Week 13, Classic Coast and the Coastal Classic

We had a couple of outings this past weekend. First, on Saturday afternoon, we finally made it out to Tunnel Beach, which has been closed for two months for lambing season. This is another amazing spot within minutes of Dunedin; I think it only took us 30 minutes to get there, from the other side of town.

The story is that the farmer who owns the land dug a tunnel through stone so that his daughters could have access to a beach. Now that the City of Dunedin takes care of the track, the tunnel is perfect with steps and all. But, I wonder what it looked like when it was first finished.
On Sunday, Jen and I did a mountain bike race down in Taeiri Mouth, about 50 minutes drive south from our house. The race was mostly on logging roads, but also on some farm track. It was a good time. Jen did the 10 mile competition and I did the 25 mile. We got muddy, got our competitive juices flowing and had a good day, though I must admit to feeling guilty for making the kids be spectators for a change.

Finally, just today, Jen and I went out for a ride on the Otago Peninsula. It was another glorious day of weather and riding. The route was really nice: along the Pacific side of the Peninsula, then up and over to McAndrew Bay on the Otagor Harbor, awesome views all the way.
Jen and Allistar, a fellow we met on the ride.

Jen descending into McAndrew Bay, on the Otago Harbor.