

Pre - 70 Bike Ride

By Garry Blakee



Outside the Harrismith Pub.



Bob & Mary in their newly acquired 1951 MG TD.

Arthur River was the longest single run of the day so far and bums were getting sore.

Wendy was waiting at the caravan park, as she had driven down from Perth to join us for the few days.

This is when the fun started as "someone" had left the tent poles out of the bag the last time it was packed up. They had a discussion . . . and Andrew went off to find a hardware store in Wagin and came back with twine and managed to rig the tent up inside a giant "insect proof net" Wendy had bought with her. It seemed to work well and even though their set up was see through they said they were quite warm.

We had a few drinks and nibbles with a debrief of the day and then headed off to the Palace Hotel for dinner. John and Steve dropped in on their way to Albany to do the Bridgetown ride on Sunday and joined us for dinner.

Saturday morning, Chris, Raelene & Wendy went to check out the local markets, returned with some goodies then we headed to Dumbleyung for coffee, Wendy going pillion on Andrew's 250.

Then on to Harrismith for lunch at the pub. The publican obliged us by taking lots of photos of our bikes and relating stories of other bikers using his venue for club events. Then it was back to

ANOTHER first for the club was the recent inaugural Pre 70 bike ride. Riders met around 9.30 on Friday at the usual meeting place. Bob on his 1964 BMW/Steib sidecar outfit, Chris on her 1951/3 BMW, Ronnie on his 1942 Indian, Phil on his 1960 Triumph T120, Andrew on his R25/2 BMW, Garry on his 1949 500 Ariel. Raelene was driving the support vehicle which carried the camping gear.

John Bond and Reg Bostock had planned to come along but unfortunately had to pull out at the last minute.

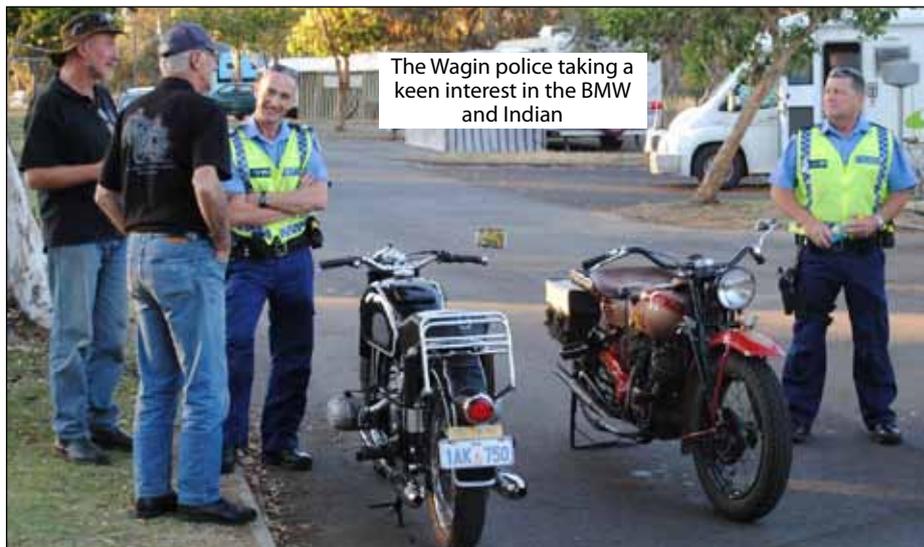
First stop was Mt Barker bakery for coffee and check over of bikes. All was going well and headed off to Frankland for a fuel stop, next brief stop was Tone Bridge for a quick rest of the bums, continuing on to Boyup Brook for lunch.

Bob & Mary Sutcliffe came to say hello and arrived in style in their new TD MG 1951. We were all envious and had a sit in for photos and put our names down for 1st refusal if Bob sells it.

We then headed off to Arthur River where Huw arrived from Perth on his 1964 R60 BMW at same time we pulled up. No one else had been able to make it from Perth. Another rest and ice creams before heading to Wagin. The run from Boyup to



Andrew getting a haircut and behind is the tent hanging inside a fly!!!



The Wagin police taking a keen interest in the BMW and Indian