

## **Samrats ride report Sunday 18 March 2012 –**

Ride Captain Ian / Tail end charlie Ken

A beautiful autumn day was Sunday 18 with a not too hot 25 and with a wind that was threatened to blow hard but did not really amount to much over the course of the day. 10 bikes and riders turned out at BP Newton and we had an excellent days riding.

At the last few Samrats rides I had discussed the option of some one else taking on the coordinator role but thus far no one seemed to want to put up their hand. I had been waiting to get a larger group of Samrats together to fulfill the formality of the yearly vote for Samrats coordinator but as time is passing and the vote needed to be completed within 30 days of the MRA Annual General Meeting we had a vote before the ride. I said I was willing and enthusiastic to continue the position but was also happy if some one else would like to do the role. I was nominated and seconded and in the absence of any other nominations I was voted in as coordinator for 2012.

Ian led the way up Gorge Rd and we were super conscious of the recent police efforts at kerbing the habitual motor cycle speeding on Gorge Rd. It is still a great ride even at the speed limit. We went past Cudlee Creek which was not as crowded with motor cyclists as usual and on to Gumeracha for a quick rest stop.

Next stop was Lyndoch via Williamstown for a tasty morning tea at the German Bakery. Ian had intended to have lunch at Tanunda but we arrived there much too early to eat again so he changed plans and we headed to Angaston and then turned off on the road to Sedan so we could enjoy the wonders of the Sedan Hill curves and get away from the urban fringes and their suspect Sunday car drivers.

A quick rest at Sedan and then to Mannum by the most direct route which was not via Swan Reach. Lunch on the Mannum foreshore to watch the boats and the flies were not quite as bothersome as usual even though there were camel rides up and down the foreshore park. The wind was dropping and the sunny day near perfect and a pleasant lunch was had by all.

A petrol stop and on our way to Lobethal for afternoon tea via the classic and most enjoyable motor cycling roads though Palmer, Tungkillo and Mount Torrens. The friendly banter continued for a relaxed afternoon tea at Lobethal and then we called it a day and all headed for home. We started with 10 riders and finished with 8 and had covered approximately 240kms of great cycling roads. Another most enjoyable riding day in the excellent company of the Samrats.

Thanks to Ian for planning and leading the ride and to all the riders who turned out on the day and who make the club what it is.

Ken King Samrats Coordinator.