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**March  
2013**

# Classic Torque

## *Sunday Club run to Tony and Lina's place*

Despite the very cloudy conditions and prospect of showers there was a good attendance of members at the starting venue, the Rous Hotel in Lismore. Peter outlined the chosen route which embraced the Eltham Road through to Ballina and back up the old Uralba cutting and along the Wardell Road swinging around to join up with the Alphadale Road and onto the Bruxner Highway to Wollongbar and Tony's place.

Quite a number of members chose to drive and ride directly there so upon a head count approx 30 for morning tea. Tony and Lina have got it down pat in providing a succulent combination of bacon, egg, sausages and onion sandwiches along with some excellent home cooked slices.

Tony is clearly a coffee connoisseur as his home brewed coffee was pretty good too and we all know from experience that when on run he always knows where to stop for the best coffee.

The morning was enjoyed by all and we thank Tony and Lina for putting on such a good spread and keeping the rain at bay.

*A: 8.30 am at the Rous Hotel, approx 15 bikes ready to take the road.*

*B: Norm sampling the good coffee.*

*C: The view north from Tony and Lina's place is superb.*

*More pictures on page 7.*

*N. Edwards*



# NRCMCC minutes for February 2013

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON:		12/02/2013		START:		7.53 pm	
WELCOME: MEMBERS 65 as per attendance sheet.							
VISITORS PRESENT:		3 as per attendance sheet Paul Whiting, Gary Herne, Sam Cook					
APOLOGIES:		8 as per attendance sheet					
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING READ							
ACCEPTED:		Tony Kempnich		SECOND:		Richard Swinton	
BUSINESS ARISING							
1. Pat asks if trophy was claimed – it was by Glen							
TREASURERS REPORT							
OPENING BALANCE:		.....		CLOSING BAL:		.....	
ACCEPTED:		Richard Swinton		SECOND:		Peter Lake	
CORRESPONDANCE							
IN:		1. Newsletters – 2 Throttle Levers, The Link, Restore & Ride, Northern Rivers Classic Car Club, 2 Inverell Motorcycle Restorers Club 2. Invites to rallies from Taree & District Vintage Classic run in March, Inverell Restorers Club Rally in April, Griffith Motorcycle Club in April, All-Indian Rally March/April 3. Letter from Brenley Jarratt re missing Manx Nortons 4. Roads & Maritime Services – notification of AGM & committee received. 5. Clunes Hall fees for 2013 6. 3 OTHM entries 7. 3 membership renewals 8. Annual Affiliation fees Council Heritage Motor Clubs					
OUT:		1.					
ACCEPTED:		Peter Lake		SECOND:		Mark Hunt	
GENERAL BUSINESS:							
1. John Andrews has suffered a stroke and is in Ballina Rehab presently. 2. Col asks if the club will support the Triples rally again this year. Richard moves we support this, seconded by Pat, all in favour. 3. Eric is turning 80 this week and Peter Harvey has a card for members to sign. 4. Richard announces library is in order and will show members the storage area we now permanently have here in the hall. Thanks to Eric for his donations. Our website has the online library catalogue that you can search for what you may want to borrow. Thanks go to Richard for sourcing this storage area. 5. Alister Bell has proposed a ride for Thursday February 28 <sup>th</sup> , leaving Roadhouse Café in Byron 9.30 – approved as a club ride. 6. Ariel rally in Canberra 7-12 March – approved as club run 7. Tassie tour 10 – 30 <sup>th</sup> March – approved as a club run 8. Inverell rally 19 – 21 <sup>st</sup> April noted as a club run 9. Taree rally 28 Feb – 3 March noted as a club run 10. Reminder membership expires end of December, however payment can be made up until March meeting, however those with historic registered bikes are advised to err on the side of caution. 11. There is a bike that was left on the side of the road if anyone knows the owner please talk to Gerard. 12. Raffle tonight includes an Irving-Vincent calendar from Nick of Northern Rider Magazine. 13. Talk to Michael Smith about Navman updates.							
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## February minutes continued . . .

MEMBERS RUN REPORTS – Richard says Cram farm run was only attended by Richard and his partner in a car! Tenterfield was a success with mixture of heat, fires and rain.

Velocet rally in December report from Mary on a great time.

National Island Classic report from Nick – very friendly bunch that made it a great time.

Rob reports last run to Wardell Pies with a birthday pie was a great day.

Discussion held on runs for later in the year.

28 starters for OTHM run, there could still be more!

NEXT RUN:	To Tony and Lina's home leaving Rous Hotel 8.30am	MEETING CLOSED:	8.36 pm
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Paddy was waiting at the bus stop with his mate when a lorry went by loaded up with rolls of turf.

Paddy said, 'I gonna do that when I win the lottery ...'

'What's dat?', says his mate.

'Send me lawn away to be cut', says Paddy.



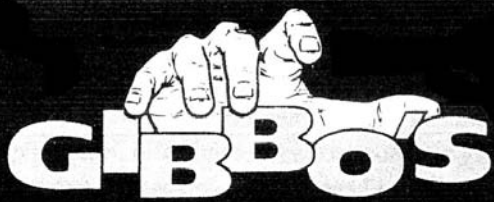
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# Horse jokes direct from the UK

- o I'm so hungry, I could eat a horse.....( I guess Tesco just listened).
  - o Anyone want a burger from Tesco? Yay or neigh?
  - o Not entirely sure how Tesco is going to get over this hurdle.
  - o Waitress in Tesco asked if I wanted anything on my burger. So I had a £5 each way!
  - o Had some burgers from Tesco for my tea last night.... I still have a "bit" between my teeth.
  - o A woman has been taken into hospital after eating horsemeat burgers from Tesco. Her condition is said to be stable.
  - o Tesco is now testing all their vegetarian burgers for traces of unicorn.
  - o I've just checked the Tesco burgers in my freezer... AND THEY'RE OFF.
  - o Said to the missus, "These Tesco burgers have given me terrible trots."
  - o To beef or not to beef. That is equestrian.
  - o A cow walks into a bar. Barman says, "Why the long face?" Cow says, "Illegal ingredients, coming over here stealing our jobs!"
  - o I hear the smaller version of those Tesco burgers make great horse d'oeuvres.
- These Tesco burger jokes are going on a bit. Talk about "flogging a dead...."



## For Sale . . . Only \$150,000



This late 1930's supercharged DKW (water cooled 2 stroke, 250 twin) world superbike racer now owned by Steve Hazelton is for sale and offers of \$80,000 have not even tempted him. Apparently it was brought to Australia along with two other bikes by the world famous German racing team of the time. It was found under a house in Adelaide in the 1960's. DKW's were almost invincible in Australia and overseas in this period. Auto Union racers of this period are worth north of \$5m, so maybe \$150,000 is more in the ballpark for its sale. Is anyone good for a loan?

*Noel Edwards*

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# **NRCMC Club Events**

## **2012 / 2013**



**Club run each month on the 1st Sunday after the meeting.**

**Bangalow: runs start from top restaurant car park**

**Lismore: from the Rous Hotel, cnr. Keen and Zadoc Street.**

**Wednesday Mid-week runs all start at Lismore Railway at 9 am on the 1st and 4th Wednesday every month**

***Note: earlier starting times and NOW from the Rous Hotel in Lismore***

- Mar 17th** Sunday ride to Mary /Bryson's house leaves Bangalow 8 am, Rous Hotel, Lismore 8.30. *Designated Slow Bike Run.*
- April 14** Sunday ride to Katrina and Chris's house, Tuckurimba, leaves Bangalow 8 am, Rous Hotel Lismore 8.30 am
- May 19** Sunday ride to Donna and Mick Cranes house near Bonalbo, leaves Bangalow 8.30, Lismore 9 am. We meet at Bonalbo pub approx 10.30 and then go on to Mick's house
- 25-May** Overnighter at Nymboida canoe centre. Clarence Valley Historic & Enthusiasts Motorcycle Club are running the event. Our group to leave from Lismore early Saturday and ride to the start point in Grafton. Leaving Grafton Sat morning - times to be advised, for a ride up to Dorrigo for lunch and then back to Nymboida for BBQ and campfire with bike DVD's in a big shed. After brekky Sunday, a morning ride. Bring your cold weather gear. Cheap accommodation available, cabins or camping. For more info contact Col, 6683 4429 or Frank, 6686 0771.
- June 16** Sunday ride to Cindy and Richard Swinton's house in Clunes. Parking space in laneway next to house. Leaves Bangalow 9 am, Lismore 9.30. Slow Bike run (trailer) Rous hotel
- July 14** Sunday ride to Brunswick Heads Hot Rod Show. Leaves Lismore 9 am, Bangalow 9.30
- Aug. 4** Lismore Classic Car & Bike show. Clyde Campbell car park next to Police station. 9 am
- August 17** Aussie Triples Rally. Marshalls required with lunch provided. Meet 8.45 at entrance to Lakeside caravan Park, Fenwick Drive, East Ballina.
- August 18** Club Run and Aussie Triples rally combined with NRCMCC providing marshals. Lunch will be a BBQ at the Park. 8.45 am start at entrance to Caravan Park.
- Sept. 15** Sunday Run. Coffee ride to Alstonville area. Venue not decided yet. Starts Rous Hotel 9 am. Bangalow 9.30 am
- Oct. 12/13** Possible overnighter to Rathdowney Pub if we get enough interest.
- Oct. 13** Sunday Club run to Rathdowney Pub for lunch. Daylight saving now on. Leave Bangalow 8.30 am. Rous Hotel 9 am
- Oct 27** Sunday "Compression against Depression" ride organised by Nick Kostyn — details to come
- Nov. 17** Sunday Club run, 2 rides in 1. Slow run to Casino for morning tea (backup) or continue to Yamba for lunch via Bluff Point ferry. Leaves Bangalow 8 am, Rous Hotel 8.30 am
- Dec. 15** Sunday run to Frank Widdow's house (64 Westland Drive, Ballina) Leaves Lismore 8am Bangalow 8.30 am.

### **HAIGSLEA SWAP**

## **Motor Cycle Only**

**Sunday, April 14, 2013**

The Australian Motor Cycle Museum, Butlers Road (off the Warrego Highway) Haigslea.

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## From the Editor's desk

Sitting here thinking of something worthwhile to tell you from our club's point of view but I can only hear the sound of heavy rain again which from a motorcyclist point of view leaves a lot to be desired. A good mate of mine has just purchased a really good set of bike boots but has been unable to try them out. He doesn't think that them being waterproof is very high priority, he is right of course unless you want to ride Phillip Island in the rain. Watching the Superbike racing on TV a couple of weekends ago it was magnificent weather down there but not sure what the weather was like in between Lismore and Victoria.

Our February Sunday club ride to Tony and Lina's for brunch was very enjoyable and we even managed to avoid most of the rain. On behalf of the club I thank them for putting on such a good spread.

I have been contacted by our own "Lismore Pothole Master Painter", Peter Jackson and he is wondering if we could help him out with something towards the cost of the paint which he has estimated at an average of \$75 a week. I said I would put it to our meeting and see if our members are willing to donate to help with a few \$\$\$'s (something like just passing the hat around at a meeting) as I am sure most would agree that what he does in circling the bad potholes for us (Not to run into) is a worthwhile thing. Lets hope there is break in the wet weather also.

Noel Edwards

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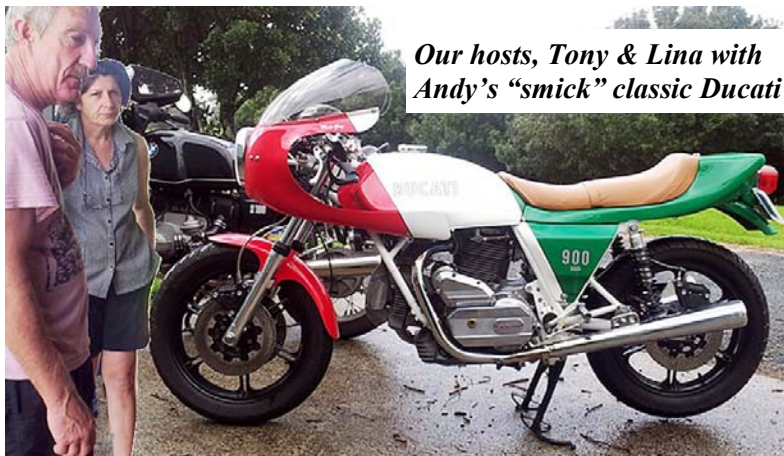
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*Club Run to Tony and Lina's ... cont. from p1*

**Note:** The sign says it all. This is the designated starting point for ALL our Sunday Club runs.  
(Even the members who don't have BMW's are allowed to start here from Lismore.)



*Our hosts, Tony & Lina with Andy's "smick" classic Ducati*



*"Cmon Brian, I'm bloody starving", says Richard*

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## Presidents Report March 2013



It was good to see so many members (65 in fact) turn up to the February meeting. (Sorry about running out of refreshments) This displays the enthusiasm of our members at the moment and we have received interest from others looking to join the club. The attendance on the rides is great and shows that this year will be one of our best. Several members are currently working on new projects and I look forward to seeing them line up with the large variety of machines already being ridden.

We will make up a list of Rallies put on by other clubs so you have plenty of time to get organised & get your entry in. It is the same 6 or 8 NRCMCC members that regularly attend these Rallies and I think if you were to make the effort you would soon realise what you have been missing out on. Also a group ride to and from these events adds to a great weekend away. The committee are coming up with a few new ideas for this coming year and I look forward to the continued support

from the members.

On behalf of all members I would like to wish John Andrews a speedy recovery. John was one of the clubs foundation members,

Col.



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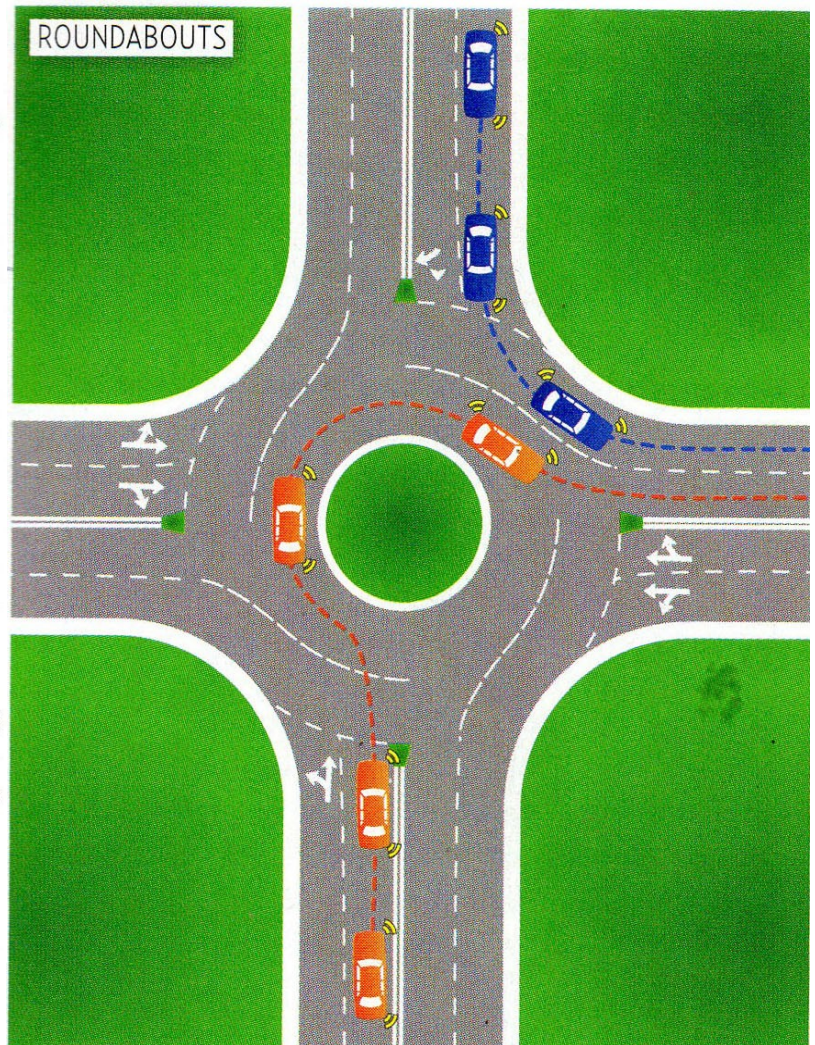
The new rule is: *Drivers entering a roundabout and intending to turn either left or right, **must give sufficient warning to other road users by signalling before entering** the roundabout.*

This change simply brings the signalling requirements into line with those relating to making left or right turns and lane changes.

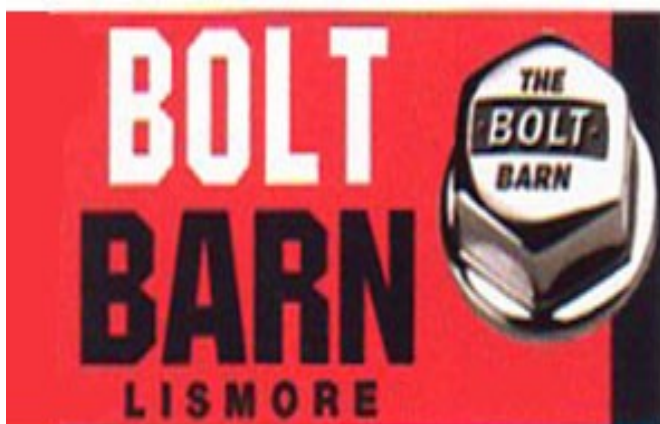
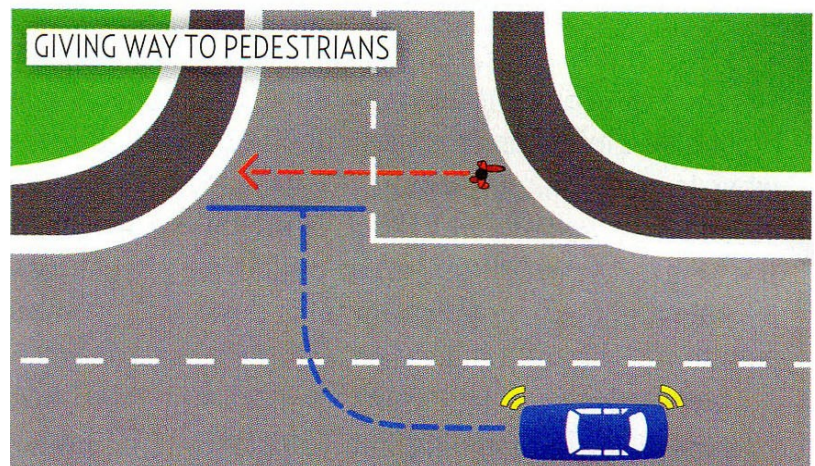
There are actually **no changes** to the signalling to exit the roundabout rules. Many drivers have been unaware of this rule and are only just reading it for the first time. However, this rule has always been in place and is taught to learners as part of their preparation for the driving test.

**Penalty: 2 demerit points and \$165.**

*From a local motorcyclist point of view regarding signalling (particularly when on your classic bike with NO indicators) and so many donut sized single lane roundabouts in Lismore; “Let common sense Prevail”*



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# Wake Up and Laugh a little

## Golf Panties.... "Up the Scots"

The Swede's wife steps up to the tee and, as she bends over to place her ball, a gust of wind blows her skirt up and reveals her lack of underwear.

'Good God, woman! Why aren't you wearing any skivvies?', Ole demanded.

'Well' she said, 'you don't give me enough housekeeping money to afford any.'

The Swede immediately reaches into his pocket and says, 'For the sake of decency, here's a 50. Go and buy yourself some underwear..'

Next, the Irishman's wife bends over to set her ball on the tee. Her skirt also blows up to show that she, too, is wearing no undies. 'Blessed Virgin Mary, woman! You've no knickers Why not?'

She replies, 'I can't afford any on the money you give me.'

Patrick reaches into his pocket and says, 'For the sake of decency, here's a 20. Go and buy yourself some underwear'!

Lastly, the Scotsman's wife bends over. The wind also takes her skirt over her head to reveal that she, too, is naked under it. 'Sweet mudder of Jaysus, Aggie! Where ta friggin hell are yer drawers?' She too explains, 'You dinna give me enough money ta be able ta affarrd any.'

The Scotsman reaches into his pocket and says, 'Well, fer the love 'o decency, here's a comb.... Tidy yerself up a bit.'

## SWAMP



## Wink, wink!

A man with a winking problem is applying for a position as a sales representative for a large firm. The interviewer looks over his papers and says, "This is phenomenal. You've graduated from the best schools; your recommendations are wonderful, and your experience is unparalleled. Normally, we'd hire you without a second thought. However, a sales representative has a highly visible position, and we're afraid that your constant winking will scare off potential customers. I'm sorry.... we can't hire you." "But wait," the man says. "If I take two aspirin, I'll stop winking!"

"Really? Great! Show me!" So the applicant reaches into his jacket pocket and begins pulling out all sorts of condoms: red condoms, blue condoms, ribbed condoms, flavored condoms; finally, at the bottom, he finds a packet of aspirin. He tears it open, swallows the pills, and stops winking.

"Well," said the interviewer, "that's all well and good, but this is a respectable company, and we will not have our employees womanizing all over the country!"

"Womanizing? What do you mean? I'm a happily married man!"

"Well then, how do you explain all these condoms?" "Oh, that," he sighed "Have you ever walked into a pharmacy, winking, and asked for aspirin?"



## Ray's Birthday run to Wardell...

Mid week 6/2/13

The weather improved over-night and 9 club members arrived at Lismore Railway Station at 9am for a short run to Wardell Pies. We lost one rider at the infamous East Gundurimba turn-off, the scene of much confusion previously on "The Circle Run". It seems very easy to miss this turn and end up in Casino - anyway, a mobile phone-call smoothed things over.

As Ray is our oldest regular rider, we decided to make this particular Mid-Week Run run a very special one. So a huge apple pie with a 'Happy Birthday' piped onto it was ordered well in advance from the pie shop and it was delivered in a special annotated box. After a few hiccups and phone-calls this was achieved after initial refusals and much confusion. But it all ended well in the end. We even provided a small single candle which was ceremoniously lit - just for our "birthday boy". [No - I didn't have 75 of them at home, our kids left home at 18 !] All that was after Ray had arrived very late, taking his famous "shortest route". But he was certainly slower than usual this time. Apparently some fiendish saboteur had pulled his Honda postie-bike's choke full-on for the whole way to Wardell. (I guess we've all done that at one time or the other and wondered where all the performance went?) The pie was expertly cut into 8 pieces by Ray with a knife thoughtfully provided by the shop. I can report that the pieces of succulent apple-slices and melt-in-the mouth pastry were much enjoyed by us all.

At 11am after most of the festivities and chatting was over, a few spots of rain fell. So we retreated under the awning/umbrella near the shop for a while. But at 11.30 the sky looked black and the rain squall was looking to come our way. So it was a matter of putting coat-liners in and taking off. Most went back to Lismore via Meerschaum Vale and Rous Road, but several made their own way home in different directions.

*Rob Andrews*



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### ***Our Club's objectives :-***

The objectives of the NRCMC are *primarily* to encourage the restoration, preservation, and riding of older motorcycles. Through its various activities, the club promotes 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 holds its annual Classic Rally in September each year and entry is open for everybody to attend regardless of the type or age of their machinery. Club members also attend rallies organised by other clubs throughout the year.

The club endeavors to cater for families and all members partners and children are most welcome to attend any meetings or outings. Membership is open to anybody with an interest in motorcycling and there is No prerequisite to currently own a new or old motorcycle.

#### ***Monthly Meetings***

Monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month in the Clunes Memorial Hall, Walker Street in Clunes. They start at 7.30 pm. Membership \$40 per annum, fees due in December.

#### ***Organised Runs***

A breakfast run is held on the Sunday immediately following the club's monthly meeting. We meet in the car park, next to the top roundabout in Bangalow or Lismore Rous Hotel. Start times vary so please check the latest newsletter or the club website. Every other Sunday can be a club run but members must contact the Events Organiser. There are also 2 Mid-week runs departing Lismore Railway on 1st and 4th Wednesday of the month at 9 am. Contact Rob Andrews on 6621 4083.