

## **Samrats ride report for Sun 22 Sept 2013**

Ride Leader Ron, Tail end Charlie Ken

At 10am 16 of us had turned up at BP St Mary's for this rider's choice day, which was a smaller number than I expected given the more favorable weather. This being a rider's choice day I canvassed the group to see who would lead us along some of their favorite motor cycling routes and luckily Ron on the Kawasarki Sports Tourer volunteered with a bit of a push.

After the safety talk and a short discussion as to which general direction we would head we took off on South Rd until Old Reynella where we veered left onto Panalatinga Rd. This leads straight onto Pigget Range Rd which is a great curvy road and a nice change to a different way to get up to the top of Chandlers Hill. Ron then took us on a right turn to Clarendon, then on to Meadows where we continued straight on to Macclesfield instead of taking the usual Bull Creek Rd. At Macclesfield another right turn and along the Strathalbyn Rd to Strath for morning tea.

The railway station park was pretty full with another motor cycle club pulling in at the same time. As we are all such a friendly bunch we had a good chit chat with some of the other club members and some of us had a morning tea replenishment of energy.

The next leg was heading back in a northerly direction along Paris Creek Rd towards Meadows and turning left onto the hallowed ground of Bull Creek Rd which we enjoyed all the way to the Strath Goolwa Rd T intersection. Here we hung a left turn onto the main road, then right at Finniss, past Clayton and on to Milang for lunch. This leg gave us some nice long straight sections of road to transverse after the more curvy sections of the morning. We had a rest sitting in the shade of the park opposite the fish and chip shop and most of us had a nice take away lunch.

All of us were still present and carried on for an afternoon ride where Ron led us east along the edge of Lake Alexandrina then turning north to Langhorne Creek and on to Winchester where we continued north on the well beaten track to Mount Barker for afternoon tea. I think all of us made it to the end of the ride to Mount Barker and most of us stayed for some afternoon refreshments before heading home at a respectable 2.30pm and in time to do some jobs at home or partake of other leisurely activities for the rest of the afternoon.

The ride was about 200kms illustrating that it is better to have shorter rides interspersed with the longer day ride hauls as this may be more suitable to the needs of some riders compared to those longer 300 to 400kms days.

Many thanks to Ron for mapping out the way on his mental GPS and leading the ride on the day.

Ken King Samrats Coordinator