

Mount Gambier Jan26th – Jan28th 2007

With the success of our Wilpena ride back in November there were quite a few requests for more rides like this so we planned the next one, Mount Gambier.

We left Adelaide the Friday 26th at 10 am for what was to be a gentle ride to Mount Gambier.

The cruise up the freeway was interesting with us spotting 3 speed cameras, 1 pursuit vehicle and 1 mobile unit so we all watched our speed very carefully. Taillem Bend was our first stop and a splash of fuel before the next leg to Keith, Naracoorte, Penola and then on to Gambier.

The poor police officer at Naracoorte didn't know what to think when he went to stop Paul for a breatho test as we all pulled in with him. Well he was the lead bike for this section and we just following the leader. So after testing Paul we all wanted a shot He waved us on! Haha.

The rest of the ride to the mount was an easy section as was the rest of the ride apart from the police having a very visible presence.

When we got to the Mount we took Rohan and Janice up to the caravan park then the others took off to the hotel. It was at the hotel we caught up with Wayne.

We all unloaded our bikes and had showers then it was off for dinner.

The dinner was awesome and service was very fast. After dinner Marie made herself quite at home on the baby grand piano that was there and entertained us with her amazing playing and boy can she sing!

The next morning we were off to the Princess Margaret Rose Caves. We went up to the caravan park to collect Janice and Rohan only to find that the battery in Janice's bike had died and had to be replaced. That was on top of the fact that in the morning both Wayne and myself had to find a bike shop to replace our rear tyres.

So we had a bit of a late start. The caves are spectacular as the photos in the gallery show.

On the way back we took the long way via Port McDonald.

Before heading off we had our breakfast coffee up at McDonalds while waiting on Morris who was working the Saturday but got up early Sunday morning and rode to Mount Gambier just to ride back with us. The route home was discussed and the coastal road was chosen for the homeward leg.

Our Ride back was scenic and a joy until we got back onto the freeway. Yes you guessed it more camera units.

Makes you wonder how much they get from them as each unit was placed 2km from the previous one!

The ride to the Mount was another successful run and I look forward to doing more weekend rides.

Our chats in the evening with a few drinks are just one of the highlights of the trip as well as the ride its self.