

## Surprise ride with Tony & Gill M

It was a cloudy day and a very fresh day but still 19 bikes (thank you to all) made the effort to get to Gorge Rd Newton for the early start. Although we left a little late, we still ran thru the pre-ride announcements and speed camera report which I would like to thank the local police for placing as it does a great job of helping us keep to the speed limit so keep up the good work ☺.



Once we did get started we headed up Gorge Rd, half the group was unlucky enough to get stuck behind a motor bike hating bus that tried to make Paul's Synder into a two wheeler, while the front group had a nice run through the bends until they came across their own bus who after a few k's let some of the group through. But basically we battled the buses all the way to Williamstown. From there we headed to Springfield via Mt Crawford on a bus free road with some nice sweepers then back on a main road at the speed limit to Angaston for our first stop - again thank you SA police.



From Angaston we headed to Williamstown via Tanunda smiling for the cameras and again on some nice sweepers towards Mt Pleasant and on to Palmer for fuel with a nice gentleman fuelling each bike. It was a good thing that this was a surprise run because I missed the turn off to Monarto but hey the destination was the same, by the way if you have not tried the road from Palmer to Murray Bridge give it a go. The road from Murray Bridge to Strath was a bit smelly and straight but we did come across some livestock crossing the road - here is a bit of a tip for you if you do come across livestock crossing stay back 100 metres or turn your engine off that way the farmer does not get upset.



It ended up being a late lunch in Strathalbyn with all bakeries running out of food but the pub (with open fire!) still serving counter meals so we stopped for an hour having a chat about people, bikes and sheep. After a belly full of food we made tracks to Stirling for more tight stuff and a couple of close moments for a returning rider - speaking of moments I would like to thank the wanker in the falcon who kept speeding up when bikes tried to pass him for my moment. At Stirling we said our goodbyes and some stayed for a coffee.



Thank you to everybody who came and made the day worth it, all who took part in marshalling, Sonya for the photos and Tony for doing tail-end Charlie, also welcome back Robert. I would also like to thank SABERS for giving Gill and myself the opportunity to lead a ride and I urge members that have not been on a ride for a while to come out and support the people that plan these rides if you have the chance as a lot of effort and planning goes into leading a ride like the pre-ride, finding eating places with parking and keeping members happy. Also if you have a ride that you think others would like or you would like to lead a ride next year have a chat to the committee.

Ride Safe every one and looking forward to meeting more of our 100 members.

Tony M