

SARCC PERFECT ride Sunday 16/2/2020 – Eudunda/Point Pass figure 8

It was misting with rain as we arrived in Eudunda to start the ride. Not long after 9am one Roger and two Kevins headed east under a heavily overcast sky and a light misting of rain. Deep Creek Road steadily became rougher the further along it we rode until we turned onto a much smoother and wider Slate Road. A short traverse to Peep Hill Road saw us travelling back to the north west and through reasonably flat wheat country.



Along the way we were greeted by an excitedly braying donkey in a paddock adjacent the road. Presumably she thought we had food and was severely disappointed to discover we didn't.

By noon the sun had finally driven off all of the clouds and we became aware of the escarpment looming ahead of us.

Lunch was taken in Point Pass at the bottom of the escarpment climb where a picnic table and barbecue are provided. Having forgotten to bring the chops and snags we contented ourselves with eating our packed provisions while reading the town history information signs and listening to the relaxing tinkle of running water from the uphill spring that we would soon be struggling past.



Lunch having been dispatched we mounted up to challenge the hill and began the slow ascent to the top. With a brief pause at the summit to compose ourselves we steered right onto the aptly named Scenic Road and rode north along the the ridge, constantly distracted by the breathtaking views across the plain to the next range to the east. Well worth the climb for these vistas.

All of our hard gained altitude was lost in an instant as we made the fast and rugged descent down the escarpment on a track that wound down the hill in a series of tortured and rocky bends to cross World's End Highway and make the turn for home. A minor Garmin conniption caused us to dive for the paper maps (remember them?) to confirm we were indeed on the true path before we steadily slogged our way back to Eudunda into a slight headwind.

We adjourned to a local cafe for refreshments prior to the tired but satisfied drive home. All in all a delightful ride with wonderful weather ... eventually. Thanks Peter!