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December
2016

Classic Torque

Well, It's that time of the year again! Comes around faster every year - or so it seems.

What have we done during this last year?

Let's think back to some of the events, the rallies, the Over the hill, the Show and Shine, 2015 Christmas party. A great Year!!



NOTICE

Additional meeting, 13th December 2016:

The committee has received complaints about the behaviour of one of our current members at the 2016 NRCMCC rally.

The committee has reviewed the information that has been put before it, including the response from the member, and the committee has passed a resolution to expel the member from the Club.

An appeal against the resolution has been received

Members are advised that the committee has convened an additional general meeting to be held starting at 7.30pm, immediately before the ordinary meeting on December 13th, to hear and resolve the appeal.

Only the matter of the appeal will be discussed at this meeting.

The appeal will be determined by a secret ballot from members who are present at the meeting

All current NRCMCC members are invited to attend and vote.

This will be followed by the usual ordinary meeting and the AGM

Wednesday Rides: by Peter Lake (Note that the Wednesday ride group meets at the Lismore railway station at 9am)

NOTICE: The Wednesday rides group has decided that the first Wednesday of the month ride will be a short one - coffee and back home for lunch, but the fourth Wednesday of the month ride will be a longer one with a lunch stop. Riders can cut the ride short if they need to get home earlier.



28 September: Ride to Drake pub - 10 riders left Lismore and headed to Casino where fuel was topped up. I had to head home early, but not before having a coffee at Casino. Jack McIntosh also headed home because "The Legend" was making very non-Harley type noises. I heard later that all others made it to Drake and had coffee and lunch at the pub.

5 October; A perfect day for a ride, but I was unable to attend due to other commitments. I hope everyone had a good run.

26 October: Ride to Kyogle - 12 riders including a new rider, Allan, who wants to join the club, left Lismore via Rock Valley Way to Cawongla, and then west to Kyogle along the Murwillumbah - Kyogle road. The road west of Cawongla has been improved greatly. For a change we tried the Sugarbowl café which provided good coffee. On the ride home we met the council jet blaster pothole repair truck - what a mess!!

2 November; Ride to Sextonville Road Café - 14 starters at Lismore Railway this sunny morning for short ride. One bike lost at start due to a flat rear tyre. We managed to lose a second rider on route because of a wrong turn. He did catch up with us for a coffee however. Ride Kyogle Rd. Naughtons Gap, Manifold Rd., Savilles Rd. Fairy Hill, Macdonalds Bridge to Windara for coffee. We even managed to get everyone around a large square table. Good assortment of bikes from Ducati & Yamaha singles. Suzuki, Yamaha, Honda, Triumph @ Harley twins. For a change just 1 BMW - a brick! - **Ray F**



Sunday ride - 13 November; Ride to Frank Widdows house for Brunch

15 riders left the Blue kitchen café in Lismore to go to Frank Widdows' house in Ballina. Since the Slow Bike ride in June had been cancelled because of the weather, we combined it with this Sunday run.

We went via Woodlawn School and Numulgi to Bexhill where we split into the slow bike run which headed along Eltham Road, Teven Road and thence to Ballina; and the faster, longer run going via Bangalow, Hayters hill, down the coast road to Ross lane, up and over the highway to Tintenbar and thence via the North Teven road to Ballina where Frank and his wife put on magnificent BBQ.

A great ride and thanks to Frank and his wife for their hospitality.



Above: the bikes parked in the street (I wonder what the neighbours think?)

Left: Some of the crowd enjoying the brunch

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The Husband Store (with apologies to the sensitive)

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A store that sells **new husbands** has opened in New York City, where a woman may go to choose a husband. Among the instructions at the entrance is a description of how the store operates:

You may visit this store **ONLY ONCE!** There are six floors and the value of the products increase as the shopper ascends the flights. The shopper may choose any item from a particular floor, or may choose to go up to the next floor, but you cannot go back down except to exit the building!

So a woman goes to the Husband Store to find a husband. On the first floor the sign on the door reads:

Floor 1 - These men Have Jobs

She is intrigued, but continues to the second floor, where the sign reads:

Floor 2- These men Have Jobs and Love Kids.

'That's nice,' she thinks, 'but I want more.'

So she continues upward. The third floor sign reads:

Floor 3- These men Have Jobs, Love Kids, and are Extremely Good Looking.

'Wow,' she thinks, but feels compelled to keep going.

She goes to the fourth floor and the sign reads:

Floor 4- These men Have Jobs, Love Kids, are Drop-dead Good Looking and Help With Housework.

'Oh, mercy me!' she exclaims, 'I can hardly stand it!'

Still, she goes to the fifth floor and the sign reads:

Floor 5 - These men Have Jobs, Love Kids, are Drop-dead Gorgeous, Help with Housework, and Have a Strong Romantic Streak.

She is so tempted to stay, but she goes to the sixth floor, where the sign reads:

Floor 6- You are visitor 31,456,012 to this floor. There are no men on this floor. This floor exists solely as proof that women are impossible to please. Thank you for shopping at the Husband Store.

PLEASE NOTE:

To avoid gender bias charges, the store's owner opened a New Wives store just across the street.

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The **second floor** has wives that love sex, have money and like beer.

The **third, fourth, fifth and sixth** floors have never been visited.



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What I did on my Spring holiday- by Richard Swinton

The missing November newsletter was due to my trip to Tasmania. After weeks of checking and rechecking the old (33 years) Toyota Hi-ace campervan, we set off to Melbourne via Canberra to stay with one of Cindy's friends - a comfortable 3 day trip. Then we stayed with Cindy's daughter in Melbourne and I visited the Autoclassica - a classic car and bike show at the Exhibition buildings. I caught the 'Sprit of Tasmania' while Cindy flew over with my sister and we rejoined at Launceston. A couple of days exploring Freycinet and then off to Hobart to join a professionally led birdwatching trip which covered South Bruny Island and then Cradle Mountain NP. We managed to spot and identify 99 birds in 5 days including all of the 11 birds only found in Tasmania. It was a small group and we got on with them very well, especially considering we were only amateur birdwatchers whereas some of them had travelled to nearly 45 countries pursuing rare and unusual birds!



We bid farewell to my sister who flew home and Cindy and I travelled back to Hobart and a visit to the MONA - a fascinating piece of architecture and an unusual and controversial collection of art. Then down to the Tasman peninsula, but not including Port Arthur - too much pain and suffering recorded there.



So far the weather had been good - cold and windy, but often sunny with only occasional light showers. The Minnebago was a bit responsive to 90kph sidewind gusts going over the Tasman bridge - Oh, for rack and pinion steering! Elsewhere a caravan was blown over and a car rolled after swerving up an embankment in the gusts.

Now we headed for the wild west of Tasmania - and after a change from rolling hills and agriculture to steep mountains and forestry, we arrived in heavy rain at Queenstown. But the rain cleared overnight and we visited Zeehan, with its incredible mining museum, and Strahan on the west coast before returning to Queenstown to ride the wonderful ABT rack and pinion railway - a not to be missed experience if you like steam. The locos are over 100 years old!



Then back to Launceston airport visiting Burnie, Devonport and the not to be missed town of Penguin where we think they have a meals on wheels that provides fish for the birds - well, the sign said 'Penguin Meals on Wheels'!?. And there are Penguin Police!

Having delivered Cindy to the Launceston Airport, I visited the Launceston National Motor Museum with its collection of cars and bikes; then off to Devonport stopping at Westbury on the way to visit a live steam museum with traction engines, tractors, etc. The invited group was little grey Fergy tractors - over 60 of them on display! I liked the rebel tractor painted pink and the fergy fitted with a holden V8!

A rough trip on the ferry back to Melbourne and then visits to my son on his farm in western Victoria and my daughter north of Melbourne (I'm very proud of them both), and then a fast trip home. Only mechanical problem was a broken accelerator return spring - fixed in 15 minutes with a pair of pliers!

I recommend Tassie for a holiday, but go after Christmas when it's warmer!! RS

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON: 11th OCTOBER 2016 START: 7:40 pm (just to keep all members up to date)

WELCOME: Welcome by President, Pat HOLT. Special welcome to the life members present at this meeting.

Meeting attended by 39 members 1 visitor and 6 apologies as per the attendance sheet

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: - read to members

ACCEPTED: *Mary Walker*

SECOND: *Peter Lake*

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- Invitation from Woodburn Australia Day Committee for the club to participate in 2017 Australia Day Celebrations at Woodburn. (*discussed and NRCMCC unable to participate this year*)
- Call for EOI from our club to join in a coach trip to the Gosford Car Museum in Feb 2017 (*See Pat holt if you're interested*)
- Bunnings Ballina static display (*discussed and NRCMCC unable to participate this year*)
- Alstonville Show display (*discussed and NRCMCC unable to participate this year*)

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Club Newsletters: Newcastle Vintage Motorcycle Club, Grafton Vintage Motor Vehicle Club, HMCCQ Newsletter (*See Club Events Page for invitation details*)
- Invitation to attend the Wagga Classic Motorcycle Rally but it was received too late for the meeting
- Invitation to attend the AMCA National Antique Motorcycle Weekend Meet at Bulli 25th to 27th August 2017
- Complaints about a member at the Club Rally

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

- Usual member update emails over the month
- Letter written to member inviting response to the complaints made about him from the club rally
- The Rally Director sent Certificates of appreciation sent to Casino P&C, Evans Head Caravan Park, Evans Head Bowling Club and the Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the club

ACCEPTED: *Mary Walker*

SECOND: *Peter Harvey*

TREASURERS REPORT: – presented to members

- 1) Monthly treasurers report. 2) Rally treasurers report 3) Annual report given to the Public Officer for lodgment (Annual report to be presented at the AGM)

ACCEPTED: *Mary Walker*

SECOND: *Doug Hampson*

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- No Newsletter next month as the Editor is away
- Reminder that membership renewals or registrations will not be done at the Christmas Party (4/12/2016)
- Reminder that the club registration day (4 per year) will be held at the Blue Café on the 27/11/2016.
Start Time: 8:30am End Time: 2:00pm
- Eric spoke about how Mr. Jack Ahearn (NRCMCC Patron) continues to be in failing health
- Mary thanked Lina and Lyn for all the work and catering at the recent NRCMCC rally
- Mary also informed the club that she will be stepping down from catering duties next year
- Lyn Stratton thanked the rally director and the committee for all the work in running the rally
- John Mazzer asked about how a person is appointed as a life member. Pat explained it was based on contributions to the club and the maximum number is set by the constitution.
- Several members have received an invitation to attend the BSA national rally in Beaudesert on the 21st to 23rd October 2016. Given the strong interest in this event it will be an official club ride. (*See club ride details below*)
- Several members have expressed an interest in the growing classic motorcycle racing at Morgan Park, outside of Warwick QLD on the 12th to 14th November. Given the strong interest in this event it will be an official club ride.
- Additional raffle tonight to support the Compression V Depression fundraising event

THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CLUB:

Bryson spoke about how the club would organise a long distance ride to the Snowy Mountains periodically. Interest in the room was strong and people were interested in reviving this tradition.

REPORT BY REGISTRATION OFFICERS:

- Bryson reported 2 new BMWs in the club.
- No other reports by the other registration officers

REPORT ON CLUB RUNS:

- NRCMCC Rally at Evan Head 16th to 18th September was very successful with great camaraderie.
- Classic bike ride last Sunday wound around the Summerland Way and back to the Blue Kitchen Café for coffee
- Andy McCall memorial gathering was reported on

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

- 16 Oct 2016: All Members - Ride to Brushgrove Pub
- 22 Oct 2016: BSA National Rally in Beaudesert will depart from the Blue Kitchen Café at 10am
- 06 Nov 2016: 7th Annual COMPRESSION V DEPRESSION Social Ride. Departing from Green Garage- cnr Tennyson & Browning Sts. Byron Bay. Breakfast 'Show n Shine' & Registration from 7.30am
- 04-06 Nov-2016: Natureland Classic Rally - Held at Hat Head - contact:- 0417894775
- 12-14 Nov 2016: Classic motorcycle racing at Morgan Park, outside of Warwick QLD
- 13 Nov 2016: Ride to Frank Widdows' House – Ride 1 - Tiddlers and Twoies via Eltham rd; Ride 2 - Bigger bikes ride via Byron Bay

BUSINESS ARISING FOR NEXT MEETING: NIL

MEETING CLOSED: 8:45 pm

NRCMCC Market: You can advertise here 'For Sale', 'Wanted', 'Swap', 'Advice needed', 'to Give away', etc - ie, any deal you can imagine to do with motorcycles.

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ALSO: Bernie is looking for any BMW parts and or bikes - contact as above.

Still Wanted: for club library - **Issue number 2 of OLD BIKE** magazine. If we can find a copy of this, we'll have complete collection to date.

I have donated my magazines to date (up to issue 60) - but No. 2 is still missing.

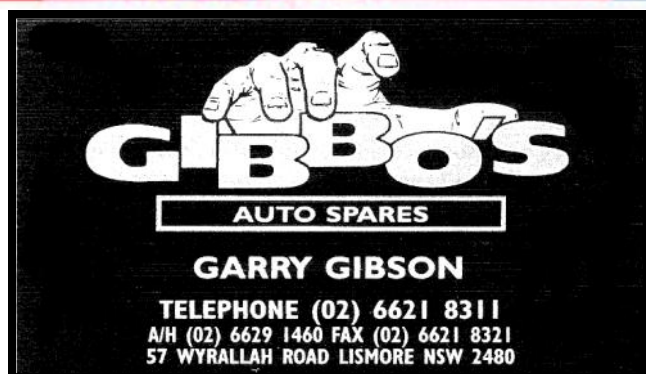
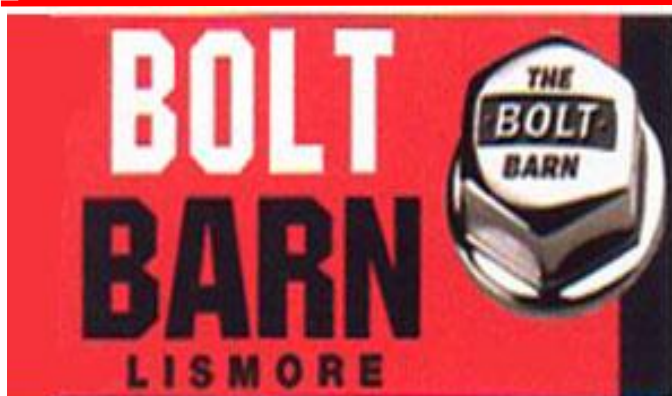
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Mid-week runs start at Lismore Railway at 9 am on the 1st and 4th Wednesday

NOTE: WEDNESDAY rides to continue to start from Lismore railway station, but all other club events to start from the Blue Kitchen Café.

December 4 - Classic bikes only, riding to the Xmas party at Clunes Hall. - Pat Holt

December 4 - Club Xmas Party at Clunes Hall - help with setting up at 9.30 would be appreciated

December 13 - ordinary meeting plus AGM 7.30 start

December 18 - Sunday ride around local area - contact: Peter Lake 0459 285 872

January 1 - Classic bikes only run - Pat Holt 0435 475 784

January 15 - Ride to Billinudgel Pie Shop (you can ride onto Cram Farm BBQ - IF it is held on the same day)

February 19 - ride to Kyogle info centre - Peter Lake 0459 285 872

Upcoming Rallies & Events Organised by other Clubs

December 4 - Ballina to Lismore toy run: 8am (You can enter and then go from Lismore to attend NRCMCC Xmas party at Clunes)

January 7 - Evans Head fly-in

January 15 (?) Cram farm BBQ (to be confirmed)

For more info - Check 'events' section on NRCMCC website - www.nrcmcc.org

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON: 8th NOVEMBER 2016 START: 7:35 pm

WELCOME: Welcome by President. Special welcome to the life members present at this meeting.

Meeting attended by 41 members 4 visitors and 14 apologies as per the attendance sheet

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: - read to members ACCEPTED: Peter Lake SECOND: Mary Walker

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- Bunnings Ballina static display (*discussed at previous meeting and NRCMCC unable to participate this year. Secretary phoned the event coordinator on the 14/10/16 and advised that we would not be able to participate*)
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CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Club Newsletters: Newcastle Vintage Motorcycle Club , Grafton Vintage Motor Vehicle Club, HMCCQ Newsletter (*See Club Events Page for invitation details*)
- Response letter from NRCMCC member after being written to by the committee about concerns that had been raised
- Current club public liability insurance certificates

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

- Notice of 2016 NRCMCC AGM
- Invitation to VJMCC to attend 2017 NRCMCC Show and Shine at Alstonville

TREASURERS REPORT: – presented to members - ACCEPTED: Mary Walker SECOND: Jack McIntosh

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- No club newsletter last month as the Editor was away
- Peter Lake spoke about a change to the Wednesday rides.
The first Wednesday ride each month will be a short one and back home by lunch
The second Wednesday ride each month will be longer and include a lunch break option
- There will be a club ride as usual after the December meeting
- Peter is calling for ride ideas from the members for next year. All ideas welcome
- Terry Savins spoke about an upcoming NRCMCC ride to Bingara on the 26th to 27th November
- Pat Holt spoke about the upcoming NRCMCC rego day on the 27th November. Club regos will be done between 8:30 and 2pm (*Coffee, meals and drinks are available from the café for as long as we are there*)
- Eric spoke about how vehicle registration is required to be eligible to be judged in for the perpetual Jack Ahearn trophy (*Please consider the implications of the clubs new registration policy and specific rego days if you are intending to have your bike judged for this award*)
- Lina Kempnich and Karen Jennison presented \$1000 to the local cancer care unit on behalf of the club. The monies were raised from the club's quilt raffle and the 2016 club rally. The unit will be using the money to purchase a new blanket warming box
- Eric Wilson (NRCMCC Public Officer) spoke about the changes to the Department of Fair Trading regulations. Many small changes including the option for electronic voting on motions if the club if the club rules allow it. Eric will brief the new committee early in the year and the committee can then decide what, if any, changes are needed to the club constitution and/or club rules. The new regulations are now in place and clubs have a grace period to comply.
- Eric also asked about whether or not the site had been booked for the 2017 Show & Shine at Alstonville. (*Eric undertook to follow up and has since booked the site on behalf of the club. Thank you Eric*)
- The Club Christmas party will be a brunch as advertised. Members are needed to help with setting up from 9:30 please.
- 2017 Over the Hill ride has been mapped out and preliminary details sent to the attendees from previous years. (*More details TBA*)


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Dean Marsh and John Cafe are going to Symmons Plains Raceway Tasmania for the Australian Historic Road Race Championships

THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CLUB:

Bryson spoke about the history of the brass monkey rides into cold country during winter and how much fun they were.

REPORT BY REGISTRATION OFFICERS:

NIL pending NRCMCC rego day

REPORT ON CLUB RUNS:

- 16 Oct 2016: All Members - Ride to Brushgrove Pub
very well supported by the club. Some Clarence Valley members came to Brushgrove to catch up with our club.
Not all members went to Brushgrove with some splitting and going their own way for lunch
- 22 Oct 2016: BSA National Rally in Beaudesert
great turnout to a growing rally. Scenic countryside including Queen Mary Falls
- 06 Nov 2016: 7th Annual COMPRESSION V DEPRESSION Social Ride.
well attended. The winner of the bike raffle was not a member of our club
- 04-06 Nov-2016: Natureland Classic Rally - Held at Hat Head
was yet another great event with great turnout and motorcycles

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BUSINESS ARISING FOR NEXT MEETING: NIL

MEETING CLOSED: 8:20 pm

Presidents report

Hi to all members,

This is the last report this year and where has the time gone? Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all members and their families, and for those who are traveling, stay safe over this very busy time.

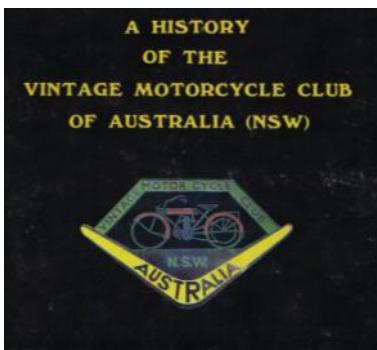
The year has been very busy for the club with lots of changes, all for the best. The changes have come about in the main because of the RMS regulation and the need to comply to these new laws. The NRCMCC Inc Rally has had a change of venue from Ballina to Evans Head. The rego and Christmas days have been separated into two events. The change on how classic rego'd bikes can be ridden has changed due to the 60 day log book. There have been other changes all adding up to a very busy year for the committee members.

I would like to THANK all of the committee members and their families for their outstanding support to me as stand-in President and to Col, our former President. Col, Neil and the committee made outstanding advancements in the governance of the club. The move to Evans Head was just one of the successful changes that Col and the committee had planned. The success of the other changes will be realised over the next few years. The new 60 day log book caused a few headaches but in the main it all went well. Thanks to Bryson, Tony and Lina for another great "Over the Hill" event. Thanks to the "Show and Shine" committee and thanks to the REGO officers. I would like to finish by saying thanks to all members.

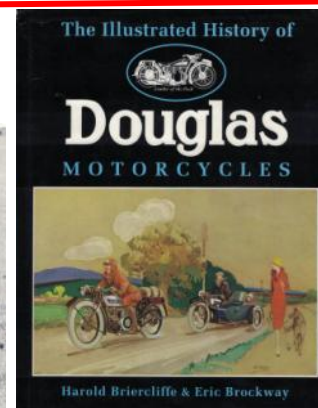
Regards Pat Holt (President)



Books of the month: while travelling, I can't keep my nose out of good shops for secondhand books. I found these 2



books which are now in the club library. Lots of historic photos and stories. Enjoy! RS



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The First of the 'Long Wednesday' Rides - Nov 23; by Noel Edwards

As most of our members know that the first and fourth Wednesday each month is a designated "Classic or ordinary bike ride day" it was decided to make the first ride the shorter of the two (mostly less than 150 kms with, of course, a coffee or drink stop. The second ride (4th Wed each month) the longer ride, this time including a coffee stop with a lunch stop also if you want.

Last Wed in November was our first trial run for a longer ride which I hope everyone enjoyed. Twelve riders left Lismore, apart from three who could not make the longer journey, for the first leg to Bonalbo. We met up with



Bonalbo Mick

Bonalbo Mick, duly waiting at the pub with his trusty Norton. No apparent coffee shop in Bonalbo so we continued on to Woodenbong, Members who were aware of the road conditions chose their most comfortable riding machine which I may add was much needed in some parts of this road.

An excellent coffee shop in Woodenbong provided us all with the refreshments we needed. Must have been ok as a police drug squad was just finishing being there.

The next leg was along that beautiful road to Kyogle. The group of ten who had started out was reduced to five for a pub lunch stop at Kyogle. The last leg was mostly just returning to Lismore or where ever.

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Merc 300SL and Austin Healey 100S (I once owned one!! :(from the Autoclassica in Melbourne

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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 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 Organiser. 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. .