

## Newstead

Although in the goldfields region, Newstead did not have much gold. It was a crossing place on the Loddon River for miners travelling to the Castlemaine and Mount Alexander diggings. In 1853 a hotel was built nearby and its name, Newstead, was adopted by the new township.

Ride instructions will not be provided by the Ride Leader. Read (and print) this before departure, noting the freeway exits and be ready for them. A rider will not be directed to mark freeway exits. Someone might choose to, but don't count on it.

If separated from the ride call or text both the Ride Leader and TEC. If the issue is not a breakdown proceed to the next **re-group location in bold**.

When the ride stops to regroup, or for any other reason, do not remove your helmet etc. unless the Ride Leader does so. Be ready to resume the ride without delay.

### Outward Route

Depart *Café Cirino* at 10am > Melbourne Road > West Gate Freeway [M1]

Exit to Western Ring Road [M80]

Exit to Western Freeway [M8] > **BP Services Rockbank** @ 10:30. Regroup/Join ride .....**31km**

BP Rockbank > Troups Road North > Griegs Road > Exford/Parwan-Exford Road > Geelong-Bacchus Marsh Road [C704] > **Bacchus Marsh** .....+27/**58**

Bacchus Marsh > Western Freeway [M8] > Pentland Hills Road exit > Old Western Highway > Myrning > Greendale > **Trentham** [C318] > **Daylesford** [C317] .....+67/**125**

**Daylesford** > Midland Hwy. [A300] > Daylesford-Newstead Road [C285] > **Newstead** .....+31/**156**



*Dig Café.* Tel. Robin 5476 2744. ETA 12:30.

### Return Routes

Dig Cafe > Hepburn-Newstead Road [C285] > Hepburn Springs > **Daylesford** [C138] .....**30**

**A.** BP, Daylesford > Ballan-Daylesford Road [C141] > [M8] > [M80] > **M80/M1 jctn.** ....+97/**127**

**B.** Shell, Daylesford > Trentham [C317] > Greendale [C318] > Myrning > Old Western Highway/Pentland Hills Road > [M8] > [M80] > **M80/M1 jctn.** .....+110/**140**

**Ride Leader:**

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