



### **Strathbogie Ranges MK III Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2012**

Quinn Myers (3 <sup>rd</sup> ride)	Kawasaki ZX14	Ben Warden (1/2 rear)	Honda CBR1000
Andrew Newbury	Kawasaki ZX10	Paul Southwell	Honda CBR1000
Cliff Peters (leader)	Kawasaki ZX10	Misho Zrakic/Pina Garasi	Honda CBR1000
Mark Copeland	Kawasaki ZX10	Tony Stegmar	Honda CBR1000
Rob Langer (leader)	Kawasaki ZX10	Mick Canny	Honda CBR1000
John Willis	Kawasaki Z1000	Ian Handforth (1/2 rear)	Honda XL1000
Rod Merrett	BMWS1000R	Jesvin George	Honda CBR600
Pierre Ong	Aprilia RSV4R	Nigel Holden (1 <sup>st</sup> ride)	Triumph ST1050
Dave Williams	Aprilia RSV4R	Jim Tynan (1 <sup>st</sup> ride)	Yamaha R1
Steve Mudford	Suzuki GSXR750		<i>19 bikes, 20 people</i>

Work mate Jim Tynan had just traded his Buell in on an R1, and now showed an interest in an MSR ride. Sunday looked like being a good day, weather wise, and with the starting point at Whittlesea being close to home, things looked promising. But come Friday Jim didn't appear as keen.

Sunday came and as I waited talking with Paul before Rob arrived, Jim rolled in on his R1. I volunteered for rear riding duties which were agreed to. We departed just as Misho and Pina pulled into the servo. Pina made a quick dash across the road to talk with Ben.

Heading up to Kinglake West I kept a lookout for Misho and Pina, but no go. They must have taken a different route. I didn't see anyone until the corner markers at Flowerdale. The boys were on fire as they went past at a great rate of knots. I increased revs to see if I could keep up. Nope. The speedo numbers said, "Back off!"

Strath Creek saw the same scenario: the corner markers were off as soon as I arrived and I didn't see anyone else until Broadford where the ride bunched up and I was able to keep in touch with the slower riders for most of the way to Seymour.

After morning tea it is on the road again up to Highlands and then on to Euroa for lunch. Misho and Pina joined the ride about half way between Highlands and Euroa.

Lunch over we set off again, heading for Strathbogie. The boys were on the move again. A short distance out of town, coming around a corner, I saw Jim parked in a ditch with his helmet and gloves on the road. Not good. He had lost a bolt out of his footpeg mounting bracket, so I told him I would continue to the next corner and let the Club know the situation and then return and help him.

When I headed off another rider came back looking for us, so I asked him to pass the word on and organise a new rear rider.

We made a temporary repair so Jim could get back to Euroa where a more effective repair was made for the trip home down the freeway.

Thanks Rob for leading and the other members for a great day out.

**Ian Handforth**