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**May
2016**

Classic Torque

Classic Bikes Only Ride

This month's ride had 17 members on a great assortment of Classics leave the Rous at Lismore and head along Boat Harbour Road, past the Eltham Pantry to Eltham Road and then via the North Teven road to Ballina. The usual trip is via the South Teven Road, but the North road (which goes past the quarry) is a much better road - smoother and more interesting, but beware of trucks and possible mud and dirt near the quarry.

An area was available for us to display our Bikes at Ballina RSL Carpark with Members of the Ballina District Vehicle Restorers Club at their Annual Show'n'Shine. The inclusion of our Bikes helped increase the size of the display and we were made very welcome. Many of us enjoyed Breakfast at the RSL while spectators viewed the Show. Col.



Our club representatives

Our display of classics





More Pictures from the Ballina Car Show and Shine:: Clockwise from the top:

The Bikes wait to leave Rous Hotel; Lotus Cortina with the lovely twin cam motor; Beautiful Bolwell Nagari.(why can't we build kit cars in NSW?) ; Pats luck is in - he won one of the Shannon's raffle Prizes; Sunbeam Alpine - a bit gutless, but lots of fun - a mate of mine at University had one - soft top, and we did lots of stupid things in it. The accelerator can be operated by the passenger, so holding the steering wheel at the bottom and operating the throttle while the 'driver' sat on the back of his seat and waved to people always caused a stir.; SS100 coupe, unusual since most SS100s were open sports cars. Understandably, Mr Lyons quickly changed the name from SS to Jaguar after WW2.: Last but not least, the TD (a replica) I have a soft spot for the originals since one was my second car. A much better car than an MG TC with independent suspension and better brakes, And it outsold the TC, but it just didn't develop quite the panache of the TC. A great collection, and thank you for the invitation to join in. RS



Presidents Report April

The last 2 general meetings were very “full on” as we discussed the important issues of Membership and Registration. Both of these recommendations tabled by the Sub Committee were carried following much discussion. I am sure this will enable the Club to advance into the future with our objectives considered.

On the topic of Registration it seems some Members are still confused as to Log Book Conditions. The Log Book itself has printed on it :-

“**Log Books allow up to 60 days of general use (i.e. maintenance and personal use).** <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/registration/get-nsw-registration/historic-vehicles/log-book-trial.html> With our Club having 6 Authorised Rides per Month, we can now use our Historic Plated Bikes (on the Log Book Trial) for 132 days per year. On top of this are the Rallies organised by other Clubs that we have an invitation too.

Those Members who choose to remain on the original System will continue to be able to use their Bikes for Club Rides, other Clubs’ Rallies and Maintenance Runs within a 15km radius of their home. Those on this original scheme will have the use of the Day Book for additional ride recording, after contacting the Club Secretary.

The May Meeting will be very quiet as several Members and most of the Committee will be “Over The Hill”

I have proposed a ride for “Drum Braked Bikes Only” to Dorrigo or Bellingen on Saturday the 2nd and return Sunday 3rd. July. I’ve sent an invitation to the Natureland, Taree, Port Macquarie, Coffs Harbour And Clarence Valley Club’s. We may need Snow Chains but if we get Members from other Clubs to meet us there I’m sure the conversation (and beer) will warm us up. Please let me know if you are interested.

Let’s get the Classics out. Col.



Upcoming Community Events to which we have been invited

22nd May :- Beef Meets Reef. Evans Head. (1st event of Beef Week)

We have been asked to display Classic Bikes from 10am to 1pm. & possibly join the Street Parade.

Contact:- Col. 0428 869889

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28th May:- Casino Beef Week Show’n’Shine

8.30am – 1pm

Contact:- Gary 0424693446

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18 June:- Lismore Aviation Expo

We have been asked to display Classic Bikes.
(Details to follow)



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Bevel and Bullshit - the Annual Ducati Owners Club Run _ Will McMillan

The annual Ducati Owners Club of Qld. Run to Tenterfield for classic Ducatis was well attended again this year with riders coming from MacKay to Sydney and all points in between + two members from Northern Rivers.



This year they went for a different format in having the event held at the biggest motel in Tenterfield which allowed all the bikes to be parked in their function hall complete with bar, what better way to enjoy a days ride?

The ride dinner was also catered for by the motel in the restaurant which was far more upmarket than the Royal Hotel from last year. 40 + was the head count for the bevel drives, all being L twins, no singles turned up this year for the first time ever in the 9 year history of the event so far.

The ride up from Casino was great - no mobile chicanes or caravans just a symphony of conties (the God of speed can be kind) and all is well with the motorcycle world. The return trip was just a good as the trip up with a de-tour to Kyogle to meet up with the club run.



Almost forgot; the Laverda owners club also had a Tenterfield run the same weekend and we heard that about 12 turned up. When you think about it, add together the Inverell rally, two Italian groups and the club run, that's a lot of exotica on the roads at the same time. Now I just need to dust off the BM for the over the hill and pay homage to the God of speed and we're off again.

Anzac Day tribute to military motorcycles



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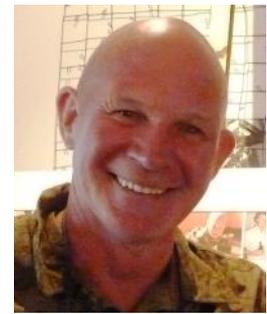
Editors plea:

First: Thank you to Will McMillan for his Ducati Rally contribution to the newsletter, to Rob Evans for the military pics and to James Moon for his pics at Ballina and the classics only report

That's important because I am currently unable to ride my bike (Yes, a BMW is a bike) and consequently have only managed to turn up to the start of some events in the car and to others not at all. And I certainly can't cover other club rallies.

It's very difficult to write about events you haven't been on, especially if you haven't got photos to go with the event. And its difficult to prepare a club newsletter if it doesn't have any club activities recorded.....

So please, drop me a line, or give me a call and tell me about it if you aren't online (contact details on the officials list on the 2nd last page). **And please try to take a few pictures.** You don't have to be Shakespeare or Helmut Newton - I'll cobble it together - IF I have something to cobble!! Perhaps the ride organizers could request (dob) someone to do it for each run??



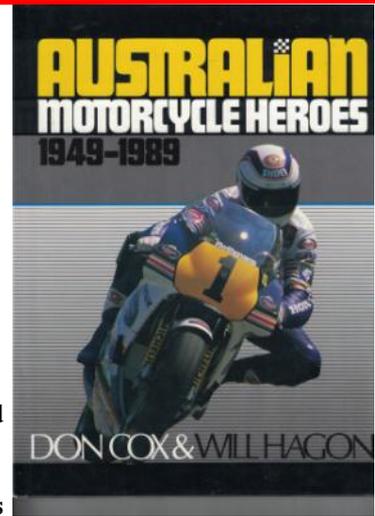
Book(s) of the Month:

While visiting friends up in Maleny, I paid my usual visit to the secondhand book shops. Such shops are becoming hard to find with the internet and Amazon and others taking over the market. But I like to see and feel a book - especially if it has pictures - before I buy.

I looked in the 'transport' sections and came up with 2 books; one for the club and one for me.

We already have a copy of Don Cox's 'Continental Circus' with a chapter (and autograph) of our patron, Jack Ahearn. But I found an earlier book (1989) by Don Cox and Will Hagon , "Australian Motorcycle heroes 1949 - 1989"

Which has a chapter on Jack along with chapters on 12 other Australian 'circus' riders. Some of it is repeated in Don's later book, but a lot is original - and there are more pictures of Jack including a colour picture - quite rare for the time. This book is now in the club library if you wish to catch up on Jacks colourful past.. Jack has now autographed out copyThe other book for me is "The motorsport Art of Michael Turner" in which he tells the story of his role as a motorsport art specialist. The book has lots of excellent



CHAPTER 8

One of the happiest people in Australia when Wayne Gardner became our first 500 world champion was Jack Ahearn, country boy, sometime carpenter, taxi-driver, and used car and motorcycle dealer. But for most of his working life Jack was a professional motorcycle racer. Not in the mould of the now fashionable, colourfully clad factory riders with a small army of support people, spare parts and money, but as a black-clad gypsy, independent and proud. In 1964 Ahearn put the medal for second place in the 500 world championships around his neck with the pledge "I'll take it off when another Aussie does better". It took 23 years for Wayne Gardner to be crowned and Jack to remove his medal. Big Jack Ahearn's second place was a great achievement, for the solidly built rider had just turned 41 yet had enjoyed his 'best year in Europe, not financially but in results and personal satisfaction.' In his eyes and those of his fellow riders, Ahearn was the champion. "We knew we couldn't beat the MV Agusta, so the rider's champion was the best-placed guy behind them." A single-cylinder 500 Norton like Jack Ahearn used in 1964 put out around 37 kW (about 50 horsepower). More was available, if you could afford a specially prepared one and were prepared to risk blow-ups by revving it to a very busy 7800 revs. Ahearn refused to rev his past 7000 rpm, so he was already sacrificing some power to the interests of reliability. He usually did only the minimum number of practice laps and rarely ran his bike fast



Jack Ahearn - self claimed but happy after winning the 1964 Formula 500 GP on a Norton.
MV Auzant's 500 cm³ onslaught. MV won 139 500



Left: An art joke - he painted from photos and pencil sketches - not ON the circuit!



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Sunday May 1st - classics only run - to Brunswick Heads

6 Classics rolled out of Lismore on a cool Mayday morn to Bruns, via Mullum and a beaut ride through the Hinterland. One Italian (were 2 but one had electrical troubles...), 3 Japs, one Pom and one German, all over 30 years vintage. Good coffee in a busy Brunswick Heads café, plenty of topical tech-talk and random courses home.

- Jim Moon - who labels himself - Grumpy, intolerant old fart



A couple of shots from earlier Over the Hill runs - lots of camaraderie and great rides. Tony and Bryson do a wonderful job planning and running these events. Best wishes to all for this years run.

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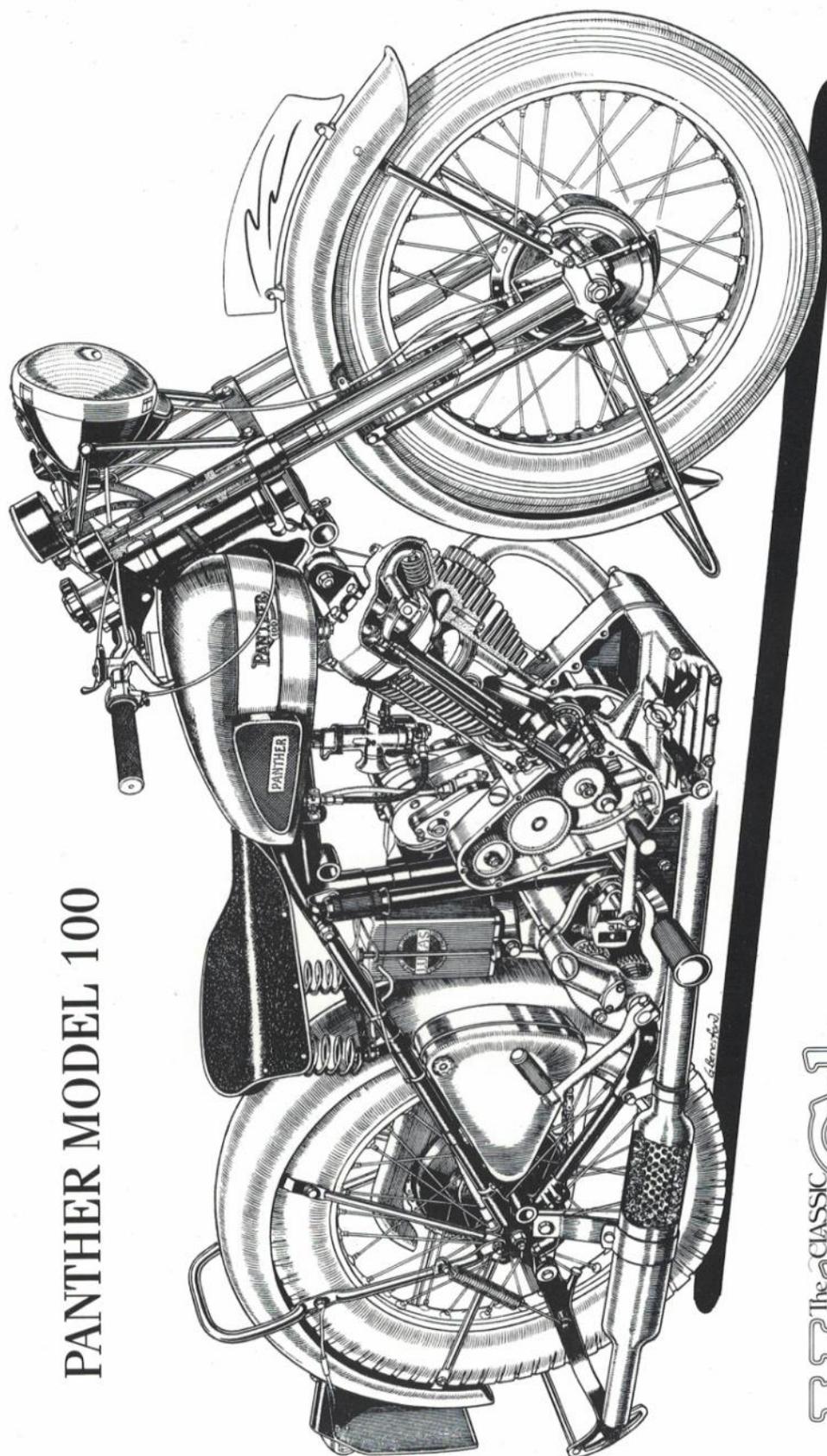
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JIM MOON (0412 545 699) is now looking for a BMW R65 or R80 in 'everyday' condition. 1986 or older. Please contact him if you have any leads.

This is a bit last minute, but there is still time - especially for those who get the newsletter online - to join the OVER THE HILL RUN. I only wish I could go myself :-)

The Fourteenth Anniversary "Over The Hill Tour"

It is from Sunday 8th May 2016, returning on Friday 13th May.

Itinerary:

Day 1 - to Stanthorpe visiting the Maroon Dam and Queen Mary falls

Day 2 to Goondiwindi via Texas, and there for day 3 as well

Day 4 to Inverell with visit to Cranky Rock, and stay in Inverell for day

5 including the Transport museum and other visits

Day 6 back to Lismore via Glen Innes and Tenterfield.



This is always a popular run with lots of camaraderie and fun and lots to see and do.

If you want to enjoy the company on this trip, contact Tony Kempnich on 02 66281806. Application forms are on the club website.

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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 15 - ride to Murwillumbah - 'Red Rattlers' café - contact Peter lake

June 5 - Classics only Run - Col McA

June 12 - Slow bikes run to Evans head Peter Lake 0459 285 872

July 3 - Classics only run - Col McA

July 10 - Extra Sunday run to Brunswick heads hot rods

July 17 - Winter ride to New Italy Peter Lake 0459 285 872

August 7 - Classic Bikes only ride - Col McA

August 14 - Ride to Richard And Cindys house for brunch - Peter Lake 0459 285 872

September 4 - Classics Only Run - Col McA

September 16 - 18 - NRCMCC ANNUAL RALLY, Evans Head, Marshals required

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

May 27 -29 - Coffs harbour Annual Rally

August 19- 21 - Triples Rally, Evans Head - Marshalls needed on Saturday 20th

August 26 - 28 - Clarence Valley Annual Rally, Grafton

*For more info - Check 'events' section on NRCMCC website - [www.nrcmcc.org](http://www.nrcmcc.org)*

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**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON: 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016** START: 7:30pm

**WELCOME:** Welcome by President. Meeting attended by 45 members, 4 visitors and 16 apologies as per the attendance sheet

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** - read to members

ACCEPTED: Peter Lake

SECOND: John Mazzer

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- 1) Feedback from Secretary about the use of historic plated vehicles by family members. (*Documentation has been emailed to members*)
- 2) Membership moratorium sub committee feedback (*Item carried over to general business*)

**CORRESPONDENCE OUT:** Usual member update emails over the month

**CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

- 8 x Club Newsletters: HMCCQ Newsletter x 2, Tweed Heads Motorcycle Enthusiast Club, Newcastle Vintage Motorcycle Club, Grafton Vintage Motor Vehicle Club x 2, Inverell Motorcycle Club, Coffs Motorcycle restorers Club (*See Club Events Page for invitation details*)
- Response from RMS Liaison Officer about use of historic plates vehicles by family members
- Response from Council of Heritage Motor Clubs NSW about costing of new RMS scheme
- Invitation from Lismore Council to put on a display of bikes at the Lismore Aviation Centre
- Mention in "Lismore Local Matters" newsletter about the unsafe practice of mown grass being sprayed on country roads. (*As a result of a letter written by previous President, Robert Evans*)
- Invitation to attend the Hunter Valley Norton Owners Club Rally at Nundle (*note dates are 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> – there is a typo in the flyer*)
- Invitation to attend United Tourers to attend the 2016 Winter Rally
- Invitation to attend 2016 Beef Week S&S at Casino

ACCEPTED: Pat Holt

SECOND: Richard Swinton

**TREASURERS REPORT:** – presented to members

ACCEPTED: Pat Holt

SECOND: Peter Lake

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Col thanked Dieter for his excellent work in redesigning the Club's web page.

Membership Moratorium Sub Committee Feedback

The recommendations of the subcommittee have been published in the newsletter prior to this meeting

The subcommittee's recommendations can be put under two categories.

- a) Membership (*Dealt with at last meeting*)
- b) Registration and Inspection (*To be addressed at this meeting*)

Col read out part b) of the documentation and spoke about the reasons why the changes were required.

There were general discussions about the recommendations and the options and associated risks with several members speaking for and against the changes and the following motion was put to the members present.

*That the subcommittee's recommendations for change as detailed in the Registration and Inspection section of the submitted documentation be accepted complete after the removal of the sentence "Members on the log book system may not be able to access the club's "day book" system (end of 2<sup>nd</sup> last paragraph).*

PROPOSED: Pat Holt

SECOND: Tim Thearle

Motion voted on by members present: **Motion carried by majority.** Changes to the registration process will be introduced

*(Submission document to be summarized in bullet form for members)*

Discussions continued and some aspects of the previously passed membership changes were discussed including what constituted an "active member". Col advised that the requirement to attend 3 NRCMCC events per year is now in place and it will sort out over time. Clarification was sought about how "a year" is defined. Col responded in that the year is the calendar year which is the same as the membership year.

Feedback from Secretary about the use of historic plated vehicles by family members.

Neil read out to members an email that he had received from the CHMC RMS liaison officer. This email has also been sent to members (*Matter now finalised*)

The 2016 NRCMCC Show and Shine

Thanks to everyone who assisted to make the 2016 such a great success.

Thanks to Dieter for stepping in to be the photographer on the day.

Prizes were given to members at this meeting.

Winner of the Jack Ahearn award was John Mazzer.

\$900 will be donated to North Coast Cancer Care Unit.

2016 NRCMCC Rally

Discussions that the rally be moved to Evans Head for 2016.

The following motion was put to the members present

*That the 2016 NRCMCC annual rally be moved to Evans Head.*

PROPOSED: Col McAndrew

SECOND: Mary Walker

Motion voted on by members present: **Motion carried by majority.** The 2016 NRCMCC annual rally will be moved to Evans Head

### Minutes continued

**PLEASE NOTE** Discussions continued and the Old Bike Only Ride that is held on Friday of the rally will commence in the afternoon instead of the morning to allow more time for people to travel.

#### Wednesday ride leader

Our long term mid week ride organizer, Rob Andrews, has had to step down as ride coordinator.

Peter Lake will take over in this position.

Thanks to Rob for his contributions to the rides over many years

#### Club Patron – Jack Ahearn

Eric advised that Jack was about to move in with his daughter at Lennox Head and the negative impact that this will have on his ability to come to NRCMCC events.

Eric will bring Jack to the Rous Hotel on Sunday to see the bikes for the last time before he moves.

Eric also spoke about Jack's article in the AMCN magazine when he was inducted into the AMCN Hall of Fame.

Jack kindly signed two copies of the magazine and donated them to the club.

Copy one was donated to the NRCMCC library.

Copy two was to be raffled at this meeting. *(For the record, it was won by the Secretary – AKA me ☺)*

#### May meeting

The Club executive will be away on the annual "Over the Hill" ride when the May meeting is scheduled. Peter Harvey has kindly agreed to run the meeting. Thanks Peter.

#### **THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CLUB:**

Bryson and Mary gave a fantastic presentation about the long and significant history of our meeting venue, the Clunes Hall. (Did you know that the initial meeting to create Norco started in this hall? I didn't) The standard of this presentation was excellent and it was clear that a lot of preparation had gone into it. Thanks Bryson and Mary

#### **REPORT BY REGISTRATION OFFICERS: NIL**

#### **REPORT ON CLUB RUNS:**

Tony K attended the inaugural AMC rally at Boonah over the weekend. Tony reported that there was a good turnout and stated that it was a well run rally and a great weekend. Tony commented that there were no BMW or Velocette motorcycles at the rally.

Terry S and Doug F attended the Broadford Bike Bonanza. Terry brought back some T shirts for the Club to raffle.

The 'Classic Only' ride was to the Ballina show and shine. A great ride through magnificent hills and country roads.

The NRCMCC 2 stroke ride was another great event and one that has generated a lot of interest in the club. Through Wadeville and into Nimbin through some of the most scenic country roads in the area. Some members getting keen to travel to Brisbane for their 2 stroke event later this year. TBC

#### **REPORT ON WEDNESDAY RIDES:**

Wednesday ride 1: rode to the Macadamia Castle. Even got under cover parking when there. A top day!

Wednesday ride 2: rode to the Wardell Pie shop for a feed and coffee under the trees near the river. Another top day!

**NEXT CLUB RUNS:** As listed on the NRCMCC website and below (If applicable)

This Sunday's Club ride will be a ride to Kyogle

#### **BUSINESS ARISING FOR NEXT MEETING:**

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**MEETING CLOSED: 9:30pm**



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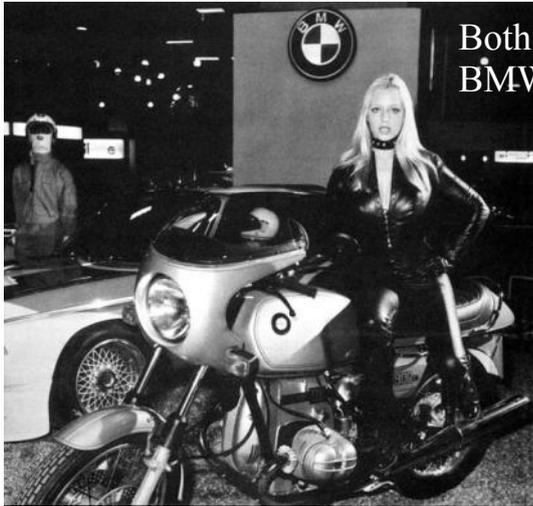
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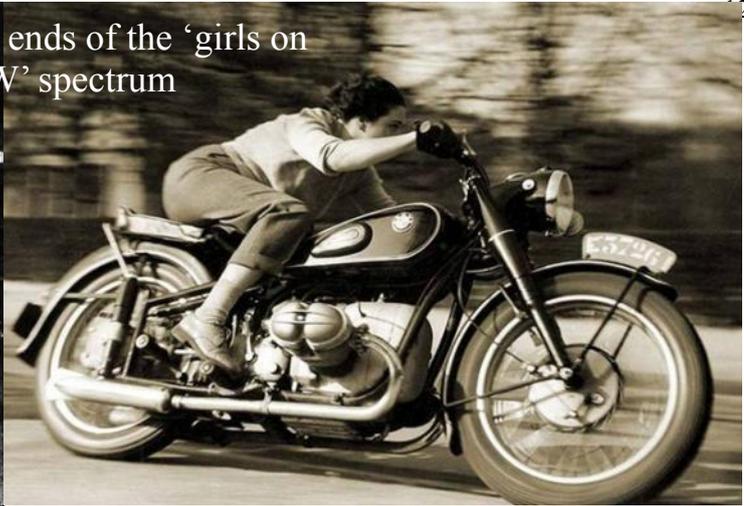
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Both ends of the 'girls on BMW' spectrum



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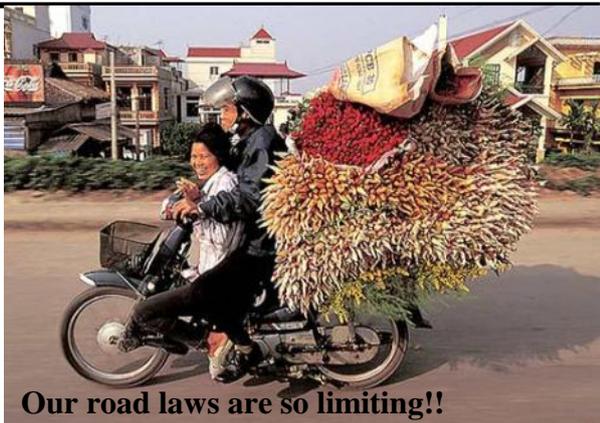
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### ***Our Club:-***

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.