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**July  
2017**

# Classic Torque

## Club Registration day and presentation of the Breathing machine donated to Lismore hospital by NRCMCC



On Sunday, 2 July with lovely sunny weather, a club rego day was held, combined with a presentation for the club to hand over the newly purchased Oxygen Concentration breathing machine to the Lismore hospital through the Cancer Compassionate Fund Inc.

Mark Nash, Danielle Teague and Patrick Fitz-bugden accepted the machine on behalf of the fund. The machine will be made available for mostly lung cancer patients to make their lives more comfortable, and when they no longer need it, it will be passed on to another patient.

The new club flag featured in a shot of the presentation group.

The rego day was well attended but future rego days will probably only extend from 8.30 until midday since no one turned up after lunch.

Thanks to our hardworking secretary who found another job as sausage sizzler extraordinaire. The sausage sangers and tea and coffee was much appreciated, especially by the rego officers. Thanks also to Mary and Bryson Walker who brought the club catering trailer and accessories, and, of course, thanks to the hardworking registration officers who take on quite a responsibility.

At least 15 bikes were registered including a Honda 750-4 which is a new addition to the club historic stable. It was equipped with a homemade, but historic, steering damper which interested members. We do have a wonderful range of historic bikes, diverse in age, marque, and country of origin. Ed





Some shots from the rego day, Showing our catering trailer in action with chef David in charge. Rego officer inspecting carefully New to the club register - Honda 750-4



## Presidents Report

Hi all,

Have you ever done your family history? The first thing you discover is how much important information is no longer available because that person is no longer with us. Once someone is gone they, and all the knowledge that they hold, goes with them. Seems unfair really doesn't it? So much is just known and not spoken about until someone asks the right question. Even then, the answer might not be readily shared.

It's not unlike this club and historic motorcycling in general. There is no doubting that as the club demographics evolve the choice of classic motorcycle also evolves. Newer model bikes join the club and the older bikes tend to get less use than when the bike and rider were younger. I actually reckon the bloke that invented the electric starter motor deserves a medal but that's another story.

We are fortunate to have such a depth of knowledge in our club about over 100 years of classic motorcycles however it too will be lost sooner or later. Whilst we are fortunate to have a comprehensive library, it is all the nuances of model Vs model and year Vs year and restoration traps for that I'd like to see us preserve. For example, is there a certain book that is so much better than others and we can add it to our library? The internet is good but there is no teacher like experience. Years of experience, mistakes and successes are learnt but eventually lost. None of us are as smart as all of us combined. We accumulate a lot of (motorcycling) knowledge over our lifetime. Some are lucky enough to pass this on to their children but sometimes, the children just aren't interested in motorcycles. Just like the older machines are getting rarer, it's a fact that the older riders and their knowledge are getting rarer too.

I'd welcome any suggestions from members about how we can collect and archive our collective "family" wisdom for future generations or if you would prefer to just let the knowledge and wisdom disappear let me know. Ping me an email if you have any thoughts.

Regards Neil Williams



## Editors remarks:

I had a lot of challenges getting this newsletter out, a major one being problems with trying to transfer my files to a new computer since the old laptop, at least 7 years old with a faithful and simple XP program, was no longer up to the task. Windows 10 is a real challenge!

But the other major issue was the total absence of material about club activities. Not a skerrick, Nada, Nuthin'! Fortunately, I was delayed enough to be able to pick up the rego day.

Yes, I know I should attend runs, but with my health issues, I can't ride and I do try at least to get to the start of runs, but I'm dependent on other club members to take a photo or two on your smart phone and email them to me with a paragraph or two. .

If you want a club magazine with club reports and activities; the editor depends on members contributions—ANY MEMBER! You're all listed as sub editors on the officials list!

Terry's 'Over the Hill' report and Dean Marsh's stories were wonderful, Peter Lakes brief Wednesday run reports keep us up to date. You don't have to do much. Even a phone call to dictate a story would help.

How about a potted history of your experience with bikes?? Or a trip to a rally or race meeting you have done, or the best bike you ever owned, or that bike you wished you'd never sold, etc?? Lots of ideas and it would help build the club feeling as we'd get to know you better.

### This brings up another club issue.

We're now more than half way to the club AGM, and continuing membership of the club now requires that you have attended 3 of our club functions during the year—meetings, rally, Wednesday runs, etc.

It is up to you, not the run organizer, to make sure your name is put down as having attended a run, meeting, etc. It's not OK to turn up to pay your membership and argue with the treasurer that you had turned up at such and such a function way back whenever.

As our president notes at the end of his emails

*"Remember that your regular participation in the NRCMCC makes it a better club"*

Non participation (Hangers on) in clubs is a problem even for the most unexpected clubs—this poem was found hanging on the wall of a Hells Angels club!!

RS

## Do You Just Belong?

Are you an active member –  
The kind that would be missed,  
Or are you just contented  
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings  
and mingle with the lot,  
or do you just stay away  
and criticize – and knock?

Do you take an active part  
To help the show along,

Or are you satisfied to be  
The kind that just belong?

Do you ever go and visit  
Or call on a member who is sick,  
Or leave the work to just a few  
And then call them a clique?

Think this over fellow member,  
You know the right from wrong,  
Be an active member  
And do not "just belong"!



### What he did on his Autumn holidays!!

Recently returned from a trip abroad, past President, **Rob Evans**, sent me these photos of his experiences/frustration on the Mediterranean island of Sifnos.

The first picture is of a classic he saw and wanted to ride; and the second, the reality of what he was able to hire! Frustrating, Huh?! Still, he told me the trip was great. Love the riding gear. Ed



### A call to arms for Quilters in the club—or their partners perhaps?

Hello Everyone

Firstly, thank you for the OK to purchase a photocopy machine to print motor bike photos onto fabric for inclusion in our rally quilts.

I realise that most of the club members aren't into quilt making, but we do make a considerable sum of money to donate to the local community, so if you have someone in the family that may like to help on your behalf that would be appreciated. If you are a female member it may be a nice way to get to know some of us quilters. Quilters is a loose term...some of us sew, some make cups of tea, some iron the fabric and some offer ideas for balancing the colours...so there are many ways to join in.

The making of this year's quilt is a bit behind. Everyone has been busy and we have been awaiting the printer, so now we need to make a start. The idea for this year is a border of bike photos, possibly about two thirds of the way out from the centre, the rest of the quilt to be a collection of cotton blocks. We think natural colours - blue, green, brown, beige and red or yellow. The fabric can be plain or geometric, stripes...but please...NO florals. If anyone is keen to help, please sew strips made up of squares, or half square triangles, somewhere between 75-150mm wide (3"-6") and up to 1.5metres in length. We can then have a sewing bee and put it together by joining these strips. If this doesn't make a lot of sense feel free to contact either Karen or Lina by email.

Thanks,

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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.

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

## Book of the Month:

Actually, this is about magazines, mainly older car magazines which a friend has just given me (he was under orders to 'get rid of your junk!')

I started reading through them—'Wheels', 'Car and Driver', 'Road and track' and 'Sporting motorist' - a mixture from Australia, the USA and the UK.

What I find fascinating about these magazines is how our culture has changed. Road tests include comments on the location of ashtrays and cigarette lighters, poor hand signals, the increasing danger of motor racing as speeds exceed 120 mph. 'Are seat belts dangerous?' How much alcohol is dangerous? -the argument being that an alcohol effected good driver is still a safer, better driver than a sober bad driver! Try that argument in court today!

And car prices, both new and secondhand are fascinating. How about a Dodge sedan, in fair condition, only 3 years old—\$900! Or an MG sports, same situation—\$750, but cheaper than the MG sedan at \$900.

A technical article on the White steam car, not what you'd expect today; and a new wonder product from the States—epoxy resin filler for panel repair.

A detailed article on 'Wizard' Smith, so called because of his fame with speed—record runs from Melbourne to Sydney, too fast for the police to apprehend, and the article written with an interview with Wizard!

How about a 'water injector' at only 5 pounds (pre decimal) which claimed a 20% improvement in fuel consumption and 20% increase in power? Actually, I have a design for one prepared for my turbo diesel Peugeot; an unfulfilled project.. Ah well, 'Everything old is new again!!' Ed



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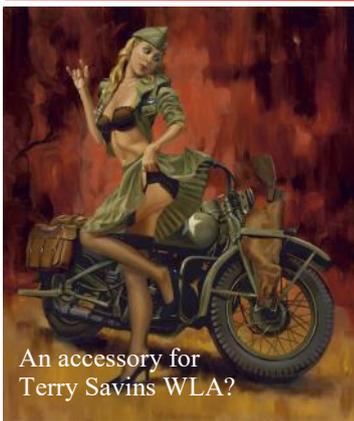
LEFT: this is the Oxygen concentrator that the club donated for use by lung cancer patients. It is about 250mm square X 80mm thick, and comes complete with little trolley and battery and connections for mains power or a car connection allowing patients to travel away from home.

Careful recording by the rego officers



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**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.

### 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)

**From:** James Cooper <[James.Cooper@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:James.Cooper@health.qld.gov.au)>

**Subject: BSA M20 primary cases**

Hi Neil I was wondering if you or any club members had primary covers for a BSA M20  
Thanks, James Cooper (Only an email contact - so, if you have what he wants and you have no email, ask our president or our secretary or a 'connected' friend to pass on the information)

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

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July 16 - Ride to New Italy

July 15—16—Casino Heritage Weekend. Members have been invited to bring historic bikes

August 5-6 - Winter weekend run to Dorrigo - more info later

August 6 NRCMCC Classic motorcycle ride

August 13 run - Cancelled

August 18 -20 - Triples rally, Evans Head, MARSHALS NEEDED on 19th and 20th

SEPTEMBER 15 - 17 NRCMCC ANNUAL RALLY - Evans Head  
Book caravan and campsites ASAP to ensure accommodation

Oct 15 - Club run to Brushgrove pub for lunch

CHECK WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO ON UPCOMING EVENTS

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

July 23— HMCQ, Lowood Swap meet: contact: [darryl49@bigpond.com](mailto:darryl49@bigpond.com) (darryl, not 149)

Aug 18—20—Newcastle Vintage M'cycle club Rally contact 02 4969 5249

Aug 25 - 27 - AMCA National meet, Bulli (See poster in newsletter for details)

Aug 25 - 27 Clarence Valley Historic and Enthusiasts MCC rally (info later)

Sept 16 - 17 Grafton Motorfest by Grafton Vintage Motor Vehicle Club

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**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally  
Calling ALL Cooks**



On Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> September your club needs your assistance.

We are supplying a LOVELY SWEET TREAT Morning tea. So, get out your recipe books and cook up a storm. There is very limited refrigeration, so please no treats that need cooling. Recyclable cardboard boxes will be available at club meeting for you to take home and fill or contact Carol & David on 0266246460 or place your cooking in non-returnable containers.

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The North Coast Holiday Park Evans Head ([Phone: \(02\) 6682 4212](tel:0266824212)) is holding a number of cabins, powered and unpowered sites for rally attendees TILL 30th JUNE. So if you, or people you know, are planning on coming to the 25th anniversary rally and you want to stay as a group in the caravan park please book early and mention the rally when you book in.

Entry forms available on website.

Digitally unconnected members will have an entry form included with newsletter . 0418 242 044 for any queries

**WANTED:**

I am looking to purchase a **K model Honda 750 four** . I want a good condition, reliable runner that I can take on the longer club rides and away trips. It doesn't have to be stock as a rock but I do want an original style bike without too many modifications at a sensible price.

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Abbreviations used in Minutes

BU ... Breathing Cancer unit ,MW ...Mary Walker PH... Peter Harvey RMS ... Roads & Maritime Services  
CHMC ... Council of Heritage Motor Clubs NSW Inc BKC .....Blue Kitchen carpark

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON:** .. 11<sup>th</sup> June START: 7. 35pm

**WELCOME**

Welcome by Vice President. As President is away, Special welcome to the life members present at this meeting. Meeting attended by 29 members 3 visitors and 18 apologies as per the attendance sheet

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** - read to members Moved , Seconded + accepted  
{ moved David Bonhote-mead , 2<sup>ND</sup> Peter Lake }

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- 1 Mary Walker {MW} reported our 'breathing Cancer unit {BU} Donation to LBH was ordered and paid for, The cost of \$4000 being less than the original \$6000, upon delivery it will be given to the Hospital.
2. MW reported on 2017 Rally meeting, that many members had attended, MW asked if members could supply biscuits or cakes for the rally morning teas, cardboard boxes for your cooking to be given out at club meetings so members could use these boxes so eliminate the need to return your good containers after Rally weekend.
3. MW advised Bike Rego morning 2<sup>nd</sup> July , from 9.00 to 1. 00pm at Blue Kitchen Carpark. There will be a Sausage Sizzle and tea/coffee as Café is not expected to be open.
4. Peter Harvey PH said that his comments as noted in the May minutes were not correct , what he had said was that plaques could be attached to equipment donated to the hospital , apologies were given to Peter from Secretary , Mary to organise the plaque
5. Steve Roche was given his S+S trophy

**CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

- 1 from RMS receipt of letter for non-members
- 2 from CHMC payment receipt
- 3 Payment receipt From Lismore Printery
- 4 CHMC. minutes of meeting
- 5 Newcastle VMC club Rally info 18<sup>th</sup> August. Grafton MVVC Car Rally forms
- 6 Newsletters from Newcastle VMC, Tweed Heads MCEC, Queensland HMCC Journal, Inverell MCRC, Matters of the Mount NMC museum Bathurst

**CORRESPONDENCE OUT:**

- 1 letter to RMS regarding Non-financial members
- 2 letter to CHMC re Affiliation notice

Regarding the 'non-financial members' letter sent to RMS , Peter Lake asked how many members names were listed , he was advised the number was about 20

**TREASURERS REPORT:** – presented- , The treasurer noted that \$XXXX was withdrawn to pay for the BU, the clubs accounts at ' Greater Bank' were organized now into 3 investment & 1 Access account. Moved , Seconded + accepted

{ Moved Peter Lake 2<sup>nd</sup> David Jupe }

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. MW reported on the handmade Quilt that's made for a Donation Raffle prize, she said if the Quilters had a Material printer it would save \$4-00 approx on each print made. The cost of the printer being \$177, Peter Lake moved a motion to buy printer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Swinton , motion carried.
2. MW showed new Club Flag, to be used at club events.

3W reported on the Jack Adhearn article by Jim Scaybrook in the 'Australian Old Bike ' magazine

4. MW informed meeting of the upcoming Italian Vintage car and Bike event. 25<sup>th</sup> June in Spinks Park Lismore, invitation to all the Italian Bike owners to attend. As they would like a static display please ring Meryl on 66219682
5. PH commented on the Log book trial for Heritage Vehicles he noted there was no provision to hand back log books, There was general discussion , MW read from CHMC presidents AGM 2017 report "Where he noted the scheme was very popular and to date no major accidents or problems, average usage was 7 times PA, the RMS will be holding a review after the 2 year trial finishes this review will



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start in November , the CHMC will be making a submission to RMS. And affiliated clubs were invited to have input to CMMC to help with their comments.” To be further discussed

- 6. Richard Swinton reported on printing for Clubs newsletter,, Lismore Printery had been used, it being good quality printing but in at a high cost , Richard advised that Nick Kostyn would again be available to print at \$1.00 per copy. Marc Jennison said pensioners get a cheaper postage rate, and would it be possible for a club member to use and send newsletter with their pensioner rate, if legal, RS to check up.
- 7. Tony Kempnich reported that he and Lina had visited Bernie Shailer in a palliative care unit near Murrumbidgee
- 8. MW suggested that the \$2000 saved when buying the ‘BU’, could be given to another charity, ie Helping the Uniting Church Transport Team, maybe pay their car rego fees, to be further discussed.
- 9. John Mazzer explained poster he had made.
- 10. Tony Kempnich said they would be going to Boonah Showground 28<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July Camping there if any other member would like to join.

REPORT BY REGISTRATION OFFICERS:  
No new vehicles

THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CLUB:

Bryson Walker spoke on early trips to Winter Sunshine Rallies in QLD first time in 1985, meeting up with Enthusiast members like Keith Holley, Ron Hewitt, Frank and Shirley Hack , German Joe , in 1990 they won the prize for biggest club attending with 20 members, , Bryson showed some of the Trophies won .

REPORT ON CLUB RUNS:

Peter Lake reported

- 1. the Mother’s Day run to Red Rattler Café Dungay was cancelled due to rain, will be set for another day
- 2. Last Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June run to Evans Head had 15 riders

NEXT CLUB RUNS:

- 1. Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June. small bikes run to Casino, meet at BKC 8.30
- 2. Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> to Air Show at Lismore, to be listed as a club run

MEETING CLOSED 8.35

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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. .