

Samrats ride report for Sun 17 June 2012      Ian's Mystery Ride  
Ride Leader Ian / Tail End Charlie Darren

The morning was sunny but the forecast was not too good with a lot of rain expected around Adelaide. However 12 hardy riders turned up at the start point. The rain was mostly from the south and heading north east and Ian had planned to go north and as luck would have it we only got rained on very lightly for 3 minutes once all day.

We took off up Main North Rd with mostly out regular supporters but also with 2 riders who had not been out with us before. Darren on a Harley volunteered to go tail end Charlie even though it was his first ride with us which was highly commendable. We took the freeway, bi passed Gawler and the turned off to Mallala and then to Balaklava where we had a rest stop. So far the roads were mostly straight but then heading east towards Auburn the land rises and has some nice turns and corners to keep it interesting. Auburn to Marrabel is also a great stretch of undulating motor cycling road. A rest stop and muster up for the back of the ride to catch up to the front, which was only ever 5 minutes and then off to Eudunda which is also a great road winding through gentle rises of hills.

A petrol stop for those who needed it and a right turn off the Eudunda to Morgan Rd to Truro. These are all great roads for motor cycling and for some of our group this was the first time they had done this route which was an extra good buzz for them.

Lunch at the Truro bakery which has good tucker and seems to have become one of our regular eating spots. A few kilometers out of Truro down the Sturt Highway we turned off onto one of the many roads leading into Kapunda. A pleasant ride into Kapunda and we had then completed a roughly circular loop of about 220 kilometers from start to finish and it was only 2pm. The official part of the ride was over and we had not had more than a sprinkle of rain. The roads were a bit wet but the rain stayed either ahead of us or behind us all day.

We then made our separate ways home and for those going south we did don our wet weather gear as the clouds coming up looked like it had been and still was raining pretty heavily over Adelaide. A very enjoyable short winters ride for those who live in the northern suburbs of Adelaide but for us in the south we had another 50 kms to get to the start point and another 100 kms to get home again which is all good and visa versa when we meet at a starting point in the south. We had 10 riders out of 12 starters at the finish point and every one seemed to have an enjoyable day. This circular loop ride is definitely one to keep in the calendar for next year.

Thanks to Ian for planning and leading the ride and to Darren for going tail end Charlie. See you on our next ride.

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