

Ride Your Own Ride/Pace:

Best thing about an all female ride is that we do not need to ride competitively. All female riders are welcome on the ride from very skilled riders to ladies on their L's who are just starting out. Please enjoy yourselves, be safe and take the ride at your own pace. You should never feel pressured or the need to try and follow someone who is riding above YOUR comfortable pace as you may not be able to react to an emergency situation as well as they can. If you are pushing your limits trying to keep up, you are more likely to come to grief and possibly hurt others. We would rather wait for you than you have an accident. Know your own limits and ride to them! There will also be lots of different capacity bikes on this ride. A postie bike will obviously go a lot slower on some roads than say a 1299 Ducati Panigale.

No one is judging you! It's your bike and your ride Xx

Corner Marking:

Firstly, the 'Lead' rider and 'Tail End Charlie' (TEC) rider/s are discussed at the riders briefing in the morning at The Old Bike Shop Cafe. Upon approaching an intersection or turn-off that moves away from the current route, the lead rider signals to the second rider in the group to stop and wait with their bike clearly pointing in the new direction. The rider should stop in a safe and visible position so the other riders can see them easily. Only once all other riders have passed and the TEC arrives may the corner marker move on and so on and so on. This may take 30 seconds or 30 minutes or even an hour! NEVER leave your corner until you see the TEC. Play on instagram, take selfies... just remember to point in the right direction and do not join back in the ride until the TEC arrives.

Formation:

Formation is mostly used in transit sections (Highways & Freeways) and is the way everyone rides staggered on alternate sides within a lane, one bike in the right hand wheel track, the other, behind and in the left hand wheel track and so on. This formation allows us to ride close together with good visibility front and rear, makes our visibility to other traffic far greater and gives everyone a full lane width to avoid debris/potholes and flicking stones. For safety, as the speeds rise, so should the gap between riders. DO NOT ride side by side in the same lane. Keep to your side of the road. Do not move to the other side of the road before a corner (even on unmarked roads), it can lead to accidents from vehicles coming the other way or from someone overtaking you.

Overtaking:

Riding in a group can be heaps fun, but it's also important to remember those around you. Please have consideration for the whole group when riding. If a rider has caught up to you in a twisty section and they have their indicator on they are asking nicely to overtake you, so help them out, move to the left of your lane (if safe to do so) and kick them through. They are most likely quicker and would rather not overtake you in a dangerous spot/manner. And please do not feel the need to race them as this can be dangerous.

BE PATIENT when you catch up to another rider, especially as they will most likely be kicking you through momentarily. Most reckless overtaking moves happen because someone is rushing or trying to keep up. PLEASE keep checking your mirrors while riding. Most importantly, NEVER overtake on the left of someone in a single lane, only overtake on the right. Avoid overtaking other bikes within the group at high speed. They often don't see you coming and it is scary as fuck. When passing cars try to avoid overtaking as a group. The lead rider may judge their 'overtake' so that they can pass safely, but it may leave you hung out to dry on the wrong side of the road.

Petrol:

When meeting in the morning for a ride, you are expected to have a FULL tank of petrol. If one fills up at a servo, we all fill up. Use the lead rider as a guide.

Brand new baby riders: For your first ride, the easiest place to start the day is at the back of the pack. If you are comfortably keeping up, you can slowly move through the pack till you find someone who rides that same pace as you, and generally, this will be a good place to stay. Try and avoid overtaking everyone in transit sections if it means holding them up in the next twisty section.

& remember on this ride to relax, enjoy & have fun! We still got a party to get to hey grrls :P