# The Monthly Journal of the

# Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc.

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December 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 12th December 7.30 start at Clunes Hall.

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

**Next Club Ride** 17th December—Ride around Lismore ending up at Federal

**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..

## From the Presidents Chair

**Membership renewal** – just a friendly reminder you need to attend 3 club events and or meetings, if you are one of the members who we haven't seen in 2023 you need to think about your 2024 membership.

Christmas Party – the Goonellabah Soccer Club proved once again to be an ideal venue as we have it to ourselves.. Thank you to Lyn for supplying some of her Christmas decorations and to Lyn, Alan Tony and Lina and others who assisted in the decoration of our tables. 35 members and their guests enjoying good food and great compan-

ionship at this festive time. The three Christmas hamper were raffled and three lucky attendees took them home.

**Rego day** – well attended by those who required rego's. Thank you to those who supplied biscuits etc to share with others.

**AGM**- Don't forget the AGM next meeting please come along to have your input into the running of the club in 2024

Have a safe and happy holiday see you again in 2024 our first meeting will be 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday night in February. Keep upright Mary Walker

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At the Christmas Party—Brenda & Pat

## 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.

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, Too late now for any resolutions for AGM
 28.11.2023 is 14 days before, and last date for notice to members of the AGM. Notice has been given
 05.12.2023 is 7 days before last date for Committee Member Nominations Close. Still time to nominate

## 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.

Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc Election of 2024 Club Officials	
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# **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**: 14<sup>th</sup> NOV 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 28 members, 10 apologies as per the attendance sheet with one visitor Rob Hartnell **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** - Not read to members. The Secretary moved that minutes of OCT 2023

Club meeting as published in NOV 2023 newsletter be accepted 2<sup>ND</sup> PL - motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE IN Newsletters- Clarence Valley, Newcastle, Tamworth, Coffs Harbour MC clubs,

**CORRESPONDENCE out**, Club Newsletter posted or emailed to members + other clubs + Sponsors

#### NO Currant Invitations to attend other Clubs 2023 Rallies and Swap meets

<u>TREASURERS REPORT:</u> The <u>Treasurer</u> gave update on club accounts / finances 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Everett. carried No report given.

#### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

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

<2023 MW reminded member if they want to attend Christmas party on 26<sup>th</sup> Nov ,book & pay now

<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 , bring a cake to share,

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

#### GENERAL BUSINESS,

- <a href="#">New club member David Codd</a> was welcomed by members
- <Marc Jennison moved a motion that for members attending the 2023 Xmas party on 26<sup>th</sup> Nov, the refund to members for this year be increased from \$25.00 to \$30.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PL, general discussion followed, motion carried.
- <PL informed members that a Ducati manual has been returned to Library after being out for 18 months.

  Also the Sunday Club ride Schedule for 2024 has now been updated to Dec 2024, details on Club web page &

Be included in Dec. Newsletter

- Chris Wakely had some items to give away to members including some handle bars, throw over saddle bags.
- <Lionel C. informed members that he is selling his 1958 AJS and would prefer to sell to a NRCMCC member.</p>
- < Marc Jennison updated the meeting that life member Peter Harvey was not in good health, he encouraged members to pay him a visit, as Peter enjoys the company. But tel first to let him know your coming.
- <John Café informed members that there has been no entries for Jack Ahearn trophy for 2023</p>
- <MW moved motion that would allow her to take Cash from Social Club account to cover the Xmas Party refunds, exact amount to be determined once final attendance numbers are known, 2<sup>nd</sup> DBM motion carried

#### New Bike Registrations - non

Early Days Bryson talked about the recent Laidley Swap meet, noting there's more Japanese bikes than English.

Passing of Herb Jeffries, Story on Tom Gibson from Lismore

#### **Ride Reports**

Sunday for Classic Ride 5th Nov. Rained out

 $<\!$  Club ride Sunday  $15^{th}$  OCT 'Jack Macintosh' .Ride to Rathlogan Olive Grove QLD. , not stopping at Kyogle  $<\!$  Wednesday Ride  $\,$  -

<Next club ride to leave Clunes Rego Day @ 10am

**MEETING CLOSED at 8.45 pm** 

NRCMCC Inc PO BOX 7058 LISMORE HEIGHTS NSW 2480 secretary@nrcmcc.org



Agenda for NRCMCC 2023 AGM to be held: 12th December 2023 At Clunes Hall, starting after Dec Club meeting

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies, as per attendance sheet
- **2. Confirmation of the Minutes** of the previous NRCMCC Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at Clunes Hall
- **3. Financial statement** of the NRCMCC will be presented to the members present by treasurer. Or His nominated representative.
- **4. Membership** The Treasurer will move the 2023 annual membership fees for members + families
- 5. Other reports-

By President + Any others

- 6. Motions for AGM none received
- **7. Nomination and election** of NRCMCC Office Bearers, Committee members and other key Club positions for the next 12 months. The President will declare all positions vacant and ask the Public Officer to take over as returning officer with the assistance of club Secretary.

Some written nominations for positions have been received.

Positions to be filled .....

PRESIDENT: VICE PRESIDENT: \_SECRETARY: TREASURER + 3 COMMITTEE MEMBERs

The New President will then oversee the election of the following club positions

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER: NEWSLETTER EDITOR: LIBRARIAN: CATTERING OFFICER: RAFFLES OFFICER: RIDE COORDINATOR WEBMASTER: BIKE REGISTRATION OFFICERS

MEETING CLOSED:

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Minutes of NRCMCC 2022 AGM held: 13th December 2022 At Clunes Hall Attended by members with Apologies as per attendance sheet



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- Apologies, as per attendance sheet
- Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous NRCMCC Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 9th December 2021 at Lismore heights Bowling Club, motion to be accepted was was moved by Secretary 2nd by Peter Lake – motion carried
- Financial statements of the NRCMCC {refer to Attachments} were presented to the members
  present by treasurer. 3 reports given and moved by Treasurer 2<sup>nd</sup> Pat Holt motion carried
- 4. Membership .. After The Treasurer explained to members the state of club finances, there was General discussion on Membership fees, after which Pat Holt moved a motion that the 2023 annual membership fee for single members be \$25.00 being \$20.00 to Clubs Social fund & \$5.00 for Membership fee , 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony Harvey . motion carried
- Other reports-
  - President Mary Walker reported 2022 was a tough year, with Covid then floods to our district which had affected many club members, but life was slowly returning to a more normal life.

Mary reflected on many club events and thanked all those involved. Being:

- <The Jack Ahearn Trophy Presentation Day- all those who helped set up and organize the day, Tony had restored his bike twice due to flooding.</p>
- <To Glenn who organizes supplies at our monthly meetings.
- < to Peter & Ian who organize the Sunday & Wednesday rides
- < To Peter running our Club Library.
- < To Registration officers, Bryson, John, Pat, Brian & Ray
- < The Club Rally, all those on the Day- Peter with a great Rally route, Tony & Peter compiling entries, John, Judy David & Carol setting up morning tea, Doug & Helen, all the Marshalls and Members who turned up, Dieter for great photos</p>
- < Christmas Party, great day getting together
- < To Marc . Stand in Treasurer and Membership Officer
- < To David, Stand in Secretary and Clubs Newsletter Editor
- < To Club Executives and Committee members, Tony, David, Marc, Peter Alan, Andrew
- < To Dieter our Web master & Frank for events list organizer.
- <To Greg Britnall our retiring Public Officer, hope you will be back soon
- < To all our club members for their friendship and involvement in the club

Mary also advised members: that due to changes in the Fair Trading Constitution, our club constitution will need to be updated, or take the Fair Trading constitution and write our club rules to compliment the Fair Trading Constitution.

- The Secretary thanked Mary Walker for all her great work, Mary was given a round of applause by all members attending.
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- 7. Nomination and election of NRCMCC Office Bearers, Committee members and other key Club positions for the next 12 months. The President declared all positions vacant and asked Life Member Peter Harvey {Public Officer having resigned} to take over as returning officer with the assistance of club Secretary. Some written nominations for positions have been received. Below is a summery of positions filled (refer to full voting summery attached).

Refer to next page for list of 2023 office holders,

#### 2023 committee and office holders

President: Mary Walker P: 0429662915 E: president@nrcmcc.org

Vice President: position is Vacant

Secretary: David Bonhote-mead 0447900848 E: secretary@nrcmcc.org Treasurer: Dean Marsh P: 0428381711 E: treasurer@nrcmcc.org

**Committee members:** 

Peter Lake P: 0459285872 Andrew Evans P: 0418280246 Alan Stratton P: 0428294652 **Registration Officers:** 

Bryson Walker P: 02 66291509 Pat Holt P: 0435475784 John Cafe P: 0427252081 Brian Riordan P: 02 66215535

Ray Fisher P: 02 66293250 Preferred or Mob 0427293250

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Club Librarians: Peter Lake

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Event List Support: Frank Widdows P: 02 66860771

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 **14th July** North Arm via Billnudgel

18th August, The Circle Event for small Bikes 6-8th Sept Club Rally

**13th Oct.** Chillingham General Store Nov & Dec To be advised

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 & 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. Refer to Page 13

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





FOR SALE..... , Nolan full-face, latest design helmet in 'classic white':  $model~N6\overline{0}/6~-~RRP=\$333.00$ brand new, with all tags/papers/box

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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FOR SALE AJS 16mcs 350cc all alloy scrambler 1958, restored 1993, everything works, original all over, Lismore bike Workshop manual parts lists, AJS tools, whitworth tools, club rego ride it home. 7000 dollars needs a little TLC by a club member Lionel 0408825036



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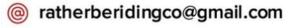




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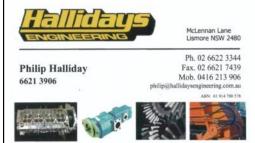


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### **Umling La or bust, part 3. WE GOT THERE!**

So we have now been in India and on the bikes for a week and completed the first section or part of our 3 section ride. Last time we were here in 2019 it was cold and we rode through snow. I think I experienced the coldest I have ever been on a bike back then but this time it was HOT! Even the locals were complaining about the heat and I was wondering why I'm lugging around two sets of thermal gear in my luggage. Anyway, we are up to day 8.

Day 8. We started the ride today on good bitumen roads but we soon turned off to cover the second part of this trip. We were soon back onto gravel, dirt, dust and sometimes rocky road toward Purne. This was another test for us all as we were in the rain shadow now and in some pretty remote areas. This road was up through some narrow valleys that were carved into by the rapidly flowing waters from the melting snow. Surprisingly, 99% of the time this water was grey in colour, not clear like our mountain rivers and always flowing fast and over rocks as it comes steeply down these valleys. This of course made for more spectacular geology but the riding conditions were getting tougher. We experienced grey bulldust that was so fine it was like talcum powder and at one point when we passed a truck coming the other way around a corner visibility was zero, and I mean zero! Luckily we had learnt to come to a complete stop in such situations and for a good 30 seconds we could not see our hands on the handlebars in front of us and later, when riding through it, it flowed out from your front wheel like water, just much lighter. One couple had a significant off today, Trish may have broken a rib but fortunately where they went over the edge was NOT a cliff like so many other spots and the three paramedics on the ride realized they were not behind us and we got to her within minutes. We checked her out, got her up and into a car where she stayed for the rest of the trip. I also had my first off today when a truck got stuck in one of the biggest water crossings so I was the first to find an alternate way through. I went where I was told only to realize that the bank or edge under the dirty water was sheer and so over the bars I went and into the cooling waters of the Himalayas. Three years of ballet as a child turned out to NOT be a waste as I managed to spin mid flight and land on my back taking full advantage of my CE2 approved back protection in my jacket. I was uninjured, the bike was mostly underwater but we got it up, manhandled it out of the water and bugger me it started first push of the button. I did break the footrest, rear brake bolt and exhaust mount so I was swapped over to a Himalayan for the rest of the ride. As I have said before, the Himalayans were far better suited to the roads we were on and I enjoyed the rest of our trip on this bike. We got into Purne in the late afternoon to our most basic accommodation so far (excluding the villagers private home but at least they had toilet paper), but this was the best of the two options we had in this village. Tonight was our coldest night too, I even put my thermal trousers on (just because I had them).

Day 9 was a shorter day but still tough so we had a later start (9 am) for the ride to Padum. More fine bulldust today, more roads obliterated by rockslides so more alternate routes where you just make your own way to a point where you think (and hope) the original road is still there. We rode over sand, round rocks, shale or slate type sheet rocks, but then we would ride past some road building crews and the road would go from two wheel tracks carved into the mountain side into two lanes of newly laid bitumen road?? I feel this whole area will be completely different in a few years and the harsh conditions we have experienced will be gone and forgotten. Purne was a town and we got in about lunch time so we enjoyed lunch in town itself and a cold shower (yes, & no power again) at our hotel.

Day 10 was another fine clear morning as we headed off towards Lamayura. We had all road conditions today, bitumen, gravel, rocks, more bulldust, more water crossings and several high mountain passes including Singee La at 4,955 mtrs and Sirsir La at 4,800 mtrs above sea level. This area is very dry and we enjoyed more narrow valleys & more spectacular gorges but the conditions started to take their toll on the bikes. One bike got a flat tyre and one of the classics that the back-up rider was on dropped a valve so was retired to the back of the ute.



Umling La or bust, part 3. WE GOT THERE!

Day 11 was an all bitumen road day. It was the end of this second section of our 3 in 1 ride and was the ride into Leh. After the rawness and unspoilt beauty of the rugged and remote roads "not well traveled" it was almost disappointing to ride on bitumen roads with traffic and not just traffic, Indian driver traffic. As I have said before, they don't stop, don't give way, don't stay on their side of the road, don't indicate, don't stay in their lanes & don't look . . . . they just drive like mad men! And we have now entered a heavily militarized area of India as we are getting closer to the Chinese border where conflict and tension is high between these two nations.

Day 12 was in fact two days later as we had a rest day in Leh and had to rent different bikes to ride part 3 of our trip. There is a by-law in the Ladakh region that doesn't allow rented bikes from elsewhere in India to be ridden in that province?? strange but this was the same last time we were there in 2019. A few of the group were sitting this last leg out too due to injuries, illness and fatigue. So we headed off with some of the permits that are required to get into this area. I say "some" as foreigners are NOT allowed within a hundred kms of the Umling La pass which includes the town of Henle. Henle is the last real town that had accommodation before Umling La so our revised plan was to ride to Nyoma and stay there at home stays for the night. More rough roads, more spectacular scenery and lots of military bases and movements on the roads. We were now passing several military convoys of up to 20 trucks every day.

Day 13 was THE day. We got up early and headed towards Henle. At the police road block before town we showed them all our passports (No Chinese people here) and previous passes and said that we are only going to the observatory in Henle to have a look and will be returning in a few hours. A "donation" helped get us through and we arrived on the outskirts of Henle 15 minutes later. We were left to have breakfast at a café and 45 minutes later our tour leader returned with a local "guide" who showed us a "shortcut' that coincidentally by-passed the last police check point. This road or track or if it had any vegetation on it at all, we would have called it a paddock as it had no real defined road but it was different and really was a shortcut cutting an hour off the normal route. Once back onto the main road it was just up-hill all the way from there on. It was so steep that I was often in 1st gear as the 411cc Himalayan wouldn't pull Eliza and I in 2nd gear. Up, up, up, past the "you are now higher than Mt Everest base camp" sign, up, up, up till we could see the pass. It was quite gentle at the end and there it was, the sign that we had seen photos of for the last few years. We were NOT at the highest peak but we were at the highest mountain pass IN THE WORLD. This was it and we had made it to the Umling La pass. At 19,024 ft or 5799 meters above sea level, that's 2 1/2 times higher than our Mt Kosciuszko and 450 mtrs higher than Mt Everest base camp. It is also 300 mtrs higher than the Khardung La pass that we did in 2019 which is still sold as the highest pass in the world but the numbers (or Mr Google) don't lie. The air is pretty thin up there but we had taken two weeks gaining altitude every day and we were all taking Diamox to help with the symptoms of altitude sickness and were all feeling pretty good. Fatigue or shortness of breath on exertion was very obvious though so we only stayed up there for about 20 minutes to get our photos and then turned around and headed back down the mountain. We got back into Henle in the late afternoon and stayed in a hotel out of town and were asked to stay inside and not venture into town, remember foreigners are not allowed in this town and we did look foreign.

Day 14 was the return ride to Leh. It was the reverse of our trip here but seeing the terrain from the other direction made it look different and that Himalayan scenery still amazed us. Now, that police road block that we went through yesterday on our "back in a few hours" day ride to the observatory . . . . . . well, the first 6 or 7 bikes got through but NOT me, nooo, and old mate was a bit cranky. He was yelling, I was doing my best Labrador look (blank looking and twisting my head sideways) and we were getting no-where fast. His English wasn't good, my Indian is non existent but fortunately our back-up rider soon caught up and told us to leave. He "took care of it', probably another donation but we were clear to continue so off we went. A very tired but elated group arrived back into Leh but we couldn't relax just yet though as there was the city traffic to contend with but we were pretty used to it by now and could predict the unpredictable driving habits of the Indians so with a bit of swerving, lots of horn blasting (those Enfield's do have a good

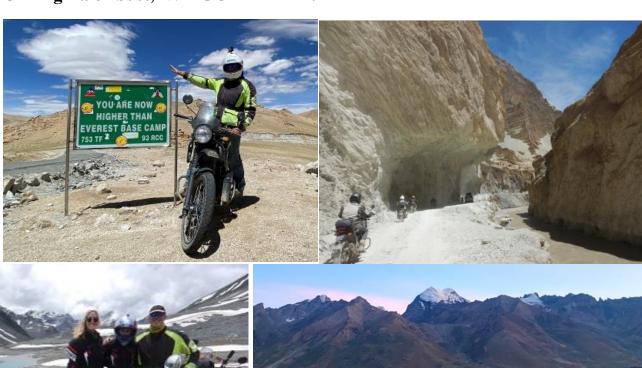
horn) and a few hand gestures, we arrived back at our hotel in one piece and we got off the bikes for the last time.

So after 15 days, 1890 kms of the roughest roads I have ever ridden, an average speed of 20 kms/hr, yes 20 km/hr as most was in first, second and third gear, and some of the most spectacular scenery that I've ever seen, we had done it. At times we could have been in northern Europe, others times in Korea, Australia or the moon but this is India. It was tough, our ride was not for the novice riders and did test us all. It was like doing a motocross event on the wrong bike for 15 days straight. And hats off to Phil and Sandra who did every km, every water crossing and every track two up, Sandra didn't get off the bike once and they didn't have a single fall. So tick off the Umling La pass and now, what's next?? Who knows but there will be more.



Cheers.

# Umling La or bust, WE GOT THERE!











Xmas party– 2023 Kevin claiming the winning ticket , before Raffle was drawn





# The North Coast Classic Motorcycle Show & Swap No.4 Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024



Charity Event for Ballina Hospital Auxiliary Show undercover at Alstonville Showground

(camping available ph 0427771512)

Show:- 8am – 2pm. Exhibitors - \$5

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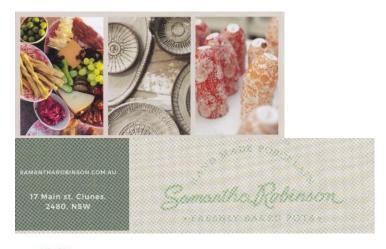
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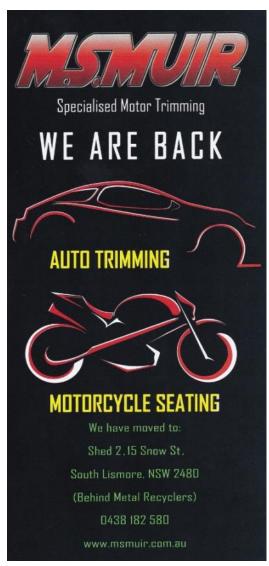




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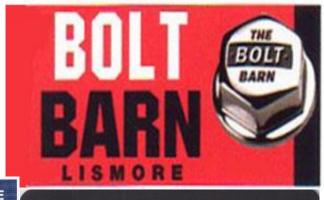
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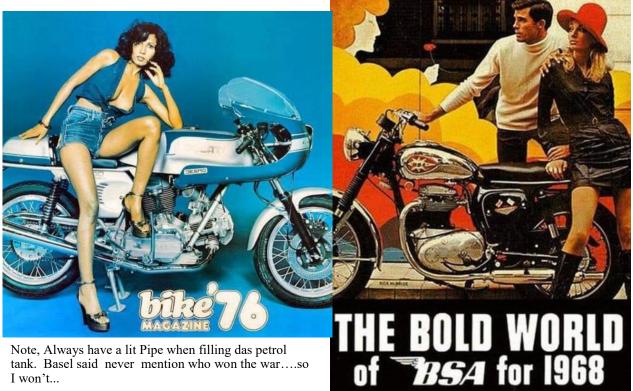
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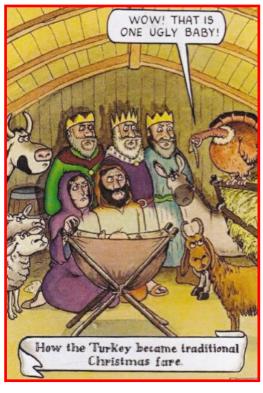






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Last word from the Editor As Always Many thanks to Mary for Presidents Chair, and for all the great work she does for the club and members .

Michael for his 3rd ride thru Umling Pass Article

Finally getting there..,

.Terry for all the Old photos {found on the web} & every one else who've sent in items & Jokes ..

Big thanks to Dieter for Xmas Party .photos more on Facebook page Cheers David BM



**Last word from President CHEERS!**