

THE AUDAX PERTH REGION

PERTH-ALBANY-PERTH 1200KM ENDURANCE RIDE OCTOBER 2006

Overall it was a successful event, and riders appeared to be happy with the amount of support provided, the route, and the accommodation and the food provided. John Evans, perhaps the most experienced 1200km rider present, albeit on a fixed wheel (!), was complimentary on the ride overall.

There were 18 starting riders, of which all but one (400km rider) entered the 1200km distance. 15 of the 1200km riders finished in time (11 Australians, 3 Germans and 1 American), and 2 Australians withdrew at Manjimup and were transported by helpers to Donnybrook. Two riders were employees of Rand Transport, one of the two sponsors of the event, and both Wayne Hickman and Colin Law distinguished themselves by good finishing times, though the event is not a race and needs finishing in a maximum of 90 hours.

Days one (370km riding distance) and two (308km) were made more arduous by SE/E headwinds. The first riders arrived in Manjimup on Day one at 9.30-9.45pm and the last one at 2.45 am (he then retired). The last rider to leave Denmark (overnight stop back) headed west (Day three, 312km) at 6.30am on the Monday and arrived at Donnybrook (overnight stop back) at 3.20am on Tuesday. The first rider into Donnybrook was greeted at 6pm on Monday. The last day (216km) saw the last riders leaving Pinjarra at 2.50pm on their way back to South Perth (89km to finish). These timings give a measure of the spread of the field of entrants.

Every rider finished safely and in healthy condition for the arduous circumstances which surround a 1200km ride.

The support provided by Rand Transport and DPI Cycle Instead proved invaluable in allowing the right amount of support for the riders to be provided. The sponsors are sincerely thanked by the Audax Perth Region Committee and the ride organiser Dr Nick Dale, who was also a participant.

A balance sheet is attached.

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