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Terry Hanly 1930 Matchless - Photo taken in the 1980's



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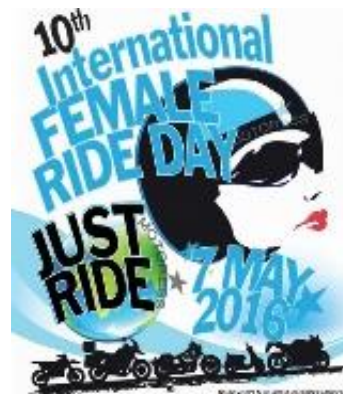
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## From the Editor

There are more females riding motorcycles. Once you shift through the gears, feeling the engine surge you are hooked. And then there is that first breath taking moment as your bike takes you into the perfect corner... Well that is how I started my addiction. The month of May for the past decade 'International Female Ride Day' has been taking place around the globe. It is certainly an event to be celebrated.



*Just Ride...*

*Gail*



## WAYNE'S WRAMBLE FOR MAY 2016

Time is flying in 2016. We've had our Patron's rally on April 2<sup>nd</sup> which was very successful. The following Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> was our W.A.R. weekend away ride. We had 23 bikes to Bellingen NSW and back. What a great weekend and no problems apart from our latest member Guy Russell having to take his bike home early with electrical problems and yours truly dropping his Bandit in a car park.

We're all looking forward to the next W.A.R. on June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Our second meeting of COG saw 4 Commandos and 5 non Commandos go to the local Flying club's open day at Jacobs Well.

Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> is the Mudgeeraba Street Party. We'll have a marquee set up in the main street with a display of bikes and some of us will be riding in the street parade.

May 7<sup>th</sup> will be Barry's Breakfast ride, bring your historic bikes if you have one.



Looking ahead to Sunday May the 15<sup>th</sup>, our 3<sup>rd</sup> COG meeting at 11am, we're hoping to have the Gold Coast Bulletin to take some pictures of the bikes and the club house.

Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> is us getting involved with the Ray Owen Bike show and Swap meet at the Canungra Showgrounds.

MECGC will have a presence there too with a marquee and our new club trailer which was donated to the club by Terry and Berit Dewley.

I've sent them a letter of thanks and Danny has made a marvellous job of customising it and repainting it. Thanks Danny.

See you all soon.

Wayne



The trailer is complete



### To filter or not to filter?

I have been asked by a few clients on courses about filtering and I know it is a subject that generates some strong polar opposite views amongst riders and other road users and even trainers. What is it about lane filtering that causes the debate? For me it is the contradiction of safe riding principles and purposely riding with increased risk, as well as the sometimes subtle and sometimes obvious differences between filtering and splitting. If I had to give a short explanation I would describe filtering as risky, splitting is dangerous. The main difference between filtering and lane splitting is the speed of the surrounding traffic you're moving through. Stationary or near stationary traffic (going up the middle of two or more lanes travelling in the same direction) I class as filtering, anything faster than that is splitting, and moving between oncoming and same direction traffic is suicidal. There are times where filtering through slow moving traffic, if the traffic starts to move and if you don't join the flow but continue to filter you're inadvertently splitting. The QLD laws set a speed of 30km/h.

When asked for my opinion on it, I am reluctant to give a short definitive answer on the topic as there are several issues to consider. Personally I am happy it is no longer an offence, as there are times where if the opportunity presents, it is nice to have the option, but here are some points I like to make; I often see riders who are filtering not do it well – their low speed management of the bike is not at a good level; I often see big risks being taken to push through the traffic – and at times no real gain is made. I see riders moving through traffic like it is their right which causes aggravation with the motorists – filtering is a privilege, remember you are moving through other driver's space so show respect and courtesy to them and their property. I see riders filtering too fast for the environment they're in – not seeing collision risks presented by pedestrians and turning or merging traffic and not able to stop in time.

Riders often complain about “idiot” car drivers and how people don't see motorcyclists, yet I constantly see people riding their bikes in an unpredictable fashion, following too close, sitting in blind spots, making rapid lane changes and not indicating, so drivers have no chance to see them at all. It is the rider's actions that created the problem. I've observed heavy traffic hold a gap to allow for a car to turn across the banked traffic, and a near miss with a rider who is travelling down the left edge of the road who was unable to see and unprepared for the intersecting car. I've observed on the M1, as soon as traffic starts to bank up riders hold speed and split up the middle unable to see the car ahead veering across two lanes and across their path.

A cornerstone of safe riding on the road is matching your speed to the space and surface you have. When you filter, you are deliberately riding in reduced space, on sometimes poor surface so the speed is to be very low as the environment is one where the driver is not realistically expecting you, and has not seen you. My advice is to filter like it is a privilege

and when appropriate, and do it slowly. I acknowledge that if I filter other drivers I'm approaching and passing cannot see me so I have to make all the allowances. It is up to me to avoid hitting anything. I have seen drivers' open gaps for me and also close gaps too. I have had drivers jump the green light to try and out accelerate me to make their annoyance obvious. To me though the biggest risk with filtering is the risk presented by other riders not showing any filtering etiquette. When you add directional changes through stationary traffic your risks go up significantly because you're turning across the flow of traffic.

I have heard it argued that filtering reduces your chances of being rear-ended at a stop. Maybe. But remember there are other better tactics like using your brakes correctly (early roll off and set up activates your brake light) and checking your mirrors when setting up your brakes to assess the following drivers' response. Of the 5 common crash types that has been identified through crash data analysis, being rear-ended didn't figure. Sideswipe and motorcycle running into the rear of the vehicle in front do. So if your motivations for filtering are purely to reduce your risk of being rear-ended, well, what you're doing is increasing your exposure to other types of crashes to avoid something that isn't really the problem you may think it is.

So what tactics can you employ to manage the filtering risks? Show patience. Be prepared to wait. Then if you are going to filter, pick and choose when and where wisely. Have good slow speed control, relaxed posture and keep your head and eyes up. Look through all the traffic and look wider to the edges of the road. Look into and through the cars you are approaching to identify signs that the vehicle may turn or change lanes. Be very aware of what you cannot see. If filtering to the front of a queue at lights, pick a fresh red to give you the time to get to the front. Then be ready to go. If you cannot get to the front, sit and wait. Remember, you are travelling through other driver's space so respect that and do it at a speed that you can stop quickly to avoid a crash.

Whilst we do not offer a filtering specific course, to improve your slow and general riding and road-craft skills contact us on 55965440 or at [www.stayupright.com.au](http://www.stayupright.com.au) to book into our next Level 1 course.

Ray van den Bosch

Senior Instructor

Stay Upright Rider Training



## What's News

I've had the honour of one of my bike levers become part of the club house in a functional way.



Thanks to Barry who has installed a fantastic place for all our helmets and jackets.

We have had several motorcycle helmets and motorcycle related items donated to the club that are on display.

If you have any motorcycle parts that are no longer useful to you, they just might be to Barry and our club house.





More room was defiantly needed



## Not at fault Motorcycle claim

Hopefully this will not be of interest to our members but worth knowing (for not at fault motorcycle insurance claims).

Just to let you all know that Compass now offer motorbikes in South East Qld! While I understand that probably won't affect many of you, it's a very exciting step forward for us and while you may not all be repairing bikes, please keep us in mind if you know of someone who is not at fault in an accident while riding a bike. The same process applies, we will deliver the bike and collect when your customer's bike is ready and repaired.

Also, as this side of our business grows, there may come times when we fall short on available bikes. In these cases, we will still be able to help your customers by placing them into a car if need be. As always, we will add to our fleet as required, so we will have no concerns about buying more bikes if need be.

It has been another strong start to the year for Compass in Qld, so a big thank you to all of you for your continued support and feedback. Without your help, we wouldn't be able to do what we do.

If I can help you and your customers in anyway, please don't hesitate to call me, or pass my details onto your customers.

Lastly, if you haven't seen our new video, please check it out when you have 5mins to spare [www.youtube.com/watch?v=9JtfmtyZpxo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9JtfmtyZpxo) Please also feel free to show this to customers if they have any concerns or hit you with the "it sounds too good to be true". There is also a shorter version here [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xgtx9pGx8Og](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xgtx9pGx8Og)

## NICK OF MANY ROADS...

There is a young man who is becoming a legend with leading club rides. His name is Nick Tan, & he is a member of both The Enthusiasts & the BMW Clubs.

Nick organised a ride to Bellingen this weekend and again has shown us new roads, some of which few men know, so we have come to know him as "Nick of Many Road" or "Nickof" for short. Even as far as Bellingen people know Nick, & I am sure that I heard some locals call " Hey, Nickof mate!" Last night.

This is not to be confused with Nick off which is strine for go away, and doesn't even sound the same and has completely different spelling anyway.

The TEC did let Nick's trip down a bit by sneaking past corner markers in Stealth mode, although we did wait &/or go back for them....3 times! And to Big Paul, Gaylene and





Monique, there is no truth to the rumour that we left you behind in Grafton deliberately. It is just my counting that doesn't add up!

Thanks again Nick, & everyone, we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Steve & Pat





## MECGC Annual Patrons Rally

We had perfect weather for the event. The ride started with breakfast at the Club house. At 9:30am the rally started. Each check point was manned by club members recording the riders times.

The winner of the Rally was Steve Bryan. Steve along with Quinn and Carol were the only ones who could find my check point. For those who couldn't find me, this is where I was. Lions Look out, Murwillumbah.





## MECGC Monthly meeting

Held on Wednesday night the 27<sup>th</sup> April 16 we had guest speakers on bike safety. Both officers are motorcycle enthusiasts and understand the joys of riding.

Their aim is to make safety awareness when riding. One of the points made was riding in groups when you have a mix of experienced and new riders that may try and keep up. Another good point is that the roads around the hinterland are not in good condition. They don't dry out well after rain as well as green patches and pot holes, not to mention cars. These roads are not meant for high speeds.

It was great to have an open time of questions that they were very happy to answer. The subject on lane filtering and splitting came up. They encouraged us to stop at their monthly sausage sizzles to say hi and to ask any questions on traffic rules and safety.

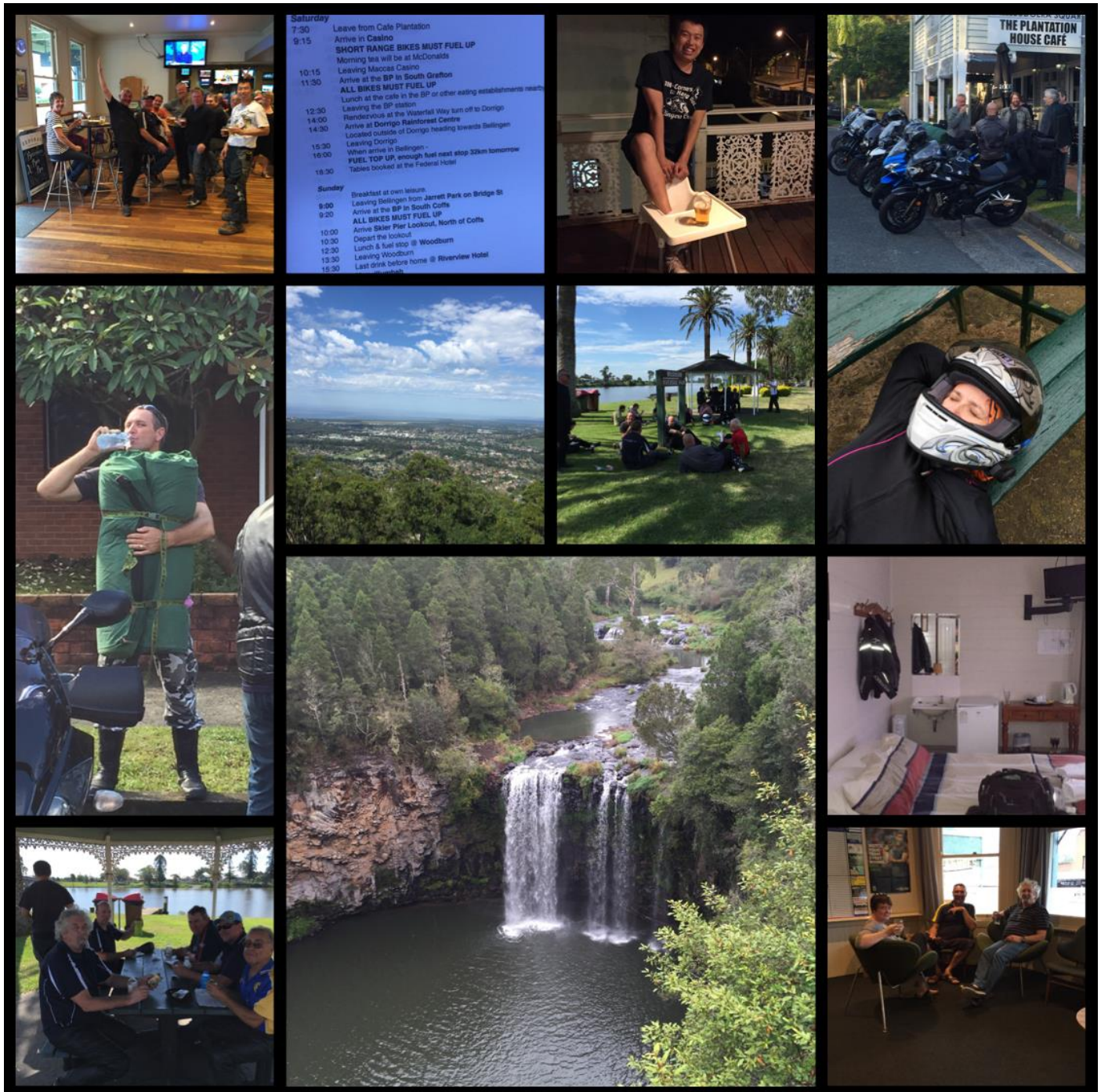
Information hand out was left that will be available on our website.



May 25<sup>th</sup> we are planning another guest speaker at our members meeting. Hope to see you there.



## Weekend Ride to Bellingen. April 2016



This photo collection pretty much sums up our Weekend Ride to Bellingen. Thank you Jodi for creating this collage.

It was certainly a weekend of riding with copious amount of laughs. The accommodation available was amazing with good meals. It is a beautiful part of the world.

Room with a view







**Birthday celebration with Barry and his family**



Now you see  
it, now you  
don't



**“and the red card goes too ....**



## The Spirit of Anzac

Was celebrated across our nation with many of our members rising early in the morning of April 25<sup>th</sup> to attend dawn services across the Gold Coast. Our very own Chris Orton member of the Albert Battery are captured as they shoot a volley of fire. This article is captured in one of the UK newspapers. Lest we forget.



## Thursday Morning Rides

9am at the Club House with

Mark Mellor



## Saturday Morning Rides

8am leaving from the MECGC Club house.

Every Saturday Morning at 8am we leave the club house for a morning ride.

Coming up is the International Female Ride Day 'Just Ride' on the 7<sup>th</sup> May, this is a global event <http://motoress.com/international-female-ride-day/>

It would be great to see a strong presence from the girls in our club. It is a mixed ride at all levels and all bike, whether you're a pillion or a rider. Be early at the club house for breakfast and coffee then weather permitting a short ride out to Chillingham for frozen bananas.







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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.

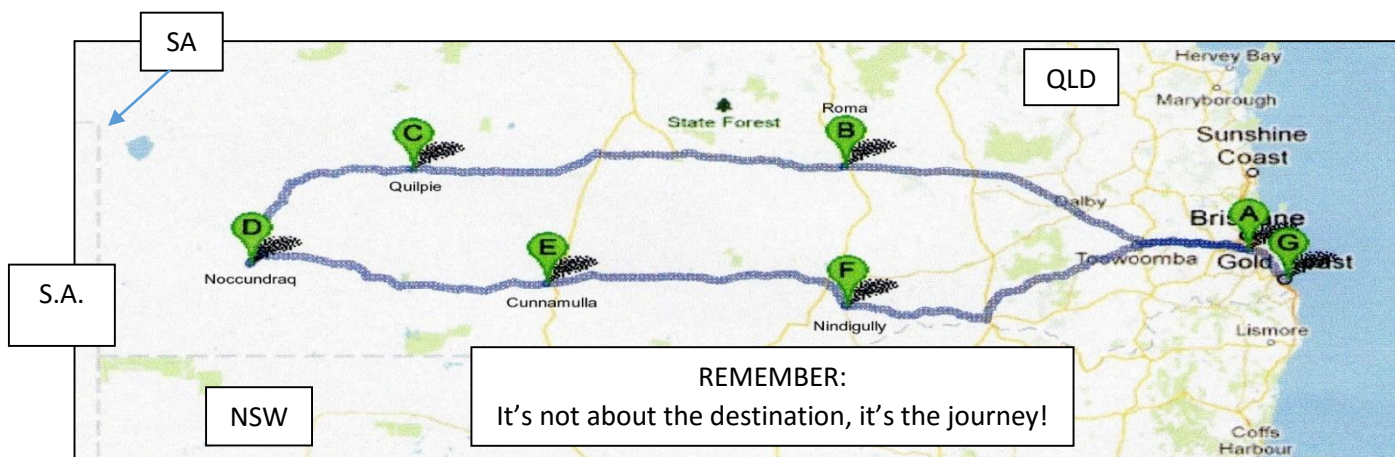
We are planning to spend a week riding out and back. Along the way home we will stay at the Nindigully pub and try one of their special burgers, so the more takers we can get the better. Come along for the whole trip, or meet us anywhere and tag along, it is up to you.



For more info contact:  
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### Itinerary:

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



## Calendar - May 2016

Sunday 1	Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wed 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6	Saturday 7
Mudgeeraba Street Party	Qld Public Holiday – Labour Day			9am Club Ride		8am Breakfast at the club house <b>IFRD</b> 
Sunday 8	Monday 9	Tuesday 10	Wed 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13	Saturday 14
<b>MOTHERS DAY</b>  9:30pm  <b>France</b>				9am Club Ride	6pm Night Ride from the club house	8am - Club House Ride
Sunday 15	Monday 16	Tuesday 17	Wed 18	Thursday 19	Friday 20	Saturday 21
Early start for Adventure Ride  11 am Commandos Owner Meeting				9am Club Ride		8am - Club House Ride
Sunday 22	Monday 23	Tuesday 24	Wed 25	Thursday 26	Friday 27	Saturday 28
<b>Ray Owen Bike Show Canungra</b>  9:30pm  <b>Italy</b>			7:30pm MECGC monthly meeting	9am Club Ride		8am - Club House Ride
Sunday 29	Monday 30	Tuesday 31	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

For up to date information on all events log on to [www.mecgc.club](http://www.mecgc.club)

MECGC Annual Ride Calendar - <http://mecgc.club/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/2016-MECGC-Ride-Calendar-Update.pdf>



**6<sup>TH</sup> Spinal Life Australia  
Charity Ride – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>  
August 2016**



For Sale

**Wanted.** Pre 1920's Project bike. Prefer BSA, Triumph, Douglas of 350/500cc. Looking for one mostly there. Does not need to be going but rolling is better than boxes. Can collect. Price to \$15k, depending on condition & completeness. Warren secretary of WA Vintage Motor Cycle Club 0487 799 007.

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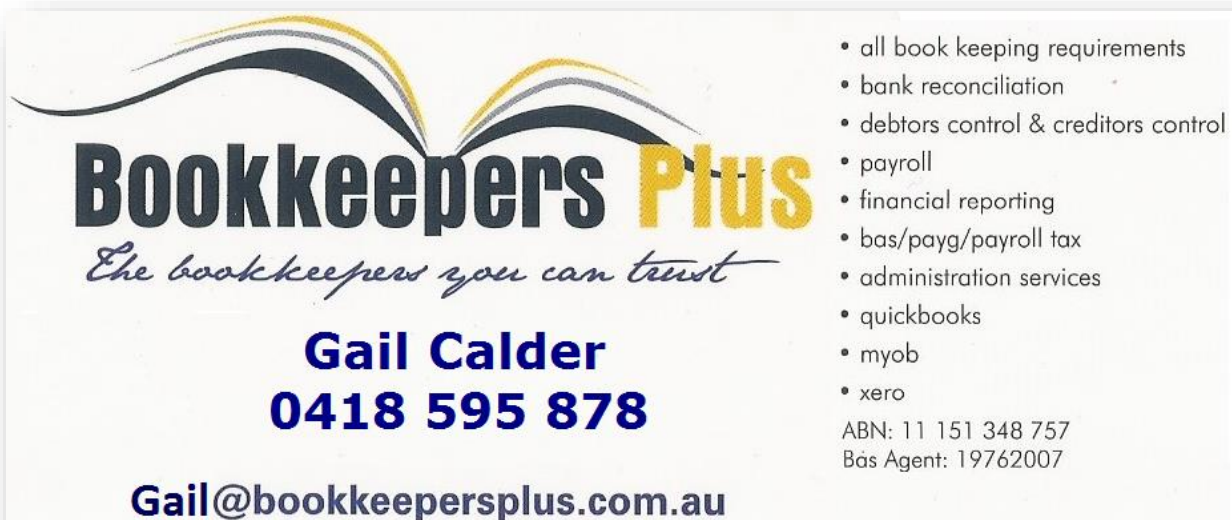
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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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New Members: \$60.00 includes Name Badge

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**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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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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SPOUSE/PARTNER: .....SIGNATURE: .....

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PHONE: (Home): ..... (Work): .....

EMAIL: ..... OCCUPATION: .....

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YEAR: MAKE: CAPACITY: CONDITION: REGO NO:

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Nominated by (Print Name): .....Signature: .....

Seconded by (Print Name): .....Signature: .....

Method of Payment Received: Cash Cheque PayPal Other:

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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](mailto: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.