

Canberra Skeptics Ride for the Planet

Sunday 22 August 2004

Canberra Skeptics, supported by Pedal Power ACT, offers you, your family and friends a novel way to appreciate the limits of the Earth's atmosphere.

Is the atmosphere an unlimited resource? Do you know how thin it really is? Imagine Canberra has been tilted through 90 degrees vertically from Hall. How much of the Earth's atmosphere would remain around Parliament House (17 km), or at Tharwa (40 km)? Join the ride and find out!

The ride is not a race – it is an educational activity for all. During the ride you will pass signs indicating atmospheric conditions at the equivalent distance from sea level.

This ride is being run as an Australian Science Festival event.

Registration opens at **9:30 a.m.**

Staggered start times: So that most people finish the ride soon after noon.

10:30 a.m. Slow riders set off

10:50 a.m. Average riders set off

11:10 a.m. Fast riders set off

Entry: By gold coin donation - but you must complete an entry form.

Safety: An adult must accompany riders under 12 years of age. All entrants must accept and sign a declaration as set out on this form. Registered participants' bikes will be tagged. Remember your helmet!

Distance: 17 kilometres

Time: The ride should take between one and two hours depending on bike (and poster reading) speed. Those who decide 17 km is too much, or have other commitments, may join the ride at any location they choose along the route, but unless registered, will need to carry their own accident/ third party insurance.

At the finish: You will receive a bag of goodies.

Lunch: The ride finishes at lunchtime, so please bring something to eat while you savour the speakers we have lined up.

Speakers: Security permitting, there will be speakers on the lawns outside Parliament House starting from 12:15 p.m. The topic will be peddling and the environment.

The ride starts at the Hall Village Reserve, **Victoria and Gladstone Streets**, and finishes at Parliament House. Each kilometre of the ride will represent one kilometre of the Earth's atmosphere above sea level. Appreciate for yourself how rapidly oxygen would diminish with height as you pedal.

At the end of the ride, on the lawns outside Parliament House, invited speakers will discuss environmental concerns. Also startling revelations, such as how many of the molecules of water you drink each year have once passed through Adolf Hitler, how many of the oxygen molecules you breath each day were once breathed by Mozart and how many tonnes of carbon dioxide the world's population breathes out each minute.

**It's on –
rain, hail, snow or shine!**

Form a group, or if you can't make it, help save the trees and the planet – and pass this leaflet on to a friend with the registration form.



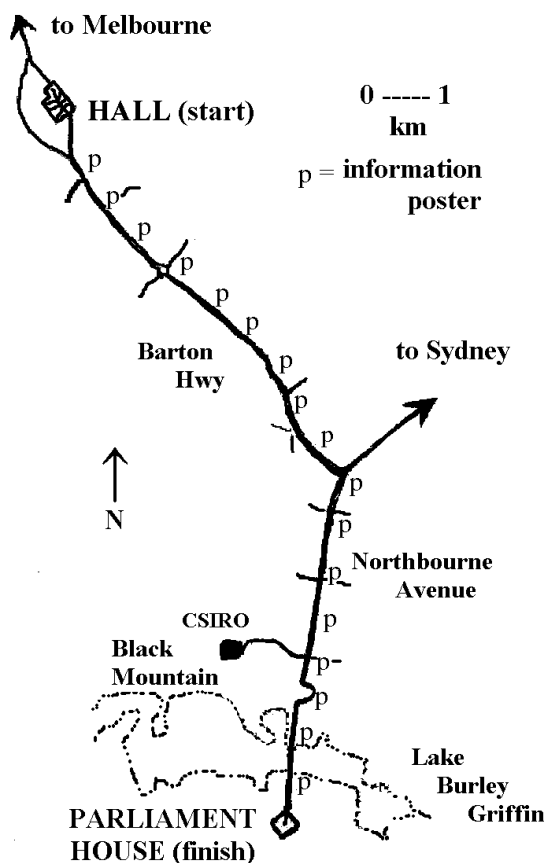
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Join the fun and breathe in the Planet's life force - while it lasts!



How to register - options:

1. On-day registration will be available at the start area from 9:30 a.m.
2. Complete the application form and bring it to Hall on Sunday 22 August or post it to:
Ride for the Planet
Canberra Skeptics
PO Box 555
Civic Square ACT 2602
3. Application forms may be printed from the web site.

Entry is by gold coin donation

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Further information is available from:

- www.pedalpower.org.au
- Canberra Skeptics - (02) 6296 4555

Canberra Skeptics Inc Environment Forum, Dinner and Debate Saturday 21 August

The Canberra Skeptics Ride for the Planet is being run in conjunction with an Environment Forum. The latter will be held at the **CSIRO Discovery Centre, Clunies Ross Street, Acton.**

Forum: The Environment, 1 - 6 p.m.

Chaired by Professor Tony McMichael

Registration: Full \$18 [Concession \$12; Double Helix Club members \$6]

Dinner plus Debate: 7 - 11 p.m. [Cost \$45]

Debate (ANU Debating Society) "*This House believes Global Warming is a Good Thing!*"

Forum Details and Registration See - www.skeptics.com.au