

SABERS – SEA AND VINES

Sunday 10th June 2007

It was a fresh but fine morning, so it was promising to be a good day for a ride. When we got into the BP Adelaide the clouds were threatening to rain. Luckily for us they never did. ☺

It was great to see lots of new faces for this new run.

There was also a great suggestion from Sue that when we came into Clarendon we stop at the bakery. This proved to be a great idea! Awesome bakery.

The group was ready and eager by 10 o'clock to hit the road.

We had a short riders' briefing and hit the road. The group was soon doing a quick stint on the freeway then it was up the Eagle On The Hill. It's a pity that most of this section of road is only 60 km. It is however a nice bit of road.

Then it was through Craighall to Belair.

This too has awesome scenery as you wind your way through the nice roads here. I was surprised at the lack of traffic here as I was expecting a few cars out and about. I was sure that we would be slowed down by them but was pleasantly surprised when there was a lack of traffic out on the roads.

The next section of the run to Clarendon is extremely scenic and the stop at the bakery proved to be a serious winner. Yes, I will do a run this way again so we can stop here ☺

Some of the crew peeled off here as they had other things to do. Then the rest of the group geared up and headed off to McLaren Vale through Kangarilla.

All the way into McLaren Vale I had been expecting more traffic but it would appear we had come in the best way. The whole of Adelaide had come into the Sea and Vines festival the Noarlunga way.

We went through town to the Wine Centre and soon decided it was too crowded. We moved on up the street to a nice café. The wait for the meals we ordered was getting beyond a joke but we waited patiently as they were really busy because of the festival. They eventually came out with an apology for being slow. It was worth the wait! There was another treat at McLaren Vale ... There is a lolly shop there too! Just the thing for the sweet teeth ☺ Yes I treated myself to chocolate snakes.

Once everyone had got their fill of sweets we geared up and headed back to Adelaide via the expressway. It was a nice and quick way to end what was a great day.

The roads all day were scenic and fairly clear of other traffic.

It is definitely a ride we will do again, or at least modify it into another ride as it was a short ride.