

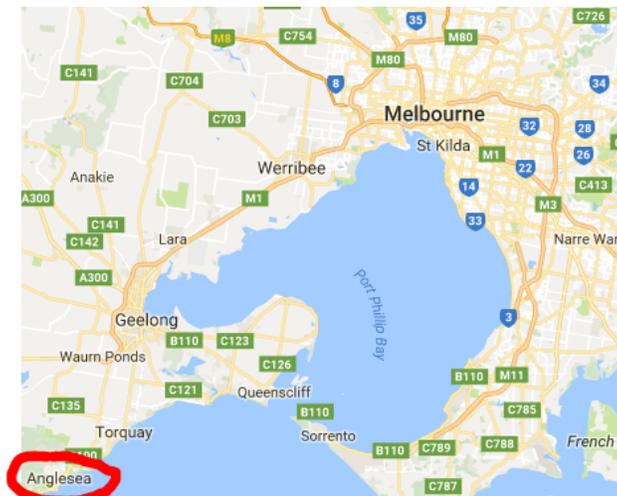


## Great Southern Randonnée Information Sheet #1, August 2016

This information sheet covers some start and finish accommodation and transport options.

The GSR starts in the seaside village of Anglesea on the Great Ocean Road, about 115 kms SW of Melbourne.

Both Sunday evening and Monday morning start options were offered at registration for the 1200 Km distance, all with the standard 90 hour time limit (Monday morning starts only for the 1000 Km distance).



## ACCOMMODATION

### Accommodation in Melbourne

Lots to choose from over the internet, whatever your budget. We have a limited number of billets available with local cyclists in Melbourne and Geelong, but are seeking to source some more. These can vary from a private double bedroom to sleeping on a mattress on the floor. If you would like to stay with a local cyclist, email [gsr@audax.org.au](mailto:gsr@audax.org.au) and we'll do our best. Priority for these places will be given to our international guests first.

[Richmond Hill Hotel](#). GSR transport from/to Melbourne will depart from/return to Abbotsford Cycles, 27 Swan St, Richmond (under Richmond Metro Station). The closest hotel to Abbotsford Cycles is the Richmond Hill Hotel (1 km). It is an older style 3 star hotel with a variety of room options (from economy rooms with shared bathrooms, standard rooms with ensuite bathrooms and self contained apartments), very central and close to public transport and lots of restaurants. Breakfast included, guest bar. There is no lift, but you can ask for a ground floor room. Bike friendly, you can keep your bike in the room so long as it is clean. But you can read the reviews and make up your own mind [Richmond Hill Hotel reviews](#). If you contact them directly via [rhhotel@bigpond.net.au](mailto:rhhotel@bigpond.net.au), they are offering a 10% discount for the GSR (quote 'Audax Australia Cycling Club').

## **Accommodation in Anglesea**

The GSR is being run from the very comfortable 4 star [Anglesea BIG4 Holiday Park](#). It comes complete with indoor pool, bouncing pillow, giant chess set and even grazing kangaroos. We have booked all unit accommodation on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>. This has enabled us to have 24 hour access to the Campers Kitchen for serving meals, and come and go throughout the night as randonneurs are want to do. For the duration of our stay, it will become a real randonneur village.

Accommodation at Anglesea on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> is included for all 1000/1200 Km riders as part of entry, accommodation on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> (pre-ride) and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> (post ride) was optional. Check in time is 2 pm on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> (unless Saturday accommodation has also been booked). Checkout time on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> is 10 am (no late checkout available due to heavy booking on the weekend).

## **Evening Start Riders**

For Sunday evening start riders who have elected pre-ride accommodation on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November, they can check in for the ride on Sunday morning (check in opens at 10 am), then have access to their cabin in the afternoon and also when they return from the 200 km Bellarine Peninsula loop on Monday morning (for a change/shower/sleep, control closes at 7:24 am). However, an option exists for these riders to purchase Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> accommodation as well so they maintain the same bed throughout the weekend:

- **Arriving at Anglesea Saturday?**

Saturday accommodation as an extra can be booked at the GSR Supplementary Payments portal

<https://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=213338&bof=1&hs=portal.trybooking.com>

- **Arriving at Anglesea Sunday?**

And don't want to keep your pre-ride accommodation, email [gsr@audax.org.au](mailto:gsr@audax.org.au) for a \$50 AUD refund

All Anglesea BIG4 Holiday Park bookings need to be finalised by 31<sup>st</sup> August when payment for our accommodation is due.

If you want to make additional bookings as an extension to the above you can contact the Anglesea BIG4 Holiday Park directly - contact is Jess who is handling our booking and works on Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays (phone +61 3 5263 1640, email [info@big4anglesea.com.au](mailto:info@big4anglesea.com.au)). Quote the 'Audax Cycling Group' and they are offering a 15% discount.

The cheapest accommodation at the Holiday Park is a tent site (all powered), \$35 for 2 people per night. There is also the [Anglesea Backpackers](#) right next door, another [Caravan Park](#) and a [motel](#) nearby.

# TRANSPORT

## Riding to the Start and Public Transport

There are options to ride to the start at Anglesea from Melbourne (about 175 kms) or Geelong (about 35 kms). From Melbourne you can take the frequently cycled coastal road around Port Phillip Bay to Sorrento, catch the Queenscliff ferry and pick up the GSR route from there to Anglesea (about 175 kms all up). From Geelong you have a couple of options to pick up the GSR route to Anglesea. **Geelong is accessible from Melbourne by trains with bike carrying facilities, and the [Gull Bus](#) service direct from Melbourne airport.** We can assist by taking your luggage down to Anglesea. If interested in riding to the start, email [gsr@audax.org.au](mailto:gsr@audax.org.au).

## GSR Transport

GSR transport from/to Melbourne will depart from/return to Abbotsford Cycles, 27 Swan St, Richmond (under Richmond Metro Station). Many local Melbourne riders and volunteers will be heading to Anglesea, and it is expected that they will be able to transport additional passengers, luggage and bikes.

A bus & bike trailer (with limited capacity) will depart Abbotsford Cycles for Anglesea 12 midday Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and 10 am Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> and return after the ride at 11 am on Friday 18<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wanting to get a lift back to Melbourne on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> should be able to do so with a local rider.

GSR transport via the bus or local riders/volunteers can be booked at the GSR Supplementary Payments portal <https://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=213338&bof=1&hs=portal.trybooking.com>.

## Parking at Anglesea During the GSR

During the ride you cannot leave your car at the Anglesea BIG4 Holiday Park, unless you have booked a unit or tent site for the duration of the ride. On street parking is available outside the Holiday Park in Murray Street, and around the corner in Noble Street (was used without issue during the 2012 GSR).

Off street parking close to the start (about 300 metres) is available at the Anglesea Historical Society/Community House car park. They have offered us the use of 24 spaces. Cost is a small donation to these charities, payable via the GSR Supplementary Payments portal

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