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**October  
2017**

# Classic Torque

## Excellent 2017 club Rally!!



**Bikes and Breakfast at Evans Head Bowlo on Saturday**

Over 120 motorcycles attended the 2017 rally as entrants plus those club members who acted as marshals. Many positive comments were made by attendees and the Friday run for older bikes had 60 riders to the Wardell pie shop. 80 people attended the Friday night meet and greet in Evans Head, and 110 people joined in the festivities at the Evans Head Bowlo for dinner and distribution of raffle prizes donated by club sponsors (thank you all!)

On Saturday, 120 meals were provided by the ladies auxiliary at Tregagle Public School. Congratulations to all who contributed. Here are the award winners:

Category	Make	Model	Owner	Club
Up to 1939	AJS	1927 H8/500cc	Ian Stone	Port Macquarie Classic Motorcycle Club
Forties 1940 – 1949	Indian	1944 Chief	Graham Hodgson	HMCCQ
Fifties 1950 – 1959	Norton	1950 Dominator	Justin Williams	Coffs Harbour
Sixties 1960 – 1969	Norton	1960 Dominator	Robert Lovell	Northern Rivers Vintage & Veteran Car Club
Seventies 1970 – 1979	Kawasaki	1977 Z1000	Peter Bates	Inverell Restorers Club
Eighties 1980 – 1987	Ducati	1981 SD900	Paul Douglas	Inverell Restorers Club
People's Choice	BSA/JAP	1954 BSA/JAP 1000cc	Colin Sunderland	Taree VVMCC





Just a few of the many bikes at the start and breakfast at the Evans head Bowlo carpark.







**Photos from the rally:**

Top three—marshals setting out to organise the run, and a marshal waiting for the hoard

Bottom four: - various riders negotiate the corner by the Whyralla bridge



**Winner of Motor Bike Quilt Raffle** drawn at Rally dinner was Gary Smith from Warwick.

On behalf of Mary and I we'd like to say a big THANKYOU to all who donated cakes, slices etc for morning tea stop on Saturday of rally and Charlton families for setting up, cleaning up after morning tea.  
Lina Kempnich



## Presidents Report - October 2017

Hi all,

Well, our rally is done and dusted for another year. From all feedback received so far it was a great success and portrayed our club in a very positive light. The weather was fantastic with a lot of sunshine that made riding a classic bike even more enjoyable. While some rallies are dealing with declining numbers our rally is continuing to grow and that serves as a testament to the work put in by the club and the suitability of the location from a visitor's perspective. Next year's rally will be expanded to run over a week instead of only the weekend.

On behalf of the committee I want to thank all the members who came and helped out in so many ways to make all this come together so well. It was truly a team effort. Many people who have been coming for years commented about travelling on roads that they never seen before. The marshalling was spot on and the lunch and dinner were also flawless. The support from our club sponsors and the Evans Head business houses enabled everyone to enjoy themselves in a stress free environment.

Thank you for all your support and help. Regards Neil Williams



An anonymous member sent these pics of his current Norton 1935 International project with factory race alloy bronze skull head .



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**Left:** Peoples Choice Winner— 1954 BSA/JAP 100cc V twin . This bike has been to many of our club rallies



**Above:** I was told that this Honda 4 has been to all of our rallies except the first, and has never been restored

**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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## Wed ride to Butterflies!

What is Butterflies you may ask? It is one of the better coffee places we have visited on any of our usual Wednesday runs. It is located at Tyalgum, approx 18 klms west of Murwillumbah. Not by any means the cheapest but certainly very interesting, unusual and of course excellent coffee and a huge variety of cakes and etc.

As it now happens quite regularly the Wed riders can now decide whether they want to go on a longer ride or decide on a shorter stop somewhere along the way. As it happened on our first ride for September 12 riders lined up at the Lismore railway with 5 deciding to go on to Tyalgum and the rest stopping at the Sphinx Cafe at Mount Burrell.

Being such a great motorcycling day our group decided to return from Tyalgum via the Burringbar range which made it a very satisfying round trip of 200 kms *Noel Edwards*

## .Wed ride to Kyogle - 23/08/2017

Brian Riodan organised a run for 10 riders to Kyogle via tatham, Yorklea, Casino, Strtheden and Edenville. The Kyogle tourist info coffee shop was shut, so we went uptown to the sugarbowl café. Good cofe and company.

*Peter Lake*

## Wed ride to Cawongla—6/09/2017

Short ride— 5 of the 10 riders who started decided to do a short ride via Nimbin to the Sphinx rock Café which was unfortunately shut (on Wednesdays), so we rode to Cawongla store for good coffee, good conversation and a good ride back via Rock Valley Way. *Peter Lake*

## Wed ride to Woodenbong—27/09/2017

A total of 16 Club riders set off for a dual-distance run from the Limore Railway Station on 27/9/17. Most were going to Woodenbong for lunch with the residue having coffee with them, but then returning in two groups to Lismore; one group going via Bentley and the other via Canaiba . It was good to see a nice 350cc Velo and Jack's black-on-black Harley as well as a variety of other classic and modern machinery this time. The day was muggy/misty and 25 degrees, still very dry, with quite a bit of traffic up to Kyogle, but afterwards it appeared to clear. The round trip via Bentley/return was approximately 120 Km to/from East Lismore - within easy range of even smaller machines. And no BMWs!! Thanks again to Peter as our usual Organiser - See you all next time! *Rob Andrews.*



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**Remember the Poem found on the wall of a Hells Angels clubhouse in the USA?—are you a real contributing member or do you 'just belong'?**

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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)**

Oct 15 - Club run to Brushgrove pub for lunch

Nov 5—classic motorcycle ride

Nov 19—ride to Red Rattler, Murwillumbah

Dec 3 Classic motorcycle ride

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!*

(below - projected main rides for next year)

Jan 14, 2018—Ride to Humble Pies, Billnudge

Aprox Jan 20—get together for a meal (TBA)

Feb 18—Ride to Kyogle via Nimbin and Cawongla

Mar 18—NRCMCC Show and Shine, Alstonville

April 15—Ride to Red Rattler, Murwillumbah

May 13—ride to MooMoo café, Moobal

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

Oct 28—29—Laidley Swap meet

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

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### Media of the month and a note from the librarian;

There are a number of DVDs in the club library on motorcycling and on specific marques and races.

These are always interesting, especially if they have a historic collection of material.

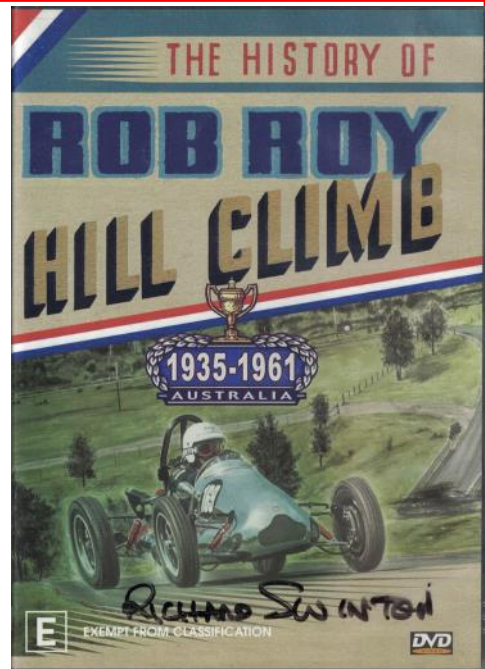
I have a DVD about the history of Rob Roy hillclimb in Victoria, unfortunately no longer with us. (Cursed urban sprawl and developers!) It ran from 1935 to 1961

Most of the video is of cars, but a significant number of Motorcycles also took up the challenge of the hill.

I've never seen a motorcycle tackle a hillclimb—it seems a bit hairy to me, but then I don't drag the footpegs on corners anyway.

The DVD has expert commentaries by well known motor racers including Bruce Walton—6 times Australian hillclimb champion, and motorcycle demon, Max Rathbone.

The Club Library has a very large collection of books, DVDs and workshop and parts Manuals.



### From The Librarian:

People ask me whether we have such and such a manual— or a book to help with notes on restoration details or marque history. Or even just an interesting exploration of motorcycle history and adventure.

I've no problem with being asked, but if you have access to the internet, you can easily explore the library in the club website so you can ask for a particular book—often by number.

Just go to the website—[www.nrcmcc.org](http://www.nrcmcc.org).— this will bring up the home page with a list of options including NEWS which will bring up all the newsletters online and in brilliant colour (I always feel guilty about the B&W printed versions, but to print in colour would be prohibitively expensive)

Near the bottom of the list is LIBRARY—click on this and you'll go to the library page. You'll be given the options of search by Author (if you happen to know them, for example if you're looking to see if we have a particular book), or search by Make of Bike, ie Triumph. Or, if you're game you can search the whole collection listed in alphabetical order by authors name. You never know what you might find of interest.

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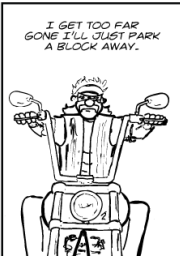
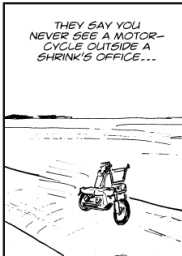
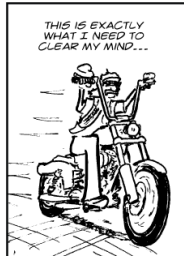


**Above Right:** it's not a side car, and it's not a Can-am, but it's got a dickey seat! No headlights though  
**Left:** Does my \*\*\*\* look big in this?  
**Right:** Why didn't they think of it before—now you're all set up for having a flat tyre!= or a breakdown  
**Below Left;** Maybe Norton got the alignment wrong? But you'd still need insulated undies  
**Right Below:** I thought having one Harley to tune was a challenge; still if one gave up, you'd probably not notice!



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**Right:** Is it real? Better soles than I've got



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**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON: .. 12<sup>th</sup> Sept {minutes taken by Frank Widdows (sic)}**

**Meeting opened at 7.35.**

- Neil welcomes all including visitor Mick Boyd.
- Neil reads minutes, boring but accepted by Peter Lake, seconded by Doug Foskey.
- Mark reads Treasurers report, also boring but accepted by Doug Hampson and seconded by Ian Mackie.
- Secretary Dave has a sore back and may be away for a while, we wish Dave a speedy recovery cos Frank is a shit secretary.

**General business.**

- Doug Hampson says that Laidley swap meet is on last week in October and well worth going to.
- Bike rego day is sometime in November.
- Annual rally is this weekend.
- Dave and Carol Charlton will organise drinks and cakes,
- Dean Marsh and Tim Thearle will organise backup vehicles.
- 110 people will be attending Saturday night trophy presentation, function room is full.
- Sunday bikes will be on display 0800 till 0900 in the main street in front of pub.
- Eric spoke about parking at Tregeagle school for Saturday lunch.
- Peter Lake spoke on marshalling, marshalls please be ready about 0900 Saturday.
- Lena and the girls have made another quilt to be raffled for charity.

**Attendance** 42 members, 1 visitor and 9 apologies.

**Meeting closed at 8.15**

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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. .