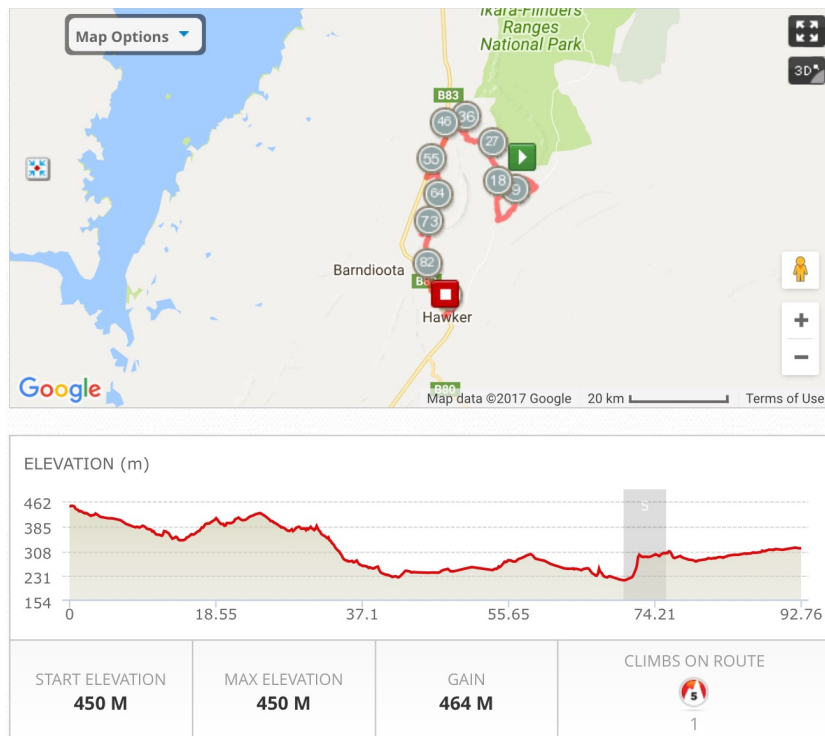


Rawnsley to Hawker: day 2. Around 92km, total ascent of 464.83 m, maximum elevation of 450.14 m.



This section starts off with a bone-jarring circuit on a dirt road around the back of Rawnsley Park. Then it's mainly downhill on farm dirt roads, with stunning views of the Flinders ranges that ramp up on the sides of the flat-lands that the group slithered along.



One noteworthy stopping point is the ruins of an old homestead on the plain with a lovely view of the ranges in the near-distance.







There is one nasty little Boulder-strewn hill that is tough enough going downhill on, never mind uphill:



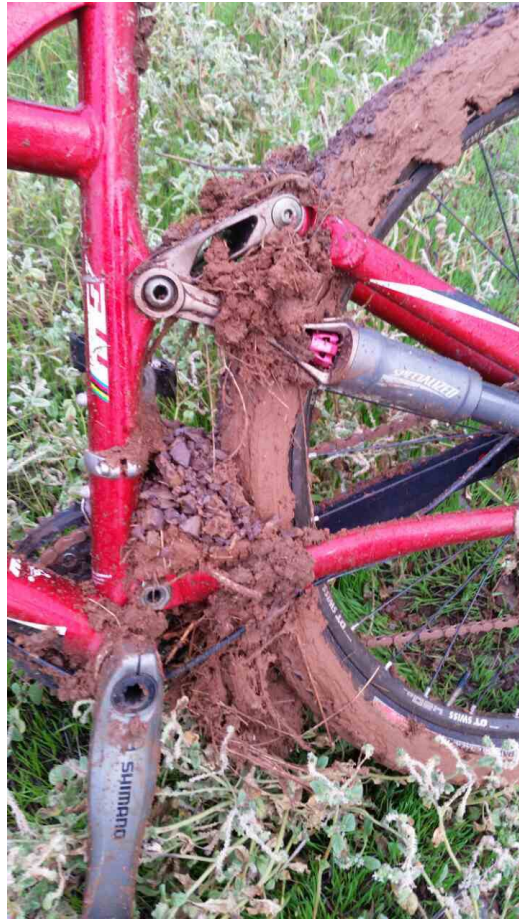
Finally some relief from the slush: good old bitumen - the groans of pleasure were almost tantric, I am led to believe:







And as for a good bike-wash, it almost beats a foot massage, especially when your steed is as fouled as this go-machine - or is that "stop-machine-I-am-jammed-with-mud?"



Here is a rider who REALLY has a sense of humor - still smiling when he has swallowed mud for a while, my good mate Errol:



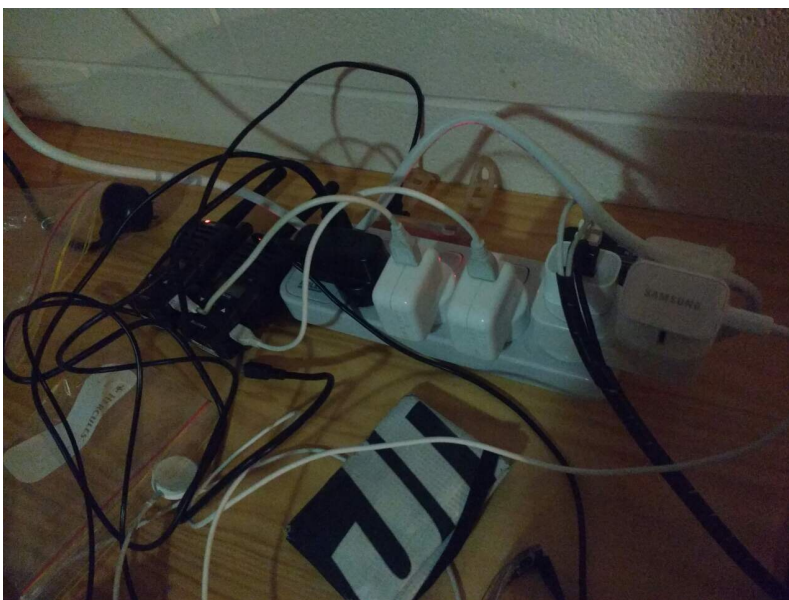


What would a ride be without 'gos'? This missive came in from Matt F:

JM - you'll be disturbed to learn that the father of HTFU in the Fatboys was a very worthy winner of today's HTFU cap for suggesting that we ride straight to Quorn tomorrow - on the bitumen. This may well be a sensible idea and may be what we end up doing but, either way, it displays a casual disregard for our guiding HTFU principle.



I think the intrepid explorer actually deserves 2 HTFU caps for putting his power board out without his prostate massager or hair-curling tongs charging up - smacks of gross neglect..



Although apparently there is some confusion as to who incited sedition re bitumen the next day, a bird said it was a true-blue roadie - I never thought I'd see the day this man wore the HTFU cap:



Particularly as a pigeon came in with this message from the bee-whisperer, regarding the truth as to why Bob actually earned his HTFU:

"Bob hung his clothes line, then went to have a shower, when he got out everyone had filled the line"

Shenanigans.

