

On Sunday 9th Touring held it's first bike ride for the year. Patterson Lakes to Safety Beach via the Peninsula Link bike path, Moorooduc Rd and Old Moorooduc Rd as well as a few back Streets for good measure. Total distance 45km's.

With a minimum temp of 30c over night and a top of 38c, a cool change from 10am and strong winds was the forecast. Even so we had 10 starters. We started at 7.00am with a quick swim for myself with son Ben and good friend Greg. By 7.30 everyone had arrived Gary Smith, Gary Mahooney, Gau, Ken Gosstray, Kevin Hunter, Leon Savage and Alan Opie.

With a bit of haze in the air we set off at 7.45 to find we had a tail wind and conditions proved ideal. With a mixture of mountain and hybrid bikes we easily made it to our half way point at Tully's Nursery for coffee by 9.00am. True to form my lovely wife Di was waiting with her famous home made fruit cake and biscuits. This was certainly popular with Al and the other guy's, Thank you Di.

With an eye on the weather we were back on the road at 9.20. Now on Moorooduc Rd we quickly reached the underpass for Peninsula Link Freeway where our road changes into the Old Moorooduc Rd. This brings us down in front of the Dromana Drive In. Here we regrouped to find Ben with a puncture which we set about fixing, but we had lost Greg.

However there was a phone message from Di, all was well, she had picked him up. Greg had taken a wrong turn then got a puncture and no spare tub, so called in the support crew and Di to the rescue.

At 10.30 we were all at the house in Safety Beach. After a short rest we strolled down to the beach for a swim. Come 12.00 we were walking back when the cool change hit with strong winds from the south. Now perfect weather for our BBQ.

Thanks go to Pauline and John for the cooking. Al's Comment was this was the only bike ride he's ever done where he's put on weight. Come 3.00 pm Al's back on his bike for the return trip with a strong tail wind to help.

In the end this was an easy fun day thanks to our helper's, especially Di, you're now Legend Status. Also thanks to my fellow rider's for braving the heat and giving it a go. Special mention to Ben and Kevin, thanks for coming with us old guy's.

Cheer's Phil Savage