

TIM HUNT MEMORIAL RIDE Sunday March 20

Guess who had to do a wardrobe change before even getting to the mobbing up point for this run? Yep that's right it was me. I looked at the weather report and thought I best wear my leathers for this ride so that's what I had on when I left home. About 10km up the road I thought I am going to cook if I keep all this gear on so I did a U turn, went home and swapped for my summer jacket, much better.

We had rather a small turn out this year due to a glitch in ride calendar and the Clipsal calendar which had to fall on the same date so numbers were down but the fun sure wasn't.

The usual drone up south road was abandoned for a more lively run up through Blewett Springs and into McLaren Vale - much to everyone's delight - and linking this up to a ride round the back of Myponga. The road conditions were excellent and the traffic light so we were in ride heaven. The top of the descent into Carrickalinga was awesome and wouldn't have been out of place on a postcard with the same being said of a lot of other pieces of scenery that we passed by on our ride today.

Our first stop was at Normanville beach just near the caravan park. This is a very nice spot with a good size car park, somewhere to grab a drink and something to eat as well as toilets nearby to take care of any impatient bladders.

From Normanville we took off for the short leg to Lady Bay where we were to have our reading for Tim. We were halfway there when some red-neck in a white ute and a hat decided he just had to pull out in front of some of our group and then proceed to overtake others on the double whites. One of our number who shall remain nameless decided this yahoo needed to have the error of his ways pointed out and there was much gesticulating going on between the driver and one of our members as they passed me side by side. I could see the gestures and was unaware of what had transpired prior to this incident so I nearly fell off my bike with laughter after witnessing my piece of it.

All of this happened very quickly and was quite serious really but our member had his say and rejoined our group as we made our way to the bay without further incident.

From Lady Bay we cruised through to Cape Jervis and did a U turn at the bottom of the sweepers rather than go all the way in to Jervis. It seems there were some growling SABERS bellies and I was in fear of losing a limb so I wanted to get them all to the Boulevard Cafe as soon as possible via the Delamere road.

I got there just in time too I think. I was first bike in being the ride leader yet was about 6th or 7th in the queue by the time I got to the counter, haha.

I had the chicken Parmy and it was fantastic, others had fish and chips, beef parmy or one of the other choices available with everyone coming away happy and well fed. Oh I forgot to mention a geographically challenged member who met up with us at the cafe too, Alli. Alli got talked in eventually by Gypsy. Someone always seems to take a wrong turn somewhere but we always gather back up when on SABERS rides :) I highly recommend the Boulevard cafe to anyone who wants have a good feed and relax a bit when visiting Victor, good friendly service and a nice outdoor / indoor eatery.

Some left us at the cafe while a few others still had an itch to ride some more so those that were left, set off to fuel up in victor and then travel some more twisty roads. We headed down the main track to Adelaide until we reached the Tooperang turn-off (I missed this turn and had to double back, sorry.) This is a nice piece of road but a word of warning if going through there in the wet, watch

out for cattle crossings. I had a lovely little slide that I thought would end very badly as did a few others so I found out later. It was like I had hit ice it was that slick. The cows or sheep must have been eating Canola or some such other oily substance I think.

Bull Creek road wet or dry always seems to be fun when you get a clear run like we did today. I had a blast riding through there and was glad we snubbed the weather and went for it.

All up it was a very relaxed and fun ride according to feedback received. Very little rain, excellent road conditions, light to no traffic and no offs with everyone keeping a good pace.

Thanks to all of you who participated today, I think we raised about \$250 but will have to wait for official count from the committee. Big thanks to Alli for collecting the donations and Tony W for doing the lucky squares and being TEC for the day. Thanks to all who marshalled the corners, no one got lost without the vests today and I only managed to miss 2 turns haha.

Thanks again to all who participated today, we may not have raised a fortune but every little bit helps self funded organisations such as the Leukaemia foundation.

Regards

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