

Samrats ride report for the ride Sat 14 May 2011

Ride leaders Ian, Ken, Rohan.

The Samrats do not have many Saturday rides and on this occasion 10 bikes and riders turned out for the day. Ian led the ride in the morning and we rode to Kapunda for morning tea with the weather holding out quite sunny and warm for late autumn. Ian then continued on north with 2 other riders to attend and camp out for the night at the Great Escape Rally held just out of Marrabel. I then led the ride with the idea to come back to Adelaide via an ambitious route to Morgan then Blanchetown then Swan Reach and back via Mount Pleasant which was as it turned out was too far for a day ride when leaving Kapunda late in the morning. We headed NE to Eudunda in nice sunshine and pretty good road quality, then east to Morgan with some nice long straight stretches of road. A toilet stop and a look at the river and across the ferry, turning south towards Blanchetown (after attempting the shorter 38 kls to Blanchetown road on the west side of the river to find it turned dirt after a few ks). The road to Blanchetown on the east side of the river had some great scenic view of the river and the high cliffs. We stopped at the Blanchetown pub over looking the river and the lock 1 spill way and had lunch. A quick petrol stop as most bikes were empty or near it , abandon the plan to Swan Reach to another daylight saving day, and head down the Sturt Highway to Nurioopta. My second bright spark plan for the day was to find a short cut from the highway at Truro to Angaston which seemed a good idea till we reached the dirt again. After a quick double back to the highway we got to Nurioopta and came back through Lyndoch to Williamstown with Rohan leading via some back roads to avoid the main road of Tanunda. The time had reached about 4.30pm so we called it a day and headed for home from Williamstown. We had ridden some excellent roads and by the time we got home we had covered about 380 kls. The weather was good, sunny with only a little wind, the company great as usual making for another most enjoyable ride day. It was also good to visit some new and out of the way locations.

Ken King Samrats coordinator