

# Peters Perfect Ride Report March 2019



Sunday the 17th of March Peters Perfect Ride was from Truro in the Barossa Valley Region of South Australia. Total ride distance 60km. The group met at Truro at 0800am which was a earlier start time than normal due to the possibility of warmer weather on the day.

The group was slightly smaller than normal as a couple of the regular riders are off riding the Munda Biddi Trail in Western Australia.

We commenced riding at 0800am sharp on a crisp morning at Truro where the temperature was 17 degrees at 0800am and we were led by the leader Peter Harrison who went through and informed us of our ride, handed out maps and to make sure that we had adequate hydration facilities on our bicycles that made for a safe journey for the ride participants.

We Headed off in a North Easterly Direction from Truro with a gentle climb to warm us up but Bypassing Mt Rufus and St Kitts .



**Above: Peter Harrison / Leader**



**Above: One of the beautiful pieces of architecture that we discover just north of St Kitts.**

**Right: An amazing cottage also just north of St Kitts**



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**Above:** Close up picture of the Caterpillars marching nose to tail.

**Right:** This picture indicates the length and number of Caterpillar's

**Below:** and **Below Right:** The trail and the scenery that we were riding on and admiring.

We then headed off down Leakes Pass which was a gentle down hill ride that dropped 100 meters in altitude over a 3 kilometer stretch of nicely graded gravel / dirt road (in better condition than most roads around Adelaide) it was just purely exceptional riding down this road. It was here that we discovered a Caterpillar train, something that I have never seen for quite a long time and there were hundreds of these caterpillar marching nose to tail across the road and Kevin quickly threw on to his brakes so that he did no harm or injury to the natural fauna and we stopped to admire this once in a life time event that we were witnessing, it was truly amazing



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We continued our ride up Through Neales Flat where we stopped for refreshments and a bite too eat and we came across the Neales Flat Cemetery .

**Right and Below: Pictures of the Neales Flat Cemetery and such a quiet place and environment.**



After morning tea we continued riding through The Watch-Box and we have been unable to find where the name came from despite the research we had done prior to the ride. The Watch Box is a prominent hill with an old ruin on the banks of the creek down its flank We then continued on to the Rocky Creek Reserve which is a great natural reserve between the road junctions and the creek .

Unfortunately some members of the motor trail bike fraternity found the site, rubbish from camping strewn around, broken glass bottles and slowly the whole area has been totally ripped to pieces



**Left: our once beautiful lunch stop the Rocky Creek Reserve**



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After lunch we continued on riding down the Dutton Mail Road back into Truro and during this part of the day the weather was becoming slightly warmer although a slight head wind enabled us to remain relatedly cool and we just continued to admire the beauty of the region . I would like to point out here that Peters Perfect Rides are governed by the pace of the slowest rider and the ride is all about enjoyment and not pace.

Well we made it back to Truro and as always the tradition is to stop at the local refreshment venue and rehydrate and reflect on what such a great ride we have just participated in.

More cyclists and riders should come out and see what Peters Perfect Rides are all about and the scenery that you witness off of the main Bitumen roads and I encourage you all to come along and see what you are missing out on.

Until the next months ride safe cycling and keep those pedals turning.

**Report By David Wilson Club Member**

