

Bikes by the Bay Ride 26 March 17



The smile says it all!!

Even though the clouds were dark and threatening 1st thing in the morning the day turned out great weather.

Small Group attended the ride.

Phil Pilgrim 44 Chief, Sammy Vella – 750 Scout, Laurie Keenan and Ian Rhook – 44 Navy Chief (thanks Ian for bringing Laurie down), Phil Nuske – 2003 Indian Spirit, Chris Knoop 1915 Jap, Phil White – A10 BSA Bobber, Peter Kime – Drifter, Owen Jones – BMW Outfit, Steve York and daughter – BMW Outfit. Mark Barthelmie and David Wallace turned up at Seaworks later.



Had a problem getting started from the Shell Servo as the Bike (the push bike type) ride around the bay in a day was in full swing and they were swarming like ants on a honey pot! Part of their route was down Melbourne Road and getting out of the servo was a battle. We took the back streets and came out onto Douglas Parade only to be confronted by hundreds of cyclists coming towards us on the Parade, looked like it was going to be a looked wait to get out onto the road. After a small break we all managed to get onto the road and made our way to the Newport Power Station to pick up Chris Knoop and Sammy Vella. Very impressed that when we pulled over to pick them up we did not have to wait long as both Sammy's and Chris's bikes start with the touch of a feather and we were off. Short run into Williamstown and entered the Seaworks to park in our allocated spot.

Not much of a turn up this year, the main shed where we parked was only ½ full. There was still an interesting collection of bikes to drool over.

Chris continued to entertain the crowd by showing everyone how easy the Jap started.

The Indians parked under our banner got a lot of attention, Laurie Keenan's especially as it is unusual to see a military Chief painted in Navy colours.

Crowd started to drop off about 1:00pm and most of us made our way home.

