

Run Report 15th February 2026

Geelong Run to Queenscliffe

The tourist season is slowly quietening off and it was decided to head down the normally busy Bellarine Peninsula towards Queenscliffe. The weather was fine and 8 riders turned up eager to go! A couple of Triumph Tigers. Mark Mensch has got his going again after a trailer job at the Xmas Breakup. Turned out his problem was simply a loose and leaking carburettor bowl sucking in air!

We were just heading off when Rod Dutton received a call from Steve Kirtley to say that he had broken down about 2 kms from the start and he was immobile on Barrabool Road. His Yamaha XJ650 was showing no electrics whatsoever except surprisingly a low oil pressure light?

The group headed off to find Steve and it didn't take long to spot him looking forlorn. The Brains Trust sprang into gear (much better than the RACV). Nick Oakley had his multimeter out and advice was flowing freely. Panels flew off, fuses were checked. Thankfully to all concerned (not least Steve) the fault was quickly identified to be loose battery terminals and he was mobile again.

Trouble is leader Stan was eager to get away and, assuming everyone knew where we were going, didn't leave enough corner marshalls! Most of the ride got lost between Barrabool Rd and High St Belmont and it took a few phone calls and a bit of waiting to round everyone up.

On we went on a slightly shortened ride through Leopold and the Swan Bay Road to Portarlington as coffee time was now approaching. It was a pleasant ride along the Portarlington Esplanade to St Leonards but it was so busy with traffic and other people at St Leonards that we didn't bother even looking for a coffee stop. We carried on to an establishment we have often passed but never stopped at called Pik Nik on the Queenscliffe Road Swan Bay. It turned out to be very pleasant with good coffee and service and good fellowship was enjoyed for quite a while. Afterwards most of us road to Barwon Heads and down 13th Beach Rd while a couple headed straight back to Geelong. An interesting day!

Riders on the Geelong Ride

Stan Rogers	Triumph	TRV6	1972	Leader
Mark Mensch	Triumph	TRV6	1972	
Nick Oakley	BMW	K00RS 1	988	T.E.C
David Jordan	Honda	CB400F	1976	
Fred Vella	Honda	GL1200	1986	
Ron Study	Harley Davidson	Softail	1991	
Rod Dutton	Kawasaki Z	Z650	1978	
Steve Kirtley	Yamaha	XJ650	1983	