

## No. 26 CYCLE: MYRTLEFORD - BRIGHT

Saturday, Return. 60 km 6-7 hours. Ascent 350m *The ride is all tarmac.*

*This bike ride is along the rail trail from Myrtleford to Bright and return. It is one of the most scenic sections of the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail.*

### Getting To The Start (-36.5543, 146.7126)

Meet at the Rotary Park / historic Tobacco Kiln on the south side of the road as you enter Myrtleford from the Wangaratta direction. It is 48km from Wangaratta and no more than 45 minutes.

### WALK DESCRIPTION

Following the tarmac ribbon to Bright and back, the trail starts by passing several tobacco kilns right on the edge of Myrtleford – remnants of a major local industry from the 1920/30s through to the closure of the industry in 2006.

The fertile land is now home to hops growing, many different types of orchards, farm livestock, and sometimes even sunflower fields (summer/autumn) across the road from Australia's only grower of pumpkin seeds at Ovens.

At the halfway mark to Bright we will have a short drink break at the former Eurobin station (only the platform remains). As we approach Porepunkah we will pass the Feathertop Winery on the left and Mt Buffalo rising up from the valley to the right.

In Bright you should have sufficient time to have lunch at one of the local cafes, or perhaps take something from the bakery down to the river. We then retrace our route back to Myrtleford.

This ride is all on a well-maintained tar surface and is suitable for all bicycle types (subject to your fitness for the distance of course).