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**August  
2017**

# Classic Torque

## A weekend Boonah Visit

Pat, Tony and Lina, and Michael and Julia popped up to Boonah for a weekend of fine food and fantastic riding at the end of June. We took advantage of a food market that was held in the area but it was the waterfall road between Boonah and Killarney that stole the show again. Our club has done this ride a few times before but it continues to rate



as one of the most scenic rides I have ever been on. We love the narrow road that bends around the (too big to move) rock at the bottom, the creek crossings and then

the steep climb up the mountain that is signposted to exclude trucks, buses and caravans. Once on top, the land opens up as



the road undulates through the green farmland and on to Queen Mary Falls. We spent 3 days covering several more fantastic roads in the area including an outstanding look-out that looks north and west towards Ipswich and Gatton. Our base was the Boonah show ground and once again, the camaraderie of our members and these delightful roads were a really "good" medicine for us all.



As you can see, it looks like an excellent weekend—romantic even. Or is Michael begging for forgiveness for getting Julia's boots wet??

Michael Smith

## Presidents Report - August 2017

Hi all,

Let's talk about the AGM. Our AGM is held immediately after the December monthly meeting. Although it might seem a bit unusual to start talking about the AGM months out please stick with me as all will come clearer soon.

Firstly, our AGM is where the incoming committee is elected. All committee positions are vacated and members present at the AGM elect new office bearers and vote on motions. Did you also know that members do not have to wait till the AGM to nominate another member for an office bearer position? Written nominations can be sent to the Secretary prior to the AGM.

Also, if you want to nominate another member for Life Membership or put forward any motions or special motions these also need to be sent to the Secretary prior to the meeting. Like most things, there is a process to follow but it's not hard

For the record, I am not able to continue to be part of the committee and will step down totally at the AGM. I've had some great discussions with very clever members with great ideas over the years and I hope to see some of you on the 2018 committee.

Please note, there are specific timeframes set down for members to present nominations/items/motions to the Secretary for inclusion in the AGM agenda. For example, for Life Membership nominations they must be received no later than 3 months from the date of the AGM (I told you it would come clearer as to why I am raising this now) Only those nominations/items/motions listed in the notice of the AGM can be dealt with during the AGM. It is not possible to raise new items from the floor on the night at the AGM so please contact the club Secretary to confirm the process to put your nominations/items/motions on to the agenda for the AGM in plenty of time. Regards Neil Williams



## VALE

Club member and BMW aficionado, Bernie Shailer of Terranora, finally gave up his battle with cancer on 30th June

Right up to the last he maintained his sense of humour, joking with his carers and visitors.

You may remember his comments on his cancer in an earlier edition of the newsletter.

One regret was that he couldn't do the 'Pudding Run' to the WA border one last time, even plotting the possible use of a campervan.

Bernie was a BMW fanatic and the club visited his shed some years back to inspect his collection of BMWs. His aim was to have one of each of the sport models produced by BMW

Our condolences to his partner, Catherine.





As you can see, we have been notified of two more suppliers of spare parts—these ones specialising in British Classic bikes.

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G'day Richard,  
just thought I'd drop some pictures and tell you how we went at the weekend tractor show, Saturday, Mick (our man from the west) turned up at my place with his 1925 Douglas (No sorry, Mick, it's a 1923!) on the ute and after some coffee, banana bread and a bit of chin wag we unloaded the old girl in preparation for the short ride to the showground, bit of a tickle and a short push she was off in a cloud of smoke. i set off to make chase on my little Suzuki two stroke not being sure who's bike was blowing more smoke. After a short run out the road to stretch Dougie's legs we turned up at the show to a crowd gathering around Mick and his Doug. Shorty after we had Jack (Motorcycle Mayor of Kyogle) arrive on his 68 trophy triumph and we set out to immerse yourself in vintage machinery goodness. we had excellent exposure with everyone enjoying the classic motorcycle's and a great day had by all.  
cheers, Kurt





## From the editors Desk:

Thanks to those who responded to my call and provided stories for the newsletter. I did notice that mostly these were from people who weren't going on regular club runs. Part of the newsletters role (I think) is to provide a record for those who can't go on runs and other activities about what is happening. So that means on all runs—yes, even the regular runs.

Where did you go? What happened? Surely there is some personal quirk worth bringing to other members attention? How many got lost? What was the weather like? Has the Wardell pie shop closed down because we don't go there so often? Etc, etc.

And I'm sure that some of you must carry a mobile phone with a camera built in—never used it? It's time you learnt how to—and send it to the editor. Photos of something you see on the run, the riders and their bikes at the destination, the oil leak under XXX's bike, etc.

This brings up another issue. As you will have seen, my beloved BMW is on the market and I won't be replacing it, so I won't be on any rides.

This being the case, I will not be editing the newsletter from the AGM onwards.

So please think about putting in a spell as editor—I'm happy to help you get started.

Cheers Richard Swinton



## 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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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.  
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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)*

Dear LTT Founding Members, Guests, & Affiliates.

**We are proud to announce that your LTT is back & will be brought to you in 2018.**

Meetings with Kyogle Council early this year has seen the successful formulation of strategies

where your LTT Directors & Team will be guided by the Council & Local Authorities to deliver your LTT safely in 2018.

Bridge works along the Lions Road this year have pushed your LTT into next year which we view as positive by way of planning purposes.

Our vision & passion has never wavered since the immense success of your first LTT in 2014 & what this brought to your local communities & surrounding regions.

We take this opportunity to Thank You for your ongoing support & for sharing Our Vision.

"Spread the Word".....your LTT will be back in 2018. Stay tuned



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## Lismore Airshow—29 July

A small number of club members turned up at the delayed Lismore Airshow on Sunday 29 July. There was a large contingent of Hotrods, and vintage machines including a Model T Ford Chassis next to a complete Model T—very interesting, especially the 2 speed differential.

Nevertheless, our bikes attracted a lot of interest.

The Airshow was spectacular with the thunderous exhaust of the enormous Trojan (I love the sound of radial engines!) and the aerobatic displays. A group of parachutists dropped in—one with a gigantic Australian flag hanging from his body.

As one parachutist fell (sorry, drifted down) a smoking aerobatic plane spiralled around him. RS



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**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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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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August 13 run - Cancelled

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

Sept 3—Classic motorcycle ride

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

Oct 1—classic motorcycle ride

Oct 15 - Club run to Brushgrove pub for lunch

Nov 5—classic motorcycle ride

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

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

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

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# It's not too late—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. PLEASE have your SWEET TREATS at Evans Head before 9am Saturday and give to David or Carol.

Thank you from the Rally Committee



## Some more shots of the Airshow:

The smoky spiral was created as the aerobatic plane spiralled around a parachutist as he fell. The training jet below was charging \$1500 for a joy flight! Still, it could be the realisation of someones dream. I liked the Ural with sidecar—all done up for a desert run! And he'd added an 'R' to it so it became a 'Rural'. I'm not sure what to say about the other bike—probably a lovely cruiser, but not my scene.



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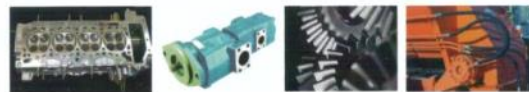


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## Minutes of July meeting, NRCMCC

### Abbreviations used in Minutes:

PBU ... Portable Breathing unit

RMS ... Roads & Maritime Services

CHMC ... Council of Heritage Motor Clubs NSW Inc

BKC.....Blue Kitchen Carpark

TK...Tony Kempnich

PH....Peter Harvey

BW....Bryson Walker

DBM...David Bonhote-Mead

MW .. Mary Walker

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

**WELCOME** by Vice President. As President is away, Special welcome to the life members present at this meeting. Meeting attended by 44 members 2 *visitors* and *12 apologies* as per the attendance sheet

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

### BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

MW reported on the donation of the portable breathing unit which was given to the Cancer Compassionate Fund CCF representatives at the last club rego day, 2<sup>nd</sup> July. MW explained the usage and size of machine and showed photos. Also there's an article in July newsletter, and the Appreciation letter received is on the notice board

CHMC update from their 2017 AGM where CVS had been amended. MW read letter ..part thereof is .. the meeting approved in general terms "that CHMC will not recommend heavily modified vehicles, Replicas or Individually constructed vehicles for inclusion in the scheme, it will limit its approval to vehicles which are modified, and which may require VSCCS Certification, but which may maintain the general appearance and performance of original and authentic vehicles of the same model run" .

Report on last Rally meeting, all going well. Email to be sent out for next date

Rego day 2<sup>nd</sup> July ... was held only small numbers there. Finished early. Raised \$22 from BBQ tea + coffee

MW noted on the possible cash donation to Casino's Uniting Church Transport team and or a possible donation for a Morphine injector unit could be given to CCF , no decision was made, it will be discussed at the next Committee meeting and members will be updated.

### CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Rally info for Clarence, Wagga Wagga and 22<sup>nd</sup> Rusty Iron Rally at Macksville

letter from CHMC for CVS

newsletter from Queensland HMC, Grafton Motor Club, Newcastle MCC

### CORRESPONDENCE OUT: NON

**TREASURERS REPORT:** – presented- , Moved , Seconded + accepted

**UPCOMING EVENTS** Note: all events mentioned thru the meeting have been grouped under one heading for convenience:

Peter Lake advised

16<sup>th</sup> August ... Stink wheel Fun Run in Brisbane .

5<sup>th</sup> August ... Winter Sunshine Rally on Gold coast.

Swap meets at Grafton 6<sup>th</sup> August, Lismore 20<sup>th</sup> August, Laidley Swap – motor only 28+29<sup>th</sup> October

23<sup>rd</sup> July Casino Drag at Airport

19 + 20<sup>th</sup> August Triples Rally. and as our club will be marshalling for this event, there will be no Club run on 20<sup>th</sup>

### UPCOMING EVENTS FROM OTHER MEMBERS

Lismore Air show now on 29<sup>th</sup> July ... .

TK advised Vintage Italian Car & Bike day now 1st Oct

Terry Savins advised members that the winter Dorrigo run was now to Glen Innes 5<sup>th</sup> Aug staying at the Grant Central Motel, leaving from Casino McDonalds

Doug Foskey advised members about the Moto Guzzi 'Ragged Fringe' event 8th to 10 th Sept, at Bretti Reserve (near Gloucester, on Thunderbolts way) ,Doug also said there was an article on his old Vincent V series Rapid was in the latest Road Rider magazine and was donating a copy to club library.

Ian Mackie advised of run to Warwick with vintage Steam train rides on weekend 28<sup>th</sup> Oct Ring Ian 66241104 for more information.

15 + 16<sup>th</sup> July Casino Heritage Weekend, old Tractors and machinery

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**Minutes continued**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. MW updated members on the new Club notice board in Hall , info such as THE PBU, Rally Info being shown.
- 2 . John Massa reported he had Dined at Mel’s Café in Woodlark Street and has suggested it would be a good location to start club runs, the proprietor being happy to accommodate all , after general discussion and agreement , it was decided that we could start this after 1<sup>st</sup> Oct.
3. Chris Wakeley noted that at recent club runs there had been no sign on sheets, general discussion on Indemnity insurance, MW advised the committee was still waiting for advice from Insurers on wording required, and will ask NW for update. Richard Swinton commented that sign on sheet were also to record members participation for the annual 3 events required participation. MW stated that it was a requirement of our insurance now rather than the 3 events and wording for indemnity was still to be finalised  
Chris also said he was donating British MC Mags to club for anyone to take and read .
4. John Mazza is looking for a workshop manual for a K2 Honda bike.
- 5 Northern Rider Mag editor Nick Kostyn dDonated a box of his mag for club members. The mag features a great article on our Late Patron Jack Ahearn.

**REPORT BY REGISTRATION OFFICERS:**

BW advised one new Honda 4 was registered

**THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CLUB:**

MW read a 1996 club magazine report on a winter club ride to Torrington .. the writer was Garry Savins.

**REPORT ON CLUB RUNS:**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June. small bikes run to Casino, about 12 riders. Jack Mc started on a Honda 90 which expired then had morphed into a Royal Enfield by the time he arrived. DBM supplied Morning tea

2. Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June to Moo Moo Café .. PL reported 12 riders went 3 different ways in 3 separate groups.

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July PL reported 12 riders this time all went the same way to Federal café.**

**NEXT CLUB RUNS:**

16<sup>th</sup> July club run to...New Italy

**MEETING CLOSED 8.35**

**Important dates re NRCMCC Annual General Meeting**

AGM to be held on 12/12/2017

Last date for accepting Life Member nominations: 13/09/2017 - 3 months before AGM

Last date for notice to members of the AGM : 28/11/2017 - 14 days before AGM

Last date for notice to members of AGM if there are any special resolutions on the AGM agenda: 21/11/2017, 21 days before AGM

Last date for Committee Member nominations: 5/12/2017, 7 days before AGM

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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. .