

Dirty Mee Report

by Peter Watson

Three riders rode Dirty Mee, Peter Whittle, Andrew Bragg (R. O.) and me. I rode my Mountain Bike the others rode Cyclocross Bikes. Starting in Dayboro we rode up Mt Mee to Sellin Road and turned left to ride into the national park. Just after The Gantry picnic area we turned left into Neurum Creek Road. This is where the asphalt ended. The surface of the roads is gravel with large 3 to 4 inch stones embedded in it. Some places the surface was quite loose where the 4X4s had spun their wheels, other areas it was smooth and you could get a bit of speed up. After several photo stops and 8km we reached our next turn to the left onto L Traverse. This was uphill all the way to Loveday's Road one section I saw 17% on my Garmin though I have my doubts that it was that steep. Left onto Loveday's road and more uphill. Andrew joked with me that there was a flat section on the ride, near the Dayboro Bakery. Eventually we came to the next turn, right into K Break and found the gate locked. After lifting our bikes over the fence we continued on. We came across the reason for the locked gate 3km further along, with a large tree limb across the track, then a second tree down across the track, nothing to stop an intrepid AUDAX rider. After a while we came to Somerset Lookout and stopped for a break and to take some more photos. There was some walkers here enjoying the view also. The track then heads back to Sellin Road but not before a steep hill that I couldn't ride up because of the rough loose surface. Back on the asphalt for 500m then turn right into Peggs Road and a long gravel descent and another climb before finally descending to Mt Brisbane Road and the end of the gravel. We had more 4X4s on this last section of dirt than the rest of the ride. Another 13km on the black top and we were back at the bakery for a well earned pie. Big thanks to Andrew for organising the ride. My stats 75.5km, 1909m climbing, 6hr 15min total time.