

My alarm goes off at 5:30am and I'm up in a flash. With a shower and breakfast out the way, time to jump on the bike and go for a ride, a ride with a difference, a ride that only I provide.

I leave home a couple of minutes before planned at 6:36am, there is 1 rider out already. I'm off to pick up my daughter Kirsty and her boyfriend Clayton in Nuriootpa. Clayton is riding Kirstys Virago 250. Kirsty is pillion with me. We leave Kirstys home at 7:18am.

We head to Eudunda via Kapunda then onto Morgan for our first fuel stop and coffee break. It's been a good ride in great weather on roads less travelled by me. Coffee and Egg and bacon toasties are to die for at our stop. This is going to be Claytons longest ride and he's starting to get comfortable with it.

Our next leg of the journey is not as planned not sure what happened but the GPS is taking us on a different route, it's not a problem as we needed more km's but I had planned them after the meet when we had more time. We ended up going to Waikerie instead of heading to Swan reach. After a ferry crossing we now head back to our original route. From Swan Reach we pass through Bowhill then stop for fuel at Mannum.

We meet up with Dave from the Lower Murray branch at this stop but he's not on the ride. We now continue on the last leg to registration, on to Murray Bridge, Tailem Bend, Wellington then Milang arriving at 12:50pm. Most of the riders have arrived. We also have Neville and Pam Grey come along to say hi to the riders as they are in the area for a 50th birthday. Our last rider comes in just in time to qualify.

Kirsty, Clayton and I join the group for lunch, by all accounts everyone has had a great ride and many stories are shared. After lunch we head for Nuri via Strathalbyn, Mount barker, Mount Torrens arriving about 4:10pm and 524.7Km's to Kirsty's and Claytons credit.

I stay for a coffee before heading for home myself. I arrived at 5:28pm and covering 606 km's. Now it's time to start my paper work and create certificates taking me late into the evening.

Statistics:

Other than my daughter and her boyfriend all participants have been Ulyssians, the first time none of my friends could make it.

9 riders and 2 pillions (11 people), attempted and completed the ride.

Earliest rider: Helen Proctor-Brown from Ouyen leaving 6:35am.

Latest rider: Rod and Rae Lind leaving 8:20am.

First home: Dave Polkinghorne arriving 3:30pm.

Last home: Robert Miller from Whyalla arriving 7:38pm.

Shortest distance: Vaughan Soden 502Km's.

Long distance: Robert Miller 820Km's.

Completing all 5 Rides: Kirsty and I.

Completing 4 Rides: Rod and Rae lind.

Completing 2 Rides: Hellen Proctor-Brown.
Robert Miller.
Mick Daw.

Branches represented:

Adelaide: 3 members.

Torrens Valley: 3 members.

Fleurieu: 1 member.

1x member from Whyalla and 1x member from Ouyen, neither aligned to a branch.