

TUNGKILLO PUB LUNCH RUN – AUGUST 2008



Not wanting to take a chance, all the wet weather gear which had been dried out overnight (I got soaked on the pre run Saturday) was hauled on then I was onto the bike and headed to BP.

On arrival, even though I was early, people were already there waiting :) this was going to be a great day.

As time ticked by, more and more bikes pulled in, some familiar faces and some new ones. It's always a pleasure to have new riders join us and add to the fun of the day with new stories to be told and new friendships made.

It was great to see Marie, Frances & John come and have a chat to everyone prior to the ride. Marie & Frances had their little ones with them and we were all glad to see John is recovering well from his "incident" on another clubs ride. Hope you and your bike will be back with us soon John.

Soon it was time to leave, so after a quick marshals and riders brief, everyone geared up and were ready to go. The ride leader was a bit slow getting ready and found himself boxed in and had to take a small detour through the servo to get out and lead, lol.

We headed off up Greenhill road through to Portrush road to avoid some of the city traffic and get us onto the awesome chain of ponds road which would take us through to Gumeracha. The road was wet again unfortunately so the pace was slowed to match the conditions. A few cars were also in front of us during part of this stretch but most were courteous and used the slow vehicle pull out lanes to let us pass, much appreciated and a relief to not have that annoying fine spray plastered over my visor.



We arrived at the Tungkillo pub a little earlier than expected so we all had a bit of a chat and gave the staff time to get organised regarding food for lots of hungry riders. The food, as usual, was great and reasonably priced and the staff is motorcyclist friendly. I was full after my meal and couldn't manage desert so wandered outside to look at all the bikes and chat to the other riders that were outside.

Heavy black clouds were beginning to fill the sky while we were stopped at Tungkillo making me a little nervous about the next leg which can be a bit challenging in the wet. From Tungkillo to Stirling would be ok but Stirling to Clarendon had some very tight sections in it.

Jason had to leave us at Tungkillo so said his goodbyes and soon we were all gearing up to continue on through Mt Torrens to Lobethal. This section of road has some nice open roads with some nice sweepers thrown in and is very enjoyable to ride.

Some of the group left us at Lobethal due to prior commitments while the rest of us carried on through to Stirling.



The route chosen from Stirling through to Clarendon had some very tight sections in

it which thankfully were dry and free from the storm litter that was there the day before making it a fun ride through the twistys before stopping at the Clarendon bakery for more food and drink and of course more socialising :). Most decided to head home from here in different directions so after we had all had our fill of delicious bakery products and something to wash it down with we said our goodbyes and headed off home.

RIDE SUMMARY

Ride route was new due to rider feedback from a previous run (a bit longer was all that was asked)

No incidents

Very little rain :)

25 bikes + pillions (great to see more riders with pillion passengers)

Great company + great roads

Thanks to the ride marshals on the day for their support

Thanks to Paul & Sonya for the ride pics

Thanks to all who joined us for the ride.

Pictures are now up in the gallery (if you have any pics of the ride and want them posted on the website, send them through to us and we will put them up)

Look forward to seeing you all on the next ride

PS Don't forget we also have Saturday rides so please have a look at the event calendar for more information

<http://www.sabers.com.au/eventcalendar.html>