

Samrats ride report for Sun 28 April 2013

Ride Leader Jim / Tail end Charlie Michael

28 bikes with riders and about 6 pillions came out for the day for this ride to Clayton Bay for lunch. The BOM was quite wrong about the temperature as it was way more than 21 C and quite wrong about the 60% chance of rain as it hardly gave a spit and a drop on us all day long. It turned out a very warm autumn day with clouds and sunny patches and very little wind which made it rather humid for part of the day.

We had a few new riders on board as well as the usual crew of suspects. Jim did the safety talk and we were off down South Rd to Flagstaff Hill Rd and then Chandlers Hill Rd to get into the hills. We went through Clarendon and then a right turn into Bakers Gully Rd to Chappell Hill Rd and then made our way though various back roads heading south to meet up with Nangkita Rd to Mount Compass for morning tea. The day was still getting warmer and we had a pleasant rest, eating and chin waging time for about ½ hour at Mount Compass.

The next leg was to Tooperang via Cleland Gully Rd to meet the Bull Creek Rd near to the Strath Goolwa Rd. Here we turned right and followed the road towards Goolwa until reaching Winery Rd which we took across the causeways to meet up with the Finnis Clayton Rd. We followed this to the Clayton Bay township where we stopped at the Café for lunch over looking Clayton Bay.

Lunch was a lengthy affair but the service was much faster than last time we visited as Jim had phone through most of our orders from Mount Compass at morning tea.

After we had our fill of the pretty high quality tucker we were off for an afternoon ride through one of our favorite jaunts to Milang, Strathalbyn for fuel, Woodchester and Callington. We then took the Old Princes Highway to Dawsley where we turned north and took back roads to Inverbrackie and then across to Woodside and on to Balhannah for afternoon tea.

The weather had stayed pretty good all day and by afternoon tea there were still 22 of us left on the ride the others having turned off at various points along the way to get back home earlier. It was another great ride day with the Samrats with an excellent route, great company , no corner marshalling problems and no mishaps or accidents. Many thanks to Jim for leading the ride and to the very proficient tail end Charlie Michael.

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