

EastGippBUG

is an Internet based 'virtual' entity giving voice to issues affecting bicycle riders across East Gippsland, speaking with those who can affect change, and building advocacy for more and safer cycling.

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Great Victorian Bike Ride sweeping into EG late November

Paynesville will host the second last night of the 2007 GVBR, on Friday Novmber 30th. Next morning (Dec 1) the 3500 or more riders will hum along the bitumen en route to Bruthen and on to Buchan for their last night of this big event.

An optional 'no hills' route via the EG Rail Trail from Bairnsdale to Bruthen is being offered. We hope to see a lot of the riders heading for the Trail and a chance to see some off road quiet countryside. And then resolve to come back and sample more of the wonderful recreational cycling, and eating, opportunities we have on offer. www.bv.com.au/great-rides/40346/

Don't lose it - lock it! But where is the secure parking?

Many riders in our region take a fairly laid back attitude to bicycle security. That is a benefit of living in a pretty relaxed place like East Gippsland. Visitors however might be less relaxed and want to fix their parked bicycle to something secure while shopping or enjoying a latte. Convenient and solid parking rails, in particular the universally accepted and Australian Standards approved inverted 'U' rail, add an inviting pro-bike element to a shopping street and at important community facilities. One quick and modest cost pro-cycling addition to shopping locations in East Gippsland towns is to install carefully place 'U' rails. Time to lobby the Shire Council to deliver parking rails and encourage more 'shopping by bicycle'?

More links on the E G Rail Trail

With State Government funding and considerable help from the Shire Council (assisted by the RT Committee) a shared pathway link is being constructed between the Burn Road (Newmerella) end of the Rail Trail and **Orbost**. It follows minor roads across the Snowy Riveer flats, over the road bridge and into Forest Park.

And at **Nowa Nowa**, as part of the major new VicRoads roadworks cutting through the township, a pedestrian/bike bridge is being built just upstream of the Princes highway bridge. This is a fine addition to the local pathways network and the Nowa Nowa Walks options, and will connect directly to the Rail Trail diversion route which leads back onto the former railway easement just south of the helipad.

Tracks and Trails conference to push a national trails strategy.

The 2008 5th Biennial national **Tracks & Trails** conference aims at getting a better deal for all manner of tracks and trails across Australia. This event will be held March 11 - 14 at the Sunshine Coast Novatel Twin Waters facility. Full details at: www.tracksandtrails.org.au/

If you have an issue related to cycling in EG, or want to air a topic, please email your thoughts to eastgippbug@wideband.net.au

Now the rain has turned the land emerald green, it's also ideal cycling weather.

The EastGippBUG email network.

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