

## **Mechanical Problems During the Ride**

Mechanical problems can cause long delays and negatively affect the enjoyment of the ride for the whole group. Whilst each situation should be judged on its own merits, the general guidelines for mechanical problems are as follows:

1. If 10 minutes after a mechanical problem occurs it is not clearly well on its way to being fixed then call the event coordinator to arrange for one of the TLCCWA support vehicles to come and collect the affected bike and rider;
2. The group should decide whether to
  - a. Split in two and send the slower riders ahead whilst the faster riders wait with the affected bike and rider; or
  - b. Remain together until the affected bike and rider have been collected by the support vehicle.

At least two people must remain with the affected bike and rider until he/she has been collected by the support vehicle.

3. The bike shop in Collie will be providing support for emergency repairs. Every reasonable effort will be made to take the affected bike and rider to the bike shop, get the problem fixed and then take the bike and rider back to a point on the ride route where they can re-join their group.

Whilst some mechanical problems are a result of things that happen on the ride, others can be avoided through sensible pre-ride preparations. Please try to minimise the chance of a mechanical problem affecting your enjoyment of the ride, and the enjoyment of others, by getting your bike serviced and checked over 2-3 weeks before the ride. Make sure that you ride the bike after the service to check that everything is working properly and adjusted correctly for you. Note that bicycle shop workshops are often booked up two or three weeks in advance so be sure to book in plenty of time.

Note: some parts are unique to your bike and may not be readily available. Please make sure you carry the following:

- Chain link – correct size for your chain (8, 9, 10, 11 or 12)
- Tubes – correct size & valve type (26", 27.5", 29" Presta or Schrader valve)
- Appropriate derailleur hanger – all bikes have different types and they DO break