

Mendooran Food Cycle - Program Thursday 17 to Sunday 20 September 2026

By Central West Cycle Trail Inc

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Time	Activity	Location	Organised by	Price	Link to tickets
Thursday 17 Sept					
9.00am 	Ride Gulgong to Dunedoo (58km) join the crew heading to Mendooran via the CWC Trail	Coronation Park, Mayne St, Gulgong	CWCT Committee but self-guided	Free	Indicate intention to ride - thanks
11am – 1.30pm 	Lunch at "Mayfield" let Sue show you their beautiful garden and some great home cooking	Bus Route South Rd, Birriwa, 35km up the CWCT from Gulgong, OR 25 km back from Dunedoo	Sue and Geoff Rains	\$35	Indicate intention to ride - thanks
Friday 18 Sept					
8.30am 	Ride Dunedoo to Mendooran via Cobbora (67km) join the crew heading to Mendooran via the CWC Trail	White Rose Cafe. Bolaro Street, Dunedoo	CWCT Committee but self-guided	free	Indicate intention to ride - thanks
9.30 - 11.45am 	Brunch at "Cobbora Station" On your way to Mendooran from Dunedoo one of the iconic stops is Cobbora Station for brunch.	"Cobbora Station", turn west off Cobbora Rd, 500m from edge of township of Cobbora, 25 km from Dunedoo via CWC Trail	Sally Dent	\$35	Buy ticket (booking essential)
9.00am 	Ride Coolah to Mendooran via Cobbora (64km) join the crew heading to Mendooran	Coolah Bakery. The ride goes via Neilrex Rd – return on the Sunday via Digilah-Mt Hope – a nice loop	CWCT Committee but self-guided	free	Indicate intention to ride - thanks
9.00am 	Ride Ballimore to Mendooran (61km) join the crew heading to Mendooran via the CWC Trail	Ballimore Park. Cycle through the wonderful Goonoo Forest	CWCT Committee but self-guided	free	Indicate intention to ride - thanks
Saturday 19 Sept					

 7.30am	Mendooran - Dunedoo Gran Fondo / Century Ride: Long loop ride (120km) to Cobbora, Dunedoo (lunch), then back via Digilah, Route follows the CWC Trail. CLICK HERE FOR ROUTE	Mendooran Cafe, Bandulla St, Mendooran	CWCT Committee but self-guided	Free	Indicate intention to ride - thanks
 8.15am	Yarragrinn Creek & LOOPS First section suitable for road bikes! A first. Yarragrinn Creek 40km return (all sealed - suitable for road bikes) MAP Click here 46km loop with gravel MAP click here 80km loop with gravel MAP click here Enjoy morning tea on the way, see below.	Mendooran Cafe, Bandulla St, Mendooran	CWCT Committee	Free	Indicate intention to ride - thanks
8.45 - 11am 	Pop Up Yarragrinn Creek Café. Coffee, tea and more to be found as you take in the rural surrounds.	Yarragrinn Creek on road to Tooraweenah (Gentle Annie Rd), 18km north of Mendooran	CWCT Committee	\$20	Buy ticket (booking essential)
 8.30 - 9.45am	Ride around Mendooran (8 km), a quiet cycle through the back streets and along the river. CLICK HERE FOR ROUTE	Mendooran Cafe, Bandulla St, Mendooran	CWCT Committee	Free	Indicate intention to ride - thanks
10.00 - 11.30am 	Mendooran Heritage and Architectural Walk, classic examples of Art Deco and colonial styles, hear the stories.	Mendooran Cafe, Bandulla St, Mendooran	CWCT Committee	\$7.50	Buy ticket (booking essential)
1.30 - 2.30pm 	Bees, Honey and Mead. This will get your mind buzzing! An incredible insight into and a taste of the Australian bee industry from Adrian Grew principal of The Bee Farmer. Now includes Dark Sky Meadery.	79 Frederick Road, Mendooran	Adrian Grew, The Bee Famer	\$30	Buy ticket (booking essential)
2 - 4pm	Weave your Walk - A gentle walk on Wiradjuri Country gathering inspiration and material followed by a workshop using materials gathered.	Mendooran Showground, 35 Dalglish Street, Mendooran	Three Rivers Landcare & Dunedoo Makers Space	\$20	Buy ticket (booking essential)

3 – 3.45pm 	Black Gate Distillery Genise and Brian offer a unique experience with tastings of their Dark Rum and Single Malt Whisky. Tastings are designed to take you on a journey of flavours, showcasing the best.	Forest Rd (main road going to Dubbo) between Frederick and Railway St, Mendooran. Please enter "Black Gate Distillery" into your navigation system.	Genise and Brian of Black Gate Distillery	\$30	Buy ticket (booking essential)
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4.15 – 5.00pm 	Black Gate Distillery Genise and Brian offer a unique experience with tastings of their Dark Rum and Single Malt Whisky. Tastings are designed to take you on a journey of flavours, showcasing the best.	Forest Rd (main road going to Dubbo) between Frederick and Railway St, Mendooran. Please enter "Black Gate Distillery" into your navigation system.	Genise and Brian of Black Gate Distillery	\$30	Buy ticket (booking essential)
6 for 6.30pm    	Tastes of Mendooran Dinner The fire will be alight, whilst the Mendooran Show Society provides a multi-course dinner. With the baked vegetables. Select from the slow cookers: lamb, beef, pork - all from the district. Vegetarian options available. Then the desserts made from local goodies.	Mendooran Showground, 35 Dalglish Street, Mendooran	The Mendooran Pastoral Agricultural & Horticultural Society.	\$35	Buy ticket (booking essential)
Sunday 20 Sept					
8.15am 	Return rides: Mendooran to Dunedoo or Coolah The root goes via Digilah,	Mendooran Cafe, Bandulla St, Mendooran	CWCT Committee but	Free	Indicate intention to ride - thanks

	with		Self-guided		
8.15am 	Ride the Goonoo forest trails where meeting a vehicle is once in a 'blue moon' event. This is one of the most popular sections of the CWCT. You can either be riding onto Ballimore (60km Mendooran-Ballimore) or looping back to Mendooran via Deadman's Gully (51km). CLICK HERE FOR ROUTE Enjoy morning tea on the way, see Café Denmire below.	Mendooran Cafe, Bandulla S, Mendooran	CWCT Committee	Free	Indicate intention to ride - thanks
8.45 - 11am onwards  	Pop Up Denmire Café. Coffee, tea and more to be found as you pedal through the Goonoo forest.	Denmire Creek, intersection with Forest Rd (Mendooran - Dubbo Rd)	CWCT Committee	\$20	Buy ticket (booking essential)
9.30am-11am	Soap-making. With local produce innovator, Deb Kiem of the Bluesky Cheese Co-op Shop learn how to make soap. You may even be able to take some away to cleanse the perspiration of many a kilometre on the bicycle. NO COST to attend. Please register here because there is a limit on numbers. If you want to take soap have \$5 cash in the pocket.	Showground	Bluesky Cheese Co-op Shop	Free	Booking essential

Notes

Rides  – From a Gran Fondo to a pedal around town and everything in between, the weekend has it all. Ride when you want, where you want.

We are planning to have a rider who knows the route along on most rides for the times published. However you may need to be more self-sufficient on some of the longer 'Self-guided' rides. Use the 'Ridewithgps' routes from the links to also ride at other times.

Accommodation – There is a range of accommodation in and around Mendooran – camping at the Showground (plenty of undercover space and hot showers) or beside the Castlereagh River, local pubs and clubs, bed and breakfast and cottages. All but the camping will be tight so book early. Use the 'Accommodation-Tours-Transport' tab on the CWCT website for guidance, follow the link: [CLICK HERE FOR ACCOMMODATION](#) OR refer to the attached 'Quick Reference Accommodation Guide'.

NEWS FLASH – SPACIOUS TENTS (3m x 2.4m) NOW AVAILABLE: Dubbo Scouts will arrange for a **fully erected** tent for hire over the weekend. Place your order by **14 September 2026** and it will be at the showground for you when you arrive on Fri 18 Sept. [Link to order a tent](#) for Fri and Sat nights. If you have other needs, such as camp beds, chairs, etc please drop us an email: info@centralwestcycletrail.com.au.

Lunches/Dinner/Snacks – The following arrangements are current but may be updated as we get closer to the weekend.

<u>Saturday</u>	Mendooran Café	6am – 6pm	<u>Sunday</u>	Mendooran Café	7am – 4pm
	Blue Sky Cheese	10am – 4pm		Royal Hotel	11.30am - 2pm and 5.30 - 8pm
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Bike Hire - Mendooran itself does not have bike hire but enquire to Dubbo-based Cooper Cycle Tours (0437 136 169) who will be attending the weekend.

Transport - The only public transport to Mendooran is NSW Trainlink, with the Lithgow to Mendooran leg being by bus. Unfortunately bikes currently need to be boxed after Lithgow, but if you have time there are a couple of cycling route options.

Maps – Route Options

Other cycling routes around Mendooran will be posted well before the weekend. In the run up to the Mendooran Food Cycle the number of suggested routes may increase. If you're thinking of driving to a local town and doing a loop ride as part of the Food Cycle weekend but haven't got time for the whole CWCT there are a range of options available to connect Mendooran/Ballimore to/from Dunedoo/Goolma/Gulgong. Contact us for more information: info@centralwestcycletrail.com.au

Further information

For further information watch the [CWC Facebook](#) site or [CWCT](#) website News section. Any updates will be available on the CWCT website News section, although the Face Book site will be preferred as we get within the last week before the event. On the weekend the

Mendooran Showground will be the key location for information.

The weekend is organised by and is the main annual fund raiser for the Central West Cycle Trail Committee. We appreciate your support !!

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Canola views on the CWC Trail in Spring



Great gravel riding in the Central West



Pop Up Café – Goonoo Forest



Tastes of Mendooran Dinner at the Showground