

## **2010 Rides Planning Day & Christmas Ride**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2010 was pencilled in for the annual ride planning day and Christmas ride.

The start point being Civic Park at Tea Tree Gully, 16 bikes made the starting line up and the day promised warm weather with a few showers indicated.

A few of the usual starters had to miss the ride due to various commitments so we were looking forward to catching up at the meeting point at the Birdwood Motor Museum for lunch and the formal planning session for the 2010 rides calendar.

We got under way right on 10 am as planned and headed east into the hills winding our way up to Chain of Ponds and only encountered a couple of slow rubberneckers on the way. This didn't cause too much frustration as this ride was really only a means of getting ourselves to Birdwood and not a genuine get into it outing.

After getting some misdirection from the "Bitch in a Box" a few extra kilometres were added into Gumeracha on the first part of the run and a deviation left to a connector road to get us back onto Little Parra Road and into Williamstown where we had a brief comfort break.

I should have stayed quiet about the detour as I don't think anyone actually realized it wasn't part of the ride until I fessed up.

As we were leaving Williamstown Grant was spotted heading in the opposite direction after having been out for a long constitutional ride since 7.30 am.

The group then made it's way via the Mannum to Adelaide Road into Birdwood arriving around 11.30.

Grant had already made his way to the museum along with Alli, Gary, Fred & Lynn, Aaron and Kathryn.

Thanks go to Alli, Gary, Tony, Sonia & Paul who all pitched in gathering BBQ meat, Salads, Drinks and cooking the BBQ on the day.

Everyone enjoyed a fantastic spread for lunch in our usual indoor function area and shortly after lunch we got down to the business of planning the 2011 rides calendar.

It was great to see so many new faces volunteering to lead rides and come up with some new ideas for the next SABERS ride year.

The day was a success and all is looking good for the year ahead. I won't go into the details as we will be releasing the ride calendar to all members in the very near future.

Thanks again to everyone who assisted on the day and for those who marshalled on the ride up. Keep an eye out for the 2011 ride calendar and make sure you get to as many rides as you can.

It was also decided that we would plan a few additional social functions through the year as well so keep an eye out for those as well.

See you on the road.

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