

## **Samrats ride report for Sun 16 June –**

Ride leader Ian, Tail End Charlie Ken

A small but merry band of 11 Samrats riders gathered at Kersbrook servo for a ride north on the first proper fine and sunny ride day for weeks. Ian planned a ride towards the Riverton area so we headed north from Kersbrook along South Parra Rd for a few kilometers and turned right into Watts Gully Rd, then Forreston Rd, Mount Rd to meet up with the Williamstown Springton Rd which we took into Springton. These roads take you through the Mount Crawford Forrest area and provide some good fun up hills and down dales on pretty reasonable road surfaces.

A quick muster up and we headed north on Angaston Rd to Eden Valley, then a right turn into Keyneton Rd, left into Swan Reach Rd, which has some nice windy curves and we arrived in Angaston for a rest stop in the park on the main street. A fuel stop for those with small tanks and we were off to Nurioopta, right turn at the Sturt Highway which we followed to Truro where we stopped for lunch at the bakery. The day was quite warm by then and we sat outside in the sun to partake of the pretty good Truro bakery food. A few of the riders had to get back home and went their own way after lunch and the rest of us continued on for the afternoon ride.

From Truro we took the Dutton Rd to Eudunda which is 32 kms of motorcycling heaven. The next leg was to Kapunda and then instead of taking the usual route towards Gawler we took the Clare road to Tarlee which to my knowledge we had not been on before (or at least not for a very long time) . This was a nice 20 kms of road with pleasant scenery and some food fun sweeping curves.

The weather stayed nice all day with sun, very little wind and the country side in these regions was much greener than usual showing the effect of the recent rain. The official ride ended at Tarlee which is just a bit south of Riverton. We had a rest and a chit chat in the sun, a fuel up for those who needed it and we rode as a group down the Barrier Highway to Roseworthy and onto the Northern Expressway from which we peeled off to our respective homes.

The ride from Kersbrook to Tarlee was about 190 kms and with the ride back home to Adelaide being another 70 to 90 klms depending on where you live made for a nice length for a winters day. We should have all been home by 3 to 4 pm with still time for more recreation or the necessary jobs around the house. Thanks to Ian for planning and leading the ride.

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