

## Club Camp Report

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## THE GREAT AUDAX CYCLE FEST WEEKEND AT DWELLINGUP CAMP

21-23 November 2008

Once again we ventured to the forests 100km south of Perth and occupied four comfortable chalets at the Caravan Park, but a contrast in the weather from the hot fly-ridden visit last year to wet and cool conditions with many sunny breaks.



Everyone staying gathered at the Community Hotel for

a pub meal on Friday night, with the addition of Brian Hughes who was camped at Lane Poole Reserve. No bad behaviour that I saw!

Master ride organiser (and rider) Colin Law then gave us a cavalcade of brevet MTB and road rides to be in. This was a new concept judged to be very popular given the number of day trippers who came along to ride with the campers and members.



Saturday morning saw 3 riders do a short 35km Waterous Loop mainly on Nanga gravel road and the wonderful Munda Biddi trail down the watery Murray valley, and 5 riders take on the longer 70km Waterous loop in the clockwise direction from Nanga Mill. Wayne had an argument with some rocks and won but was still able to fix David's derailleur (with a wrench) after it got bent by fallen timber. 2 riders (Brian Hawes and Brian Hughes) also took the "traditional" 50km road ride down the hill to the Pinjarra bakery and back.

While all this was going on 3 riders, including President Nick, starting in Pinjarra were on roadies doing a 100km loop back through Waroona and Nanga, and came across the 3 short loop riders who had got back to Nanga Mill. The afternoon was wet but 2 MTB riders ventured east of town along the old rail line, "raced" the vintage tourist train back, and found a good winery and cidery to warm up in after the clothing drips stopped. If Colin had not had enough riding he got coaxed back



by Nick to do the 70km Waterous MTB loop again in the afternoon!

No, the riding did not end on Sunday, as 4 riders set off from the Camp to do the 100km Pinjarra-Waroona-Nanga loop in still damp conditions as it rained all Saturday night. The irrepressible Colin Law was in there again too.