

RIDE REPORT:

BURRA OVERNIGHTER. SATURDAY May 31st - June 1st.

Ride report by Bryan White, SABERS Rides Captain



Riding into Gardner Bearings for the start of the Burra run was a dream as the weather for riding was absolutely fantastic. I was ready for this ride as I enjoy the Clare Valley and the surrounding roads into the valley.

By the time it was time to head out we had 8 of us for the ride up to Burra. We headed out northwards along the Main North Road. It was funny heading past home but sometimes you have to do this as not every ride heads away from home, lol. We cruised up the Gawler bypass and turned off at the Freeling turn off.

It is here that the road turns into cruising roads... Ok, we had to get past the truck and couple of cars then it was onto the cruising. The scenery is starting to look a bit greener this time as there has been some rain since last time I was up this way.



Although we hadn't been on the road for long we had some grumbly tummies so we stopped at Kapunda for nibbles. There are a couple of bakeries here and you shouldn't go hungry here. Once we had had a feed there were smiles all round as we geared up and back on the road. Out of Kapunda the road to Eudunda has a good mix of sweepers and open cruising then when you turn off to Robertstown at Eudunda the road opens up and you can see for ever.

We pulled in at the toilets at Robertstown for a brief stop then the next section of road to Burra is very open with awesome big sweepers and some fun floodways... Yeah ha! Big dips!! Haha. Then all too soon it was into Burra and check into the motel.



We decided that as it was a short ride that we would go for a look at some of the attractions around the town. There are some great interesting places around Burra and given more time I am sure that you could burn up a whole weekend soaking up the history. If you do go up and want to spend time here get the Passport Key from the information centre and you then can see so much more at your leisure.



Dinner that night after we had done our tourist bit was at the Burra Hotel and I can say that the meal was fantastic. The menu was so hard to choose from as it all sounded so yummy. Again there were lots of smiles as we left... nothing was left on anybody's plate.

After dinner we grabbed a few drinks and we headed back to the motel. The spa was too tempting. We grabbed a couple of cans and jumped into the spa. Haha I don't recommend jumping out of a nice warm spa into the unheated pool... Aaaaah! COLD!! Haha. Apparently my face said it all. The spa was wonderful but we started looking like prunes so we went back to the rooms for a chat. Come about midnight or so we all called it quits and went to bed.



In the morning we went down to the little café next to the Burra Hotel for breakfast and shortly after that Morris and John met us so they could join us for the ride home.



The route home would have been over too quick if we went straight through Clare and down the main road to Adelaide so we deviated to Mintaro for brunch before heading to Martindale Hall. This dogleg had wonderful roads into and back onto the main Adelaide road as well as the scenery well worth the trip.

The coffee and scones at Mintaro was well worth the trip too. They also have a wide selection of wines and port here too. Our visit to Martindale Hall was fantastic. Like me if you have never been here, do it, it's well worth the trip.



We spent a while here but were all wanting to head back to Adelaide and home.

The next section of road is fairly straight forward but very cruisy and enjoyable. When we got to Tarlee some of us turned off to Kapunda and had coffee at my place while the others went straight on the main road to Adelaide and home.

I like the Tarlee to Kapunda section of road as it breaks up a straight run home. It does however bring you out at the same section of the main Adelaide road just before Gawler. A few more twisty bits!



Ride Summary:

8 on the way up & 10 of us on the way back.

<http://www.burramotorinn.websyite.com.au/> - good accommodation.

Burra Hotel - good meals.

Burra Township - very interesting (get the passport key from the Tourist Info Centre)

Mintaro/Martindale Hall - well worth the visit, lots of accommodation.

No breakdowns.

Good company!

The photos are now up in the gallery.

If you take photos you can send them to me and I can get them posted up for you.

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Remember ... All our rides and overnights are open to every one and all capacity bikes.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Bundle your family or a few mates up in the car and tag along ☺

The more the merrier!

Regards Bryan



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