

MMAA – Tasmanian Chapter

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Meeting/Ride Report – 14 June, 2009

Meeting Opened: 0935hrs by Wor Bro Craig. Welcomed all. Gave an initial estimate of costs for transport on the Spirit of Tasmania (including cabin prices) and for accommodation in Young, NSW (cabins,) for the MMAA – AGM. Wor Bro Craig has been given the go ahead to confirm prices for six (6) confirmed riders and two (2) passengers at this stage. Once the prices are confirmed, a deposit of 50% will need to be paid towards ferry travel and accommodation costs in Young. It is hoped that a few more riders/passengers can commit and ride with us. Both Wor Bro Rick and Very Wor Bro David spoke in support of the trip and gave some comment/suggestions.

MMAA Victoria, will meet us at the Melbourne Ferry Terminal and ride with us/we with them, to Young. More information will be provided in due course (including what route to travel on the way back to Melbourne.)

Meeting closed: 1010hrs

Onto the ride: Ride Captain: Wor Bro Rick GONINON
Riders: Very Wor Bro David MACROW
Wor Bro Craig DEANE (Deano)
Wor Bro Paul GONINON
Wor Bro Alan BURTON (AB)
Bro Peter SHACKLADY (Shakas)

Prior to the meeting, a ‘new rider/bike’ was seen approaching our group to which we thought, great, another candidate, only to be greeted by Wor Bro Rick, who, not only buying a new jacket and turning up with a new helmet, had a new bike as well. He left his trusty Harley in the shed which, given the amount she smokes (burning oil) rode his new Honda CB 1300 which he bought earlier in the week. A very nice machine!!

Congratulations to Rick’s brother Brother, Wor Bro Paul, on passing his test and now riding on ‘P’s. Well done Paul.

With the weather not looking too good, AB rang Deano first thing Sunday to ask whether it would be a ‘four wheel or two wheel trip’ to the meeting. Deano replied a ‘two wheel trip, it doesn’t look that bad’ and with that, AB met Deano at his place for the ride to Montrose. You guessed it, we both got wet before we got there as neither of us put on our wet weather pants before taking off. Nice one Deano!!!!

Given that the weather was overcast and with forecast showers, a short ride was decided on so we headed North along the Brooker from Montrose, towards Brighton for a re-fuel stop.

From there, we continued heading North encountering wet weather along the way, with everyone's visor wipers working intermittently (hands for those not with the program!!!) turning off at the Bothwell turnoff (can't remember the name of the pub? – that's bad!!!!!!) where a quick pit stop was had while we re-grouped. On to the Township of Bothwell, where pies and coffee's were the order of the day. The smart one's of the group told those of us who were not so smart, that they had wiped their visors with Rain X on the outside and Anti Fog on the inside making it more comfortable for them (nice one girls!!!....oops!! sorry – boys!!!)

Wor Bro Paul definitely needs a piece of string around his neck as a reminder, as he left his gloves at the café in Bothwell, only for AB to notice them and return them to their owner. Everytime we stop, he leaves something behind!!!

After satisfying our initial need for refreshment, we re-mounted our trusty steeds and headed for Hamilton and beyond, turning off at the Gretna turnoff (no pub this time!!)

Into Bothwell and then onto Hamilton, some good riding was had as the roads were wide and sweeping as they were from Gretna, to our next stop at New Norfolk.

Wor Bro Rick opened up his new bike for a 'quick spurt' at which time I thought I was being overtaken by a Mazda – Zoom Zoom Zoom!!!!

Bro Shakas also took off, but stopped to take a picture of the group as we sped past. Nice one Shakas!

Into New Norfolk were we stopped at the Bush Inn (and a very welcome open fire) for lunch, well everyone except Shakas & AB that is. Shakas, living a couple doors up the road, was concerned, no frightened, that his better half might have seen him ride past and not wanting to suffer her wrath, decided to leave after a couple of cold ones. AB was no better in that whilst he stayed while the others ordered and ate a nice steak etc: he chose not to dine with the group as he said that his other half was cooking a nice roast for dinner and didn't want to spoil his appetite – yes!! I know my place!!!!

After lunch, Wor Bro Paul took off in the opposite direction to his residence, leaving Rick, David, Deano & AB to ride in the other direction towards and past Rick's place, where he took leave. David took the opportunity to 'open up' the 'Good Ship Enterprise' (being a BMW Grand Tourer with the lot!!) leaving Deano & AB to ride back home at a leisurely pace.

All up, a very good ride which was enjoyed by all, given the cold and a few showers.

Next ride: 12th July, 2009 – second Sunday. Destination to be advised (dependant on weather.)

Ride safe, Stay safe,

AB