

MSR Itinerary

November 2012

Sunday 4th Woodend **Gordon Heydon leading**

10 am Whittlesea

This will be Gordon's first ride as leader so please come along and support him as the bulk of the regular riders will be enjoying the Snowy Mountains on this Melbourne Cup long weekend. From Whittlesea Gordon will lead up through Flowerdale for morning tea at Yea after 65 km. After the break it is up into the cool of Highlands before dropping back down to Seymour and working his way down to Lancefield via Pyalong for lunch after another enjoyable 107 km. The last hop includes Woodend and Bolinda to finish at Bulla under the Tullamarine flight path (85 km). Expect an easy 257 km for the day.

Sunday 11th Simpson **Cliff Peters leading**

9.30 am Point Cook Shell Servo

Note early start. From Point Cook we'll head down to Moriac to pick up the local Geelong crowd after 95 km. Then westwards towards Colac and amazing back roads to Simpson for fuel after another 141 km - with a break half way. Next stop Beeac via Cobden after 120 km. Another regroup at Inverleigh and then back roads to Werribee after another 90 km. Expect around 505 km for the day.

Sunday 18th Toora Wind Farm **Ben Warden leading**

10 am Berwick Caltex

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 we'll head south towards Wilson's Prom through Buffalo, Fish Creek and Foster, now running parallel with the Princes Highway to Toora where we will check out the massive wind turbines. Then on to Agnes Falls which should have plenty of water flowing over the top. Great roads to Welshpool before a smidge of highway to Yarram for lunch after 123 km. Then up to Balook and Tarra Bulga National Park along the technically challenging scenic ridge road before dropping down to Churchill and Trafalgar after 112 km. The last leg will pick up the Old Sale Road to Longwarry North to finish at Officer after another 102 km. Expect around 442 km for the day. This is a long, hard ride, not suitable for first time Club riders. Do not invite a mate.

Sat. 24th Dyno Day at Dynobike – Members only

11 am, 2/1 Winston Court Moorabbin

\$50 for a dyno printout and explanation – contact Ian Payne

Sunday 25th Reefton Spur and Lake Mountain (short ride) **John Willis leading**

10 am Yarra Glen florist

The route will take us across to Healesville and Warburton for morning tea. (50 km) Then up the famous Reefton Spur and up again to the very cool Lake Mountain for a group photo before dropping down to Marysville for lunch after a further 82 km. After lunch it's back across Black Spur to finish at Healesville. (34 km) Expect around 166 km for the day.

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Sunday 2nd Jamieson **Paul Southwell leading**

10 am Yarra Glen florist

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

From Yarra Glen we'll head across to Healesville, over the Black Spur and around to Marysville for morning tea (50km). Then on to Buxton, Taggerty, Eildon and down the Torbreck River Road to Jamieson for lunch (104km) including about 55 km of uninterrupted twisty road. After lunch we'll head the 62 km back to Eildon for fuel (total 216km). Then over Skyline and through Fraser National Park to Alexandra. On to Molesworth and Yea to finish at Kinglake West (101 km). Expect around 317 km for the day. This ride is technically challenging for long periods. Do not invite a first time Club rider.

Thursday 6th 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.

Dargo via Omeo

Sat 8th and Sun 9th December

- Bookings open – but about to close - \$60 into the Club coffers
- Tim Emons leading
- **9 am** Berwick Caltex
- *Ride will not suit inexperienced riders; not recommended for first time Club riders.*
- Cancellation Policy: money up front, no refund
- Good tyres essential – 670 km of fast touring on abrasive twisty roads

Come out for an epic weekend adventure ride covering some of Victoria's greatest motorcycling roads, cutting in and out of the Southern valleys of the Great Dividing Range.

Accommodation: local B&B, bunks, twin share, doubles. Two houses: "Up Dargo" (across the river) sleeps 8, "Dargo Central" (two doors up from the store) sleeps 10. Cost: \$60, includes breakfast at Dargo General Store

Saturday 8th: Note the 9 am start!

We'll take a fairly direct route from Berwick to Tyers for a short break, then work our way around Lake Glenmaggie and on through open farmland to Briagolong for fuel and sustenance after 206km. The real ride starts here! Heading into the forest and up the sensational Beverleys Road, across to Wuk Wuk and on to Bruthen bakery for lunch. Once both tanks are full, we'll take the Great Alpine Road North to Omeo with a couple of side trips.

After afternoon tea we'll return to Bruthen, then on to the final leg into Dargo. Around 626km for the day should give us plenty of material to compare stories over dinner and drinks, with shared accommodation available at the Dargo River Inn.

An easier option exists for those wanting to skip the Omeo leg and go directly to Dargo making a leisurely 284km for the day.

Sunday 9th: Back out on the brilliant Dargo road to Briagolong, then across to Lake Glenmaggie for a run up the spectacular Licola road. From here we'll tackle the same corners in the opposite direction, then across the flats again to refuel in Tyers. We'll throw in a detour to Rawson, possibly as far as Thompson Dam if I feel we need more corners. Then on to the infamous Icy Creek road, stopping for afternoon tea at Neerim Junction, before the final short leg into Powelltown.

Around 386km for the day, with over 100km more for most to home.

Porepunkah Christmas Camp

Wednesday 26th 2012 to Wednesday 2nd January 2013

Over the past 15 years the Club has camped for about a week at the Mt Buffalo Caravan Park. Situated on the fork of the Ovens and Buckland Rivers it offers a fantastic range of activities including swimming, fishing and bush walking. Close by is the Smoko Trout Farm, the "Wandi Pub", the Hedge Maze, various berry, deer and nut farms, and an alpaca ranch. The famous Milawa wineries and cheese factory are close by.

Great road and dirt riding country abounds. Mt Buffalo offers a sensational 25 km climb to the scenic Chalet and lookouts. Nearby are good half-day rides to Falls Creek, Mt Hotham and Dartmouth Dam or full day rides into the Snowy Mountains and some of the best roads in the world. Who can forget Tawonga and Granya Gaps? On the flip side there are lots of fire trails and mountain tracks offering spectacular views of the surrounding alps, most of which can only be reached by 4WD or dirt bike. So, bring your road and dirt bikes, the missus and kids, the 4WD, pushbikes and swim shoes, ready for a great holiday. Supermarket shopping is available at Bright, 6 km away.

Another good option is to rent a self-contained cabin for the week. Ring 03-5756-2235 to secure a cabin or a camp site. Alternatively, there are also budget motels and hotels nearby.

Cancellation Policy: as per the Caravan Park cancellation policy - currently a non-refundable \$100 for camp sites and cabins must be paid by the preceding September.

Australia Day Weekend, Jindabyne
Friday 25th to Monday 28th January 2013 (members only)

The Committee has booked accommodation at the NSW Sport and Recreation Centre in Jindabyne. This is lodge style accommodation with 2 beds per room (7 rooms) with shared bathroom facilities, and a large kitchen/living area with a big screen TV. We have stayed five times before and are so impressed with the cost, quality and food, we thought we had better come back, and back, and ...!

The Australia Day holiday falls on Saturday 26th of January. Given the distances involved (600 km on the first day and last days), a **four** day weekend allows us to take full advantage of the great location.

The plan is to ride up on Friday 25th, ride around the Snowy Mountains Saturday and Sunday, and return to Melbourne on Monday. This means three nights' accommodation. You'll need to take annual leave for the Friday. Monday is a public holiday in lieu of Saturday.

Typically temperatures are in the high 30's at this time of year, but at altitude in the mountains the temperatures will be around 5 degrees cooler making for ideal riding conditions.

As usual, this special event is offered on a strictly first come, first served basis. Preference will be given to members. A **\$185 full payment is required**, payable in to the Club bank account. The deposit buys three nights accommodation and the first night's meals. If you wish to stay less than three nights then you may choose to organise others to use the nights you are not using. It costs \$185 no matter how many nights you stay.

A BBQ pack is being offered for the first night (sausages, steaks, salads) as early or late as we wish, on our back patio area.

All you need is your toothbrush, a change of clothes and near new tyres. Street legal, race replica tyres will not last much more than two days riding so regular road tyres are a more sensible option, unless you are prepared to change them.

The route for Day 1 is via Orbost and Delegate via the Bonang Highway. They have completed the Nimmitabel bypass to Dalgety lopping off 30 km of highway. Brilliant roads for the whole weekend. Check out the Club Magazine for February 2011 and 2012 in the Members area.

Shorter Day rides will be organised for Days 2 and 3. A rest day is an option. Home via the same route – minimal police activity.

If cars are going, then carrying of bags (1 per person) may be organised. This makes travelling a breeze, much like a Sunday ride.

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

Places are limited. First in best dressed. The cost is sensational value: 3 nights accommodation and a substantial meal for \$185.

Email me your ebank transaction receipt to confirm your place.

Cancellation Policy: as the Club has to pay upfront, the full and final amount (\$185) is required. If you pull out, then you need to find a replacement to get your money back. Otherwise, no refunds.

Alternative Accommodation: there are two pubs in Jindabyne, a caravan park (cabins, on site vans, etc) and numerous motel options.