

5 FERRIES RUN - September 2008



After arriving at Civic Park it wasn't long before riders and pillions began to a roll in from all directions, some familiar faces and some new ones but all eager to get out and enjoy the beautiful weather we had for the day.

After a quick ride brief which was late because I got caught up chatting instead of watching the time we geared up and headed off up North East road with Michael and Morris doing an excellent job marshalling to get us all out at once.

It's only a short stint before we hit the twisty bits that take us through Chain of Ponds, a great section of road that is always a pleasure to ride. We encountered a small amount of traffic through here but it gives you time to have a look around at the scenery as you wind your way through.

We rolled straight through Gumeracha and on to Mt Pleasant before turning off to the Sedan road, the group had started to string out a bit by the time we hit the turn off to Cambrai, Dash pulled up next to me while waiting for a marshal to arrive, to let me know that we were spread right out. Fred arrived to marshal the corner just as this was being said. We didn't have far to go before our first stop at Sedan so we all set off again.

Thankfully the wind was quite gentle for a change through here this year. Last year we were all banked right over just to hold a straight line and it wasn't a pleasant experience but this was not the case this year even though the wind was noticeable, it didn't cause too much trouble.

Some took the opportunity to fuel up at Sedan while others grabbed a drink and had a chat and of course the cameras came out as well, lol.

Soon it was time to gear up again and head off toward Swan reach, our first ferry. This is a fairly straight stretch but it's not too far so it doesn't get to monotonous and there is still plenty to see along the way. I was surprised to see so many lizards out sunning themselves on the road, not the safest of places to be if you're a lizard, lol.



We timed our first ferry well and were able to get everyone on in one go. David had to give the LIONS a quick call to let them know we were on our way once we crossed as we would not have any mobile reception at the next stop, which was Walker Flat.



I like riding this section through to Walker Flat and probably shouldn't spend as much time looking at the river as I do but I always seem drawn to it.

We had a bit of time to kill at Walker Flat as we had made good time so far and wanted to give the LIONS a chance to prepare before we rolled in so it was good chance to have a

stretch and a look around for a while in this lovely spot on the river. Some of us noticed that we had arrived at the same time again as a group of Harley riders were crossing the Ferry headed in the opposite direction, this had happened last year as well, seems a lot of riders were out enjoying the day.

Soon we were off again following the road at river level through to Mannum where we were to meet up with the fantastic crew from Lions who were busy cooking up a feed for us, I was really hungry by the time we rolled in to Mannum and was looking forward to a burger or two. I wasn't disappointed and my belly was happy after I had wolfed it down, no more savage growling from it lol. Thanks to all those who took time out to cook this up for us, much appreciated.



Some of us took off during this break to fuel up as we had not done so earlier in the trip.

A few had to leave us at Mannum so we said our goodbyes and then headed off downstream and across Murray bridge then down to Jervois the 4th ferry crossing. We pulled in to Tailern Bend for another quick splash'n'dash here before continuing on to Wellington our 5th and final ferry. There were a string of 4 wheel drives towing caravans in front of us waiting for the ferry here so we had a bit of fun while we waited, there was quite a few laughs going on during this time that I wont go into now, you will have to join us on a ride to find out what goes on lol.

We finally got onto the ferry and covered the final leg into Langhorne creek where the ride ended. Lots of smiles on everyone's faces and a perfect spot to end the day. David asked who had the best hand for the Poker run here and for a while it seemed like there were a couple of people with 2 Aces and no one to beat it till Trish mentioned she had 2 pair and was announced the winner. Trish immediately donated the winnings back to the Leukaemia foundation. Good onya Trish and sorry about all the teasing lol.

Ride Summary

35 bikes & several pillions at start of ride and picked up some more bikes on the way

No incidents

Great company

Pics are now up in the gallery (if anyone else has pics they would like to post send them through to us)

Thanks to;

- Rob Dempsey for organising and the Mannum Lions club for putting lunch on for us today, great feed and everyone was happy.
- David for organising and running the poker hand and also for doing up a certificate of appreciation for the Lions.
- Marshals, you did a fantastic job as usual
- Well done Doug, Dash, Sonya & Paul for all the pics.
- All of you who joined us on the ride and helped make it a great day.

Stay shiny side up and see you on the next ride.