

June 2022 SARCC Newsletter

May 24th, 2022, Emergency Management Declaration ceased in South Australia removing the obligation for SARCC to have a COVID Safe Plan

Please consider other club members. If you have COVID or FLU symptoms, or believe you might be infectious, please do not attend SARCC rides or events.



SUBSCRIPTIONS for year 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 are \$20 and can be paid now.

Pay to: SARCC Everyday Account, Westpac, BSB 035-048 Account 301670

Please advise sarccexec@gmail.com when paid

(Members who first joined after 1st April 2022 are deemed to have paid their membership to 30th June 2023)

SARCC, recommend you check the web prior to attending any ride or event rides, tours and events are correct at time of Print only. Try using your **Ride With GPS**: click your Ride With GPS then then **events** then **Go to route** for details (download for cues).

Sunday Rides:

June 5th 2022 Willunga Hill Range road scenic views Meet 10 am [Willunga rose gardens](#), Aldinga road Willunga. Lunch at McLaren Flat. One steep hill. BYO lunch. 40km. *Ann 0438 558 941*

June 19th 2022 Plethora of Bike Paths Meet 10am at northern side of [Croydon Railway Station](#). Flat ride covering a series of bike paths around Adelaide. 41km. BYO lunch. Coffee afterwards at Crave Specialty Coffee. *Helen T 0466 870 177*

Thursday Rural Rides Thursday rides are regularly 20+ riders; in hill topography that creates a challenge. To compensate each ride will have a 2nd leader so we can split into 2 comfortable groups if needed.

Jun 2 nd	Robyn	0401 364 019	10am Davenport Square, Macclesfield	Some unsealed roads	
Jun 9 th	John G	0435 602 392	10 a.m. Woodside Pool car park	Some unsealed roads	
Jun 16 th	Clive	0409 492 621	10 a.m. Woodside Pool car park	Some unsealed roads	
Jun 23 rd	Richard	0433 537 762	10 a.m. Woodside Pool car park	Some unsealed roads	
Jun 30 th	Dan	0427 526 846	10 a.m. Woodside Pool car park	Some unsealed roads	

PERFECT Ride Sunday, Jun 19th 9am Check [website for Details](#)

SPECIAL Events

Adelaide to Angaston and return - even better if trains are running, we have a bailout. 30 June date TBA?? up Friday back Saturday Eric witnessed an electric train testing tracks and overhead cables on Sunday 22 May 2022 at Islington Station, (Gosh! - a real Electric train North of Adelaide CBD 😊)

PLEBS link to web site Sunday 29th May 9:00 AM leaving from "[The Stables](#)" [Golden Grove Road](#) *Peter Harrison 0448 364 138*

TOURS:

Sunday 16th October 2022 to Sunday 30th October 2022 Goldfields Victoria Tour – On the assumption that COVID 19 restrictions allow, SARCC has reschedule this fortnight of riding. SARCC strongly recommend members to book soon especially those wanting cabins.

[For an overview and accommodation recommendations](#) click here [For ride details](#) click here or go to SARCC website tours page.

NEW ZEALAND TOUR 2023 (Doors open for fully vaccinated Australians April 2022). The 2023 tour will run a similar exciting program as 2022. We have 23 members signed up which means that we have vacancies for 3 more to participate. For more details of the tour [download the information pack](#) and to register your interest in coming along for the ride in 2023 contact Denise at sarccclub@gmail.com.

HIGH COUNTRY TOUR, 5th November - expressions of interest to ride a minibus tour of High-Country – re: *below*. I need assistance and opinions to resolve accommodation and detail of the routes. Please, call Eric 0402 356 796 or email eric@outlook.com.au.

HIGH COUNTRY TOUR 5th November 2022 draft proposal

Stay two nights	Max 20 participants 2 minibuses 2 trailers - or Min 12 participants 1 minibus 1 trailer – or maybe 14 with a car and bike rack						
Dates	from	No.	stay	drive km	Ride all with links	Ride km	
Saturday, 5 November 2022	Adelaide	1	Discovery Lake Hume	876	Travel only	0	
Sunday, 6 November 2022	Lake Hume	2	Jindabyne	248	Threadbo to Jindabyne trail	42	
Monday, 7 November 2022	Jindabyne	3	Jindabyne	76	Rawson Pass to Jindabyne	53	
Tuesday, 8 November 2022	Jindabyne	4	Colac Colac	134	Dead Horse to Colac Colac	98	
Wednesday, 9 November 2022	Colac Colac	5	Discovery Lake Hume	104	High country Rail Trail	99	
Thursday, 10 November 2022	Discovery lake Hume	6	Beechworth	53	Lake Hume to Yackandanda to Beechworth	65	
Friday, 11 November 2022	Beechworth	7	Bright	60	Beechworth Murray to Mountains trail	74	
Saturday, 12 November 2022	Bright	8	Bright	0	Harrietville inc Tawonga Gap plus Wandj	88	
Sunday, 13 November 2022	Bright	9	Milawa-Mansfield	207	Murray to Mountains Milawa	64	
Monday, 14 November 2022	Mansfield	10	Mansfield	130	Delatite river trail to Mansfield	54	
Tuesday, 15 November 2022	Mansfield	11	Mansfield	130	Trails from mt buller village to Mansfield	70	
Wednesday, 16 November 2022	Mansfield	12	Yea	77	Great Victorian Rail Trail to Yea	108	
Thursday, 17 November 2022	Yea	13	Yea	0	Great Victorian Rail Trail Tallarook return	80	
Friday, 18 November 2022	Yea	14	Bendigo	134	OKefee trail	50	
Saturday, 19 November 2022	Bendigo		Adelaide (home)	614	Travel only	0	
			Bus Total travel	2843		Total Riding available	945

REMINDERS:

- Please consider having [Ambulance cover](#). Your Health insurance may be adequate, but please check.
- Consider [Bicycle SA membership](#) for their personal insurance. Read of their covers with [V-Insurance Group](#).
- If you have sealant in your tubeless tyres at minimum, you should replace the sealant every 6 months or so. Take a spare tube.

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS: Greg Lamey

Not sure we should be keen about any more minor road closures. Lots of public roads around my way [Cudlee Creek] have been amalgamated into private property over the years, and even have locked gates now. eg. Snake Gully road, Cudlee creek is a public road with [probably illegally] locked gates! In my personal submission, although this road (link below) may not be important, I am opposing the continuation of this trend as it reduces the public land available for recreation, in a state with a continuing unabated endless population growth policy. It affects not just us (cyclists) but dog-walkers, photographers, bird watchers etc .etc.

https://engage.ahc.sa.gov.au/proposed-road-closure-woodside?fbclid=IwAR1bd19r_dKpMXe8iOH17xYQfmTLhzM-eQW9wxTMxyeF35neGXoWUOcWHE

This consultation has been extended until 4pm, 30 May 2022. Hopefully you read this in time to object with adequate reasons.

CLUB MEETINGS 2022 at [Clarence Park Community Centre](#) Clarence room

7.30pm. 23rd June 2022

How to Plan a Route & post on SARCC RWGPS plus revision.



SARCC had 19 members present at our May General Meeting. After a brief description of the Club's *Ride With GPS* subscription, several members were helped to "Apply to Join" the club account. The members were then shown how to download a club route to navigate offline. The route consisted of a loop from the meeting hall, around the Clarence Gardens Railway Station and back to the meeting hall. We then attempted to follow this route to check out the voice navigation. In the process, we discovered a common problem where a control point is misplaced, causing confusing cues!

SARCC will appoint Administrators who will authorise members and add routes that you send to them to ensure routes have a synergy in our library to, reduce duplicates, validate the routes reasonableness for the ride group, and manage events and calendar.

NOTE: Understanding Cellular versus Satellite signals on Smart Phones clarifies why downloading RWGPS routes is preferable. When you are outside your home WiFi range, your Smart Phone relies on cell phone signal reception from your providers cell towers for internet connection and communication (e.g., Telstra, Optus). Your Smart phone ([Apple](#), [Android](#)) or Bike computer ([Garmin](#), [Bryton](#) etc) rely on a GPS signal from multiple Satellite connections to triangulate your devices exact map grid position. The coverage/reception from Cell Towers is less reliable in remote locations than GPS (i.e., [Global Positioning System](#)). The whole object of RWGPS navigation software is to match your location with where your route map recommends you should be and hence directs you to stay on the route. If you are matching your GPS location with a Route Map located on a web page you need an internet cell phone connection, but if you are matching your GPS location with a Route Map located on your phone or device memory having a cell tower connection is not required. Downloading (and after use removal) to your device or smart phone's memory is well catered for by RWGPS. Albeit, you must start navigation by linking to the route downloaded to your devices or Smart Phone Library not the internet based route!

How to use your smart phone for route navigation: (*iPhone example*)

① Go to your Smart Phone App:

② click SARCC ③ Select Events, Routes or Collections ④ Select Route ⑤ Save ⑥ Download for offline ⑦ return to Home

⑧ Library ⑨ then offline

⑩ When at the ride start click for spoken cues.

Ride With GPS try it you will not be disappointed!

CYCLING IS BAD FOR THE ECONOMY ... HILARIOUS BUT TRUE TOO: (*Walking is worse. Walkers do not even buy a bicycle!!*)

A Cyclist is a disaster for the country's economy!
He/she does not buy a car & does not take a car loan.
Does not buy car insurance – does not buy fuel.
Does not send his/her car for servicing & repairs.
Does not use paid Parking – Does not become Obese.
Damn it! Healthy people are not needed for economy.



They don't buy drugs and do not go to Hospitals & Doctors.
They add nothing to the country's GDP.
On the contrary, every new fast-food outlet creates...
30 Jobs – 10 Cardiologists, 10 Dentists, 10 weight loss experts,
and retail job training for tomorrows State Premiers.
Choose wisely: A Cyclist or a KFC? Worth thinking about!!

In Memory of Norman Eastwood, who died age 90 on 15th May 2022 rest in peace.

We will not forget Norm our fellow cyclist who provided us so much to remember.



Norm radiated an example to all of us with his love of life, ability not to waste a single hour, his wry sense of humour, and ability to make his companions enjoy his presence, he demonstrated how to be forthright diplomatically. Norm had remarkable strength and vitality in his character, visible to us in a physical form as a powerful cyclist. Norman Eastwood, you enriched so many lives, we will miss you.

“You Tube” Entertainment. After 3 months of depressing news of Covid infection amongst us and our families - plus lies, deceitful promises, and confrontational Dirty Politics - plus a War in Ukraine. I went looking for Something different, I found a satire series narrated by a Tasmanian born Canadian citizen in our tradition of laconic, ironic and **irreverent HUMOUR**. Albeit swear words & sexual references no pornography is included. **Warning:** if you are concerned about maintaining your Pious image don't link. Albeit your reputation is safe... remember, only Google is monitoring your internet activities for sale, your conscience will know, and there is a search history - **just kidding** watch and have a laugh 😊

Go To You Tube in the search bar type “casually explained:”
[Cycling](#) or [English Language](#) or [French](#) or [Australian Animals](#) or [Being Healthy](#) or [Human Beings](#) or [University Guide](#) or [America](#) & more

Update to Hydrogen Article: All Government parties (Red, Blue, Teal & Wannabes) appear to be in sync with the production of Hydrogen Project. The Federal Coalition confirmed \$218 million for new energy projects at Whyalla. The Coalition has allocated \$70 million of its recently announced budget towards the South Australian government's \$147 million Port Bonython Hydrogen Hub Activation project, which is aimed at getting hydrogen producers, users and exporters in the same place. It has also allocated \$110 million in finance for a 20-megawatt solar thermal power plant in Port Augusta. In December 2021 the Marshall liberal SA Government announced a [Hydrogen Action plan](#). Who funds what, where, and the objects of the projects? All Governments are singing the same song the lyrics may vary as does locations, the chorus is common, each politician wanting you to believe it was their idea? With caressing of political egos, we may see production of green hydrogen in South Australia. Don't get ideas that [hydrogen replaces natural gas in existing pipes](#). Hydrogen can be piped but it needs a completely new pipe infrastructure. For cars and bicycles hydrogen in a fuel cell power is more expensive per km than batteries and more difficult to distribute; view [Solid-state batteries](#), & [Sodium Sulphur](#) & [NDB](#). The need for hydrogen fuel cell in heavy-duty commercial trucks has never been greater. Compared to a Truck battery electric solution, fuel cell technology offers longer range, greater power, more payload capability, and faster refuelling. It is the most viable solution to reduce emissions, and create a cleaner future, without compromise in operations. Trains powered by hydrogen fuel cell electrical drive systems in metro and interstate rail will avoid costly overhead electricity cabling. [Maglev Systems](#) require a new track built because it differs substantially from railway lines with electric cabling and magnets embedded and speeds to 581kph. [High Speed Trains](#) on rails are being developed and there is potential for Fuel cell electric trains to achieve 350kph. **Does any of that matter to cyclists?** We will benefit from solid-state battery development; Trains carry electric bicycles. Aircraft don't carry LiPo batteries >99Wh. We might miss out on gas BBQs. Bicycles are unlikely to be fuel cell powered.

Article: China, Shenzhen, population 17 million

The article below is formed from experience and research of Eric Chaney and opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the SARCC members or SARCC committee.



I worked in China with Chinese People several times over a long period I have been privileged to see the changes made and to appreciate the Chinese daily lives. The Chinese people I worked with were pleasant and welcoming, but the complete reverse was present when dealing with government. China not being a democratic country has a very authoritarian government, so crime is dealt with severely (you don't find graffiti). I found the observation and tracking of everybody's activities to be uncomfortable. The suppression of what you can see about the world outside China is daunting only to us who know. The benefits of a Swiss army knife [WeChat software](#) and electronic gadgetry at incredibly low cost, clothing at realistic prices, food without unreal retail margins, bare minimal mostly Highrise housing at [affordable rent](#) (AU\$1 = ¥4.65) seem to keep the working population smiling, while being paid minimum rates \$4 per hour versus \$19.84 Australia ([average annual income China](#) AU\$20,584 versus [most typical Australia](#) AU\$73,899; [average annual labour hours](#) China 2174 @ 46hrs per week versus Australia 1693). [China does have a GST](#), 13% and a strange eccentricity that most employers provide a free good midday meal to their employees. Employees are [entitled to annual leave](#), paid by the employer, first 10 years 5 days, 10 to 20 years 10 days, after 20 years 15 days, there is no Superannuation mandate. [Employees are also entitled to 11 paid](#) public holidays. For centuries China has been famous for its value of education, and philosophy that parents are children's most important teacher. [China average school day](#) is 7am to 7pm with 2hr lunch break 7.5hrs classroom time and the school term is 220days (Australia 5hrs on 190days). The best description I found to describe the [Chinese Education](#). Chinese students are considered to be hard-working, persistent, and deep thinkers, whilst the Western education system is known for creating independent thinkers and good communicators. China has seen a

rapid development of international schools and overseas university studying, showing the country's growing demand for a Western-style education. Such a convergence of eastern and western education is seen as preparing students for life after university as independent thinkers. All Chinese students must study two languages one must be Mandarin. Many China schools teach English, as a 2nd language. English language has incongruity in grammar, spelling and our English adjectives are an undeclared pattern: opinion-size-shape-colour-origin-material-purpose and only then do we declare what we are describing i.e., the subject. However, English has a logic to its formation and 26 alphabet characters are phonetically linked to the spoken language. It is not at all surprising that it takes more time to educate Chinese children using mostly rote learning there are [12,500 characters](#) in [Modern Chinese Language Dictionary](#) published in 2016, and none of them link phonetically to the spoken language. The English numerical system is steadily surpassing the Chinese number system 1 2 3 4, is 一 二 三 四 [Chinese Numbers](#). The advantage of Mandarin language is the economy of writing a sentence in 14 hieroglyphic characters (In China the fox jumped over the lazy dog, is 在中国,狐狸跳过了懒惰的狗 = 41spaces vs 14spaces) China is 中国 The Chinese government knows it is in power for a century so long-term planning isn't just an election platform like in South Australia. China don't have to justify their major projects, nor buy the land, nor pass a planning authority, nor pass Senate, State, Upper, local governments, nor appease a Union, nor worship Political Correctness, they just do it. *(the author does not condone nor agree with such an Authoritarian Regime – included for contrast and to explain why progress is faster in China)* China does not have a comprehensive Social Welfare system i.e. no dole so it is a case of “no work, no survive” so the work force does work diligently. With miniscule Union presence stop work or working slow doesn't happen. Often projects use manpower over machinery to distribute the Jobs e.g., the bus driver doesn't connect the recharging cable that's another workers role. Short cuts in product manufacturing are not from workers lack of dedication it is to make greater profits for the manufacturing facility – that will be Chinese owned or a joint venture. Quality Assurance doesn't impede production and warrantee isn't a factory issue, there is no Work Health and Safety but negligently injuring a worker will put a manager in jail and jail isn't a hotel in China. Try reading the book [Poorly made in China](#). I first visited China while the majority of the population rode to work on tricycles and bicycles. Then to see cars rapidly filling the crowded roads mainly VW Jetta and GM. Most manufacturers in China initially required full ownership by China but in 1984 a 50/50 joint venture between VW and Shanghai Automotive Industry Corporation (SAIC) was formed and that started a flood of joint venture manufacturing and consequently millions of cars on China roads.

The incredible naivety of many industries of building their products in China to avoid the excessive high cost of local labour has now resulted in a wholesale surrender of the intellectual property through joint ventures or wholly owned Chinese plants. The Chinese have a centuries old culture of recognition of the art and technical expertise of copying accurately in art and engineering thus understandably a lack of recognition of copying as a plagiarism. The copyright and patent procedure is complex to enforce (albeit update 2018). It should not be a surprise that China has now launched many of its own products onto the world markets, with intellectual property, with well remunerated appropriately educated work force, base work force labour cost relativity rewarded, and a huge volume market both domestically and worldwide. Air Pollution and damaging the ecology systems is still a major problem in China with clear skies being rare and limited ways to improve while maintaining the manufacturing of the world. The other is feeding an overcrowded population; a challenge for all of Asia. Traffic jams became normal after introducing cars with overloaded small mopeds and scooters flitting through gaps in grid locked traffic.

Company	Domestic marques	Domestic EV-only marques	Foreign-branded JVs
SAIC Motor	Maxus, MG, Roewe, Baojun (under SGMW), Wuling (under SGMW)	Feilian, IM	SAIC-Volkswagen (Volkswagen, Skoda, Audi), SAIC-General Motors (Buick, Chevrolet, Cadillac)
FAW Group	Hongqi, Bestune (Berlingo), Senia, Haima, Jurgui		FAW-Toyota, FAW-Volkswagen
Dongfeng Motor Corporation	Venucia, Fengdu, Aeolus, Forthing	Voyah	Dongfeng-Honda, Dongfeng-Nissan, Dongfeng-Peugeot Citroen
Changan Automobile Group	Changan, Oshan, Kaicene		Changan Ford, Changan Mazda
GAC Group	Trumpchi	Alion, Hycan	GAC-Toyota, GAC-Honda, GAC-FCA (Jeep), GAC-Mitsubishi
BAIC Group	Beijing, BAW, Changhe, Foton, Rull Doda	Arcfox	Beijing-Benz, Beijing-Hyundai
Geely	Geely Auto, Maple	Geometry, Zeekr	Volvo Cars, Polestar, Lynk & Co, Proton, Lotus
Great Wall Motor	GW, Haval, WEY, TANK, POER	ORA	
Chery Automobile	Chery, Exeed, Jetour		Chery-Jaguar Land Rover
BYD Auto		BYD	BYD-Toyota, Denza
Brilliance Auto Group	Brilliance		BMW-Brilliance
JAC Motors	JAC		Sahel

The above is background, what can we learn from the transport solutions of Shenzhen China 17million and Christchurch 360,000:

China has placed emphasis on public transport to solve the traffic congestion and today they have a significant fleet of electric trains, electric buses, and electric taxis. Indeed, China have two thirds of the worlds high speed trains. The city of Shenzhen that I worked in on more than one occasion has excelled in installing fleets of electric trains, electric buses and taxis [The City with 16,000 Electric Buses & 22,000 Electric Taxis](#) and [cycleways](#) a model now being repeated across many China Cities. The city of [Xiamen](#) has built China's 'Bicycle Skyway' that can handle over 2000 bikes at a time. Residents of Xiamen, avoid the city's gridlock by travel by bike on an [elevated cycleway](#). Declaring my bias for my NZ birth city please explore articles [Cycling projects underway around Christchurch](#) and [Bikes on Buses](#). This demonstrates cities large and small are actively promoting cycling with structures and finding solutions to traffic congestion and reducing the environment damaging fossil fueled vehicles. **We can do better in South Australia**, we have done well to date with shared trails, but resting on our laurels is going backwards, keep lobbying for those cycling infrastructure projects. All our shared paths need [adequate width](#) between 2m & 4m depending on traffic volumes. A center line assists on shared paths. A smooth surface is critical for all users particularly for walkers and wheeled transport on less than 10" (25cm) diameter wheels, e.g., baby strollers, mobility frames, gophers, skates, skateboards, eScooters i.e., cater for all sustainable transport types. South Australia needs to link its satellite towns with efficient effective fast trains, Barossa, Mount Barker, Encounter Bay, Murray Bridge, McLaren Vale. Billions spent on roads will exacerbate the 1 person per 5 seats two-ton fossil fueled vehicle pollution and remember Trains carry bicycles. Establish all busses to carry three bicycles on front racks.

Book Reviews by Sven Holm: *A current but serious subject not linked to cycling or recreation, you may wish to be informed.*

When Russian forces crossed into Ukraine on several fronts on Feb 24 this year I along with many others could not believe that something like this could occur between 2 almost sister countries in the 21st century. It set off in my mind a need to try to understand this conflict and why it has occurred. I turned to books to help gain more insight. These include the 3 following books.

- 1 Putin's Killers by [Amy Knight](#), (Biteback Publishing 2019);
- 2 Putin's People by [Catherine Belton](#) (Harper Collins 2020);
- 3 Pilgrim Spy by [Tom Shore](#) (Coronet, 2018)



[Amy Knight](#) looks deeply into the progression of Putin and how he maintains control of the Kremlin. She has interviewed literally hundreds of people. The lies and deception detailed in the book are beyond belief. It truly is the stuff of gangster movies.

[Knight](#) in depth discusses specific murders that have occurred since Putin came into power. The beginning of Putin's rise to the Russian leadership commences with him completing a law degree and after university being stationed in Dresden, East Germany with the KGB not long before the Berlin Wall was brought down in 1989. He witnessed the dismantling of the USSR in 1991 and then was employed in St Petersburg assisting the extremely

corrupt Mayor Anatoly Sobchak. After Sobchak was unseated in 1996 Putin transferred to Moscow working in Govt. roles but maintained his ties to the St Petersburg underworld and his KGB contacts. Putin witnessed and participated in corrupt behaviours in East Germany and then acted “on the ground” for the St Petersburg mayor establishing contacts with major “underworld figures” of St Petersburg.

The outgoing President in 1999 Boris Yeltsin anointed Putin as his successor for the primary purpose to maintain secrecy and prevent investigation of Yeltsin and his own inner circle’s corruption. *Knigh*t discusses Putin’s hatred for many so-called Russian Oligarchs. Russian oligarchs are defined to be businessmen who rapidly accumulated wealth in the 1990s via the Russian privatisation of large state-owned enterprises that followed the dissolution of the Soviet Union. Huge businesses were sold off at fire-sale prices including major steel making, telecoms, oil, and gas corporations at values less than 1/200th the value of equivalent European or American businesses. *Knigh*t also highlights how political opponents & human rights activists are dealt with. *Knigh*t discusses how Putin was concerned of how perception of Russia’s inability to control bombings may have threatened Russia’s hosting of the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics. Evidence that the Kremlin was involved in the Boston marathon bombings to help bring USA opinion into alignment is discussed. *Knigh*t details how a major ongoing strategy Putin employs is false propaganda particularly the fact Russia is always under siege from Europe and USA. He constantly through state-controlled media emphasises the NATO risk but conveniently neglects to advise that NATO is primarily defensive militarily.

Catherin *Belton* details how very significant amounts of Russian money was laundered through Donald Trump’s casino developments in the early 1990’s. The casinos were frequented by Russian mafia. These funds prevented Trump going broke. This also helps in part explain Trump’s weird behaviour towards Russia when he was President. How did America allow him to lead his political party and then become President? *Belton* also lists the inner circle of Putin. They are all ex-KGB bar one lawyer known to Putin from around 1990 in St Petersburg. Most of these persons are around 70 years of age and their tenure must now be uncertain due to age and health factors. There is large competition and dis-trust amongst these individuals which may create opportunity in the not-too-distant future. *Belton* discusses the leadership connections with the underworld at length. The arrangement Putin has with the Chechnyan President is incredulous. Any new Govt. will need to be made of truly stern stuff to be able to change the modus operandi existing.

Shore in Pilgrim Spy documents how a SAS agent came up against a young Putin in East Germany (although not the main thrust of the book) and also describes a disturbing relationship that exists between some MI6 handlers in England and field agents. This book is hard to read to start with as the author is clearly bitter but then explodes in a way that I found it difficult to put the book down.

Putin and Ukraine – My conclusion after researching several books in addition to the 3 reviewed here is that the exercise in human misery being observed in Ukraine is for the primary purpose of keeping an increasingly authoritarian leader and his inner circle in power. The patriotism angle appears to be a smokescreen at best to distract the attention of ordinary Russians and to help validate actions against dissenters within the homeland of Russia. The number of prominent people who have “disappeared” or died under “suspicious” circumstances since Putin came into power is mind blowing.



So, you absorbed the rather serious and sombre book review above and now you need some enlightening material to entertain and assure you there are many new activities and inventions that will inspire a greener more enjoyable future for all of us.

“You Tube” Entertainment.

- [IT HAPPENED! Elon Musk FINALLY Reveals NEW Tesla E-Bike 2022! - YouTube](#)
- [Tesla Ecosystem! Elon Musk Leaks Tesla E-BIKE Price & Features! - YouTube](#)
- [TESLA reveals NEW amazing fast E-BIKE! - YouTube](#)
- [Tesla Bike 2021 | Tesla Cycle Concept - YouTube](#)

- Price speculation **\$999- \$1000**. US dollars i.e., AU\$1400 - **unbelievable!**
- No pedals = electric motorcycle and usually subject to all sorts of laws. Mythical fantasy?
- Hopefully - a new class of vehicle – e.g., electric scooters are not a mythical fantasy, but they are illegal on roads & footpaths (below) –we will recognise all sustainable e-transport soon.
- Riding a bicycle with remote steering hard to imagine but, gears, disc brakes, suspension, electric motors even the entire safety bike were once thought to be impossible.
- Wheels that are built with suspension in three spokes and puncture proof tyres – why not.
- Batteries recharge in minutes not hours – weigh ½ as much – with 250km range – why not.
- No pedals maybe less exercise, but commuting with no footprint on the environment, outdoors and able to smell the roses. Not encased in an I.C.E., motivated 2-ton steel and glass cocoon.

Some see things as they are and say why? others dream things that never were and say why not!



Note :ELECTRIC SCOOTERS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA (SA)

SA has the strictest law out of all states. SA only allows electric scooters to be used within private property. Aside from private use, SA has allowed riders to use the shared units owned by permitted operators in the City of Adelaide as a trial. During trial, these are the requirements in riding electric scooters:

- Riders must be 18 years old and above.
- Helmets used must be approved and securely fitted.
- Riding on bike lanes and bus lanes are strictly prohibited.
- The speed limit is only 15km/h.
- Using a mobile phone while riding is not allowed.
- Electric scooters must not be brought on public transport.