

The Monthly Journal of the
Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc.

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**June
 2019**

Classic Torque

Our Club:-

The objectives of the NRCMC are to encourage the restoration, preservation, and riding of older motorcycles. Through its various activities, the club promotes classic motorcycling and the links to a bygone era with several organised monthly rides as well as our involvement in displaying our bikes at charity functions etc.

The club holds its annual Classic Rally in September each year. The club Show and Shine is held in March. Club members also attend rallies organised by other clubs throughout the year.

The club endeavors to cater for families and all members partners and children are most welcome to attend any meetings or outings. Membership of the club is for those who have an interest in restoring and riding classic motorcycles

Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month in the Clunes Memorial Hall, Walker Street in Clunes. They start at 7.30 pm. Membership \$40 per annum, fees due - now changed to end of March.

Organised Runs

A breakfast run is held on the Sunday immediately following the club's monthly meeting. A classics only run is held on the first Sunday of the month. Both runs start at the Blue Kitchen Café, Windmill Grove, 105 Wilson Street, South Lismore at 9.00 am. Every Sunday can be a club run but members must contact the Events Organizer. Club events are also listed on the club website. There are also 2 Mid-week runs departing Lismore railway station on 1st and 4th Wednesday of the month at 9.00 am. .

**THIS YEARS CLUB RALLY IS TO BE CANCELLED ?
 GO TO PAGE 2 , IF YOU'RE CONCERNED**



Photos by Dieter

Now about that headline from page 1, regarding the Rally Cancellation, it was only to get your attention, it's not really cancelled **BUT !!**

From the presidents Rock

The first Rally meeting was held and the show up of members was very disappointing. Only one club member and the committee were present with several members unable to attend putting in apologies. I totally understand that family comes first as I was unable to attend both the committee meeting and the rally due to being called to our daughter Angela's bed side due to the early arrival of our first grandchild. Does the lack of interest in the planning meetings show a lack of interest in the Rally its self?



Do we cancel the rally due to lack of care and interest from YOU the members?

The committee of your club works continually for you and your club all year round, so is it fair that when a big event is being organised, that it's left up to the committee to do all the planning and work? We need members at rally meetings and we need you to volunteer to assist with a range of jobs. So, members show your involvement through the things you do for the club and assist in its events. GET INVOLVED Keep upright Mary W

{ I'll let you know when the next Club Rally meeting will be — Secretary }

Update from Council of Heritage Motor Clubs

In the May Edition of Classic Torque the update from CHMC was called 'The Good Oil' but as this name is used by another Classic Club, the name has been changed to 'The Dinkum Oil', Read carefully

Also from the CHMC and RMS .. Regarding the Log book Trial which will finish in September, Focus Group Meetings will be held **only** in Paramatta 17th June. The meeting will review the nature of any log book scheme going forward. At the next club meeting this will be an item for discussion.. By that time our club will have received the survey which **the club** will complete and send back by 21st June.. I will email the Survey { to be received on June 3rd } to club members on **internet**, so that you are acquainted with the situation prior to club meeting, apologies to postal members but time doesn't allow me to post out, Secretary NRCMCC



THE DINKUM OIL

A drop from the Council of Heritage Motor Clubs to keep you going

- The online survey of Log Book use will be sent directly to Clubs by RMS on Monday June 3rd.
- The Survey is to be completed by Friday 21st June.
- RMS **may** provide an extension of time to an individual Club should it provide suitable extenuating circumstances.
- RMS **may** set up an additional Survey should it feel that additional data is needed after collation of the initial Survey.
- Because either extensions or a second survey would delay finalisation of the review, Clubs are encouraged to complete the initial survey quickly and completely.
- The survey will only be compiled from responses by individual Clubs; the opportunity for individual member responses will not be possible, although this was indicated as a possibility earlier.
- Should any Club not receive an invitation to participate in the Survey by Tuesday 4th June, please contact the undersigned.

Peter Wright (RMS Liaison) phone 0417 250 798

More information about this, and other items of interest, can be found on Council's website:

www.heritagemotoringcouncil.org.au





Terry writesWell it was a bright, dry Sunday morning when a group of enthusiastic motorcyclists met at the Lismore Railway Station in anticipation of 6 days of revelry. After Tony's welcome speech, the flag was dropped and we were away in a blaze of glory, oh well, we were away.

A big roll up this year with 25 or so bikes and a total of over 40 people. A good range of bikes with BMW's still the steed of choice. A few Jappas, and a few European makes including Dave on his Vello.

Sunday was going well till Grafton, where Ian's Guzzi's oil line decided that over 40 years of faithful service was enough. On to the trailer it went, Cathy got a ride on Bryson's BMW, and Ian got to ride in the Rav. From stinking hot in Grafton, to bloody chilly in Ebor. After lunch we tucked behind our fairings (if we had one), and proceeded to Armidale.

Seeing that Chris was told he only had one bed in his room, and I was rooming with him, I thought discretion was the better part of valour, and I went to my cousins for the night.

Monday was clear and cool, so Dave and I headed off before the common rabble to blaze a trail to Walcha for morning tea. After a very scenic ride to Nundle, lunch was served. During lunch Ian replaced the repaired oil line on the Guzzi, with Chris and I overseeing proceedings to make sure he was doing it right. He really appreciated our help. A tour of the local wool mill was undertaken after lunch. I didn't do the tour, as someone had to look after the bikes to make sure none of the locals got too excited with all the exotic machinery in town. Actually, I laid down on the grass and had a sleep.

Quirindi was the destination for the next 2 nights, and for the first time I can remember, drinks and nibbles were had indoors, in a Chapel, no less. I thought it was great, as it was warm in there.

Tuesday was a ride up to the local lookout, then, for some of us, a short jaunt to Werris Creek, to the Rail Museum. Dave spent the afternoon working on the Vello clutch, as a Yamaha part he had installed, needed attention. Sirloin steaks for \$16 at the local pub that night were yummo!

Wednesday morning saw us loading up the bikes and rockin down the highway to morning tea at Aberdeen. After being accosted by some Jehovahs, well, they were sitting at a table near us, we forwarded to Dungog for lunch. Now, if you think our roads are bad, the Dungog area is right up there with us, glad I wasn't riding the Walla! I can recommend Dungog pies though. From there it was a steady cruise to Gloucester for the night. It was a warm afternoon and I nearly broke the shorts out, but the sun was going down, so they stayed in the bag. That night it was a \$12 schnitty at the local pub. Came back to the motel dining room to see a lot of our crowd still waiting to see food, any food. The fire was nice and warm in there though, so I hung around for a while.

Thursday morning arrived, and it was time for me to go home. I was tired and couldn't handle the excitement any more. I left Gloucester in the morning, looking into a rising sun and the temperature at 1 degree. Speaking of 1, I put on 1 kilo this year. Thank you to all the cooking people, and organising people, I had another fantastic time!

I broke the rules this year and took my modern bike, as I had just bought it. Next year, as my penance, I'm taking the Walla, so am encouraging other participants to break out the old classics and blow the cobwebs out of them. May need 2 back up trailers.

Cheers Tez

Photos by Dieter



OTH Tour 2019 – Another Perspective...

As Terry said (if you read his story first), Sunday greeted us with blue skies and sunshine. Once again, the OTH powers that be had given us what was to prove a week of clear skies. Marina and I were very lucky as we rode down from Banora Point on Saturday and managed to get the bike in the shed at Lina and Tony's about an hour before the rain bucketed down for the afternoon.



This year Marina and I were the tail-end charlies. We got to don the florescent pink vests. This gave us a very interesting perspective, while we weren't marshalling per-se we did get to wait for the back-up vehicles after we had let the last marshal go. Will definitely put our hands up for this job again.

So, we had the first of many morning briefing sessions, jumped on the bikes and off we went. As tail-end charlies we waited for all the bikes to leave and just at that moment our VP tells us he needs to get petrol. So we waited, no big drama as he was pretty quick and while we were waiting another bike arrived (no names but you know who you are...).

The marshalling worked like a charm this year with only one person going the wrong way (after having passed Bryson the ride leader) and ended up going to Gloucester 2 days earlier than planned. He did catch up with us at Quirindi that afternoon after having travelled an extra 200 odd klm.

There were a lot of cattle grazing the long paddock this year and at one point we even saw a large pink sign declaring "Caution Dumb Sheep on the road". I just love passing these cattle (not). They all have their heads down grazing and then one will look directly at you and proceed to cross the road in front of you with no warning. With a breath of relief at having passed this mob successfully I started to accelerate only to have a kangaroo bound across the road inches from my front wheel. The adrenaline kept us going for a while after that.



Under the hill

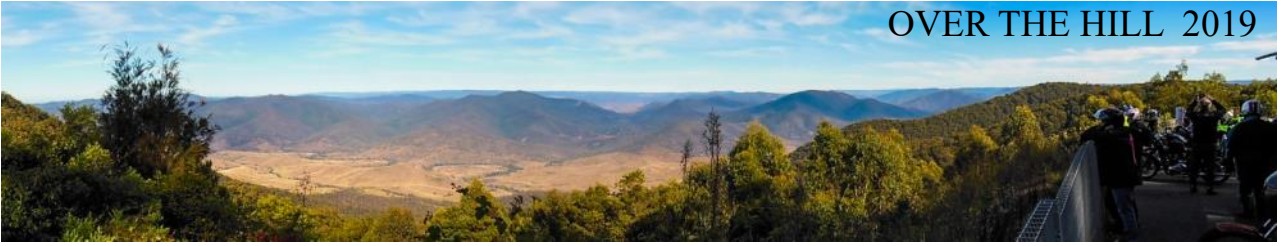
Now Terry has already given you the run down of our adventures up until the Thursday, so I won't bore you by going over the same stuff except to say that after the lookout at Quirindi we visited Bob's Shed. Bob has a very eclectic collection that he has been squirrelling away since he was 15 years old. There are pictures of his impressive collection included. There's also a picture of Terry guarding the bikes at Nundle.

After Terry left us on Thursday we made our way to Glenn Innes with morning tea at Nowendoc and lunch at Uralla. Two years ago, we went from Forster to Uralla and it rained and was foggy all the way to Nowendoc. This time we had clear skies and we stopped at the top of the range for a spectacular vista across the range before our stop for morning tea.

Our last night was spent in Glen Innes and we all headed off to the RSL for the Tour dinner. The food was very good and the company was fantastic. It must have been a good week as all the lights were out and snores were heard from the rooms when we got back to the motel. Friday morning came, and all were intent on the homeward leg of the tour. We had only one official stop in Tenterfield for brunch. Coming down the Bruxner Highway to Casino there were a few places where we had to stop for road works. At one of these, the traffic controller came over and gave a friendly warning about the cop who had been booking people all morning for speeding through the other end of the roadworks just before the roadworks ended.

And thus, another fantastic OTH Tour came to a close. Marina and I clocked up 1,741 Klm by the time we got home. Thank you to the organisers and to everyone who came along and made it another memorable OTH. Look forward to seeing you all again next year. Ya shoulda been there.
Dieter

OVER THE HILL 2019



Photos by Dieter

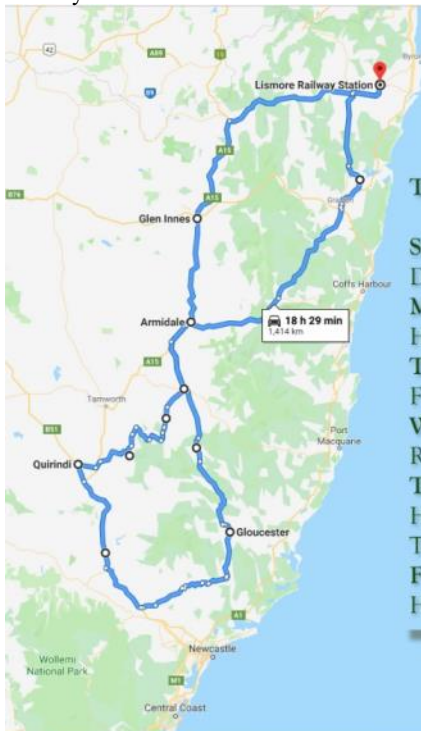
BOBS' SHED



Photos by Dieter



Dieter and Marina



17th Over The Hill Tour Sunday 5th May to Friday 10th May 2019

Tour Route:

- Sunday 5th May**
Depart Lismore Railway Station to Armidale via Lawrence and Ebor Falls
- Monday 6th May**
Head to Quirindi via Walcha and Nundle
- Tuesday 7th May**
Free day in Quirindi with planned activities
- Wednesday 8th May**
Ride to Gloucester via Aberdeen and Dungog
- Thursday 9th May**
Head for the final night in Glen Innes via Nowendoc and Uralla
Tour dinner
- Friday 10th May**
Head home to Lismore stopping in Tenterfield for morning tea

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OVER THE HILL 2019

Photo by Dieter

The Judges were undecided but impressed , it was still British and they could only see two wheels ...



Julia practicing for the long Pillion ride ahead...



Other Photos Michael

Must have worked ... still smiling



Photo by Dieter



Geralds heated grip control.. A seat warmer is next.. Or a mini



Danni from Qld enjoying free time

A letter of thanks to Over the Hill Riders

Hello Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club

On Wednesday 8th of May, we broke down in Gloucester with a battery fault. At the fuel station, we met several of your members, Bryson, Terry, Will (the names are a bit of a blur, but they will remember us).

The offers for assistance were well received and by the time we got the bike fixed, it was late in the day. Will advised us that they were staying the night and there was a spare room at the motel as one of the other riders had to pull out. We were invited to join your members for drinks and nibbles. Being a little late to make our planned destination, we decided that staying the night would be a good idea.

We were undertaking the Long Ride - raising funds for Prostate Cancer Research and men's health awareness. The generosity, road side assistance and interest in our ride to Darwin was of Interest and both Sam and I enjoyed stopping and meeting. Some of your members made donations to the Long Ride 2019.

So, this email is for you to pass onto the riders and others who were in Gloucester on Wednesday 8th May. Thank you so much for your hospitality and offers of assistance.

We made it to Darwin with no other bike issues (some close ups with kangaroos, but no bike issues.) We traveled 6,200 km, arriving with 320 other bikes on Saturday 18th May. We raised \$4200 on the way and as a group we will raise close to \$300,000.

I have attached some happy snaps for your information. Once again, we appreciate your friendship and offers of support, could you please pass this email onto the members at the event.

Best Regards Sam and Leigh



From the clubs Facebook page

Annie, the activities organiser at Bunnings ballina. We are holding our Father's Day Family night on Thursday 29th August 6-8pm and I would like to invite your club along to show your motorbikes. If this is something your group would like to be a part of please contact me on 66185684 or email ballinawhao@bunnings.com.au

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON: 14th May 2019 start: 7. 30 pm

Abbreviations used in Minutes MW Mary Walker,

WELCOME to all by President, Special welcome to the life members present at this meeting.

Meeting attended by 34 members **2 visitor & 20 apologies** as per the attendance sheet

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: - Not read to members. The Secretary moved that minutes of April 2019 Club meeting as published in club's May 2019 newsletter be accepted. 2nd by Kevin Everett motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE IN Newsletters- Clarence Valley, Coffs Harbour, Inverell. MC Clubs

CHMC {Council of Heritage Motor Clubs} has new Newsletter, Good Oil. with info on the end of 60-day log book trial.

CHMC reminder letter for their AGM meeting on 17th MAY

HMC club of Qld – flyer for Ray Owens bike show & Swap Event 19th May at Canungra

Casino beef week - Invitation to attend a Show and Shine 25th May Letter from Bill Green – spare parts list BSA M20

Flyers for Kempsey Swap meet 19th May, Flyer for Coffs Harbour Swap meet 21st July

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: Clubs May Newsletter was posted or emailed to members and other MC clubs.

TREASURERS REPORT: – presented + moved by Alan Stratton 2nd Peter Lake, Motion carried. Thanks to Marc Jennison for filling in while Alan was away holidaying.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

<MW reported than around 20 persons had not renewed their 2019 NRCMCC membership and that their motorcycles With classic rego are now not listed with the club, and they are riding illegally.

<MW reported we now have a new Membership form to be used only for persons wishing to join the club, it will not be on the club's web page and will be available only from the President or Secretary.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

< **Over the Hill Update.** Moved to Ride reports <**Rego day** -28th April move to Registration officers report.

< **Ride to Life Care Nursing Home at Ballina** for Wed. 5th June now confirmed, leave Lismore station as usual or meet up there. Morning tea between 10 – 11 am. The Secretary to send out email with details or contact Peter Lake.

GENERAL BUSINESS

<MW commented on an article in CHMC newsletter about the Log book trial finishing in Sept. CHMC will send out a survey later in May, the Secretary will email out, & place in Newsletter, members are encouraged to fill in & return .

< 2019 NRCMCC rally – First Rally meeting set for Monday 20th May 6pm for meal 7pm for meeting no meeting room Available, table booked in Bistro. All members are encouraged to get involved to assist in the planning.

<New Members draw – after consultation with Greg Janson Rocky creek design, there will be a membership draw every meeting, raffle tickets will be handed out to those members attending and the winner draw during meeting. Gerard Roache won the first draw.

<Matt Muir is now back in Sth Lismore Shed 2/15 Snow St behind metal recycler.

<MW reported on the Breathing machine Battery given previously to Lismore Hospital Cancer Care, was picked up to be checked. MW suggested to buy and donate a new one. Doug F to be emailed particulars of battery as he has connections in the medical equipment world.

< MW spoke re the approx. 15 non-financial members a letter will be sent to RMS as per our requirements some of these members had conditional registrations on their bikes this registration is now no longer valid. John Mazzer asked if all renewing members had correctly filled in their renewal membership form by indicating 3 of the events which the members had assisted the club in by attending, the membership officer is looking into this.

REGISTRATION OFFICER REPORT from Rego day held 28th April - two New Indians & new Harley 15 regos done, MW thanked John Mazzer and shed owner Andrew Lawson for the use of his premises.

EARLY DAYS, Bryson read a ride report by Dave Charlton from 2001 Sept newsletter, Ride to **Emmaville Pub**

RIDE REPORTS

Over the Hill Peter Fleming spoke of the great time everyone had. 43 people in all, with visitors from Qld. Sydney NZ

14th April - ride to Rainforest Café at Mt Warning Road, for Doug Foskey Birthday Celebrations.

21st April Ride to Indian Rally – 3 left but rained, ended in Bangalow Café Terry Paxton good turn up of Indians but many modern.

Wed 24th April 7 riders to Tenterfield **Wed 1st May** 5 riders to Casino

NEXT CLUB RUNS 18th May this is a Saturday Club Ride to Vintage Japanese Rally at Movie World on the Gold Coast {Helensvale}. Ride leaving Lismore Railway Station at 9.30 am for a ride up to and through Numinbah Valley to Nerang.

5th June Wednesday ride to **Life Care Nursing Home at Ballina** refer to note in Business Arising

OTHER NON-CLUB RIDES

19th May Sunday Ray Owen Bike Show, Tamborine Area

25th May Saturday Casino Beef Week. Show and Shine Display

17-19th May Ruptured Budgie Guzzi Rally at Mingoola QLD CONTACT Doug Foskey

20-21st July Big Chill Dirt event at Stanthorpe camping at track Contact Kevin Everett

MEETING CLOSED at 8.15 PM'

Saturday Club Ride to Vintage Japanese Rally at Movie World



Neil writes It was a great weekend at VJMC rally The meal was at movie world The Honda 750 into the Yamaha was very well done Photos by Neil



Rego day held 28th April . Many thanks to John Mazzer and shed owner Andrew Lawson for the use of his premises.



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NRCMC Club Events

*Club run each month on the Sunday after the meeting.

*Classic (pre 1987) run first Sunday of the month . Ride Organizer is needed

Until one is found, riders on day to organize their own destination & route to nearest Coffee Shop

*Mid-week runs start at Lismore Railway Station on the 1st and 4th Wednesday—9.00 am start time

NOTE: WEDNESDAY rides to continue to start from Lismore railway station, but all other club events to start from the Blue Kitchen Café. (Note: More details on rides are on club website & Page 1)

NRCMCC club rides & Events—2019

If you see any ride dates or details that are not correct can you let the Editor know {But nicely !}

5th June , Wednesday Ride to Life Care Nursing Home at Ballina, Leave Lismore Station as usual Or meet there at 9.45 am ,Eastern end of Fox Street at Gates , for morning tea between 10 & 11 am Contact Peter Lake , 66285872 or Mob 0459 285 872

16th June Club ride to New Italy via Woodburn

14th July Brunswick Heads– Hot Rods {Not sure if this is the Club Ride , will confirm before date}

10th to 15th September NRCMCC Rally* - Evans Head

*Tuesday 10th to Thursday 12th Sept—Rides are **not** marshalled ..organised on day

Friday 13th , Saturday 14 th Sept. , Organised rides **are** marshalled ..

Saturday night 14th —Dinner

Sunday 15th Sept— Morning Bike display in main street..

13th October Ride to Rathdowney

17th November Sidecar + Tiddlers Ride to Frank Widdows , 64 Westland Dr., Ballina 0408889265

15th Dec Ride to Red Rattlers Café Billinudgel .

Other Club events

Please note That the NRCMCC is not responsible for The events & Rallys as organised by other clubs or groups . And dates {and events} given to us and shown here may change without notice. So if you are attending another club event just check you have their Up to date info. Also check out the NRCMCC web page.

16th to 18th August Triples Rally . NRCMCC will help marshal rides on Saturday contact Col 0428 869 889



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Terry writes—a little improvement I made to my too short side stand.

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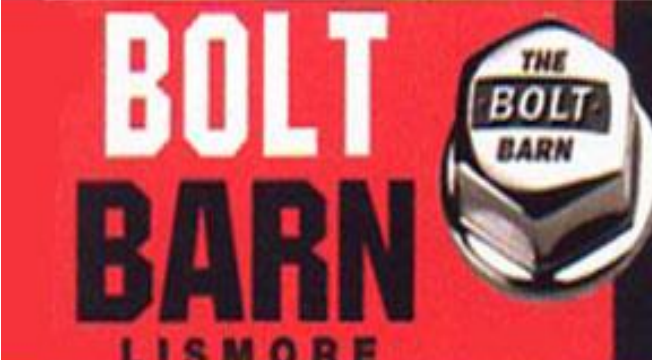
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