

T&DCC Ride leaders guide to dangerous roads and alternative routes.

Roads to consider that are dangerous to ride on, or cross.

- 1) Scenic Drive Doyalson
- 2) Sparks Rd at Lakes Grammar School
- 3) Ruttleys Rd turn off to Pacific Highway from Mannering Park
- 4) Pacific Highway Charmhaven
- 5) Pacific Highway near Bunnings
- 6) Riding on non-shared paths in Main Road Toukley
- 7) Crossing main roads in dangerous locations
- 8) Riding in dangerous weather such as storms
- 9) When leaving JDR to Toukley cross WBD at pedestrian barrier
- 10) Use safe ways to join CC Highway when heading North.
- 11) Round-a-bouts at Elizabeth Bay.
- 12) When returning from Wyong on Highway to Wadalba turn right at Maccas
- 13) Turning right into The Corso from Wallarah Road at the Peace Park at Gorokan
- 14) Leaving the Entrance Forecourt along one way entry to WBD.
- 15) Shelley Beach Road at Shelley Beach.
- 16) When heading north from JDR join Budgewoi Road via the Round-a-bout
- 17) Turning left onto the Pacific Highway at Pollock Avenue.

1. Never ride on Scenic Road towards Doyalson or in the reverse direction.
2. Don't turn right on Sparks Rd at the Lakes Grammar School into Albert Warner Drive by veering across Sparks Road. We should cross Sparks Road at the pedestrian crossing lights. Wait for all riders to arrive before pressing button. Split group into 2 if too many riders to cross the road at once.
3. When returning from the Mannering Park ride, do not turn right onto the Pacific Highway at Ruttleys Road. Instead turn left onto the Pacific Highway, and then cross the Highway at the traffic lights adjacent to Woolworths, then onto the shared path.
4. At Charmhaven do not cross the highway directly after going to the Secret Café. Ride down to the pedestrian barrier and cross the Pacific Highway at the pedestrian barrier.
5. At Charmhaven near Bunnings, only cross the road at the pedestrian barrier, the preferred method is to cycle to the crossing at Charmhaven as it is safer than not having to worry about cars coming from the round-a-bout on the right at the Bunnings crossing.
6. As it is illegal for bike riders to use pedestrian footpaths. We should not ride on the footpath on Main Road Toukley at Noraville to return to Peel Street. We should use the alternate route that goes via WBD pedestrian barrier, Kelsey and Evans Road.
7. In general, we should only cross major roads such as the Pacific Highway, Wyong Road, and WBD at the lights or pedestrian barriers. Last option is round-a-bouts.
8. We should make riders aware of the dangers of riding when lightning is around. In the past a group of riders left without the ride leader and set off while the lightning was present. The ride leader and another were wise enough to wait till the lightning had stopped. Other riders were picked up by friends or relatives. The number of golfers killed by lightning each year should be a reminder of the dangers involved.
9. When leaving JDR and going West, we should cross WBD at the pedestrian barrier leading to Kelsey Rd.

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10. When heading towards Budgewoi from JDR, proceed down Park St, turn left into Hargrave St and then turn right at the Round-a-bout into Budgewoi Road. Determined by Executive Committee.
11. When riding North, to say Summerland Point via Elizabeth Bay, and some riders want to go via the Pacific Highway, and others via the SRA. The riders going via the Pacific Highway should stop after the second round-a-bout. The riders going via the SRA should turn right at the second round-a-bout and stop for their regather. Doing a "U" turn on Elizabeth Bay Drive after stopping at the second round-a-bout is too dangerous, as cars coming South around the corner do not leave much time to cross the road.
12. When riding North from Wyong along the Pacific Highway on the way to The Dam Hotel and Minnesota Road Wadalba, always cross the Pacific Highway at the pedestrian crossing opposite McDonalds at Wadalba, then use the shared bike path to Settlement Drive before continuing to Figtree Boulevard, then Minnesota Road Wadalba. There has been a motorist and a pedestrian killed on this crossing.
13. When coming from Toukley and the ride says to turn right onto The Corso. On a recent ride a suggestion from the members said that a better way is as follows.
After crossing the bridge turn left into Beryl St, then right into Mary Street, then right into Lakeview Avenue. Cross Wallarah Road at the light into Hay Street that is a dog leg to the left. Follow Hay Street, then turn left at Manuka Parade, turn right into Dudley St and continue to Panorama Ave on The Corso.
14. When leaving the Entrance Forecourt, we have been turning into bent street that joins WBD near the bridge entry point. This is a one-way entry from WBD and there is a sign saying no entry from Bent Street. We have had a few near misses with cars coming into Bent St from WBD as we tried to get onto WBD. The legal and safest way is to go via The Entrance Rd, left at Oakland Avenue, left at Coral St, then left onto WBD for access to the bridge.
15. Shelly Beach Road is so busy these days it makes changing lanes to cross to the pedestrian crossing dangerous. In all future rides whether going to Long Jetty from the Entrance or coming back from Bateau Bay Beach we should use the following route. From the Entrance turn right off Grandview St onto Bonnieview St at the new Round-a-bout and follow it all the way to the Lions Park then the pedestrian crossing. When returning from Bateau Bay Beach, turn left into Bonnieview St.
16. Joining Budgewoi Road when going north for JDR. A Member complained about the routes we have taken in the past. The committee then looked at the options and decided the safest way is as follows. Leave JDR along Park St, turn left into Hargraves Street, then turn right at the round-a-bout into Budgewoi Road.
17. When at the top of Pollock Avenue, turn right and take the back roads to Wadalba, don't go via the Pacific Highway as you then have to cross the Pacific Highway at McDonalds to get to Wadalba.