

## **MMAA Tasmanian Chapter**

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### **Ride Report Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2011**

This, being the first ride and subsequently the first ride report of the New Year, I wish you and your families, a safe & prosperous New Year.

What a good start to the New Year with 10 riders meeting at Montrose, and the group picking up Damien at Bagdad. A total of 11 bikes, 12 riders (Clive & James sharing the hot seat) with Kel & Karen as a pillions (passengers to you uneducated lot!!!!) 14 attendee's for the day.

Those in attendance today were:

Wor Bro Craig 'Deano' DEANE – Ride Captain  
Wor Bro Paul GONINON  
Very Wor Bro David MACROW  
Wor Bro Rick 'Burn Burn Burn' GONINON - Sweep  
Wor Bro Alan 'AB' BURTON  
Bro Pete 'Shakas' SHACKLADY & Kelly 'Ned'  
Bro Richard 'Aggro' HEIERMANN & Karen  
Robert ERSKINE  
Dale 'Iceman' FAWKNER  
Clive & James EMMERTON  
Damien BRAMICH

Apologies: Wor Bro Tony BRUCE MULLINS & Rosemary  
Bro Peter COLLINS  
Bro Bob CRAWFORD  
Charmane DEANE

A warm and hearty welcome is extended to Dale 'Iceman' FAWKNER, Clive & James EMMERTON (father & son) on their first and hopefully not last ride with the Masonic Motorcycle Association of Australia (MMAA) Tasmanian Chapter with a welcome return to Damien BRAMICH for his second ride with us – we must have got something right the first time?

Setting off for our first stop, albeit at Bagdad to pick up Damien, we first rode through Brighton. Can anyone tell me why it's called the Brighton Bypass? It doesn't miss anything of Brighton!!!! Maybe it still goes through Brighton so people can stop at the shops and buy some artefacts from the Middens???

Picking up Damien, not literally as he is a big boy!!! we headed for Campbell Town being our first designated pit stop for light refreshments. A good ride was had being rode in formation and well bunched. Being at the front of the group, well, behind the Road Captain at least, it looked good in the mirrors of the bike.

Arriving at Campbell Town, all were refreshed not at the usual watering hole being Zeps (or Banjos) but at Deano's cafe. That's what I'm calling it at least. It was probably a good choice as we got served in a timely manner, being as how we normally have to wait a while at the other places especially being a weekend and given that there were 14 of us 'bikers', we at least got to sit together.

Being refreshed and watered, with some choosing to spend a penny to get rid of some, we re-grouped for the ride across Lake Leake. As always, a good ride was had on a good stretch of road. At one stage, or maybe three or four, I thought that Clive was going to take Deano on the corners having rode alongside him on both the inside and outside, only for Deano to shake him off and maintain pole position.

It was on one of these corners that some of us encountered a rather nasty bump in the rode which threw us up and sideways as it took us by surprise.

It was also on this stretch of road, that the ever present speed camera operator was awoken by a pesky mosquito (or rather a Honda CB 1300) burned burned burned past him at 180klms/hour. I didn't know they could flap their wings that fast? Did you Rick????

Arriving at Swansea, the Bark Mill, and to the shouts of "I like nacho's, do you like Nacho's Rick" all headed for some lunch with the exception of Shakas who chose to refill the his trusty stead first.....steady on Kel I was talking about putting petrol in the Trumpy!!!!

It appeared that pizzas were the flavour of day, and how good there were too.....yummy!!! A couple of riders struggled to finish theirs, with one slipping a bit, pizza you reprobates, onto the plate of an unsuspecting companion, whilst he was trying to give what he couldn't already eat to a group of several other riders on the next table.

Bellies full and toilet breaks taken, we remounted the trusty machines and re-fuelled for the trip down the scenic East Coast, choosing to ride through to Richmond and not stop at Orford as we usually do.

Just out of Swansea, it was observed that we were missing the majority of the group so a stop was had while we waited for the others to catch up. We found out later that Paul, having not secured his helmet properly, was troubled by his helmet strap flapping against head.....or was that his head flapping against the strap????

The trip to Richmond, via Fingerpost, was done at a good pace, on a great stretch of road with some fantastic sweeping corners.

At Richmond, David M chose to continue on home while the rest stopped for a cold one or two (both ale and cordials were had)

It was here, that the Ulysses Group whom we first noticed at the Bark Mill in Swansea, caught up with us and joined company for some social chit chat.

After a period of time, farewells were given to all on what turned out to be, a beautiful sunny afternoon when, after leaving Swansea, it looked like we were going to get wet on more than one occasion.

Ride verdict: A great day with a great ride had by all in near perfect conditions (a bit blustery in places with the temp dropping noticeably when crossing Lake Leake)

Next ride: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2011  
Meet: Montrose Yacht Club – playground car park  
Time: 0930hrs  
Depart: 1000hrs  
Destination: Port Arthur Peninsula

In March, it has been suggested (as per the webpage and subsequent email from Deano) that an overnight trip to the North of the State be undertaken. Nominations for an alternative ride are called for of which should be forwarded to the Secretary (Deano) in the first instance. If accepted, it will be put on the web page (I advise all to check regularly for updates)

Ride safe, stay safe.....

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