

Samrats ride report for Sun 7 October 2012

Ride Leader Rohan / Tail end Charlie Steve

12 bikes and 2 pillions turned out for a ride on this sunny spring day. After the safety talk we took off from Caltex Munno Para and went straight up Main North Rd and onto the Barrier Highway to Tarlee where we had our first rest stop.

The sun was out, very little wind and not too much traffic to impede our passage north. We had a pleasant rest in the sun and plenty of chit chat then back on the road turning off the highway to Auburn our next rest stop. The next leg was turning left out of the main street of Auburn to Balaklava and then Port Wakefield where we stopped for a longer morning tea break at one of the many cafes.

The sun was warm and the wind had not started yet making for a very pleasant journey. Port Wakefield to Ardrossan the wind picked up a bit as it always does off the ocean at the top of the Gulf but not enough to cause much problem. We arrived in Ardrossan, parked the bikes opposite the pub and took a stroll down to the water as it was still quite early for lunch time. The meals in the Ardrossan pub are always good value and quality and we sat outside facing the main street.

A fuel stop and then off for the afternoon ride to Maitland then Moonta where we parked at Moonta Bay and walked out to the end of the jetty. The wind off the Spencer Gulf seems to always blow strongly and this day was no exception. Next leg was Moonta to Kadina and then back to Port Wakefield making a circular route around the top third of the Yorke Peninsula. 3 riders had needed to get back earlier leaving 9 of us at the 'official' end of the ride. Port Wakefield was a quick stop as it was then 4.30pm but it didn't seem like it as it was the first evening of day light saving.

We decided to ride as a group straight home down the 90kms of Port Wakefield Rd to Adelaide as it was getting late. The ride from Munno Para to Port Wakefield was 331 kms by my trip meter making it one of our longer rides especially as we had another 80kms to 100kms or so to get home again.

A very enjoyable ride day especially for those of us who like to ride long distances, see the great scenery and feel the sea air on both sides of Yorke Peninsula. Thanks to Rohan for planning and leading the ride and to Steve for his excellent job going tail end Charlie all day on a long ride.

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