

A late burst of Summer on the 15<sup>th</sup> was very welcome before we plunge into the depths of an impending Winter.

**April 1<sup>st</sup>** Seventeen riders (one ROAR visitor) and thirteen apologies. To Woodside vis Lobethal and circle work in the hills and north-east of the hills. An overcast and damp, start tot the day gradually improving to perfect riding weather. A post ride visit to Melba's Chocolates by special request. May the easter holidays be kind to us all.

**April 8<sup>th</sup>** Ten riders and multiple apologies today. John took us on a "figure eight" ride in the hills in threatening but Dryish conditions. The ride finished at our first stop, Lobethal, before the rain caught us on the ride home.

**April 15<sup>th</sup>** Twenty-eight riders (including two new bikes – Honda Goldwing and Ducati) and eight apologies today. To Strathalbyn via Mount Compass and circle work down South in perfect weather. It was great to see Colin, Newell, Rob B and Dave M at the ROAR gathering. Witnessed the push start of a modern motorcycle today assisted by an incline and our youngest member, plus there was apparently a very close encounter with rocks today.

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>** Twenty-eight riders and multiple apologies today. To Milang via Strathalbyn and circle work in perfect weather.

**April 29<sup>th</sup>** Twenty-two riders, including one new bike and eight apologies today. To Mount Pleasant via Williamstown in perfect hot conditions.

Just as we were going to press with this newsletter, I received the news that our Senior Rider, Colin Leaker had passed away after a short illness. He attended the ROAR Gathering only two weeks prior. I perused the comments on WhatsApp and selected this piece from Mick (aka Slip) as summing up the feelings of this group.

"Vale Colin. Motorcyclist and gentleman par excellence. Well respected race meeting official and corner marshal. Above all, a gentleman and colleague. He will be sadly missed. Condolences to his family."

Ride safe  
Claire

