

## **MMAA Tasmanian Chapter - Ride Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2009**

Ride Captain: Riders: Wor Bro Paul GONINON  
Wor Bro Rick GONINON  
Wor Bro Alan BURTON (AB)  
Wor Bro Craig DEANE  
Wor Bro Tony BRUCE-MULLINS  
Bro Peter SHACKLADY (Shaka) + Kellie (Shaka's better half)  
Robert ERSKINE  
John VOSS

Apologies: Rosemary BRUCE-MULLINS  
Charmane DEANE

Welcome: Kellie  
John VOSS

Met at Montrose Bay Yacht Club @ 0930hrs for a 1000hrs ride commence time.

Having arranged to meet at Craig's (Deano) place at 0900, AB found no Craig waiting in the drive as usual. Knowing that Craig had had a heavy night previously as Charmane his dearly beloved had a birthday dinner/party/cum whatever (settle boys!!!) and the thought was he was still in bed suffering.....ahhhhhh!!! the poor thing!! A quick one & tuppance on the front door was met by the magnificent Charmane in her pj's. Crikey, the party's still going I thought!!!! Alas, Charmane said that Craig left earlier as he had some thing's he needed to take and wasn't sure if I was calling around?

So, AB set off for the next pit stop to pick up our newest rider to the Chapter John VOSS, at the Risdon Tavern. John was there on his new bike.....well new to John as he only picked up the bike yesterday (Saturday) afternoon, a Suzuki V Strom 1000. Nice bike.

On arriving at Montrose, we were met by Craig & Rick G who, after his recent trip to China, came back with some bum fluff on his face which had him squinting through the growth, so much so, the name PEEKING Rick did cross my mind.

Paul G & Robert E joined us at which time our esteemed Secretary, Craig, issued those who joined the Chapter & Associates, with their patches & name tags etc. A short meeting followed at which time our President Rick G, outlined the upcoming trip to Griffith next January. Craig indicated that he would have some details in the next couple of weeks regarding some initial costs, ferry, who/where to meet our colleagues in Melbourne etc; and that a 50% deposit needed to be paid to confirm bookings and commitment.

That said, we left Montrose Bay and headed East across the Bowen Bridge, past the Pyramids and on towards Richmond, before turning off at Tea Tree Rd and on to the Richmond Road, turning right towards Cambridge. At Cambridge, he who is boss when he is out Craig, turned right & headed home as her in doors, the real boss (Charmane) had summoned him home early for a Mothers Day Lunch. Brownny points for that Craig surely????

On through to Sorell where Tony B-M, was patiently awaiting our arrival. After a quick greeting/introduction to Robert & John, we set off on the high road and some good bends towards Dunalley, our first stop. A quick pit stop was had and then back in the saddle for Port Arthur. All riders took advantage of good riding conditions and opened up (when safe to do so of course) with a number of riders on their big machines, charging away making the most of the conditions/road/bends.

Lunch was had at a café just past the Fox & Hounds in Port Arthur, where chips, hamburgers and other healthy foods were consumed. Shaka's the ever connoisseur, decided that he wanted gourmet food so across the road he took Kellie, trying to impress/woo her with his sense of fine food, for as advertised were gourmet pizzas. A short time later Shaka's, with Kellie in tow, joined the queue for hamburgers and chips. When asked about the gourmet pizza replied "it was too gourmet" meaning that it was too expensive, so poor Kellie had to suffer greasy nosh as well.

Re-fuelled (bellies full) we headed South for Nubeena, turning left when there & taking the back road towards the Devil Park on the highway (can't remember the name of the place?) Some good bends were encountered although one particular patch saw Tony B-M bottom out on his HD with AB being lifted out of the saddle on the same bit of road.

The cobwebs were well and truly dusted off our trusty machines with, at one point, John V fishtailed the rear end, opened her up, and regained control. It wasn't long after this that we 'lost' him and as he explained later, he stopped for a call of nature? Yeah! Right!!! It was a quick stop at the shop on the highway for a clean pair of Y Fronts!!!!

Stopping at Dunalley to say our goodbyes, Rick G & Robert E heading for Robert's place in Sorell for some furniture re-arranging, Tony B-M stopping at Sorell for the daily rag and heading home, John V heading towards Orielton then home via Grass Tree Hill Rd, Shaka's embarrassed by his earlier endeavor to impress Kellie, decided that he'd try again and headed for the Richmond Arms. That left Paul G & myself, the two L's (two L's for likely lads!!) holding the fort to stop for a latte at Banjo's Sorell.

This done, we headed over the causeways towards Acton where yours truly took a left turn, with Paul G, after a toot and a wave, cruised past towards home.

Summary: A sunny day, although a tad cold first thing, a great ride well led by our Ride Captain, Paul G, and a great overall ride on good roads, good bends and good company. It was pleasing to see that a total of eight (8) riders took part at some stage. A great effort.

Next ride: Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2009. Ride Master, TBA. Ride: TBA  
Meet time: 0930hrs at the Montrose Bay Yacht Club.

Ride safe, stay safe.....

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