

SARCC PERFECT ride from Kapunda, 22nd August 2021

Appropriately we met in front of the Kapunda Historical Society Museum / ex Baptist church / ex Technical School ready for a 9am departure.



The eternal question: do we take the "Dry Weather Only" road? Of course we do!

Twelve left a slightly cool but sunny Kapunda, heading northish for our rendezvous with the Old Anlaby Road. The ebike to analogue ratio was 5:7, however not far into the ride one spoke out of turn sending them back to the start and leaving eleven undaunted souls to complete the trek. The ebike to analogue ratio was now a much more even 5:6.

We made a leisurely pace, transitioning seamlessly from the Old Anlaby Road to Anlaby Road with interesting sprinklings of history thrown in and thought provoking discussion on various aspects of the state of South Australia's early history.

Through Buchanan we ended up on Swamp Road which did not live up to its name. Those amongst us who were relishing the thought of splashing through mud and water up to our armpits had to make do with one large and a few small puddles. This road's reputation was redeemed somewhat as it supplied a wonderful lunch stop in a copse of trees with a picture perfect view of an old stone hut standing in the middle of a green crop.



A lazy lunch in the sun.



Picture perfect lunch stop.

The slight headwind we had tolerated until lunch became a gusty crosswind as we turned west and headed for the Marrabel Golf Club to play a round! Sadly the course has seen better days. The tees were crossed, the holes

were full of rabbits and the clubhouse was closed (except for the roof ... which was open). The fairways however were still respectably green and manicured but having not remembered to bring a club or ball we pressed on. Turning south we picked up a welcome tailwind which sent us speeding past Peters Hill, Black Hill and onto Taylors Run Road.

Just after our turn onto the Tarlee Road we stopped in to the Pines Reserve for a look at the old Taylors Run Reservoir. A very interesting place that I did not know existed until this ride. We spent a good amount of time exploring the abandoned engineering and workings of what was once Kapunda's water supply.



Marrabel Golf Club.

A downhill sprint back in to Kapunda saw us roll into the Sir John Franklin Hotel for a debrief or two in the beer garden.



Bullock train debrief at the Sir John!

Thanks Peter for a delightful ride. Suprisingly 650m of ascent but spread out evenly across the ride so as to be not noticeable.



See ya!