



Willem Vandeveld (rear)	Honda ST1300	Phil Hotschilt	Suzuki GSXR13000
Ben Warden	Honda CBR1000	Tony Stegmar	Suzuki GSXR1000
Misho Zrakic	Honda CBR1000	Chrys Kioseoglou (3 rd ride)	Suzuki TL1000S
Paul Southwell	Honda CBR1000	Cliff Peters	Kawasaki ZX10
Simon Wastney	Honda VFR800	Ian Payne	Kawasaki ZX10
Pina Garasi	Honda CBR600	John Willis	Kawasaki ZX10
Pierre Ong	Aprilia RSV4 1000	Tony Herman (2 nd ride)	Kawasaki ZX10
Michael Srb	BMW S1000RR	Rob Langer (leader)	KTM 990
Dave Chisma	BMW F800ST	Huseyin Ates (1 st ride)	Yamaha R6

Sunday 6th October was the first day of Daylight Savings for spring this year. With me being the leader for the day it was important I arrive at Yarra Glen on time, so before going to bed on Saturday night I adjusted the time on my iPhone manually, just in case the auto-time adjust did not work. I left home and arrived at the local Shell servo the following morning only to find out it was actually 7.30am. I had somehow adjusted the time forward by two hours. Oh well...better to be an hour early than an hour late, I thought to myself, as I rode along the still deserted suburban streets.

At Yarra Glen it was a good turn out with 18 people coming along for the ride, including one new rider who had texted me the previous day to make sure it was okay to join us. I gave a pre-ride briefing, which included the good news that all non-committee members doing a ride report were eligible to go into a draw for a free set of tyres of their choice. However, everyone must have already put their earplugs in because when I called for a volunteer to do a write-up I was met with blank stares.

The weather was overcast and gloomy but no rain was forecast for the day. Willem kindly offered to go rear rider so we headed off on the first leg to Emerald. Chum Creek and Myers Creek Roads were

in good condition and provided a good warm up for all the twisty roads that followed. From Yarra Junction we rode through Gembrook and Pakenham Upper before arriving at Emerald after 110km.

After finishing our cafe lattes and catching up with all the latest gossip we headed off on the next leg to Marysville. We stopped at Warburton for fuel and then continued on to one of our favourite roads, the Reefton Spur. The Reefton was dry but littered with lots debris from the strong winds earlier in the week. At the regroup at the top, Ben pulled out his new camera for the usual group photo. Then we rode down to Marysville for lunch.

After a leisurely lunch we were all in the mood for more twisty corners. We tackled the Black Spur but unfortunately the volume of afternoon traffic returning to Melbourne spoiled the flow of the ride. From Healesville we headed up to Toolangi and Kinglake and then down the windy St Andrews Road, which is now reduced to 60km/h despite all the recent roadworks which have improved visibility around corners.

Our final destination was the Post Office Cafe at Hurstbridge where we sat in the courtyard at the back, drinking cafe lattes and sampling their assortment of yummy cakes. I tried the carrot cake and it was delicious.

Thanks to all those who joined me for this enjoyable ride and thanks to Willem for being rear rider.

Hope to see you all next ride.

Rob Langer