

Tim Hunt Memorial Ride Sunday March 16th 2009



I got bored after arriving early and sitting at the Vic alone for about 10 minutes so thought I would ring Darrin and harass him to hurry up and after a bit of good natured abuse from him he and Christie arrived shortly after, haha.

Darrin had the SABERS banner with him and we found a good spot to put it up. We thought it looked good with the SABERS CAT prowling through the greenery ☺ While this was happening Trish, Christie and others were hard at work setting up for registrations so all was going well and bikes were starting to trickle in even though it was still very early.

I suddenly realised at about 09:55 that it was almost time to go and I needed to stop yakking and get the marshals together for their briefing then call everyone in for the main brief.

We headed off down south road soon after the briefing, through Myponga and on to Lady Bay where we had a stop over to remember Tim. Fred (President) gave an excellent reading from Bryan's (RIP) last THMR and a minutes silence was held to remember Tim and others that had fallen or are currently being treated for this type of blood disorder.



Morris and Tim left before the main group to ride ahead and help set up for the coming hungry horde that was about to set upon Goolwa. The rest of us followed a few minutes later but we didn't go into Cape Jervis as is usually done on this ride due to the heavy black rain cloud we could see dumping bucket loads of the wet stuff down upon that area. All agreed it was better to try and bypass the rain if we could.

I had travelled the Delamere road the day before on my pre run and had warned everyone that

the road was covered in pine needles that were extremely slippery. Maybe a street sweeper had come through Saturday night because the road was absolutely clean on Sunday and I felt a little silly about my warning during the brief. Ah well better to be safe than have someone come off ☺



We had an uneventful ride through to Goolwa but it was a pleasant run and the view coming into Victor, as always, was awesome. I love the view of the sea and the breakers rolling around the islands as you break out of the bush on the crest of the hill before the descent into Victor.

Tim was waiting for us on the main street as we arrived in Goolwa and was marshalling us into the street where our fantastic hosts and some of the neighbourhood were waiting for us with a magnificent BBQ lunch.



A quick bit of road side maintenance was needed for a certain Suzuki (should buy a Honda, haha). Tony and Rowan stopped to aid in the repair work and Tim & I arrived a bit later after noticing we were short of some riders. A shifter was needed to try and re tighten the front sprocket so a quick call to our Goolwa hosts soon had an adjustable spanner brought to us by Brenton. Brenton, Tim and I helped out by supervising all the hard work being done by Tony, ☺

Goolwa was the official end to the ride but as is often the case an impromptu run home was planned and John kindly agreed to lead us back through to Meadows and from there a few of us followed him down some other fun roads. John has a very good knowledge of a lot of great roads in Adelaide... I need to learn from this master, some of his secrets, lol.



Summary;

- Thanks to all who attended and made it such a successful and fun ride
- Total amount raised was \$827 which goes straight to the Leukaemia foundation.
- A total of 52 riders/pillions made up the ride
- Thanks to all who sent in the pics of the day
- Thanks to Morris for supplying the meat, etc and arranging delivery
- Thanks to Alec & Mary for opening their lovely home to us and providing an excellent BBQ lunch for everyone.
- Thanks to Alec for meeting Morris and I Saturday morning to pick up the meat and drinks.
- Thanks to all the Marshals on the day who as always do an awesome job in making sure everyone gets to the destination.
- Pictures are now up on the website. If you have any that you would like posted please send them through to secretary@sabers.com.au

Don't forget to keep an eye on the website for our next rides. KoM overnigher is next on the agenda and the parks cabins are now fully booked but some tent sites may still be available.

Saturday April 4th is the Callington pub run which is always a good ride so please try to join us for another great day out riding with SABERS ☺ or if you want to go for a longer ride, David, Morris and a few others are heading down the South East to Mt Gambier and Lorne on the 4th April for a few nights away.

Hope to see you there.

Grant
SABERS Ride Coordinator