with the Formal and Speech Afternoon. Teachers and Huntingtower students must be back for Presentation Afternoon. This means that we will complete Saturday's ride at Queenscliff and then return to school. However, former students, parents and friends can complete the final day of riding.

2. Daily distances average 68 kms.

3. **Target Group**

The ride is pitched at students in Years 9 to 12. The Year 10 work experience and all exams will have been completed by the time of the ride.

Parents, former students and friends are welcome to join our group.

4. **Covered in the cost:**

- a. three meals per day from the first day's lunch to the final day's breakfast, except lunch on the rest day. The meals are wholesome, plentiful and tasty.
- b. all camping fees and provision of toilets, showers and hand washing
- c. luggage transport between camps
- d. itinerary and marshals, police, security, first aid and break-down assistance, entertainment.

5. **The cost for school groups**

BicVic requires that we send one school cheque to cover the entry fees of all our riders. We will therefore ask every rider to pay their fees to Huntingtower.

- a. **Entry received by BicVic prior to July 31**, accompanied by a non-refundable deposit of \$200 per rider:

	\$	
Student	560	
Accompanying adult, eg, parent	650	(full adult fee is \$750)

Accompanying parents please note that there is a ratio of parents to students imposed by BicVic which limits the number of discounted rates available. If there is an excess number of adults, we share the discount between these riders. Thus, the exact cost may be greater than the \$650 quoted above.

Please Note: BicVic expects there to be a sell-out and have capped the number of school entries to 1,200. Registration is on a first-in basis. School groups have to register on-line from June 1. Therefore, we ask that intending riders:

**return the attached entry form, with a deposit of \$200, to Huntingtower by May 29.**

*We will accept entries after this date, but the risk of breaching the cap increases. So, please enter early and preferably by May 29.*

- b. **For entries after July 31**, add \$100

### **“Non-refundable deposit”**

BicVic will not refund any deposits. However, the deposit may be recoverable with membership of BicVic.

Deposits paid to Huntingtower and passed on to BicVic can only be refunded by us if we find a replacement rider.

Our final payment to BicVic is due on September 25.

## **6. Ride Itinerary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day No.</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Distance km</b>
Nov-28	1	Saturday	Portland	Portland	50
Nov-29	2	Sunday	Portland	Macarthur	66
Nov-30	3	Monday	Macarthur	Port Fairy	48
Dec-01	4	Tuesday	Port Fairy	Port Campbell	95
Dec-02	5	Wednesday	Port Campbell	Apollo Bay	100
Dec-03	6	Thursday	Apollo Bay		Rest Day
Dec-04	7	Friday	Apollo Bay	Anglesea	72
Dec-05	8	Saturday	Anglesea	Queenscliff	62
Dec-06	9	Sunday	Queenscliff	Geelong	53

## **7. Transport**

The School buses, with a total capacity of about 30, will be available to transport riders to the start and to return riders from both Queenscliff and Geelong. We will be seeking two drivers to return the buses from Portland on the first day.

## **8. Preparation and Training**

Safety is of paramount importance. Students must be fit and competent riders. They must also be skilful in bunch riding. We have had a couple of falls in four years on the GVBR and we don't want any more.

Student participants will need to follow a fitness program involving individual and group rides. Every Friday after school, we have a group ride to and from Southbank. In Term 4, students should regard this as compulsory (you need an apology if you cannot make it and a commitment to replace it with a similar ride). A group rides to Southbank every Friday throughout the year and you are welcome to join in.

## **9. Spending money**

Despite the provision of three meals per day, students have wonderful appetites and a desire to supplement those meals with purchases of pizza, pies, ice creams etc at the local towns. They also pay to visit local swimming pools and make various small outlays, eg,

for charging their mobile phones and laundry. Sometimes, we need to pay for bike repairs or take advantage of an irresistible offer on bike clothing or components.

As much as I hate to say it, students should allow for \$15 – \$20 per day with access to a larger sum in case of emergencies.

10. **Sleeping Arrangements**

Most students share a two-man tent. A shared tent should be big enough for both people and have room to keep their kit out of the weather. However, do not pack overly large tents. If you do not have a tent, Anaconda have regular tent specials. The “Spinifex” brand two-man tent is spacious and incredibly good value at the special price of \$49.

A 10.00 pm curfew operates reasonably effectively in the schools’ camp.

11. **Travel Arrangements**

We will use the school’s minibuses and a bike trailer. Some parents elect to take responsibility for the transport of their children.

12. **Luggage**

Later in the year we will provide a detailed “what to bring”. Luggage must not exceed 20 kgs (and no student needs more than 12 – 14 kgs), and must be packed in a travel bag not exceeding 1.2 m long. The bag needs to be durable because it gets treated roughly.

13. **Laundry**

For good hygiene, we must wash our riding gear regularly. Hand laundering is available at every camp site. Where a host town has a laundromat, teachers will collect our groups’ washing and do the job.

14. **Camp Security and Etiquette**

At the camp sites, school groups are separated from the general ride population. Things can be very congested and therefore a noisy school next to us can be very disruptive. Most school groups are conscious of their responsibility and we usually get a good night’s sleep. Security officers patrol the camp throughout the night.

15. **Ride Times**

Riders usually rise between 5.00 and 6.00 am, especially if the weather is hot. This means we complete the daily ride by mid-day, leaving the afternoon free. Time might then be spent at the local pool or exploring the town.

16. **Riding Together**

It is not possible to have the whole group riding together. Instead, we break into bunches of riders of equal speed. All riders must carry a mobile phone with the numbers of teachers in the memories. Teachers and adults spread themselves out along the line of riders and are always within a short time of coming to the assistance of a rider in trouble. In addition, police on motor bikes patrol the line and BV have their own people troubleshooting. Bunches should regroup at regular intervals, eg, at the top of a climb.

17. **Sag Wagon**

A bus follows riders to pick-up those who cannot complete that day’s journey.

To board the sag wagon at the start of a day, the rider needs to obtain authorization from the BV’s first aid personnel.

In general, riders who apply for a second day on the wagon will be invited to go home.

18. **Cancellation**

***Before October 28:***

All, except the deposit of \$200, is refundable (unless the rider is a member of BicVic where a full refund is possible).

***After October 28 & before November 13:***

Only 50% of the entry fee is refundable (unless a member of BicVic)

***After November 13:***

No refunds (unless a member of BicVic)

19. Bicycle Victoria's **website** is [www.bv.com.au](http://www.bv.com.au)

Please address any **enquiries** to:

Ray Clifford (0417 037 865)

or to

Jan Savage (0408 129 721)

BicVic's requirement for granting discounted entry fees to accompanying adults:

<b>No. of Students</b>	<b>No. of Teachers</b>	<b>No. of Accompanying Adults</b>
1 - 6	2	0
7 - 9	2	1
10 - 12	2	2
13 - 15	2	3
16 -18	2	4
19 - 21	2	6
22 - 24	2	7
25 - 27	2	8
28 - 30	2	9