

GREAT VIC SCHOOLS GUIDE 2025

A SINGLE 5-DAY RIDE OPTION

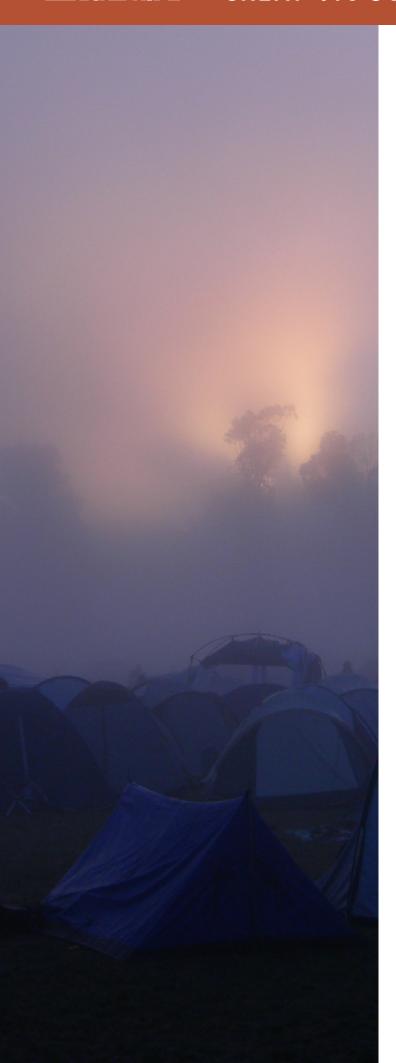
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MARK THIS DATE IN YOUR SCHOOL CALENDAR - DON'T MISS OUT!

To get the best value for your school through early bird pricing, ensure your riders have registered and paid prior to 11.59pm on Sunday 2th August 2025. The savings can be up to \$200 per rider!

KEY DATES

11.59pm Sunday 2 August Early bird deadline.

11.59pm Tuesday 26 August Final day for refunds or cancellations.

11.59pm Friday 26 September Final day for refunds or cancellations for Bicycle Network members.

11.59pm Monday 3 November Deadline for a 50% transfer to the following year's event against medical certificate, and deadline for name transfers.

11.59pm Wednesday 19 November Total payment expected.



WHY IT'S GREAT FOR STUDENTS

As we enter an exciting new chapter of the Great Vic Bike Ride, we're taking riders on an unforgettable journey along the iconic Great Ocean Road, across sweeping volcanic plains, and to the breathtaking eighth wonder of the world, the Twelve Apostles.

The ride remains a standout school camp experience: challenging yet fun, and open to participants of all ages and backgrounds. As a school camp, it's truly unique. With Bicycle Network providing meals, campsites, medical support, on-route assistance, and entertainment, schools are free to focus on their educational and developmental goals.

As one of the largest fully supported bicycle events in the world, there's no better way for students to explore Australia, discover their potential, and create lifelong memories.

BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS

Physical fitness and cycling skills

- + Practical bicycle maintenance skills.
- Road cycling skills including balance, signalling and pedalling techniques.
- Spatial awareness skills honed from riding and communicating in groups.
- Better physical fitness, from preparing for and undertaking the ride.
- Improved mental and emotional health outcomes through physical fitness.

Life skills and experiences

- The sense of achievement from completing the ride can lead to improved confidence, resilience and personal growth.
- Improved teamwork skills from working in groups to achieve both a personal and joint challenge of completing the ride together with peers.
- Exposure to greater social diversity by mixing with a large group of students from other schools as well as riders from the general public.
- Improved social skills from living in a dense and closely knit moving community.
- Time away from technology and instead, exploring what the outdoors has to offer.



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"There's a really strong sense of achievement that they (the kids) get out of that challenging experience," says Kevin Purvis, who, with fellow teacher Wendy Scott, is organising a contingent from Old Orchard Primary School to go on the upcoming Great Vic. It's the third year the school has participated in the event, and Kevin and Wendy have been involved from the start.

"It enabled us as teachers to develop a rapport with some of the kids for whom school was a bit challenging," Kevin continues. "This was an event where they could get in there and be really physical and really active. That had a spin-off in terms of getting alongside those kids and getting engaged with them more."

Kevin Purvis Teacher at Old Orchard Primary School



WHERE ARE WE GOING THIS YEAR?





WHERE YOU'LL GO

PRE-CAMP SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER

(optional arrival day)

Start the week off in Mortlake before embarking on the Great Vic's return to the stunning Great Ocean

Prepare early by purchasing an additional night of camping in Mortlake on Sunday 23 November. Set up camp and relax the night before the ride.

PLEASE NOTE: This extra night is offered with limited services (no mobile showers or electricity provided, no official meals, and no entertainment until start day)

As you prepare for a new era of the Great Vic Bike Ride, enjoy the town's warm hospitality, scenic volcanic surrounds, and rich history. Relax, explore the local markets, and soak up the country charm. Mortlake is proud to host you.

*Add pre-ride camping in registration for \$38

MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER MORTLAKE — KOROIT

With fresh legs, you'll kick off the ride with a scenic ride into Koroit. Rolling through lush farmland and sweeping views of Tower Hill's ancient volcanic crater, you'll feel the energy build with every pedal stroke.

Our new home for the night, Koroit is a charming town rich in Irish heritage, nestled on the edge of Tower Hill Wildlife Reserve. Known for its welcoming locals, historic pubs, and vibrant food scene, it's the perfect place to relax and soak in the ride's early buzz.

The riding route will be open from 8:30am -10:30am for departure from Mortlake on Day 1 of the ride

Route specs

Distance	55km
Elevation	212m



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DAY 2 TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER KOROIT LOOP RIDE

Back in the saddle for your first loop day, and it's all about the coast. Leaving Koroit behind, you'll ride south toward the Southern Ocean, where sea breezes, crashing waves, and wide-open views await. Your destination: the historic seaside village of Port Fairy. Take your time soaking up the salty air, coastal scenery, and the laid-back charm of streets lined with heritage cottages, cafés, and galleries.

Route specs

Distance	67km
Elevation	317m

WEDNESDAY 26 NOVEMBER KOROIT — PORT CAMPBELL

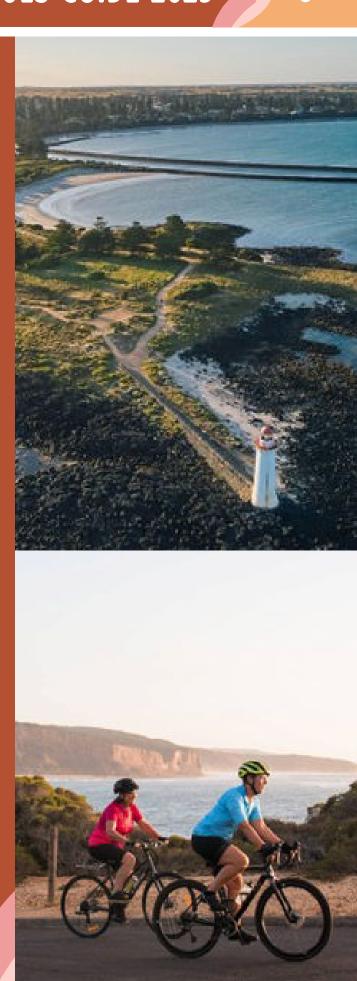
This is what you've been waiting for. Ride the Great Ocean Road.

Today's ride takes you from Koroit through rolling farmland before delivering you to the spectacular coastline of the Great Ocean Road. As you wind your way toward Port Campbell, the Southern Ocean becomes your backdrop with towering cliffs, sweeping ocean views, and the rhythm of the waves never far from sight. Keep an eye out for wildlife as you ride beside one of Australia's most iconic coastal stretches.

Then it's time to unwind in the seaside town of Port Campbell, where ocean breezes and fresh seafood cap off a day carved by the coast.

Route specs

Distance	90km
Elevation	590m



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DAY 4 THURSDAY 27 NOVEMBER PORT CAMPBELL LOOP RIDE

Today's loop ride gives you the chance to ride through some of the most scenic countryside in South-West Victoria, with the Great Ocean Road never far from mind. Departing from Port Campbell, you'll wind through the charming towns of Simpson and Timboon, combining the best of inland beauty with glimpses of the wild Southern Ocean.

Near journey's end, you'll pass the breathtaking Twelve Apostles and Loch Ard Gorge, dramatic reminders of the ocean's power and beauty.

This is what makes the Great Vic truly unforgettable, the freedom to ride through rolling hills, pastures, and coastal vistas on roads most only ever drive. In Timboon, take a well-earned break to sample the region's famous produce, including a stop at the renowned Timboon Distillery. Then it's back in the saddle for a final stretch through peaceful rural roads, returning to Port Campbell where ocean views and coastal charm are waiting to greet you once again.

Route specs

Distance	100km
Elevation	986m

DAY 5 FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER PORT CAMPBELL — CAMPERDOWN

On your final ride day, you'll leave the Ocean behind you as you head to Camperdown, where your adventure concludes. This historic town offers a peaceful setting to unwind, with its lakes, heritage buildings, and relaxed atmosphere providing the perfect place to celebrate completing the ride.

Route specs

Distance	52km
Elevation	703m



ENTERING AS AN OFFICIAL SCHOOL

The Great Vic Bike Ride is staffed by a dedicated team of professionals, volunteers and contractors; all of whom are focused on making it easy for everyone to ride.

Each day, this team moves our tented community from one town to the next. This includes transporting a kitchen, toilets, showers, covered seating, café, and your luggage. Our team also provides a range of entertainment options and activities at camp, while marshals, police and medical staff provide support and guidance while you're out on the road.

There's an Information Hub that's open from camp set-up to sundown, keeping you informed of what's going on with the ride and the activities going on in whatever town we're bunking down for that night.

Organising school excursions takes a lot of work and can be complex. Bicycle Network has a designated schools team contactable either via greatvicschools@bicyclenetwork.com.au or via our friendly rider services team on 1800 639 634.

They can assist at all points in the process, from registering, booking tickets, paying balances, finalising rider lists, confirming meal preferences and particular rider details, arranging transport and dealing with any other issues as required.

Once again, schools will register through Race Roster, separately from the general public. In 2025, we've made it easier to arrange transfers for parents registering inadvertently as part of the general public.

Make sure you consult our 2025 School Registration guide available Ride2School team to get the access code to our Schools shop on Race Roster.



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DAILY SCHOOL BRIEFINGS

The Ride2School team maintains a hub in the schools camping area that acts as a meeting point for teachers, students and accompanying adults as well as the location for the daily school briefings.

School briefings are held on all ride days at 5:00pm at the Ride2School zone. Representatives from Bicycle Network's Ride2School team and School coordinators frequently attend. These recap the day's ride and discuss the following day's route. The briefing is also a great chance to communicate with other school groups and acts as a forum to discuss any issues that arise over the course of the ride.

Attendance at the briefings is compulsory, as it is the venue for discussing all relevant information that needs to be communicated to school groups.

RESERVED CAMPING AREA

Children are vital and active participants in Bicycle Network's rides and programs, so we're proud to have developed a child safe culture that promotes the wellbeing and safety of children. Our Child Safe policy is designed to keep children safe when they interact with us, and as part of this policy, we do have some operational requirements in place on the Great Vic Bike Ride:

- Children are not permitted to use the Toilet and Shower Trucks. Instead, they must use the Toilet and Shower Pod units. A Toilet Pod unit will always be located adjacent to the Schools camping area, and a number of Shower Pod Units are available in the shower area
- Children must not be left road-side alone. Schools are encouraged to develop a buddy system for all riders, so if one child stops (to wait for the SAG bus, etc.) they have someone to wait and travel with them at all times.

These requirements help to create an environment where children are safe, happy and empowered, so we know you'll support them too!

Bicycle Network's Child Safe Policy is available at **bicyclenetwork.com.au**



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TALENT QUEST

The annual talent quest night on the evening before rest day is a chance for students to showcase their special talents for the Great Vic Bike Ride community. Students can enter at the Information Hub from Day 2 of the Ride.

SPORTING EQUIPMENT AND GAMES

The Ride2School zone area also has a range of sporting equipment available for use. Students are welcome to borrow the sporting equipment, all students have to do is leave behind their 'rider passport' as an insurance the equipment will be returned. There are also other games and activities available in the catering area every night.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR SCHOOLS IN 2025

- No charge for special meal options for students.
- Opportunity to book a school information night available for parents, teachers and students.
- Recommended Training plan for students.
- Schools specific E-news informing you of all the great stuff planned for the ride as well as the key information you need to make it the greatest Great Vic Ever!
- Rewards for Great Vic ambassadors
- Schools with 80+ students will have their own reserved area within the School Camping area.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Pre-event organised training rides and online preparation tools
- All meals
- + Daily luggage transport
- On-route support
- Toilets and showers
- On-site medical team
- Daily live music and entertainment
- Campsite licensed cafes and vendors
- Campsite security
- + Cinema on-site

AMBASSADORS REWARDS

We know it takes time and energy to bring a school group to an event like this — and even more to spread the word among peers. That's why we're offering a special incentive package for teachers who help us grow the ride.



If you refer a teacher or school and your referral results in a new registration (including in 2026), you'll be rewarded with a \$200 gift card.



Plus, all referring teachers will receive 10 free coffees at one of our event vendors and go in the draw to win a weekend away.





RIDE OPTIONS

GREAT VIC BIKE RIDE 2025	Early Bird 6 MAY - 2 AUG	Standard 3 AUG - 23 NOV
Adult Ticket	\$950	\$1,250
Member Ticket - 10% off	\$855	\$1,125
Under 18 Ticket	\$750	\$950
Under 18 Member Ticket - 10% off	\$675	\$855

SUITABLY QUALIFIED ADULTS AND THE RATIO SYSTEM

WHAT IS A SUITABLY QUALIFIED ADULT AND WHO CAN BE ONE?

Schools are required to bring along a certain number of supervising adults that will be responsible for the conduct, behaviour and wellbeing of the students making up their group.

Such a supervising adult is known as a Suitably Qualified Adult (SQA). Any teacher or adult member (parent or other adult aged 18+) of the riding group can be considered an SQA. It is at the discretion of each participating school to select which teachers or extra adults from their group will be considered SQAs. SQAs attend the ride free of charge. SQAs that a school group can bring on the ride depend on the number of students attending. Schools must provide the allocated number of SQAs to supervise the group. More adults are always welcome.

CONSULT THE TABLE BELOW TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF SQAS:

Number of students in group	Number of SQA's required to attend and free of charge	
4-20	2	
21-30	3	
31-40	4	
41-50	5	
51-60	6	
61-70	7	
71-80	8	
81-90	9	
91-100	10	
100 or more	11 + 1 for every 10 students above 100	

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

HERE ARE THE ANSWERS TO YOUR MOST COMMON GREAT VIC SCHOOL QUESTIONS.

FOR MORE EVENT SPECIFIC QUESTIONS, CHECK OUT OUR FULL FAQ PAGE HERE:

BICYCLENETWORK.COM.AU/RIDES-AND-EVENTS/GREAT-VICTORIAN-BIKE-RIDE/EVENT-INFO/FAQS/

IF YOUR QUESTIONS AREN'T IN THE LIST, PLEASE CONTACT US VIA EMAIL OR PHONE.

E: GREATVICSCHOOLS@BICYCLENETWORK.COM.AU

P: 1800 639 634

SCHOOL ENTRY

IS GREAT VIC RIGHT FOR MY SCHOOL GROUP?

Bicycle Network provides a safe and supportive environment for your students to thrive given students have trained and prepared well for the event. Bicycle Network's commitment to inclusive and diverse events means we cater for riders of different ages, genders, backgrounds, abilities and from different walks of life. It is essential for schools to bring along enough supervising adults or Suitably Qualifying Adults (SQA) responsible for the conduct, behaviour and wellbeing of their students. We are a Child Safe event committed to our rider's safety as number one priority.

I HAVE A NUMBER OF PARENTS THAT WANT TO JOIN OUR GROUP, WHAT DO I DO?

Parents are welcome to be a part of any official school group. If parents intend to ride with you, make sure they are booked under your group booking and that they do not book their own individual tickets. Any adults representing a school group on the Great Vic Bike Ride need to be registered as a member of that group.

HOW DO I ENTER MY GROUP?

You can register for the Great Vic Bike Ride from through our registration platform, Race Roster. Please follow our Registration Guide here: **greatvicschools.com.au** or contact our friendly team at **greatvicschools@bicyclenetwork.com.au** or call on 1800 639 634.

School groups are entitled to free tickets for suitably Qualified Adult riders.

WHEN SHOULD I REGISTER MY GROUP?

As early as possible. There are a number of tickets on the Great Vic Bike Ride reserved specifically for school groups, but due to high demand these often become limited. It's best to book your group as soon as you can once school group bookings open.

IS IT BETTER TO BOOK ONLY THE RIDERS THAT ARE FULLY COMMITTED TO COMING, OR MY MAXIMUM POTENTIAL GROUP SIZE, EVEN IF I'M NOT SURE THEY'LL ALL COME?

When entering, please only book tickets for riders for which you have a high degree of confidence will be joining you on the ride. At the time of registration, you will be required to confirm riders first and last name and date of birth. Yes, you can always cancel tickets later, but cancellation and refund rules come into play.

WHAT DO I DO IF I HAVE ANY RIDERS DROP OUT OF MY GROUP?

The best option is to replace your rider with another one. You can make unlimited transfers online through your registration page up until 21 days from the event. It's very easy to do. However, riders need to be finalised by Friday 26 September, so if you need to cancel a registration after not finding a replacement, cancellation and refund rules apply (as per our Terms and Conditions). You can only swap a ticket for a ticket of the same value.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Please ensure that all your student and adult riders have a working mobile phone number for the lead teacher or nominated representative for your school group that is easily accessible at all times, both on the road and at campsite. Students often write this number on their bike tag or rider passport. The lead teacher or nominated representative should be contactable at all times in case of emergency. Medical care for students can be delayed considerably if we are unable to contact supervising teachers.

WHAT ARE THE KEY DATES I NEED TO REMEMBER?

- + Saturday 2 August Early Bird deadline
- Tuesday 26 Aug
 Deadline for full refunds on cancellations (less processing fees)
- Friday 26 September
 Deadline for full refunds on cancellations for
 Bicycle Network members (less processing fees)
- Monday 3 November
 Deadline for a 50% transfer to the following year's event again medical certificate (less processing fees)

DIETARIES

HOW DO I HANDLE MEAL PREFERENCES AND SPECIAL DIETS?

Bicycle Network offers multiple meal options on the Great Vic Bike Ride: standard, vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free standard and gluten-free vegetarian. You can select meal preferences for all your riders on your registration page on our website. To ensure the correct meal choice, finalise all selections prior to 26 October. Any riders that do not nominate a meal preference known by October will be provided with the standard option. Students and SQA's who are attending the ride are eligible for free upgrades to special meals in 2025. All other accompanying adults will incur additional charges for meal preferences other than standard or vegetarian.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Bicycle Network is unable to accommodate special diets outside the six meal options provided. Bicycle Network will publish the nutritional content of each meal option on our website in advance of the ride. If any riders in your group have special dietary needs, please have them carefully review the nutritional content and select the option most appropriate to their needs. Riders are always welcome to decline individual food servings, but must make up any supplementary requirements themselves, either by bringing extra food or purchasing it in any of the campsite towns. Any additional food must be accommodated in the baggage allowance of the individual rider or school's extra allowance. No cooking equipment is allowed on site, and Bicycle Network cannot cook or refrigerate any extra food.

TRAINING

DO WE NEED TO TRAIN? WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

Training is essential for the rider's experience on Great Vic and a great way to build rapport with the students and help them build healthy habits prior to Great Vic. Each school has a different way of facilitating training but if you're new or need some inspiration, we recommend you following any of the below:

- Kickstart training in Term 3 for the best experience
- Start with skill sessions to teach the basics and build confidence.
- Schedule in monthly training rides e.g. Every 3rd Sunday, 9am to create a consistent schedule.
- Increase distance and/or gradient each training ride.

TRANSPORT

HOW DO I GET TO THE START OF THE RIDE AND HOME AGAIN?

Each school is different in their transport requirements, however based on school relationships we often find the below two options the most effective:

- **1. Own transport:** Your school is responsible for transporting students and their bikes to and from the event using private coaches/school buses.
- 2. Bicycle Network coaches: For an added fee to each registration, we offer Bicycle Network Coaches at various pick-up locations across metro/regional areas that will take your school and their bikes to and from event. For information please visit here: greatvic.com.au/event-info/ride-extras/#transport

If you have any questions about transport, don't hesitate to contact our Great Vic Schools team or get in touch with our School Champions - seasoned teachers who have participated in Great Vic for many years - for advice.

AT THE CAMPSITE

WHAT KIND OF CAMPING ETIQUETTE AND RIDING BEHAVIOUR ARE EXPECTED?

All school group participants need to respect the noise curfew of 10pm. Riders in school groups, as in the general public, are required to abide by all road rules and laws, and obey any instruction given by ride staff, volunteers, marshals or Victoria Police. All riders should strive to be good citizens by demonstrating exemplary behaviour while riding. This includes communicating respectfully, riding safely and predictably and helping others.

WHAT KIND OF GEAR AND EQUIPMENT DO MY RIDERS NEED TO BRING?

Check out our packing guide here: **greatvicschools.com.au**

HOW MUCH BAGGAGE CAN EACH OF MY RIDERS BRING?

Each rider in your group can bring a maximum of 20kg of luggage. This must be split into two 10kg bags. Schools are entitled to one 20kg communal bag each. Please note Pop up marquees are not permitted and will not be transported.

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PAYMENTS & REGISTRATION

MAKING PAYMENTS

After creating your School Group via Race Roster, you will have two options to process payment:

Option 1: The School Group members pay for their own registration fees. This can be paid by card when you send out the Registration Link to parents to register their children.

Option 2: The School Group pays for all registration fees. If an invoice is required, please contact us via email at greatvicschools@bicyclenetwork.com.au before starting the registration process and we will happily generate one for you. Once received, give this invoice to your accounts payable department and ensure its paid by the relevant deadline.

ADDING RIDERS

You can add riders into your group at any time. Please follow our Registration Guide here: greatvicschools.com.au

CANCELLING TICKETS

We really, really don't want anyone to cancel their tickets, but we understand that sometimes riders need to drop out for a variety of reasons. Depending on when one of your riders needs to drop out of the ride, some amount may be available to refund. Please check out our official Terms and Conditions here: bicyclenetwork.com.au/wp-content/ uploads/2024/02/GVBR24-T-and-Cs-v3-1.pdf

Any refunds requests must come from the school. Bicycle Network will not process refund requests directly from riders. Any refunds will be sent back to the school for disbursement.

As we get closer to the ride, Bicycle Network incurs more costs associated with any ticket sold. Therefore, the amount of available refund decreases as we get closer to the ride.

Bicycle Network members may be able to claim the full amount of any ride costs due to cancellation under the membership insurance scheme. Membership is encouraged for all riders. If any of your riders are interested membership, give us a call or have a look at our website, bicyclenetwork.com.au/membership

TRANSFERRING RIDERS

Instead of cancelling a ticket, we recommend transferring it to another rider. Bicycle Network will facilitate the transfer of purchased tickets to new riders as late as possible. Ticket transfers can be made no later than 14 days out of from the event. After this, we require all ticket information to be completed and confirmed so we can print rider passports and finalise any meal options. Transfers required after this will be processed on the ride at the Information Hub.

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Terms and Conditions for the Great Vic Bike Ride contain more information on all aspects of the ride and your booking. Please read the Terms and Conditions carefully when booking, these will be available when you book for your group and the act of booking accepts the Terms and Conditions on your own behalf and also on behalf of all riders that will eventually join your group. Great Vic Bike Ride terms and conditions can be viewed here: bicyclenetwork.com.au/wp-content/ uploads/2024/02/GVBR24-T-and-Cs-v3-1.pdf

CLAIMING GST INPUT TAX CREDITS

Schools may be able to claim an input tax credit on meal expenses on the Great Vic Bike Ride. The cost of this component is \$23.50 per rider per day.

RIDER **INFORMATION**

WHAT INFORMATION DO I NEED TO PROVIDE WHEN ASSIGNING RIDERS IN MY GROUP?

You will need to provide the following information to Bicycle Network for each of your riders:

- + RIDER NAME
- + RIDER GENDER
- + RIDER BIRTH DATE
- + RIDER MEAL OPTION
- + RIDER EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

Enter this information when assigning vour tickets to the riders in your group. You do not have to input information for all riders at once, though once you know who is making up your group it is advantageous to enter in as much data as possible, to avoid having to submit it all at the last minute.

Tickets and rider information must be finalised by Friday 25 October 2025, so that rider passports can be printed correctly and meal preferences ordered accurately.





VOLUNTEERING

PARENTS AND SIBLINGS AS **VOLUNTEERS**

Occasionally, parents or older siblings that would otherwise join a riding school group may not be able to participate. Another option for these people who still wish to experience the ride and travel with your group is to work as a volunteer on the event. The ongoing success of the Great Vic Bike Ride relies on the dedication of over 250 volunteers over the full course of the ride. The option is available for individuals over 18.

Event volunteers do not ride on the event. Instead, they help out in various roles each day. often at camp. Students are typically assigned to the catering team or the general site team allowing them to help make the event run smoothly while receiving valuable work experience in a fun and friendly environment. Event Volunteers do not pay registration.

> For more information on volunteering, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator on 1800 639 634 or check the volunteer page on the Great Vic Bike Ride website at greatvic.com.au



