



Yarra Ranges MK II

Email from Geoff Jones Sunday night:

With a month in Italy looming [October], today seemed a good time to get some ride time in. As it happened, shed time filled in most of the day. Heading for the florist in Yarra Glen, all seemed okay on the R1 front until I came down to the sixty zone in Yarra Glen.

Instruments went blank and, fearing the worst, I did a U-turn and headed home, passing Ben arriving for the ride start, as he often does.

Did not quite make it to the top of the hill when the R1 died. Seat off, check the fuses but no way it would turn over. A bit of a push up to a driveway and the arrival of a Good Samaritan in the form of a van driver and motorcycle owner who got me going with a jump start. Headlights unplugged, back to Alma road and on to Donnybrook Road and I was looking good for a home run.

Hume Freeway overpass and the bike stops again. Call Andrew who brings R31 Skyline with trailer and other possible restart items. Time to kill so I remove the stop/tail globes as I noticed that the application of brakes killed the instruments, power at a premium. Options when Andrew arrived were to load it up or try another jump start. The jump worked so off again picking up the back roads to Riddell's Creek where another jump was required. Willem pulled up here, recognizing the R1 but

it fired again and got me to the shed in Gisborne. The jumps must have put just enough power in the battery to run the ignition.

Swap the stator but no improvement in charge rate, so pull the rectifier to find the 5 pin plug cooked. No spare plug in the spare cache so rewire using 5 individual plugs to a spare rectifier from the cache. Success 13.5 volts at idle. Replace the original stator to check its health, still 13.5 volts so I leave it in. Tidy up the wiring and replace some missing fairing fasteners on the Chinese lower fairing, leave the charger on and its time for tea, tasty roast pork belly and vegies as it happened, thanks Val.

Many thanks to Andrew and Melissa for the rescue. Hope Rob's ride went off okay.