

# *Iron Indian Riders Association*

## **CRAZY HORSE RALLY**

Yackandandah Rally Ride Report – 27 to 29<sup>th</sup> November 2020

With lockdown in restrictions reducing, allowing the club to have its first rally out of Melbourne, club members hit the road & escaped to Yackandandah in Victoria's beautiful north east.

After a hot days travelling, members arrived in Yackandandah and some enjoyed the coolness of the pool and reconnecting after many months break, before settling into a fantastic club BBQ, supplied by Phil Pilgrim & Peter Kime.



You could not pick a more ideal setting. Motel Views lived up to its name with Views across the valley and Yackandandah only a 15 mins walk. Motel rooms were perfect and BBQ area and swimming pool got good use. No complaints from anyone about the venue, ride and the food. Another successful Rally.

The next day, we assembled for our 9 am departure for the delights of coffee in Tallangatta, then the road to Koetung, before turning towards Walwa for lunch at the General Store.

Led by our esteemed member for the north east, Gary Hogg, on his Triumph, we left Yackandandah, riding through the sunlight warm morning towards Tallangatta, with a brief rest at Kiewa to allow Owen's Indian Sidecar to catch up.

As an Indian club, we were accompanied by the largest herd of BSA's to be seen on Victorian roads in many decades. These were supported by many Triumph's and of course Indian's across the decades.



Good turn up of members and a variety of bikes. BSA's and Triumphs were there in numbers but it was good to see 9 Indians, 2 BSA's and 4 Triumph's out on the road.

Onwards to Tallangatta, for a coffee and refuel. A chance to chat and catch up with the locals, then onward toward Koetung, on the road to Corryong. There, we turned towards Walwa, with Gary leading us through the devastation of the recent bush fires which affected this area dramatically. Thank you Gary for enabling us to see the vast scale of damage & impact that this area suffered, it is truly humbling.

We regrouped for lunch at the Walwa General Store, and waited for an eternity for the distant sound of the World's Slowest Indian Sidecar, which eventually turned up, extracting the full value of the ride fee. The extra time was partially due to repairing one of the Triumph's which had stopped before Koetung. Thanks Owen for stopping & assisting with your toolkit and spares.

After lunch, in the 42 degree heat, we turned our eyes skywards towards the rising Thunder heads and decided to head back to Yackandandah via the Granya Gap. We followed the Murray river towards Granya, before climbing up & through the Granya Gap, with the onset of brief rain to increase the humidity and freshen the air.

After most of us turned off to Tallangatta and the final regroup and refuel, we headed up the Kiewa valley towards Dederang, before turning towards Yackandandah and our accommodation.

After freshening up, we headed towards The Yackandandah Hotel for a club meal, followed by the AGM back at the motel.

Thank you to all members who were able to come on the ride for your company and laughs. Thanks to Peter Kime & Phil Pilgrim for organising the accommodation & food and managing the member bookings.

Thanks Gary Hogg for your wonderful itinerary and great humour.