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From the Editor

The cover photo was an easy one this month. Saturday morning ride over The Panorama, thanks to Gary Rankin for that one. The Gold Coast has some amazing rides right on our doorstep. Best place to start them is from our Club house. Don't need a destination, Just Ride

Stay safe everyone

Gail

Ps.. new chain and sprocket ☺



WAYNE'S WRAMBLE

Hi everyone, this year is rushing along, it'll be soon be AUGUST and our big event of the "Winter Sunshine" rally on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th. Everything is in place and we're hoping and praying for good weather.

This Sunday 31st July is the last day to get your nominations in for the club committee and of course the last day to pay your membership if you (a) want to save the \$15 late fee and (b) if you want to vote at our AGM which is on the 31st AUGUST.

It's great to see younger people, that's younger than us old farts coming into the club and on to the committee.

We'd like to see this club go forever and this needs young people being interested in motorcycles and the club.

Just a word about bicycles and dogs, they are both dangerous. Just ask Murray Speden who should stick to riding motorcycles. We all wish you a speedy healing and recovery, Murray. Also wish a happy holiday as you go away AGAIN. See you in October. Don't forget to send us a postcard.

Also in August is another overnighter, the ride to Kenilworth. The WAR is on the 13th and 14th and I believe at least 15 bikes are going. Yee hah.

Looking ahead to September, our WOWR us from the 3rd to the 9th and I'm going camping.

The Mudgeeraba Show on June 25th and 26th was a huge success. We had our marquee set up and a good rollup of members on both days. Thank you to everyone who helped out and came along.

We're going to be represented at the Phillip Island GP by members. Wayne, Jodie, Gail, Nick and Clive who are riding down, wish I could go maybe next year. It'll be a great trip and we wish you a safe one. Well, that'll do for now, see you all out there.

Have a safe one, Wayne. President



Hi everyone,

For this week's article I'd like to talk about the subject of Throttle Control. I recently had a link appear on my Facebook feed about it and I read through it eagerly in anticipation for some advice on how to achieve throttle control. The article never quite explained "how" just highlighted technical factors that doesn't change how well or poorly you use the throttle. We often associate a rider with good throttle control to be someone like Casey Stoner, who is able to induce the rear wheel to spin to his advantage and balance forward driving with rear wheel spin and slide resulting in spectacular power slides and not end up being catapulted off the bike.

What is Throttle control? Simply it is the rider's ability to apply drive to the motorcycle in a steady and progressive manner and in a manner that doesn't exceed the grip available from the rear tyre. Why is throttle control important? It is important for many reasons. Historically, in racing (more so than compared with today) there were a lot more high-side style crashes. The cause was often because as throttle was applied, in combination with lean angle, the power delivery could cause the rear wheel to lose traction and spin up, causing the rear to slide and step out of line. Should the throttle be shut off suddenly the spinning rear wheel would gain traction, but because it was out of line with the front, would snap violently back into line causing the high-side crash. Also a factor was aggressive power delivery of engines. This type of crash was not always limited to the race track. The high-side is a type of extreme result of poor throttle control, but most people suffer poor throttle control as they apply the throttle in an "on-off-on-off" manner in a corner or bend.



Fundamental to cornering (and also slow speed manoeuvres) is the smooth return of drive to the rear wheel. There is a transition process from braking to resuming drive. Having steady and progressive drive is essential in maintaining your line through a bend and the stability of the bike is maintained. If you leaned a bike into a bend and applied zero throttle the bike would slow down, with the radius of the turn decreasing until gravity takes over and the bike falls to the ground.

How we get the bike driving and maintaining a line is by applying throttle. Hence throttle control. Too much throttle too early, and your bike can start to run wide on the exit of the bend, and harsh application of throttle with too much lean angle could invoke rear wheel spin and a high-side crash. Most often the rider applies throttle, then has to come off the throttle as they start to run wide on the bend. Some training companies talk about this as survival reactions. We get a fright or feel that it is going wrong and a reflex reaction is to snap off of the throttle. This can give the rider a poor ride, worse they can upset the stability of the bike and may cause the tyres to lose grip.

Throttle control is through the nut connecting the seat to the handle bars. On our Stay Upright Level 1 and 2 courses we discuss and show you how to improve your throttle control through posture and hand position, gear selection and use of the rear brake. Throttle control isn't magical, it is achieved with feel and good posture and correct use of the controls including the rear brake. Good throttle control can be assisted by good rear brake control.

Even if you have a sensitive throttle, the control comes from the how you move your wrist and how that throttle movement connects drive to the rear wheel, and if the rear starts to spin up or you feel you are running wide not snapping off the throttle. You cannot buy the talent of Casey Stoner, but you can buy training that will help keep you safe on the road and enjoy your riding.

For more information and opportunities to develop your skills in a training environment, call Tony on 5596 5440 or email him at qld@stayupright.com.au.

Enjoy your riding and Stay Upright!

Ray van den Bosch

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What's News

Beechmont - you may be caught on camera



This photo was taken by MAT'S SIC PICS.

Beachmont Photography can capture you in the twisties of Beachmont. Both photographers attend the monthly Gold Coast Bike Night. If you get captured email me to share in The Link.





It was great seeing Mark back riding. Continue to get well

Events



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Annual Winter Sunshine Bike Show & Rally

Venue: MECGC Clubhouse – 238 Mudgeeraba Road, Mudgeeraba.

Dates: Saturday 6th August - Bazza's Brekky 7.30am - Registration 8am \$ 5.00 per entry
Bike Show 8.30 – 10.30am
Sunday 7th August - Bazza's Brekky 7.30am - Registration 8am \$ 15.00 entry fee
Rally Briefing 8.45am - First Bike Away 9am

Lunch: 1.00pm at Clubhouse (Sunday)
(Saturday Breakfast \$10.00, Lunch \$8.00)
(Sunday Breakfast \$5.00, Lunch \$10.00)

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Passenger \$ 5.00

Thursday Morning Rides

9am at the Club House

August 13th and 14th weekend ride

Kenilworth. “Twist and Shout.” It will be a twisty, mountainous affair, with adrenalin pumping roads and breathtaking views of the Sunshine Coast Hinterland.

please book as early as possible as beds are limited in the township.

Visit the MECGC Website for the latest details, accommodation options etc, click on the link below.

<http://mecgc.club/weekend-away-ride-war-13th-14th-august/>

August 31st Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Saturday Morning Rides

8am leaving from the MECGC Club house.

Just around the corner from the Club house the Panorama View.

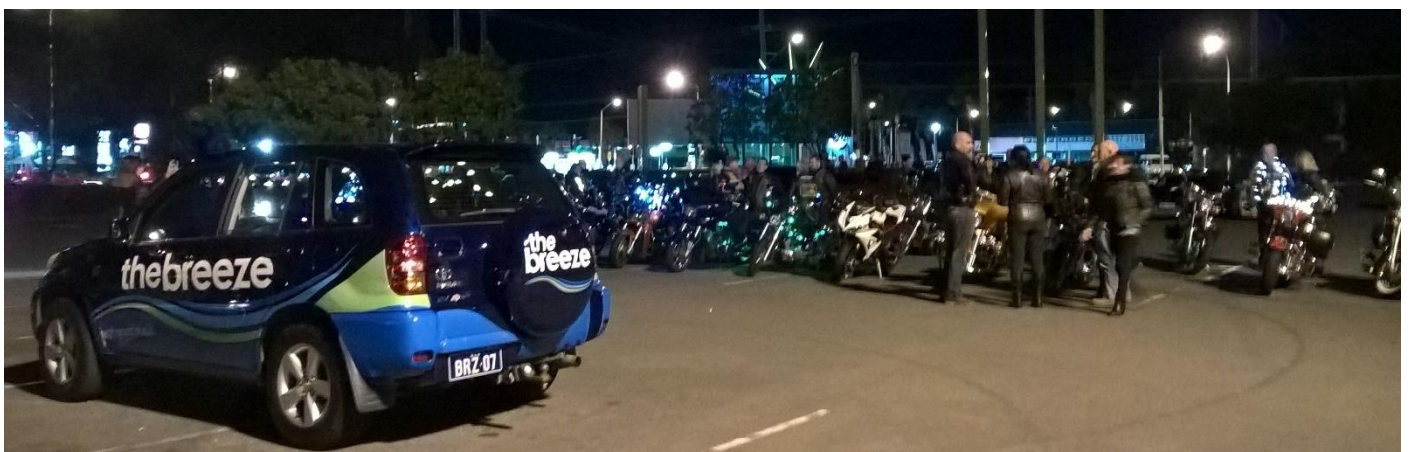


Finish with Coffee at the Metz Canungra



Christmas In July ride was a great event organised by the Gold Coast Cruisers. Donations and gifts were given to the Gold Coast Hospital for the Children's ward. This has become an annual event.

The Bikes and riders were decorated. It looked amazing as we cruised down the Gold Coast Hwy





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MECGC 6-Day Ride to Noccundra 4th to 9th Sept. 2016

What are you doing the first week in September 2016? If you have missed the club's long rides adventures in the past, you should make time to come along for this one.

Where are we heading? **Noccundra!** Where is that? Well, it is part of the Nockatunga station. The pub is set not far from the Wilson River and was built in 1884. It is a quaint pub, having a very distinct feature, which as soon as you go to enter you will notice.

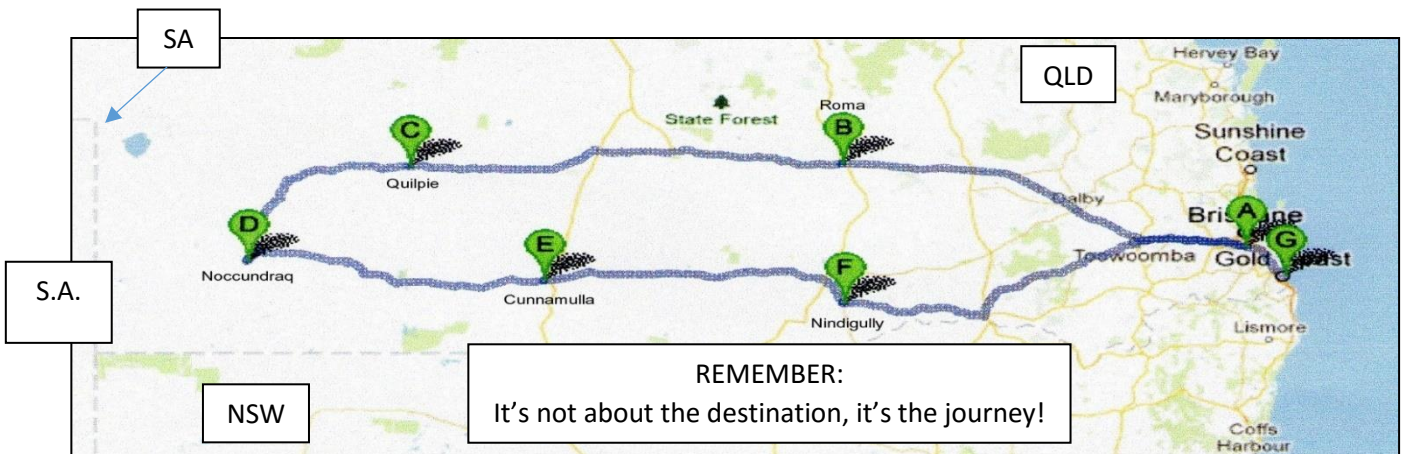
We are planning to spend a week riding out and back. Along the way home we will stay at the Nindigully pub and try one of their special burgers, so the more takers we can get the better. Come along for the whole trip, or meet us anywhere and tag along, it is up to you.



For more info contact:
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Itinerary:

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| Day 1: A Yatala Pies – B: Roma = K | (Sunday 4 th Sept) |
| Day 2: B: Roma - C: Quilpie = 478k | (Monday 5 th Sept) |
| Day 3: C: Quilpie - D: Noccundra = 283k | (Tuesday 6 th Sept) |
| Day 4: D: Noccundra - E: Cunnamulla = 338k | (Wednesday 7 th Sept) |
| Day 5: E: Cunnamulla - F: Nindigully = 340k | Thursday 8 th Sept |
| Day 6: F: Nindigully to G: Gold Coast = 556k | (Friday 9 th Sept) |



Calendar - August 2016

Sunday 31st	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wed 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Saturday 6
				9am Club Ride		8am Breakfast at the club house Bike Show
Sunday 7	Monday 8	Tuesday 9	Wed 10	Thursday 11	Friday 12	Saturday 13
7:30am Wintersunshine Rally				9am Club Ride		8am - Club House Ride Weekend Ride Kenilworth
Sunday 14	Monday 15	Tuesday 16	Wed 17	Thursday 18	Friday 19	Saturday 20
Weekend Ride Kenilworth 9:30PM  Austria				9am Club Ride		8am - Club House Ride
Sunday 21	Monday 22	Tuesday 23	Wed 24	Thursday 25	Friday 26	Saturday 27
10:30am at the club house Commando (COG) 9:30PM  Czech				9am Club Ride	Gold Coast Show Day Public Holiday (RIDE)	8am - Club House Ride
Sunday 28	Monday 29	Tuesday 30	Wed 31	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			7:30pm MECGC AGM meeting			

For up to date information on all events log on to www.mecgc.club

MECGC Annual Ride Calendar - <http://mecgc.club/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/2016-MECGC-Ride-Calendar-U>

For Sale

Suzuki GS 500 2012. 18,000 km



She is in Immaculate condition and lovingly cared for.

I purchased her from Springwood Suzuki 2 years ago. She had had one previous owner who had done about 3,000 kms on her, before trading her in for a larger bike once he had obtained his big bike license.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Renewals: \$75.00 p.a - Singles or Couples - \$60 if paid by 31/7/2016

New Members: \$75.00 includes Name Badge

Financial Year 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

Banking Details – The Motorcycle Enthusiasts Club Inc BSB – 124-386 A/c No – 22476848 Details - Surname

The Committee reserves the right to refuse Membership to any person deemed unsuitable in character for any reason and will not be obliged to explain the reasons why to the applicant.

PAST, PRESENT and NEW Members are required to complete this form ANNUALLY as it will be bound into book form at the end of the year to form a completed volume within the Club's formal records.

RENEWAL:

NEW MEMBERSHIP:

NAME: SIGNATURE:

SPOUSE/PARTNER: SIGNATURE:

ADDRESS: POSTCODE:

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PLEASE LIST ANY OTHER MOTORCYCLE CLUBS YOU ARE CURRENTLY A MEMBER/ASSOCIATE OF – OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST:

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MACHINE DETAILS (Optional) For the Club Register only – not for publication

YEAR: MAKE: CAPACITY: CONDITION: REGO NO:

New Applicants must be nominated and seconded by existing Members, only then will the applicant be considered by the Committee.

Nominated by (Print Name): Signature:

Seconded by (Print Name): Signature:

Method of Payment Received: Cash Cheque PayPal Other:

I/We agree to abide by the rules & constitution on the Motorcycle Enthusiasts Club Inc. Gold Coast

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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 on a monthly basis. The magazine has information on our Club runs and also 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: G Calder, Editor, P.O. Box 451, Mudgeeraba, 4213.

Articles need to be received by the 25th of each month for publication in the next month.