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From the Editor



Have you been missing the Moto GP? Not long now, and it's getting close to Philip Island MotoGP. I will have a few stories after that. Don't forget to send in your stories, adventures and articles. Love to see pictures of your bikes at their best angle. Send them in editor@mecgc.club



Gail

Waynes Wramble

Hi Members

At our monthly meeting on Wednesday, we were informed it's 5 months till Boxing day – like we need to know that. This year is so flying!

Wednesday night was the deadline for nominations for committee positions to be put forward at the August 30th Annual General Meeting – we have 8 nominations and thank you to those who are coming onto the new committee.

We also have a number of members who haven't paid their annual membership, to those members, can you please pay so we can get our books up to date.

Everything is organised for our annual Winter Sunshine Rally and show on Saturday, August 5th. A bit different this year. Breakfast followed by the rally at 9am featuring a photo scavenger hunt organised by Nick Tan, lunch at 12 and then a bike show in the car park in the afternoon.

Also, if you have a bike that has been restored or is being restored in this current year, you can have it nominated for our annual bike of the year, just contact me.

August is our big month, Winter Sunshine on Saturday, the 5th, our 8-day ride to Lightning Ridge on the 19th and then our AGM on August 30th.

We need as many of our members as possible to come to the AGM, so please get along if you can. We will start at 7pm sharp.

Looking ahead to October 15th, we have the Laverda Concourse, the biggest bike show in Australia. We plan to have a club presence there with our marquee, club trailer and show of member's bikes.

Our WAR rides have been our most popular club events. Our last one for the year will be the weekend of 28 & 29th October. Richard Chantrill and I will be running the event. Watch our website for details for "The RIDE OF THE DAMNED"

I have to compliment Gail on the Link. It is a great read and I especially enjoy the Stay Upright articles. I've been riding for 56 years and I love to learn new riding tips. Keep it up, Gail and Ray van den Bosch.

See you out there.

Wayne, President.

Wayne.



Shiny Side Up



Hi, everyone, sorry for the delay in writing this article. I broke my wrist whilst doing some Super Motard training

during a recent trip to Cairns. It'll be another 8 weeks before I can ride. I must thank Stay Upright's Cairns instructor and resident Super Motard racer, Justin Schuberg for his expertise, bike and time. Despite the little mistake, I gained valuable insight into and tuition on that style of riding.

I'd also like to ask you to join me in wishing a speedy recovery to Max Thompson, National Training Manager for Stay Upright Rider Training. Max is a dear friend of mine, and a mentor and is currently in hospital after a nasty crash. Many riders can thank Max for his involvement in their pathway to riding at all levels. Max is a valuable key contributor to Q-Ride and Victoria's new Motorcycle Graduated Licensing System (M-GLS). His knowledge on all things training related and riding related is vast, and he is also a highly skilled rider. Max suffered a crash recently whilst participating in a Historic Race meet at Stanthorpe. The cause of the crash has not yet been identified through any official investigations, only some speculation as to what may have caused the crash. Max has quite significant injuries which has kept him in the intensive care unit at the P.A Hospital. The Doctors and critical care team there are excellent and are doing a fantastic job looking after my friend. There is good news that he is progressing in the right direction, but what lays ahead is a long period of recovery. All of us at Stay Upright were quite worried for him when he first arrived at the P.A so I am very thankful to hear of his progress.

Max and I at Lakeside Raceway earlier this year



So, I guess this is a timely reminder that we are not super-human or immune from receiving a visit from lady luck's evil twin. I still ride on the road with a mindset that crashing is not an option, taking steps to manage my risks. To manage the injury risks I will always choose to wear the appropriate riding gear, and I choose to wear leathers as my first option too. I was even mocked once by a senior police motorcyclist for wearing leathers, but I stand by my choice to wear the right gear all the time. Why do I wear it? Well, I think the question is why not? What are the reasons not to wear gear? Is it too hot? Is it too expensive?

A point I have made to riders at training is that wearing gear reflects your attitude as a rider. As an instructor I cannot teach attitude, but I certainly hope to influence it so I wear appropriate gear whenever I ride. Proper gear gives protection from two broad types of injury. Impact injuries and abrasion injuries from sliding across the road surface. No gear will protect you from fatal injuries received during a high-speed impact as motorcyclists don't have the same crash protection that is currently built into modern cars that makes those impacts survivable. But if you have a survivable crash whilst wearing gear you are going to survive it with less severe injuries and reduced rehabilitation time. This means you may be able to continue to work, hold your kids and partner, even pat your dog while recovering.

I had a minor oops once teaching on a course. These things can sometimes happen to the best of us. I own my error. It was relatively slow in speed but I still impacted onto the ground. Because I was wearing leathers with armour, the only bruising suffered was to my ego. I was able to continue the course. Had I not been wearing appropriate gear, there would have been injuries that would have needed medical treatment. That would have meant not being able to work and several other inconveniences that would have flowed on from that.

Something also to consider is the type and style of helmet you choose to wear. I have seen many cases where a rider has had a very minor fall that resulted in no injury, but the jaw area and visor of their full faced helmet was badly scratched from the impact onto the ground. Then I have a little shiver thinking that that minor fall would have been so much worse if they were wearing an open face helmet.

When purchasing new gear, take the time to ensure you get it correctly sized. It cannot be too big. Take some time wearing it in the shop. Especially when buying leathers. I have made this mistake before and did it again recently by being a little rushed and bought some nice gear but too big in size.

Riding safely on the road is a continuous process of evaluating risks, seeing the options and making good choices to manage those risks. As a rider, if you choose to not wear gear, I challenge you to think why. There are many places where gear is available. Whatever your budget, the purchase of gear must be factored into the purchase and ownership of a motorcycle.

If you don't wear gear because you feel the QLD climate can be quite hot at times, I'll conclude with saying "*sweat wipes off - gravel rash doesn't.*"

For information on our upcoming Roadsmart courses, please call Tony at the office or visit the website.

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Whats News

Our last trip away with the BMWOC (GC) was a blast. We left on a Friday from Canungra and travelled in perfect weather to Moree to sample the Artesian thermal pools. In the middle of winter, I found the pool at 39 degrees very pleasant but had to move to a cooler pool after fifteen minutes or so. It was cold overnight and in the mornings.

I wanted to check out Collarenebri on the Saturday and a few hardy souls joined me to ride the 140 k's in the wet weather. My mistake was to leave the road for a photo



at a sign at the edge of

town, very muddy and slippery there and a chore to get back out. Collarenebri was unimpressive and we struggled to find lunch at midday on Saturday. The pub and club did not have a thing and we settled for some sandwiches and homemade pies from the local servo.

A few interesting facts – for me anyway; Collarenebri population 478,

Situated on the Barwon River, Elevation only 150 Metres, Tasman Sea 470 k's East, Sydney 580 k's South East.

I was born at Moongulla homestead which is 40 k's North West from Collarenebri and in Lightning Ridge general area. I had never seen the place as my parents moved back to Concord in Sydney when I was very young, they had spent about five years out



there after the birth of my eldest sister Dianne (two years older than me) in Crown St Women's hospital in Sydney.

My understanding is mum worked at the homestead and dad as a stockman.

We ate dinner at Amaroo Tavern both nights and they have a DC3 airplane open to the public to walk through in the front yard. Meals were huge and delicious. Leaving on Sunday morning for home was mostly foggy to Warialda where it cleared to a beautiful day.

On to Texas which is a tidy little town and should be the target of another pub stay

weekend. Warwick, Cunningham's Gap and home by four o'clock. Terrific company and ride, Thanks to Gordon and Jenny for organising also to Darren and Gai for booking my accommodation and leading the ride back home. I hear it is a pretty trip to Warialda from





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Events

Bazza's Breakfast

1st Saturday is a Barbeque Breakfast, except in August of course... it's the WINTER SUN SHINE RALLY

Weekly Rides

Members are reminded that they can use their SIV registered bikes on these and any club activity.

Monday ride meeting at Oxenford, Luv a coffee opposite Woolworths at 8am to leave 8.30am.

Thursday ride meeting at our clubhouse 8.30am leave at 9am

Saturday morning ride meeting at clubhouse 7am for a cuppa, leave 8.30am

Last Saturday is a long ride

Club Rooms open every Saturday from 7am rain or shine for coffee before we head out.



Adventure Ride

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Ray

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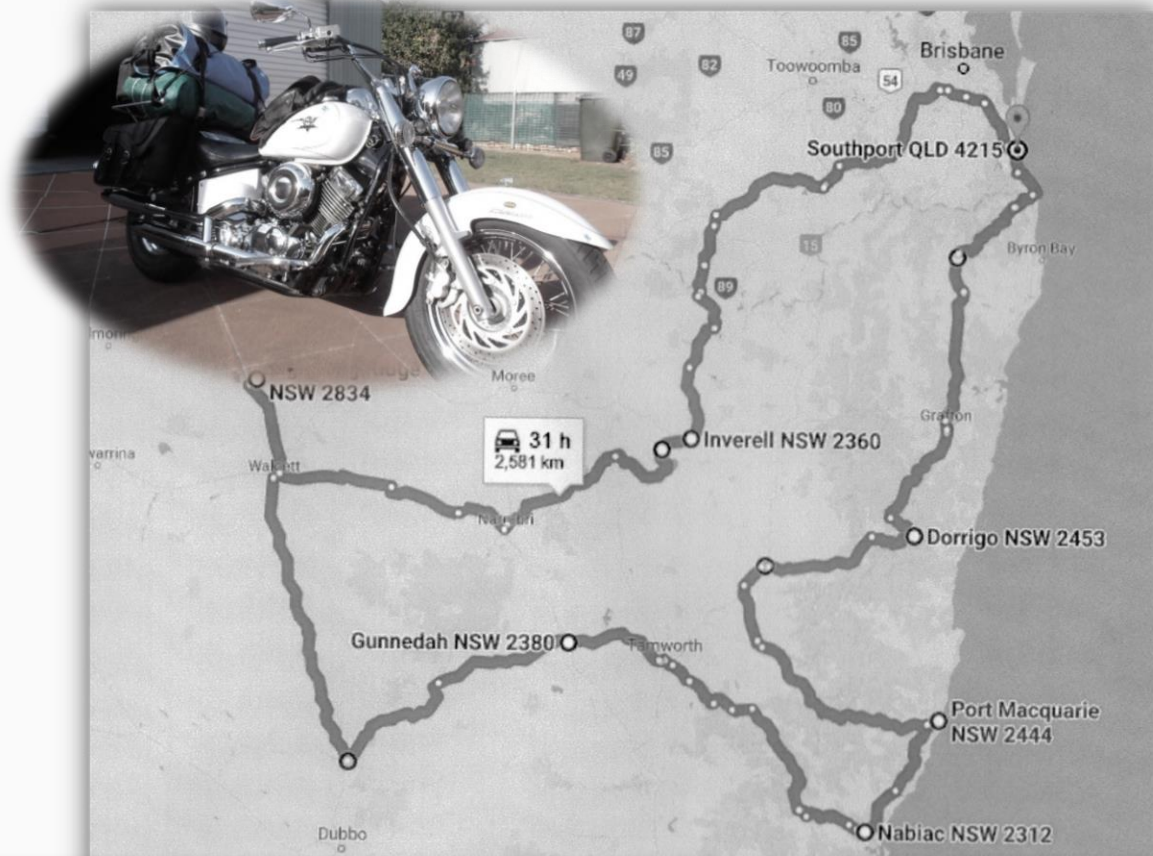
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Departing Staurday the 19th August – Returning home the following Saturday
26th August

- Saturday 19/8/17 Gold Coast to Inverell 463k
- Sunday 20/8/17 Inverell to Lightning Ridge 406k
- Monday 21/8/17 “Free Day” - Lightning Ridge -
- Tuesday 22/8/17 Lightning Ridge to Gunnedah or Tamworth 349 / 421k
- Wednesday 23/8/17 “Free Day” – Gunnedah or Tamworth -
- Thursday 24/8/17 Gunnedah to Port Macquarie (Via Nahiab) 413k
- Friday 25/8/17 Port Macquarie to Dorrigo (Via Armidale) 374k
- Saturday 26/8/17 Dorrigo to Gold Coast (Via Kyogle) 375k








For full Details on the tour and accommodation contact:

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Calendar - August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday 1	Wed 2	Thursday 3	Friday 4	Saturday 5
				9am Club Ride		7am – WINTER SUNSHINE RALLY
Sunday 6	Monday 7	Tuesday 8	Wed 9	Thursday 10	Friday 11	Saturday 12
 Czech Rep	9am - Club Ride Oxenford @ Luv-A Coffee			9am Club Ride		7am - Club House Ride
Sunday 13	Monday 14	Tuesday 15	Wed 16	Thursday 17	Friday 18	Saturday 19
 Austria	9am - Club Ride Oxenford @ Luv-A Coffee			9am Club Ride	 Germany	 Germany
Sunday 20	Monday 21	Tuesday 22	Wed 23	Thursday 24	Friday 25	Saturday 26
 Germany	9am - Club Ride Oxenford @ Luv-A Coffee		7pm Committee meeting	9am Club Ride		7am - Club House Ride
Sunday 27	Monday 28	Tuesday 29	Wed 30	Thursday 31	Friday	Saturday
 Great Britain	9am - Club Ride Oxenford @ Luv-A Coffee		7PM AGM meeting	9am Club Ride		

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The Motorcycle Enthusiasts Club has been around for over 30 years. As the name suggests, we are enthusiasts of all forms of motorcycles. In particular, our interest is in classic bikes. Our Club also includes modern bikes, sidecars and trikes. We cater to all ages and forms of motorcycle riding. There is a monthly meeting held on the last Wednesday of each month at our Club rooms:

Heritage Centre, 238 Mudgeeraba Road, Mudgeeraba.

(Entrance to Heritage Village is opposite Milky Way)

Come along and enjoy a cup of tea, coffee or a beer and have a chat with our many experienced riders before the meeting commences at 8.00pm.

We also have guest speakers each month, when available, and these talks are always very interesting and informative.

Enjoy weekly, monthly, weekend and week-long Club runs, as well as other casual rides organised to similar rallies and motorcycle events held by other clubs.

The Link, our Club magazine, is emailed to you monthly. The magazine has information on our Club runs and activities and rallies held by other clubs. There are event and ride reports, photos and articles contributed by our club members.

Articles, photos, items for sale etc. can be emailed to editor@mecgc.club or posted to MECGC Attn: Gail Calder, Editor, P.O. Box 451, Mudgeeraba, 4213.

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