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From the Editor

I have just returned from the most amazing journey. Over 5000Klms down to Philip Island for the MotoGP.

We live in the most amazing country and I urge you all to discover the roads and ride.

Having such a long trip with so many corners my skills were definitely polished.

This month’s article from Stay Upright gave me such a clear view of each corner that was practiced again and again.

The atmosphere at the MotoGP was intense. Recommend to plan a trip next year.

Gail

WAYNE'S WRAMBLE

WAYNE'S WRAMBLE FOR NOVEMBER

Hi everyone, Wramble time again, my last one was mainly a report on the Winter Sunshine rally. And a lot has happened since then.

On September 4th, some of us headed out west to Noccundra for 6 days. We had a fantastic ride and when I go camping again, it will be with all the camping gear on a backup vehicle. I could write a whole article on the ride but Rod Moorcroft is going to be guest speaker at a future monthly meeting and talk about Noccundra and it will be very entertaining to say the least.

The next week, September 11, we had a WAR to Kenilworth which was a blast as well.

On October, 8th, Quinn led us on another WAR. 25 bikes down to Glen Innes, 32 people, 2 dogs and 2 cars. One of the best overnight rides we've had.

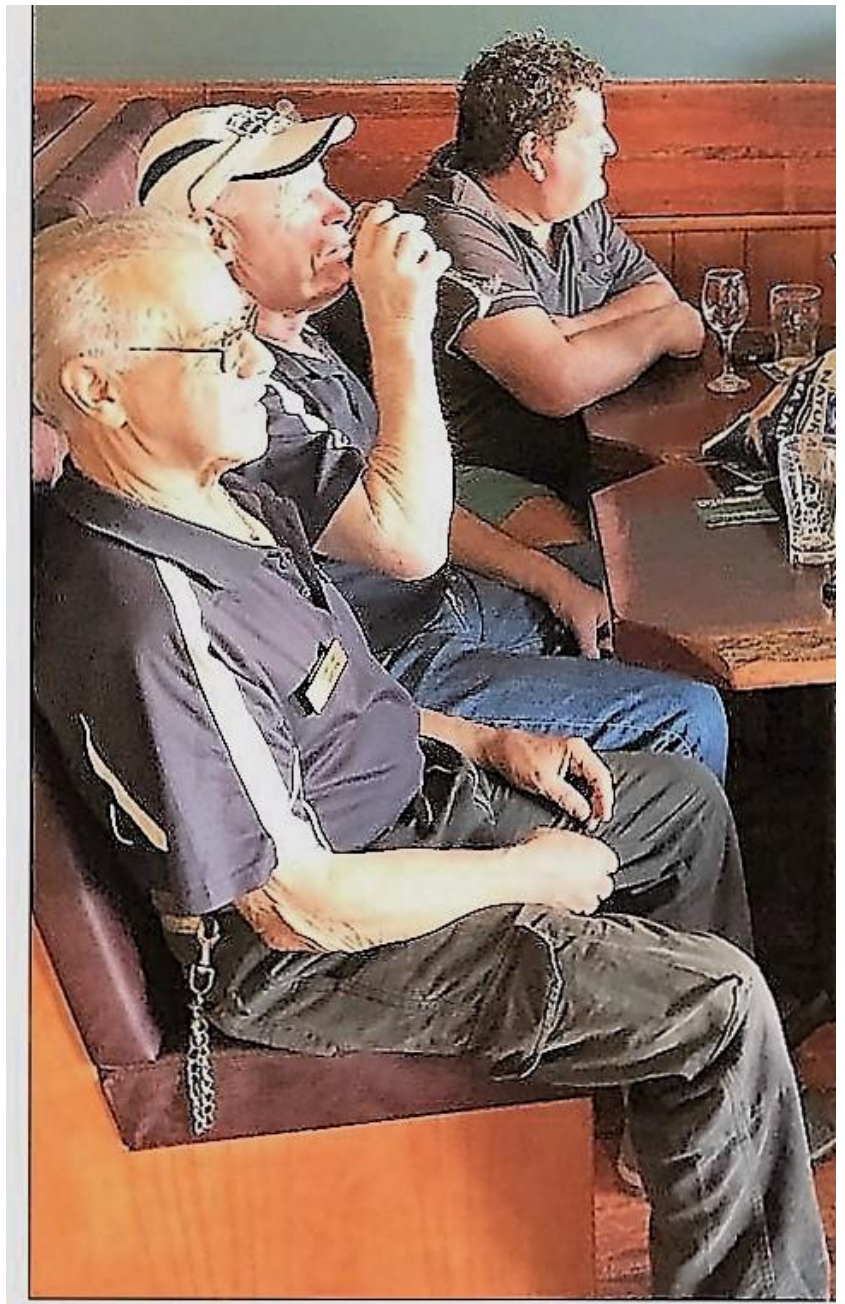
By the time you're reading this, we'll be having or had our Bazza's Breaky and Poker Run, that's November 5th.

We're hoping and praying for good weather. The "Sharks" Bike shop is our main sponsor for our Poker Run.

We have a \$200 voucher as first prize and 2 \$100 vouchers as raffle prizes.

We are all happy that Clive, Nic, Wayne, Jodie and Gail have returned home safely from Phillip Island.

Our Christmas party is coming up fast. Wallaby Hotel, Mudgeeraba on Friday 25th November. We need numbers for the hotel caterers so please let Murray know ASAP if you're going please.



Commando Owners, our next COG ride is on Sunday, November, 20th. All bikes are welcome, meeting at the club at 10am. Then, we are riding to BP Connect Yatala, Kalbar Hotel and then on to the Panorama Museum at Kalbar.

So we'll have a busy end to 2016.

And for those of us not going away at Christmas, there will be rides, just check our website and Facebook.

Rod is a little sore after having an altercation with a trailer, not a Kenworth one. We wish him a full recovery and will see him at the Christmas party.

See you all soon.

Wayne.

Moto3 Action shot from the Siberia Stand - Gail



Shiny Side Up

Do you have trouble on right-hand bends?

It is not unusual to have people comment on courses that they have trouble negotiating right-hand bends. I have read and heard many explanations as to why. A plausible explanation is sometimes found in how the rider is gripping the throttle with their right hand, and not having a relaxed posture with bent arms. Another explanation relates to the relationship of your head, eyes and body in relation to the curve and where you are looking influences your path through a through a curve.

A simple mental exercise that helped me improve my cornering was to repeat to myself over and over in a rhythmical way “Start wide, stay wide, plan to exit tight”. I would start saying this to myself as I was riding through a series of curves. The longer the bend, the more I repeated the “stay wide” part. This helped me stay wide while searching for the exit and delaying the tip in and roll on of the throttle until I had found my exit. For public road riding, you can only commit to the exit of the curve once you have found it. This is to prevent you from tipping in too early, especially on the long, tightening radius type curves. As you may have experienced, tipping in too early can result in a wide exit. Wide exits can result in catastrophe. The other result of an early tip in is the need to stand the bike up again and tip in to the turn again, causing you to have several bites at the curve.



You may be aware of how “you go where you look” as it applies to motorcycles, however just looking as far as you can see can cause the bike to follow where you’re looking resulting in a premature tip in. There is more to do. To stop yourself from turning in too early you need to build up your ability to move your eyes. Look forward as far as you can see,

scanning back along the road surface with your eyes only. For those who have been following my other articles, this eye movement is you seeking out your 12, 6 and 3 seconds of vision of the road ahead.

Let's look at short right hand and hairpin type curves. The approach is where you get it right and this is from early set up of the brakes, and progressive slowing down with the front brake whilst you're upright. You know it's a tighter bend as the limit point is coming back towards you, meaning you're losing your 12 seconds of clear vision, this is ok, as long as your speed still allows you to see and stop in your 6 seconds of vision.

As you're doing this you position yourself as widely as safely possible. At this point turning your head too much too early results in the bike tipping in too early. Often, the approach to this type of bend has a cliff face or drop off on the outside of the curve and riders tend to want to stay away from that which influences the early turn in. This is where using your eyes well assists you to stay that little bit wider at corner entry.

As you are entering the bend, commence starting to turn your head slightly to the right (how much you turn your head depends on how much of the road you can see) and use your eyes to look to a place deeper into and along the left edge of the bend. This allows the rider to visually assess the true space they have available, and how much speed they need to wash off, allowing you to find space in curves should a change in line or plan is required. Remember, no-one ever crashed coming into a curve too slowly. This will help stop that rushing up feeling some curves give riders.



As you approach that point that is deeper into the bend, your head continues to turn and your eyes sweep out again. I call this your second effort with your head. You need this extra effort to ensure head remains turned and looking through the bend.

What about the longer right-hand bends? This is where more effort to move the eyes is required. Again, it is your ability to scan up and back along your 12, 6 and 3 vision range that keeps you on a steady line. This is where the "start wide" mantra helps. Approach the bend as described before, but in this case it is a little more open and the limit point of your

vision is comfortably in front of you. You approach saying “Start wide” to yourself and you sweep your eyes to the left edge of the road. As the actual curve commences, you turn your head further to the right and scan with your eyes out towards your limit point.

Keeping your head steady and still turned to the right, run your eyes back along the road surface, taking in all the information and find your 6 seconds of vision mark to the outer left-side of the road and say “stay wide”. Hold the focus there momentarily then sweep out to your limit point again and repeat. Every time I say to myself “Stay wide” I am finding the left edge of the road 6 seconds in front of me. Repeat until you see the limit point running away from you, indicating the road is opening up. Then say “plan to exit tight” as you start to tip in through handle bar pressure and roll on with progressive throttle as you leave the curve. Staying wide on a steady line is easier to achieve if you’re using the right gear, applying drive and a little bit of rear brake to control speed.

Don’t confuse the momentary hold of your vision as you scan back to the left edge as ‘staring’. This is not what is being suggested. If you are feeling locked up and unable to move your eyes away, then your approach speed is too fast causing you to freeze up. So again, a slightly reduced approach speed keeps the fear and anxiety away freeing up the body and mind to scan and sweep the road with your eyes. The other benefit of this is you will improve your cornering and general rider safety as you will see road imperfections, gravel and other hazards that would otherwise cause your concern.

Remember, the faster you accelerate out of the curve, the narrower your vision becomes, due to several factors including the effects of adrenaline on the body. This narrow vision means you’re also losing your peripheral vision. This means you have to move your eyes more to counter the effects.

To develop your vision and appreciation of what 12, 6 and 3 seconds of distance ahead looks and feels like requires commitment and effort on your part. Start working on it today by looking ahead and counting.

If you need help with getting your curves right or wish to learn more about finding your 12,6 and 3 seconds of vision, call the office on 5596 5440 and book into to our next level 1 course. We have a level 2 cornering and braking course that builds on the topics covered on the level 1 course on Monday 24th October at Lakeside International Raceway. We are also offering slow speed courses to assist you in improving your slow speed and U-turn ability. Check out the website at www.stayupright.com.au for more information.

Hope to see you on a course soon,

Stay Upright.

Regards

Ray van den Bosch

Senior Instructor

Stay Upright Rider Training



What's News

Here is a picture of my latest acquired machine to the stable. It's a Honda CB900 F Bold'or with a 1100 barrels. Same as George Palmer rides, but could prove faster. Hopefully will be registered early next year. Mark M



Been Caught

This month a some of us were caught again... by MATS SIC PIC If you get caught don't forget to send me your pics for next month's magazine.



Paul Murdoch

Philip Island MotoGP 2016. Over 5000Klms as we set off from the Gold Coast. We took the twisted way down thanks to Nic. The photos don't do justice as the trip to Philip Island and back was amazing. The roads the corners and the fun. Each day was amazing as we rode through different climates through different states, Qld NSW ACT & Victoria.

Staying on Philip Island and attending the MotoGP was such an experience. The people and the atmosphere. But I must make a special mention to my friends that I rode with. We had an amazing time. It was great to share the experience with Nicholas, Jodi, Wayne & Clive.



The Great Ocean Road is something to be experienced. The ride was slow with some traffic and road works but the corners as they opened to amazing views.

The road down to Jindabyne was incredibly twisted with steep descents and

15km corners one after the next (at least 10 of them) with no visibility to oncoming traffic with narrow and bumpy roads (get the picture). The other way out was much easier.



The history at the National Motorbike Museum was amazing. So many bikes collectables and stories. Take your time as you wonder through the maze of motorbike to read the specs and the stories behind the collection. Make sure you also have time to have a yarn with the owners. Plenty of stories told there too.



We didn't ride through the snow but we rode through the Snowy Mountains. Perfect seeing the

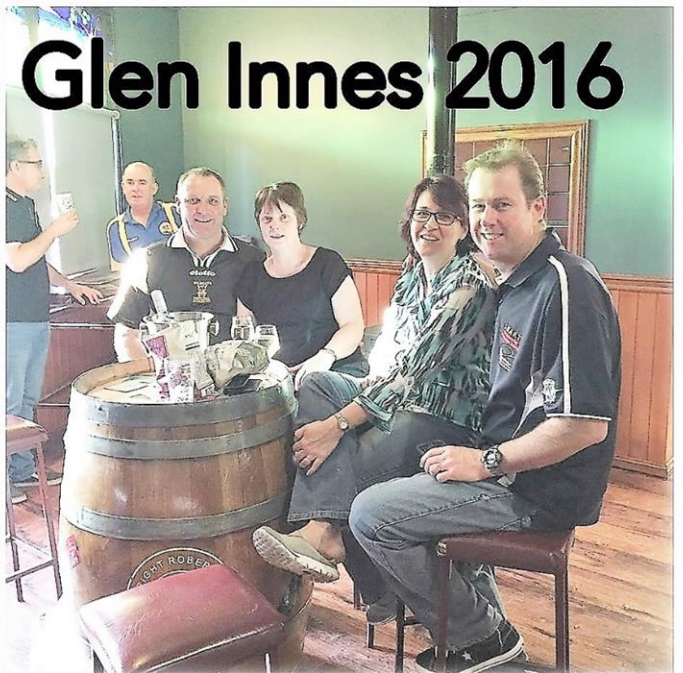


snow just on the mountain caps. The ride was stunning with perfect corners.

There were so many roads we went on with our journey that were just amazing.

Glen Inness Weekend Away





Thank you Jodi for these pictures

Events

Monday Morning Ride

Every Monday morning 8am at Luva Coffee Oxenford opposite Woolworths especially for classic bike riders with SIV rego but all bikes and members are welcome.

Thursday Morning Rides

9am at the Club House

Saturday Morning Rides

8am leaving from the MECGC Club house.

MECGC Adventure Ride Sunday 20th November

7am to 4pm

Don't miss it, put the date in your diary now.

More details will follow shortly-:)

Visit the MECGC Website for all the latest updates.

<http://mecgc.club/arm-adventure-riding-magic-sunday-20th-november/>

Commando Ride 20th November

10am at the Club House. Ride to Kalbar. Commandos and all bikes welcome.

MECGC Christmas Party/Dinner - Friday 25th November

6pm

Visit our website for all the details & don't forget to click on the link to reply if you would like to join us-:)

<http://mecgc.club/mecgc-christmas-partydinner-friday-25th-.../>

Fish N Chips Friday Night Dec 16th




6pm to 9pm Meeting at the Club House

Don't miss our final FAN - Friday Action Night for 2016

Visit the MECGC Website for all the details

<http://mecgc.club/fan-fush-n-chups-friday-16th-december/>

Calendar - November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed 2	Thursday 3	Friday 4	Saturday 5
						7:30 -2pm Club House 
Sunday 6	Monday 7	Tuesday 8	Wed 9	Thursday 10	Friday 11	Saturday 12
	9am - Club Ride Oxenford @ Luvacoffee			9am Club Ride		8am - Club House Ride
Sunday 13	Monday 14	Tuesday 15	Wed 16	Thursday 17	Friday 18	Saturday 19
 11:30pm Valencia	9am - Club Ride Oxenford @ Luvacoffee			9am Club Ride		8am - Club House Ride
Sunday 20	Monday 21	Tuesday 22	Wed 23	Thursday 24	Friday 25	Saturday 26
7 am Adventure Ride 10am Commando Ride to Kalbar	9am - Club Ride Oxenford @ Luvacoffee			9am Club Ride	6pm Christmas Party/Dinner 	8am - Club House Ride
Sunday 27	Monday 28	Tuesday 29	Wed 30	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	9am - Club Ride Oxenford @ Luvacoffee					

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

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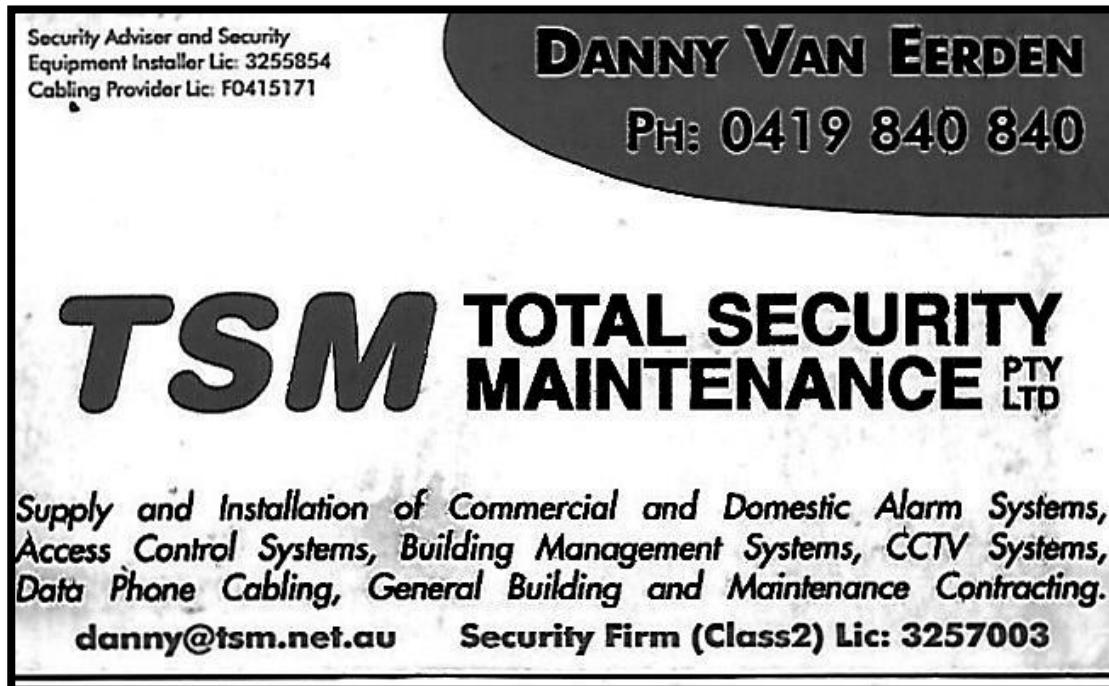
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New Members: \$75.00 includes Name Badge

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

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NAME OF INSURANCE COMPANY

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:

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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.

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