

The Monthly Journal of the  
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**June  
 2023**

# 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 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 , coming up soon.***

**Next club meeting \* —Tuesday 13th June 7.30 start at Clunes Hall.**

**Rally meeting start at 7pm at hall before monthly meeting.**

**Next Club Ride 18th June—Ride to New Italy Café for Coffee.**

**NRCMCC Rally Friday 8th – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>** Reflections Holiday Park phone 66824212 ask for Sarah and quote the important group booking number 847302.

**Note :** if you receive this Newsletter by post, check/confirm that any activities listed here are STILL on.. Emails will be sent out advising the status of events prior to the date advertised, check your inbox..



**The Winner of Jack Ahearn Restoration Trophy was Bill with his Harley Davidson Sportster. More on page 2**

**Over the Hill Run , having A great time with Friends. More reports And photos inside**



Photos by Dieter

## Memorial Ride and Jack Ahearn Restoration Trophy Day

The events for the day were for the memorial recollection and minute silence which would be first followed by lunch and the presentation of the Jack Ahearn Restoration Trophy.

It was a quick turnaround for us as I returned home on Friday afternoon and had to cater for the lunch on Sunday with no real idea how many were going to turn up as well as replace all the catering equipment in the catering trailer so we could use the BBQ quick shades etc for the day.

We arrived early 8:30 am to begin the setup and get the food organised and it wasn't long before we were joined by fellow members who worked to prepare the salads, slice the onions, and cook the BBQ. Thank you to all who chatted and assisted in this there were so many of you that it took no time at all.

Bill and Jenny turned up with their lovely restored Harley Davidson Sportster which was put on display at the front of the hall for all to see. He was lucky that he missed the rain showers on his way out. At around 10:30 the participants of the memorial ride arrived and enjoyed a hot drink and biscuit before gathering around the Harley which generated a lot of talk. Peter you did a great job in leading us in our memorial ride recollections of members who are no longer with us. Thank You.

Lunch was enjoyed by all in attendance lovely BBQ lunch with salads and fresh fruit.

It was time for the trophy presentation. John talked about the judges' comments on the restoration and then went on to explain how judges look at the work carried out on the machine and award point for the range of sections of the machine restoration. A huge Thank you to all those who assisted in preparing food and cooking the BBQ, cleaning up and packing up tables and chairs you all did a great job.

Congratulations to Bill & Jenny for their beautifully restored Harley Davidson Sportster which we hope they are enjoying riding. Mary W



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**Rob's Report on ride** Our Clubs Memorial Ride for "Kyogle Jack" went ahead despite the poorest forecast—ending with the presentation of the "Jack Ahearn" Trophy for the Best home renovated machine at Clunes Hall.

We started out from Norco Car Park {under cover too} with seven riders, with one keen aspiring member mounted on superbly appointed Classic 650 cc Triumph, the rest being on modern mounts probably due to the drizzly and overcast weather.

This annual run was lead by Peter & Ian, passing thru the partially re-sealed Riverbend Road, back past "Monaltrie" then up Koala Road {Skyline Road} up to the Crematorium at Goonellabah, then right along Rous, past Summerland Farm, thru Alstonville onto Humpty Back for a short spell, then onto Eltham Road. Up Johnstons Road {improved—but still under repair after the landslip at the top} and finally arriving at Clunes Hall.

Conditions were generally Drizzly overall and wet roads worsened nearer the coast, especially slippery Under tree arches, One Mazda—3 driver decided not to completely share the road with me near Teven Golf course {ah the benefits of my twin/bright driving lights in these conditions}

On arrival at the Hall, around 10.30 our annual memorial gathering & BBQ was in full swing, I gratefully had a hot coffee and biscuit to warm up, after the wet and cooler conditions us riders experienced.

Some Club T shirts were sighted, even a few member name tags worn too, perhaps for newer {and us older} members benefit a few more should be worn at future events?

Grateful thanks must go to all our marvellous organisers & workers that made this yet another successful and historic club event.

Unfortunately, I had to leave early and missed the presentation, but had a satisfyingly faster run back to Lismore with no balking and low oncoming traffic density, Mileage 83Km mostly on twisty back roads

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## June from the chair

The colder months are definitely with us which make cooler starts but lovely weather for motorcycling.

Early July see some of our club members are once again attending the Frost bite Rally in Allora. This rally is great cooler motorcycling riding with cool starts and lovely sunny days riding the nights are cold but the magnificent fire barrels keep participants warm along with welcome dinner and friendly greetings from the Warwick members. This is a great rally which is always enjoyed by all who attend.



**Our Rally** is well in the planning stages with June rally meeting starting at 7pm at the Clunes Hall before the usual monthly meeting. If you want to lend a hand to our own clubs rally planning please come along and offer your assistance.

**Roads of NSW** Bryson & I attended a meeting in early May at Ballina RSL invited by Ballina Classic Vehicle Club with team from Roads of NSW of the dealing with conditional registration and our historical registration part on this. I will be talking about this at the club meeting. There are some things you need to know and do. Their advice if you as experiencing trouble with first time registrations of unusual motorcycles at service NSW. Information on 10 digit frame number, new month and year requirements was also discussed. In regard to some other clubs which appear to not be doing the correct thing regarding registration we have no worries. Attending away club rallies was also discussed and the requirements for this. As the Ballina Classic Vehicle Club hosted this meeting a lot of the questions revolved around the 'Classic' scheme and how the new plated and rules were going to impact them but we were able to get some questions in. Come to the June meeting to hear our findings presented and discussed by members.

**Jack Ahearn Restoration Trophy** held in Clunes Hall 14<sup>th</sup> May. Congratulations to Jenny & Bill for their lovely Harley Davidson Sportster. This is the reason this trophy was acquired for the club to promote the restoration of machines which were previously not going or rideable. This is a great trophy donated to our club by Jack and awarded yearly for a club restoration. It is great to see another machine turning and on the road. I hope Jenny & Bill ave many successful fun trips on the Harley.

Keep upright & Riding Mary W President



It just doesn't happen without Mary



Remembering Jack



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**Our Club Rides:-** Some information on coming NRCMCC club rides.

### **Sunday & Wednesday Rides - All going ahead**

Please note that all attendees will need to sign on and BYO mask {optional }

Sunday runs are starting from the Norco Car Park—leave 9.00am

Wednesday rides starting from Lismore Railway Station—leave 9.00 am

For further information go to the clubs web site , advisable to read before going on any rides,

### **Provisional Schedule of Sunday Club Rides for 2023** as supplied by Peter Lake

**18th June**—Ride to New Italy Café for Coffee.

**16th July**—Ride to Brunswick Head for Hot Rod display, then onto Mooball for Coffee.

**19th July** Extra Wednesday Ride for 2 stroke & smaller bikes , more info to come

**13th August**—Small Bike Run around Lismore { not the circle again please }

**8th-10th September**—Club Rally at Evans Head .

**15th October**—Ride to Tumbulgum via Cabarita, Pottsville, Mooball

19th November & 17th Dec —yet to be decided

In addition to the primary club ride after the monthly meeting, we also have a CLASSICS ONLY ride on the 1st Sunday of every month. . Members with older bikes { H, G and J plated motorcycles } are encouraged to attend this ride.



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

**Other Club events** Please note That the NRCMCC is not responsible for The events & Rallies 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.

### **Tamworth & Districts Antique Motor Club** will be holding its

Annual Bike Rally on 21-23 July 2023.

Rally Headquarters will be Paradise Tourist Park.

It is suggested to book your accommodation early

as there are other events on that weekend in Tamworth.

Paradise Tourist Park Ph.0267663120

Rally Co-ordinators: Allen Carlson ph 0418805221 Barry Thomas ph 0401435892

TDAMC <tamworth.damc@gmail.com>

**Frostbite Rally** The Warwick area would like to invite all HMCCQ members and visitors to attend the annual Frostbite Rally. 8 th & 9 th July 2023 Allora Showgrounds Check in from 10:00am Saturday. Entry fee - \$45.00 includes Saturday night dinner, Sunday breakfast and morning tea. Pillions - \$40.00 . A nightly camping fee of \$25 powered/\$15 unpowered site paid directly to the caretaker also applies. Saturday's mystery ride will depart at 1:30pm sharp. Sunday's rally will see the first bike out at 9:00am. Long and short routes available, suitable for all club eligible motorcycles. 'Ye Olde Handle Bar' will again be operating with our usual friendly bar staff serving drinks at very reasonable prices, allowing members the opportunity to socialise while keeping warm around the fire pits and enjoying some tasty treats. Camp Oven Boogie by Sharon on Saturday night. For catering purposes please RSVP by 1 st July 2023 Entry forms can be obtained from (and returned to) hmccqwcksec@gmail.com Enquiries Mick 46666125 or Ellen 040934954

**22nd & 23rd July Heritage weekend**—Casino Showgrounds—Vintage Tractors Trucks Cars Small engines, static displays and lots lots more activities - more info [office@casinoshowsociety.com](mailto:office@casinoshowsociety.com)

**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.



### **My beloved SUZUKI SV 650,**

Only done 19500 klms, good Michelin tyres, lots of extras: cruise control, screen,

Venturi pack system etc.

Fully registered till mid September, just replaced battery, always garaged and never ridden in the rain

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**Contact me Ph 0409 908 485**

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## Nineteenth over the Hill Tour—Marys' Logbook

### Day One: -Lismore to Armidale

A crisp 8<sup>0</sup> start at the railway station saw most of the participants arriving in their winter gear. A great wave of greeting engulfed all as they arrived. Casino saw more participants join the group, no time to stop, on to Lawrence for morning tea on the bank of the beautiful Clarence River. Grafton and our first fuel stop over the old bridge and onto Ebor Falls top picnic ground for lunch. What a shock we all got the whole area top and bottom areas had been decimated in the bush fires and are only now being reconstructed with temporary fencing everywhere. Lucky for us the catering wagon with Bryson, Doug and Tracey arrived early and secured the only table to boil the billy and started to set up Lina's lovely lunch. As usual all assisted from set up to clean up. Next stop Armidale. Around 20km from Armidale a couple of motorcyclists were waving frantically for me to stop so I did. Little Blue had trouble, her light was falling off and she had a fuel leak so onto the trailer for a well deserved rest. On to the motel thanks to Marina we were able to see the motel entry but a utility was taking up the whole of the two driveways and I had to squash in to get the trailer off the road before the traffic lights changed again. The Country Comfort recently renovated lovely rooms were great but the meeting room with fire place was the best keeping us warm but it was a bit of a shock as we all ventured out for a brisk walk to dinner. Lovely to chat with fellow diners but the very brisk cold wind made us hurriedly walk back. The talk around was that tomorrow was to be -1<sup>0</sup> there are some rewards for always driving to breakdown vehicle

### Day Two: - Armidale to Forster

A chilly 2<sup>0</sup> greeted all as we readied to leave. As little Blue was not repaired I set off with her in my rear view mirror. After a while she was starting to annoy me so I speed up to try to lose her as I knew she couldn't go much over 80km so as I reached 100km plus to my dismay she was still there no matter what I did she just sat there shaking. Morning tea at Walcha is always a great stop on a cold morning as they have HOT water to wash your hands in the toilets along with a vase of pretty flowers. Several ladies were seen making a quick dash up the street as they had seen the antique shop was open to search for a treasure and I know I'm going to enjoy my yellow cup trio. Morning tea over it was time to hit Thunderbolts Way. Not long out of Walcha little Blue decided she didn't want to go down Thunderbolts Way or She didn't like my driving as she tried to remove herself from the trailer a quick stop and a tie down tighten and we were on our way again. Thunderbolts Way a very steep road down where NOT only are trucks & Buses told to use low gear so to are automatic cars with very large signs. The long steep hill with hair pin corners were the norm when travelling this road. I just hope the trip back up it will be better on Thursday. Near the bottom I saw tail end Charlie Dieter & Marina on the side of the road with Mosses emerging from the bush with a stick to use as a carbie drain bolt as his had fallen out. I'm thinking I should have called this the "I didn't tighten all the bolts Trip". On to Gloucester for lunch in the park was our reward at the end of the steep road. Once again lovely food and a warm cuppa greeted us as we pulled in we had lunch in the same place in 2019 once again I parked in the same spot when it was time to leave and I saw little drops of clear liquid on the windscreen I remembered don't park under a pepper tree as it drops little sticky drops. A good wash with the wipers and we were on our way to Forster with Little Blue right behind me and for the first time we had a little highway driving 2km or so. Forster has changed from 2019 with high-rise buildings one going up next to our accommodation. Dinner was find your own so Bryson and I plus 6 others went to NSW Best Fish & Chip Shop and we had lovely barramundi fillets.



Photos by Dieter

Nineteenth over the Hill Tour

### **Day 3 Forster**

Two days before we left Tony & Lina found out we were going to have NO power from 8am to 5pm with major work – power pole replacements right in front of our accommodation, we couldn't even leave from the front we had to move cars out and use the back gate, well I can tell you the back gate was very tight, fold in the mirrors and go slow but we made it. We put out a gas burner and kettle so we could boil water for hot drinks which many used after a morning of roaming through the shops while others rode to the Nabiac Motorcycle museum. It was great to see Ian Wilkes come out to visit and go with those who went to the museum. Little blue sat forlornly in the car park awaiting her fate will she be following me or not the next day. There was a little surprise trip at 2pm so all fronted up, Mark from Gallipoli Court took us back over the bridge to Tuncurry to a collector of war memorabilia it was very interesting so very much to see in such little space, the garden of bromeliads and other plants was also an interest to some we headed back to our accommodation to hear laughter and voices filled the air as we once again consumed food and beverages as we were entertained by Will watching the Power workers one of his comments was these people work very slowly 5pm saw the power switched on again to some of the block but there was a problem with others which was quickly fixed much to the relief of those staying there. Dinner time approached where to go for dinner some went Fish & Chip again others went Italian while one group of 8 walked to the bowling club with its all you can eat Chinese, seafood and Aussie smorgasbord with a very large selection of desserts, ice-creams, barrister coffee and so very much more Bryson loves ice-cream so he indulged. Julie thought the crème brulee was so nice she had breakfast cereal with Crème Brulee. I must say the fresh seafood prawns, mussels natural, mussels with sauce and fish was great we all had a great time chatting over our meals. Doug & Helen had never seen such a large array of food while Clive & Susan enjoyed the food and the company.

### **Day 4 Forster to Uralla**

As I backed up to the break down trailer Barry appeared and quickly hocked up the trailer Thanks Barry. It was at this time I realised that little blue was missing maybe she didn't want to be on the trailer as today was the day we travelled back up Thunderbolts way for morning tea at Nowendoc with its lonely covered shelter and toilets the weather this time was perfectly sunny in 2019 we all huddled in from the cold rain.

We arrived early settled into Uralla and quickly venture town for lunch as the café close at 2pm. It was a pity that many of the shops closed on a Wednesday as there are a wide range which would interest both men and ladies. I was luck to catch an antique shop closing and found yet another cup and saucer this one with a difference possibly as early as 1770's. We once again got together for a chat, drink, cheese, biscuits and other excellent food to eat. Many sat out in the driveway chatting but Uralla was getting ready to give us a little cold surprise as the sun went down the cold came out to play we quickly put our chairs got ready for dinner and the top pub was on the agenda we all walked but it turned out to be a chilli walk up and a much colder walk back to our motel. The pub has lovely lilies on every table but they are very strong smelling unfortunately for me it was making me sick so I moved out to the open beer garden lovely in summer but very chilli in winter. Thanks to Marc & Karen, Glenn & Tracey and Bryson for joining me we had a lovely but cold time.

### **Day 5 Uralla to Tenterfield**

An early morning breakfast at 'Roots Café' started the day the correct way, quick pack up and on the road to Emma-ville mining museum for Morning tea - Bryson once again found a Cream & Jam sponge cake which he proudly presented for all to enjoy. This amazing collection of minerals and mining history is a must see we really didn't have sufficient time to do it justice there was just so very much to see. The backup car has a small stop in Deepwater to visit the Antique shop a little look a little purchase and we were on the road again onto Tenterfield for lunch. As the afternoon was free many went to visit John & Julie Hampson. A huge thank you to them for opening up their home and sheds showing their great collections and wonderful garden. Julie's roses though not all out were amazing there were so many. Returning to our motel for our last afternoon get together it was great to see and catch up with Gloria Maloney our former club member. Dinner at the Bowling club saw John & Julie and Gloria joining in. The comments book did its usual rounds on the night and all agreed it was the best one yet and I think it is because we are together for 6 day chatting and enjoying socialising in an unhurried way. Thank you to all who travelled with us on our Forster adventure YOU ARE A GREAT GROUP OF PEOPLE.

Mary W PS Terry Savins you missed a great time please come along next year so you can do your usual great write up so I don't. need to. MW



Photos by Dieter

**Rejuvenating old rubber parts**, Mary reported in the May newsletter of the brake issues her Guzzi sustained prior to the Inverell Rally.

Attending the same rally, I wheeled the 1980 Honda out of hibernation, to discovering a similar issue.

The combination of Covid, 8 months of relatives house restorations and general lack of use caused a few problems.

The brake piston was relatively straightforward, but the rough running at idle and slow speed was postponed till after the rally.

The 4 carburettors were gummed with fuel resins and sediment. With the aid of an ultrasonic cleaner and prepsol as the fluid, the vast array of jets and components gave up there blockages. The other age related problem was the hardening of the 4 rubber carb mounting stubs.

With no prior knowledge of rejuvenating old rubber parts, I typed the issue into a Google search and was amazed at the numerous YouTube, and links on how to achieve usable parts once more.

Most likely, other NRCMCC members know about these cures, but for those that don't I'm happy to share my experience.

The method I choose was to mix "Wintergreen Oil" ( an essential oil, used in aromatherapy) in a 50:1 ratio with water.

Other methods took longer and used Isopropyl Alcohol as the carrier for the oil.

I placed the 4 stubs in an old saucepan, with a small square of ply on the bottom to avoid overheating. Pouring in 1 litre of water and 20mm of wintergreen and 2 hours simmering on my camping single burner stove. I turned it on and off so as not to boil the solution. The results were better than expected, even when back at room temperature the parts were still soft and pliable, essential to be able to "shoehorn" the carbs back in situ. A 100ml satchel of oil was delivered in 4 days from eBay for \$19.50. My workshop has never smelt better!



Pure 100% Wintergreen is toxic and gloves need to be worn, avoid the vapours from the saucepan. For any members who have hard to find or unobtainium rubber parts, this might help. Thanks also to Bryson who showed me a better way of preserving fuel systems, other than keeping fully fuelled. Regards from David Charlton.



John Masser sent this photo and commented—Club member the stunning beauty Kevin W. (Watts). Dressed up when he was a tad younger. What a hottie



*"I only work on vintage motorcycles. I'll get Bob who works on new bikes."*



## 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Over The Hill Tour – 2023 – Forster—Dieters report

Well, the Over The Hill Tour is done and dusted for another year. This year saw us retracing the steps of a previous Over The Hill Tour to Forster way back in 2017.

The weather Gods had mercy on us for this one. The week before departure gave us quite a bit of rain. Sunday morning was a bit overcast as we left Lismore railway station. The clouds disappeared and we had sunshine and blue skies for our first (of many) morning tea stop on the riverside at Lawrence. As usual there was a plethora of choices thanks to the ladies who had toiled over their stoves.



For the first tour ever, Bryson took up driving duties and got the chuck wagon to our destinations each day. He was unable to ride for health reasons, just ask him next time you see him. This meant that we were led by Tony and Lina. Marina and I were tail-end Charley and Mary piloted the break down trailer.

Sunday morning was abuzz with preparations and people reconnecting. We missed out on 2022 as there was still too much NSW/QLD border angst (thanks Anna!). It was great to see familiar faces and to meet some new OTH first-timers. We left as scheduled and made our way out to Casino where we would meet up with some more participants. As I mentioned we made our first morning tea stop at Lawrence basking in the sunshine at the river's edge. Just out of Lawrence Michael and Julia pulled off to the side of the road. We got the thumbs up to indicate that we didn't need to stop and help them. We continued on wondering why they had stopped thinking that they just wanted to take some pictures. It wasn't long before they joined us at the morning tea stop and we found out that they had spotted a downed wallaby on the roadside. Upon investigation the mother looked to have a broken back and needed to be euthanized. A joey was found squirming in her pouch and this was rescued and a call was put into Wires. The local fellow from Wires picked up the joey. We later found out that it too needed to be euthanized. Very sad but one must try and help. Once we had eaten cakes and slices and had tea and coffee, we headed off for a fuel stop at Grafton. Then it was on to Ebor Falls for lunch. There was a lot of renovation work going on there, so it wasn't quite as user friendly as it has been in the past.



That didn't stop us from enjoying the cold meats, chicken, salads and condiments. Lina, Marina and Jan spent Saturday getting all this yummy food ready for us. You're not alone if you think this should be called the Over The Hill Culinary Tour. We also picked up Moses and his son Charley at Ebor. It's great to see young people gaining an appreciation of classic bikes.

After lunch it was off to our stop for the night in Armidale. It was on this stretch that the break down trailer got its first (and only) customer. Mark's BSA decided to play up. Once in Armidale, we stayed in a different motel to what we have stayed in the past. This place was freshly renovated and was very pleasant, including drinks and nibbles in doors in front of a very cozy fireplace. Most of the group headed down to the White Bull Pub for dinner. A few of us got the 250g Wagyu Rump Steak for \$26 and were not disappointed (particularly since they had 200g rump on the menu for \$24). After dinner it was back to the fireplace for a night cap, some nice port.

Next morning it was up for a short walk around the corner for a coffee and a bit breakie. Armidale lived up to its reputation and the morning was quite crisp. At 9 am we headed off for morning tea at Walcha which turned out to be not quite as cold as expected but still quite crisp. The clear blue skies didn't hold in any heat. Once again we feasted on delicious cakes, biscuits and slices and hot tea and coffee.

Our next stop would be Gloucester for lunch. Heading down the range is steep enough that the signs even advise drivers of automatic vehicles to select low gears as “Hot Brakes Fail”. We got to Gloucester and then Forster without drama. The smiles on everyone’s faces at Forster attested to the great riding for the day. We settled into our digs for the next two nights. We were mightily unimpressed though that the next day our section of Forster would have no power from 8am to 5pm as they were replacing two of the power poles right outside of our accommodation. A few of our group members were once power company employees and were seen doing a site inspection.



Dinner that night was left up to individual tastes. Some went to the “best” fish and chip shop and others went to the local Bowls Club. Everyone enjoyed their meals wherever they went.

So Tuesday morning rolls around and some of us went to Beach Bums for breakfast. The food was great and there was even entertainment in the form of the local seniors iceberg swimmers heading into the surf for their morning swim. After breakfast, people went off for various adventures. Some headed down the coast to Seal Rocks while others went to Nabiac to visit the National Motorcycle Museum. I had never been there before and the number of motorcycles, cars and other paraphernalia in the museum is just overwhelming. You could go there for several days in a row and easily find something that you hadn’t seen previously.

We had been told to be back at the motel by 2pm for a mystery tour organized by the motel manager. The mystery tour was to a local home shed that was crammed full of military collectables spanning from WWI to the Korean war. Many of the items had been donated and other things were personal family items. Our group was fortunate to get to see this collection as it is not open to the general public. Gold coin donation and all proceeds go to Variety. Once again dinner was left up to individual preference. Marina and I caught up with some friends from Taree at a very nice Italian restaurant in Forster. Turned out a large group from our club had the same idea. Our two-night stop at Forster gave Mark a chance to sort out his problems with the BSA (a headlight bolt and pinholes in the bottom of his petrol tank) which meant he could ride again the next day.



Wednesday morning saw us getting ready for our jaunt back up the range. A brief pee stop was planned for Gloucester and then on to Nowendoc for morning tea. We wanted to be in Uralla in time for lunch. The ride to Gloucester was scenic and uneventful. The turn off to head back up the range proved a bit too challenging for some riders and a couple of them went straight ahead and ended up seeing Barrington. The same thing almost happened to Gerard, but we chased him and got him back on track. At Nowendoc the errant riders (who shall remain anonymous) were missed. Phone calls were made and we all got back together again at Uralla.



## 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Over The Hill Tour

Photos by Dieter

Uralla is always a great place to spend some time. Quite a few interesting shops, a boutique brewery and good second-hand/antique shops. Some went out to Gostwick Chapel which is always very pretty and particularly in Autumn with colour changes in the trees. The weather in Uralla was wonderful although it did get quite chilly as the sun went down. Dinner was at the top pub. The food was great, but some had to sit outside as the table flowers decorating the table were overpowering, many moved the flowers off their tables.

Thursday morning in Uralla was nippy. Some ventured out for breakfast and then got packed up for the 8.45 start. Just out of town the fog set in and was with us through to Armidale. Not much happening on the New England Highway. Saw a Highway patrol car heading the other way just on the edge of Armidale. Around Deepwater there were a few cars heading our way. One decided to pass me and Mark and proceeded to tailgate Pete and Meg. He was on his breaks every few seconds as he was way too close. I passed Mark and slipped in between the car and Pete and slowed right down. This forced the idiot in the car to drop back and he finally got the message not to tailgate us. On to Emmaville to the mining museum for morning tea. Another “gem” of a place to visit. They opened especially for us.



## 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Over The Hill Tour



Dieter and Marina

Unfortunately, the rear window on Bryson’s canopy decided it would be happier if it were shattered in a million pieces. It just destroyed itself with no warning. On to Tenterfield for lunch and our last night away. We went to the Bowls Club for the Tour Dinner. Great food and great company. Julia had a chicken schnitzel that looked like it had been stitched together from about 3 chickens, it was enormous. Everyone was in high spirits for our final night together. After dinner we enjoyed a few ports and then off to bed

Friday morning in Tenterfield was quite mild. There were predictions of wet weather as we headed down the range towards Casino. Happily, there were only a few small sections of drizzly rain, just enough to make me wipe the visor a couple of times. There was no marshaling for this leg of the journey as everyone knew their way home. As I no longer needed to be tail-end charley, I could give the bike a bit of a blat. Some road works held us up only momentarily and it was a very pleasant ride back to Lismore. So that was the 2023 Over The Hill Tour. Number 19. Next year will be the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and I’m really looking forward to it. Happy trails and stay upright. Tail-end charley –  
Dieter and Marina



# THE DINKUM OIL # 23

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

## Operating Heritage Australia

### How much carbon does your historic vehicle emit?

On the table find where your vehicle's km/year intersects with its fuel consumption to find CO<sub>2</sub> emitted in kg.

e.g. Based on the latest FIVA survey, Australian historic cars travel, on average, around 1200 km/yr and, if we assume a 14L/100km (20mpg) fuel consumption, then **the amount of carbon dioxide produced is 504kg for the year.**

		Road Motor Vehicles						
		kg CO <sub>2</sub> Produced per Year						
Average fuel consumption L/100km		km driven per year						
		500	1000	1200	1500	2000	2500	3000
3	45	90	108	135	180	225	270	
4	60	120	144	180	240	300	360	
5	75	150	180	225	300	375	450	
6	90	180	216	270	360	450	540	
7	105	210	252	315	420	525	630	
8	120	240	288	360	480	600	720	
9	135	270	324	405	540	675	810	
10	150	300	360	450	600	750	900	
11	165	330	396	495	660	825	990	
12	180	360	432	540	720	900	1080	
13	195	390	468	585	780	975	1170	
14	210	420	504	630	840	1050	1260	
15	225	450	540	675	900	1125	1350	
16	240	480	576	720	960	1200	1440	
17	255	510	612	765	1020	1275	1530	
18	270	540	648	810	1080	1350	1620	
19	285	570	684	855	1140	1425	1710	
20	300	600	720	900	1200	1500	1800	

As a comparison:

- A human breathes out around **240kg CO<sub>2</sub> per year.**
- A medium-sized dog produces (breathing and food) **700-800kg CO<sub>2</sub> per year.**
- A typical electric car driving 10,000 km per year and charged from the grid produces around **1150kg per year.**

Politicians decision-makers, and the general public need to know that the contribution of historic vehicles to carbon emissions is tiny, and that we are working to eliminate, through wise use, and renewable fuels or offsets, even that small amount.

### What can you do?

- Know how much carbon dioxide your historic vehicle actually emits each year
- Let your family, friends and colleagues know how little CO<sub>2</sub> your historic vehicle emits
- Support your peak bodies' efforts to inform regulators that historic vehicles are not the problem
- Ensure your club and other historic motoring events you attend adopt environmentally appropriate procedures
- Be aware of, and ready to use, suitable e-fuels
- Consider carbon offsetting for your vehicle/s – In 2023 the average historic motor vehicle can offset its total carbon emissions through ethical means for under \$20 per year.

Operating Heritage Australia supports a three-step approach to minimising carbon emissions from historic vehicles and machinery:

1. minimise use of fossil fuels
2. use renewable fuels where appropriate.
3. where no alternative is available, offset emissions by supporting projects that consume more carbon dioxide than we produce.

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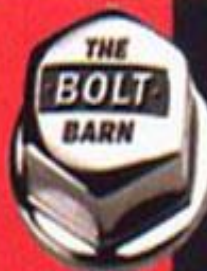


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