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**APRIL**  
**2024**

# 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 9th April 7.30 start at Clunes Hall.

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

**Club Rally Dates** Friday 6<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September

*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 3 bikes entered for the Jack Ahearn Restoration Trophy ....**

## From the Presidents chair

### Memorial ride & Restoration Trophy Presentation & Luncheon

40 members and partners turned out at the Clunes Hall for lunch and to see the restoration trophy presented. Three machines were presented. I congratulate the owners for their lovely restoration. It was interesting to see that two of the machines presented were not restored to concourse showroom floor gleam but were allowed to show their aged patina but these machines were fully restored. The BMW was 10ft under water in the 2022 floods. This is a personal choice which I applaud as I see this as respecting the past life of the machine. I want to congratulate Eric and David for the work both have undertaken to get their lovely machines on the road and presenting them for us to see on the day. Congratulations to David who won the restoration prize with his Ducati.

As the riders for the memorial ride were leaving Lismore, other members were already in attendance at the Hall to prepare the food for the luncheon and to ready the hall for the restored machines to be displayed and lunch.

The kitchen was quickly abuzz with food preparation while the hall tables and chairs were being set up and the carpet laid for the machines.

It is heart warming to see members and their partners pitching in to assist so willingly. The many hands were cooking and slicing while catching up with each other.

I want to say a huge **THANK YOU** to Buff, John, Judy, David, Carol, Doug, Helen, Tony, Lina, Tim, Marion, Dieter, Marina, Glenn & Warren for their willingness to assist.

This year the menu had some changes from past years with minute steaks & pork sausages, salads and grapes with dessert following which comprised of individual pavlova's cream strawberries passionfruit and lime jelly square (St Patrick's Day) and rich fruit pudding and custard.

It was great to see many chipping in after the meal to assist in the clean up

It was a great social way for all to catch up with fellow members & Friends.

**Club Rally DATES Friday 6<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September**, get these dates in your calendar

For those who wish to get there earlier we will be running rides from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> in the mornings.

**Rain & Potholes-** Lismore and west have not had the heavy rain that those closer to the coast have had in the last few weeks. I was amazed to see this on a visit to relations south-west of Lismore. While we at Clunes and other coastal areas have been having very heavy downpours further inland have only been getting small amounts of rain with a lot of misty days with little or no real rain.

So all please be careful when riding and driving there are potholes everywhere and many are unseen until you are almost on them. The potholes on our road have been painted around but there are many that are not. It is so wet at our place, that the lawn is now a wet bog, we are warning visitors to park on the roadside and walk up.

Keep dry and upright



Some of the many Club members Making It all Happen..





## The Contestants





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

**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,

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

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

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

**16th June**—Join Italian day festival and / or Ride to New Italy Café for coffee

**14th July** North Arm via Billnudge

**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 & 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.

**19,20,21st April** Inverell Rally {NRCMCC Secretary has Entry form}

**26th 27th 28th April** 2024 Cane Toad Rally

**5th May** Berry Charity Bike Show

**Refer to the March Edition of this Newsletter for more details on above events**

Coffs Harbour 21-26 May—. If interested contact NRCMCC Secretary or CH&DMCRC

Tamworth 18-19 May . If interested contact NRCMCC Secretary

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**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON:** 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 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 29 members, 13 apologies as per the attendance sheet + 3 visitor James Appleby, Richard Hurley + C Hampson

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** - Not read to members. The Secretary moved that minutes FEB 2024 Club meeting as published in MAR 2024 newsletter be accepted 2<sup>ND</sup> Peter Lake - motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE IN Newsletters** - Clarence Valley, Newcastle Tamworth MC clubs +  
Invoice for clubs PO box , emailed to Treasurer {26.02.24}  
Invoice from Shannons for Club trailer {catering} emailed to treasure {29.02.24}  
Membership renewals for 2024

**CORRESPONDENCE out** ,

Club Newsletter posted or emailed to members and other MC clubs

**Invitations to attend other Clubs 2024 Rallies and Swap meets**

Cane Toad Rally 26-28 April

Inverell Rally 19-21 April

Coffs Harbour 21-26 May

Tamworth 18-19 May

Berry Charity bike Show – 5<sup>th</sup> May

Indian Rally

**TREASURERS REPORT:-** [The Treasurer](#) was unable to attend.

**MEMBERSHIP OFFICER**

Members to pay their membership before 31 March currently at 94 members

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

\*MW gave update on upcoming Memorial Ride & Jack Ahearn Trophy day. 17 March weekend after meeting  
Please let us know ASAP if you're planning to come as Chef needs to order .. from 9.30 am

\*MW gave update on the Clunes hall , upgrading the ramp entry to disability standards, still work in progress

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

MW reminded members that 2024 Membership fees are now due pay before end of March, MW reminding members

If you haven't payed , you're bike is not eligible for club registration..

**New Bike Registrations NON**

**Early Days** Bryson spoke on the Clubs early days 1985-6 , One man Saw mill , getting the right name for the Club after being affiliated with the Sydney Classic Club to Start with, The part Alec Marsh played in financing the club,

**Ride Reports**

<PL 18<sup>th</sup> Feb Club ride to Alstonville Classic MC Show + Shine Event, numbers down on previous years

<Wednesday ride saw 8 riders to Evans Head

<Classic ride for March to Alstonville House with no steps

<PL Next club ride 17<sup>th</sup> March Memorial ride to JA presentation day at Clunes Hall

**MEETING CLOSED at 8:25pm Next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> April**

For Sale

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| 1954 BMW R51 with Steib Sidecar             | \$45,000 |
| 1948 Velocette KSS 350cc                    | \$23,000 |
| 1936 Rudge Special 490cc                    | \$24,000 |
| 1946 Triumph Tiger 100 500cc                | \$15,000 |
| 1939 Norton International 350cc             | \$30,000 |
| 1939 Velocette MAC 350cc                    | \$15,500 |
| 1949 Triumph TR5 500cc Square Barrel Trophy | \$19,000 |
| 1946 Velocette MOV 250cc                    | \$12,500 |
| 1951 Triumph 6T Thunderbird                 | \$17,500 |

contact Scott Agnew 0429 827 430 {Singleton Classic Motorcycle Club} in the first instance so inspection can be arranged.

**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

1972 CZ175 trail with 2nd bike for spares if anyone is interested. tel Ray 66293250 preferred or mobile 0427293250.



**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.



**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. \$6000 needs a little TLC by a club member Lionel 0408825036



“For Sale \$9500 ONO **1978 Triumph T140E.** Motor has been rebuilt approximately 3k miles ago by Geoff Martin Motorcycle Repairs. Receipt supplied. Speedo indicates 11k + miles. Bike originally imported from USA by others. Some spare parts and tools included. “ Contact Chris Wakely 0427 911716.



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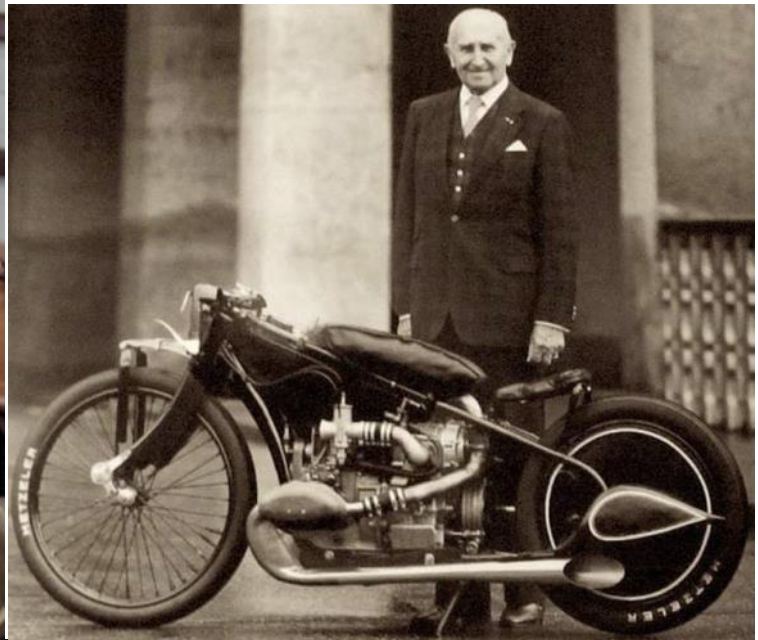
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**Last word from the Editor** As Always Many thanks to Mary for Presidents Chair, and for all the great work she does for the club and members .  
Terry for all the Old photos {found on the web} & Thankyou to Dieter for all the J. A. Trophy day photos, Cheers David BM



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