

Winter Frost Bites Ride - Sunday 20th July 2025

The start was from Rowville 7-11 at 10am on a 5 degree and windless morning. After Ian enjoyed his best hot chocolate ever, club captain John tried to explain the route, with the final comment being there was no morning tea stop.



Rider keen to start from Rowville

We set down Wellington Road, and passed through the beautiful countryside going through Emerald, Cockatoo, Gembrook, Launching Place, Yarra Junction, Powell Town, Whites Corner (where we took an unofficial toilet break - after), to finally the lunch-stop at Neerim South.

At Neerim South, as the riders were parking their bikes, we noted a police car, booking a car nearby. To our surprise the police man then walked over and said, “while you’re here I might as well check your registrations!”. Finding no inconsistencies, they were soon off to catch their next prey.



Police doing their duty on the bikers

All rider indulged in a delicious lunch break at the local coffee shop.



The two Ian's, Graham and Colin



Paul, Damien and John

After lunch electric bike rider Damien explained that he was leaving us, to head south to get a re-charge in Warragul as the mighty metropolis of Neerim South lacked the appropriate facilities!

For the balance of us, there was a change of Ride Leader with Graham Boulter taking charge. It was explained he knew of back roads, (that leader John did not know). He took us to back to Yarra Junction, then Yellingbo, Macclesfield to Emerald, where a few of us need to re-fuel (both with petrol and coffee!).



Having put petrol, the riders headed to the Emerald coffee shop

All in all, a lovely day out, with the temperature rising to a beautiful 16C, with no major dramas.

For me living in Melbourne CBD I got home at 4pm having travelled 185miles.

Report by Paul Beukelman

Present:

Paul Beukelman	Triumph T120R	1970
Ian Snadden	BMW R1100GS	1995
Graham Boulter	Yamaha XJR 1300	1999
Colin Sullivan	BMW R1200R	2009
John Killingsworth	BMW R1200GS	2011 (Ride Leader)
Ian Bryant	Kawasaki W800	2012 (Tail end Charlie)
Danien Lewer	Harley Davidson Live Wire	2021
Arthur Hampson	Harley Davidson Pan America	2022