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25 TIMES TO RAINBOW

Mildura Motor Cycle Club has many long traditions which have evolved over its sixty three years of operation, but there is another milestone being achieved next weekend, when Club members embark on the 25th Anniversary Trail Ride to Rainbow.

About forty participants are expected to tackle the social journey, with most riders taking to dirt bikes, to ride through the desert country south of Mildura, some choosing to ride road bikes using the bitumen and some vehicular support teams who will carry the goods and chattels, like changes of clothing and sundry spares for the machines, to Rainbow.

Trail riding has been a massive part of the Mildura Club over many years, with a specialized group doing a traverse of the Simpson Desert back in 1988 to celebrate 200 years of Australian settlement and many of the riders who took that journey will line up again for the Rainbow ride, as most of them have done for many years.

There is not one rider who has participated in all twenty five rides, as family commitments and work requirements have had an impact, but there are some who have made the trip more than twenty times over the years.

The ride to Rainbow takes the dirt group through the red sand of the "Sunset Country" and onwards through the "Big Desert" and skirting the "Wyperfield National Park" and "Lake Albacutya", coming into the wheat town of Rainbow from the east.

The road groups enjoy their trip south through Ouyen and Patchewollock, to Hopetoun and on to Rainbow arriving from the north.

A wonderful social occasion is held at the Rainbow pub on the Saturday night, with members booking the venue totally overnight, making ready for the return journey back to Mildura, usually by a slightly different route on the Sunday.

Energy for the continuation of the ride comes from a core group of Life members of the Club, with Peter Oliver, Craig Baker, Gary Watt, Sy Nunan, Mal Seymour and Jock Macleod providing much of the organizational effort required to harness the group.

The ride will take place over the first weekend of September as it always does.

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