

MESSAGES SENT TO DAVE DURING 2009 ROUND OZ RECORD ATTEMPT

Group: Message: 183

From: Dave Byrnes

Date: 25/07/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Off Round Oz Again

Hello folks,

At the risk of being very boring, I'm trying....yet again.....to ride around Australia on my bike and break the record for doing it solo and unsupported. The record for the nearly 15,000km journey is held by Erik Straarup, from Denmark, at 51 days and 47 minutes, a formidable challenge.

I will be setting off from the West Gosford McDonalds restaurant at 10pm, tomorrow night (Sunday), in the hope covering 355km to Kempsey on my first day. As with both of my last attempts, I am intending to maintain an on-line diary complete with pictures, GPS tracks and podcasts which can be accessed [here](#). I also intend to send out a daily journal entry to subscribers to this list (a carry-over list from the Yahoo Group for last year's attempt). Please remember that e-mails sent to the Yahoo Group address can be read by all subscribers. If you want to send an e-mail to me directly then send it to dave@davebyrnes.com.au. My mantra for this year's attempt is "Every Second Counts". Unfortunately, this will mean that I will be a poor correspondent while on the road but, nevertheless, will enjoy receiving and reading any messages that come my way. Please excuse me if I don't get back to you.

If you've heard enough about the journey already in my previous two attempts then you can unsubscribe from this Group by replying to

Dave_Byrnes_Round_Ozunsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

Hopefully the journey will have a happier ending this time.

Thanks for your support in the past.

Dave Byrnes

Group:Message: 184

From: Angelos Kiosklis

Date: 26/07/2009Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Off Round Oz Again

All the best Dave!

Angelos Kiosklis

Athens, Greece

Group: Message: 186

From: ray lelkes

Date: 26/07/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Off Round Oz Again

Dave

All the best in your endeavours and i will be avidly following tour attempt.I hope that you have a St Christpher medal with you as he is the patron saint for travellers and also that in times of dire trouble that you ask St Anthony to assist you.I am not a deeply religious person,however I do have a St Christopher medal superglued to my recumbent and touch wood have had no accidents with beast or motor vehicles..

Just one pedal at a time

Regards

Ray Lelkes

Group: Message: 187

From: Martin Pluss

Date: 26/07/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Congrats on the ride

Hi Dave,

Well done on the continued attempt. Looking forward to following your Journey. Digest Page 6 of 41

cheers Martin

Group: Message: 188

From: Bruce Bonyhady

Date: 26/07/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Off Round Oz Again

Dave

The very best of luck and we will follow your attempt with great interest. We look forward to seeing you as you pass through Melbourne ahead of schedule

Best wishes

Rae and Bruce

Group: Message: 191

From: Sigurd Høgsbro

Date: 01/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Brief Update

Hey Dave, Sorry to hear about your mechanical troubles. And so early in the trip! Hoping you're having more luck and keep up your motivation.

I'm going to stick some of the tracks I love exercising to up on a website for you, to give you some inspiration and help your spirit. Look forward to hearing your news. I'm proud to know you! All the best, Sigurd Sent from my iPhone On 29 Jul 2009, at 10:23,

Group: Message: 192

From: raymond lelkes

Date: 02/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Brief Update

Folks has anyone have any updates as to how Dave is going?

Group:Message: 193

From: Harrison, Sharon

Date: 02/08/2009Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Brief Update

Hi all, Dave arrived in Bowen, about 2040km completed. More dramas with the bike (the first being a snapped gear cable, then a bearing went in the rear wheel, requiring a wheel replacement), and now the latest being a ruptured tyre wall requiring changing in Sarina last night. No motel rooms free either, so after changing the tyre and tube, he had to continue on to Mackay, where he didn't end up getting to bed until about 11pm. It was a fast 35km from Sarina to Mackay, but a few party revellers on the road yelling out to him along the way during the night. So a later start today, at 5am, and reduced mileage will see him about half a day behind schedule. Voice recorder has also failed, so a few podcasts were thought to have been made...but were sadly not recorded. Dave will possibly stop in Cairns for a new one.

Group: Message: 194

From: Margaret Beardslee

Date: 02/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Brief Update

Thanks for the update Sharon

have sent a short note off yesterday or the day before..

If he isnt receiving pass on our support

Cheers

M

Group: Message: 196

From: erikstraarup

Date: 07/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Where is Dave now?

It's very good that Dave do not waste much time on his Diary this time, it had cost him too much energi and time on his other trips. However, if anybody know how he is doing, it would be nice to hear about it :-)

If he is on schedule he got the monster leg to Cloncurry today, 382 km, so I dont expect any news from him today either :)

Group: Message: 197

From: Sharon Harrison

Date: 07/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: SPAM-LOW: [Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009] Where is Dave now?

Hi all, At about 8pm last night, Dave passed through Normanton...and was just going to keep going to B&W Roadhouse. He was looking at just taking naps along the way, and had bought supplies to stay self sufficient and it was going to be a total of about 500km without a decent sleep. Tired, but on schedule.

Cheers,

Sharon.

Group: Message: 198

From: erikstraarup

Date: 07/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: SPAM-LOW: [Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009] Where is Dave now?

Thanks Sharon!

Good to know he's still on schedule :-)

Group: Message: 199

From: Taj

Date: 07/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Big day Out!

Great news that Dave is on track but such big distances and little naps are going to bite hard at some stage and so vital to get that REM sleep which can take 2-3 hours to get into. Must be so hard getting the balance right with sleep, food, water, and kms of course, which is why it is all such a big challenge. Lots of people watching with interest here in the Goulburn Valley. Safe cycling from us all!

Group: Message: 200

From: Bill Mitchell

Date: 08/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Keep the pace going mate!

Dear Dave

We are all thinking positive about this trip this year. Eat well and sleep as much as you can and keep those pedals going around in circles.

... and stay safe.

best wishes

bill

Group:Message: 202

From: erikstraarup

Date: 09/08/2009Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Day 13

Hi Dave

Very impressive!! You might be just on your own schedule, but you are 1 day ahead of my average on day 13, and if you keep that pace up, you will knock 3-4 days of my record :-))

All the best!!

Erik

Group: Message: 203

From: jonogreeno

Date: 09/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Go! Dave

Yo! Animal, Glad to see you are going so well. Everybody in the TACK Group wishes you good speed. This time you are going to do it! Regards John

Group: Message: 207

From: Dave Jarvis

Date: 12/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Day 16 -320km to Daly Waters

Great to hear you are still at it. You inspire me to keep going.

Dave Jarvis

Group: Message: 208

From: Dr Marston Nicholas

Date: 12/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Day 15 -326km to 50km swhort of Cape Crawford

Dave you are an inspiration. Beyond me how you can keep up the distances. I can't help thinking how much BETTER OFF you would be riding a recumbent! Sleep can be had in comfort anywhere you choose (best out of sight of the road) without getting off the bike!! ... no sleeping in ditches on rocks etc. No problems with a sore backside, sore wrists, neck, back & WAY LESS problems into head winds! You would bolt in the record on a recumbent! I have had the opportunity to compare diamond

frames with recumbents having ridden from Perth to Melbourne on a tandem in 2000 and again on a recumbent in 2008. I assure you there is NO comparison! I might add my rides look like brownie picnics compared to what you are doing. Best of luck!

Nick.

Group:Message: 209

From: checkpointlost

Date: 13/08/2009Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Good luck

I remember reading of one of the other previous attempts at this and being just gobsmacked at the ambition and yet the simplicity of this. Do an unsupported lap of Australia!

Good luck and be safe,

Aln

Group: Message: 213

From: Margaret Beardslee

Date: 13/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009 Digest Page 13 of 41

Subject: Re: Day 18 -0km Sleep and chores in Katherine

You are sounding good and positive Dave!! Bodes well for the ongoing challenge... in a good position.. in a good frame of mind... stay with it! Regards Margaret and Robert

Group: Message: 214

From: Paul Reed

Date: 14/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re:

Dave

Great photos although some give a sense of déjà vu, since we have been following your attempts from your first mission! Still hope to join you for a short ride somewhere near Geelong (not an organized meeting of course as this would be against the rules!) We realize it is still a very long way for you but, third time round, we think you might just make it. Keep up your spirits, you are a real inspiration to us mere mortals.

Paul Reed (friend of Irish!)

Group: Message: 216

From: Margaret Beardslee

Date: 14/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Day 19 -288km to Timber Creek -5455km all up.....but, sadly,

Well Dave I believe the ultimate achievement in many challenges is the journey and not the destination. You may have tried and failed 3 times but you have inspired many, who have watched your progress with awe and admiration. Defeated yes Failed NO! Do not return with tail between legs.... return with our admiration of your courage to begin!! Regards M & R ps does this mean I have to get fit for more long local rides??

Group: Message: 217

From: Greg Tegart

Date: 14/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Day 19 -288km to Timber Creek -5455km all up.....but, sadly,

Hi Dave It sounds like the right thing to do. What you have achieve to date is amazing. We are all very proud of your strength

and determination back here Terrigal. Regards Gregt

Group:Message: 218

From: Wayne

Date: 14/08/2009Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Day 19 - 288km to Timber Creek - 5455km all up.....but, sadly,

Hi again Dave First time I have posted replys so not sure if they are getting through. I mistakenly assumed you were still at Vic R in my previous messages where there is a campground next to the garage and I suggested you check on the grey nomads especially those who look well prepared, for an araldite type solution for your loose pedal. I also suggested contacting the bike shop in darwin who may have a spare arm (doesn't have to be carbon)but needs to be the right type for the Bottom bracket and the right length. Here is a shop in Darwin SPOKES NT open Sat and Sun , there is also a shop in Katherine . You should be able to get them to stick it on a bus for you and you might get it the same day depending on the timetable. If the fellows at Timber Ck can't help dial up the garage in Vic R. and ask if they have any two-pack resin or similar. From memory it is more of a truck stop so they may be better prepared to help. Which is another source of help , ask the truckies , get the right guy he might be able to CB other drivers (4WDrivers monitor them too) for a suitable repair. Whatever don't throw in the towel just yet. Cheers Wayne
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Group: Message: 219

From: Jonathan King

Date: 14/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: [SPAM][Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009] Day 19 - 288km to Timber Creek

Hi Dave

You've done remarkably well to get where you are, and it seems strange that it may end in such a fashion. However it seems that you've had more than your share of mechanical problems compared with previous trips.

Does anyone in the Kununurra Cycle Club have a spare crank that will fit onto your bike?

We've been willing you on your journey and you've done remarkably well to get back on schedule after the early mechanical problems.....

Whatever happens tomorrow, all the best...

Jon

Group: Message: 220

From: Angelos Kiosklis

Date: 15/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Day 19 -288km to Timber Creek -5455km all up.....but, sadly,

Dave, knowing when to back off or keep on pursuing a goal is a sign of maturity, and you have gained that -the hard way. Regardless of your decision to press on to lap Oz or head home, you have gained my respect and inspired me so much with your efforts, along with those of Erik Straarup and other record-chasers. Please keep those reports coming, whether they are trip logs or afterthoughts at home. Best regards Angelos Kiosklis Athens, Greece

Group: Message: 221

From: majchers

Date: 15/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Day 19 -288km to Timber Creek -5455km all up.....but, sadly,

Dave,

Have this bloody pedal (both of course) or ANY pedals that will fit your bike send to you from Darwin by bus or whatever!
Nothing wrong with this!

DO NOT LET STUPID THINGS LIKE THIS TO INFLUENCE YOU !!!

DO NOT LET IT HAPPEN TO YOU!!!

Let this email be like this thumb up I saw from the passing car on my recent touring trip here in Canada when I was all broken into million pieces, going thru 10,000 ft Rockies, bitching on everything around and wet, wet, wet and... about to quit.

Keep on going!

You are on the right track man!!!

Stan

Group: Message: 222

From: Ron Obadiah

Date: 15/08/2009

Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Day 19 - 288km to Timber Creek - 5455km all up.....but, sadly,

Dave,

I've been checking in on a regular basis with great admiration for what you are trying to achieve and am in awe of your work ethic. Whichever way this ends, we will look at you with great admiration, so no need to be embarrassed.

I'm not sure what the parameters of "solo and unsupported" are, but how about this as a possible alternative - You send your bike to the shop 1K ahead (maybe with a trucker, mail, etc...) and you buy a cheap bike from someone in at the town you are at, or nearby (if that's an option). You bike 1k in 4days and pick up your bike which should be fixed by then an continue on without losing much time.

Good luck, and whatever your decision is, we are all proud of what you have achieved.

Ron Obadiah

Group:Message: 223

From: erikstraarup

Date: 15/08/2009Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Day 19 -288km to Timber Creek -5455km all up.....but, sadly,

Dave

This is a long shot, but would it be possible to melt something around the nut so it would hold to Broome?

Group: Message: 225

From: Nick

Date: 15/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: broken pedal

Dave ... Could you get in touch with those in charge of the record and suggest would it be acceptable that while bike is repaired the clock is put on hold until you are ready to go again? It is amazing that you have done much more than the equivalent of 25 "Around the Bay in a Day" (216 ks) every day for the last month virtually without a break, starting at ungodly hours in the morning and finishing late at night, sleeping on rocks or getting little sleep with drunks outside the motel room!! Anyone who rides would realise just what a gigantic effort yours has been! Whatever the outcome ... best of luck. It seems that you are the

type that will come up with another challenge soon enough if you do call it a day on this record attempt. Keep us all informed.

Nick

Group: Message: 226

From: Jamie Robinson

Date: 15/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Day 19 - 288km to Timber Creek - 5455km all up.....but, sadly,

Hi Dave,

I can only imagine how frustrated you must be. Viv and I have enjoyed following your progress -- it's a great distraction from our routine. We hope you're able to find a solution that keeps you going with a minimum delay. A little good luck would be nice right now! If not then a difficult decision, do what's right for you. You should be anything but embarrassed, few have the strength of will to do what you've done. Record or not doing what you've done to date is still a great achievement

We're willing some good luck your way from NYC! All the best,
J&V

Group:Message: 227

From: Bill Mitchell

Date: 15/08/2009Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Day 19 -288km to Timber Creek -5455km all up.....but, sadly, Dear Dave

Ask the garage whether they have any loctite (or a similar product) - that is what I have used to great success when my cranks have stripped threads. It saves almost any situation and takes about 10 hours to set hard.

http://www.loctite.com.au/cps/rde/xchg/henkel_aue/hs.xsl/Loctite-Australia-and-New-Zealand.htm

You can get different strengths. The garage should have it in their workshop for their own use if nothing else. I could courier some up to you Monday if you cannot get it. Good luck. If there is any way I could help I would. fingers crossed. best wishes
bill

Group: Message: 228

From: bruce mcmillan

Date: 15/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Day 19 - 288km to Timber Creek - 5455km all up.....but, sadly,

Dave,

Spoke to Marion at Kununurra Cycle Club 0417948060 at 2pm Saturday (you maybe spoke to her husband yesterday).

They have only a few members in the club, but one of them probably has a spare crank you can use. But they would like to know exactly you need before making the 500km round trip to help out.

Suggest you give them another call.

Bruce

Group:Message: 230

From: erikstraarup

Date: 16/08/2009Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Dave

A difficult task you have put on your shoulders! As you pointet out yourself, everything has to go right the next 30 days. I admire you for trying, and who knows, perhaps you finally will run in to some luck and have a nice tailwind most of the way!! On the Nullarbor you might even gain a day if you get a strong tailwind. Time will tell!

Regards

Erik

Group: Message: 232

From: Nick

Date: 16/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Day 21 -0km -Ready to go again tomorrow

Good on you Dave ... get into it ..all you need now is a bit of good luck to make up for time lost (read tail winds!!).

Nick

Group: Message: 233

From: Margaret Beardslee

Date: 16/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Day 21 -0km -Ready to go again tomorrow

Further in awe Dave of your courage and determination... Words of the Irish blessing come to mind May the road rise up to meet you and the wind be at your back... May God hold you in the palm of his hand All our best Margaret and Robert

Group: Message: 234

From: John Greenway

Date: 16/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Go! Dave Go!

Well Dave, Now is the time to bring out the animal in you that I have always said that you had!! Good Luck! You really deserve to break the record. Regards John

Group: Message: 236

From: Angelos Kiosklis

Date: 17/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Day 21 - 0km - Ready to go again tomorrow

Dave, you are not a quitter for sure! You absolutely deserve a spell of good luck for the next few weeks after all those mechanical failures. Ride on. Angelos Kiosklis Athens, Greece

PS Lots of people in Greece are monitoring your efforts through a local cycling forum!

Group: Message: 239

From: cttrbddy

Date: 19/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: way to go!!

I am so glad to see you still on the road!! I am not a cyclist, but you Aussies sure keep me glued to the computer!! Keep it up Dave, this Texan in the USA is watching, and what ever happens you should be proud of yourself. Hang in there! pat

Group: Message: 240

From: hough.linda

Date: 19/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Progress

Hi Dave

I have been keeping track of what you are up to even though I haven't communicated with you.

I was sad to hear you have had so much trouble with your bike, but think it is great that you are continuing on. Good on ya. Hope you make good progress from now on.

We are all thinking of you.

Linda

Group: Message: 241

From: Peter Heal

Date: 19/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Hello Dave

Hi Dave,

Just back from a Fremantle -Bondi ride myself.

Your distances are daunting even after that.

Got photographed by a Moto Tourer near Mildura who said he had met you lasy year and knew of your accident. I told him you were going for it again and he said "Good on him!

So, good on ya Dave.

Hope you get my dream run weather across the "bottom bit" without the minus 4C mornings.

Pete Heal

Canberra

Group: Message: 243

From: teamrodney@ymail.com

Date: 19/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: ride just a note to let you know that a lot of us are watching and wishing you well.

See you hopefully at the start and finish of Great North

Rodney Ladyman

Group: Message: 244

From: jsbyrnes@ozemail.com.au

Date: 20/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Day 24 -290km to Fitzroy Crossing

G'day Bro,

Just to confirm love and support are with you every turn of the pedals.

Eagerly await your updates each day or so -and continue to send your all my good vibes.

Each morning on my little ride I imagine that you have been already up several hours and accompany you in spirit for that hour or so,

Love,

Jenny

Group: Message: 245

From: Mark Dunlop

Date: 20/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Day 24 -290km to Fitzroy Crossing

Hi Dave

I am really enjoying keeping up with your efforts and trials. Everyone at track training this morning was marvelling at your progress thus far & aware that you had probably been riding several hours this morning as we ran laps around The Haven.

Keep safe.

Regards

Mark

Group:Message: 246

From: stevebguest

Date: 21/08/2009Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Day 24 - 290km to Fitzroy Crossing

Sounds a little warm Dave, but we know you love a challenge, hang in and keep ticking over the k's.

Best regards

Steve Guest and family

Group: Message: 251

From: jgreenway

Date: 23/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Day 27 - 138km to Pardoo Roadhouse - Transition to Tourist

Dave, I guess you must know what you can achieve, take it easy and finish the ride. The problems you have had, have really knocked back any attempt at the record, so just enjoy the ride from now on. Regards John

Group: Message: 252

From: Greg Tegart

Date: 23/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Day 27 -138km to Pardoo Roadhouse -Transition to Tourist

Hi Dave have enjoyed your last three emails.

Talk to you soon.

Gregt

Group: Message: 253

From: erikstraarup

Date: 23/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Day 27 -138km to Pardoo Roadhouse -Transition to Tourist

Hi Dave

You putt in a good fight, and I also believe that you are physically capable of breaking the record, easy in fact!!

The way you just kept going, inspite of major problems is amazing, I probely would have given up long before you did!

Your preperation this time however, of the bike, (from what I read), has been on the scanty side. I hope you one day will come back, complete and claim the record, I dont see anybody else with such a detemination as you!!

I also hope you will continue your 2009 ride, it's been very interesting to follow you, you are a very good writer :-)

All the best!

Erik

Group: Message: 254

From: Margaret Beardslee

Date: 23/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Day 27 - 138km to Pardoo Roadhouse - Transition to Tourist

Unbelievable run of luck on the bike... inspiring to see you back up time and time again...

Wishing you on again ... not for the record but at least for some enjoyable riding you owe yourself that ... certainly all the way if you can enjoy it.

I agree that you have nothing to prove by completing the loop, but envy the chance of "just" doing that!!

all the best Robert and
Margaret

Group: Message: 255

From: Scott and Therese

Date: 23/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Day 27 - 138km to Pardoo Roadhouse - Transition to Tourist

Good effort Dave. Have been watching quietly and with great admiration after missing a chance to lead you out of the Northern suburbs of Brissy you were too darn quick!

I am hoping you will keep going around because you deserve the completion, but you know what's best. Bloody drive side spokes! Good onya.

Scott Johnston

Group: Message: 257

From: Greg Tegart

Date: 24/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: passing motorist

Hi Dave. I received this email this morning, thought you might be interested.

(Adam is a civil engineer working in Port Hedland on a two year contract. He was/is one of my Taekwondo training buddies from Toogee Taekwondo Erina Dojong).

Greg

Thought you might be interested to know

On the way to work this morning (0600) I saw a loan cyclist on the side of the road, hmmm I wondered

Uturn and stopped and said hello are you Dave Byrnes he said yes

I introduced myself as a friend of yours, short chat wished him well and then I had to head to work

He is not a figment of your imagination I have seen him.

Cheers

Adam

Group: Message: 258

From: Stephen Taylor

Date: 25/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: (no subject)

Hi Dave Stephen Taylor here (3 Peaks Yacht Race). I've just got back from Ireland and have been reading about your efforts again. Sorry to hear that mechanical problems have cost you too much time. I hope that you finish the route as that would be a massive achievement. All the best and try to enjoy the cycling again! Stephen and Carol

Group: Message: 259

From: Ron Obadiah

Date: 25/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Day 27 - 138km to Pardoo Roadhouse - Transition to Tourist

Dave,

Completing the trip around Oz would be a great achievement on its own. Similarly when you hiked the Appalachian trail end to end, that was a great achievement. I'm sure you didn't set the record for the fastest hike yet that didn't diminish the accomplishment in any way. I hope you continue on.

All the Best. Ron

Group:Message: 261

From: colin mckay

Date: 25/08/2009Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Day 29 -195km to Roebourne -transition to couch potato

Hi Dave, Have been following your amazing journey – so sorry that you have been dogged with bad luck with the bike. I have no doubt that you could have completed the attempt, and most likely in record time, had you not had such bad luck. You write such descriptive and interesting emails that I really think you have the makings of a book. Be safe and hope that your knee hasn't been damaged too badly. Regards, Eleanor

Group:Message: 262

From: Scott and Therese

Date: 25/08/2009Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Day 29 -195km to Roebourne -transition to couch potato

Ah, what the hell! Good effort. Right decision to give the knee a rest. Been doing the same thing myself. Enjoy your break.

Scott Johnston

Group: Message: 263

From: raymond lelkes

Date: 25/08/2009 Dave_Byrnes_Round_Oz_2009

Subject: Re: Day 29 - 195km to Roebourne - transition to couch potato

Dave

I have followed your epic journey for the past two occasions and the admiration that I have for you is that you have tried to overcome so many difficulties that it seems that bad luck has befallen you again. I somehow think that you will try one more time next year and as being a recumbent rider may I suggest that you contemplate this mode of transport as you won't get saddle sores, your knee problems will not be as bad and that being in a different riding position you will be able to enjoy the scenery!!

I see that Peter Heal has sent you an email as when you get back home I would advise that you read of Pete's ride from Fremantle WA to Bondi Beach then a leisurely ride back home to Canberra!!! I am sure that if you get in contact with Pete he will give you excellent advice as to what Recumbent would best suit you.

Once again I salute you in your efforts!!

Regards

Ray Lelkes Velokraft recumbent rider