

Guys FarRide 1,000 / Burra.

My alarm goes off at 4:30am, I'm planning on a 5:00am start. The house is quite as a mouse, Kirsty should have been up by now but her alarm didn't go off. We eventually leave about 5:30am. It's not a problem I allowed extra time to move from home to the Tollgate through lots of traffic lights. Time will easily be made up by the time we get to our first stop which is a long break at Pinnaroo about 8:30.

Just out of Murray Bridge we hit very thick fog which slowed us down to 50kph, this wasn't planned on. The fog didn't lift till about Jabuk about 60Kms away. I had water droplets pouring down my visor and the visor was fogging up on the inside, travelling was difficult. I started to see things in the fog, illusions but we carefully pressed on. By the time the fog lifted any time we made up was lost and we were way behind schedule.

We arrived at Pinnaroo about 8:50, a bit of speeding caught up a bit of time but we were now 20 mins behind schedule so had a short break for coffee and an egg and bacon sandwich.

The next stretch was uneventful Loxton, Berri, Morgan then to Burra and we were able to make up all the lost time arriving at 11:43 our scheduled time was 11:45. We firstly fuelled the BMW then went to the Burra Hotel for lunch. Tony Jarman shortly joined us but wasn't doing the ride just came up to show support for the riders that were, thanks Tony. Next we were joined by Rod and Rae Lind and 5 mins later Brian Cullinan. It was now getting close to 1pm so was time to finish lunch and start registrations. The only people missing was Colin and Judy Cadman, they arrived about 13:10, we all stood around till about 13:50 chatting before moving on. 4 regular supporters for my ride are not on it today as the timing is out. 1 is in Canada, 1 in New Zealand and 1 in Tasmania. Tim from the American motorcycle club is in Victoria for a Harley Davidson convention.

We now are again behind schedule by about 30mins but it now isn't so important we have plenty of time just limited daylight. Kirsty and I head to Peterborough, Orroro then Willowie for a quick stop before heading south for home. It's here we have our next problem the road out of Willowie after 1km turns into gravel, Google maps didn't show me that. Just goes to show great planning can still go wrong. After having a drink and a muesli bar we decide to return to Peterborough and return to Burra for fuel then home via Saddleworth. From Saddleworth it is starting to get dark but there is still enough traffic to keep the wild life at bay and away from the road, as a precaution I drop my speed to 90kph. We arrive home about 6:58pm in darkness. Our total time was 13Hrs 28mins, our total distance covered was 1,037kms.

It has been a big day by anyone's standards, probably why more people didn't try it but it has been a great day and a good test for my new bike, this has been Kirsty's first ride on the 1200RT and she is more than impressed by her seat and the comfort level.

Statistics:

- **Numbers:** 5 bikes and 8 people.
- **Completing all 4 FarRides:** Colin & Judy Cadman, and Kirsty and I.
- **Completed 3 FarRides:** Rod & Rae Lind.
- **Earliest starter** Brenton George, 5:04am.
- **Last home** Colin & Judy Cadman 7:14pm
- **Shortest travelled:** Colin & Judy Cadman, 1,006Km's.
- **Furthest travelled:** Rod & Rae Lind 1,053Km's
- **Riders from 2 branches represented:** Adelaide Ulysses(2), Torrens Valley Ulysses(3)



