

## SARCC Thursday Rural Away Ride Report 1 Feb 2024 Ride Leader : Sven

10.00am Sky is clear. Temp around 20C, Very little wind. 16 intrepid riders assemble to commence the ride at the Rotunda at Lyndoch. Bernie (usually on time) arrives late and in record time readies his bike. Rob also late rushes his bike preparation and this has consequences.



### Lyndoch Starting point and Jacobs Creek Vineyards

Our route takes us initially through the familiar Barossa bikeway which is a lovely undulating pathway bordering the vineyards, which are looking very lush and almost ready for the annual harvest. Following the pathway we pass through Altona and Rowland Flat before passing Jacobs Creek. Upon reaching the Barossa Highway junction with the bike path we leave the path and take the back roads climbing towards Angaston (strategically avoiding Menglers Hill) but do encounter a hilly climb along Crenniss Mines Road. We coast down into Angaston township and take morning tea at the very nice Sunrise Bakery where we could all sit under shelter and in view of the bikes.

Departing morning tea we head to the start of the Barossa Bikeway near to the beautifully restored Angaston Railway station and recreation area. Coasting down through the pine tree laden railway cutting and then past the Penrice works we are treated to very nice views of the Barossa Valley. We then continue to coast down through the vineyards towards Nuriootpa, turning left on the bikeway to Tanunda where we take lunch in a small park. A show of hands dictates we stay on the bikeway as we leave Tanunda and make our way again on the Barossa bikeway to Lyndoch.



Angaston Railway Station, on the bikeway out of Angaston and the pine laden cutting near Angaston

After lunch Rob advises in a panic he has left his car keys at lunch whilst John Agnew reports he has lost his gloves. Returning to where our cars are parked we find Rob's keys on his car roof and John's gloves lie on the ground at the rear of his car!! The ride was about 54km and elevation around 500m with less gravel and climbing than is usual for a Thursday ride.