

## SARCC Perfect Ride March 26<sup>th</sup> 2023

Sanderston -Cambrai loop, 49kms, 98% unpaved and 400m elevation. A mild grey day with spitting rain at times – but glorious!! 6 vehicles passed us at one per half hour.

Four riders set off northward from Sanderston at 9:30 to enjoy the eastern side of the Mt Lofty Ranges. Last winter's rains had furnished the roads verges with tall grass and lush tree growth. The hills glowed golden even under a grey sky. Along Three Chain Road large wombat burrows with fresh scat were common in places, but all the wombats were presumably asleep underground. Many Kangaroos, some very large, scattered before us as we enjoyed the rise and fall of the road.



*Wombat burrow 1*



*And 2*

A morning banana was eaten by a water hole at the Marne River Gorge. Red stony / sandy roads, creeks lined with old gums trees, Mallee Ringneck parrots, Galahs and rocky hillsides: It was if we had been tele-ported to the northern Flinders Ranges.



*Marne River gorge and gum trees*



*Creek crossing on Pine Hut Rd*

We continued northward up to Pine Hut Rd at 20kms, then headed east for 6km before heading back south to have lunch in Cambrai park surrounded by a plague of Corellas. Interesting visits to the Rheinthal cemetery, all that is left of a largely German settler town, and Glen Roy Sheep Station, a classic outback homestead, added to the enjoyment of cycling on deserted roads through rolling hills on the way back to Sanderston. Last but not least, a ride de-brief and refreshment were had at the Mt Pleasant Hotel.





*Glen Roy homestead*



*Debrief at Mt. Pleasant Hotel*