

# CALLINGTON PUB RUN

## 4<sup>th</sup> April 2009

Dear SABERS

Another terrific day out.

Lyn and I arrived at BP West Terrace to find a few bikes already there. Riders getting together over coffee before the run...good stuff. I made it 11 bikes, 2 pillions and Christie in her car with Katie & Rhylee.



We had the usual riders' and marshals' briefing. Darrin took tail end duty and we were off.



I changed the route for the morning a little as it seemed we would arrive in Callington too early for lunch if we just went up Greenhill Road to Balhannah and then over to Nairne and on to Callington. Borrowing from a SAMRATS ride I joined the other day we headed up Greenhill Road where we were held up by a lady in her open top late model something. I gave her plenty of room to pull over and let us past but it wasn't till we were in the 60kph zone at the top (where once I sat just off her right rear tail light) that she seemed to get the message that the line of motorbikes behind her might like to get past. It's not like she hadn't seen us. No matter...great scenery.

We then took Deviation Road to the left through Lenswood to Lobethal for a leg stretch and coffee. The day before I had done a pre-run of the Adelaide – Callington leg of the ride with my mum...in the car! As we always do...she also enjoyed coffee at the Amberlight.

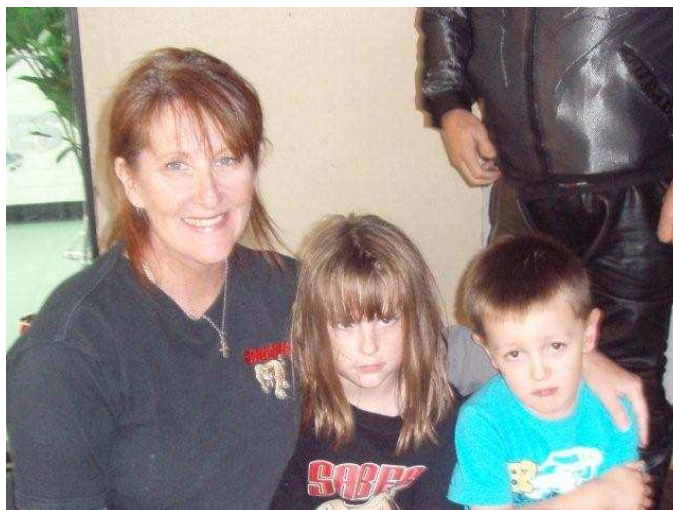


From Lobethal we headed back towards Woodside however at the Woodside – Charleston Road we continued straight on along Quarry Road. This took us around the back of Woodside along Ridge and Pfeiffer Roads through some very pretty countryside. There are few short sections between turn offs through here which meant we ran out of corner marshals quickly however the rest of the group took on those duties as required and we lost no-one.

Then along the Woodside – Nairne Roads and left into Military Road to Harrogate. Keeping right on Pyrites Road we went through Brukunga, then left on the Princes Highway to Kanmantoo and into Callington. We all managed to negotiate the nasty rail crossing just as you come into the town safely.

On the pre-run with mum we had called in at the Callington Hotel hoping for lunch to be told that lunch was only served on Sundays. I was not aware of this when I made the booking for our Saturday lunch. So it's worth remembering...lunch is on Sundays however they will also do it on Saturdays by prior arrangement...my good luck then that I had rung ahead!

Joyce joined us at the hotel. Lunch was very filling...all big serves. Out the back they have a lovely grassed area set up for smokers, barbeque & perhaps bands as well. A top spot...I recommend it to you.



After lunch we crossed the freeway to Woodchester and stretched our legs a bit on the run through Langhorne Creek to Wellington. At the ferry we re-grouped and learnt a lesson in not parking too close to other bikes. One of our pillions stepped off her ride and came down on a bike's mirror...snap.

A quick fuel stop in Taillem Bend (thirsty max needed a drink!) and we were off back onto the old Princes Highway again and into Murray Bridge. As we ran down to the bridge I noticed some old

bikes in and out front of a place on the left. As we passed someone in a wheelchair waved us on. I am sure there is a story there somewhere and will look into it for another day.

From The Bridge we took the old Princess Highway again back to Callington...this part of the old road is quite rough...no where near as enjoyable as the section from Callington to Kanmantoo. We retraced our steps from the morning to Kanmantoo then stayed on the old highway to Balhannah where Matt left us to head down the freeway for an appointment in town. The rest of us kept going then back onto Greenhill Road until we took a right on Woods Hill Road to Norton Summit. This road is nice but has far too many driveways on it...not a relaxing ride at all. At Norton Summit the four way intersection is a bit tricky but we all seemed to make it across and then down the twisty bits to Magill Road...where we met Grant...even he doesn't know how he got in front of us!

We finished the day in North Adelaide at the Cibo/Dairy Bell corner.



Apart from the mirror incident we had a great day. Some different roads for a few of us...twisty bits, freeway bits and long open sections...a bit of everything. Our two learners for the day put another 270 kilometres or so safely under their belts. Good weather and good socialising. Fabulous!

Thanks to the marshals and helpers. Thanks to tail end Charlie. And a big nod for the Callington Hotel...great hospitality and a great feed.

Good day  
Fred

