

Three Large Circuits – Vaughan Kippers

I have vague memories of my one and only 1000km, based at the home of Bill & Joan at Chuwar. Bill had a health scare so they had to reduce their support, but organised others to help, which was much-appreciated. I have attached relevant documents.

Day 1 - a 350km "southern loop". We went through Boonah & Beaudesert. It rained most of the day. I'm sure Dave remembers getting lost in Springfield. There were roadworks and we couldn't find our way out of the "maze" at 314km. The "hidden" up ramp to Redbank Plains was certainly well hidden!

Day 2 - after 2-3 hours sleep we set off for the Darling Downs on a 350km "western loop". We rode into a fierce westerly all day, until we turned around and the wind disappeared. As we approached Gatton in the morning, riding hard at about 15kph, Dave Minter accused me of being made of Swiss cheese because he got no help sitting behind me.

Day 3 - after another 2-3 hours sleep we set off for Kilcoy on the "northern loop" of 300km. No rain or wind but it was cold. At about Fernvale on the way home, I developed Shermer's Neck and I was generally fading. Dave was great, encouraging me and providing sound advice.

You'll see we completed the course in 65h30. I was very pleased that Dave drove me home. I didn't make it to work that day!