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**May  
2015**

## Classic Torque

### Over the hill run 2015.....

Now that I've dried off, washed the bike and completed 3 loads of washing - I can look back on another successful Over The Hill run.. The Run started way back on Sunday 26 April with 12 BMWs and 9 mixed classics., plus 15 pillions and backup vehicle drivers. We headed up to Esk via Rathdowney and Rosewood on day 1 - A challenge for me when my front brakes became unpredictable! All fixed now. The run avoided the main roads wherever possible.



**Most of the ladies on the run**

### A marshall at work:



Day 2 saw us run up the D'Aguiler and Burnett highways (excellent ride) to Goomeri for lunch and then back to the peanut capital, Kingaroy for two nights Day 3 - spent in Kingaroy - more anon - Day 4 - A short run via Kaimkitenbun (It's not a joke) and the backroads to Dalby. . Day 5 - to Warwick - hmm, a little rain threatening. The day 6 - the heavens opened on the last leg and we all got soaked on the way home. Nevertheless an excellent run, well organized as usual by Tony and Bryson, ably supported by Lina and Mary. Thanks guys!!

ported by Lina and Mary. Thanks guys!!

We saw lots on the way - a group of 6 flat tankers, and an organic nut oil processing plant at Kingaroy, and a fascinating visit out of Dalby to a gentleman who has built the most extraordinary vehicles, including 2 V-12 powered, and one 18 liter monster built in the style of early 1900s racers. And all in his farm workshop - an self trained engineering genius! Stand by for more pics and details in later issues. Also more pics are available on the gallery section of the website and on facebook.



**Above:** The bulk of the crew - a few missing who had to leave early. And **Right:** Ready for Day 6 - all rugged up!



**More pictures on p8**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON:** 14<sup>th</sup> March 2015 **START:** 7:40pm

**WELCOME:** Welcome by president and introduction from visitors

35 x MEMBERS and 2 x VISITORS and 9 x APOLOGIES as per attendance sheet

- **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING READ - ACCEPTED:** Mary Walker **SECOND:** Richard Swinton

- **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Bunnings Bar B Q dates – carried over to next meeting

- **TREASURERS REPORT** – presented to members **ACCEPTED:** Neil Williams **SECOND:** Mary Walker

- **CORRESPONDENCE OUT:**

Letter to Mr David Hughes – Head Nurse – Prostate Cancer inviting him to speak about Prostate Cancer at one of our monthly meetings.

- **CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

6 x Club Newsletter: Newcastle Vintage Motorcycle Club, Tweed Heads motorcycle Club, Coffs Harbour motorcycle Club, Inverell Motorcycle Club, Grafton Vintage Motor Vehicle Club, Historical Motorcycle Club of QLD.

3 x late membership applications.

Response from Mr David Hughes – Head Nurse – Prostate Cancer agreeing to speak at May NRCMCC meeting

Report by Mr Eric Wilson about the annual Show and Shine held last month

Email from “The Aussie Coat Company” who make motorcycle wet weather gear in Queensland Australia.

Email from Mr Col McAndrew highlighting inconsistencies between the Club’s objectives on the website and in the newsletter. Discussed by the committee and the two comments adjusted to now line up.

Email from Mr Peter Ling, President Tweed Valley Restorers Club, explaining that their annual rally for 2015 was in jeopardy because of low numbers. (subsequent email indicating that the Tweed Valley Restorers Club 2015 rally has been cancelled)

Email from United Tourers inviting members to the 2015 Winter Rally in July 2015.

Overdue notice for Club Trailer from Shannons Insurance. – Been paid – to be followed up as this is a mistake

Norton Owners Club Rally, 1/2/3 May.

**CORRESPONDENCE ACCEPTED:** Pat Holt **SECOND:** Doug Hampson

- **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- President spoke about Show & Shine and how there is a need for a Sub Committee to be formed so the event is developed and promoted next year;

4 members will be on the S&S Sub Committee. 2 x Current Committee members and 2 x general members.

Confirmed are Robert Evans (Current President) – Eric Wilson (Public Officer and Current Committee member) - Tony Evans (Club Member) – 4<sup>th</sup> position vacant to date.

Plan is to hold the event at the same site next year (Site managers need to be approached ASAP to lock in this site)

- Member, Katrina Jeffery spoke about a fund raising walk to raise money to find a cure for motor neuron disease.

Walk will be at Lismore Showgrounds 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2015.

Proposal that this is made a Club event and members are to ride their bikes to the showground for possible static display and members can participate in the fund raising walk.

Motion Proposed: Katrina Jeffery **Seconded:** Eric Wilson

Motion passed: Full details on Club website.

- Pat Holt advised the members that he was looking into having a club run over a few days. No details as yet. Unanimous support from the members present. Pat will continue to discuss with the Committee as the event comes together.

- Terry Savins spoke to the members about the Club winter ride to Dorrigo pub on the 8<sup>th</sup> August. Book your own accommodation Dorrigo Pub Phone: 6657 2016

- President raised the issue of riding etiquette during Club rides. All members are reminded that it is up to the individual member to ride with consideration of other members who ride slower bikes or bikes with less braking performance than theirs.

**PLEASE: We must respect fellow riders when travelling as part of the group during Club rides and respect the limitations that come with riding amongst other people who are riding a range of Classic motorcycles.**

- **CLUB RUNS:**

Richard spoke about the Club ride on Easter Sunday. 5 bikes to Kyogle and back via Cawongla.

- **WEDNESDAY RIDES:** No report

- **NEXT CLUB RUNS:**

19<sup>th</sup> April – Club ride to Bonalbo Micks' house.

- Don't forget about the Club's "Over the Hill Ride" on the 26-Apr to 01-May-2015 - minutes continued p 7

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- Final membership numbers
- Currency of trailer insurance with Shannons Insurance
- Feedback from members about the effectiveness of the staged departure strategy on Bonalbo ride.
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- Printing and postage of the Club's newsletter
- Appointment of Show & Shine Sub Committee 4<sup>th</sup> member

**MEETING CLOSED:** 8:45 pm



## Presidents Report - Greetings everyone.

Like many of you I am looking forward to exploring some interesting little places like Gomeri, Wondai, Millmerran and Murgon on the Over the Hill tour next week. They are the sorts of places that crop up from time to time on weather reports, so you might have heard the names but for me at least that's about it! Funnily enough, while these places may not be prime tourist destinations, once you scratch the surface they are often very interesting with scenic surroundings and full of characters. Here's hoping for some fine biking weather.



It was a pleasant run out to Bonalbo last Sunday. Great collection of Nortons, Mick. And thanks to Mary and Bryson Walker for manning the BBQ for a tasty brunch. There must have been about 30 bikes on the run. There was even one on the back of Eric's ute but I think they were just testing the ute. We tried a "staggered start" from the Rous with faster bikes leaving first. It was worth a go but I think we would be better off leaving in one group as we got pretty spread out by the end. Anyway, we were able to regroup at the Bonalbo Pub. The trip back was a bit wet. Running away from one big cloud behind me and getting in front of some slow 4X4 vehicles ahead of the Mallanganee Range I was still dry but it did me no good as I caught up to the next two storms closer to the coast. I was drenched by Lismore and looking for a hot shower by the time I got home.

So, it will be time to get stuck into the arrangements for our annual rally by the time we get back from the OTH. There is still a lot to do. Anyone wishing to help please get in touch. See you on the road.  
Stay upright. Rob Evans

## Classics only Sunday - 5th April - Run to Kyogle for coffee



Easter Sunday didn't look like suitable bike riding weather; however 5 club members and one pillion turned up at Lismore after riding through fog. 3 Nortons and 1 Triumph were joined by a BMW. All riders were keen to head west away from the coastal weather and holiday traffic. We rode out to Kyogle where we stopped for Coffee at the great little

Cafe near the Tourist Info Centre. Most riders shed their layers of rain gear due to the high humidity.

After a discussion about the potential slippery conditions we headed off on the Kyogle to Murwillumbah Rd and turned in through Cawongla and Rock Valley returning to Lismore after what turned out to be a great ride under overcast conditions. Thanks to Dave Charlton who volunteered to follow us with the backup trailer, which was not needed.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> of May is the next scheduled Classic Bike Only Ride and we will need another volunteer to provide the Backup Trailer. Please contact Frank or Col if you can help us



This is an extract from a letter sent to all clubs by the Council of Motor Clubs - the body representing the historic vehicle clubs. I've included it since it is a topic that crops up at meetings:  
The first section talks about clubs and members responsibilities - the section below focusses on the allowable use of the vehicle -

#### (Historic) Vehicle Use

You are permitted to take the vehicle on authorised club events or runs. These events should be publicised in your club's magazine or other means of communication to members, such as a website. That means from your home or place of garaging, directly to the start of the event. Complete the event and then directly home again.

There is provision on the aforementioned 1259 form to list more than one club, of which you are a member. IF the first listed club, which is known as the 'primary club', is in agreement and has duly documented it in its constitution or by-laws, you may take part in those other club's events as well as your primary club's without obtaining a specific invitation to qualify the event for you.

A current club magazine or list of events should be carried in the vehicle at all times.

These additional clubs **MUST** be recognised and registered with the RTA for HCRS, **AND** you must be a current financial member of all the clubs listed. Some ACT clubs are recognised by the NSW RTA for nearby NSW members who wish to join in Canberra events.

There are allowances whereby you may take a short trip to a service station to obtain fuel, check tyre pressures, etc without seeking permission. This is normally limited to the days preceding an event or after repairs or adjustments have been made. It does **NOT** permit you to use the vehicle for other purposes such as short local trips to the shops. The definition of short varies with your location.

Additionally it is possible for the primary club to grant permission for the vehicle to be taken to repairs, special events etc. over longer distances if needs be. The HCRS registered owner must contact the primary club's registrar or other committee member of the primary club. Full details of the trip and reason for it must be recorded by the club and the record must include the date, HCRS number and preferably the time. It is recommended that a written authorisation should be issued by fax, email or mail so that the owner has proof in the vehicle if stopped by the Police or RTA. The other clubs listed are **NOT** to issue such permission, only the primary club. A longer event, which takes the vehicle out of NSW cannot exceed 3 months.

#### CONCLUSIONS

HCRS is a privilege granted to the Historic Vehicle Movement. We are very vigilant in making sure that no one abuses the system and puts our access to it at risk. The network of tens-of-thousands of club members is known for its ability to notify the CMC of anomalies and we are able to stop any incorrect activities either from within the club movement of, if necessary, with the assistance of the RTA and Police.

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Crowd of bikes gathered at the Rous Hotel on an overcast Sunday morning.

The riders briefing suggested we split into 2 groups - those petrol heads amongst us to leave first and the slower bikes to leave as a separate group later. I headed off in the

early group and had a great ride out to the Bonalbo Pub where we were all to regroup. Unfortunately, the fast first, slow later policy seemed to spread out the riders even more than usual and members drifted into the pub over quite a period of time.

We met up with half a dozen members of the Warwick Historic bike club from north of the Border.

They had an unrestored Norton Dominator and a beautifully finished 1969 Triumph Trophy in the group.

Our ride organizer hadn't joined us on the ride so we had no one ready to direct the troops, so once again we left the pub in dribs and drabs - which actually suited Mary and Bryson who were wondering where the hungry riders were - and then were thankful we didn't all arrive together!

Everyone had a hearty breakfast and looked at Micks' collection of Nortons, a Douglas, and a WWII Harley.

My ride home just missed the rain - a few wet roads, but not a drop on me - very lucky - an excellent run! Only one on the backup trailer, a BMW with a mysterious vanishing spark!!



**Top:** the clubs classics line up

**Left:** early arrivals at the Bonalbo pub

**Left below:** Our northern invitees

**Right below:** The Triumph Trophy - beautifully finished.



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**Above and left:** bikes parked in the lovely rural setting of Mick and Donnas property

**Below left:** Mick shows off some of his restored Nortons

**Below:** Club elders at rest

**Bottom left:** Still can't find that missing spark - it should be there somewhere.

**Bottom Right:** Shame! A BMW on the backup!



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**Wednesday Warriors;** - once again, no reports. Please would someone on the run drop me a line or give me a ring at least so I can write something up - ideally take a pic of the group and email it to me.

**Virtual biking:**

And a new idea for those of you who have internet access - a few links to video and articles about bikes, especially classics, but also other interesting motorcycle stuff.

If you find a fascinating site, please email the link to me. I'll try to check them out first.

<https://www.facebook.com/video.php?v=942813405763875> Digital magic tricks that fascinate

<https://www.youtube-nocookie.com/embed/M8YjvHYbZ9w?rel=0> Robot animals - incredible, but a bit rough to ride.

<http://www.moreinspiration.com/article/5610/a-transforming-chair-for-auto-mechanics> - this could be useful for us 'oldies' - beats a electric tilt chair hollow and takes you right down to pick up those socks you can't normally reach.

**If you are interested in old bikes, historic motorcycle GPs, car rallying, historic car racing, classic car rallies, or anything old to do with cars or bikes - check out Motor Mate on channel Seven Mate, week-day mornings - around 10 - 12., and repeated in the very early hours.**



**Left:** perhaps a bike would have been a better choice?

**Right:** Where do I get one? And no tyre choice problems!

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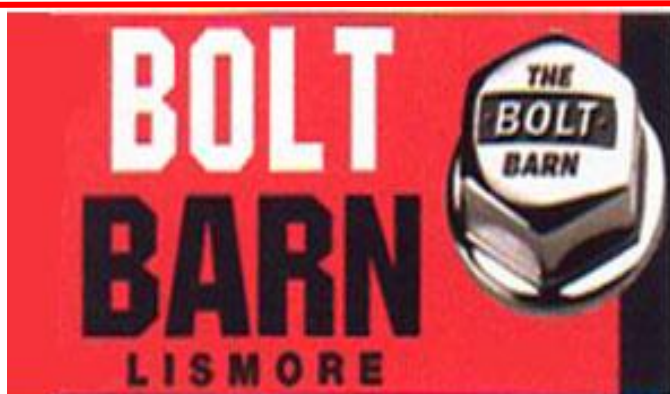
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that bolt?, BMs  
at rest, and a ta-  
ble at dinner.  
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# **NRCMC Club Events**



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

**Classic (pre 1985) run first Sunday of the month**

**Sunday runs now start only from Lismore Rous Hotel  
cnr. Keen and Zadoc Street at 8.30 am sharp**

***Note: Every Sunday is now an authorised club ride if you start at the Rous Hotel***

**Mid-week runs start at Lismore Railway at 9 am on the 1st and 4th Wednesday  
May 17—Ride to Mary and Brysons place**

**June 7 - Classic tiddlers run (under 500cc) - larger classics can take a longer way to finish  
at Frank Widdows home**

**June 17—Slow bike run to Evans Head and the F111 museum**

**July 12—Ride to MooMoo café (and Brunswick hot rods ?) (Date has changed from earlier  
publication)**

**July 19 - Ride to Brushgrove pub for coffee/lunch**

**Aug 8/9 -Club winter run to Dorriggo pub(6657 2016 for bookings)-Terry Savins 0407927982  
Start 10 am Rous Hotel**

## **Upcoming Rallies & Events Organised by other Clubs**

**May 17—Ray Owen Show, Mt Tambourine**

**May 22 - 24 -Coffs Harbour m'cycle restorers club 'Restore and ride rally'**

**May 29 -31 - Clarence Valley Club Nymboida Canoe Centre get together**

**June 5 - 8 - Rallymans rally - Grevillia village Contact Kog 6633 3104**

**June 7 - Tweed heads enthusiasts swap meet and bike show - Border Park raceway - 5 am!**



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Items are left in for 2 months unless sold - please let me know if they are no longer available

### **For 2nd month: anyone into mopeds? - probably OK on historic rego?**

Here are photos of mopeds Martin has for sale . Yellow one is a **1971 Motobecane** made in France runs ok and has had some new parts fitted plus some spare wheels and w/shop manual - I value it at \$900.00. **Blue Honda is a P50** model and I am not sure exactly how old it is but it is 99% complete and has a few new parts on it, it runs but has a few issues - I value it at \$600.00. Last picture is of a **rare Solex 1700 made in France in 1958** motor has been totally rebuilt and uprated, it runs well, due to its rarity and condition I value this at \$1200.00. I will be open to any offers, mopeds can be viewed at Alstonville. Ph 66285926 Mob 0414371125. Martin Whitehead



[Martin has also donated classic bike magazines to the club library]-  
Thank you

**Apprenticeship Wanted** - a young man contacted our club president and is looking for a motorcycle apprenticeship. Is anyone out there looking for an enthusiastic young man to assist their business? If so, please contact Jeff Brown at [brownandjeff@gmail.com](mailto:brownandjeff@gmail.com)

**May Meeting** - We have an expert speaker , David Hughes , a nurse from the cancer unit, who is going to talk about **prostate cancer** and other 'mens' issues. He will give his presentation at the Clunes hall at 7.30, and then we will conduct our meeting afterwards.

This should be an excellent and important presentation for our members, so please come to the meeting on 12 May at Clunes hall. And don't be late - 7.30 start.



The Aussie coat company contacted the club and has Aussie made, motorcycle wet weather gear for sale. Jackets, short and full length; jeans with Kevlar or other inserts, etc. Check it out at : <http://theaussiecoat.com.au/index.php?route=product/category&path=80>



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### A little of my kind of philosophy -

Lying around, pondering the problems of the world, I realized that at my age I don't really give a rat's #%%# anymore... If walking is good for your health, the postman would be immortal... A whale swims all day, only eats fish, drinks water, but is still fat... A rabbit runs and hops and only lives 15 years, while a tortoise doesn't run and does mostly nothing except eat, yet it lives for 150 years. And they tell us to exercise? I don't think so.

Now that I'm older, here's what I've discovered::

1. I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
2. My wild oats are mostly enjoyed with prunes and all-bran.
4. Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded
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6. If all is not lost, then where the heck is it?
7. It was a whole lot easier to get older than it was to get wiser.
8. Some days, you're the top dog, some days you're the tree.
9. I wish the buck really did stop here, I sure could use a few of them.
10. Kids in the back seat cause accidents.
11. Accidents in the back seat cause kids.
12. It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
13. The world only beats a path to your door when you're in the bathroom.
14. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he'd have put them on my knees.
15. When I'm finally holding all the right cards, everyone wants to play chess.
16. It's not hard to meet expenses . . . They're everywhere.
17. The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
18. These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter . . . I go somewhere to get something, and then wonder what I'm "here after".
19. Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
20. Have I sent this message to you before...or did I get it from you/?



A club member demonstrates the correct method of asking permission of ones partner to go on a run!



Another wonderful morning tea break on the over the hill run - lots of cake, biscuits, and tea and coffee! Some recipes in future newsletters

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## ***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 holds its annual Classic Rally in September each year. The club Show and Shine is held in March. 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 of the club is for those who have an interest in restoring and riding classic motorcycles

### ***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. A classics only run is held on the first Sunday of the month. Both runs start at the Lismore Rous Hotel at 8.30 am. Every Sunday can be a club run but members must contact the Events Organiser. Club events are also listed on the club website. 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.