

MSR Itinerary

December 2012

**Sat. 8th
& Sun 9th** **Dargo via Omeo** – see elsewhere for full description.
9 am Berwick

Tim Emons leading

Sunday 9th **Mt Baw Baw**
10 am Berwick Caltex

Ian Payne leading

While a large contingent of the regular riders are away carving up the roads in the far east on the Dargo via Omeo weekend adventure, Ian will look after the Melbourne contingent. From Berwick he'll lead north via a route now locked into the Club corporate memory picking up all the best roads up through Gembrook to Yarra Junction and Powelltown for morning tea at Noojee. Coffee at the top shop and fresh roast chicken rolls (for lunch) at the bottom shop is the go. Then it is off to Mt Baw Baw, 50 km of twisty road that starts out gently and becomes increasingly challenging the higher you climb. Great fun. It nearly always rains up here but at this time of the year you have the best chance of fine weather. Back down to Noojee for lunch before the final big sweepers back to Powelltown to complete the ride after around 255 km for the day. It doesn't sound like much but be assured it will be plenty.

Sunday 16th **Mirboo North via Grand Ridge Road**
10 am Berwick Caltex

Ben Warden leading

Ride will not suit inexperienced riders; not recommended for first time Club riders.

It's 55 km of mainly boring highway to Drouin before the start of great roads through central Gippsland. First stop Korumburra after 105 km for morning tea. Then it is up through Arawata (3 km of dirt) and Leongatha along endless twisty roads looking for the perfect sweeper, touching on the Grand Ridge Road with spectacular views of rugged mountains and glimpses of the sea. Four years later and we will still see remnants of the fire damaged areas around Boolarra. Mirboo North bakery for lunch. Then we'll do a loop down to Hallston and back to Mirboo North, before pressing on to the famous Thorpdale corner sequence and Trafalgar for fuel. The Hallston loop offers the chance to skip 60 km of twisties and have a breather for 35 minutes before rejoining the main group. Or jump on the back of your partner's bike. After Trafalgar we'll cross the Prince's Highway and head for Old Sale Road and Jindivick to finish at Longwarry North. Expect around 400 km for the day. Good tyres are essential.

Sunday 23rd **Red Rock Lookout via Brisbane Ranges**
10 am Point Cook Shell

Cliff Peters leading

From Point Cook we'll head down the Princes Highway taking the third exit to Werribee, working our way westwards through Anakie Junction to Meredith for morning tea after 87 km. We will need to top up with fuel at Meredith because there is no petrol for the next 191 km. The next leg incorporates the best roads in and around the Brisbane Ranges before heading south to Beeac for lunch after 112 km. The local takeaway serves pies, pasties, salad rolls, sandwiches and fish and chips. After lunch it is on to the Red Rock Lookout with spectacular views across Lake Corangamite and then Colac for fuel. Next stop Deans Marsh for afternoon tea before taking familiar back roads skirting around Geelong to break up at Lara. Expect around 415 km for the day.

**Wed. 26th
to Wed 2nd** **Club Xmas Camp, Porepunkah**
See full description elsewhere

January 2013

Sunday 6th **Mt Baw Baw**
10 am Yarra Glen florist

Ben Warden leading

Ride will not suit inexperienced riders; not recommended for first time Club riders.

From Yarra Glen we'll head across to Noojee for morning tea after 60 km. Then up and down Mt Baw Baw and back to Noojee for lunch after 100 km. Next relatively open roads through the Neerims to Jindivick and Longwarry North to finish at Officer South after 80 km. Expect around 240 km for the day.

Thurs. 10th **Social Sip**
7 pm Il Gambero, 166 Lygon St Carlton

Collect your magazine and get all the news first. Catch up with your fanatical motorcycling enthusiast mates, share a meal and still be home by 10.30 pm. Free parking after 6.30 pm on the side streets.