

Christmas 2025 Breakup - 7th December 2025 Staughton Vale Hall

This year's Club breakup was held at the Staughton Vale (Anakie) Hall. Just over 50 Club members travelled from far and wide to attend the event and catch up with fellow members one last time for the year.

Being out west there was a good turn up of Geelong based members, and 40+ year Club members Malcolm & Christine (Wilson) made the journey from Colac. Club Captain John Killingsworth led a group of 13 bikes and a car from the Calder Park start point, while four other members, including myself, rode from Inglewood to the hall on Sunday morning. A special mention to Club Editor Jerry Coffee who got to the Calder Park departure point well ahead of the advised departure time, thought the group ride had already left, so promptly rode solo to the hall – pays to read Sprocket Jerry!

After a nice hearty morning tea, Stan put on the rider leader vest and took us on a ride around the local roads (covered in Snads' ride report). The ride was followed by a well catered lunch, after which members mingled and talked before gradually dispersing and heading home.

A few Geelong members took on the task of organising and executing activities on the day. So, a big thanks to Stan (Rogers), Nick (Oakley), Mark (Mensch), Trish and Ron (Study) for their efforts on the day efforts, and to David (Tennant) who once again turned up early to help with the setting up and cooking of the BBQ.

Until 2026.

Cheers,
Jimmy



Christmas Breakup Ride Report - 7th December 2025

Has anyone lost a \$50 note? Pres Jimmy asked when we gathered for the ride briefing, almost everyone put their hand up, Jimmy's ruse certainly got the attention of those present & cleverly enabled him to target a victim to write the ride report. Well done Jimmy, I guess your clever ruse will only work the once though (*you never know Snads*).

Stan briefed us on the ride he planned from Staughton Hall Anakie & return, a total of 108 km's taking approx. 1 ½ hours.

We headed off at 11.15am with Stan leading & John Killingsworth as TEC on his ex-John Best R80.

The ride took us through Balliang & Rowsley and up the windy section of Glenmore Road past the wind turbines to Mount Wallace. A slight navigation error saw the route change from what Stan had planned but on to Morrisons & to Meredith where we stopped for a break, for some to empty out & others to fill up. Interestingly there were traffic controllers on duty in Meredith causing traffic chaos but no road works or apparent reason for their presence. Maybe they were on a training day – who knows!

From Meredith we rode through She Oaks, Maude & back to the hall for our BBQ lunch.

An interesting ride thanks Stan, the weather was perfect, the only incident on the ride was Mark Mensch's Triumph TR6 decided to give up on him, requiring it to be trailered back to the hall.

A couple of noteworthy observations: -

- Probably the tallest Club member, our Treasurer riding the smallest motorcycle on the day (BSA Bantam)
- Another committee member turned up on a loan bike similar in colour scheme & size of the Spirit of Tasmania.
- A past committee member sitting out the ride because he doesn't carry enough spare oil on board (& it's not a two stroke) refer to the ride list and photos for a clue of who this may be.

A great ride getting us back in time to enjoy the feast that was provided for us.

Thanks to Stan the Ride Leader and John Killingsworth TEC

Apologies to anyone who didn't make it onto the participants list, if you don't fill out the ride sheet it makes it very hard to include you in the ride report list.

The non-rider attendees list I put together by memory, again it's possible that I missed someone.

Cheers,

Snads

Riders from Melbourne led by Club Captain John Killingsworth

| | | |
|--------------------|------|-----------------------|
| John Mannu | 1950 | Matchless G80 |
| Jim Watson | 1960 | BSA Gold Flash |
| John Best | 1969 | Triumph Bonnie |
| Gary Rizzolo | 1970 | Triumph Bonnie |
| Terry Hoare | 1971 | Honda CB750 |
| Scott Oldfield | 1975 | BMW R90S |
| John Killingsworth | 1986 | BMW R80 (Ride Leader) |
| Steve Inman | 2013 | Triumph Bonnie |
| Paul Clayton | 2014 | Honda VFR800 |
| Damien Lewer | 2012 | HD Livewire |
| Arthur Hampson | 2022 | HD Pan America |
| Brian Mapleback | 2024 | BMW XR900 |
| Paul Beukelman | 2024 | HD Hydra Glide |
| Colin Sullivan | 1965 | Porche 356 |

Riders participating in organised ride from Anakie & return

All of the above, plus: -

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| Ron Study | 1964 | BMW R69S |
| Ian Bryant | 1960 | Matchless G12 |
| Nick Oakley | 1968 | BSA Bantam D14/4 |
| Gabi Harangozo | 1968 | Norton Commando 750 |
| Burger Drake | 1970 | Triumph Trident 750 |
| Mark Mensch | 1972 | Triumph TR6 (DNF) |
| Stan Rogers | 1972 | Triumph Tiger 650 (Ride Leader) |
| Jimmy Linton | 1973 | Norton Commando 850 |
| Andy Symons | 1973 | Triumph T140 |
| Ian Snadden | 1974 | BMW R90S |
| Phil Pilgrim | 1974 | Ducati GT |
| David Jordan | 1974 | Honda XL350 |
| Jerry Coffey | 1975 | Triumph Trident 750 |
| Rod Dutton | 1978 | Kawasaki Z650 |
| Malcolm Wilson | 1982 | BMW R65LS |
| Steve Kirtley | 1983 | Yamaha XJ650 |
| Daryl Kopke | 1991 | BMW R1100 |
| Wally Walsh | 1997 | Triumph Trophy 1200 |

Riders at the Christmas breakup who didn't participate in the Anakie & return ride.

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| Doug Aldham | 1973 | Yamaha RD350 |
| Greg Costello | ----- | Bultaco |
| Rob van Lohuizen | 1975 | BMW R90S (Exxon Valdez!) |
| Steve Inman | 2013 | Triumph Bonnie |

Others who arrived at Anakie by car etc

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| Peter Cullen | Richard Haughton |
| Colin 'Wilson' Borthwick | Glen Maddigan |
| Jack Ryan | David Tennant |
| Christine Wilson | Trish Study |
| Mike Pougher | Ray Trewartha |
| Ian Young | Kay & Gareth Kopke |
| Gary & Sue Ellen McKechnie | |



Rob's (Exxon Valdez) & Snads' BMW 90S



Mark's TR6 (Static Display)



Gabi's Fastback



Burger's Trident



½ a BMW - owner unknown