

## CMCCV Moorabbin Air Museum/Lunch Report – 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025

I arrived at the museum just before 10am, shortly afterwards Paul and Colin rolled in. After they placed the “open” sign near the entrance we went in leaving a trio of bikes out front. As we were looking at the displays, Jerry also turned up. The museum has a significant collection of aircraft in both indoor and outdoor displays. The Mirage fighter is the first thing you see, dominating the entrance to the hangar. There is a mixture of both military and civilian aircraft as well as displays of uniforms and models. Over the years the collection has expanded, and I believe there is a long-term plan to add a larger building to get the majority of the aircraft undercover. Outside there are a number of projects underway and quite a collection of parts. In many ways, the activities of the museum are similar to what happens in the classic bike scene. People trying to preserve older machines but faced with the challenges of limited parts availability and a loss of skills associated with manufacturing techniques no longer used. But thankfully there is a core group of enthusiasts to ensure that as much as possible is preserved.



Paul, Col and Peter in front of Miragebuilt in Melbourne in 1967 by Government Aircraft Corporation

After about an hour and a half, we decided we had seen everything and would head off to lunch. Forming a convoy, we headed down the road, and after approximately 1 minute we arrived at the Naked Racer café. We found a table and were debating whether to look at the bikes or have lunch first when the waitress deposited some menus in front of us so lunch it was. After we had ordered, Gary and John arrived and placed their orders as well.

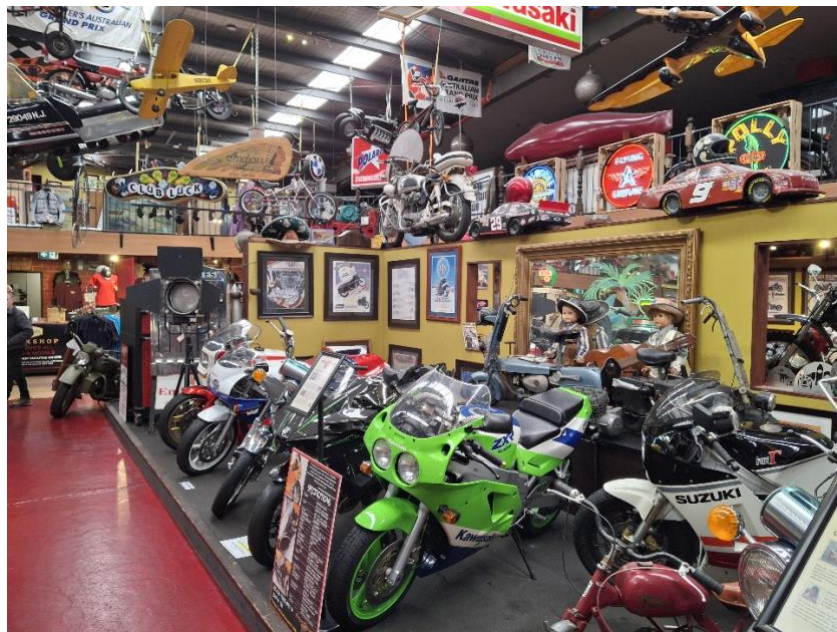


Lunch at Naked Race is highly recommended!

After an enjoyable lunch we then wandered around looking at all the bikes and other items on display. It is an interesting and eclectic collection and wouldn't matter what aspect of the classic bike scene you were interested in, there was something for you. Many of the bikes had price tags, but sadly no bargains to be had.



Early model FN from Belgium at Naked Racer



Toys as far as the eye can see! The visit to Naked Racer is cost effective (i.e. it costs nothing to get in!)

After an hour or so of this, Garry, John and Colin headed off homewards, while Paul, Jerry and I paid a quick visit to the Classic & Vintage Motorcycle Garage just a few hundred metres down the road. We met Christian, who showed us some of the bikes he had in for repair, and discussed some of the issues involved with repairing old motorcycles. One of the bike Christian had to repair was a flood damaged 1950s Raleigh with Cyclemaster. After thanking him, we then all headed off home.

Day organised by Paul Beukelman

Report prepared by Peter Trathen



Christian explaining progress on some of his repairs

Lunch and visit participants list of mid-week get-together 19/08/2025

| <b>Rider</b>       | <b>Bike</b>               | <b>Year</b> |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Colin Sullivan     | BMW R1200R                | 2009        |
| Peter Trathen      | Suzuki Vstrom             | 2012        |
| Paul Beukelman     | Royal Enfield Interceptor | 2022        |
| Jerry Coffey       | car                       |             |
| Garry Moore        | car                       |             |
| John Killingsworth | car                       |             |