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**November
2015**

Classic Torque

Sunday run – 18 Oct 2015 to New Italy for coffee

About 10 bikes set off from Rous Hotel with 3 pillion after the usual coffee and chat.

Peter set the route: so away we went - Nimbin Rd to Blakebrook school, then to Tuncester, right to Bentley past the anti



CSG campsite,

then left up the hairpins of Naughtons gap and on through the flats nearly to Casino. A hard left turn at railway crossing and back through Caniaba and eventually out to the Bruxner highway near Lismore Airport - the longest way ever to get from one side of Lismore to the other!

We turned south down the Bruxner and turned off to Coraki, but deviated left over the bridge into Whyralla, then down to Tuckurimba where we took a right turn at Katrinas place and down to recross the river into Coraki. Through the town and then we followed the south bank of the river to Woodburn and thence south to New Italy where we met up with another group of club members who took the short way. The roads

were pretty good with not too many bad bumps. Perfect weather and no problems. All in all, a good ride; and the toasted focaccia were excellent. Lots of discussion about the implications and possibilities of the new '60 day log book' historic rego scheme as well as the usual chat about bikes and bike stuff. RS



2015 Club Christmas party and Registration day - Sunday, Dec13

The NRCMCC Christmas party and rego day will be held at the faithful **Clunes hall on Sunday, 13 December.**

This year it will be catered - a proper sit down lunch will be provided.

However, this means we **MUST** have notification of the numbers who will attend so we can inform the caterers.

The **cost will be \$10/person (club member or guest)** which will cover a meal with hot and cold dishes and desert. The menu looks very appetizing.

The usual drinks for refreshment will be available as will tea and coffee; but **wine and spirits are BYO.**

Lunch will start at 12.00, and a run will be organised for those who'd rather arrive in true club manner - on a bike.

More details in next newsletter.

So, remember, if you want to eat, you must let the secretary know of your attendance by the 8th December at the latest (preferably earlier) .

No notification = No food!

The **raffle will be for 2 Christmas hampers**, so please bring something to contribute to the hampers - a bottle of wine, Christmas pudding, snacks, whatever. Remember, you might be the winner of one of the hampers, so don't



Wednesday Warriors - 7 Oct 2015 Brilliant weather ensured 14 riders presented themselves for the first October Mid Week run starting at Lismore's old railway station car-park at 9am. It was most pleasing to see our ex-editor Noel turn up on a brand new, almost space-age machine. This could indeed be Dame Edna Everage's favourite Suzuki - as it was called the Gladioli (Sorry - Gladius.) Basically an SV650cc with radical modern styling, still having all the many attributes of that tried & tested V-twin power-plant. It was also good to see Peter after his puncture misadventure and Ian on his new 1980s Kwaka cruiser.

The planned route was:- Blakebrook, Nimbin, Wadeville, then down to the to the Cawongla Store. This was such a well-known and popular route that perhaps more emphasis should have been made by the run organiser in regard to communication. It is not satisfactory to think "Well, I don't really know where we are going - I'll just follow the rest" as the "visual turn method" is often difficult in some traffic conditions. But more of that anon....

The riding conditions were certainly hot. While speeds were generally low, around 80Kph, dehydration effects as regards overall fatigue should not be under-estimated. Many cafes have water available on their tables, but not at this type of venue; so it could pay to carry a bottle of water in future - especially if this hot weather continues. The roads to and from Nimbin were considerable improved after all those annoying roadworks - well done LCC! The views over The Rim were very clear, with no burn-off smoke-haze, giving clear views of Mt Warning and the Pinnacles. We agreed they were at their superb best.

Coming into Wadeville I was surprised to see two of our riders proceeding east - past us! It appeared they had taken the Stoney Chute road due to lack of communication. Worryingly, one of these riders then failed to meet us at the Cawongla Store. So after a wait (and a coffee) we had some volunteers back-tracking the entire run-route to make sure they hadn't broken down - or worse. Richard organised the chairs/tables in an oval, so that we could sit as a group and have a good chat on matters motor-cycling. The journey back to Lismore was uneventful except I discovered floor-board foot-rests do have their disadvantages on these notoriously bumpy roads. RA

28 October Due to drizzly/showery & cold conditions, only 2 Triumphs and a touring Ducati turned up for this Run. Parking was complicated by the current NORPA railway-station play, but their shipping-container provided some shelter for our waterproofed and intrepid crew. We mutually decided to cancel this event until the next MWR on the 4th November and go for a coffee and scones instead in Lismore! In all events this decision was a wise one, as at 11am thunder & lightning joined the fray. Hopefully, we'll have better luck next time with the weather R. A.



Above: "Now where did that guy go??"

Below: "On the road again..."



CLUB APPAREL

The current stock of shirts is at last sold, apart from 3 xxl sizes. The previous method was that the Club bought a large quantity, and these took 4 years to sell, and tied up a large amount of our funds. A new method has been put to the Committee, that members be responsible for the purchase themselves and a purchase system approved by Pegasus management has been put forward. Details are :

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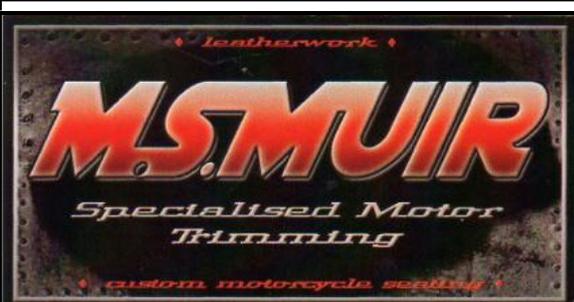
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START: 7:40pm

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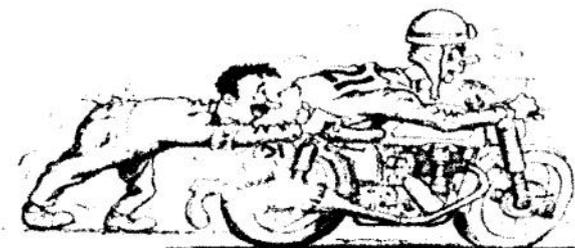
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The Walcha Challenge Touring Trophy

Friday 20th, Sat 21st, Sun 22nd of November 2015



Presto, presto Valentino, there is a rumour of a Le Mans start for 2015?

When is a Tourist Trophy not a TT event, when it's the Walcha Challenge Touring Trophy?

It is neither a road race, nor a time trial, but a handicapped touring event based on a unique score system using combined age of bike and rider. This event is focused on club registered machines up to 1985, but is open to all Club members on machines up to 2015. Meet and greet Friday, 9:30 start Saturday riding an approximate 250km map guided tour with support vehicle following, and perform surprise maintenance task you may encounter while on tour.

When booking your accommodation, inform reception you are booking in for the Walcha Challenge.

-THE NEW ENGLAND HOTEL Ph; 67772532, ROYAL CAFÉ & ACCOMMODATION Ph: 67771117

-THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL Ph; 67772551, -WALCHA CARAVAN PARK Ph; 67772501.

Free entry, catering for individual solo riders; however I do suggest for your own safety and enjoyment you enter as a 2 member rider team.

Entry Divisions include;

P1 L/weight up to 250cc, P2 Junior 251-350cc, P3 351 -500cc Senior, P4 501-750, P5 751 – U/ltd, P6 Sidecar.

Remember this is a Touring Trophy, you should include: tool kit, puncture repair kit, spare tube if applicable, air pump or bottle, chain lube, hand cleaner, rags, mobile phone. Fear not there will be no tyre or wheel removal.

For ease of catering for Saturday night presentation meal and organisation of the event, complete and return the entry form to:

Neil Weir, c/- Taree & District Vintage & Classic Motorcycle Club
P.O. Box 978 Taree NSW 2430. Mob: 0404041627 or email entry to: tdvcmc@gmail.com

2015 Walcha Challenge Touring Trophy, Solo and or Team Entry form.

All m/cycles must have conditional Club registration, or on full rego.

No. 1 Riders name:	Age of Rider:	Club name:
Make of Bike:	Year model:	Engine capacity:
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'Trip of a Lifetime - the boys go to the Isle of Man TT

On 19th August 2015 We (Frank Widdows, Andrew Genders, Col McAndrew and Andrew Waddell) flew To England enroute to the Isle of Man. We spent a week touring England visiting many and varied attractions. Ace cafe / pub in London was invaded by hundreds of bikers, all friendly. Landguard Fort at the southend of the English channel is worth a look, next was National Motorcycle museum near Birmingham which housed hundreds of priceless bikes and not a spec of dirt anywhere.



Col's mate John Young loaned us a spare house on his estate for 2 nights and he took us to meet his friends who had worked at BSA, Triumph, Norton and now have their own factories. Drove around the IOM circuit (about 60 km) there are pubs all around the

circuit where you can watch the race from. The riders really are crazy! Jim Redman (6 times world champ) told stories about Jack Ahern. The trip of a lifetime!

Above: John Yong's 'posh' garage



Top: The boys at the Site of the old Triumph factory at Meriden

Above: Rob North's factory

Left: Picture of Jack Ahern on the walls of a pub on the Isle of Man

Left below: Andy takes his life in his hands as he helps top start up a V2 ramjet mounted on a home-made trike. Made from 2 triumph mopeds.

Below: Alec Marsh's name is inscribed on the wall



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Presidents Report

Hi everyone.

I hope you are all keeping well and enjoying a ride or two as we begin to enjoy the hotter weather. I know there are some member's new bikes out there and some old ones which have been put on the road again after a bit of a rest and at least one which was a long time in the restoration process which has finally been completed. Has anyone had a "barn find" lately? Anyway, whatever your interest in classic bikes may be, it is always great to get out on a machine which is running nicely and experience the open road. Here are a few "jokes" but if you have been repairing a bike with Lucas electrics you might not find them funny!

- The Lucas Electric motto: "Get home before dark."
- Lucas, "inventor of the self-dimming headlamp."
- The three-position Lucas switch--DIM, FLICKER and OFF. The other three switch settings--SMOKE, SMOLDER and IGNITE.
- If Lucas made guns, wars would not start.
- Did you hear the one about the bloke who was looking over a BSA and asked the owner "How can you tell one switch from another at night, they all look the same?" "He owner explained that it doesn't matter which one you use, nothing happens!"

And finally a double whammy

- "why do the English drink warm beer?" Answer: Lucas makes the refrigerators.

That's enough of that. Details of the Christmas party are in this month's newsletter. Please indicate your intention to attend as soon as you can so that the caterer can be advised of numbers.

Stay Upright Rob



Here's a couple more if you haven't heard them already -

- Lucas - the Prince of Darkness
- Did you know that Lucas invented the intermittent windscreen wiper - unintentionally
- Definition of terror - strapped into a space capsule for the final countdown "...four, three, two..." and suddenly seeing the sign on the control panel, "Electrics by Lucas"! Sorry, Editor

A treatise on Joe Lucas' theory of electricity is available on this website - <http://www.visordown.com/forum/crap-jokes/electrical-theory-by-joe-lucas/167062.html> - It's fascinating... A whole new way of looking at things, and so logical.

It's based on practical observation that smoke is the critical element in electric circuits, not electrons or any other scientific crap - When smoke is released from an electrical circuit - such as when you touch 2 wires together or short out a battery- lots of smoke escapes and the system no longer works. No smoke left, so the system can't operate =- obvious really.

And lets face it, English bikes leak oil, brake fluid, etc, so you would expect them to leak smoke and get flat batteries. Hmm, perhaps next month pick on some other company - VW perhaps??? R (Don't blame Rob)S

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Vale "Pommie Steve" Hill.

On Sunday 25 October, Col and Nancy attended a Memorial gathering for Steve Hill at Nambucca Heads Bowling Club. Steve, who always had a smile, apparently suffered a heart attack while riding his Harley, within days of returning from a 6 day trip to attend the Broken Hill Club's Rally. Steve would be known to many members as he has been a regular at our Rallies over the years. He will be remembered for arriving at Rallies with his Flat Tank Douglas on a trailer behind his BMW Dakar or more recently his 1979 Harley. Approximately 80 people representing many Classic Clubs attended his Memorial. Col McA

Editorial:

I think the trial for Logbook usage for historic bikes will have some significant effects on our club. Already people from outside the club have asked about joining so they can sign up for the logbook registration. Maybe these people were on full rego before but only had limited usage. This may create a surge in total membership, but not necessarily an increase in active club members. This is a problem where there is a legal requirement for membership of a club - such as in Gliding clubs where you have to be a club member to hold a gliding license. Some clubs exist purely to meet this requirement. This surge in membership will increase the load on our registration officers, but not necessarily the active members. I think we need to support our rego officers and accept that the club's culture is changing. As long as they cover their costs, lets just keep going as before, but with more rego officers perhaps? RS

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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

Nov 6 - 8- classics only to Hat Head Rally. Backup will carry camping gear Contact Col 0407 927 982

Nov 15 - ride to Terry Savins house, Byron Bay, Contact Terry 0407 927 982

Dec 6 - Classics only Ride. TBA

Dec 13 - Xmas party and Registration day @ Clunes hall

No meetings in January - next meeting 9 February 2016

Feb 14 - Lismore Circle ride (we'll get it right this time!)

Mar 13 - NRCMCC Show and Shine - Alstonville plaza

April 17 - Ride top Brushgrove pub

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

Nov 20 - 23 Walcha Challenge, contact Neil Weir 0404 0416 27

Jan 17? (date to be confirmed) Cramm farm BBQ, Doon Doon Rd, top end of Clarrie hall dam. Meet Tweed Motorcycle Enthusiasts Club for excellent lunch and company

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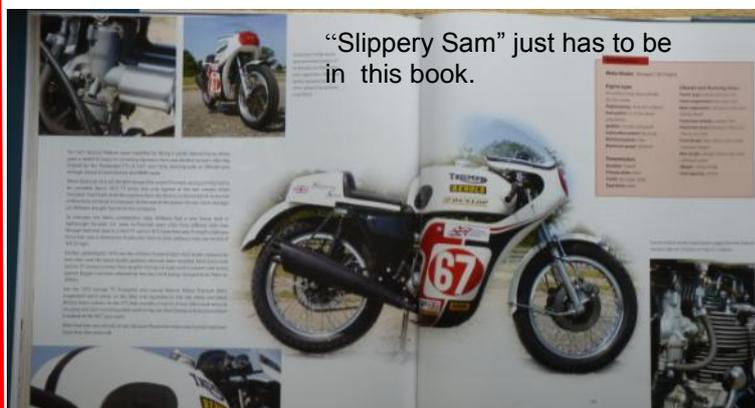
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Wanted old BMW R Series Motorcycle going or not. Basket case is ok too.

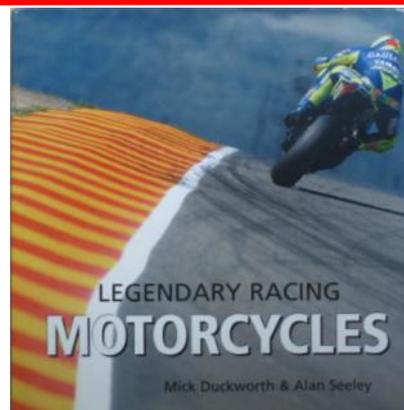
Wanted old R Series Parts also. Good Cash Paid. Will travel anywhere to pickup.

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**Book of the month:** Filled with excellent colour photos of 36 bikes from 1954 from an AJ's 7R3 of 1954 up to a 2006 999WSB Ducati and Honda Repsol RC211V, this book is filled with information and stimulation. Most-bikes are from 1970 onwards. Each bike has its specifications detailed. It finishes with listings of FIM superbike champions 1988 - 2006; AMA superbike champions 1976 - 2006; Moto GP and GP500 champions 1949 - 2006; Super-sport world champions 1997- 2006; Isle of man TT overall winners and their number of wins each; GP M/C racing world champions 1949 - 2006. Book



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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON: **13<sup>th</sup> October 2015** START: **7.40 pm**

WELCOME: Welcome by President, Rob Evans; Sec Richard Swinton

APOLOGIES: Abe Mazzer, Gary Heine, Pat Holt, Tony Harvey, Bryson Walker, Mary Walker, Scott Kirkland, Chris Wakely

VISITORS: Joe Walsh (presented his membership application form and was accepted by the majority of the committee present. Fees paid to treasurer.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - presented to members

ACCEPTED: Richard Swinton

SECOND: Tim Walsh

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: (see below in General Business)

TREASURERS REPORT – presented to members

ACCEPTED: Rick Nutt

SECOND: Rob Andrews

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: NIL

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- 4 x Club Newsletters: Inverell Motorcycle Club, Coffs Harbour, Newcastle Vintage Motorcycle Club, Grafton Vintage Motor Vehicle Club (*See Club Events Page for invitation details*)
- Invitation to attend Natureland Classic Motorcycle Club 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Rally – 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015
- Notice of half yearly meeting of the Council of Heritage Motor Clubs – NSW Inc
- Advice from Council of Heritage Motor Clubs – NSW Inc about changes to RMS Historic registration scheme.
- Response from Alstonville Show Society
- Thank you card from Cancer Council for the Club's donation
- Hall Hire invoice (*given to Club Treasurer*)
- Lifeline 'Compression V Depression invoice (*given to Club Treasurer*)
- Letter from peter Wells, RMS re acceptance of NRCMCC in logbook trial
- Certificate of appreciation from Prostate Cancer Support group

GENERAL BUSINESS:

From previous meeting:

- Invitation by Mr. Lloyd Moss (6683-4446) for the Club to put on a display at the Alstonville Show 30-31<sup>st</sup> October.
- Only a few members expressed interest, so it was decided that they arrive at 9.00am on Saturday, and President to contact Show society to let them know about 8 bikes will attend and please arrange with gate re entry.
- It was moved that the club support the RMS logbook trial and the president to let RMS know. Some dissent was heard re the possibility of increased costs eventually, also that it might reduce club participation, but the general feeling was that it was a fait accompli, so may as well be in it.  
Accepted: Rick Lauff, second: Jack McIntosh
- Richard Swinton put forward for discussion a proposal to allow historic logbook registration of cars owned by members as a service. The proposal was accompanied by restrictions to maintain the integrity of the classic motorcycle club and its objectives. A strong discussion ensued with positive and negative views. No decision was made or required.
- The Christmas party arrangements were discussed. The date and location are fixed by prior arrangements – date: first Sunday after the AGM meeting in December. Location: Clunes Hall. General feeling was that catering should be ring Your Own food and drink and a BBQ will be provided for cooking any meat or other food brought by attendees. Catering officer to provide usual refreshments. Arrangements to be confirmed at next meeting.
- A proposal that the 'tail-end Charlie' on a club run needs some clear identification was put to the meeting. This was suggested to avoid the confusion that can ensue when a bike is mistakenly identified by a marshal as the Tail end Charlie and he leaves his post. No decision made, but support expressed. Ideas include a special coloured vest, a sash, or similar clearly visible item.
- It was pointed out that any motions to be presented to the AGM needed to be presented at this October meeting or notified to the editor of the newsletter so that all members can receive the motion in time to meet the requirements of the constitution.
- A motion has been presented to the committee to increase membership fees to \$100. Annual membership fees are usually reviewed in the December ordinary meeting, but are not part of the constitution.
- The Compression vs Depression run to be held on November 1<sup>st</sup>, leaving Byron Bay 'Green Garage', Breakfast and 'Show and Shine' from 7.30, registration 8am, leave at 9.30 am and finishing at the Eltham pub for main prize draw at 3.30pm. Registration \$20 pp includes lunch. Funds go to Lifeline.

The EARLY DAYS OF THE CLUB: Bryson Walker not available

REGO OFFICER REPORT: Bryson Walker not available

CLUB RUNS: · NRCMCC 2015 Rally

Report on the club rally presented; 60 bikes attended, excellent weather, Friday run best left until afternoon so visitors have time to travel to Ballina. Dinner at the Bowling club was good and well attended.

WEDNESDAY RIDES:

- September 23 ;Run via Numulgi, Dunoos, Doroughby to Clunes for coffee. Cold weather.
  - October 7: run via Nimbin to Cawongla café , One attendee got lost and was met travelling in the opposite direction!
- A comment was made that the Woodburn coffee shop was a possible future venue for a Wed run .

NEXT CLUB RUNS: As listed on the NRCMCC website and below

- Terry Savins proposed a run to the Broadford Bonanza M/C event in Easter 2016. It was supported and will be included in club runs.
- Next Sunday run to be to Little Italy; Italians bikes encouraged, but open to all.

MEETING CLOSED: 9.15pm



I always knew Diesels were high emitters, Stick with the old stuff!

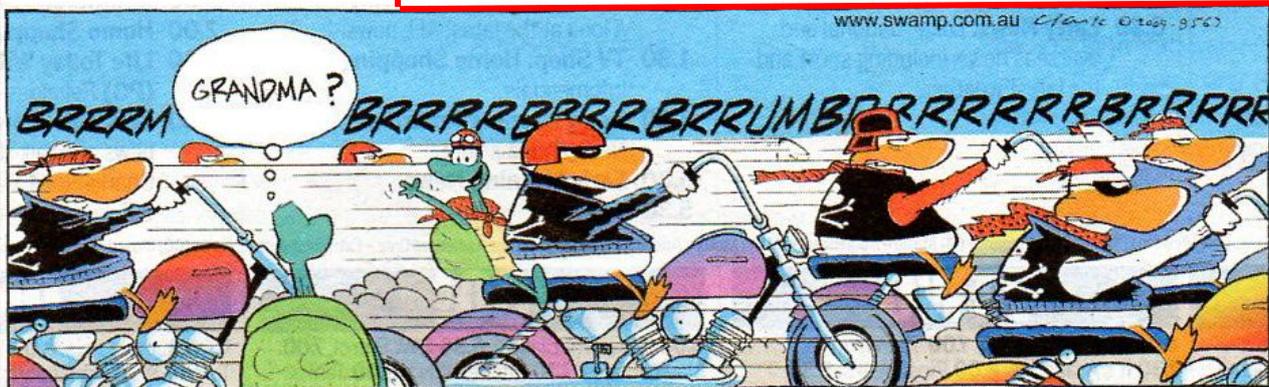
The spirit of 'Do it Yourself' still lives on in classic motorcycling - a challenge for the rego officers, but creative and fun for the police and RMS.

I especially like the carry rack on the handlebars - no worries about things falling off - they're right in front of you to grab if they look dangerous; and the use of sweat-ed joints in the frame -or is that a water pipe fitting? How do you screw it on? And if you stop hard - or 'collide' - you'd certainly have a horn.



The turn indicator - or is it spotlight? - looks a bit suss, but the fire extinguisher shows a lot about what they think of the electrics. Or is it the fuel system??

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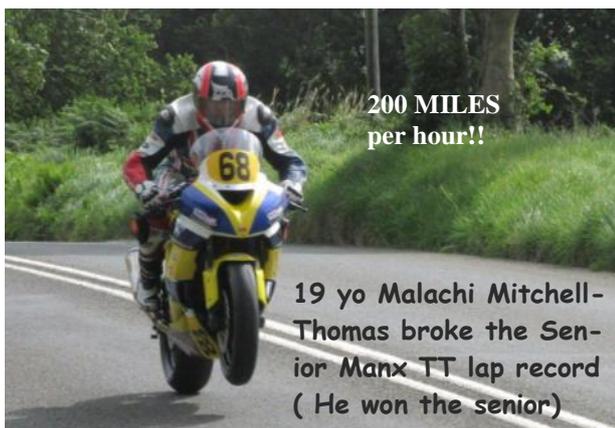
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### ***Our Club:-***

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.