

The Monthly Journal of the
Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc.

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**June
2024**

Classic Torque

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 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 .

Some special dates , coming up soon.

Next club meeting —Tuesday 10th June 7.30 start at Clunes Hall.

Next Club Ride 16th June Ride to New Italy Café for coffee & or Italian Day in Lismore

Club Rally Dates Friday 6th, Saturday 7th, Sunday 8th September

*Note : if you receive this Newsletter by post, check/confirm that any activities listed here are STILL on..
Emails will be sent out advising the status of events prior to the date advertised, check your inbox..*

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For changes . For July and issues after there will be a small \$ charge....**

Alan, Lyn and Jodie continue their ride from Brisbane to Broom, Jodie wrote a daily diary of this epic ride, it's in 2 parts, Day 1 to 15 was in the May Issue and Day 16 to 25 in this Issue Pages 8 to 11 for the Motorcycle diaries



2024 Over the Hill pages 4 to 7 for report & photos

From the Presidents Chair

As most of you know or read my older brother passed away in late April from cancer. I have been spending time with him and our whole family supporting and being supported it has been a long road and the road continues as we are all feeling our loss. Thank you to all those club members who knew him and were able to attend his funeral. As Ducati motorcycle riders in a relatively small country area many knew and rode with him.

A huge thank you to David our secretary and magazine editor for his dedication to the club through the two jobs he holds and does very well. It has been a great support for me to know he was there "Holding the Fort" as some would say with all things to do with the club. Thank You David!

I can't believe that this is the president's chair for June half the year gone and for me; I have not even got my machines out. I think the weather has a lot to do with this as any worthwhile rides were not attempted and only short rider held.

I was soooo looking forward to the 'OTHT' even though once again no riding for me as I am tail 'end Charlie' breakdown trailer driver. This is not a bad job I have a passenger Helen who keeps me company and Dieter who is a great Bike tail end Charlie we work well together keeping the ride moving along. The 'OTHT' is a great way to catch up with friends 5 days of food, scenery more food talking ,laughter and for the ladies opp shop shopping this happening often in a group with talk and laughter thrown in and more food in a great way to relax and enjoy friendship with others. I hope Terry has written a rundown of this event.

As some of you have already found out the catering trailer has met with a tree and the tree has damaged the trailer. No one was hurt in this encounter but many were shaken and I hope they are going ok now. We at the time of writing this are unable to talk to the insurance company (due to privacy issues) I didn't know the club had any privacy but it must. On contacting them and being passed from section to section 3 hours later I was told I am unable to lodge a claim as my name was not on the policy now I asked "well whose name is on the club policy" the lady said "I can't tell you due to privacy issues but did say Neville" my reply "we don't have a Neville but we do have a Neil Williams and I can give you his details as per our club register" her reply "I still can't assist you due to Privacy issues but you can ask this person if he is listed on the club policy" well at least I had this as a starting point. A quick phone call to a bewildered Neil (who was enjoying a time away) after I told him all of this and then his call to Shannons confirming his name is indeed on the policy and he will need to either add other names or lodge the claim himself.

I decided that we need more than one name on the policy so I have supplied Neil with relevant details of 3 life members (with their permission) to put them on the policy. These people are Tony K, Bryson W & Mary W along with Neil W already on the policy. When Neil has this process completed we will be able to lodge a claim and work with the insurance company to get the trailer repaired or whatever. The trailer is at this time in a towing yard at Toowoomba. Hopefully by the June club meeting we will be able to update the meeting on the progress of the trailer.

It was an eye opener to us all that we needed to have contact names on the policy even though I being president was unable to get any assistance from the company even just to ask some un privacy questions was about the process of the claim was not forthcoming. An experience I never expected to happen.

Keep upright Mary W

Note : If you are receiving this Newsletter by post. Unfortunately, from July if you want to continue receiving it by post, you will have to pay for it, or pick a free copy at the Monthly Club meeting,

At the May club meeting it was decided to charge a small fee of \$15 PA for posted copies, this is due to the increase price of stamps, now costing \$1.50 was \$1.20 . if you want to know how this came about read the May club meeting minutes published in this issue, You can always find this Newsletter on the clubs web page,

How to pay .. Greater Bank Lismore BSB 637000 Acc No 716800695

Reference Newsletter + your Name

Or pay at club meeting but please NO CHEQUES

NRCMCC Editor + Secretary

Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc <http://nrcmcc.org/index.php>

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON: 14th May 2024 start 7.30pm at Clunes Memorial Hall

Abbreviations used in Minutes MW - Mary Walker, DBM - David Bonhote-mead PL Peter Lake. GL Glenn Flint

WELCOME to all by GL standing in for President MW,

Special welcome to the life members present at this meeting.

Meeting attended by **11** members, **6** apologies as per the attendance sheet

2 visitors Chris Hampson & Stewart McQueen

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: - Not read to members. The Secretary moved that minutes for April 2024 Club meeting as published in May 2024 newsletter be accepted 2ND PL - motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE IN Newsletters - Clarence Valley, Newcastle , Coffs Harbour MC clubs + BSA Banta new Magazine Adventure Rider.

CORRESPONDENCE out ,

Club Newsletter posted or emailed to members and other MC clubs

Invitations to attend other Clubs 2024 Rallies and Swap meets

Coffs Harbour 21-26 May

Tamworth 18-19 May - Frostbite Rally Warwick 6&7 July

Bangalow Billy Cart Derby 19th May invitation for Bikes to join Parade, , Secretary has contact email.

Italian Cars +bikes Weekend . invitation to show bikes , Lismore Turf Club 16th June contact Aliison 0428216079

TREASURERS REPORT:- Dean Marsh has resigned as Treasurer, looking for a club member to take over this position

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

Unavailable , member numbers are **around** the same as given at April meeting which was 52 members + this figure does not include partners + family + life members.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

*no new details to give, being organised, Mary back for June meeting with more details ,,, lunch , dinner etc

GENERAL BUSINESS

* **DBM** informed members that the committee has accepted James Appleby club membership application, James was introduced and given a warm welcome by all members.

* **DBM RE: Posted Newsletter to members**, DBM noted that Most members can or could view the clubs newsletter on clubs web page {after receiving an email from Secretary}, but there are still some copies posted out, Currently Newsletters are posted to 5 members with no email address and 3 members with email addresses. + 1 Life member with email address. The postage costs for sending has risen to \$1.50 was \$1.20 ,

DBM suggested that from the JULY Issue that No Newsletters be posted unless paid for by the member receiving. An annual fee of \$15.00 could be on top of the annual M'ship fee, would be marked on the 2025 M'ship renewal form. If people want a Hardcopy version, extra printed Newsletters would be freely available at the club meetings.

DBM noted he had canvassed the other Committee members and they agree , general discussion followed ,

Comments being ... A couple of years back an additional fee to receive Newsletters was introduced, but was never truly enforced , there had been some opposition to the extra charge then. At the time stamp costs were lower and the annual M'ship Renewal fee was higher , which covered the then Newsletter costs ,

Attending members were in agreement that the \$15 fee should be introduced. No arguments were made against.

DBM moved a motion,

From the July Newsletter Issue and after no newsletters will be posted out to members unless paid for by an annual fee of \$15.00 on top of M'ship fee. Extra hard copies of Newsletters will be available free at Monthly club meetings.

PL seconded the motion, voted on, it carried unanimously. No votes against.

There was no other General Business

New Bike Registrations NON **Early Days** NON

Ride Reports <14th April Club ride to Woodenbong via Kyogle PL noted the was approx. 7 starters with more riders already waiting at Woodenbong

1st Wednesday ride in May, Chris Launder reported 6 riders enjoyed ride to

Next club ride 19th May—Ride to Burringbar Cheese factory via Bangalow Mullumbimby etc..

Casino.

MEETING CLOSED at 8:07 pm Next meeting 10th June

Over the hill in pictures



Over the hill 2024

It was May, and that meant only one thing, **OTH TIME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

The Sunday started not too badly, a bit overcast and maybe some rain, but that didn't deter anyone.

Especially those of us in vehicles. Once again I was driving the Chuck wagon on the first day with Doug riding shotgun. Off we went to Woodenbong (I'll have to find out where that name come from one day) for morno. It was a bit damp underfoot, but nothing we couldn't handle. As usual the spread was magnificent with the morno tea suppliers doing their usual sterling job. I think morning tea should be longer as I barely had time for two cups of coffee and four bits of cake.

From there we headed to Warick for lunch, and didn't the rain come down on the way. Bryson said that it was so hard that it was stinging him through his jacket. The wipers did go flat out for a while, but the biggest problem Doug and I had was whether the set the aircon at 23 or 24, so we compromised at 23.5. After lunch it was onward to Toowoomba for the night. Here we all made offerings to the biscuit tin and rewarded ourselves with beverages from the esky.

Monday I will call 'The Magical Mystery Tour Day'. It was lovely and sunny, although a bit cool as we headed off to Kingaroy. I volunteered to marshal to help get through Toowoomba, and was surprised to see that neither Bryson or Dieter were leading the pack when they got to my corner. They were both at the back of the pack with the bike trailer. We were heading for the Bunya Mountains for lunch, with smoko before that. I got to the Bunya Mt turnoff, and there was no marshal there. Hmm I thought, somethings amiss, so I stopped until someone who knew what was going on arrived, and that was Bryson. Half the participants had missed the turn and had carried on to Dalby. Anyway, the other half made it to smoko under the Canberra bomber. After many phone calls and new directions, a plan was made and morning tea was had. It was actually the quickest morning tea ever as there was half the usual crowd. Tony had to turn the boiler off to save gas till we got there. The ride to lunch in the Bunyas was interesting, as it is a tight narrow road heading up and down from the mountains. I'm glad we never met anything coming down as we were going up.

We had a lovely day at Kingaroy, with a ride to Wondai in the morning, and a couple of shed visits in the arvo. One to a bloke who makes vintage spoke wheels. He gets orders from all over the world, it was amazing. There was another amazing thing that happened at Kingaroy, and that was the changing of the lightbulb. Someone, who will remain anonymous, but is known to frequent tyre shops, had a headlight bulb blow. And wasn't that a mission to change. At one stage help was required from ten different blokes. Most of them did have a beer in their hand, so I don't know how good the help was, but the advice was freely forth coming. Some thought it would be easier to change if they removed the back wheel, but I think they were just being silly, if you are replacing the headlight bulb you obviously should remove the gear-box. And when the job was completed there were only 3 bolts left over, winner winner chicken dinner.

Stanthorpe was our destination the next day, but it didn't go as planned as there was a mishap with the trailer, so morning tea was at Crows Nest while things got sorted out. The Thursday ride to Texas was cancelled due to wet weather so most of us cruised the town in the morning buying all the good stuff from the Charity shops, then I rested in the arvo before the farewell dinner that night at the RSL where Tony Lina Pete and Meg were given a pressie for attending every OTH, all 20 of them.

Friday morning we loaded the bike trailer with Greg's Trumpy as it decided to have an internal problem, and headed to the Bong for morno. Folks started heading their own way home from there as another OTH was drawing to a close. As Billy Shakespeare said "Parting is such sweet sorrow".

Manymany thanks to the morning tea cookers, Dieter for the slide show, Tony and Lina and Dieter for the water bottles and thank you to the people who spend hours every year doing this for us, Bryson Mary Tony and Lina. You are very special people!

Terry Bo(o)b Savins





Beats walking !





Alan, Lyn and Jodie continue their ride from Brisbane to Broom,

August 2, 2022 Day 16 - Daly Waters to Katherine

Well this morning didn't quite go to plan.

It was too late after dinner to decrease the bike last night so Dad did it this morning.

When Dad tried to start the bike the belt chain was slipping as it was still wet, we tried to dry it but it just wouldn't work. He also noticed the fuel filter was leaking.

Lucky he had a replacement belt & fuel filter, however by the time we changed these parts we were over an hour behind everyone else.

At the first stop Dad had to take a link out of the replacement belt chain as it was too loose, putting us another 1/2hr behind everyone else.

After that it was smooth sailing for the Triumph however the day took its toll on us, we arrived safe but very tired and late into Katherine.

We quickly set up, put on some washing, showered then went to a dinner hosted by Shannon's Insurance & the Local Car Club.

Dad even received a special award for all the hardship he and Mum have overcome to make it to the Rally.

Sorry there are not too many photos today.

It was just one of those days.

Tomorrow is a day off in Katherine, we really need the rest.

August 3, 2022 Day 17 - Katherine

Our morning off was filled with washing, book work, groceries & a doctors appointment for Mums Bee injection.

We then set off backtracking to Mataranka for a swim at Bitter Springs. It was well worth the 2hr round trip. Mum bought some pool noodles for us all and we floated around and relaxed our tired bodies in the 34° water.

The ant hills are enormous and we sighted our second blue tree.

Our Campsite is lovely and so shady. It is filled with gum trees. The showers and toilets were the cleanest I've seen in a while.

After dinner Dad & I went wandering around to see if the shop was open for an ice cream. A man pulled up in his golf buggy and asked what we were looking for. We explained and he said jump in the buggy, I've got the keys to the shop I'll get you one.

So Dad set off back towards the Caravan, and I headed off in the dark, on a golf buggy, with a stranger and a promise of an ice team.

I was a little concerned when he said he needed to go home first to get the shop key, I had a quick 'Wolfe Creek' moment when we pulled up to his shack. BUT all was well, turns out he was the Park Owner and he was very kind & gave me two Magnums to take back to camp.

Today we head off for Timber Creek, no power tonight. Not sure if we will have phone service either.

Fingers crossed for an easy day.



Day 18 -
Dad on the way to
Timber Creek

August 4, 2022 Day 18 - Katherine to Timber Creek

The drive today was stunning, the countryside changed from flat to mountains and over every hill we were amazed at how beautiful the next stretch of road was.

No troubles with the bike again, we just can't believe our luck. It just keeps going & going. Dad is going well, only complaining of a sore bum on the last leg of each day.

The lunch stop was at Victoria Creek Roadhouse, it looked like a great place to stay overnight.

The Creek was beautiful, and the roadhouse was in a valley surrounded by huge red cliff faces.

There were helicopter tours available, I'd we had the time I would have loved to have done it.

I took a quick bush walk down to the creek to get a photo and came across a huge pile of dung. We all agreed it must have been Buffalo Poo as it was about 40cm high

An hour later we were at Timber Creek.

Our camp site for the night was lovely and backed onto the creek where a resident Croc lives.

Tomorrow, we set off for Kununurra where we have another rest day.

August 5, 2022 Day 19 - Timber Creek to Kununurra

We left a little earlier today as it's getting too hot for Dad & the bike after midday.

No one in the Caravan Park got a sleep in today!

I managed to get a video of Michael's run & jump start; he is so limber. Very impressive, considering he has broken his back at least 3 times.

The Boab Trees between Timber Creek & Kununurra were enormous. I'm disappointed that I couldn't find a safe place to pull over to photograph them.

There was a big congregation at the last stop before the border where we ate all our fruit and veggies as we weren't allowed to take them into WA.

At the Border the car & van was searched and 30km later we were at Kununurra.

Our campsite is on a beautiful lake where we have a view of the 'Sleeping Buddha'. We are here for two nights. Tomorrow, we have a day off. We are taking a flight in a fixed wing plane over the Bungle Bungles, I can't wait

August 6, 2022 Day 20 - Kununurra

Our morning started very early when Dad woke us thinking we had all sleep in. Trouble was Dad's clock hadn't changed time zones. It was in fact 5.30am, not 7.30am

At 9.30 we set off on our flight over the Bungle Bungles, Lake Argyle & The Argyle Diamond Mine.

The two-hour tour and commentary were phenomenal. Something I would recommend and do again.

The bike had a major service this afternoon as Dad was a little concerned about a few noises it was making.

The tappets were adjusted, and the bike appears to be running well. Tomorrow we will try and leave earlier again so the bike isn't getting too hot in the middle of the day.

Our evening was finished off perfectly with a hamburger by the lake.



From Day 14 - Cleaning the Belt AGAIN - Renner Springs

Day 22 - On the Road to free camp at Mary Pool Rest Area

August 8, 2022 Day 22 - Warmun to Mary Pool Rest Area

Off we set, bright and early for our 272km day to Mary Pool Rest Area. We bypassed our scheduled stop of Halls Creek on the recommendation of fellow travellers due to an increase in local crime.

Mum and I were lucky to see a dingo in the wild today. It ran straight across the road in front of us. He stopped on the other side of the road and looked back at us, it really was amazing.

The bike travelled well most of the day. On the second fuel stop we noticed two worn patches on the tread of front tyre.

The bike also started losing power on the last 5km. So as soon as we pulled in & set up we changed the tyre & adjusted the grado clutch mounting plate. Everything else appears to be going well.

Mary Pool Rest Area is quite large and covered in huge Gum Trees. There are Brahman cows with calves wandering all through the camp area. The Pool was almost empty, although cool and slightly inviting due the 35° heat no one was game to get in.

We are very fortunate to be travelling closely with Sabina & Michael and Sally & Andrew. They saved a camp spot for us today and let us use their shower tonight

We have another long day tomorrow as we set off for our second free camp. There is nowhere safe to stay in the Fitzroy Crossing. The Caravan Park is closed for two days due to a government booking. Ellendale Station Rest Area appears to be our only choice.

August 9, 2022 Day 23 - Mary Pool to Ellendale Rest Area

We woke quite early this morning, 3.30am, to the sound of rain. It only lasted no more than 30 seconds, but it was enough to have everyone up and scrambling to move items under cover.

No one really got back to sleep after that. We said good to the cows at 6.20am and headed for our next free camp at Ellendale Station Rest Area, 268km south.

We stopped quickly at Fitzroy crossing for water and fuel. All the locals were very intrigued by the bikes and had lots of questions.

We got word that Fitzroy Crossing had opened some powered camp sites BUT the boys decided that it was too early to stop for the day, so on we drove on to our roadside campsite.

Ellendale Rest Area is not too bad, we only have one working drop toilet but at least it doesn't smell like the last one plus we have road base under foot tonight instead of red dust.

The bike lives to ride again tomorrow. It did run a low on power today, only sitting comfortably around 50km/hr where it was previously motoring quite comfortably at 60km/hour. There was more tinkering this afternoon and we have our fingers crossed it's back up to speed tomorrow.

Our last scheduled stop before Broome was meant to be Willare. Unfortunately, the Caravan Park won't take bookings and there is only 21 powered sites.

After 2 days of free camping, the girls are all keen for a swim, a shower & some electricity. Lucky for us a short 30km detour has us in Derby on a powered site. This will be our first sighting of the coastline since we left QLD mid-July.

We are all looking toward to some Chinese takeaway and hopefully a Sea Breeze.

August 10, 2022 Day 24 - Ellendale Rest Area to Derby

Another early rise at 5.30am to get Dad on the road before it was too hot.

We had an easy ride of 170km into Derby. Only needed one fuel stop on the way.

We ended up with a convoy coming into Derby. There was no opportunity for over taking and we caught up to the boys earlier than expected. It looked like Dad was getting escorted into Town.

Dad, Michael & Andrew were in the lead, followed by Sabina towing her Caravan, Sally in her Winebago, a Road Train, Mum & I with our Caravan and at least two more vehicles behind us towing Caravans. All doing 55km/hr for the last 10km into Derby.

We set up camp quickly, got some washing done and were at the Pub ready for lunch by 11.45. The problem was it didn't open until 12noon

I was fortunate to catch up with my old neighbours Chris & Barry who have been travelling around Australia for the last year. Such a coincidence that we were in Derby on the same day.

The boy's road the bikes over to the Jetty on sunset for some great photos. I got very teary when I saw the ocean.

The Jetty & the Sunset was stunning as was the local Artwork.

Tomorrow is our last day of the Rally, 255km to Broome.

August 11, 2022 Day 25 - Derby to Broome

It was the last day of the Rally today and I am pleased to say it was smooth riding for Dad and his Motorbike. He can now say he has Triumphed across Australia all 4,862 Kilometres!

He was the oldest rider on the rally and am so proud of him, such a huge achievement.

It has been a long 25 days of early starts, driving & setting up for the night, on repeat. BUT I would do it again in a heartbeat.

I have seen parts of Australia I didn't know existed, countryside and colours I couldn't imagine and people I will never forget.

The support and camaraderie among the riders, drivers & support crew has been amazing.

We are in Broome for a week and looking forward to being a tourist.

Thank you for to my family and friends who have followed us on this journey. Your encouragement and support have been wonderful.

Day 24 - Almost there !



Day 24 - Michael, Andrew & Dad at Derby - first sight of the Ocean in 24 Days



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 somewhere in this newsletter.

Unless otherwise arranged, advertisements will be maintained for two issues.



“For Sale \$9500 ONO **1978 Triumph T140E.** Motor has been rebuilt approximately 3k miles ago by Geoff Martin Motorcycle Repairs. Receipt supplied. Speedo indicates 11k + miles. Bike originally imported from USA by others. Some spare parts and tools included. “ Contact Chris 0427 911716.

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Our Club Rides:- Some information on coming NRCMCC club rides.

Sunday & Wednesday Rides

Please note that all attendees will need to sign on .

Sunday runs are starting from the Norco Car Park—leave 9.00am

Wednesday rides starting from Lismore Railway Station—leave 9.00 am

For further information go to the clubs web site , advisable to read before going on any rides,

Provisional Sunday Club Rides for 2024 as supplied by Peter Lake

16th June— Join Italian day festival and / or Ride to New Italy Café for coffee

14th July North Arm via Billnudge

18th August , The Circle Event for small Bikes **6-8th Sept** Club Rally

13th Oct. Chillingham General Store **Nov & Dec** To be advised

In addition to the primary club ride after the monthly meeting, we also have a CLASSICS ride on the 1st Sunday of every month. . Members with older bikes { H, G and J plated motorcycles} are encouraged to attend this ride. {Open to all riders no matter what bike you ride}

Motorcycle Events and Rallies organized by other Motorcycle Clubs or Groups

Other Club events Please note That the NRCMCC is not responsible for The events & Rallies as organised by other clubs or groups . And dates {and events} given to us and shown here may change without notice. So if you are attending another club event just check you have their Up to date info.

Refer to the March Edition of this Newsletter for more details on above events

HMCCQ Gold Coast Area 8+9th June , Show +Shine Goodwin Park Coolangatta
Tel Secretary 0401 363 900 for more details

HMCCQ Tamborine area Show N Shine at the Cooly Rocks On in Coolangatta June 8-9
contact secretarytamborinehmccq@gmail.com

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