Dwellingup Club Camp Report by Colin Farmer

Audax Australia Perth Region Social Weekend 23rd and 24th November 2007

Weather

Very hot and still with delightful mild and calm evenings. Thankfully the flies went to bed guite early and there were very few mozzies.

Accidents

None on the road although it was very evident that the average March fly knows full well about the first quality blood obtainable from legs of bike riders. On Saturday morning the more energetic rode down to Pinjarra whilst others rode out to the Baden Powell Pool on the Nanga road and some chose to explore the town itself on their bikes. The prize for the best discovery would have to go to the latter as they found a really charming winery / café set on the side of a hill in an apple orchard.

General

- With most people arriving through Friday afternoon, the evening meal at the Dwellingup Café was very successful and enjoyed by all. Very large servings of roast lamb with vegetables, mint sauce, and lashings of gravy were followed by equally large portions of apple crumble submerged in custard and cream. Really quite surprising how much food was put away by the ladies!
- The Saturday evening barbeque was a really enjoyable event.
 After the heat of the day the cool still evening with very few mozzies was superb. Maybe sitting out under the stars with a bit of red meat and a bit of red wine is what Audax all about!
- The weather this year was really too hot for much riding and the numbers were down only 26 persons. Maybe it's too close to Christmas for those with young children who could well be involved in all sorts of end of the year activities. The cottages are very comfortable but have no cooling, although they'd be very cosy in the winter with their potbelly stoves. Perhaps next year we should try a weekend in cooler weather. There's a comfortable hall with a camp-kitchen which we could use if it was too cold to sit out. If it has to be in summer, we should time it to work in with the life cycle of the dung beetle!
- Big thankyou to Rod Marston who organised a most enjoyable event for us!

Tour de France 2007 Pyrenees to Paris.

Report by Ross Cussons On Friday the 20th July I joined my Emirates flight to Paris via Dubai to join a tour on the Pyrenees to Paris section of the Tour de France organized by Bikestyle Tours

On arrival at Charles de Gaulle Airport on Saturday 21st I was met by Terry from Bikestyle Tours who promptly phoned Natalie who picked us up and delivered us to a nearby hotel, which was to be our groups first night accommodation in France.

"Get changed and bring your helmet and pedals," was the instruction from Terry after I had checked in. Within a very short time I had met my