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



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 motor-cycles

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 Blue Kitchen Café, Windmill Grove, 105 Wilson Street, South Lismore at 8.30 am. Every Sunday can be a club run but members must contact the Events Organizer. Club events are also listed on the club website. There are also 2 Mid-week runs departing Lismore railway station on 1st and 4th Wednesday of the month at 9 am.



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Some of NRCMCC bikes.. {Italian Section } At Piaaza In Spinks Park 24th June Note our Club Banner being used. More photos on Page 5



Benelli Rep { Race bike } 1939—250CC & water cooled And Supercharged. The bike took 15 years to build. Harry Coleman took this photo when he visited the Museum of Motorcycles at Peterborough SA... turn to Page 8 for Harrys travel adventurers in the NT& SA

Presidents Report - June 2018



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From the Presidents chair

Like some club members rallying has been our focus over the last few months attending and enjoying many events. NOW it is our turn to host members from far and wide at our annual Rally at Evans Head. This year will be the first time we have added the opportunity for our visitors to ride for the four days before the marshalled Friday and Saturday rides. This means that they will be able to explore our lovely area at their leisure. Our visitors will be meeting at the bowling club car park at 9am each morning deciding on a destination and enjoying riding their machines. This will not be a marshalled ride but I've heard that some of our members are trying to organise their work so they can holiday for the week join in and share fellowship and fun with friends old and new from visiting clubs.

As this is the rally put on by our club we are the hosts inviting other like minded people to our area, SO MEMBERS we need you to assist. The first the rally meeting was held on 25th June with many things discussed we need you at future meetings and to attend and assist at the rally in numerous ways there is that old saying which is so true many hands make light work. At the next meeting join us for a hot meal from 6pm with the meeting starting at 7pm we were finished by 7.55pm so an early night.

Bryson & I along with Alan & Lyn have just returned from the Centenary Veteran Rally hosted by the Ipswich branch of HMCQ. This was a weeklong rally with HMCQ members assisting on different days and in various ways from cook BBQ's, marshalling, back up driving and socialising with us. We were able to get to know many new friends and to also meet up with others we haven't seen in a while.

So members I ask you to please assist at our rally catch up with friends and meet new like minded people, you will be amazed at the talent, generosity and friendship of motorcyclists from outside our area.

Mary Walker



Mary at the Veteran Car Rally at Yamba two weeks ago. " Our President leading by example by riding her Veteran BSA" Photo thanks to "Hotleys Photos for this picture



And catching up with some old Indian friends At the Centenary Rally at Boonah .

Minutes of Club meeting held 12 th June

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

Abbreviations used in Minutes MW Mary Walker

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON: 12th June START: 7. 30pm

WELCOME to all by President. All members thank you for attending now the weather is getting cold. Welcome guests Jim-Honda's, Brian-Norton/Triumph, Dougal-Ducati.

Special welcome to the life members present at this meeting.

MW thanked Lyn Stratton for chairing the meeting in her absents at last meeting

Meeting attended by 36 *members, 3 visitor and 14 apologies* as per the attendance sheet

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: - Not read to members. Secretary moved that minutes of 08th May club meeting as published in clubs June 2018 newsletter be accepted. 2nd by Jack McIntosh, motion carried. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**:

- Mary Walker updated members on donation to be given to Northern NSW Local Health District Cancer Institute Lismore, from monies raised at this years S+S ... MW will be contacting Club Treasurer to write Cheque .
- Thank you to all members who attended the 'Beef meets Reef' event display at Evans Head
- Secretary reported on Bunnings BBQ. Still no news.
- MW updated from Alan Stratton on Upcoming Centenary Veterans Rally 15th to 21st June Peaks Crossing. There is a Wednesday club ride organised to meet up with the Centenary Veterans Rally at Kalbar Hotel. Other members will be visiting on Saturday's public static display at Lobley park Ipswich 10am-1pm

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Newsletters from Clarence Valley, Tweed Heads, Queensland, Newcastle, Inverell MC Clubs Rally Entry form for Newcastle, Clarence Valley, and AJS Matchless Owner Club Jampot Rally 2018 AMCA National meet 25TH & 26TH August 2018, CHMC Newsletter.

Club magazines returned David to ring member

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: Condolence card was sent to Jan & Barry Mc Donald,

TREASURERS REPORT: –Treasurer Not available

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Club Rally- our rally Friday 14th -16th first meeting to be held at Wollongbar Pioneer Tavern Monday 25 June at 6pm for meal-7pm meeting start. All club members are encouraged to get involved.
- Deposit to hold room at Evans Bowling club from last meeting Lyn Stratton checked no deposit required room booked.
- Upcoming Italian Day at Spinks Park 24th June noted as club ride. Good food good fun 10am -3pm.
- Aussie triples Rally at Evans Head 17th 19th August marshalled ride please assist info ring Col & Nancy.
- Peter Lake reported Michael Fox had acquired and donated Honda Workshop Manuals Models to Library.
- Eric Wilson asked members would they be interested in having social Lunches for those members, who are retired. and maybe not riding Motorcycles anymore, maybe every 2nd month to meet. about 20 members showed interested, Eric suggested The Workers Club for starters, will update later, and Secretary will email members and advise in Newsletter.
- Col McAndrew suggested the Club could do the breakfast BBQ for the Upcoming Compression Against Depres sion. To be followed up.
- Doug Foskey asked would any members be available to help at upcoming Lismore Lantern Parade to collect bucket donations.
- John Mazzer reported another Social Evening could be organised as members agreed they are very enjoyable, he'll organise, and Secretary will advise thru email and note in Newsletter of date. Peter Lake advised the club has some DVDs which could be shown.
- Richard Swinton informed member of a 60KPH section of Road to the North of Bexhill with Police Presence.
- Tony Kempnich asked if any members would like to join a camping group to Boonah . to see the Centenary Vererans Rally , if interested contact Tony.
- Eric W handed over money tin from the library from some years ago \$20.50 to go into club funds. **REPORT BY REGISTRATION OFFICER,** one Motto Guzzi

EARLY DAYS - Over the Hill Report

- Bryson Walker Reported on Over the hill Rally, reading comments from Comments Book, + noting highlights being visits to, The Compound at Warwick and seeing Neville and Beverly "machine collection", the Merlin V12 being a favourite, Lina Kempnich gave Neville a Fruit Cake as a gift of appreciation.
- Lina Kempnich showed Members a photo album of the visit to Neville's which will be sent to him , the album was made by Dieter and Marina Opfer.

June minutes continued CLUB RUNS

- Beef meets Reef at Evans Head Lyn Stratton reported numbers were up from last year from 4 to 7, in all disappointing that there weren't more club members there.
- May 13th Sunday Ride to Moo Moo Café at Mooball 16 starters, sadly coffee machine was broken.
- 6th June, Wednesday Ride for to Caroona Nursing Home at Goonellabah was cancelled due to wet weather , will happen another day.
- Wednesday ride to Tenterfield, Ray Fisher, unfortunately Mick Crane couldn't come with group, so another trip to Tenterfield will be organised,

REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL CLUBS EVENTS

- Doug Hampton .on 'Old Bike Run' with a clutch problem with new clutch cable nipping up so no cutch
- Doug Foskey on Ruptured Budgie Rally
- John Mazzer on his trip to Victoria and some Museums visited
- Col McAndrew reported on. Coffs Harbour Rally This year's event was based at Valla Beach, Club Members attending included:- Col & Nancy, Walter, Paul, MZ Eric & John on his trusty Harley. Saturday's ride saw over 100 bikes leave Valla at 9.30,
- MW on one & two Cylinders Rally. Mary & Bryson were the only Motorcycles at Rally, but were made to feel really welcome by the Car enthusiast, It Rained, Saturday fine morning tea at Maclean on to Brushgrove Hotel for lunch returning around island 83km, Sunday wet morning tea at Foreshore reserve Lake Wooloweyah on to Angourie to view the Blue & Green pools 18km. Great time was had met many new friends a very friendly group of people. Holty took photos look on his site.

NEXT CLUB RUNS: Sunday 17th June Ride to New Italy Cafe. **MEETING CLOSED AT 8.40**



Club Rides and Rally Reports with an Italian flavor

Rob Evans sent these snaps of "Vespa Rally" in Sicily, The Vespa Outfit needs the guy behind to help push

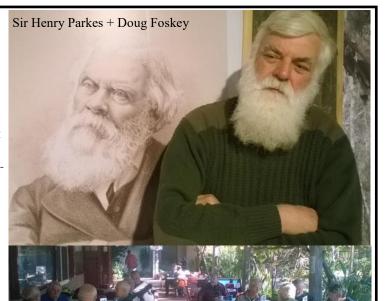


While in Spinks Park Lismore on Sunday 24th June it was Piaaza in the park , with NRCMCC riders enjoying the sun and fun, David Charlton was there and sent in these snaps

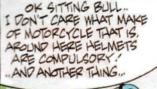


Club Ride to New Italy

Sunday 17th June . Club run to New Italy The Day started for me, riding thru the f... freezing frosty Valleys of Eltham, on route to the Blue Kitchen Café. Luckily I had 5 jumpers ,+ leather jacket + ski parker vest on , wasn't cold at all, couldn't move .. But that didn't matter, my trusty old BMW knew the way. From Lismore there were around 12 other riders , numbers varied on route to New Italy {via Coraki } Sad to see the lovely eucalypti trees being deleted to make way for the highway upgrade near the New Italy complex. Not sure where the new highway is going but it's headed straight for New Italy.. Nice to sit and thaw out in the sun. with a coffee, later a tour of the museum found Doug reading up on the part Sir Henry Parks played in Helping the remaining Marquis de Rays expeditioners to settle in Australia after their stranding in new Caledonia, the rest is history . Enjoyable way to spend Sunday morning .. Editor











There is a limit as to what you can ask of mans Best friend..

Club Rides and Rally Reports

Coffs Harbour Motorcycle Restorers Club Rally 2018

This year's event was based at Valla Beach for the first time in many years.

Club Members attending included:- Col & Nancy- Triumph, Walter- Nimbus, Paul - Yamaha Outfit, Eric- MZ, & John on his trusty Harley.

Over 100 entrants turned up despite the forecast of rain. The ride on Friday looked like rain but it stayed away long enough to allow 70 riders to travel in to Sawtell RSL Carpark where the Coffs Mayor picked the best bike. The top level of the Carpark was closed off for bikes, so we could leave the bikes there while the local Pie Shop did a much better than average trade to help warm us up.

Saturday's ride saw over 100 bikes leave Valla at 9.30, travelling up the old highway through Urunga and left into Short Cut Rd which pointed us towards Bellingen. The ride through here and up the Waterfall Way was very challenging as we avoided the streams of running water washing through the oil patches just dropped by some of the older bikes. Once at Dorrigo we stopped at the Public School for morning tea. The riders on the long ride then headed out through North Dorrigo to Tyringham and then turned left onto the Grafton to Armidale Rd. The next stop was Ebor Falls and then back to Dorrigo along the spectacular Waterfall Way.

Those on the short ride travelled out to Dangar Falls and then on to the Skywalk.

Lunch and the bike judging was at the Public School and then we all rode back down the slippery hill and arrived back at Valla at beer o'clock. Bikes ranged from a 1924 Indian to a couple of early 1980's Kawasaki's.

The Presentation Dinner was at the Woolshed Restaurant and a great time was had by all in attendance. Col & Nancy's 1956 Triumph Speedtwin won the best 50's bike.

The Sunday ride was south to Stuarts Point and returned by 12 for the farewells.

The rain only fell at night, however the roads were wet and the temperature was quite cold during the days. This is always a very well run Rally on some interesting roads. Col



Travelling in the Outback ... Harry Colman

Having just returned from a outback trip caravanning, I though I would share some of our experiences. On one occasion we stopped for fuel & lunch at the Barkley Homestead Roadhouse, where hanging from the ceiling in the Bar was an old Rudge motorcycle in not to bad of shape for a resto, unfortunately the manager wasn't around to ask him about it as most of the staff are young European backpackers,

Outside, where we parked, this big Harley towing one of the biggest trailers I have seen pulled up for petrol & they were on their way from Darwin to Brisbane,

we turned left at the 3 Ways & were heading south to The Devils Marbles on route to Alice Springs with a couple days looking around the West MacDonald Ranges,

All around Alice there were these posters advertising the "Tatts Finke Desert Race"- not knowing much about it I set out to find out more, when having coffee in the Mall I noticed a bloke ordering his coffee with a Finke Desert Race shirt on,

He is known as Yoff & is the Organiser of the event which was due to take place the week after we left Alice, this explained all the motorcycles, fourbys camper trailers & vans heading to the event from the south, we went to the National Road Transport Museum down the road & stuck in the corner was 1911 New Hudson & a 1923 Indian & a nice green machine called a De Lide,

Moving along at another free camp south of Pimba I met 3 blokes on DR 650's, packed to the rafters heading to some remote location for a desert crossing & one was having tube troubles – he just pinched a new tube & wasn't in the mood to talk- I thought, yeah been there,done that 40 odd years ago on a 1969 250 Suzuki Savage! They managed between them to get it rite & headed off to Coober Pedy

After heading from Pt Augusta to Peterborough I came across this museum of motorcycles- it is on the web & the owner Ian likes a chat & as we were the only patrons at the time he gave us the guided tour, there were some makes/ models I never heard of before but well worth a look if your in Peterborough. www.pbmcm.com

If members would like photos I can email them-all of my pics would take up too much space in the newsletter.



More Club Rides

Wednesday Club Ride to Boonah 20 th June meeting up with Centenary Veterans Rally

Wednesday morning . just after 9am, old Lismore train station.one grey bearded rider on a fast looking moto guzzi already their, yes we are going to Boonda to see some really old motorcycles yea- haa! We shake hands and check out a steady trickle of old and new motorcycles gather before a few wise words from peter and then a very pleasant ride to Kyogle to meet up with more assorted motorcycles then over the hill to sunny Boonda.

We are met my many fine gents and gentle women, and such a magnificent array of engineering porn. There were a handful of turn of last century Aussi built bikes amazing.

Thanks to Jock and a couple of his mates for a spirited ride home

Got back to Woodburn just after dark, great day had.

Yes very happy with my new j model MC 19 Honda.

Cheers James Strang



LUNCH WITH ERIC

Proposed Social Outing Lunch in November

At June meeting an idea was put forward by Eric which he has been thinking about for a while now, in fact since last year when remarks were made about inactive older members who no longer are in good health, or still ride, or do so only occasionally etc.

The result is an idea to start a luncheon group, who could meet regularly with other oldies and socialise with club members. This is an aging club, and there are few young members coming into keep up the numbers. This is understandable; the age group 20 to 40 have families and mortgages to look after first. But having an aging membership means in most cases they just get lost to the club because they no longer can take part in ride activities. So the idea of a luncheon could help them stay in touch with club members.

What's the plan?

Lunch would be held on a weekday, every 2 months or more if decided later, and the group would be open to club members & partners who are financial, and who have retired or semi retired.

Pretty simple. No age limits, nothing to do, pay for own meals and drinks, and just have a meal and chat about motorcycling and what you did or sold in the past.

What's next? A notice will run in next 3 newsletters and then in October (because we don't want to detract from upcoming rallies,) there will be a phone number to register or just turn up but we may need to book tables, for the first lunch in NOVEMBER, likely at Lismore Workers Club on a Friday. If you wish more information see or ring Eric Wilson.

NRCMC Club Events

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

*Classic (pre 1987) run first Sunday of the month . Ride Organizer is needed

Until one is found, riders on day to organize their own destination & route to nearest Coffee Shop

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

<u>NOTE:</u> WEDNESDAY rides to continue to start from Lismore railway station, but all other club events to start from the Blue Kitchen Café. (Note: More details on rides are on club website)

NRCMCC club rides & Events

July 15th Sunday —Ride to Brunswick Heads—Hot Rod Reunion

August 7-8 Winter Run to Glen Innes, staying at the Great central Motel entered in Club Ride book contact Terry Savins

10-16 September NRCMCC RALLY Evans Head -<u>Marshalled Rides</u> **14-15-16** with 10th-13th those present meet and choose destination.

Side Car Ride date to be announced, Terry Savins to organise later in year, to be part of monthly club run.

<u>12th July .. Film and Social night at Lismore Heights Bowling Club</u>

6 pm for dinner and 7 pm movie start ALL WELCOME Contact John Mazzer for all details Mob 0417442780

Other Club events

<u>Please note</u> 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 attening another club event just check you have their Up to date info. Also check out the NRCMCC web page.

July 15th Club Laverda QLD Concours, Cleveland Showground, Long Street, Cleveland July 20 to 22nd Tamworth & District Antique Moror Club.. To be entered in Club ride book July 21st All bike drag racing, {Bike only meeting} Willowbank Raceway Ipswich QLD July 29 Nabiac Swap To be entered in Club ride book

August 15th {Wednesday} Stinkwheel Fun Ride, Samford QLD {contact Peter Lake for info 0459285872} To be entered in Club ride book

August_17 –19 <u>The Aussie triples</u> To be entered in Club ride book

August 18-19th Australian Superbike Championships, Morgan Park, Warwick QLD.

August 19th Lismore Swap, Lismore Show Ground

August 21-26th Moto Giro Australia, Based in SE QLD. Contact Peter Morrow 0413941550

August 25- 26 <u>Antique</u> M/C Club of Australia is holding National Club display weekend at Bulli "To be entered in Club ride book

August 24-26th Clarence Valley Rally ... To be entered in Club ride book

September 1-2nd All Historic Racing, Wakefield Park, Goulburn NSW Period 1,2,3 Motorcycle Racing September 14-16th Sunbeams in OZ Rally, Gloucester NSW { info David Pryce-Jones 0448907934} October 7th-14th <u>Velocette Rally</u>, . { Contact Mary Walker} .To be entered in Club ride book November 2-4th <u>Hat Head Rally</u> Hat Head

November 2-4th AJS and Matchless Jampot Rally - Boonah QLD, {info – Wayne Renz 0428117016 after 7.00 }(Also NRCMCC Secretary has entry forms.. }

November 8-11th **Australian Historic Road Racing Championship**, State Motorcycling Complex Broadford VIC

May 17-19 2019 Vintage Japanese Motorcycle rally will be held Gold coast for two years 2019-2020



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More from Peterborough MV Agusta 125 GT LS1 Left Maserati 1959 At right

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The Final Word by Editor —If you <u>change</u> your email address or the postal address where you receive this newsletter , and you want to <u>continue</u> receiving these Club info emails and Newsletter . Please let US know . Many thanks to all those members Mary , Col, & Nancy, Jimmy , David C. Harry, Rob, John and Noel for all their stories and photos So if you have a story , a ride article , cartoon OR an upcoming Rally Event & date { sorry only for Motorcycles but bribes are taken)... send it in as it's your stories that make this Newsletter work , not the Editor.... Thanks David BM

