

Latest ride from the cycling group

Well it was a tad warm yesterday! However the cycling group of 4, lead by Dianne Campbell headed away from PMH before the high temperature really cut in.

The first section was on the opposite side of the river. While it was on the road the traffic was so light a to me unnoticeable. Once we passed Beckenham the ride was largely on cycleways. It was very pleasant. The birdsong was really loud and there were groups of folk out walking their dogs or pushing baby buggies. We were mostly in the shade and there was a gentle breeze.

It was interesting to see the stylish new builds scattered fairly evenly among the established houses. Quakes are random, but we all wonder about that!

Just before Ferry Road we joined a track that follows the Heathcote River. This was a bit rough. It's a while since anyone has paid this area any attention! There are tree roots and a narrow gravel track with a couple of testing hair pins! I would have really enjoyed this part but somewhere along it the Velcro straps on my bag on the back gave way and I lost my bag containing camera/glasses etc.

It took us an hour to reach our destination, a really nice coffee bar on ferry road (Where I discovered my loss!) We had taken our time (there are no competitive front runners-yet) so felt really pleased with our time.

After the coffee we headed back a bit slower as we were searching for my bag. No luck! It was starting to warm up but it was still a really nice ride.

We all agreed that we had enjoyed it. We had ridden about 27km. Those that rode to and from the start line can add a bit more to that.

Our plans are to take turns at picking the rides.

Feel free to dust of that bike and blow away the cobwebs.

Mike