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From the Editor



What a great year for Australia. Jack Miller taking the MotoGP first place trophy in Assen. What a race, a very wet and soggy race that resulted in a great podium finish. All this excitement is gathering as I am looking forward to October, riding down to the MotoGP.

Gail

WAYNE'S WRAMBLE

WAYNE'S WRAMBLE FOR JULY 2016-06-25

Hi folks, Wayne, El Presidento here, it's Saturday night and I've just got home from the Mudgeeraba show.

What lovely weather we had today and tomorrow promises to be the same.

A few of us went there on Friday afternoon and set up our marquee, tables and chairs. I took the club trailer and two of my Nortons. Yes, I have more than two.

Today we had 19 members turn up with bikes, it was great. Gary Stephens brought a 1925 BSA and a 1943 Velocette. Donny had his 350 Matchless and Chris his 1972 Honda 750.



There was a really good selection of bikes and the public showed a lot of interest. However, I was a little disappointed when the Grand Parade happened on the main arena.

A good opportunity for members to ride their bikes around but yours truly was the only one, either no one wanted horse manure on their tyres and no one else wanted to risk falling off on the grass in front of hundreds of people on to the said horse manure.

So, the Mudgeeraba show is over for another year now it's only 6 weeks to our Wintersunshine rally.

We'll be looking for people to help out to make it a success. Friday 8th is our FAN.



On a different note, Alex Huybens dropped off some Road Rider magazines at the club. A great read.

One interesting article on the new Skully AF1 helmet \$1500. The rider is able to see information on a screen which could include GPS, speed and various bike functions, view out of the rear of the bike via a camera, listen to music and take phone calls with hands free voice recognition technology. I don't think it will be legal or safe to watch videos or TV.

Also there is a landmark case for riders in blameless accidents hitting wild animals on the road. A rider in outback NSW in 2013 has won his bid for compensation for serious injuries when a roo jumped out in front of the bike. It is worth noting he didn't swerve to avoid the animal and if he had, he might not have been entitled to claim due to his actions and not the animals – it's crazy but true.

Anyway "Road Rider" is a great mag, keep bringing them Alex.

See ya all out there, it's NOT too cold. On the Thursday ride, we only had 3 brave souls, Chris, Tony and I. It was cold, but we are enthusiasts, aren't we?

Wayne.

Shiny Side Up

Hello everyone

My last article I wrote I covered some techniques to help you improve your vision. I hope you have tried it and found

it helpful. It takes a lot of mental concentration and commitment to make it work, but work it does. It sounds like an excuse to go riding doesn't it. "I'm off for a ride to develop my skill, I'll be back later".



This article I would like to write something positive and contribute my support towards the upcoming changes to the QLD motorcycle graduated licence process I have been in Victoria to provide some assistance to their new process and see some excellent things ahead for the QLD version of a graduated licence program.

Some of the benefits will include all new riders must do a pre-learner course that combines a focus on physical control skills as well as developing attitudes and appreciations for the mental skills required to ride safely. This removes the option for a new rider to obtain their permit through a written test, put a "L" plate on a bike and go riding with mates. The other benefit is a standardised curriculum all trainers delivering pre-learner and learner training must follow. This will ensure that some outdated practices that are still being taught by some trainers will stop. Novice riders will be better prepared and able to survive the traps and become experienced riders. After a person has obtained their L's they will be permitted to ride on the road in the company of a licenced rider.

If you are already a licenced rider, remember the responsibility you have if you decide to take a novice rider under your wing and ride with them during this initial learner phase. Studies like the HURT Report (1981) still hold valid findings today, which includes the finding that riders who were self-taught / learnt from family and friends were over-represented in crash statistics. Those who received formal training had fewer crashes and if they did crash, had less significant injuries.

So if you are taking a new rider under your wing, make sure you make their learning experience as stress-free and positive as possible. Comments like "Do it this way like me because that is what I have always done" do not help new riders. Or the other trap "just keep up with me you'll be right" pushes new riders out of their comfort zone too quickly and they'll make mistakes. If you have a significant other person who is keen to learn to ride, don't push your style of bike on them, let them ride a suitable learner style bike that suits them, not you. Cruiser people that is aimed at you. A common occurrence I have seen in the training environment with a lot of female clients is a situation where husband rides in a cruiser style riding group and so the learner bike of choice is cruiser style. Often the bike selected is so it fits with an image or theme of the group. The bike selected is inappropriate in size, control placement and dimensions making the bike not suitable for the learner to successfully develop their skills on. The belief that cruisers are safer cause they're slower is misguided. I've experienced training new riders who had been bombarded with conflicting and poor riding advice from those they ride with and their riding experience is always in a group where they just follow the leader.

Group riding places a lot of pressure on new riders. So they are hindered from the start and cannot improve and never gain the valuable riding ingredient of confidence. I have seen it also where sports or enduro focussed bike is selected however it isn't as common.

If you fill a learner rider's head with contrary techniques to their training, you will make the licence acquisition process for them worse, as they still have to go to a training provider and pass their RE and R licence courses and they'll be unprepared with their head full of bad advice.

I encourage all riders, especially if you are going to be doing some supervision of new learner riders to brush up on your own skills and knowledge. Call the office on 5596 5440 and speak to Tony about booking into our level 1 course at Mount Cotton. Also enquire with the office into our slow speed specific course being introduced. They will be short courses at Mt Cotton designed to improve slow speed control and how to improve your U-turns.

Regards

Ray van den Bosch

Senior Instructor

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What's News



Well we are home & have survived another fantastic WAR planned & lead by [Greg Schmidt](#), thank you Greg for a fantastic weekend.



We left Metz shortly after 8:15 after being held up by a certain gentleman who slept in & wishes to remain anonymous so will just use his initials (BS) & headed to Murburg where we visited the Emu Heaven Emu farm.



We were welcomed by the owner, Greg's cousin that filled us to overflowing with information about the Emus & the benefits of using Emu oil.



We all learnt things we didn't know & as a result left a considerable number of \$\$\$\$ in exchange for health enhancing products. So for those members that never came this weekend, BEWARE, in a month or two a few club members are likely to become dangerous.





From here we headed to Mt Alford hotel which was our lunch stop. After lunch a few members left us & headed back to the GC whilst the rest of the team headed for our overnight stop, Kyogle.



On route to Kyogle we stopped off to inspect the Rallyman Rally at Grevillia. From here it was only a short run to Kyogle. An enjoyable night was spent at the Commercial Hotel where some of us stayed, lots of laughs & friendly banter. Late in the night David Harvey got a call from work which resulted in him having to leave early Sunday morning & travel to Lismore to assist in a training day due to another staff member being unwell. After a fantastic Brekky at Dave's Bakery, Kyogle in the morning we headed to Lismore & payed a visit to David. It was at this point the weather man decided to change the equation & turned on the tap. As a result, the wet weather gear was quickly installed & a route change was made so that we would all start heading for home. On our way we had a refreshment/snack stop at Humble Pie, Billinudgel, YUM-:) By the time we left there the rain had lifted but all votes were to head home.

Thanks once again Greg for a fantastic weekend & to all those that attended.

Must sign off now, can HEAR MY EMU CAPSULES CALLING-:) Murray Speden







Adventure

I was fortunate to be invited to an adventure bike weekend away to Glen Innes last weekend. Ralph led the ride of seven bikes, mostly large adventure on a mixture of dirt roads and tar, and we left from Nerang, travelled through Numinbah, Tyalgum & Mebbin National Park to Kyogle Rd and fuelled at Kyogle.



From there, travelled west and turned right onto The Bruxner Hwy, shortly after another turn left which brought us out on The Gwydir Hwy near Grafton where we stopped for lunch.



Heading out on The Gwydir after refuelling we turned left again and this ran into the Old Grafton Rd. I had expected muddy roads this weekend after all the rain received on the Gold Coast, however it was dusty and in good condition – hard packed dirt with some fine gravel over the top as most of these fast dirt roads had been



We made a few stops on the way and the road runs alongside the river for a

good distance. Our stops were Dalmorton Campground, a large black bovine (sex unknown) came onto the road after the lead rider past, was not happy to be disturbed.

The old convict tunnel for photos, and another was Mann River Nature Reserve - a pristine camping area towards the end of this road also more photos. I would really like to camp here sometime; the wallabies went about their business as if we weren't even there.

At the campsite, we had a great laugh. This trip was the most fun I had had in weeks, really enjoying my DR and making the most of it let off some steam for me and also others I expect.





On leaving, the gravel road quickly turned to tar and we climbed quite high via a series of hills and sharp bends. The one at the top turned suddenly back to gravel on the bend.

My bike had worked hard and decided to have a lie down.



This knocked the wind out of both of us but no real injuries only pride.

Some of our group blamed the knobby tyres, some the nut behind the triple clamps but truth be known I should have been travelling slower with more caution.

The bike would not start as the kill switch button had fine sand or gravel jamming the switch so it would not return all the way out. After rectifying this, it was all hands on to straighten things up and we travelled on to Glen Innes for the night. A hot shower, a few drinks and a great meal at the The Grand Central Hotel saw us retire early ready for the day to come.

As expected we had rain overnight, and had planned our trip home over a few tracks, however next morning saw a late start due to mechanical issues on one bike and our course was changed.



Tar to Tenterfield Followed by Mt Lindsay Rd which has a lot more tar than last time I travelled it. A lunch stop at Rathdowney for most of the group while I travelled on towards the coast



The heaviest rain encountered near home but it was wet all the way.

I used the wet weather over boots bought from Martin Bell recently and I can tell you they look and feel awkward, they helped me to keep dry and warm for the 350k's home. I managed 850k's for the weekend with a great bunch of blokes and had a fabulous weekend thanks for your company guys let's do it again.



Ps; My Bride - Pat managed to book a spot for me next weekend on the Team Moto Adventure ride and I am looking forward to it. Thanks for the weekend off again sweetheart, I have been looking forward to both of these rides and they ended up on consecutive weekends. I will get back to the brownie points chore list asap after this coming weekend. xx
Steve Bryant



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The TeamMoto Adventure Rally Saturday 24th June

I attended last weekend along with around fifty other riders. There were also trainer/riders from BMW, Triumph and KTM. On top of these there were two two lead riders and two sweep riders for each group, as well as support in the form of a 4X4 and trailer, photographer and others.

This was a huge undertaking by Team Moto and backed by sponsors BMW, Triumph, KTM, Suzuki, Kawasaki and Honda.

Right from the start we were welcomed by Whitney who provided us with an entry lanyard and card with all the weekend's details including your cabin number, what we had ordered for lunch and dinner, contact details, which group we were riding with – in this case orange or yellow group. All in all, just a well-oiled machine in action.

Before leaving we were advised of possible road conditions, dangers to be aware of, back up available, the ride rules and expectations and more.

We were well advised and catered for, the meals and ride organisation was first class and all of the Team Moto crew were friendly and helpful. In short the Team Moto effort was exceptional.

Tragically one rider passed away on Saturday afternoon from injuries received after colliding with another vehicle. All possible effort and care was implemented quickly on the riders behalf, and no further information available at this time. As a mark of respect for the fallen rider and in consideration of family and friends the adventure ride was terminated after breakfast on Sunday. Darren checked which riders were returning to Boonah to conclude the run and we left from Stanthorpe to head home.

Our sincere condolences are extended to the family and friends who have to endure this terrible loss.

Kind Regards,
Steve Bryant

Ride for the Children's Ward



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SAT 9TH JULY 2016
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Ladies & Gentlemen

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If you would like to donate a gift but can't make it to the ride, there will be charity bins at The Pines Elanora, Q Super Centre & Helensvale Plaza from early June.

SCHEDULE

Meet at **5.00PM** at **The Pines Elanora** next to internal bus stop. Depart **5.30PM** sharp.

Ride up the highway to (or meet at) the **Q Super Centre Markeri Street**. Depart **6.15PM**.

Ride up the highway to (or meet at) the **Harbour Town Shopping Centre**. Depart **7.00PM**.

Arrive at the **hospital** at approx. **7.15PM** and be greeted by the staff when we deliver the gifts.

Loop the hospital so all those inside can hear and see us, then off to the Parkwood Tavern for dinner.

Contact Jeff 0412577153 jeffthepoet@yahoo.com.au

Thursday Morning Rides

9am at the Club House

MECGC Monthly meeting - Wednesday night the 27th July 2016

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/>

Saturday Morning Rides

8am leaving from the MECGC Club house.

Stopping at Numinbah valley for one of our Saturday morning rides. Hoping for coffee and breakfast the café had changed hands and is now a fudge shop.





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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.

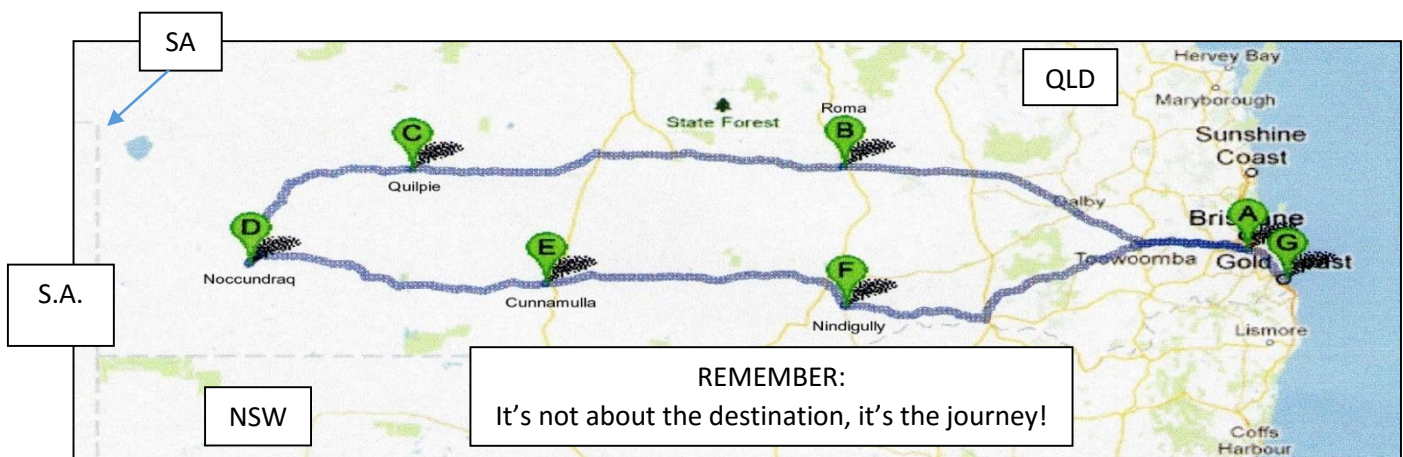
We are planning to spend a week riding out and back. Along the way home we will stay at the Nindigully pub and try one of their special burgers, so the more takers we can get the better. Come along for the whole trip, or meet us anywhere and tag along, it is up to you.



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 - July 2016

Sunday 31st	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday 1	Saturday 2
						8am Breakfast at the club house
Sunday 3	Monday 4	Tuesday 5	Wed 6	Thursday 7	Friday 8	Saturday 9
			Movie Night at the club house	9am Club Ride	Ten Pin Bowling	8am - Club House Ride
Sunday 10	Monday 11	Tuesday 12	Wed 13	Thursday 14	Friday 15	Saturday 16
			Meeting to organise the Winter Sunshine event - All Welcome	9am Club Ride		8am - Club House Ride
Sunday 17	Monday 18	Tuesday 19	Wed 20	Thursday 21	Friday 22	Saturday 23
11am at the club house Commando (COG) 9:30pm  Germany				9am Club Ride		8am - Club House Ride
Sunday 24	Monday 25	Tuesday 26	Wed 27	Thursday 28	Friday 29	Saturday 30
			7:30pm MECGC monthly meeting			8am - Club House Ride & Long day ride

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

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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

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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.

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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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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:

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

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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 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.