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



## 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 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 .

Some special dates, NOT coming up soon. Covid19 is back with us —updates on page 2 Club meetings for August & September—CANCELLED Club Rally—CANCELLED Next Club run, 15th August with Restrictions refer to Page 2

## **NRCMCC Presidents Report**

We certainly live in challenging times. We often consider ourselves a bit protected up here on the north coast, and mostly we are. However the new strains of the Covid virus that are evolving mean that everyone's lives can be changed at the drop of a hat.

We had to cancel our meetings because of limited space in the hall and Covid social distancing compliance made it impracticable to hold the meeting. Nabiac swap meet and the Newcastle rally have been postponed to dates TBA and many more clubs are facing some tough decisions about their own events because of the uncertainty around the virus and the impacts of lockdowns.

We will continue to function as a club as much as possible but everyone needs to be aware that we may need to cancel, move or postpone meetings and gatherings as required. I know it can be frustrating but please work with us as we navigate through another year of Covid incidents and government snap Covid decisions, border closures and restrictions. I will try to keep you as informed as possible.

Stay safe Cheers Neil

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR MOTORCYCLES on the Historic Vehicle Scheme (HVS): Motorcycles must be as CLOSE TO ORIGINAL CONDITION as possible with NO ALTERATIONS except for safety features, such as rear view mirrors & turn indicators and **must be over 30 years old**. **Motorcycle Usage:** 

NRCMCC members are permitted to participate in **Club events** listed on the NRCMCC webpage, at <u>NRCMCC.org</u>, without having to make an entry in their logbook.

Members that are on the RMS logbook scheme must fill their logbook for each day's use **if it is not a club event.** A logbook entry is required for maintenance rides (eg test runs) & personal use and the logbook should be carried with you while riding the bike.

The log book can be used as soon as it's issued to record the days you use the bike. The number of days allocated for use depends on the remaining length of conditional registration when the log book is issued. Only one person is required to record the daily use of the motorcycle. If there are multiple riders on the same day, the initial rider on the day must complete the line entry for that day.

Carrying a Club Magazine /Events Listing and a current Membership Card/Receipt, while not a HVS requirement, is regarded as a worthwhile practice.

#### Reprinting 2 email sent by club President to members {ED} On 28th July Good afternoon all,

This also means that our club continues to be affected by that lockdown. The current hall is too small to hold a meeting in and to comply with the social distancing rules. So, some meetings will need to be cancelled.

<u>Cancelled</u> - <u>August and September monthly meetings</u>. August is understandable but why September too I hear you ask. Covid cases travelling around the community are still on the rise in Sydney and I believe that a further lockdown extension is highly likely even after 4 weeks so, rather than fluffing about and waiting for things to improve or get worse in NSW before we make a call, September meeting is being cancelled now so everyone knows well in advance what is going on.

<u>Cancelled—2021 NRCMCC Rally</u>. The risks are simply too great to run this year. Snap lockdowns, border closures, social distancing, development and submission of covid plans all have an impact on this decision. And all of this is without any cases being in our local area. If we get Covid cases up here then we can expect to be made to stay at home. The 2021 NRCMCC rally will not be held.

#### Now to the end of the year. (DEPENDING ON THE CHANGES TO COVID RULES)

<u>Club Rides.</u> as per normal as complying with all Covid requirements if achievable (eg signing on, masks and sanitizer) <u>Club Meetings.</u>

August - Cancelled

September - Cancelled

October - Going ahead either at the Clunes Hall as per usual or at an alternate location with more space (TBA) November - Going ahead either at the Clunes Hall as per usual or at an alternate location with more space (TBA) December- Going ahead either at the Clunes Hall as per usual or at an alternate location with more space (TBA) December AGM - Going ahead either at the Clunes Hall as per usual or at an alternate location with more space (TBA)

#### Christmas Gathering.

Anticipated that it will be a mid week sit down meal in a club early in December. Possibly Lismore Heights Bowling Club but yet to be confirmed.

This is still Covid dependent but planning has commenced and there are a few things that need to be put to a vote at a meeting before going ahead.

Mainly around the members social fund as detailed in the latest committee minutes that are published in the latest newsletter. <u>Please note:</u> definite numbers and pre booking will be required for this event. The catering will be done by the club and they will need to know the number of people coming.

#### <u>Rego Days.</u>

I have contacted all the registration officers to see how they want to manage club bike registrations between now and the end of the year in the current Covid climate. eg Rego days or individually. Still working this out so TBA.

I hope this is helpful and provides some clarity about what's happening (or not??) in the club over the rest of the year.

Ping me an email anytime if you have any questions Cheers Neil

#### **On 16th July**

Morning all, As we didn't have our regular monthly meeting in July I thought I would reach out and touch base with you all. Correspondence in:

- HMCCQ magazines - Given to the Editor (well, they will be when I can get off the computer :-)

- Invitation to attend Clarence Valley Rally - Now on Events page on Club website and I have more copies if anyone wants them

- Invitation to attend Central Coast Motorcycle Club - Pelican Rally. - on Club Events page

- Invitation to attend the CHMC of NSW Rally in Singleton in 2022 - I have the information

- Invitation to attend the Newcastle Vintage Rally in August - I have the information (not on email)

- Club bank statements received.

We have a new member since our last meeting. Please say g'day to Will Palmer whenever we end up meeting again.

The Club's Facebook group has now been made a private group. I did a clean up of members this morning so if you had access to the group and you don't have it now then please contact me and tell me who you are (alias?) because I didn't recognise your name and consequently, I may have deleted you.

The third committee meeting for the year has been held and the minutes will be published in an upcoming newsletter. {Page 3} At the risk of stating the bleeding obvious, all of NSW is under Covid restrictions. These restrictions impact on club meetings because of the size of the Clunes Hall. It's too small for us to meet and maintain the social distancing required under the Covid restrictions. Next month's meeting is very likely to be cancelled too but I live in hope.....

#### I will be in touch about next month's meeting as soon as possible.

However, as you will see in the published committee meeting minutes in the newsletter, there are some matters that the committee is wanting to bring before a meeting for a vote.

1- The Members Social Fund should no longer have an opt in or opt out option. As this is a decision about money it will be brought before a monthly meeting as a motion for the members to decide.

2- NRCMCC Christmas Party: recommendation for a sit down meal

2a- The Members Social Fund contributes to the cost of the meal for current financial members. As this is a decision about money it will be brought before a monthly meeting as a motion for the members to decide.

3- AGM and committee positions - some procedural changes detailed in the minutes.

4- NRCMCC Rally - the impact of sudden Covid lockdowns, the threat of imminent border closures and restrictions on movement must be taken into account for this event. The committee is examining the fundamental question of whether to proceed in any form at all or cancel it for this year. Unfortunately, when governments make snap decisions and place restrictions on people in the name of Covid it's not possible to live life as normal.

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I will be in touch again about this as soon as possible.

Hope this is helpful Cheers Neil

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### Committee Meeting Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 in Lismore Meeting commenced 5pm Present: Neil Williams, Marc Jennison, Dean Marsh, Peter Lake, Andrew Evans

<u>Present</u>: Neil Williams, Marc Jennison, Dean Marsh, Peter Lake, Andrew Evan Apologies: John Mazzer

No minutes available from Committee meeting No2 as Secretary is away. These minutes taken by Neil **Annual memorial ride:** Discussed and venue and format agreed on:

Group ride leaving from Norco Rural at 9am on the 15<sup>th</sup> August and riding to Razorback lookout at Evans Head where the ride leader, Mr Peter Lake, will invite the group to gather in remembrance. Group to then ride down the hill to the Evans Head fish Co-Op for casual group gathering.

**NRCMCC Assets Register:** Discussed and current audit and update required. Some items are no longer used and can be disposed of. Eg Out of date club printer/fax. Agreed that printer can be disposed of immediately. Marc and Neil will conduct wider assets audit within 2 months

New NRCMCC Rally for 2 Stroke bikes only: Peter spoke about a strong interest amongst the members for the creation of a new 2 stroke annual rally. Marc advised that for this to happen it would need to meet the same entry standards and processes as the current annual NRCMCC rally for insurance reasons. Discussed, and concept viewed positively by the committee but more clarification needed about the viability of coordinating a new rally along with the club's main rally

**Members Social Fund (MSF):** Discussed and agreed that the current opt-in or opt-out system is not the best way forward for the club. Agreement that the MSF should be all inclusive for all members. As this involves a decision about monies the matter will be brought to the first available monthly meeting as a motion for a vote from the members.

**NRCMCC Library:** The club library is almost at maximum available storage space. Some items, eg magazines, are never being borrowed. Decision made that further analysis is required and it was agreed that the club will archive specific low demand items to another location to free up space for more repair manuals. NRCMCC librarians to provide committee usage advice over time.

**Over The Hill (OTH):** Another very successful NRCMCC OTH this year. The organisers have exceled again this year in spite of Covid. The treasurer requires a financial report for the event so this events expenditures are included in the NRCMCC annual financial report. Neil to check with Tony and Lina about this. (done)

**NRCMCC Christmas Party:** Discussed and decision made for the Christmas party to be a sit down meal. Possibly House With No Steps or Clydesdale Steak Barn. Neil to contact both to find out available dates. MSF to contribute to members meal costs. As this involves a decision about monies the matter will be brought to the first available monthly meeting as a motion for a vote from the members.

**Current Club Rules:** Agreed that sections of the club rules are out of date: Committee to discuss by email and face to face. Wider consultation with members after committee has reviewed the rules and then brought to the members before any changes are made.

AGM and Committee Positions: Rapidly approaching deadlines for AGM notifications etc. Not there yet but needs to be on the committee radar. Agreed that committee positions will be elected first and President position will be the last position filled at the AGM. Neil advised the committee that he will not be putting in a written nomination for a position this year. Unless there are other written nominations the members at the AGM will decide.

Rally Discussed: Thank you to Jimmy for all the work he has done to date

Dates: 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> October Entry: \$5 Registrations: Marc Jennison and Peter Harvey

Documentation: Neil to follow up and draw up entry forms

Approvals: getting mixed messages from police. Neil to contact Commander's Office and discuss.

Council: Neil to contact Council and discuss. Start times and rides to be finalised.

A lot of self catering at local cafes and no formal rally meal to be done but breakfast will be provided by the club. (Covid restrictions allowing)

Urgent that final smaller details be finalised ASAP

Neil advised that due to the change of dates to October he will not be able to attend the rally due to a clash of bookings. Dean Marsh will attend and represent the club.

Meeting ended 6:10

### THE ENTRIES FOR THE JACK AHEARN RESTORATION TROPHY FOR 2021 NOW OPEN.

YOUR ENTRY MUST BE COMPLETED, BY THE 31st DECEMBER, RUNNING, REGISTERED ON H PLATE OR FULL ROAD REGISTRATION, BE 30 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR OR OLDER. CONTACT THE FOLLOWING FOR MORE INFORMATION. CALL . JOHN CAFE-66 244 280, ERIC WILSON - 66 243 <sup>P</sup>57 **Our Club Rides:** Some information on coming NRCMCC club rides.

**15th August.. Memorial Ride,** Travelling as a group to Razorback lookout at Evans Head for a Remembrance 4 gathering, then travel back down the hill for Fish & Chips at Evans Head Fish Co-Op, come by car if you need to . **Wednesday Rides** 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> of month as usual . route decided on day

You **MUST** be mindful of the COVID 19 restrictions, signing on before ride, Please follow instructions from Peter Lake the ride leader. All other riding you do, you MUST use your log book days as they are not sanctioned club rides and as such, without the log book entry, you would be in effect under the law, to be riding an unregistered machine. For further information go to the clubs web site, advisable to read before going on any club rides,

## Motorcycle Events and Rallies organized by other Motorcycle Clubs or Groups

06-08th August classic VMX dirt 16 Grevillea {Kyogle} www.vmxmagshop.com.au/

1st—4th October The National Thunder Motorcycle Rally at Tamworth www.nationalthunder.com.au 20—22nd August Aussi Triples Rally Evans Head

13-15th August Newcastle VMCC Annual Rally Contact B Turner 0468676201 <u>NOW CANCELLED</u> 28th—29th August the 2021 AMAC Australian Bulli Antique Motorcycle Weekend Bulli Showground

Contact Phill at AMCA.AusWeb@gmail.com

27-29th August CVH&EMCC Grafton Rally contact <u>cvhemcc@gmail.com</u>

**1st to 4th October** The National Thunder Motorcycle Rally at Tamworth Friday www.nationalthunder.com.au for more info

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**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. Especially in theses Covid 19 times.

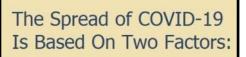
## **NRCMCC Market:** You can advertise here 'For Sale', 'Wanted', 'Swap', 'Advice needed', 'to Give away', etc - ie, any deal you can imagine to do with motorcycles.

Please contact the editor - details on the 'Club officials' list somewhere in this newsletter.

Unless otherwise arranged, advertisements will be maintained for two issues.

PS Note from Rob.... RE his add in the last Newsletter

'Great work by the NRCMCC newsletter, my gloves sold to someone who really needs them."



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## I may have found a loophole in this "Dry July" thing.

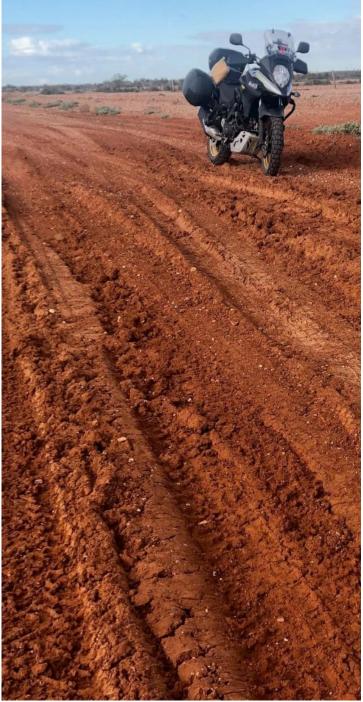


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## To Camerons Corner and back. More on the next 2 pages





**Lifted from the Clubs Facebook page** Douglas Norton posted photos and wrote - club ride to Mooball last Sunday {18th July} Seven of the clubs 11 regular riders in attendance, Thanks Peter for organizing ride



To Camerons Corner and back.

A small group of mates including NRCMCC member Michael Smith headed off on a ride from the far NE of NSW to the far NW of the state to Cameron Corner, the NSW, QLD & SA border. Unfortunately Tim and Robert from Sydney had to cancel due to the lockdown there but Michael, Phil, Dave, John and Al headed off on Sunday.

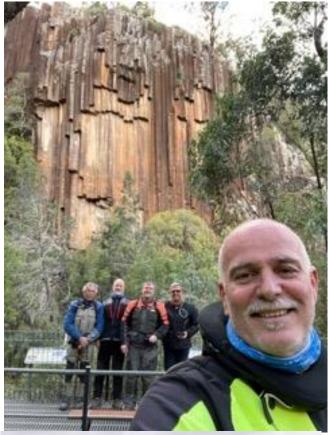
**Day 1** was along the Bruxner Highway through Tenterfield, Bonshaw and onto Moree for the first night. Al took advantage of the hot artesian spa and as we came to learn, he could sniff out a hot spring anywhere we ventured and took full advantage of them along the way.

**Day 2** was to Bourke and an end to our bitumen roads for a while. The country was so different since the recent rain and although I've been out this way several times over the years, it was very green and lush with creeks and dams full and fat cattle everywhere. It was great to see the Darling river in Bourke running so well.

**Day 3** was Bourke to Tibooburra via Wanaaring and the first of the Gravel roads. We covered 300kms of gravel roads this day and what a baptism! We had the lot! Small sections of bull dust, long sections of corrugations, large ruts from recent wet weather and pot holes that made Lismore roads look like they are in a minor state of disrepair. Fuel prices were growing, \$1:85 a litre at the Wanaaring store so just a top up there to get us to Tibooburra.

Tibooburra accommodation was booked out a month ago when we planned this trip but Covid had changed all that. No worries as we had booked into the historic Albert Hotel at Milparinka which is 41kms south of Tibooburra and we were very pleased we did. This is a one pub, one house town which in its heyday was a thriving town as men came from all over the world in search of gold. It has a beautifully restored court house which is now the tourist info centre and a very nice caravan park there too. The Albert is "rustic" but it is 140 years old. Lots of ruins in several streets are still visible and worth a walk around.

Day 4 was cloudy and would you believe it rained lightly throughout the night and on us on our ride back up to the turn off to Cameron Corner. This proved to be a good thing as the less than 1 or 2mm of rain helped to settle the dust for a few hours on the 138km ride to the Corner. Again there was a few "sh\*t my pants" moments as we encountered loose corrugated sections of the track and soft dust that bogged the front wheel as we ploughed through. It was hard to not decelerate as we hit this soft dust, it was "weight back and power on" to keep the front wheel from digging in. Al and Phil were the masters of the dirt and we soon lost them as they speared ahead. I stopped on the large salt/clay pan about half way out to take a few photos and wait for Dave and John to catch up but after about 20 minutes, I thought I best go back "just in case". Although we left all our gear at the Albert, I was carrying a pretty comprehensive medical kit so back I headed. Fortunately I only went about 5 kms and met up with Dave and John, all was good, the corrugations had shaken off the battery bolts on Dave's V-Strom so a repair was done and they were on the road again. The corrugations had also shaken off my GPS which has a bayonet mount but for extra strength I siliconed it on but that didn't win the sort of shaking those corrugations caused. My Chinese windscreen extension didn't pass the test either, it broke too. Oh, and my top box full of medical gear opened along the way as I hit a large rut and I lost something but nothing major. We got to the corner with Phil and Al looking very worried due to our now hour delay. We had lunch at the store there, topped up with fuel (at \$2:00 a litre), got a few photos and headed back in. Only 138kms of bone jarring, dusty, corrugated, loose gravel road to get back. The now strong northerly side wind proved to be a god send as it cleared the dust as we followed each other back and bugger me, here sitting in the middle of the track was my disc lock, orange curly cord and cap that flew out when my top box opened on the way out. Thank you. We went into Tibooburra to fuel up again, had a beer at the pub and then 41 kms of blissfully





smooth bitumen road back down the highway to Milparinka for our second night there.

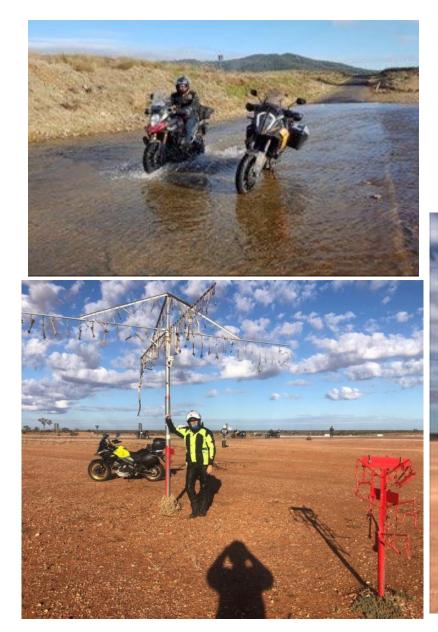


Would you believe it rained again that night so it was now thick fog that challenged us as we headed off on Day 5. We headed south on the Silver City Highway to the tool line (see photo) and then SE for another 140kms of gravel road to Whitecliffs. This road was closed recently due to flooding but it was open now and much of it was in good condition. Almost a highway compared the the road to Cameron Corner really. There was a few sections of corrugations and a few wet spots, some treacherous sections where trucks had broken through the crust and left deep trenches but we managed to cruise along at 90km/hr at times. A quick stop at Whitecliffs for lunch and fuel and then onto Cobar as the original route on gravel road to Bourke along the Darling River was still closed due to flooding. This run was the longest and most fatiguing but it was good bitumen and we were all glad to get into Cobar at the end of the day. Day 6 was all bitumen roads and we started to get into familiar country, again avoiding rain and marvelling at the lush green country side. Cotton, canola, fat cattle and water in every stream. Would you believe it rained (enough to stop a council worker anyway) when we had lunch at Narrabri but by the time we headed off, the roads were dry and the sky's cleared to blue again. We overnighted at the pub in Bingara and day 7, our last day on the road saw us traverse many flooded culverts on the very familiar roads (OTH 2021 route) past

Copeton Dam, Inverell, Ashford, Tenterfield and home. So in 7 days we covered 3463kms, 750kms of that was gravel roads to get to stand in 3 states and two time zones at the same time at Cameron Corner. All bikes preformed faultlessly and no one had an off although we all had a few "heart in mouth" moments.

So thank you Phil on his KTM 1290 who was our organiser and pace setter for the trip, Dave on his 1000 Suzuki V-Strom who was a POI guide and had the ability to find the biggest and deepest pothole on the many flooded culverts we crossed, Al on his BM 800GS who had an uncanny knack to find a hot spring wherever we went, John on his R1200GS who kept us and the locals entertained at the pub every night with his stories and I made up the 5th on my 650 V-Strom who acted as the medic.

A good time was had by all. ... Michael





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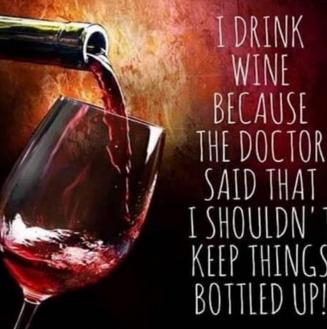
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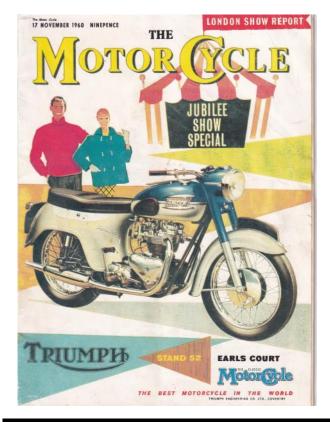






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Last word from the Editor Many thanks to all who have sent in photos and articles ...as always Terry S, Neil for reports and jokes and a big thanks to Michael S for his Cameron s Corner report , and Bryson for the great BMW photos, and the legs. Also I have scanned a rare copy of "The Motor Cycle" Nov 1960 British edition which has a "Jubilee Show Special" feature on all the latest bike, , will print extracts over the next couple of issues {Big thanks to Doug } Cheers DBM

