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 (see page 11)



Classic Torque

Presidents Report - February 2017

Hello everyone, I hope you had a great break and you were able to spend some quality time with your loved ones. It is humbling to be elected to head this club in 2017 and I am grateful to members for placing your trust in me to carry on this important role. I will do my best to maintain the high standards set in the past.

The monthly "Classic Bike Ride" will be back in 2017, as a trial, and with a slightly different format. Check out the Club's events page for details. It might need a bit of tweaking but let's try to get some of the older classic bikes and riders out on the road.

I am also keen to have a more of a family focus at some of our rides and events in 2017. I'd welcome your thoughts and ideas.

A very big "THANK YOU" goes out to all the members who volunteer their time and skills to coordinate our public events that raise the profile of classic motorcycling or produce a newsletter for you to read or enable you to eat a meal at a club function or organise and lead our rides as well as ensuring that our club remains compliant with our legislative responsibilities. There are a multitude of jobs that are done seamlessly by members in the background throughout the year. Without these people giving so much our club would fail to exist so if they ask for help in 2017 please assist them as much as you can.

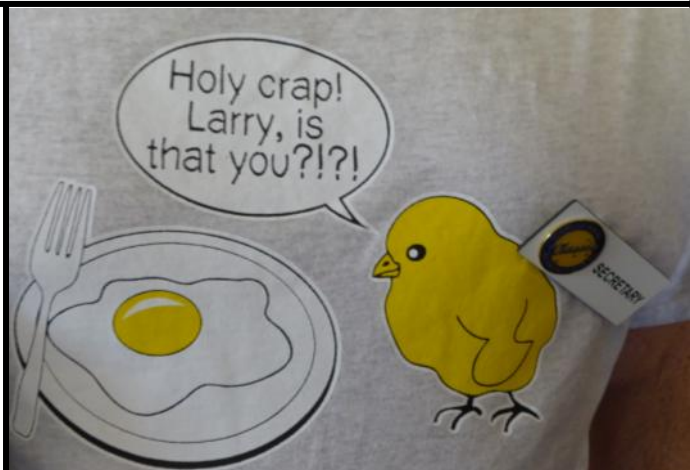
Very much looking forward to 2017. Take care and stay safe. Neil Williams



Payment of membership fees details are given on page 11 of this newsletter

Following the Annual General Meeting in December 2016, many club official positions have changed and a new position of Club Membership Officer has been instigated to take some of the load off the secretary.

The positions are detailed in the NRCMCC Officials contact list on Page 11 of the newsletter.

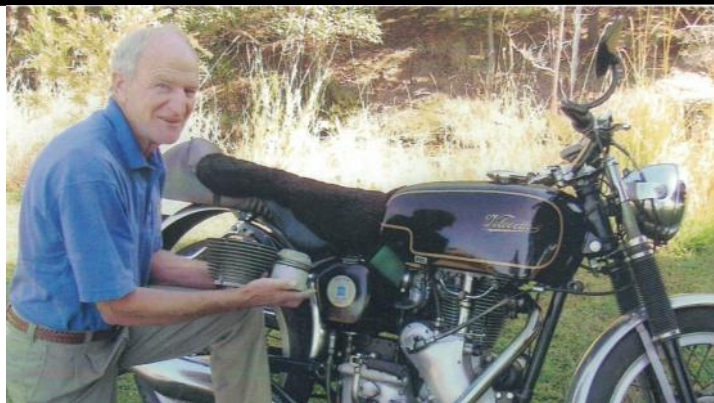


Seen at the Christmas party....

Peter Small sent this letter to the club in response to his acceptance as a Life Member: -

Thank you members:

I am writing to thank members for accepting me as a life member; I'm the oldest riding member and always have been; I would prefer to be youngest, but -Good Luck!. Many members would not know me- my fault as I do not attend club meetings anymore. As you would know. I prefer not to ride at night; I've never driven, always ridden to our meetings. In the early days on the Velo or Vincent and in later times on the Hesketh or Rotary Norton. Electric leg, yes, it helps as I am running out of good knees. The Vincent was always a large lump to start. I purchased the second Hesketh in 1983 and a new Hesketh that Mick Broom, former engineer for Hesketh, made for me. We used to stay with Mick and Di when we were in the UK and became good friends. He was a very talented design engineer and was a nice bloke and his workshop was at Lord Hesketh's. The rotary Norton was purchased direct from the works; the first to be sold to the public.



Just a bit about our great club: As a foundation member, Judy and myself were very involved with our club for many years. The late Alec Marsh was our first president: sadly it's not possible to thank him, but it was his idea to form a local classic motorcycle club. The Marsh family members were great friends as well as motorcycle enthusiasts. For many years we were a small club regarding membership. As we know the club now has a large membership. Sadly modern day regulation (red tape) has caused problems. Us oldies sometimes live in the past, and why not?

“The Over the Hill Run” – Many years ago the Marsh family, Judy and myself, and sometimes our son and daughter-in-law rode or drove to Cooma for Ross and Pauline Johnson's five day Alpine Run staying in a different small town each night. The alpine scenery is always special and the roads seemed built for classic motorcycles. We did this for many years and some years later we were joined by other members of our club. Sadly this run is history but we decided a similar run up our way would be of interest and we called it ‘The Over the Hill Run’. As we know this run is a success. Thanks to Bryson and Tony, members are still enjoying this special event.

If you ever considered why club meetings are on the second Tuesday, blame me. However that is another story. Thanking you all for accepting me as a life member. I will not be a financial burden so will still pay my membership fees.

Wishing you all a special 2017

Best regards, Peter Small

2016 Christmas Party.

For 2016, the club decided to focus on a Christmas party for all members - no registration or membership updates or fee payments - so that all members could enjoy the function. And it worked very well!

Thanks to all those who cooked at the BBQ and provided the food - it was very impressive and much enjoyed!

The major raffle prizes, the three hampers filled with donated goods by members, were won by Jack McIntosh, John Café and Lyn Stratton. We hope you enjoyed them over the Christmas season.

We missed 2 of our club stalwart cooks, Tony and Lina Kempnich; with Lina stuck in Hospital in NZ following an accident on a motorbike when a car collided with their bike. Lina suffered a broken leg which kept them in NZ.

Lina is now recovering well at home. Best wishes for a rapid recovery from us all!





Pictures of the 2016 Christmas party at Clunes hall:

Previous page: Most of the crowd, but some were outside cooking, some in the kitchen and some outside just talking. **Top Left:** Some of the food available; **Top Centre:** The motorcycle Mayor of Kyogle - Jack McIntosh with one hamper **Top Right:** John Café looking very anticipatory over his hamper win. **Bottom Right:** Our other hamper winner, Lyn Stratton with David, our now ex raffle man. **Bottom Centre:** Our editor (me) with a singularly appropriate bottle of red (see insert) **Bottom Left:** Some of our volunteer BBQ experts.



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Wednesday Runs - Peter Lake

December 7th - Ride to Evans Head Riverside cafe.

In overcast weather 5 riders prepared to leave Lismore when a Velo rider truned up 10 minutes late. He told us he was still working on it at 8am!

We left for a 1 hour ride down to Evans head and, yes, the Velo made it, and in fact passed me on the way home! No rain, so a good ride for all.

Sunday Ride - December 18th to the Club Christmas party

I have no info on this ride but here are a few pics taken at the Blue Kitchen Café before the riders left. They eventually ended up at the Clunes Hall.



Left: Which one is Grommit? And where is the ladder?

NRCMCC support for local organisations -

Lina Kempnich and Karen Jennison handing over a cheque for \$1000 from the 2016 NRCMCC rally to the Ward nurse at the Lismore Oncology unit



And a message from Lina:

Hi everyone and Thank You to all those members for your enquiries, get well wishes, flowers, CHOCOLATES and other treats in the days on returning home from our trip to New Zealand. My lower leg is slowly mending and Drs are pleased with progress. Many Thanks Lina and Tony Kempnich xox

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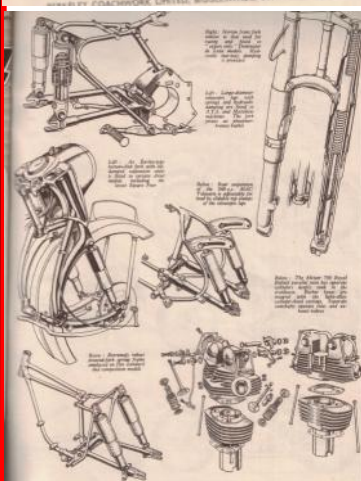
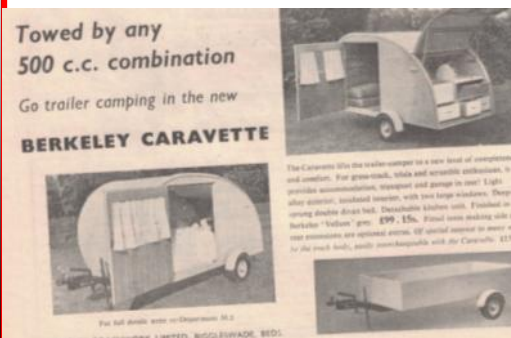
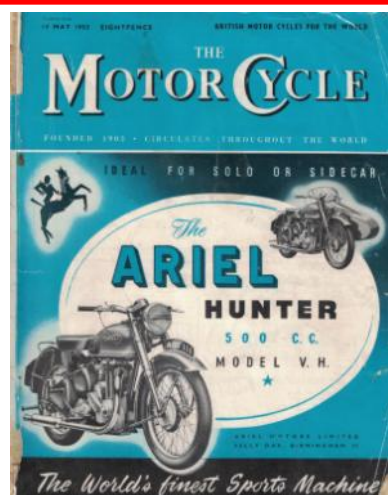
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Book of the month:

Actually it's a magazine! 'The Motorcycle' Founded in 1903, and this copy recently given to me is May 1953- printed 50 years after the magazine started, and now this copy is 54 years old on top of that!

The Featured bike is a 500cc Ariel Hunter VH, 'ideal for solo or sidecar'. Ads for 'caravettes', 'BSA A10 for 178 pounds! And a collection of pics of all the British motorcycles available. There are a few pages of my favourite 'ghost' drawings of suspensions and engines. Most bikes in the magazine have swing arms, but there are still ads for Triumph sprung hubs and other plunger rear ends. Mostly B&W, but a few colour pages are given to advertisements (that's what pays for



them!)
Trials and racing (solo and sidecar) coverage, and an article on a Benelli semi-radial four cylinder engine, a sort of BMW - Moto Guzzi combined!! I wonder what happened to it?

Also a very interesting article on the benefit of secondary roads - bumper to bumper on the main roads, so get onto the side roads and have fun riding!

An ad for a screen with folding hood is challenging - apparently the 'hood' is attached to the top of the screen and folds down when its not raining!! No wonder it has braces going down to the headlamp bolts.



This magazine is my own, but I will lend it to careful club members. Editor.

While on the topic of books - the club now has over 250 motorcycle books of all sorts, some specializing in one make; a collection of manuals, and a mass of historic bike magazines. You can look up the collection on the club website - search for author or marque. If you want info on a Francis Barnett, search under 'marque' for it. The catalogue will bring up all books and manuals on that marque. There are also a lot of more general books on motorcycle history, racing, etc. These are listed under 'various' in the marque listing. Cheers, Librarian

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The Dakar Rally 2017

I have always faithfully followed the Dakar Rally - a motorcycle, quad bike, car (various types) and truck extravaganza!

This year was no different, and we Aussies hoped that Toby Price could win for the second time. But it was not to be. Riding at 180kph in loose sand and mud is a risky business and Toby was way ahead of the others when he had a crash and broke his leg. Nevertheless the other Australians did well.

If you haven't watched the rally and want to see what its about, go to your computer (or your mates computer) and bring up 'SBS on demand'. Search through the programs ('sport' is a help) until you find the Dakar 2017. There are a group of half hour videos.

Unbelievable action!! Trucks leaping into the air as they reach the crest of a sand dune, cars literally flying! Great plumes of spray as bike and cars and trucks fly through puddles and causeways.



This year the heat was incredible with organisers struggling to keep fluid up to competitors, and the weather didn't make it any easier - one day was abandoned because drenching rain made the route absolutely impassible - and given what the tracks are like usually, that really means

something!

The sight of a massive 4WD truck buried in mud up to the chassis - or buried in Fesch fesch (a very light soft bottomless sand) is gobsmacking - especially when the 'rescuer' truck ends up bogged too!! You don't need a shovel - you need an excavator!

Another day was completely re routed because a massive mud slide had wiped out the route - and the organisers did what they could to help the residents of a town engulfed by the mud.



Toby before his crash



The KTM team - minus Toby - still managed to win the motorcycle class, although Honda would have won if they hadn't incurred a one hour penalty for illegal refueling in a stage.

The car (buggy section) was won in a Peugeot by Stephan Peterhansel

(nicknamed 'Mr Dakar'), his 13 win!! The trucks won by Russia. If you haven't watched it - I highly recommend it. It certainly puts the nervous nellyes on gravel roads to shame!! Ed

Adrien Van Beveren says hello at 180km/h!



Fesch fesch!



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.

Please contact the editor - details on the 'Club officials' list on the last page of the newsletter. Unless otherwise arranged, advertisements will be maintained for two issues.

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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.

I won't be renewing my subscription, but if anyone else in the club is prepared to pass on their issues after they have read them, I will continue to add them to the club collection.

WANTED - Project motorcycle - Anything from 350 to 500 cc either Twin or Single Cylinder Japanese 4 Stroke. Condition not important but prefer motor running. Don't require complete Bike but prefer to at least have Wheels, Frame and Tank. Required to Make cheap Dirt Drag Bike. Please contact Barry McDonald - 0427244358 or E Mail "sales@brmns.com.au"



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NRCMC Club Events



**Club run each month on the Sunday after the meeting.
Classic (pre 1987) run first Sunday of the month**

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.

February 5- Classic bike ride; Blue Kitchen café > Neil Williams 0418 242 044 - \$20 voucher for oldest bike and rider combo for each classic run

Feb 14 - Club meeting

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

March 4 - first aid for m'cycles; 0408 956 435 Or book online (see club website - 'events')

March 5 - Classic ride; Neil Williams 0418 242 044

March 14 - Club meeting

March 19 - NRCMCC Show and Shine @Alstonville plaza 0800 - 1300

April 2 - Classic Ride - Neil Williams 0418 242 044

April 11 - Club meeting

April 30 - May 5 - Over the Hill Run, Contact Tony Kempnich 6628 1806

Upcoming Rallies & Events Organised by other Clubs

March 19 - Black Dog Ride from Treehouse 25 childe St Byron bay - check in and Breakfast. Contact Bill Rodgers contact byronbay@blackdogride.com.au

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON: 13th December 2016 START: 8:35 pm

WELCOME:

Welcome by President. Special welcome to the life members present at this meeting.
Meeting attended by **52** members **0** visitors and **9** apologies as per the attendance sheet

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

- read to members ACCEPTED: Mary Walker SECOND: Peter Lake

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

NIL

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

- Notice of expulsion letter served on NRCMCC member
- Email to LJ Hooker Alstonville confirming carpark booking for the 2017 Show & Shine
- Notification to members of additional general meeting to be held 13th December 2016 to hear his appeal against expulsion

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Club Newsletters: Newcastle Vintage Motorcycle Club , Grafton Vintage Motor Vehicle Club, HMCCQ Newsletter (*See Club Events Page for invitation details*)
- Receipt from cancer ward for club's \$1000 donation
- Notification from NRCMCC member that he wishes to appeal his expulsion
- Email response from LJ Hooker confirming the carpark is again booked in 2017 for the Show & Shine

TREASURERS REPORT: – presented to members by President- ACCEPTED: Mary Walker SECOND: Peter Lake

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 2 new members. 4 applications on hold. (148 members)
- life members Tony and Lina Kempnich were in an accident in NZ recently. Lina has a broken leg and Tony is very sore and bruised. Both expected to return to Aus soon. The club wishes them all the best.
- Motion was put that 2016 membership be extended till the 28th February 2017 due to the treasurer being overseas.
Proposed John Mazzer Seconded Mary Walker
Motion voted on and passed unanimously. 2016 membership will now expire on the 28th February 2017
- 2017 bill for the booking of the hall was handed to Bryson for follow up and payment

THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CLUB:

- No report

REPORT BY REGISTRATION OFFICERS:

- No report

REPORT ON CLUB RUNS:

- 27-Nov-2016 - 2016 CLUB REGO DAY The Blue Kitchen Cafe, South Lismore.

outstanding day and a huuuge success with a lot of members just turning up for a yarn as well as those who brought their bikes in for inspection

- 04-Dec-2016 Xmas Party at Clunes hall Brunch
good turnout with about 72 people attending. It was good to see some members had brought their grandchildren to the event.
- 04-Dec-2016 Annual XmasToy Run was held before the NRCMCC Christmas party and some of our members combined the two events

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

Pat holt thanked Peter Lake for all the work that he has done in coordinating the club's rides.

Pat also thanked Neil Williams and Col McAndrew for all their hard work and leadership in their roles of secretary and president in 2016

BUSINESS ARISING FOR NEXT MEETING: NIL

MEETING CLOSED: 9:00 pm



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Summary of the MINUTES OF NRCMCC 2016 AGM HELD ON: 13th December 2016 START: 9:05 pm

Attended by 45 members with 11 apologies as per the attendance sheet

Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous NRCMCC Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 8th December, 2015

ACCEPTED: Mary Walker SECOND: Richard Swinton

Financial statement of the NRCMCC presented to the members present under the Incorporation Act 2010 by President

ACCEPTED: Peter Harvey SECOND: Doug Foskey

Review of current NRCMCC membership ceiling.

General discussions about the current membership ceiling of 150.

Proposal put to increase the membership ceiling to 170

Amendment to this that the ceiling be reviewed every 3 months at a general meeting..Amendment was rejected by the meeting

Proposal to increase the membership ceiling to 170 was carried.

Determination of NRCMCC membership fees for 2017.

Proposal was put to the floor for a vote and the proposal to keep the membership fee to \$40 – single and \$60 – dual was carried.

Appointment of new NRCMCC Life Members – proposed by the committee

New life members are

- 1) Peter Small
- 2) Peter Lake

Congratulations to both of our new Life Members

Election of club officials:

Pat Holt declared all positions vacant and vacated the chair. Peter Harvey took over as returning officer.

PRESIDENT:

Vote was held and Neil Williams declared as 2017 PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT:

Mary Walker declared as 2017 VICE PRESIDENT

SECRETARY:

Position was not filled at AGM.

Secretary position declared a casual position to be filled by the committee in accordance with the constitution

(This position is now filled by David Bonhote-mead – thank you David)

TREASURER

:Marc Jennison declared as 2017 TREASURER

COMMITTEE MEMBER :

Bryson Walker declared as 2017 COMMITTEE MEMBER

COMMITTEE MEMBER :

Tony Kernich declared as 2017 COMMITTEE MEMBER

COMMITTEE MEMBER :

Lyn Stratton declared as 2017 COMMITTEE MEMBER

Congratulations extended to the 2017 NRCMCC officials.

Due to the lateness of the evening the returning officer advised those present that appointments to non elected NRCMCC positions would be held over for committee consideration and recommendation to be given at a general meeting of the Club.

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Club membership renewals for 2017.



Fees for 2017 are: single person membership \$40, dual membership \$60

There is now a **Membership officer** in the club with responsibilities for keeping track of membership and activities attended. Alan Stratton has taken on this position;

Application for membership renewal forms have already been widely distributed and also available in the February Club Newsletter by hard copy distribution for those without digital access, or on the club website (www.nrcmcc.org) under the 'membership info' heading.

Alternatively you can collect a form at the February or March 2017 club meetings. As per the Club rules, a fully completed form is required for a membership renewal to be valid. If in doubt please ask.

Please remember that members have only until the March 2017 meeting before your membership lapses and you are no longer a club member and this will mean your historic bikes will be unregistered.

Members can pay membership fees by one of the 3 methods below:

Method 1. At a meeting

Give the Membership Secretary your completed application for membership renewal form and the Treasurer your fee (cash, cheque or money order) at the February or March meetings.

Method 2. Snail Mail

Post a completed application for membership renewal along with a cheque/money order (NOT cash) to the club's PO box address – NRCMCC Inc, PO Box 7058, Lismore Heights NSW 2480.

Method 3. On line.

Complete an application for membership renewal, scan the completed form on your printer/scanner to create a pdf or jpg file, then email the file to the club Membership Secretary, Alan Stratton, at: members@nrcmcc.org

Then direct deposit your membership fee to the club's account at the Greater Bank: **Don't forget your reference!**
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David Bonhote-mead; Lyn Stratton; Dieter Opfer ; Tony Kempnich ; John Mazzer ; Peter Lake ;

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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. .

