

MANSFIELD RIDE-Full Day Ride –344Km

Milawa, Whitfield, Mansfield, Tatong

This is a full day's ride with some flat country and some hill twisties...

The route will take us through the gold rush town of Beechworth, down the Buckland Gap into the Milawa Gourmet region for the first coffee stop. Then down through the King Valley wine region to Whitfield and another stop. From here you will be climbing over the range past Power's Lookout. (Harry Power 1820- 1891, Bushranger by profession) Worth the few Ks of gravel to the first lookout and even more worth the effort of a short walk/climb to the 'real' lookout. The road over the top was only surfaced a few years ago and it makes it a very pleasant trip. Mansfield next, a thriving little town, crowded in the snow season, but OK in March. Plenty food, fuel on offer, so this will be the lunch stop.

After lunch we head towards Benalla, but turn right at Swanpool and through to Tatong. Nice little pub and if time permits, perhaps a cooling diet Coke or two. We're now in Ned Kelly territory and we will be riding through the village (more a location) of Greta where Ned's remains were finally interred. Bit more flat road to relax on and back to Milawa where you can have the choice of using the Hume Freeway to get back to Wodonga (boring) or back through Beechworth (better) and another coffee (or?) stop. You may elect to hang about here for a while and have a look around this historic town, famous for its Bakery and lolly shop, and it's only a short ride back to Wodonga.

Total distance about 350Km of variable terrain, all well surfaced except to gravel to Power's lookout.

Estimated time 6-7hrs

distance 344Km

Good road surface, some flat road and some challenging steep hills and tight bends beyond Whitfield, mostly 100Kph limited

