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From the Editor

2016 is in full swing. Club members are back from their holidays and we have had a chance to catch up with them on our rides and meetings. MotoGP is gearing up with one of our favourite Aussies # 27 making headlines in all the magazines. Exciting to see an Aussie win the Dakar Rally, Toby Price. Worth watching on uTube. Did I mention I won the dvd 'Hitting the Apex'. It's going to be a great year of motorcycling. Once again I have received some great input from club members. Feel free to email me any news or feed back.

Doesn't matter what your ride is as long as you ride.

Gail

A Word from the Club President

WAYNE'S WRAMBLE FOR JANUARY 2016

Hi everyone, it's so nice to be back at home and riding my bike (bikes) again. Rhonda and I had a great holiday in NZ visiting family and friends. I drove a rental car, a late model Toyota Corolla over half of NZ from Taupo to the North Cape. We narrowly avoided a major mishap when a large tree was blown over and fell onto the road in front of us when we were travelling 100 klms. Didn't see many bikes on the road and the ones we saw were mostly Harleys. Evidently NZ has a lot of old cars and bikes, I guess they must come out on club events.



Noel's funeral was a lovely event, such a great friend and club member got a good send off. Noel's wife, June was very grateful for our attendance.

Wayne Harrison did a good job of organising our Saturday 23rd ride from the clubhouse. We had 26 bikes, a record number for a Saturday morning. We went up Henry Roberts Drive, what a great road! To the Spice of Life Café. It was like an invasion. No one seemed to mind.

Lovely coffee and nice people up there. Then most of us went to the Kooralbyn lookout. Rhonda and I went to Canungra to visit one of her daughters and then to Coomera to visit the other daughter and families.

Australia Day, the 26th January, saw a good line-up of bikes and members turn up for Barry's Breakfast Barby'. I have a short talk about our member, Noel Peck. Barry raised the flag and Chris Orton and his friends fired their rifles in a salute. We had a piper play the National Anthem, it was a memorable occasion. Also we are seeing a lot of interest in the club with more people joining so that's good. Alex Huybens is talking about a ladies ride organised and run by our female members. I am starting C-O-G, Commando Owners Group, not another club just people who want to talk about and ride their favourite bikes – more about it later. Committee meeting February 3rd and our 1st Breakfast ride for the year is Saturday, 6th February, and I'm so looking forward to our 1st W.A.R. ride on the weekend of the 13th & 14th February.

We're going to have a fun filled year, ride carefully and stay upright. See you out there. Wayne



Shiny Side Up

Rod's "*Rough as Guts*" Roadside Assist.

Australia Day 2016 and the Yamaha was on the way to the Club House early to lend a hand with setting up the venue for the Australia Day celebrations. As we rode along the M1 we were slowly gaining on another motorcycle that was about a kilometre up the road. As we approached Exit 77 we were quickly catching up with the old Norton in front. At first I thought it was President Wayne, however as we entered the roundabout the Norton slowed with the rider displaying some difficulty getting the bike around the corner. Could not be President Wayne, but some poor old biker that does not like corners, so we kept our distance not wanting to upset the old guy.



Eventually the Norton exited the roundabout and came to a slow stop. As we went to ride around; major surprise; it was President Wayne who was also looking to get to the clubhouse early to lend a hand. We then realised the slow rounding of the roundabout had nothing to do with his riding ability but the death of the Norton's brand new battery, and so close to the clubhouse.

As President Wayne commenced stripping the Norton of its seat, battery cover, etc. Rod's "*Rough as Guts*" Roadside Assist went to work. After a similar incident with the Yamaha in Toowoomba some time ago, Murray Speden introduced us to the "Mini Jump Starter". It was such a great compact tool it was decided to add one to the Yamaha's tool kit.

With some difficulty due to the confined space and very small battery terminals we connected the "Mini Jump Starter" to the Norton's battery and brought it back to life. However once we disconnected the device the Norton continued to run for around 10 seconds and stopped.

"*Rough as Guts*" solution:

- Remove the bracket that holds the battery in place.
- Turn the battery around so as the terminals faced out to allow easy access.
- Cable tie the battery in place.
- Attach the 'Mini Jump Starter' to the Norton's frame using electrical insulation tape.
- Attach the 'Mini Jump Starter' to the battery.
- Start Norton and head to clubhouse.



What's News

Australia Day

At the club house, bikes flying the Australian flag with members proudly wearing their Aussie attire.





Must be time for a new ride.
Jodi's new Suzuki GSX-S1000 with
Wayne's new Triumph Tiger XCx



If you have a new ride,
email me pics n specs
so we can drool

There is a huge smile under that helmet. It is great to see Carol with her own ride on our Saturday mornings along with Quinn and their son Nicholas on his Ninja.



Just had to mention I made it into print. AMCN – Jan 7th 2016 issue, page 30. Thank you for the DVD ‘Hitting the Apex’ AMCN.

Giz a squiz

Rider Gail Calder
Ride Triumph Daytona 675R
She says I bought my Daytona 675R 14 months ago and had tank grips, radiator guard, sliders and single seat cowl added. She has now done 28,000km, gone through a few sets of different tyres and done some boot scraping.

Next I'm wanting a tail tidy with matching front indicators and new levers.
We say Our Online Editor Antonette Dakota also rides a Daytona and was most impressed with the bike, and the photo. Good luck with the other mods you have planned – and with the riding.

Send us your ride via email, to access@amcn.com.au or, if you're a carby and points kinda person, pop a pic and relevant info in the post addressed to Readers Rides, 12/20 Edward Street, Oakleigh, Vic, 3166.



My boot scraping moment.

Christmas Run – Steve Bryant

The plan was to look for cooler weather between Christmas and New Year for a four day round trip in the high country.



The meet at Macca's was for 8.00am and Pat and I were ready early, a quick stop for air and fuel on the way, to our surprise Adrian & Cherie were already there as was Damian. After a bit of chat

and a coffee Rohan also arrived. Our small crew travelled through Numinbah, Murwillumbah, Uki and headed for Kyogle Bakery for our first stop. Something I had not factored in was the bakery being shut for the holidays. We found another place in the main street doing a roaring trade and battling to get everyone served.



Ken had sent a text message saying he was leaving Tenterfield and would see us at Casino - only thirty K's away from Kyogle. Five bikes headed south towards Grafton, a mixed bunch of two GSA's (Damo and Ken) A K1600 GTL (Adrian & Cherie) an RnineT (Rohan) and an R1200RT (Pat and I) under a cloudy sky but clearing. Soon after we were in heavy rain putting on wet weathers. I thought we would get by but that wasn't to be. Damo was right we should have pulled over earlier – before we were wet.



At a small servo just OUTSIDE Grafton not actually in Grafton (Thankyou Ken for the correction) where I usually stop for a break they had been closed for the

holidays and had no food anyone was interested in so the search was on for a proper lunch stop. The shopping malls do not attract me and I prefer to be able to see the bikes, so we found a small cafe actually IN Grafton where I planned our second stop. This servo/cafe is just off the main highway and is brand new. The cafe had excellent food and coffee and very friendly. Damo left us at Grafton (His planned departure) to pick up his bride from the airport next morning.



Our destination for the night was Dorrigo and the rain encountered during the day changed our route via Coramba on Orara Way to the Grafton/Armidale Road. Where it rained heavily at times. I really liked the rain mode on the RT for this day and this road which has many surprises. We passed a Ute and caravan off the side upside down and looked to have been there for a few days.

Now on Waterfall Way when we turned left towards Dorrigo and the fun started, A thick fog engulfed us, where you could make out the edges of the road by the tree line, joined by a strong side wind and rain it turned the next thirty K's into a real challenge. I could not see far in front and followed the marked line, nothing showed in the rear vision mirrors, full concentration now all the way to Dorrigo.



At the servo at Dorrigo there were high fives all around, Ken had obviously enjoyed the challenge as much as I had, Rohan was just frozen, Pat and Cherie just hugged. It is just not Macho for the guys to be seen hugging in public so we were more restrained. We had rooms booked at Dorrigo Hotel and required drinks to warm up, who would believe this weather between Christmas and the New Year. As I stepped in the pub door I found a new pair of BMW airflow gloves on the floor soaking wet. What luck! They turned out to be Ken's but don't tell him I have them ok?

This is beef country so steaks were ordered for dinner – not cheap but just the best! My wife likes to post things on Facebook so I have to explain the photo, wearing a towel in the pub carpark is only because to my surprise, when I had a shower no one had unpacked our bike or laid out warm clothes for me to put on as per expectations, NOOOO she who must be obeyed was happier to continue consuming alcohol amongst others who by this stage were very vocal. The only saving factor was that they were all still wearing wet weathers over their club shirts and just denied it all the next day.

Morning came too quickly and we met in the dining room for breakfast. Cherie, Pat has a special coffee cup for you in the shape of a pill container, with the prescription written on the

side so you will never forget, one cup taken by mouth and repeat as necessary until properly awake. As we left Dorrigo the temp was a mere 13 degrees. Ken wanted to make a stop in Armidale on this pleasant morning so we had coffee as well before travelling to Uralla and turning left into Thunderbolts way, we headed to Walcha and enjoyed another great lunch at the Walcha International sitting in the sunshine watching the police patrol bike ride up and back.

Gingers Creek on the Oxley Highway was visited and the appropriate T shirt bought, we passed the police bike and car off the side then he overtook us at a rate of knots. What a job, having to patrol the Oxley on a bike and getting paid as well. Back up the Oxley we rode, fuelled at Walcha and headed to Bendemeer Pub for the night. The steak was good at Bendemeer as well but not a patch on Dorrigo the night before.

Ken left us to travel south this morning via Walcha for breakfast then Thunderbolts Way. I later heard he travelled the Putty Road to Jenolan Caves, no doubt we will hear his story soon.

After an early night we left Bendemeer at about 8.00 am back to Uralla for breakfast. Pat noticed Adrian's rear tyre was showing a patch of belt in one spot. Cherie hitched a ride with Rohan on the RnineT to Armidale for safety sake. Luckily we only had about twenty K's to Armidale where Adrian was able to have it replaced while Cherie shopped. When leaving Armidale at Midday it was only 17 degrees.

That afternoon we planned to stop at Nymboida Coaching Station and found it closed until further notice. Heading off to Grafton we revisited the cafe at the Hwy servo. Then after headed towards Lawrence on the back road over on the ferry to Ulmarra Hotel for the night. Note to self – when windy do not go to the front of the ferry – there is no reverse gear on my bike = wet.



Some social drinks later we were still in the bar. I had learned a valuable lesson earlier on our trip and took baggage upstairs before my shower. Leaving Pat and Cherie to talk. Pat later complained that she had to carry my helmet upstairs. She is usually such a good woman too.

After breakfast the next morning we again crossed the river by ferry. The GPS showed Summerland Way towards Lawrence then north for Casino and Kyogle. There was no traffic not one car in front of us until Kyogle and on a beautiful sunny day it was fabulous to see the countryside look so green and fresh. The bakery was open and our trip nearly done, one final stop for coffee and cake before travelling Uki, Numinbah and home. Thanks for the company and the fun we shared – till next time, all home safe.



Steve Bryant

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NOEL PECK 1934 – 2015

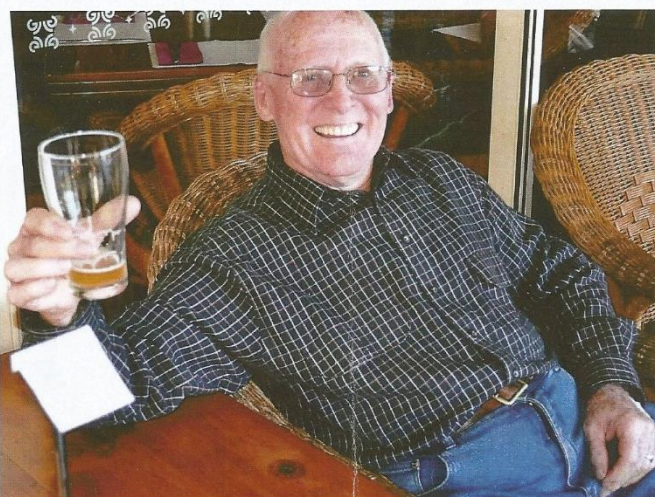
Sometimes, it's amazing how much you don't know about a friend until they pass away as our friend and club member Noel did recently.

I asked June for some details on his life so I could write an obituary and their daughter kindly obliged.

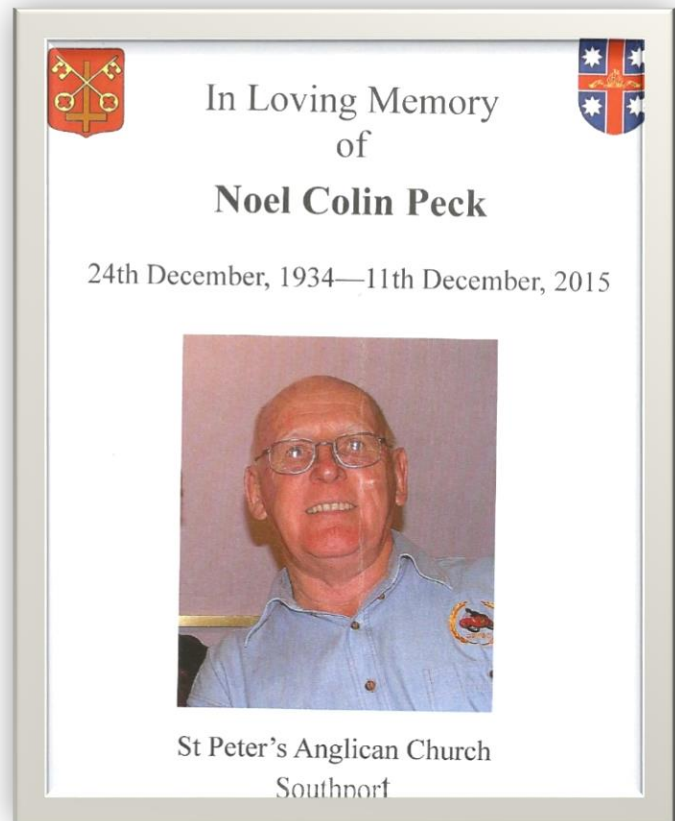
So this isn't meant to be his life story, just a few interesting facts. Noel and June were married in 1955 and ended up with a family of 4 children. Noel was a sign writer and he and June raised their family in the country atmosphere at Waterford, south of Brisbane. Noel loved anything military as we know and had a long association with the Naval Reserve Cadets as well as doing his National Service.

In 1979, he completed a Diploma of Teaching, his Bachelor of Education in 1981 and taught at Benowa TAFE until he retired in 1995.

He was a member of the Gold Coast Antique Car Club and the Ray Sherwell Old Car Club. He restored a 1940 Chev and a Sunbeam Alpine.



*The Peck family thank you for
your messages of sympathy and support*



We all know his love of bikes, he raced a lovely little Ducati and rode his BMW on a lot of road trips with our club.

He also served on our club committee in various positions. We will remember Noel especially when we raise our country's flag. Thank you Noel for your friendship.

Wayne Bryan, President

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Sunday 20th March

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Save the date for Black Dog Ride's annual 1
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Registrations are now open:

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March 20th 2016

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- VIC** October 22nd to 30th

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For more details please visit the website www.blackdogride.com.au

Weekend Ride Away

13th & 14th February

Well the route has been planned, accommodation options posted, now all you have to do is book your accommodation & join us for this great weekend away.

Visit the website link for accommodation options. Get in early & book your accommodation now

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

Adventure Riding Magic

ADVENTURE RIDING MAGIC – (ARM) – SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

For all you adventure riders put this date in your diary, please note this is a day ride and will only be suitable for Adventure Bikes.

Leaving Cafe Metz Canungra, 37 Christie Street, Canungra, Qld 4275 at 7am, meeting 6am onwards for Breaky/Coffee.

This Ride is being planned & lead by Nicholas Tan, our ARM Coordinator.

Thursday Morning Rides

9am at the Club House with Mark Mellor



Saturday Morning Rides

8am departing from the Club house



First official Saturday ride started with a great turn out. Lead by Wayne Harrison over Tamborine continuing out west. Found some great back roads on the way home with Nic.





Even with the change of rain and thunderstorms our second Saturday ride had a great turnout with over 400 klms covered whilst dodging the rain.





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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.

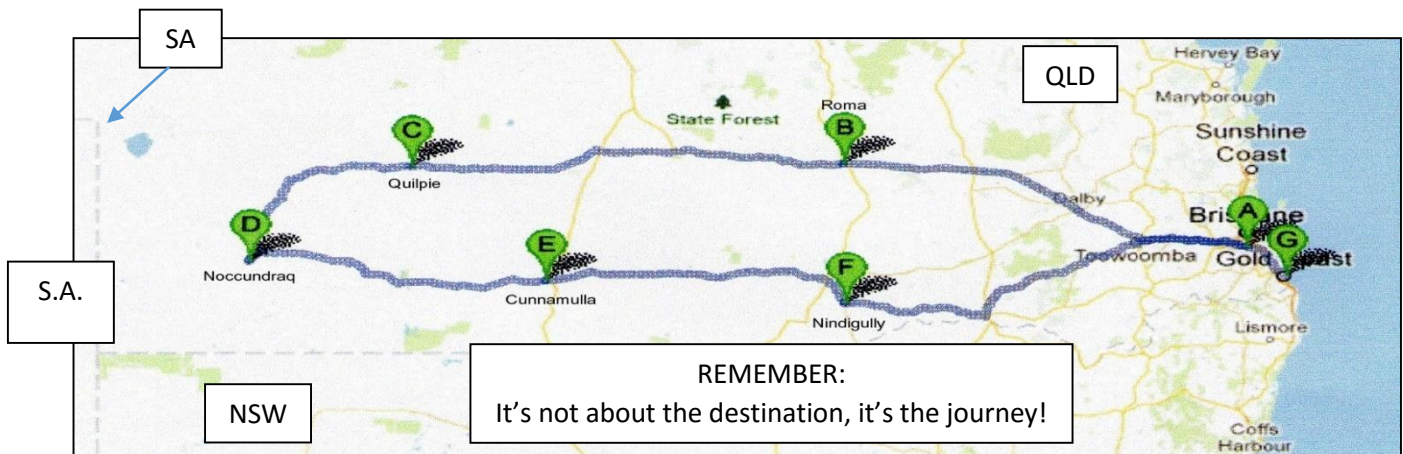
We are planning to spend a week riding out and back. Along the way home we will stay at the Nindigully pub and try one of their special burgers, so the more takers we can get the better. Come along for the whole trip, or meet us anywhere and tag along, it is up to you.



For more info contact:
Rod Moorcroft: Mobile: 0448 729 427
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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 - February 2016

Sunday	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wed 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Saturday 6
				9am Club Ride		8am – Club Bazza’s Breakfast
Sunday 7	Monday 8	Tuesday 9	Wed 10	Thursday 11	Friday 12	Saturday 13
 FASSIFERN BOMBERS SWAP MEET				9am Club Ride		8 am – Café Metz Weekend Away Ride
Sunday 14	Monday 15	Tuesday 16	Wed 17	Thursday 18	Friday 19	Saturday 20
Weekend Away Ride				9am Club Ride		8am - Club House Ride
Sunday 21	Monday 22	Tuesday 23	Wed 24	Thursday 25	Friday 26	Saturday 27
6 am – Café Metz Adventure Ride				9am Club Ride		8am - Club House Ride
Sunday 24	Monday 25	Tuesday 26	Wed 27	Thursday 28	Friday 29	Saturday 30
				9am Club Ride WorldSBK – Philip Island		8am - Club House Ride

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Renewals: \$60.00 p.a - Singles or Couples - \$50 if paid by 31/7/2015

New Members: \$60.00 includes Name Badge

Financial Year 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016

An additional \$10.00 annual fee for hardcopy postage of Club's Newsletter – The Link

Banking Details – The Motorcycle Enthusiasts Club Inc BSB – 034-605 A/c No – 403262 Details - Surname

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RENEWAL:

NEW MEMBERSHIP:

NAME:SIGNATURE:

SPOUSE/PARTNER:SIGNATURE:

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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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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.

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Seconded by (Print Name): Signature:

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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 (or posted if you do not have internet access) 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, 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.