

# Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc.

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(see page 11)



**May  
2017**

## Classic Torque



### VALE

#### Jack Ahearn - motorcycle champion

October 8th, 1924 - 10th April 2017 aged 92

#### Patron of Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club

Members of the club attended Jack's funeral service held on April 18th at the Lismore Crematorium Chapel.

Jack's main motorcycle racer was a Manx Norton, and Bryson Walker contacted Bruce Skuce from the around Ipswich area who contacted Ian Milton, the owner of a Manx Norton, and who brought it down from north of Brisbane to display outside the chapel. Many thanks for this generous gesture.



The Eulogy was given at the funeral by one of Jack's granddaughters, Meg Kelly, and is presented here with her permission because it gives an excellent picture of Jack and his life.

#### Eulogy to Jack Ahearn

Thank you to everybody that has attended the service today to celebrate the life of my grandfather Jack Jerome Ahearn.

As some of you may already know he was a man of greatness, he achieved a lot in his 92 years with us. We were always determined Jack would make it to 100 so he could get his letter from the queen but I think his stubbornness to avoid that letter prevailed.

One thing for certain he would reminisce, smile and say "I've had a good long life, 30 years of racing and a 60-year marriage. It's been a good innings."

Jack's amazing life began on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 1924 in Bondi, Sydney to parent's Belle & Hal and older sibling to sister Coral. Jack was blessed with parents of many talents. Belle was involved in arts and ballet productions thus teaching poppa confidence in front of crowds and excellent balance skills that we have seen throughout his career



Growing up in the depression era in Bondi meant that Jack's only toy was an old cigarette tin with a rock in it. That cherished cigarette tin was a blessing in disguise, it taught Jack gratitude, resilience and resulted in the hardworking man we remember him as today.

As most of you may already know that much of Jack's career involved some sort of motorised vehicle whether it was an aeroplane, motorcycle or motor vehicle his passion was anything with an engine.

His first achievement in the workforce was in the late 1930's in Lithgow as a carpenter, this occupation did not challenge Jack enough until a new era began when he bought himself a 1930 Triumph motorcycle and began racing it in the local motorcycle club, his love for motorcycles began.



In Jack's early career as you can see the 3 trophies displayed today he won the junior race, senior race and open race making it a clean sweep. With this confidence in the beginning of his career he was unstoppable.

He soon realised that he could avoid working a standard job and pursue a career in sport, until the Second World War intervened. In 1942 when Jack joined the Royal Australian Air Force,

Jack would always tell us one particular story of his time in the Air Force that for amusement he would have target practice shooting the Yanks fishing boats and that his yearning to fly one particular plane, the Spitfire was not

accomplished.

During the war he was paid cigarettes as part of his wage and thus another lifelong commitment began.

When the Second World War ended, Jack returned to motorcycle racing again in 1946.

With all of Jack's sporting achievements during his career where do I start? Over Jack's career in Australia he rose up through the gradings and had more than 200 wins across Australia. This included eight national championships and 20 state titles he was then chosen to represent Australia internationally in 1954.

For the next 10 years Jack spent half of the year abroad fulfilling his dream career, a loving wife by his side and making easy money he was in paradise. He would spend weeks lying on the ship's deck sipping Coca-Cola and sunbathing, arrive in the UK with his Bedford van stocked up on what he called essentials, cigarettes, baked beans and more Coca-Cola and travel to a different country every week to race his trusted 350cc and 500cc Norton's, he had faith in his Norton motorcycle.

Representing Australia meant racing at the world's most famous and dangerous circuit the public-roads Isle of Man TT.

Jack was fulfilling his dream, he had created a lifestyle based around racing the Isle of Man, never one to back down for a challenge, always a determined man that had the courage to master



the most dangerous circuit making him a confident threat the motorcycle racing circuit. His best TT result was when he came fourth in the 1966 350cc Junior.

Then in 1964 Jack came second in the world 500cc Grand Prix championship, but he believed that he wasn't a world champion not one to boast but educate the safety and confidence he had mastered through his career to achieve the amazing results.

There are countless cups, sashes and plaques for wins and podiums across the Australian and European circuit Until his retirement in 1966. The story of Jack Ahearn is one you won't hear in the modern era of motorcycle racing. Paying his own way and playing the roles of both rider and mechanic.

His achievements continued even after he retired, In 2001 he was awarded the Australian Sports Medal for his achievements.

In 2008 Jack was inducted into the Lithgow sporting hall of fame for the legend category and in 2016 Jack was inducted into the Australian Motor cycle news (AMNC) sporting hall of fame.

But he didn't achieve all of his success on his own, In 1955 Jack married the love of his life, Betty who travelled alongside of him and remained happily married for 58 years. This was a blessing to witness, they had an amazing relationship together until Betty's passing 4 years ago, as we are now saying our last farewell to Jack, 4 years to the day we said our final goodbyes to Betty in this same chapel.



Jack and Betty had 2 lovely daughters Vickie and Julia who they cherished and adored. As a father, he was often happiest when left to his own devices, whether it was buying cars or motorcycles, or fixing car parts or motorcycles this was a true talent.

Jack went on to open a motorcycle shop in the inner-west of Sydney. But after Jack found the city lifestyle too hectic for a family with teenagers the family moved to Northern NSW where Jack has lived ever since.

Since the passing of Betty, Jack has had adjusted to life without her which sadly took some time and then after the passing of their beloved dog scruffy Jack believed he was ready to depart this world Remaining adamant he doesn't want to reach 100.

Jack was a man of many talents, with a huge heart and determination. His passion for racing continued throughout his life he lost his drivers licence at 92 and the devastation of the freedom he felt from jumping in the car and driving for a short distance or for hours the passion of driving, the relaxing engine noises and the reminiscing of the good days kept Jack a content man.

Once again thank you all for coming to celebrate Jack's well lived life, he would be grateful for every person that is present here today.



## Presidents Report - May 2017

Hi all,

It's been an eventful month with major weather events and the passing of our club patron, Jack Ahearn and also Greg Larson who was one of our members. At Jack's funeral the family showed a slideshow of snapshots from his life. It struck me just how much he had achieved and how much enthusiasm he had for life and the motorcycling lifestyle.

I recently attended the Vintage Motorcycle Club of Australia rally in Bathurst with 3 other NRCMCC members. It was interesting to see how many of the attendees were of mature years and how positive and enthusiastic they also were about life. All the small things in life seemed to fade away when the commonality of motorcycling was shared and enjoyed. Laughter became the order of the day and a common bond was clearly visible regardless of bike make or capacity. (even old 250cc Hondas were regularly drawing in the curious). I don't know whether motorcycles draw a certain type of person or motorcycling makes a certain type of person but it is the common thread that puts so much joy onto our lives. However, sometimes, the demands of life can get in the way and it's easy to forget to enjoy the time we have on this planet. I hope you can forget about all the demands that are made of you each week and that you can find time to get out for a ride and enjoy the wind in your face soon. Hope to see you at the Classic Bike Ride. Regards Neil Williams



## AMC Rally at Boonah

Four NRCMCC members along with their wives attended the 2017 AMC Rally at Boonah in Queensland on the first weekend in April. The rally was organised by the Historic Motorcycle Club of Qld and like most of their events, it was a well run and organised week-end. The rally was for all bikes made under the AMC umbrella so we saw plenty of AJS, Matchless and Norton bikes, along with one Sun-



beam but unfortunately no James or Francis Barnett's. There was also one Indian (he said he thought the AM part stood for American Motorcycles) and a nice mix of other British bikes like Ariel, BSA, Triumph and two Velocette's including our Dougie Hampson on his Velocette Mac. They seem to like a ride in Qld so the Friday run was a pleasant 100km run in the afternoon around the local area. The main run on Saturday was a 200km run back into NSW and the Sunday run was another 140km run around this very picturesque area of inland SE Queensland. The base for the weekend was the Boonah showground where the HMCofQ hosted, catered and ran the event from. For our part, it was great all being in this camping ground, all eating and

chatting together and the low key, back to basics approach suited us well. Unfortunately, there may not be a 2018 event but we will watch this space. Our thanks to the organisers for what we thought was a fantastic motorcycling weekend on classic British motorcycles.

Michael Smith



## Sunday ride to the Moo Moo cafe

Being a nice fine and clear day was a perfect choice for the club run for the 12 or so riders setting out from Lismore. Our ride leader, Peter led us along the Nimbin road (dodging quite a few pot holes) to the Kyogle- Uki road. At the Sphinx Cafe we were joined by Kyogle Jack and then travelled on to Uki. The road alongside the creeks was much eroded in places and we were very mindful how easy it would be to be caught out in the many washout parts or potholes so everyone rode along very gently. The flooding of the area through to Stokers Siding also was still very evident.

The Burringbar Range, always enjoyed by all motorcyclists was a relief as the surface was in pristine condition. Wouldn't it be great if the 80km restriction was removed?

Arriving at Mooball we were greeted by some further members who had travelled from Tweed Heads and Mullumbimby. After a good coffee and social "talk" most of us returned back the same way we came. The journey being approx 180 kms. We all will be looking forward to the next club ride.

Noel E.



Isn't this an ideal colour scheme for a Ducati ?? ... at Mooball 16/4/17

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**25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017.**

At the meet we will be featuring significant and interesting motorcycles.

Amongst others we have an early Harley Davidson 8 valve, an early Indian 8 valve, a 1917 1,000 cc V-Twin Excelsior and a 1957 Manx Norton currently coming along.



Do you have something special that you would like to share? Let us know so we can add it to the motorcycles featured on the Sunday.  
 Contact Tony Blain on 0419 229 605.

Please circulate this email and the attached entry form to your members and any other enthusiasts interested in motorcycles 35 years old and older.

Website : [www.amcaaustralia.org](http://www.amcaaustralia.org)

*(You'll have to chase up an entry form on their website - The NRCMCC newsletter won't accept .pdf files)*

## Wednesday Ride, March 22

It was an overcast day so the group decided not to do the long run to Canungra, but to ride to Cawongla instead. We headed up the Nimbin road, but turned off up the Stony chute road to avoid the temptations of the village. We ended up at the Cawongla General Store and cafe where we had excellent coffee. No Rain, a good ride and good company as usual. Peter Lake



A couple of shots from the Mooball run  
 Shots by Dieter Opfer



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 address above with your entry form.

For more information contact  
 Marita on 0418 761 361 / John on 0408 087 601

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**ROYAL ENFIELD**  
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**WATERLOO**

If you are interested in this rally, contact our secretary who can send you an entry form, or contact the rally organisers - details above.

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Apologies for poor quality of poster, only a small data file available

**Email from previous club member in response to Jacks funeral:**

Hi David, Yep what rotten news, but he had a great innings and proudly reckons he never once worked a day in his life for a boss!! You don't get much better than that. I will pass this sad news onto my friends in the Isle of Man who knew him well. I still remember the day I gave Jack my 100 year anniversary IOM TT hat as he reckoned he actually never had an IOM hat but only had a few trophies etc!!! What a lad. Andy Genders  
 (photo of Jack in Marshalls outfit on page 3 by Andy Genders)



The early starters for the Easter Monday Ride:  
 Good to see the opportunity grabbed for an extra ride.

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**For Sale:** BMW boxer, built as a special based on a /6 frame , 1982 boxer engine (800cc?) nikasil bores; non BMW front end with Lockheed dual discs, large fuel tank, Krauser heads. Bike has been in storage for a while - heads off, pistons seized. \$4000 negotiable. Contact Nick Howland 0401825 111.

**For Sale:**

I am wanting to sell my 1971 Bonneville - Two owners, only one ever rider. I have had bike for 5 years all wrapped up Previous owner had not ridden it for 10 years. I'm selling my home and can't take the bike with me. Hoping an enthusiast member may be interested. Cheers Cameron Wallace [0414966757](tel:0414966757)

**Advice Wanted re Triumphs:**

I am in the process of helping my brother restore our fathers original 1966 Thunderbird. It was a police bike that was used in Tweed Heads in 60's which was ridden by my uncle whilst in service with the department, then purchased by my father. As you can appreciate it has a lot of sentimental value to us. I was hoping to get some help from your triumph gurus on where to source parts, both locally and or internationally since, whilst it was in storage at one of my fathers friends garage, some items were stolen from it such as all the dressings badges, motifs, crashbars, police paniers etc etc.

Any advice, help, or just contact with you Trumpy minded members would be greatly appreciated.


Kind regards Peter Browning [1972sootty@gmail.com](mailto:1972sootty@gmail.com)

**Advice and parts wanted re Kawasaki:**

Hi, I live in Lismore and have just acquired a 1974 Kawasaki MC1 90cc 2 stroke. I was intending on restoring it (with some minor customising) and putting it on the road for a bit of fun. I was wondering if you knew anyone who has one of these (or similar - KD80, KD100 etc.). If I'm unable to find parts, I may have to abandon it and look for another project.

Your help is much appreciated. Once I get the bike going, I'd love to join you guys on some rides.

Regards, Matt Crosthwaite, 0474 943 764 [mistermatt1974@gmail.com](mailto:mistermatt1974@gmail.com)



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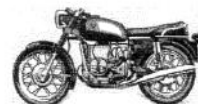
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**Club run each month on the Sunday after the meeting.  
Classic (pre 1987) run first Sunday of the month**

**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. (Note: More details on rides are on club website)**

**May 7 - Classics Ride Leaving the Blue Kitchen Cafe 8.30am;** Aim is get as many sidecars as possible on this run, so if you have one, dust it off and bring it with a friend. Destination to be set by oldest bike and rider.

**May 9 - Club meeting at Clunes Hall 7:30pm**

**May 14 - Red Rattlers Gallery, Murwillumbah**

**June 4 - Classics ride leaving Blue Kitchen cafe**

**June 18 - Tiddlers and two-ies run to Casino**

**CHECK WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO ON UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

**May 5 - 7 - 'Heart of the Hunter Rally, Singleton Motorcycle club - entry form on NRCMCC website or contact rally secretary 02 6573 1050**

**May 19 - 21 - Queensland British makes rally (see poster, page 6 in this newsletter)**

**May 19 - 21 - Hunter Valley Norton Owners club Unapproachable Rally. Contact Glen Redman 0401 070 541 reddo952@bigpond.net.au**

**May 21 - Kempsey Swap Meet at Warwick Park Race course. Info on NRMCC website**

**May 26 - 28 - Sawtell Rally - contact Rob Popplewell 6653 4532, 0402 825 924**

**June 2 - 5 Wintersun 2.0, Murwillumbah. Cars and bikes festival**

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

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"Hi, Sweetheart, Its Sue, I'm on the train" -

"Yes, I know it's the 6:30 and not the 4:30, but I had a long meeting" -

"No, honey, not with Kevin from the accounting office. It was with the boss". -

"No sweetheart, you're the only one in my life" -

"Yes, I'm sure, cross my heart!"

Fifteen minutes later, she was still talking loudly when the man sitting next to her had had enough. He leaned over and said into her phone -

"Sue, hang up the phone and come back to bed"

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**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON: 11<sup>th</sup> April START: 7.35 pm**

Mary Walker chairing meeting as Neil is away

Mary informed members of the passing of Jack Ahearn, a minutes silence was held

**WELCOME:** by VP. and special welcome to the life members present

Meeting attended by **33** members **3** visitors and apologies as per the attendance sheet

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** - read to members Moved, Seconded + accepted

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

\* Message from president was read ... " As discussed at the last meeting, the President has made enquiries of the Club's insurer about members signing an acknowledgement of risk waiver as spelt out in the insurance policy. Feedback from the insurers is that the acknowledgement of risk waiver is required to be signed in order to be covered. The committee will meet to develop and put a draft clause to the insurers for review and approval. To be continued."

\* RE : Donation to Lismore hospital Cancer patients, Peter Harvey suggested that we could add to our \$1000 original donation + monies raised from S+S, our intention then was to buy a 'I Med' unit \$1800 and instead, now take addition funds from Club bank fund to top up and buy a new 'Breathing Unit' approx. price \$6000 "... General discussion.. comments .. money in bank ..what's the point, not being used, and one day one of us might be in need .. Peter moved a motion to use additional club funds for the breathing unit. Passed unanimously

RE: returning of Club membership forms, Mary Walker said it was necessary that they are filled out correctly, so as to give the club, up to date information, which is a requirement for Dep't of Fair Trading.

Also noted was M'ship forms returned to the Club Registration officer Alan Stratton had had unfriendly & rude comments written on them, general discussion but no action to be taken as yet.

**CORRESPONDENCE OUT: Nil**

**CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

Rallies ... 4<sup>th</sup> Qld. British Rally

Club Newsletters . Grafton, Queensland HMCC, Newcastle MCC, Tweed heads

**TREASURERS REPORT:** - presented- Moved, seconded & accepted

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

1\*. Jack Ahearn...Funeral details were given for 18<sup>th</sup> April

11.00am Service at Lismore Crematorium 12.00 Reception at Sports club Oliver Ave.

Members spoke of Jack, his life and achievements.

Mary said for members attending to wear the club T shirt and for those on bikes it would be noted in the Club Day book, Nortons being the preferred bike for the day.

Mary suggested that \$100 be given to help cover the trailer costs of a Manx Norton being trailered to the funeral, motion moved Peter Lake Seconded { Eric Wilson} + accepted .

2\* Col Mc Andrew s email was read .Col being away

I request that the following be read to the Members attending that Meeting and be recorded in the minutes.

I asked the Newsletter Editor to include my comments following the recent Show at Alstonville. I asked that he include " The organiser was very disappointed that only 26% of Club Members bothered to attend this event."

52 Entries this year compared to 84 last year. It is extremely embarrassing to promote an Event and encourage the public to come along and see their disappointment as to what was on offer.

The Editor chose not to include this, but to add "numbers were down due to the postponement & weather." The fact is that some Members attended the postponed event because they couldn't make it to the original date. This balances out with the dates suiting some and not others.

This Show is now one of **only two Classic Events** left on our **CLASSIC** Club's Calendar. The other is the Annual Rally and I have grave concerns that this will be a successful event due to Members' attitudes.

All other Club Events have been highjacked by modern bikes including the Annual "Over The Hill" which is now structured to exclude all but the later model faster Classic bikes.

TIME for a MAJOR RETHINK or accept the direction the Club is heading and remove the word CLASSIC from our Club Name?

General Discussion - Richard Swinton said he had interpreted Cols S+S report as a Statement of Opinion, and has since apologized to him for this misunderstanding . General discussion followed, Peter Harvey said he was disappointed with the numbers, Mary Walker noted there many more helper s there for setup , trailer BBQ. It was suggested that the Secretary write to Col thanking him , Nancy and all the S+S committee for organizing the day,, It being felt that it was a great day for those there.

3\* Richard Swinton moved a motion the club give a \$1000 Donation to Lismore flood Appeal. Seconded by Noel Edwards ....General Discussion , it was felt to be an uncontrolled donation , and better to target our donation to the 'breathing unit' .. Richard said a lot of houses were not insured due to the high cost of premiums , Bryson commented on the damage situation at Ongmac ....the motion was defeated.

4\*Bryson Walker reported that the clubs bike trailer now has a mesh floor (Minutes Continued over page)



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**(Minutes continued)**

- 5\* Raffle organizer John Mazzer asked members to give prize donations noting 'Rocky creek designs' are going to give prizes for the next 12 months
- 6\* Richard Swinton advised that 'Northern Rider ' magazine will not be able to print the clubs newsletter anymore, and he was looking else where for printing.
- 7\* 2017 Rally Committee , Mary Walker said more club members needed to get involved in the running and helping for the 2017 Rally . noting visitors outnumber those attending from our club. Still looking for Rally director.
- 8\* Richard Swinton said the club library has 3 new books
- 9\* Over the Hill Rally - Tony Kemplick said this year there will be some international visitors attending.

**THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CLUB:**

With Bryson Walker

Anzac day .. some of club members bikes were used in Anzac day ceremonies , he talked of the charge of Passchendaele , and how the Clunes hall would have seen many local men gathered here before going on to WW1

**REPORT BY REGISTRATION OFFICERS: non**

**REPORT ON CLUB RUNS:**

Tony & Lina attended AMC Rally 8 attended from this club ..  
Peter lake attended HMCC of QLD Ray Owen show and Swap  
Peter Lake Wed ride to Cawongla

**NEXT CLUB RUNS:**

Peter Lake - Easter Sunday Ride to Moomoo café leaving 8.30 Blue Kitchen Café Carpark

**MEETING CLOSED:** 8.55 pm

**Books of the month;**

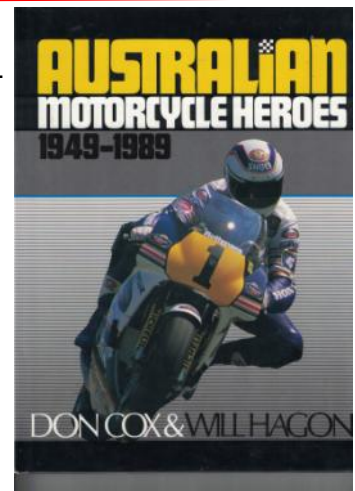
If you wish to follow up on the fascinating story of Jack Ahearn's motorcycle history, there are a number of books and magazines in the club library which include chapters about Jack.

Don Cox's 'Circus Life - Australian motorcycle racers in Europe in the 50s' Library number 200

Don Cox's "Australian Motorcycle Heroes - 1949 - 1989" Library number 216

Jim Scarsbrick's "Old Bike" magazine, issue number 2.

There are many other stories about Jack in other magazines and books in the club library - Go on, Be a devil! Take out a book!. Ed



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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. .