

SARCC PERFECT Ride Sunday 19th May 2024 Leader : Kevin D Riders Peter H, Sven H, Bruno W

9.00am It's another beautiful autumn morning albeit chilly with a nice cloud cover and no wind to speak of.

The first part of the ride takes up north out of Port Wakefield following the old unused railway line on a dry clay track compacted by vehicles. The clay is very soft and the two e bikers are carefully managing their batteries. The track is part of the "Walk the Yorke" trail and the scenery is quite interesting. Crossing over the main highway we head towards South Hummocks Railway Station which turns out to be an old railway siding at best. We now climb slowly towards Port Arthur which is actually not at the waters edge. Morning tea is taken at a very nice lookout and we enjoy distant views of the northern part of St Vincents Gulf and distant farmlands. The region is extremely dry and we are thankful that this ride is not being completed in summer heat or in winter rain.



Negotiating a section of the "Walk the Yorke Trail"



Left: Looking back towards Port Wakefield Right : Looking down towards Port Clinton.

Note the sparse vegetation. The Farmers need rain!!

At around the 32km mark the author's front tubeless tyre hits a rock and the seal is broken. Puncture cannister is employed and we watch at the contents vapourise into thin air and tyre remains flat but only at the bottom!! Spare tube is employed and we set of again. We head down to Port Clinton along a really nice gravel road.

We tour Port Clinton noting the newly constructed 32 storey Grand Hyatt Hotel and take lunch at a nice shelter at the waters edge.



Lunch at The waters edge Port Clinton

Departing Port Clinton we climb again on the nice gravel road and author now gets a puncture. We take off the

tyre and tube and cannot locate the hole or a culprit in the tyre. 2.5km further on tyre is flat, so pump again. (We do this once again another 2km on and somehow tyre stays up back to Port Wakefield another 25km away) Tyre is flat next morning on inspection!!

The road now takes us down a nice run passing by an old large stone building which is rumoured to have been a assasination site of indigenous persons in the 1800's. Continuing on in really nice riding conditions we traverse a small section of the main highway which thankfully has some nice verge before we rejoin the "Walk the Yorke" trail back to Port Wakefield. A quiet debrief at the local pub follows.

A lovely ride with good company and great weather. About 72km and 360m elevation. The region is surprisingly interesting and probably underrated as a riding area.



A tidal lake out the back of Port Wakefield suburbia. Surprising what one discovers in country towns!!