

MECGC Overnight Ride plan, Texas September 7th 8th

Outline: All riders meet at Clubhouse to leave by 8:00 sharp. Ride over Tomewin through Murwillumbah and Uki and onto Wadeville Woolies for coffee. After coffee through Kyogle and Casino and onto Lunatic Drake Hotel in Drake village for lunch. Petrol stop in Tenterfield after lunch before heading onto Texas for the night. Sunday see us head to Stanthorpe for coffee then up through Amosfield, Legume and into Woodenbong for lunch. After lunch we continue on Mt Lindsay Hwy through Rathdowney and Beaudesert into the Outpost at Canungra for final regrouping and coffee stop before individually heading home.

DAY 1: Total Trip Length: 401 Km Ride Time: 5hrs 28 min

All riders meet at Clubhouse to depart at 8:00 am sharp. Head out to Beaudesert then onto Rathdowney for pit stop, travelling either directly on Mt Lindsay Hwy or through Kerry. Ride over Tomewin, through Murwillumbah onto Kyogle Rd, travel through Uki and onto Wadeville Woolies for our Coffee stop (86 km 1 hr 30 min). After Coffee we travel through Kyogle and head towards Casino, after 14 km we turn right towards Stratheden then turning left after 5 km and down to the Bruxner Hwy. Turn right and head along Bruxner to the Lunatic Drake Hotel for lunch (130 km 1 hr 44 from Woolies). After lunch we follow the Bruxner Hwy through to Tenterfield and stop at the Mobile Service Station for petrol and amenities. From Tenterfield we follow the Bruxner Hwy all the way through to Texas, turning right at Texas Rd. 140 km 1hr 35 min

Day 1 Stops

Coffee: Wadeville Woolies. Link Rd Wadeville 02-6689 7285

Lunatic Drake Hotel: 7710 Bruxner Hwy Drake village 02-6737 6757

Accommodation: Texas. All members please make their own booking, cancellation policy is quite liberal. Please choose from following list

- 1) Texas Motel – 07-4653 1300. 14 High Street
\$130 for twin and \$160 for family room (only 2 family rooms)

- 2) Stockman Hotel – 07-4653 1300. 3 High Street
\$110 for single motel type room (ground floor with bath toilet)

\$125 for twin motel type room (ground floor with bath toilet)

Pub Room \$60 for single, \$80 for share.

3) Southern Border Accommodation Park – 0427 359 050

\$35 night for powered site (all amenities) tents can be pitched on these sites.

DAY 2: Total Trip Length: 334 KM Ride Time: 4 hrs 31 min

Ride group to leave Texas from Stockman Hotel at 8:30. Head west on the Stanthorpe Texas Rd through to commercial coffee shop in Stanthorpe (98 km 1 hr 13 min). From Stanthorpe we continue on Amosfield Rd through to Amosfield, then left up to Legume and onto Mt Lindsay Hwy into Woodenbong for lunch (Pit Stop or Hotel) 104 km 1 30 min.

After lunch we continue on Mt Lindsay Hwy, through Rathdowney Beaudesert and to Canungra at the Outpost for a final regrouping and coffee break for those prefer. (98 km 1 hr 33 min) Texas to Outpost 300 km 4 hr 09 min

Day 2 Stops:

Commercial Coffee: 11 Maryland St Stanthorpe 0468 423 198

Lunch: Pitstop Café Woodenbong” 02 6635 1104

Texas Trivia: Texas Rabbit Works. Unfortunately, the Rabbit Works tour is only open 2 days a week from 10:00 to 2:00. However, some facts about the rabbit industry

- 1) In 1929 the rabbit industry was the largest employer in Australia
- 2) It was Australia largest export industry in 1930 – most frozen carcasses to England for food consumption.
- 3) At its peak the Texas Rabbit works processed 6,000 rabbits a day
- 4) Like many country towns, the Texas community survived the great depression by trapping and selling rabbits for export to America and England