

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

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**November  
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 14th November 7.30 start at Clunes Hall.

**Next Club Ride** 19th November—combined with rego morning, leave 10am from Clunes Hall

**Next Rego Day** 19th Nov.at Clunes Hall 9.00 to noon ,  
no BBQ lunch but morning tea, see Presidents report

**NRCMCC Christmas Party** 26th November at Goonellabah Soccer Club

**Please be at the club by 12 noon for meal to start at 12.30.**

**NRCMCC 2023 AGM** 12th December 2023, held after Dec club meeting

*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 Clubs 2023 AGM**

The Annual General Meeting of The Northern Rivers Classic Motor Cycle Club Inc. (Hereafter referred to as NRCMCC or the Club) is planned for Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023, at Clunes Hall. The AGM is planned to be commencing immediately after the regular NRCMCC monthly meeting. Refer to next page for more details

### **Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc**

#### **Election of 2024 Club Officials**

Date.....

I ..... , being a current financial member of the club  
Nominate ..... for the position of .....

I ..... , being a current member of the club  
Second the nomination of ..... For the position of .....

.....

I ..... , being a current financial member of the club  
Accept the nomination

## **The Clubs 2023 AGM** 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 , at Clunes Hall.

Please note the following dates concerning the AGM

**21.11.2023** is 21 days before AGM and last date for notices to be accepted from members for AGM ie any special resolutions for the AGM Agenda,

**28.11.2023** is 14 days before , and last date for notice to members of the AGM.

**05.12.2023** is 7 days before last date for Committee Member Nominations Close .

### **Nominating for 2024 Committee position ?**

start thinking about nominating for the various Executive, Committee & other Official positions , The Nomination form is printed on page 1 .

Nominations can be posted to the clubs postal address and all nominations , will be passed **unopened** to Returning Officer at AGM {just mark your letter, “Committee nominee” , top left hand corner of envelope.

**Note** If at the AGM there have been no postal nominations received for a certain Committee position, Then Nominations for that position can be taken from the floor..

If at the AGM , postal nominations have been received by Secretary for a certain committee position and passed to Returning Officer then no nominations for that position will be taken from the floor.

### **From The Presidents Chair**

**REGO DAY Sunday 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER** *at Clunes Hall 9am – noon* there will be NO BBQ but the kettle will be on for morning tea, members are asked to bring a plate of food to share and clean kitchen after.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November at Goonellabah Soccer Club \$30 per person.**

There will be a refund for members from the social fund on the day. Members need to pay their money for a seat. We need to have numbers by November meeting as the club needs numbers after the meeting. **Please be at the club by 12 noon for meal to start at 12.30.**

**Money can be handed in at club meeting or deposited into Social club A/C 716800695 at the greater Bank BSB 637-000.**

**SHOW N SHINE 2024** – I’m in contact with Lismore City Council at the next meeting we will be discussing what we want, when we want it, at in what form it will take. The area we are thinking about is the grassed area beside the art gallery there are trees for shade so if you are unsure what this area looks like have a look so you will be able assist with your thoughts for this event.

**Rally 2024** I have already booked in dates of our 2024 Evans Head Rally being Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September. As in the past for those who wish to have a longer time in Evans we will be holding morning rides Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Book these dates into your calendar for a great time of motorcycling and friendship.

**AGM** our AGM is next month please think about assisting in the running of your club and nominate for a position on the committee or for an executive position. Nomination forms will be available at the meeting.

**Membership 2024** just a reminder if you are one of those members who have not attended a meeting or club event in 2023 you will be asked for an explanation as to why you are not participating in your club if you are the holder of historical plates you may find yourself without membership. The club constitution and ruler state you must attend three club events to gain membership.

Keep upright Mary Walker

### **Jack Ahern Restoration Trophy Entries for 2023**

To NRCMCC members, The entries for this years {2023} Jack Ahearn Restoration Trophy are now open, your entry must be :

\*At least 30 years old,

\*Be registered either on H-Plate or full road rego,

\*Running and Ridable

\*Notified to one of the group - All by 31 st December 2023

Your entry will then be inspected and judged by the group at a date and time at your place, Suitable to all during January 2024.

For queries and further information contact one of the Trophy Group listed below, John Café, Brian Riordan, Doug Hampson ,

Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc <http://nrcmcc.org/index.php>

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON:** 10<sup>th</sup> OCT 2023, start: 7.30pm at Clunes Memorial Hall  
Abbreviations used in Minutes MW - Mary Walker, DBM - David Bonhote-mead PL Peter Lake

**WELCOME** to all by President MW,

Special welcome to the life members present at this meeting.

Meeting attended by 20 members, 9 apologies as per the attendance sheet with 2 visitors – R. Hartnett, D. Beverley

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** - Not read to members. The Secretary moved that minutes of Sept 2023 Club meeting as published in OCT 2023 newsletter be accepted 2<sup>ND</sup> Peter Lake - motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE IN Newsletters-** Clarence Valley, Newcastle, MC clubs, CHMC Affiliation Notice  
**CORRESPONDENCE out** , Club Newsletter posted or emailed to members + other clubs + Sponsors

**Currant Invitations to attend other Clubs Rallies and Swap meets**

<Invitation from Natureland CMCC {Kempsey} Rally 3,4,5<sup>th</sup> Nov

<invitation from HMCC of QLD, Laidley MC only “Swap meet” Laidley Showgrounds Sat 21<sup>st</sup> October

**TREASURERS REPORT:-** [The Treasurers](#) was absent , DBM gave a brief summary of club account figures

**MEMBERSHIP OFFICER** The M’ship Office was absent .

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

< MW gave update on 2024 Membership renewal, you will have had to attend 3 NRCMCC events.

< **2023 AGM** will be held 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2023 nomination forms in Oct Newsletter

<**2023 MW** gave update on Christmas party – location same as last year, Goonellabah Soccer club, Date – 26<sup>th</sup> Nov . price, \$30. there will be a cash refund of \$20 to members attending. No refund for non members attending.

Pay online {bank transfer of funds} be sure to attach your name when paying, latest payment date 18<sup>th</sup> Nov.

<MW updated - next Rego day will be 19<sup>th</sup> Nov at Clunes Memorial Hall , 9am to noon, no BBQ , but tea or coffee available , bring a cake to share,

**GENERAL BUSINESS.**

< MW noted Bryson has a new Rego stamp.

<MW noted the dates for 2024 Club Rally will be 6-8<sup>th</sup> September.

< **S+S for 2024 Update**, MW has spoken to LCC Events Person, who required more information, regarding S+S details if it is to be held on Council property, ie Quad area adjacent to Lismore Library and Museum , Probably hold on a Saturday , more people around , preferred month being April, We cannot have a BBQ due to regulations, a gold coin donation for a charity, preferable a local one yet to be decided, more details to be worked out. General discussion followed.

< **2023 Rally Update**, MW noted badges were a big cost for 2023 Rally , Also Trophies costing over \$240.

<MW noted “*Vapour Blasting of Ballina*” specialise in restoring old parts, with nonabrasive techniques.

< **PL noted** that the planned Sunday Club Ride for 19<sup>th</sup> Nov {Rego Day} would leave from Clunes Hall at 10 am, **Not at 9.00 as normal from Lismore** , to allow for any members going on Sunday ride to get there bike rego papers done before leaving.

<**PL noted the club Library** has a new book, donated by Helen Ryan, “ Haynes Honda 750 Fours” 736 cc – all SOHC models from 1969 to 1979, Many thanks to Helen

<**PL** advised a provisional Sunday Club ride schedule for 2024 , February to June, to be put on Clubs web page and in Nov. Club Newsletter,

<**Glenn Flint** advised members that he will not be standing for Catering in 2024.

**New Bike Registrations** –Bryson – one BMW

**Early Days** Bryson gave a talk on Bike Helmets, old and new, Aus + EU ratings , Split helmets

**Ride Reports**

<**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday for OCT Classic Ride** 2 riders to Main Arm - no-one got lost

<Wednesday Ride -to New Italy

<**Next club ride** 15<sup>th</sup> OCT ....Ride to Rathloggan Olive Grove QLD. , not stopping at Kyogle

**MEETING CLOSED at 8.45 pm**

## 2023 committee and office holders

**President:** Mary Walker P: 0429662915 E: [president@nrcmcc.org](mailto:president@nrcmcc.org)  
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**Catering:** Glen Flint P: 0423265294

**Raffles:** Ian & Lois Gibbs

**Jack Ahearn Restoration Trophy**—Judges John Cafe P: 0427252081

Brian Riordan P: 02 66215535 Doug Hampson 0490 012 245

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

### **Sunday & Wednesday Rides**

Please note that all attendees will need to sign on .

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,

### **Sunday Club Rides for 2023**

**19th November Ride** combined with rego morning 10 am leave from Clunes Hall.

Riding to Mooball via Pottsville, Cabarita, Murwillumbah

**17th Dec — Ride around the area** ending up at Federal for Coffee

combined with rego morning 10 am leave from Clunes Hall

**Provisional Sunday Club Rides for 2024** as supplied by Peter Lake

**14th January**-Ride to Coraki Café via Woodburn

**18th February** - Alstonville Bike Show and Swap

**17th March** - Memorial Ride and Jack Ahern Trophy Presentation at Clunes Hall

The ride will be around Lismore ending up at Clunes around 10.30.

This may change if there are no entries for the J.A. Trophy.

**14th April**—Ride to Woodenbong via Kyogle

**19th May**—Ride to Burringbar Cheese factory via Bangalow Mullumbimby etc..

**16th June**—Ride to New Italy Café for coffee

In addition to the primary club ride after the monthly meeting, we also have a CLASSICS ride on the 1st Sunday of every month. . Members with older bikes { H, G and J plated motorcycles} are encouraged to attend this ride. {*Open to all riders no matter what bike you ride*}

### **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.

### **Invitations to attend other Clubs Rallies and Swap meets**

All finished for 2023—more coming in 2024

## Umling La or bust! The ride to the highest mountain pass in the world.

### Part 2, the Spiti Valley.

**Day 2** was essentially the day we set off on our 15 day motorcycle adventure as day 1 was really a shakedown ride. Our custom planned ride was actually 3 rides or routes being done back to back, so today was Manali to Jibhi. This took us initially south out of Manali, back through Kulu and then up and around into or towards the Spiti Valley. We had seen videos on the internet of narrow roads cut into cliffs with sheer drop offs and heard that the Spiti Valley ride was listed in the top 10 most dangerous and difficult rides in the world so, "why not"? What we didn't plan for was the rain and landslides that this region of northern India had and was still experiencing. We had seen some images on the news before we left of major flooding and saw the erosion and damage when we arrived but we were lucky and got to Jibhi in relatively good weather and stayed in a very nice lodge by the river. As is the case in most of rural India, the power was out but we had a nice fire and sat about in this peaceful location . . . until it started to rain.

**Day 3** was wet. It had poured all night and the pleasant clean river that we sat beside last night was now a raging dirty torrent of flood water. Hmm...ok, so with wet weather's on we headed off. The plan was Jibhi to Dhaba but as the rain continued the route had to be changed a few times due to landslides so we went from roads to tracks and eventually ended up in a roadside cafe at a place called Kalpa. This country was green and steep and we found ourselves cut off by a landslide in front of us and when we turned around to go back, we found ourselves cut off by a massive landslide behind us. Hmm...ok, plan B. Plan B turned out to be two nights in a villager's private 2 bedroomed home, 9 sleeping in one room and 6 in the other. We were dry and warm and the cafe had enough food but this had caused a serious disruption in our plans. So now one of the problems was the landslide above us was the same slide as the landslide below us so as they moved earth (slop) from above, it slid down the hill and added to and re-blocked the road below us. We did have a window where we got through the lower landslide on . . .

**day 4** but we only got a few Kms up that road to find more landslides. We pulled a few bikes through the mud of the first one only to find another landslide a few kms further up the road so we went back in the dark to our villagers home for our second night there.

**Day 5** was fine but the road(s) were still blocked with mud and landslides. Due to a stroke of luck (the excavator digging from the top had run out of fuel) they got the lower road cleared and soon after lunch, we headed off, got through and continued on our ride. We passed 20 more (now cleared ) landslides on our way to Rampur that day and got in just before dark to the luxury of a nice hotel with hot showers and good beds. YES!



Umling La or bust! The ride to the highest mountain pass in the world.

**Day 6** was our catch up day as none of the hotels would credit us for not showing up to our accommodation so the plan was for a "big days ride" Big on these roads in not lots of Kms but we rode from 7:30 am till 9 pm through some spectacular scenery and on some pretty atrocious roads. This was the Spiti Valley and as we knew, it was going to be tough. To make it worse, the last few hours were in the dark and were just plain dangerous. The headlights on Royal Enfields are not much better than a red hot hair-pin in a pickle bottle and most were either aimed at your front wheel or up into the sky and the roads were dirt, corrugated, pot holed and dusty. We were now in the dry mountain area and we had to miss a few interesting (must see) landmarks along the way which was a shame. We were sure we rode past some beautiful scenery in the dark but we were all glad to get to Losar in one piece and to get off the bikes. Losar was our first night at some altitude, 4080 mtrs (13,380 ft) as most days we go up and down but spending the nights a bit lower than the daily peaks.

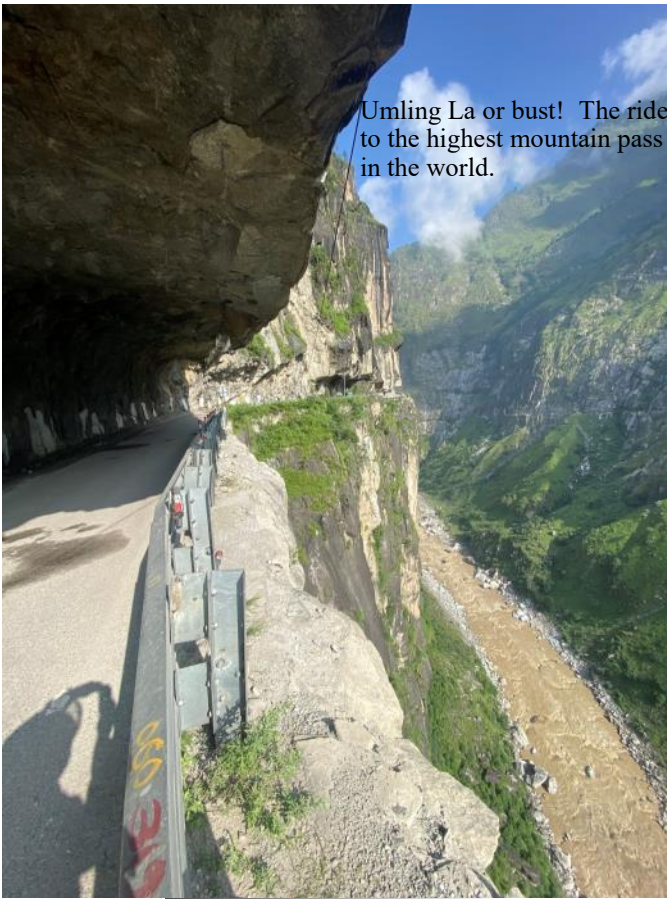
**Day 7.** As we had now made up our lost time, today was a bit slower and we set off towards Sissu. This was the end section of the Spiti Valley and the roads were tooth shakingly rough and we crossed several flooded crossings again. By now we were getting used to these so we just stopped for a few seconds to work out our track and then plow through. We went over Kunzum La pass (4551 meters above sea level) and we took the 15 km (rough) detour to Moon Lake (locals call it Angel Lake) which I thought was worth it. And at last, at the end of the day we had completed the Spiti Valley loop and were back onto beautiful bitumen roads to ride past the northern portal of the Rohtang tunnel that we rode through a week ago and into Sissu. For the first time in days I got into 5th gear and got up to 80km/hr. Woo hoo!

This was the first part of our three rides in one completed. One of the riders had a fall on day two and was off the bike for a few days with a swollen ankle, half the group had had at least one fall by now and one of the girls was off the bike for a day as well due to feeling unwell with altitude sickness. I was the only rider still on a classic, despite breaking a rear brake bolt and losing my front brakes for a while after hitting a rock in a water crossing but I must say, the 411cc Himalayans had proved themselves to be the bike for the terrain we had encountered over my 500cc Classic.

**Part 3** will be in the next edition of Classic Torque so stay tuned.

Michael Smith

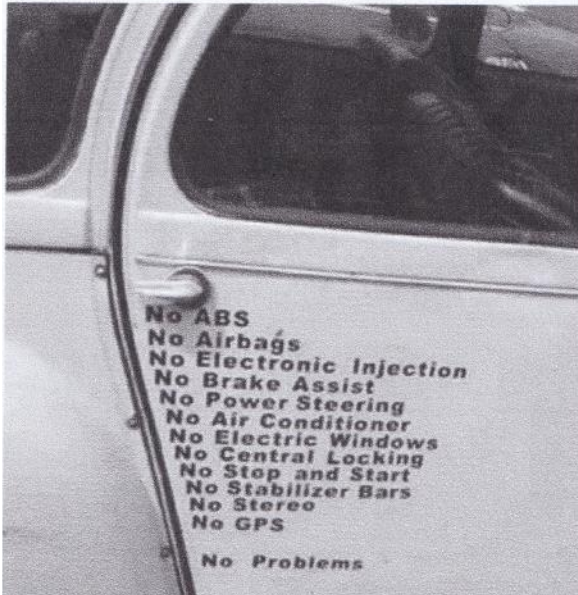




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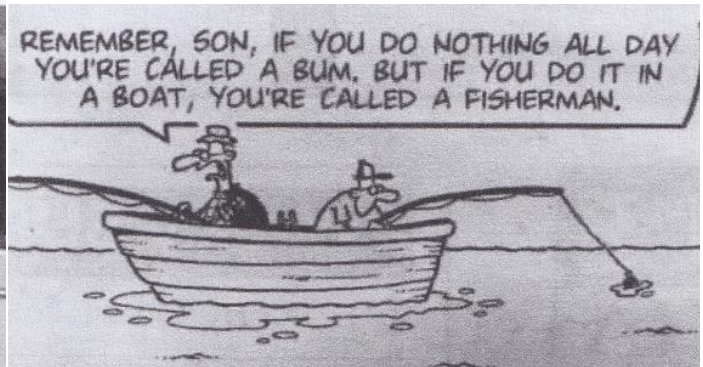
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Got myself a seniors GPS. Not only does it tell me how to get to my destination, it tells me why I was going there.

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I was sitting on a park bench wondering why frisbees get bigger as they come closer ..... then it hit me!!



Sign on a gate

The farmer lets walkers cross the paddock for free but the bull charges.

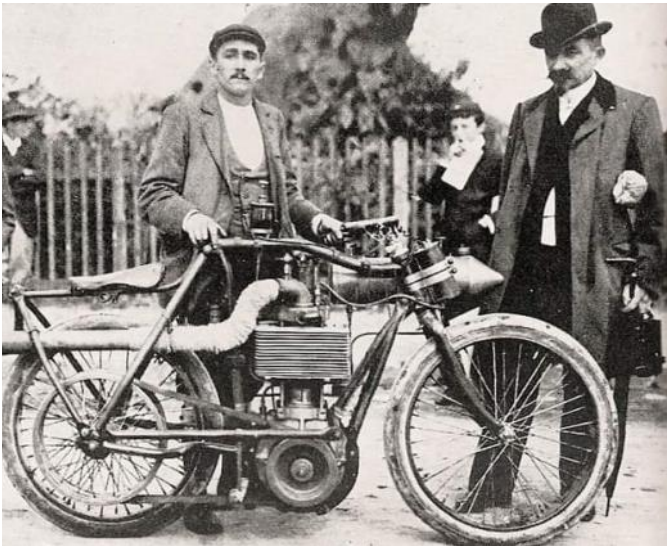
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I was in my garden today when my neighbour looked over the fence and asked, "What are you doing? I answered, "I'm putting all my plants in alphabetical order."

My neighbour replied in mild surprise, "I don't know how you find the time."

"It's easy," I said, "It's right next to the sage."

These Jokes were Borrowed / taken from the Tamworth Newsletter







What our grannies were riding but never told us



What our mums were riding but never told us...



**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.



**FOR SALE VZ750 Kawasaki.** Beautiful to ride and has new tyres. Alternator stator needs to be replaced and clicky noise coming from front cylinder, I suspect the cam chain tensioner. New oil and filter made no difference to the clicky noise . This was the first of only two in Australia .. and I have the other one. Frank 040 888 9265



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**FOR SALE.....** ,Nolan full-face, latest design helmet in 'classic white' : model N60/6 - RRP= \$333.00 brand new, with all tags/papers/box etc.

SIZE = 'LARGE' [Nolan head measurement on eyebrow; 59-60cm diameter]. sale to club member \$250.00. Italian Made Phone: Rob Andrews 66214083.

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**More Bike sales on next page**



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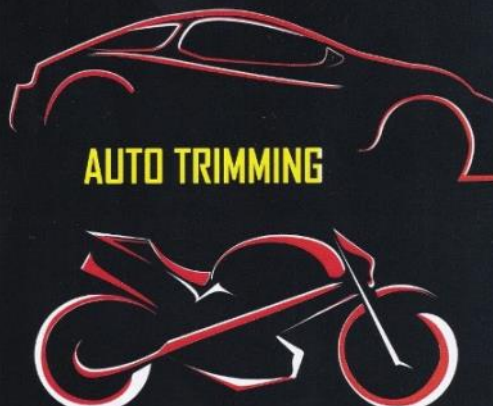
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