

Ride report 2 day Dual Sport

Leader: Craig Dawson

Date: 29 - 30 December 2007

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Route:

Lilydale

Yarra Junction

Noojee

Tanjil Bren

Rawson Rd due North

Thompson dam

~~Donnelly ck rd~~ Actually came into Licola from the North

Licola Rd

The Ride kicked off at 7:30 am in Lilydale.

Ian, Craig and myself were happy to take a break from the Christmas season festivities for a couple of days. No fuel at Noojee so we blasted on to the dam and took a quick look at our 40% storage. It seemed that tank was less than half full also. From there we crossed some creeks and used some 4WD tracks to get over to the North of Licola. We arrived in Licola about 2:30pm and took a look at the big cleanup and recent earthworks. All went well although Ian got a slow leak flat that appeared overnight in Licola. Pickings were slim at Licola so we cracked a tin of spag or beans and settled in for the night at the caravan park. Craig told some tales of a bygone era and we all slept well (with earplugs in).

Day 2 was a 9:30 am start after replacing the tube in Ians DR, we headed across to Woods point. We had to cross a full flowing river McP....20 metres wide. It was about a metre deep and running hard so we man handled the bikes and gear across one at a time with all hands on deck. After wringing out the socks we were off again without further adue. We came into Woods point via Gaffneys Ck and then we met some other AMTRA riders having lunch in town - they were in no hurry. The steak sandwich is worth a try if you drop in some day. Ian pulled the pin and took the Highway home from there (dirt to Cumberland junction) whilst Craig and I decided to 'dirt bike it' South over the back, past dish enclosure. We saw a guy being pulled out by ambo up there. He had a broken wrist or something. We came out on the Big river road 10 kms past Frenchman's and headed home from there. Ian also got home safe and sound.

Thanks Craig, for organizing the ride.

Mark Edwards.

Riders

Craig D

Mark E

Ian