

EASTER 09 ADVENTURE – THE WRAP

With adventure-seekers travelling from as far as Ocean Grove in Victoria we were excited to show everyone our beautiful (wet) Noosa area during Easter 09... Thankfully the rain eased off and we had 2 (semi) dry days but managed to slop around in the existing mud anyway....wouldn't really be an adventure without some mud thrown in, would it?

Saturday kicked off with the Bribie 'brick' session. The 1km swim out to Little Cove, followed by a 8 -10km trail run, then a swim/run around the middle groyne twice and a 6k paddle were enough to get everyone hungry for the promised coffee and snacks at Sierra Café... Luckily, the café didn't disappoint and we refuelled heartily for the afternoon session.

Fifteen riders set off on the bike path (the clean bit) for a ride that took us out to Noosaville and along a trail through the West Weyba section of the Noosa National Park... We encountered some great muddy sections and were travelling quite well until Tony somehow broke his seat off!! Hmmmm.... This was a bit of a challenge – but some of the technical minded riders managed to do a super-quick patch-up job with zip-ties (amazing piece of machinery, the zip tie!) So we set off again but Tony was a little reluctant to sit too hard on the shaky seat and we suggested he swap bikes with Kim. This was a good plan, and Tony enjoyed the Giant Anthem 0 so much, we had to prise it off him at the end of the trail! Meanwhile Kim was having a great time riding out of the saddle – all good training for the up-and-coming KEEN Adventure Race, she said... Luck was with us, however, when we emerged from the forest and found an abandoned bike with just the right bolt to fix Tony's seat properly.... So we 'borrowed' it and the seat was like new again...



At the base of Emu Mountain we left the bikes under the watchful eye of Nic Fischer and took the scenic trail to the top.

Some opted to run out to the beach as well... when they got back we made a quick transition for the fast and furious ride on the coastal bike path home...

Café le Monde followed where we dined on gourmet pizza and seafood while watching DVD's of our Anaconda Adventure Races and told stories of these great events... We were all out of there by 8.00pm for an early night as the next day would be a big one...

A light shower of rain greeted us as we prepared boats etc for our long paddle up to Lake Cooroibah. The Ville Girls were speedy in their double ski and everyone was glad to reach the other side of the lake where we stopped for refreshments.... The wind had picked up for the paddle home, and our bodies were tiring as well... As we made our way down the Noosa River, we were all paddling strong, just wanting to 'get off the paddle!'..... A Bacon & Eggs breakfast at Sierra was waiting... and we were hungry!

Refuelled, once again, we set about getting ready for our ride out to Tewantin Forest to show our visitors the local trails...



The Ville Girls met us at the forest with their dog Bo strapped into her own little doggy basket on the back of Caroline's bike.

Bo proved to be great entertainment when she was let out to run as her tiny legs flew over the ground like she wasn't touching it at all... She was seat-belted and put in the basket, however, for the ride down "Snake" and seemed to cope with the steep, rocky and winding single track with no problems at all....

Tony was having trouble with his seat, AGAIN, and had resigned to using cave-man tools to secure the quick release seat post, which ended with the lever being beaten off (with the rock!....)

He may have a new bike by the time he competes in Bribie Multisport on the 26th April!



Anyway, we all made it out of the forest unscathed, but Aunty Jan managed to have a spectacular 'over the bars' crash when crossing Beckman's Rd, but luckily landed in some soft grass... so no real damage...

Some of us gathered for a debrief on the Aunties' balcony – over a champagne or two, and reminisced of a weekend of fun, adventure, challenge, new friends and promises to do it all again sooner rather than later. We decided there were many 'golden moments' however, the one that springs to mind is the fact that Tony rode both days in nicks with quite a big hole in a very crucial part of the back Especially when he suggested we tell onlookers that he usually wears it at the front..... Hmmmmm..... 😊

Thanks to everyone who came along and made our weekend very special.. Tony, Karen, Caz & Ally, Gina, Gail, Jules, Brigitte, Nic, Wayne & Corallea, Johnboy, Garry, Di, Bron & Brad.... We just loved spending our Easter 09 with the fun, adventurous people you are.... Hope you can all join us again soon....

See you out there!

Jan & Kim – aka The Aunties 😊