

On Any Wednesday - July Report

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Steve's OAW Ride in Review 2025/2026

At the start of the 2026/27 financial year is an opportune time to review the Ride.

We have previously been concerned about a declining participation rate but have recovered with average weekly participation rates of 28, 26, 24, and 26 over the past four financial years. This includes the ROAR group and apologies.

Recent discussion within the Ride also identified the possibility of splitting the Ride into two groups should we get 30 plus riders. To do this, we would need more volunteer Leaders and TEC's.

Fortunately, we are now attracting younger members and keeping in touch with absent members through ROAR gatherings and WhatsApp.

Importantly, we are exhibiting a willingness to help others. Thanks to all. "Gather Round".

July 1st Wet, wet, wet. Rain of biblical proportions. A group gathered at The Pavillion at The Feathers Hotel for chat, coffee and cake.

July 8th Nineteen riders, including one new bike, and multiple apologies today. To Lobethal via Williamstown in the cool and overcast but dry conditions. The sort of conditions that make motorcycles purr.

July 15th Eighteen riders today to Goolwa via Strath. Crisp but sunny conditions. Thanks to Fred and Mike for TEC duties. (A short but concise report from John A.)

July 22nd Seven intrepid riders and multiple apologies today. To Strathalbyn via Mount Compass in all weather conditions. John A also "value added" by providing on the Ride training with Fog. A valuable experience for us all.

July 29th Ten riders today plus one new bike on display and one non-starter (get a reliable Italian bike Rob!!) Avoided most of the rain and got to Mount Pleasant on mostly dry roads; not as lucky on the ride to Uraidla. Thanks to Fred and Cuddles for TEC duties. (This report courtesy of John A – Aprilia owner.)