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October 2014

Classic Torque



NRCMCC Annual Rally.

Another successful Rally is over and all entrants appreciated the effort put in by our members to ensure they had a great time.

Visitor numbers were down a little due to the Classic Racing event at Lakeside the following weekend.

The Friday pre 1960's ride had about 20 starters ending in a lunch stop at the Brunswick Heads Pub.

The meet and greet held on Friday night at the Aussie Pub in Ballina was also well attended. It's good to have many people from other areas meeting up to talk about their passion. Classic Motorcycles.

Once again Peter Lake planned the rides along some different roads with the entrants commenting on how fortunate we are to have these ideal bike roads at our doorstep.

The judging stop at Evans Head proved to be a great location with many members of the public viewing the bikes. Some with stories about how they used to own one of these.

An enjoyable evening was had at our presentation dinner as many tall tales were told while trophies were presented and our raffle was underway.

The Quilt Charity Raffle was won by local Chris Clark who bought his tickets while attending the Aussie Triples Rally. (thanks to the ladies who put in a lot of hours creating the quilt.)

The ride on Sunday brought us back to Ballina for a farewell BBQ lunch. All but the last few made it back before a very heavy drenching.

Thanks go to the members who assisted with the Rally this year. Col Mc Andrew, President





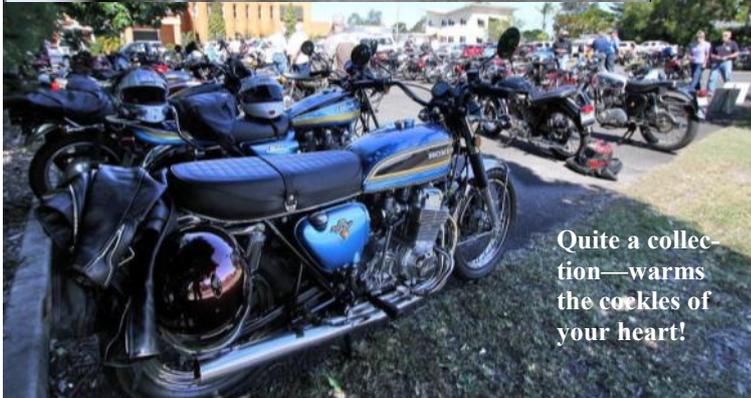
Bikes in the main street of Coraki



Above: What an advertising masterpiece! Great shot Holty. Pity the bikes aren't still for sale!

Right: Dieter and Marina on their BMW R100RS
Right Below: What biking is all about—curves one after the other.

Below: Apparently there was a bit of rain!!



Quite a collection—warms the cockles of your heart!



Is this the honeymoon vehicle?

Rally pictures courtesy of Holty via Phoobucket. If you want to check out all of his pictures (and there are lots) to see if you featured follow this link:

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON: 09/09/2014 START: 7.40 pm
 WELCOME: 42 MEMBERS 1 VISITORS, 6 APOLOGIES as per attendance sheet.

Welcome by president

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING READ

ACCEPTED: Chris Wakeley SECOND: Will McMillan

BUSINESS ARISING -

1. nil

TREASURERS REPORT OPENING BALANCE: \$ CLOSING BAL: \$

Insurance due this month

ACCEPTED: Pat Hold SECOND: Richard Swinton

CORRESPONDENCE

IN

1. 5 newsletters from various club
2. club insurance renewal
3. Trailer rego papers

OUT

4. Invoice to Shannons for rally

ACCEPTED: Pat Holt SECOND: Chris Wakeley

Registration officer inspected one Honda during the past month

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Pat Holt update on the Friday run for the rally. 16 visitors have indicated they will be doing this run. Breakfast for Sat and Sun are being organised by Pat with volunteers helping.
2. Col McAndrew report on rally. Meet up for dinner at the Australian Hotel for dinner from 6pm. Reminder club bikes are not judged in age groups as we have our own separate show. The best club bike will be judged during the rally. Saturday afternoon help needed to set up hall for dinner.
3. TT Rally at Kyogle - Terry offers room at Commercial Hotel that he booked but won't be using.
4. Editor report from Coffs Harbour read by Col McAndrew on the need to audit conditional registration of club bikes. Discussion held on contents.
5. Lina's quilt on display again, \$2 per ticket, drawn at rally dinner.
- 6.

MEMBERS REPORTS - Grafton rally attended by 10 of our members, 98 attended, great weather, good rides and company.

Triples rally was wet. Col thanks all who came out in the rain to help.

Al Stratton reported on historic vehicle run Adelaide to Darwin, few breakdowns and repairs but good experience for a 5 week trip.

Lismore motorcycles show and shine - motorcycle awareness week. 17 club bikes on display, 7 vintage motor cross bikes. Not many rode to Channon for lunch as there was sausages and coffee at the event.

Wednesday - first ride was rained out, second run to Wardell Pie Shop.

Tony Kempnich was organising drum brake weekend but not sure if the dates planned will work. Tony will check for availabilities in November to move the event.

Frostbite rally reported on in The Historic Motorcycle with Bryson Walker and Michael Smith in jousting competition! Photos included and worth a look.

MEETING CLOSED: 8.40 pm

Presidents Comment:

Please read the following link if you are interested in Lions TT
NOTE The drag racing event will be held at Casino Airport not at Kyogle.
Kyogle will remain the centre of activity with live bands & Trade Tents in town for the long weekend.

Let us all support the Lions TT which, given time, could become a great annual motorcycling event in our area.

Col

<http://www.drive.com.au/motor-news/police-and-motorcycle-riders-clash-over-new-rally-in-nsw-20140920-10jjc.html>



Club Runs: Wed ride 3 Sept 2014

“The longest ride to the Wardell pie shop ever!!

I got confused – but eventually ended up at the pie shop – instructions given naming roads is all very well, but if you don’t know the names of the roads, it’s a challenge.

A contingent of 11 riders left the Lismore railway station for the Wardell pie shop; 2 club members went by car – they took 20 minutes; we riders took 2 hours and 10 minutes!

First off to Bentley, then over Naughtons gap, right at Manifold road and on to the Bentley school on the Kyogle road, back to Lismore and short cut at the Tender Centre through to the airport, right down the Bruxner highway, then left down the Coraki road, over the bridge to Whyralla (at last, we’re heading towards

Wardell) but, no, we head down the Whyralla road, turn right up the Tuckarimba road past Katrina’s house and right into Swan bay road and over the bridge and through Coraki; Left and follow the south side of the Richmond river to Woodburn and then over the bridge and turn right along Kilgin

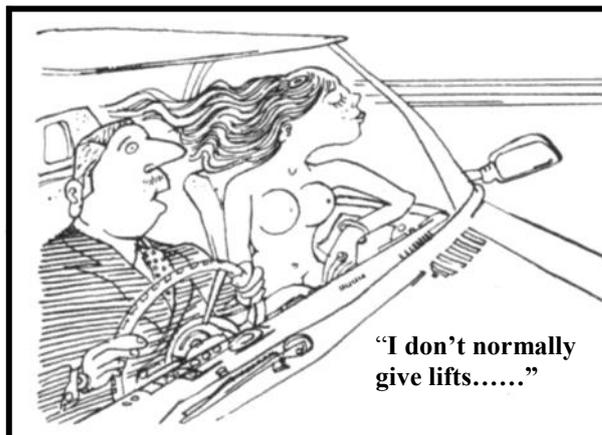
Road on the north side of the river and back over the River at Broadwater and up the highway to Wardell!!! Phew! I deserved that coffee!

It was tricky for me to picture that trip when it was explained and verbal messages don’t stimulate my memory all that well – I like looking at a map. So, as I said, I got confused, but we all made it.

Still It was a good run on a sunny but windy day. It was fun riding behind a lightweight bike watching as it leaned into the gusts of wind.

We had a potential new Club member with us – Rick Aston (?) riding a very clean 1972 Yamaha XS650. He lives in Kyogle. I hope we see more of him.

Coffee and pies were excellent as usual. RS



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Sunday run to my place—Richard and Cindy—for breakfast. 14 Sept

After getting ready for perhaps 15—20 of the club to arrive, Peter Lake rang to say only 5 had turned up at Rous Hotel! So we rang a few of our local friends who came over to share the company as well as the scones and sausages, bacon and eggs.

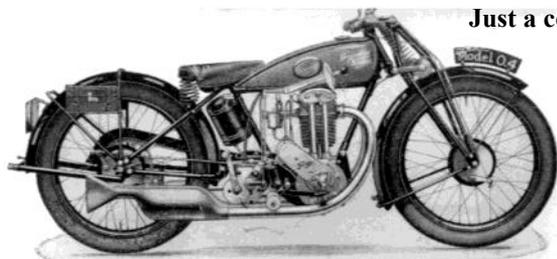
The riders came via Caniaba, Naughtons Gap, Lismore, Dunoon, Hunters Hill and James Gibson Rd to Clunes. They were welcomed by the locals; hoed into the sausages and eggs, and everyone enjoyed Cindys scones, cream and homegrown mulberry jam. Weather was perfect and Ric Lauf brought a neighbor who was riding a beautiful Kawasaki 900. I enjoyed it all so much I forgot to take photos!



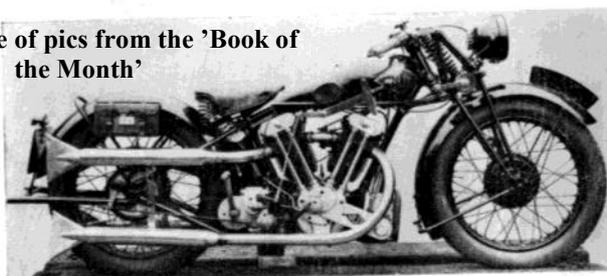
An unusual race in 1930 (I think it was a sprint of unspecified distance) —between a raceshorse, a Lea Francis sports car, a Rudge motorcycle and a whippet. (some people will bet on anything!)

Yes, the Rudge came first, but only just pipped the whippet!! But the whippet had an advantage—no rider!!

Just a couple of pics from the 'Book of the Month'



65 Another neat and compact machine, the 1930 GRINDLAY PEERLESS



66 Not so tidy, the 1930 N.U.T.



All club members and others associate with the club wish our illustrious and hardworking trip and rally route planner and marshal locator a speedy and excellent recovery after his fall recently. Peters leg was broken after a fall related to water on the road



Now, If we charge \$10 per pillion, plus \$25 per rider for their entry, we should make about Hmmmm, which is a pillion and which is a rider? Is the rider the one in control? Which one is that??

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<http://www.historicmotorcycle.org.au/>

This motorcycle will be drawn as an entry prize on the Sunday at 10am.

Last Wednesday run in Sept.

Due to cloudy & cooler weather, plus this Run's close proximity to our annual rally (an altered weekend diary-date missed by your hopeless scribe) - there were only five (5) riders on the last MWR for September. The main interest in our usual Railway Station discussion was Ian's new bargain bike - a bright yellow (for danger?) fully-fared SV650 v-twin Suzuki. It was really in "immac" show-room condition and had all the usual extras. Threatening rain-clouds appeared to be coming down south from the Qld border, but even so the slightly elevated Wadeville Woolies destination was decided upon for a pleasant ride, plus the all-important pie, chat and coffee. After all - a mere shower is nothing to us hard-bitten bikers - eh? We went via the usual route:-Tuncester, Rock Valley, Cawongla and onto the Kyogle-Mur'bah Road. Even patched-up this road can be a shocker as regards sudden bone-jarring bumps. So it was this time too. The countryside was nice and green after the recent showers and it had recovered from the winter frosts somewhat. We had little mid-week traffic to worry about, so it was a nice "cruisey" ride up there. Just as our group arrived at the shop, which is under new management and our friend "Podge" is no longer there, an evil and ragged jet-black rain-cloud dumped a heavy shower on all and sundry. Luckily we were just near enough to our destination to dive under the newly refurbished open-air shed at the top, so both bike/riders and gear were not affected. Beat that for good ride-organisation and excellent timing! This country store does a reasonable coffee now, I am informed, but perhaps it could be stronger if ordered by the mug. The pies were of the good home-made type. I thought my spinach/fetter-cheese pie was excellent and well up to (or even exceeding) the high standards of Wardell Pies. (But then - perhaps it actually was one?) At 11.15AM it was decided not to go via the Stoney Chute Road/Nimbin Road home to Lismore as planned, due to the slippery roads & debris after the squall. Safety is always paramount on MWRRuns. Discretion is often the better part of valour. There is nothing worse than 5mm of rain after a dry spell on poor rural roads, especially if riding with dry-weather slick/sports tyres on an unfamiliar machine. So three (3) riders returned via Rock Valley, the other two went via Nimbin and Kyogle for various errands. Nearing Lismore the weather greatly improved. Home for lunch with plenty of time to clean-off those freshly squashed and annoying sticky little flies from bike screen and mirrors. What could be better in this difficult and often troubled world than "motorcycle-riding therapy"? If you find it, let me know! RA



The Motorcycle Quilt so generously made by Lina and her team of helpers was won at the rally by Chris Clarke. Many thanks to the maker of the quilt and to the purchasers of tickets. It collected \$754 for charity



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A guy is looking for a place to sit in a crowded University library. He asked a girl in the library, "Do you mind if I sit beside you? The girl replied in a loud voice, "I DON 'T WANT TO SPEND THE NIGHT WITH YOU!"

All the students in the library started staring at the guy. He was truly embarrassed and moved to another table. After a couple of minutes, the girl walked quietly to the guy's table and said with a laugh, "I study psychology, and I know what a man is thinking. I guess you felt embarrassed, right? The guy then responded in a loud voice, "\$500 FOR ONE NIGHT? THAT'S ROBBERY!"

"All the people in the library looked at the girl in shock. The guy then whispered in her ear, "I study law, I know how to screw people."

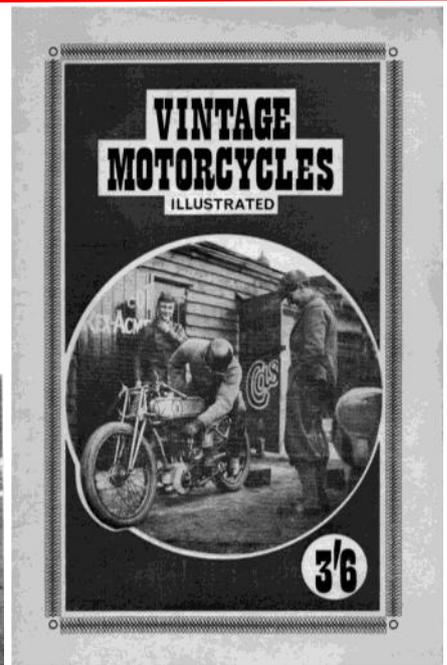
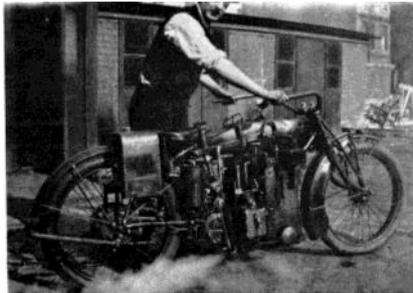
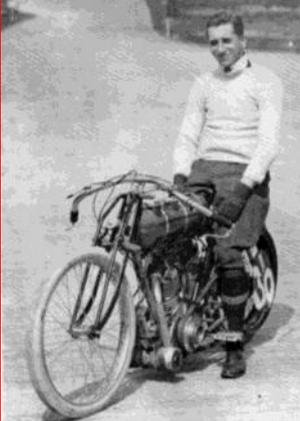
Book for the month:

A fascinating collection of photos in a little booklet, edited by George Rance and published by the Vintage motorcycle Club (of England). I'm not sure of the date, It looks sometime in the 60s or 70s. But all bikes are pre 1940 -ie, Vintage! My father brought it home for me from England after he went over for his brothers funeral. Apparently my uncle

was a bike fan.

Lots of racing bikes, plus a few oddities including the steam powered bike below. I'm not sure I'd feel comfortable with a home-made boiler between my legs!!

Book available from me, R Swinton

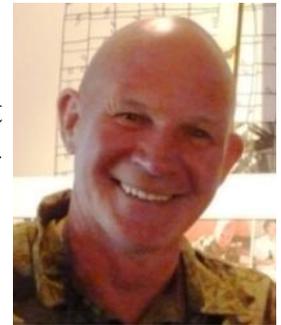


From the Editor:

This is going to be a challenging Newsletter, assembled and published over a long distance using modern electronic media—Will it work? If you're reading this roughly on time, Yes, It works. If not—Oh well, let's be positive.

Let's face it, an electron or a radio wave can't really tell the difference between 1 km or 2000km—I hope.

Pity I'll miss the rally; I hope you all have good weather and a great time. Lots of stories and pictures for future issues; and hopefully I'll get some into this issue courtesy of the world wide web! Cheers, Richard Swinton



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**Lismore Motorcycles Show and Shine— September 6th**

17 Bikes showed up on a not perfect but dry day at the Lismore Motorcycles show and Shine. The vintage dirt bike club had a group of around 8 old trials bikes, and a few other people turned up with their machines.

Very impressive was an unrestored but running and registered vintage Indian. Awards were given with first place to Pat Holts Norton Café racer, 2nd prize to a young (around 9 yo) girl on a Honda CR80 motocross bike, and third to John Mazzer for his superb Kawasaki Turbo.



90 yo Peter South arrived on his 225 Yamaha Scorpion,. But he prefers riding his KTM 390 road bike! He does 15 minutes of yoga each morning which helps explain his remarkable flexibility for his age. I only hope I can follow his example and keep riding as I get older.

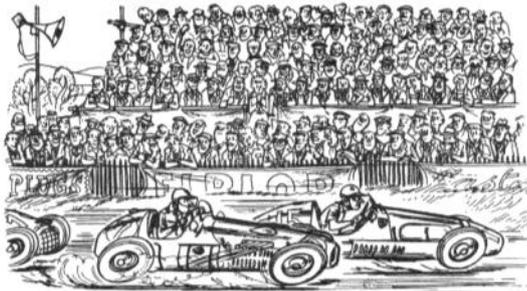
**Above Left:** The lovely old Indian. Engine has been rebuilt, but otherwise left as is.

**Above:** Peter South with his Yamaha Scorpion, his 'nice' bike for licence checking purposes.



**Left:** John Mazzer's Turbo Kawasaki with a few of the other bikes at the show

The coffee van was a very popular addition to the show pouring out a continuous supply of lattes and capuchinos. I thought it was pity that some of the showroom bikes weren't bought out for display. It would have added some extra colour



Motor racing seems to be just another spectator sport..... Until immediately afterwards, of course!!



Another Brockbank cartoon

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# **NRCMC Club Events**



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

**Sunday runs now start only from Lismore**

**Rous Hotel**

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*Note: Every Sunday is now an authorised club ride.*

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

**October 19**—pre 1984 ride to Tenterfield . Not a slow bike ride. A shorter ride around Lismore for others.

**November 7, 8, 9**—Drum brake ride to Killarney. **Ring Jan at the Killarney hotel (07 46641313) to book a room ASAP. Other details to be finalised**

**November 16**—Pre-war and pre 50's bike run. (anyone else can go, but please bring out your older bikes) Ride top Rocky Creek Dam with catering and backup trailers.

**December 14**— Ride to Frank Widdows house, Ballina

**January 18**—Ride to Clarrie Hall dam for lunch with other clubs (to be confirmed)

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

**October 4—5**—Lions TT motorcycle festival, Kyogle (It's NOT a race)

**October 12**—Phil Irving Concourse, Brisbane

**October 12**—Burringbar car festival contact John6677 1115

**Oct 25—26**—Qld, Laidley Swap meet (used to be Gatton Swap) see ad in this newsletter.

**Nov 1—2** Hat Head Rally

**November 5—8**— National Douglas Rally, Bathurst., Entries close Sept 1, contact Geoff 02 6332 1699

**November 15**— Walcha Challenge, contact Neil 0404 041 627

**January 18**—Ride to Clarrie Hall dam for lunch with other clubs (to be confirmed)

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Second run for this one: Robert Evans has a pair of 'classic' motorcycling boots for sale —

A pair of "vintage" Alpine Star Italian leather motorcycle boots for sale, size 10. \$100. Circa 1980; cost over \$300 way back then.

My phone number is 66895750. My email: [evanmore2@gmail.com](mailto:evanmore2@gmail.com).



Peter Lake has a GEARSAK tank bag for sale: Excellent condition. He's asking \$50 ono. It's waterproof, expandable, and has a large clear map pocket on top.

Contact him on ; 02 6628 5872 or grab him at a meeting or run



A disaster when you've got four wheels to start with, but catastrophic when you only have two!

This is Raymond Mays ascending (well he was ascending) a hillclimb in a Bugatti type 13.

Maybe this inspired the Morgan 3 wheeler? :-)



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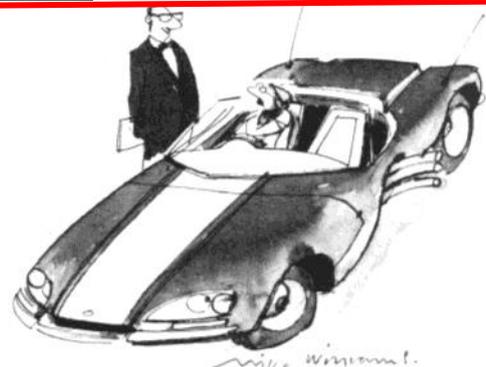
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(Does this remind anyone of our club patron's car sales technique?)



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or  
(b) Learn to ride a motorcycle



It gave me an awful fright!  
There I was just driving in the traffic—and suddenly there was a crack in my windscreen!

OK \_ so I'm a misogynist , but most of the motorcycle jokes are like that.



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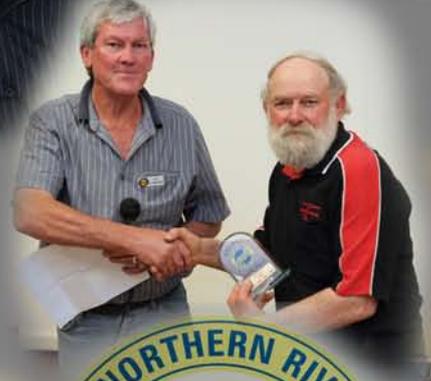
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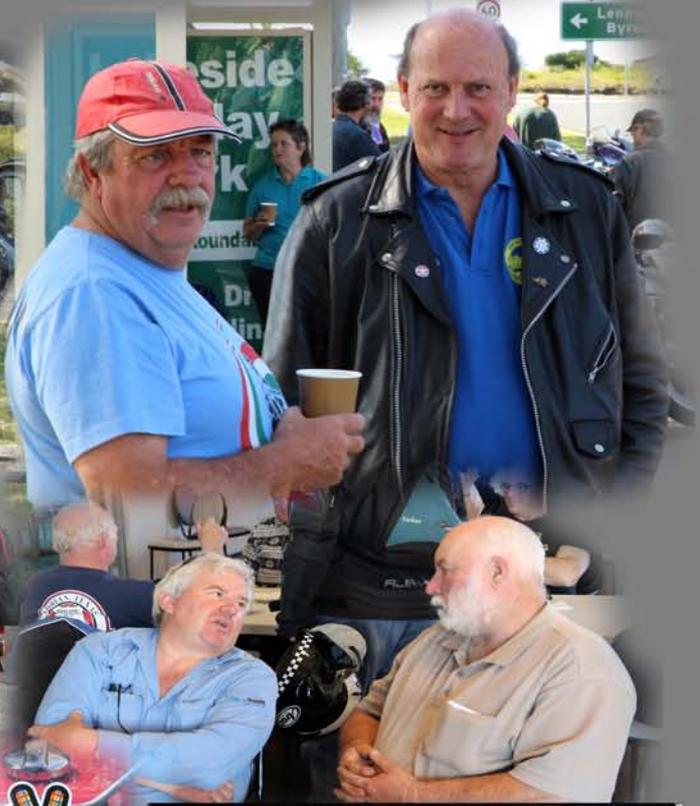
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### ***Our Club's objectives :-***

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. 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 at the Lismore Rous Hotel at 8.30 am. Start times sometimes vary so please check the latest newsletter or the club website. Every Sunday can be a club run but members must contact the Events Organizer. 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.