

IIRA Xmas Party 26 Nov 17



The weather was looking bad Saturday night and gloomy Sunday morning. A few brave souls ventured out early Sunday morning to set up an area for the IIRA Xmas Party at Seddon Reserve in Ivanhoe, thanks to Phil Pilgrim, Robert Hall and Peter Kime for getting to the Reserve and setting up a marquee and chairs and preparing the area for club bikes.

Day was gloomy at the start but once the marquee was up this part of Ivanhoe only had a few drops of rain.

The rain in other areas must have put a lot of people off and there was only a small group of cars turning up and only 2 bikes in the Vintage Japanese area. The IIRA overwhelmed the show with a line up of 7 bikes.

A total of 13 members turned up to indulge in steak and hamburgers ably cooked by Phil as well as a desert of Mince pies that magically appeared out of Phil's sidecar. A number of members came in their cars due to inclement weather on their side of down.

Special commendation to Noel Thornby who made the ride from Inverloch in the wet and still managed that well known grin and thumbs up when he dismounted from his Chief. Robert Hall also made an effort riding his Triumph T100 from Gisborne to get to the reserve by 9:00am, once he wrung his beard out he was happy to tell everyone how much he enjoyed the ride. Special addition to Roberts bike is a roll of duct tape holding a walking stick onto the back of the bike.

Chris & Chris Knoop rolled in just after lunch with his 741 on the back of the ute. Chris was keen to show everyone how well it went and offered everyone a ride. Even after Chris's daring do sliding the bike around the back of the marquee the 741 still started and chugged away happily.

As the day went on every one sat around the marquee having a chat and enjoyed the day.

When the day was coming to an end the juniors from the footy club were organising the Peoples Choice Awards. Would be good to have these kids on our committee, they were organised, polite and were very sure on how people were to vote. Give them full credit for the way they handled themselves.

The IIRA did well in the motorcycle section, Robert Hall getting 2nd Prize for his Triumph and Phil getting 1st Prize for his '42 Chief outfit.

By 2:30pm it was time to pack up and the hardy soles who rode their bikes headed off to hopefully miss the rain.

Thanks to all that turned up.

Phil Pilgrim – '42 Chief Outfit

Robert Hall – T100 Triumph

George Fitzpatrick – '42 Chief

Noel Thornby – 2013 Chief Vintage

Chris Knoop – 741 Scout

Marc Gallant – 2016 Chief

Peter Kime – 35 Chief

Car Travellers – Chris Horner, Russell Arthur, Ken Hager, Jillian and Jan.

It was a dissapointing day for West Ivanhoe Football Club as the numbers for the Show and Shine were well down on expectations. The IIRA will work closely with them next year to assist them in making this a better turn out. We will also consider what we do for a Xmas Party for next year , this is the 2nd year in a row that we have not been able to get many members to committ to our Xmas Party. Would it be better for us to hold a Xmas in July? Rather than in Nov or Dec when every one is busy.

