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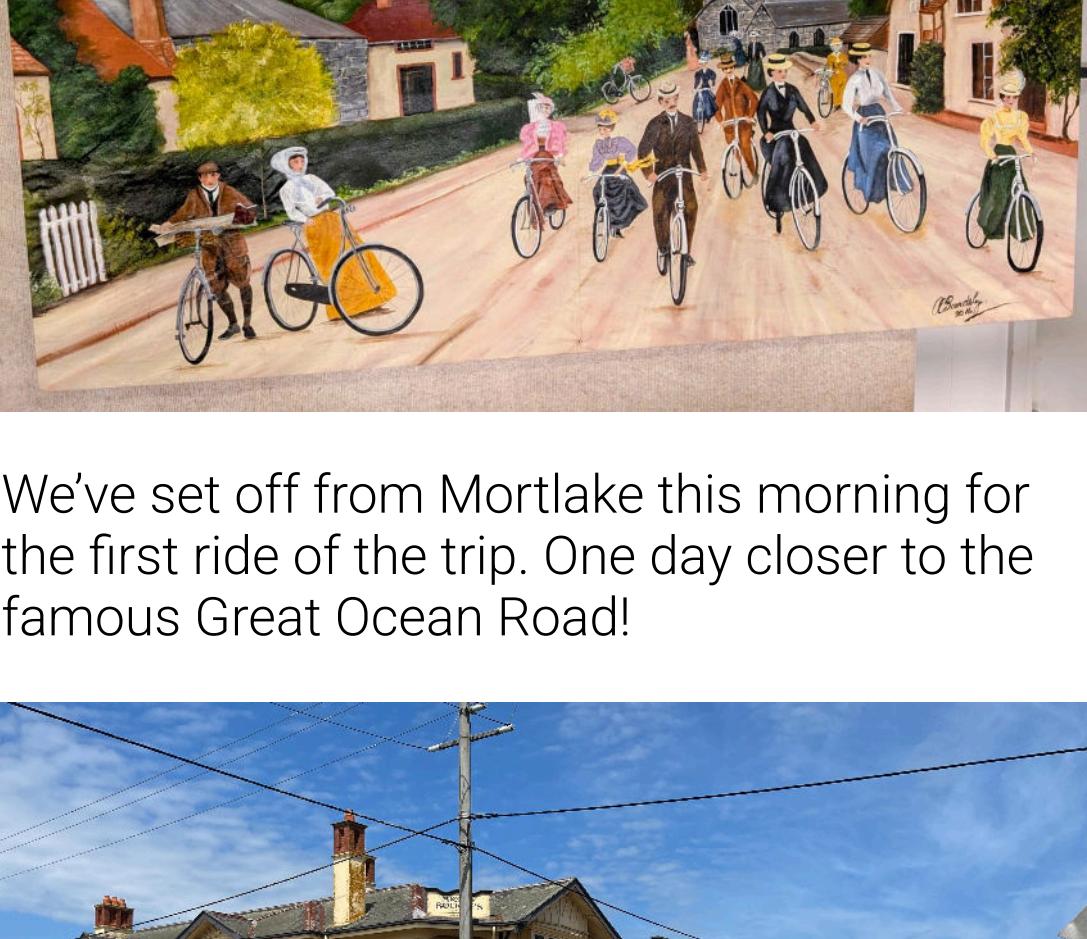
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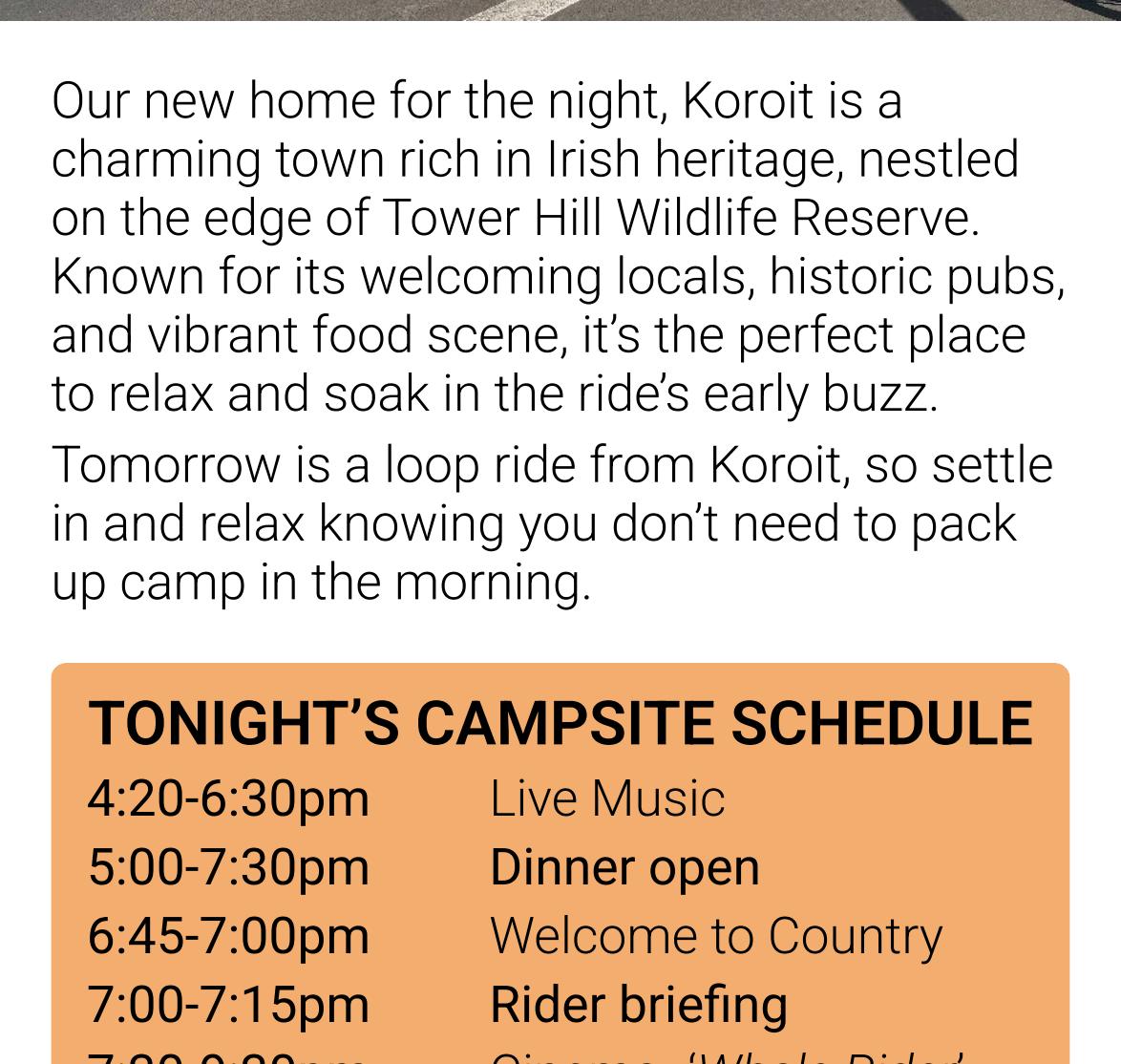
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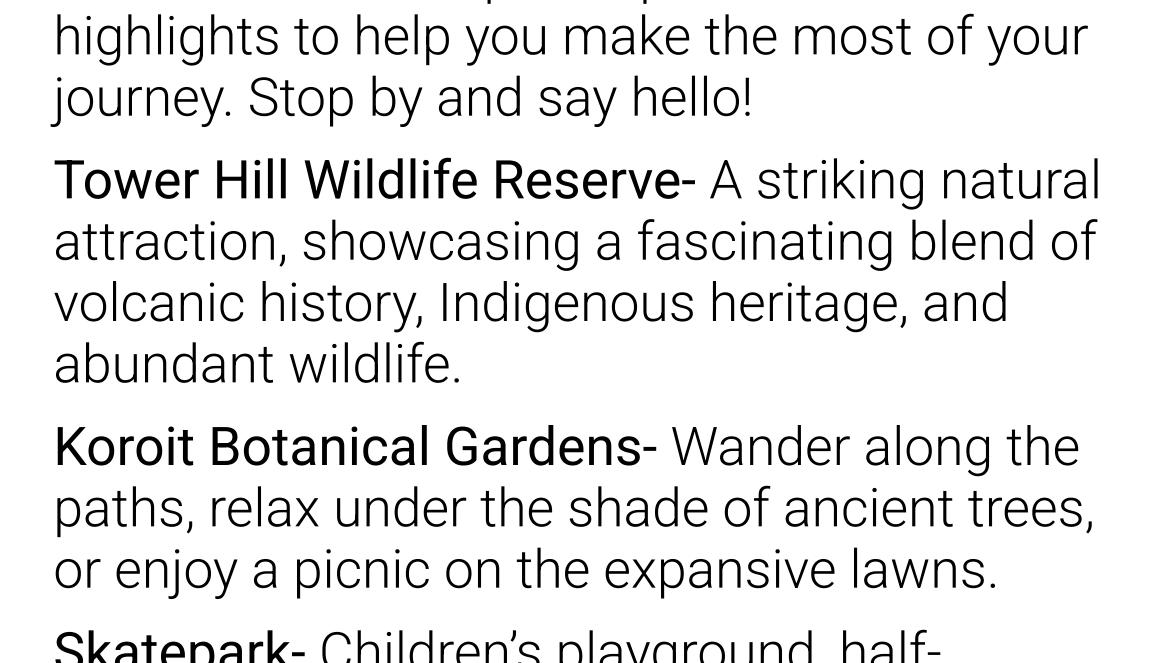
We've set off from Mortlake this morning for the first ride of the trip. One day closer to the famous Great Ocean Road!



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. Tomorrow is a loop ride from Koroit, so settle in and relax knowing you don't need to pack up camp in the morning.

## TONIGHT'S CAMPSITE SCHEDULE

4:20-6:30pm	Live Music
5:00-7:30pm	Dinner open
6:45-7:00pm	Welcome to Country
7:00-7:15pm	Rider briefing
7:30-9:30pm	Cinema- 'Whale Rider' - Basketball Court
7:30-9:30pm	Live Music



## WHAT'S ON IN TOWN?

**Moyne Shire Council**- Discover our Pop-Up Visitor Information Centre, your go-to hub for local knowledge on the go. Our friendly team will share insider tips, maps, and must-see highlights to help you make the most of your journey. Stop by and say hello!

**Tower Hill Wildlife Reserve**- A striking natural attraction, showcasing a fascinating blend of volcanic history, Indigenous heritage, and abundant wildlife.

**Koroit Botanical Gardens**- Wander along the paths, relax under the shade of ancient trees, or enjoy a picnic on the expansive lawns.

**Skatepark**- Children's playground, half-basketball court, outdoor exercise equipment and grassed picnic areas

Checkout yesterdays Good Oil issue for more.

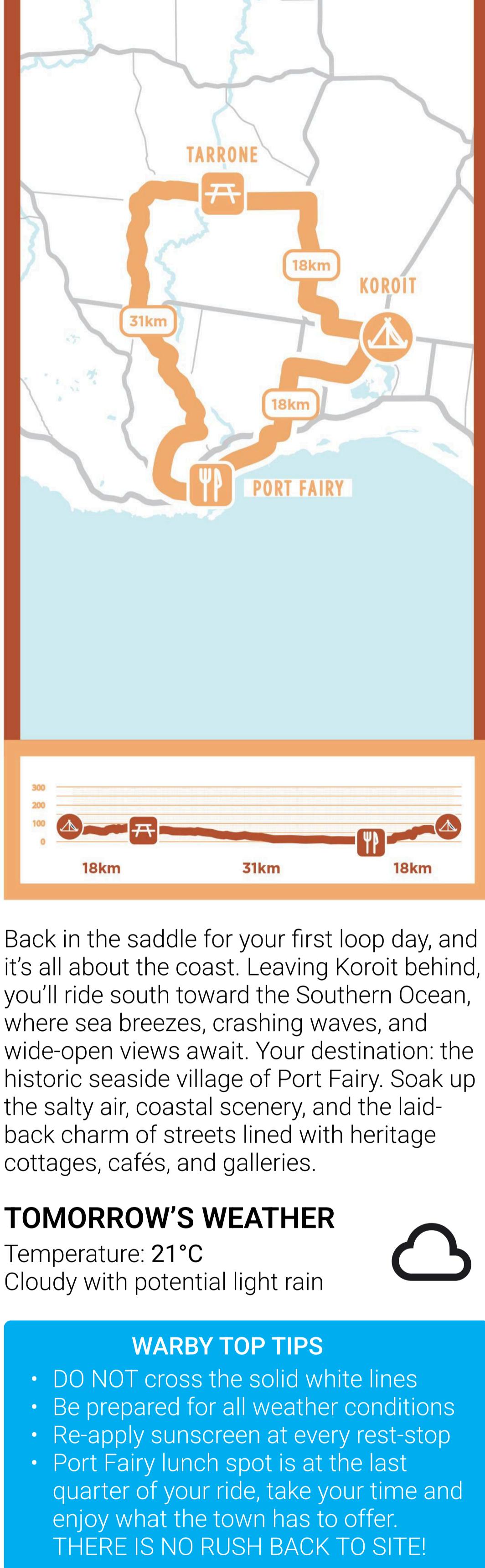
# TOMORROW'S RIDE

## TUESDAY NOV 25 | KOROIT LOOP RIDE

**RIDING ROUTE OPEN: 7:30-9:30am**

 **DISTANCE**  
**67km**

 **ELEVATION**  
**317m**

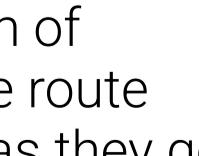


Back in the saddle for your first loop day, and it's all about the coast. Leaving Koroit behind, you'll ride south toward the Southern Ocean, where sea breezes, crashing waves, and wide-open views await. Your destination: the historic seaside village of Port Fairy. Soak up the salty air, coastal scenery,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

### TOMORROW'S WEATHER

Temperature: 21°C

Cloudy with potential light rain



### WARBY TOP TIPS

- DO NOT cross the solid white lines
- Be prepared for all weather conditions
- Re-apply sunscreen at every rest-stop
- Port Fairy lunch spot is at the last quarter of your ride, take your time and enjoy what the town has to offer.

**THERE IS NO RUSH BACK TO SITE!**

### ABC Live Radio

ABC radio will be doing a live broadcast from the TAC GVBR Tuesday (tomorrow) morning. Tune in between 6:30-9am for a listen.

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You may have noticed a trusty-team of Schoolpix photographers out on the route snapping away. Give them a smile as they go around taking pictures of groups and action shots on site and out whilst you ride. Be sure to keep your eye out for their drone too! Strike a pose at the lunch spot on route for a beach themed photoshoot!

# TOMORROW'S CAMP SITE

## TUESDAY NOV 25 | KOROIT



### WHAT TO SEE AND DO IN KOROIT

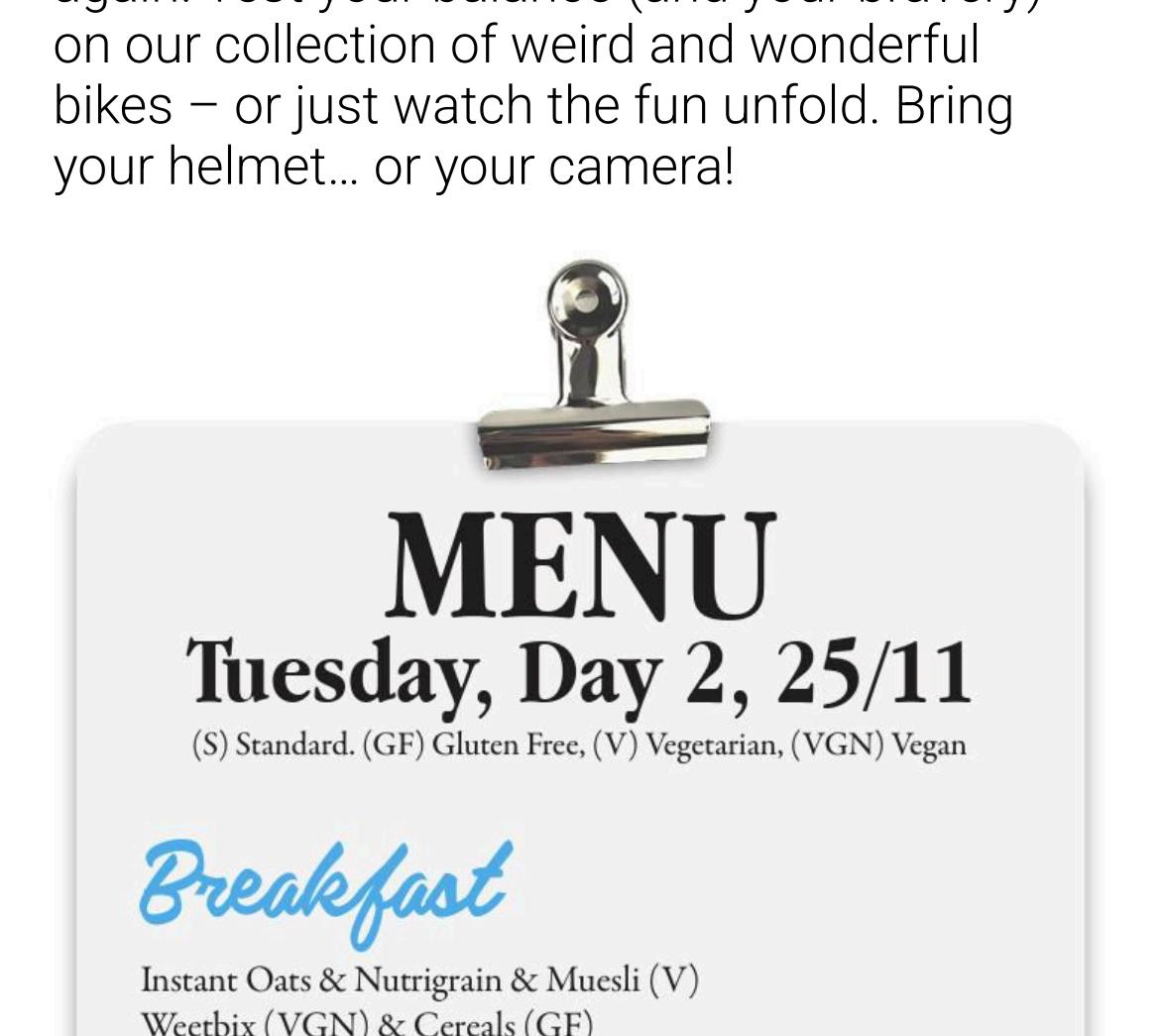
**Koroit Croquet Club-** The Koroit Croquet Club invites interested riders to join them to play Golf Croquet at their club in High Street. Times are flexible - between 12 and 4 pm on Tuesday November 25. Green fee is \$5 per person. Equipment and tuition provided. Best suited for adults and teens. We can take up to 16 players.

**Dukes Commercial Hotel-** 🍺 Trivia Night! Grab your mates and join MC Duke for a cracking night of laughs, tunes, and totally random questions! It's free to play, with teams of 2-8 people, and there are always some great prizes up for grabs. Expect plenty of laughs, a bit of friendly banter, and maybe even a singalong or two. Enjoy great pub food and cold drinks while you play – it's the perfect midweek fun at your favourite local! Tuesday Trivia kicks off at 7pm. Bookings are essential- call 03 5565 8510.

**Noodledoof Brewery & Distillery Tours-** running from 2pm till 5pm - tours take approximately 30 minutes - \$15/person with 3 tasters of choice included. Bookings to be made from [www.noodledoof.com/bookings](http://www.noodledoof.com/bookings).

**Merri Doughnuts-** treat yourself to fresh, handmade cinnamon doughnuts from the students of Merri River School. These delicious doughnuts are made weekly as part of the students' learning program, with all proceeds supporting their Year 12 camp. Open 10am-2pm.

**Want more:** check out yesterday's Good Oil to see if you missed any other Koroit activities.



### TUESDAY'S CAMP SITE SCHEDULE

7am-5pm	<b>Hub Open</b>
7:00-9:00am	Breakfast open
7:30-9:30am	Riding route open
11am-8pm	Showers Open
3:00-5:00pm	Wacky Wheels Arena*
3:00-5:30pm	Live Music
3:30-5:00pm	Cinema - 'Madagascar'
	Basketball Court
3:30-4:15pm	Stretch Session -
	Dining Marquee
5:00-7:30pm	Dinner open
6:45-7:00pm	Welcome to Country
7:00-7:15pm	Rider briefing
7:30-9:30pm	Cinema - 'Allelujah' -
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### \*The Wacky Wheels Arena

Think you've mastered two wheels? Think again! Test your balance (and your bravery) on our collection of weird and wonderful bikes – or just watch the fun unfold. Bring your helmet... or your camera!



# MENU

## Tuesday, Day 2, 25/11

(S) Standard, (GF) Gluten Free, (V) Vegetarian, (VGN) Vegan

### Breakfast

Instant Oats & Nutrigrain & Muesli (V)  
Weetbix (VGN) & Cereals (GF)  
Various Sliced Bread including (V) or (GF)  
Jams, Honey & Vegemite, Apples & Bananas  
Fruit Salad, Flavoured Yoghurts, Greek Yoghurt  
Coconut Vanilla Yoghurt (V)

Coffee, Tea, Milo, Apple & Orange Juice

Milk including Full Cream, Lactose Free, Soy & Rice

Porridge, Oatmeal, Pancakes, French Toast

Smoothies, Omelettes, Scrambled Eggs

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## DAILY EXTRAS

MONDAY NOV 24 | MORTLAKE TO KOROIT



### HAVE YOU FOUND A GNOME?

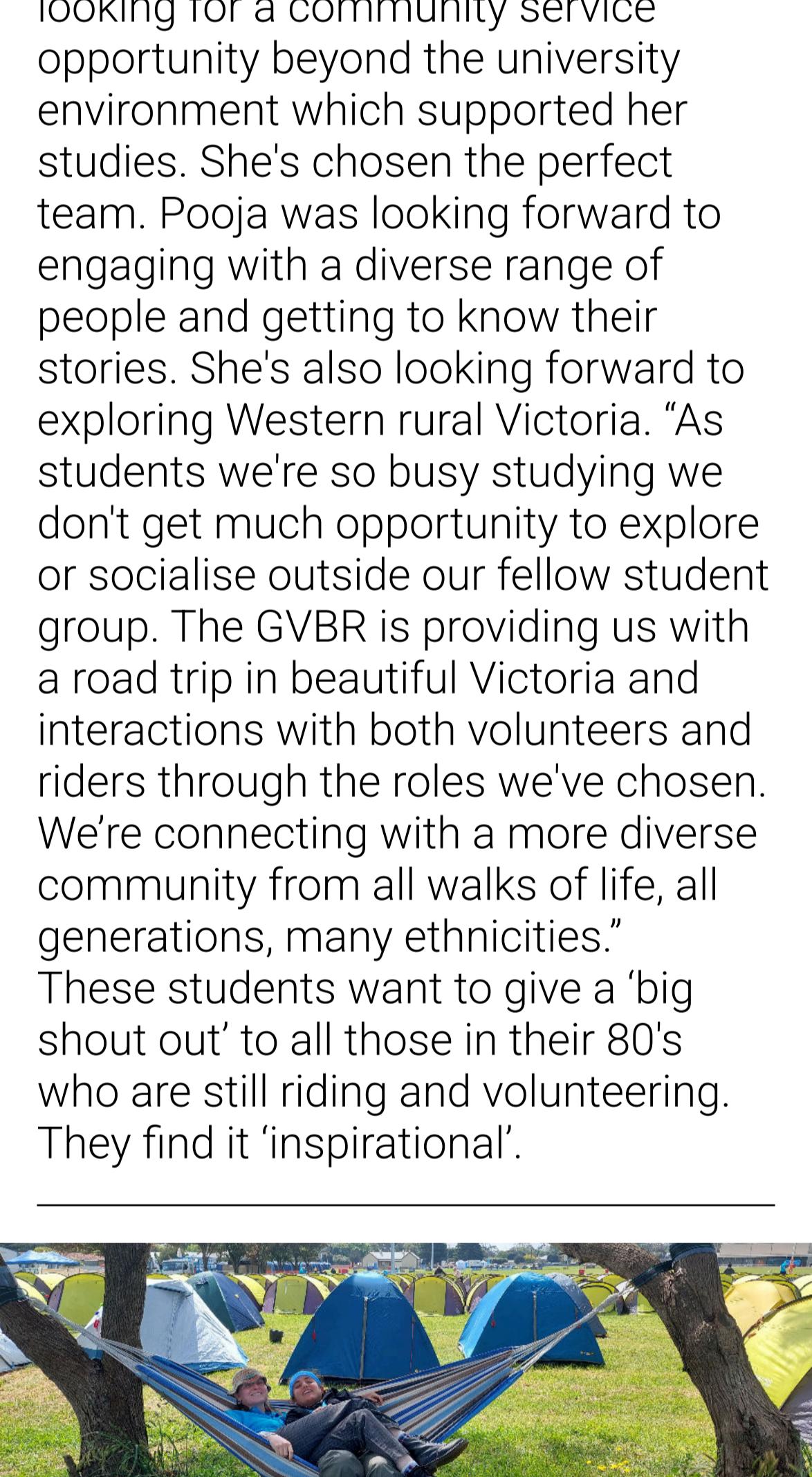


Scurrying around our campsite are some friendly Gnomes. Found one? Snap a pic and send it to [@TACGVGNOMES](https://www.instagram.com/tacgvgnomes) on Instagram

### DAILY TRIVIA

1. When was the first Tour de France held?
2. What does PSI measure in bike tyres?
3. Which Australian city hosts the Tour Down Under World Tour race?
4. What year did the Great Vic first ride along a section of the Great Ocean Road?

Answers (Zoom to view): 1: 1903. 2: Pounds per square inch (air pressure). 3: Adelaide. 4: 1987.



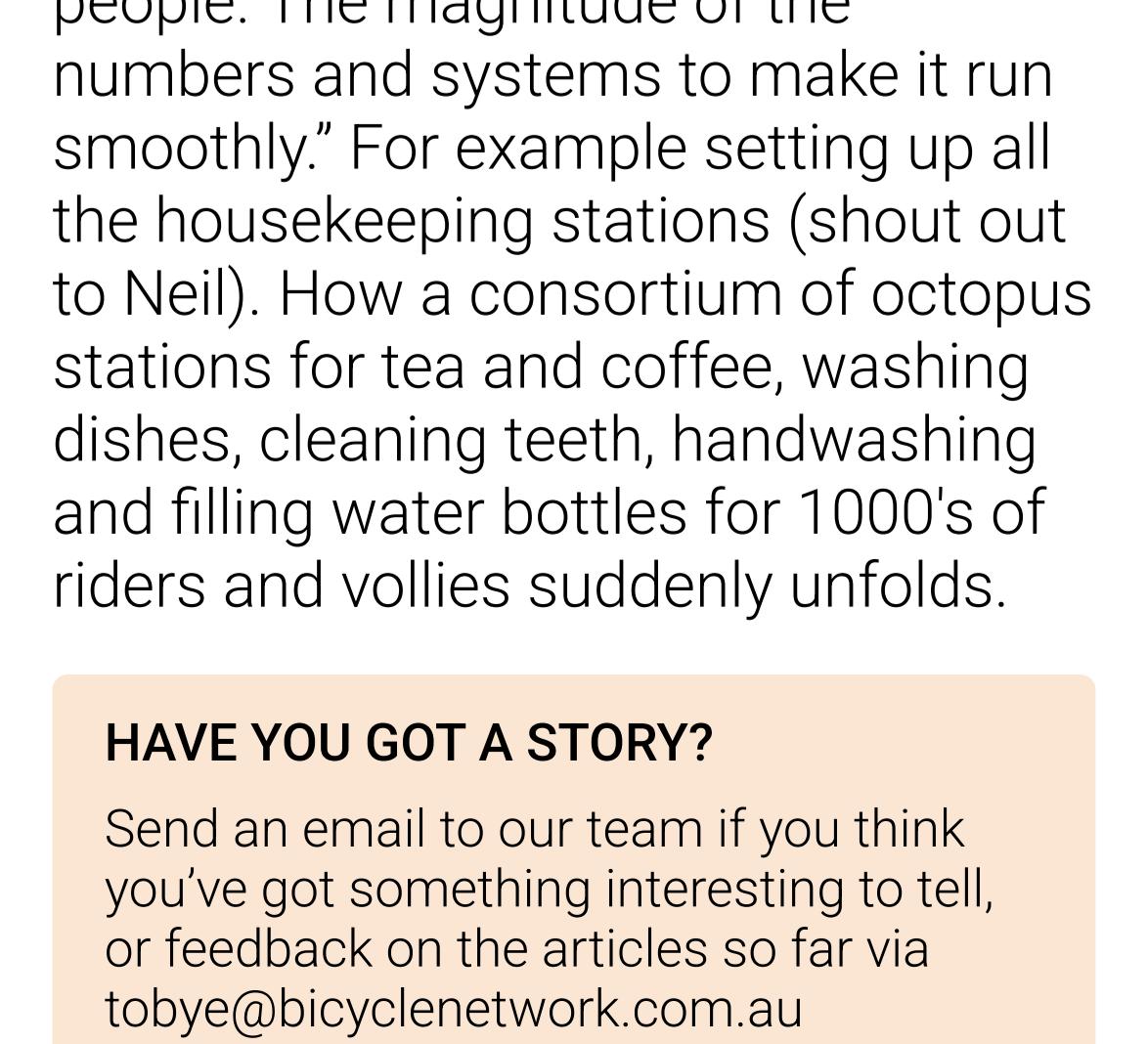
### INDIAN MASTERS STUDENTS

Bindu Ganesh, Nimmy Mathew and Pooja Dhandhi are RMIT International masters students from India. They follow the student community handle 'Kirrip' (Friends - Student Life Hub) on Instagram and when a GVBR volunteer post popped up they followed it up. They met for the first time yesterday. Nimmy said that

although out of her comfort zone GVBR volunteering offered the challenge of a new experience for community service and to try camping. She'd always wanted to go camping and this looked perfect. Already in 24hrs she's realised she might've missed a few things off her packing list but is enjoying the new connections being made on the catering team. Bindu who is studying food science and technology chose the catering team to gain event management skills for large groups especially understanding and delivering on food safety. She was

looking for a community service opportunity beyond the university environment which supported her studies. She's chosen the perfect team. Pooja was looking forward to engaging with a diverse range of people and getting to know their stories. She's also looking forward to exploring western rural Victoria. "As students we're so busy studying we don't get much opportunity to explore or socialise outside our fellow student group. The GVBR is providing us with a road trip in beautiful Victoria and interactions with both volunteers and riders through the roles we've chosen. We're connecting with a more diverse community from all walks of life, all generations, many ethnicities."

These students want to give a 'big shout out' to all those in their 80's who are still riding and volunteering. They find it 'inspirational'.



### FLYING SQUAD SWEETHEARTS

Laavanya Raturi (Laara) and Mia Hoey are a young couple recently graduated from La Trobe. This is Laara's third time on the GVBR and Mia's first. Laara encouraged Mia, who hails from Byron Bay and grew up camping, to come along this year. They're both experienced campers but love the difference camping as part of a community offers. As Flying Squad volunteers they're really enjoying the variety and responsibility of the jobs they're being given. In 2023 Laara, a masters student from India and new to Melbourne was looking for ways to travel Victoria and searched for

GVBR. After three years she's made a lot of friends. They're all repeat volunteers and hang out together during the year in Melbourne and motivate each other to sign up each year. Both say the food is great even if the weather often isn't. Laara says "I'm fascinated about the nature of the logistics to pull together moving camp for 3000ish people. The magnitude of the numbers and systems to make it run smoothly." For example setting up all the housekeeping stations (shout out to Neil). How a consortium of octopus stations for tea and coffee, washing dishes, cleaning teeth, handwashing and filling water bottles for 1000's of riders and volunteers suddenly unfolds.

### HAVE YOU GOT A STORY?

Send an email to our team if you think you've got something interesting to tell, or feedback on the articles so far via [toby@bicyclenetwork.com.au](mailto:toby@bicyclenetwork.com.au)



Club Vizzy has got you covered with top tips for being visible and staying safe on the TAC Great Victorian Bike Ride. Plus, our film crew will be out on the route each day capturing all the high-vis vibes for our daily episode of The Vizzy Diaries, hosted by Simon Gerrans.

Check in daily for all the latest below:

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