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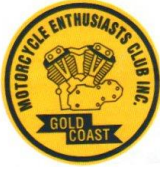
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Monthly Meetings held on the last Wednesday of each month at our Club Room: Mudgeeraba Heritage Centre, 238 Mudgeeraba Road, Mudgeeraba (opp Milky Way). Arrive 7.30 pm for an 8.00 pm start.





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You are most welcome to join us at our **Monthly Meetings** which are held on the **LAST WEDNESDAY of EVERY MONTH** (excluding December) at 7:30pm for an 8pm start in our Clubhouse situated in the Mudgeeraba Heritage Centre, 238 Mudgeeraba Road, Mudgeeraba Qld 4213.



Check out our Website at: www.mecgc.net
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If you have a news item or photos you would like included in our Club Magazine 'The Link' please email Tom & Lisa McCutchen at tom.twoswans@bigpond.com.au

no later than the 10th of each month.



WAYNE'S WRAMBLE FOR APRIL, 2014

Hi everyone. I am writing this on Sunday 6th, the afternoon of our Patron's rally. What a great day we had, a perfect sunny day. 29 bikes turned out for the rally and we had a lot of help to make the day a success. Thank you everybody for coming and helping.

It was the first time, I haven't ridden. Rhonda and I drove out to Sharps Park Canungra to the 2nd checkpoint and put on morning tea for the riders on the rally.

The rally took 29 riders up Mount Tamborine and out to Canungra and Beechmont. It was a timed rally and was won by our Secretary, "Alex Huybens" with 8 points. "Hoppy Nelson" was a close second with 9 points and Guy Cruikshank 3rd on 11 points. It was nice to see Guy and Sue there.

Our patron, "Don Kibble" gave out the trophies made by "Gary Ford" and then we drew the raffle. Two of the prizes were \$100 vouchers donated by Sharks Motorcycle Accessories and Currumbin Auto Body repairs – and the other two were a clock made by Gary and a "bottle of whiskey".

Well "Steve Bryant" of "Autobody Repairs" was lucky enough to win his own voucher and promptly swapped it for the bottle of whiskey. Rod Moorcroft drew the winning ticket, gave it back and won it again. He should buy a lotto ticket!

But the luckiest of all was everybody. After the ride, a lovely lunch and the presentations, the black clouds rolled in. Everyone left and the rain poured down. As far as I know everyone got home dry.

And the really good news is that Noel Peck has been told that his blood tests are good and he doesn't need any more chemotherapy, That's great! Noel.

Now the Thursday and Saturday morning rides are going well. Murray Spedden is making a great job of building our new website. This Sunday, 16th is the Mudgeeraba Community Street Party from 9am and we're involved, opening the clubhouse and having a display of bikes for the public.

So please support that if you can and also our monthly meeting on April, 30th.

See you soon. Wayne, President.

Wayne

From The Editors

Hi all and welcome to the April edition of The Link.

I started the month with a trip to Cooma for the first gathering of the Nord Nuts. When I bought my Caponord I wasn't aware that it was so rare and exotic. With only 61 imported into Australia (one ended up at a wreckers) so 6 Caponords were in the garage of the Alpine Hotel in Cooma. 10% is a good effort for our first meeting. It was interesting to meet people I had only "met" via a forum. We were drawn together by a love of riding and the fact we all ride the most underrated adventure tourer in Australia. The ride to Cooma reminded me of the 80's band Wet Wet Wet. A few showers on the way to Grafton then after a quick fuel stop I left the highway and headed up Armidale Rd. It was fine until Nimboidea then the rain was constant all the way to Armidale. It is a fantastic road and I can't wait to do it in the dry. A short run down the New England Hwy and then I turned off onto Thunderbolts Way. The rain cleared for a while but the road was still very wet. I joined the Pacific Hwy just north of Raymond Terrace. From there to Hornsby was the heaviest rain I have ever ridden in. Found a room in Hornsby glad of a hot shower and a dry bed.

The rain cleared the next morning and I chose to run down the Hume to Golbourne and head to Cooma via Braidwood. This plan was ditched when I hit heavy rain so a wet dash through Canberra was on. As soon as I hit the Monaro it cleared.

I arrived at the Alpine Hotel in Cooma just after lunch. I was shown my room and the garage for my bike. If you are on a trip in the Snowy region I highly recommend this hotel. Unbelievable value, clean comfortable rooms. (On the Saturday they put cardboard down on the dance floor of the function room so the late arrivals could park their bikes under cover.)

We all caught up for dinner, Steve from Melbourne was late having had to cope with up to 200mm of water over the road. Saturday dawned clear and we had a fantastic ride up to Thredbo and a somewhat spirited ride back.

Sunday morning dawned clear and we said our good by's. I headed off early as I had a long ride home. I chose to give Auto Italia a miss. It was a smooth run home with the only rain just out of Coffs.

Arrived home Monday morning after 2400 km of riding and a group of new friends. Good result in my books. So as always

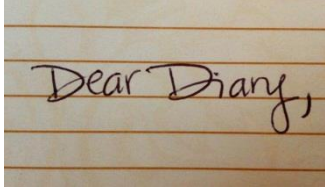
A very rare site a line up of Caponords, Jyndabine



Keep it black down, shiny side up and enjoy,

Tom & Lisa McCutchen

PS: I donated blood at the Red Cross in Robina last week. They need 500 new donors to cope with the demand coming from the new hospital. So go over enjoy the free food and help out.



Thursday Ride Diaries: Noel Peck

February/March 2014



Thursday Ride Report – by Noel Peck

13th March 2014. There were a total of thirteen riders for this days ride, but I should point out that not all finished the ride because of personal appointments. It was good to see Donny Kibble on his new Honda, very nice too! We decided on a run up to Springbrook for our morning coffee at the Village Store. However the best laid plans sometimes go astray. We got halfway up the road to Springbrook only to find the council had closed the road for repairs and there was no warning of this either. Not to be deterred we turned about and headed for Latimer's crossing turning left onto the Murwillumbah Road which we followed to the Pine Ridge road which we climbed to Springbrook, as Chris Orton had phoned Gail at the Store to let her know we were coming. It was a long way around but worth it as Gail rewarded us with free biscuits! After morning coffee we retraced our way back to Advance Town, where some riders peeled off, whilst the remainder rode up Beechmont on our way to Canungra by way of the range road, as we had decided to have lunch at the Metz Café. After lunch it was a leisurely ride back to our respective homes.

20th March 2014. As the weather threatened rain showers it wasn't surprising the attendance was down to a total of nine riders. So in view of the weather and the fact that my assistant Chris Orton was away on school business we decided to keep close to home and so settled for another run up to Springbrook for morning coffee and then perhaps on to the Metz Café at Canungra for lunch. Weather permitting. You will recall the problems we encountered with the road being closed last week? Well, we struck more problems this week. On leaving Mudgeeraba we found ourselves behind a small van which had flashing lights on the roof and a notice "overtake with caution" being driven by a young woman at a speed of just 40 Kph. Now this went on for several kilometers, we couldn't overtake because of double white lines and the driver wouldn't pull over to let us past or wave us past. Finally we came to some road works on one of the bridges. So having stopped we asked the driver "what was going on?" she informed us that she was doing a 'road survey' for Main Roads! How strange we all thought! There should have been a second vehicle indicating that a road survey was in progress. And then as we were waiting it started raining! The road workers had now finished pouring their concrete, so we were now able to resume our ride this time in front of the survey van! On reaching the Springbrook Village Store we were ready for our morning coffee. What a morning! After coffee we took stock of the weather and decided not to go to Metz Café for lunch. But instead to go home via Pine Creek road then taking the Murwillumbah road back to Advance Town and from there to our respective homes.

27 March 2014 – Ride cancelled due to bad weather. The first time a ride has been cancelled since we started the rides.

3 April 2014 – I did not attend as I had an appointment with my Oncologist. The ride was conducted by Chris Orton.



Saturday Ride Diaries:

The regular Saturday ride starting from Shark Leathers continues to see a growing and diverse collection of riders and bikes. I have missed a few of the Saturdays this month but hear that rides from the loop home via Beachmont to a run down The Lions Rd have been done by the Saturday gang.

Alex has been neglecting his lovely Milli GT for a younger leaner latin beauty, his recently purchased Aprilia Pegaso.

On the Saturday of the Easter weekend we did a run over Beachmont to Hinze dam for a Coffee and a few of us took the Pine Creek Rd to Springbrook and on to Mudgeeraba . It was a fantastic run with amazing weather and lots of corners.

I still need help for the Saturday ride reports. Even if you only have time to do it once in a while. It would be good to share a few different points of view from a number of riders.

***Your chance to release your inner journo
and become our ride reporter!!!***

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Noel Peck, Thursday Ride Co ordinator 0407 534 354 email: noel.peck5@bigpond.com

Note: If you would like to organise a club ride, or suggest ideas for future rides, please feel free to contact any of the coordinators listed above.

Greg Schmidt our usual weekend ride co ordinator is tied up at the moment so watch this space for our next week end adventure.

Mudgeeraba Street Party

The Mudgeeraba stree party was on the week after the patrons rally. We had some bikes in the town and at the clubhouse. It seems Kevins Lambo got the most attention at the club house. Wayne , Alex and myself took part in the parade . It was a good opportunity to let the local community know they have a diverse and active group of motorcyclists based in Mudgeeraba. Thanks to Rod Morecroft and PJ for holding the fort in town

Patrons Rally 2014

The Patrons Rally last Sunday started with a very humid sunny morning. I was up early and on my bike to cook breakfast for an unknown number of people at our clubhouse. As always the regulars were there setting up Don, Wayne, Chris, Jenny, Rhonda, Rod, Murray and more followed.

To all who helped to make this another successful day many thanks from The Enthusiasts Club.

Murray was a champion on the BBQ (he did most of the cooking and organising) dressed in his flashing light safety jacket also took many photos on the day, shown with this report.

Wayne and Rhonda had the smoko stop/checkpoint and lunch all sorted which worked quite well with chickens and salad for lunch.

Donny (our club Patron), Jenny and Suzie Kibble did registrations of riders and pillions. I hope you stayed dry in the quick storm we had at home time guys. Jenny warned us it was on its way so we sped up on presentations and raffle draws.

Which brings us to" BLOODY Rod Moorcroft" as he will be known at raffle time from now on.

Rod did a great job of ride briefing, working out the riders times and setting up the spread sheet to find our club and non club winners on the day. Alex Huybens and David Huddy took home trophies.

Getting back To BLOODY Rod. He won the Shark's Leather Donated \$100 gift voucher with the first ticket to be drawn. Then he also had the second ticket drawn and generously asked for it to be redrawn so someone else could win the second \$100 gift voucher donated by Currumbin Autobody Repairs. The third number was also held by BLOODY Rod and the crowd was getting hostile with him (all in good humour really). Another few redraws - we were unable to find some ticket holders and my ticket came up. I chose a clock made and donated by Gary Ford, he has made and donated many trophies over the years to assist our club. Many thanks Gary. There was also a consolation prize won (a bottle of scotch).

The storm was imminent so we packed up quickly and headed for home

The ride itself was a bit of fun and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. To all who attended and rode on the day a special thanks for your support and we look forward to seeing you at the next rally.

Steve Bryant.

ps In our confusion with all the raffle redraws we had not given away the second \$100 gift voucher. This will be raffled at the street party next weekend. Thanks also to Shark's Leather for their on going support I encourage our members to remember this when they need bike gear. my new \$50 summer gloves are as good as advertised - the best.

Bloody Rod Moorcroft



Yes it started





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Tuesday unofficial ride: leaves Maccas, Nerang at 9am (depending on numbers).
Keep an eye on Facebook: Motorcycle Enthusiasts Gold Coast for updates.

“Wayne’s Saturday Morning Rides”

Leave from Shark Leather, 142 Siganto Drive, Helensvale, every Saturday at 8.00am. You can join the group at the Metz Café at Canungra around 8.30 - 9.00am for breakfast, if this venue is more convenient to you.

(If departure time & meeting place changes, or ride is cancelled due to other sanctioned event, special notice will be posted & distributed)



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Regular Rides

Mid-Week Ride: Leaves from clubhouse every Thursday 9.30am

Wayne’s Saturday Morning Rides: Leaves from Shark Leather, 142 Siganto Drive, Helensvale every Saturday at 8.00am.

**For all the latest news on club activities,
Visit our web site:
www.mecgc.net**

Major Club Events 2014

Sunday 6th April Patron’s Rally
Saturday 2nd August Wintersunshine Bike Show
Sunday 3rd August Wintersunshine Rally
Sunday 16th November Eagle Trikes Annual Poker Run

All types of bikes and rider levels welcome!

Monthly Meeting

Come along to our monthly meeting, which is held the last Wednesday of each month at the MECGC clubhouse, 238 Mudgeeraba Road, Mudgeeraba. Meet at 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start. (No Meeting December)

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Up coming Events

**This looks like an event that we as a club should be involved in.
4-6 October 2014. This is what they say on their web site**

“The Lions TT Motorcycle Festival, including café racer sprint, is aiming to embed a history and tradition for all varieties of motorcycles, riders and enthusiasts. As three-day and night motorcycle festival we have created an event that It is open to all motorcycle brands, types of custom motorcycles and racing industry characters.

The Lions TT Group, along with its partners and sponsors, aim to make this THE Motorcycle Event that enthusiasts dream of, making it an annual "must-do" pilgrimage....think Sturgis meets the Isle of Man TT. “

It is a big call but I feel we should get right behind this event

Check it out on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lionstt> or <http://lionstt.com/>

If you are interested in doing a big trip this event is a must do. I went last year and will be going this year. It's worth it for the inspiration

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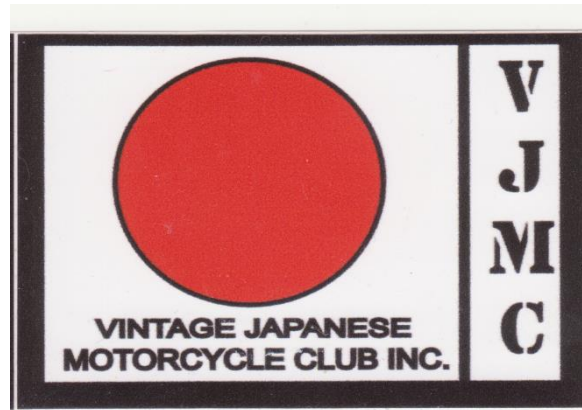
**Horizons Unlimited 11th Australia Travellers Meeting
Friday Oct 3 - Monday Oct 6, 2014 - Beaudesert, Queensland**

To register or for more info www.horizonsunlimited.com/events/queensland-2014

Grant and Suzan Johnson founders of Horizons Unlimited



There are many fantastic motorcycling events in SEQ and Northern NSW. As a club we should support other events and other clubs as it only strengthens our club and it's a good reason for another ride.



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Saturday, May 3rd 2014.

Oliver's Motorcycles 1098 Ipswich Road Moorooka.

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- 10:30am Morning tea stop
- 11:00am Raffles drawn
- 12:30am Ride finishes

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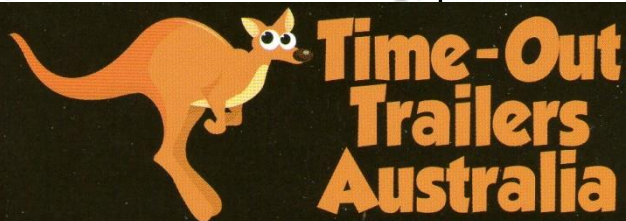
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For sale: It is with sad regret that I have decided to sell my bike. It is a 2000 model Valkyrie 1520cc, flat 6, orig. 33,000 on clock, with a hard topbox 45lt, fur covered seats with air hawk seats front 'n' back (paid \$500) and sissy bar. Bike is well maintained by owner and is in exc. cond. Also comes with an hydraulic jack. Asking \$16,000, but willing to talk price. If anyone is interested, please give them my home number **(07) 38072139**. The bike can be seen at my home in Eagleby.

Reason I'm selling is health worries, plus the bike has only done 140kms in the last year.

Jim n Janice Finch rev.janice1@bigpond.com>

COZY SIDECAR - As new condition \$1990 – Bruce Day 0419 676591



Alex has to make way for his new toy so his FJ needs to go to a good home.

FJ 1200 1992 model mechanical A1 appearance average for more info contact Alex 0418732890.



For Sale:

1981 Honda CB900F Bol d'Or. 12 Months rego, Serviced 2000kms ago. Runs like a sewing machine. Jetted, valve clearances, cam chain adjusted, new (NOS) switch gear and few other parts freshened up the old girl. No smoke.

Sweet running and riding bike. Selling due to space restrictions and new Ducati Monster in the shed. \$4000.00

marty.whyte@gmail.com

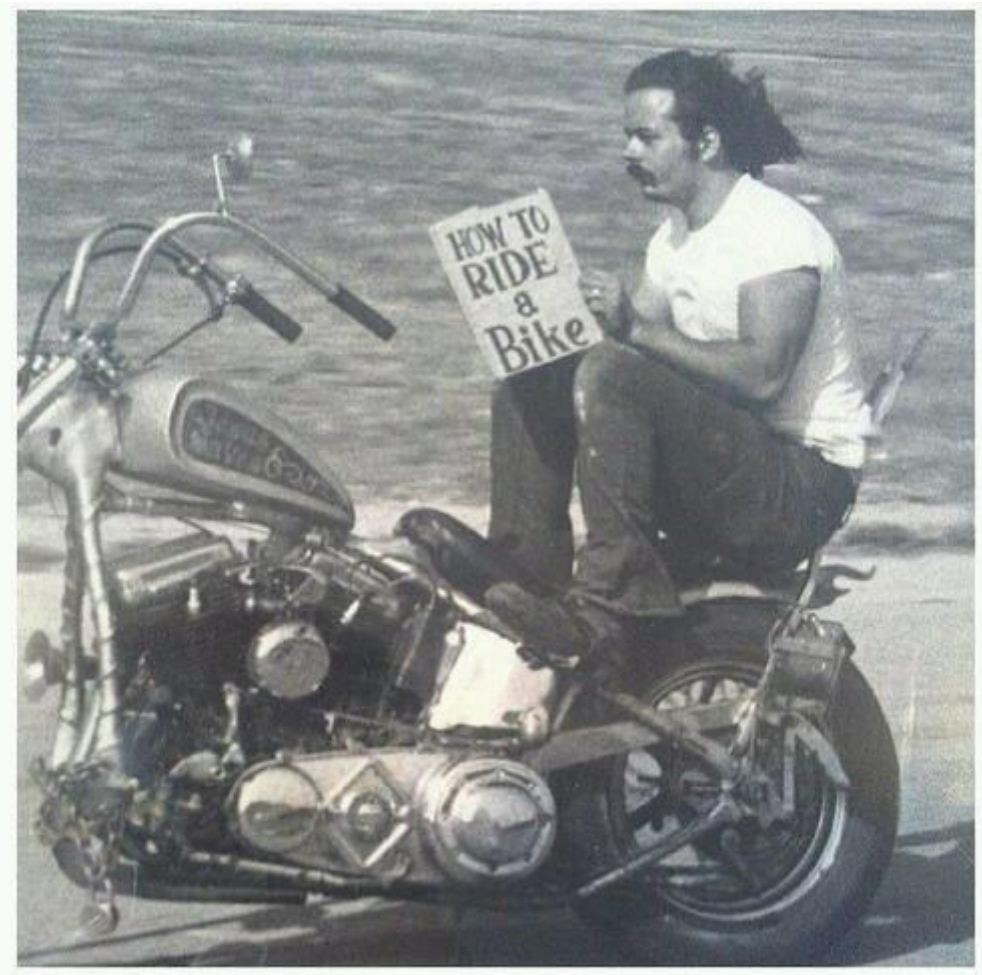


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What can you say.





Annual "Adventure Before Dementia" Ride



30th Aug to 7th Sept. 2014 - 9-Day Ride to Winton & Longreach

The Ride:

Join the MECGC annual long ride in 2014 covering around 3,000 km over 9 days. The itinerary will allow a full 3 days to explore the areas around Winton & Longreach in central Queensland.

Accommodation:

The primary method of accommodation will be camping, however for those wishing for a little more comfort, all caravan parks will have the option of cabins. It is advisable to book your own accommodation well in advanced if you intend to use this 2nd option. For those camping, we will make a group booking once we know the numbers.

A list of the recommended caravan parks will be available on separate flyer.

Itinerary:

Day 1: A: Yatala Pies – B: Roma	472k	(Saturday 30 th Aug)
Day 2: B: Roma - C: Blackall	487k	(Sunday 31 st Aug)
Day 3: C: Blackall - D: Winton	393k	(Monday 1 st Sept)
Day 4: D: Winton		(Tuesday 2 nd Sept)
Day 5: D: Winton - E: Longreach	179k	(Wednesday 3 rd Sept)
Day 6: E: Longreach		(Thursday 4 th Sept)
Day 7: E: Longreach – F: Emerald	417k	(Friday 5 th Sept)
Day 8: F: Emerald – G: Mundubbera	517k	(Saturday 6 th Sept)
Day 9: G: Mundubbera – H: Gold Coast	452k	(Sunday 7 th Sept)



REMEMBER:

It's not about the destination, it's the journey, and

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Renewals: \$50.00 p.a. Singles or couples

New Members: \$50.00 Includes Club Name Badge

Financial Year 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014

An additional \$10.00 annual fee for hardcopy postage of club's newsletter.

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

PAST, PRESENT and NEW members are required to complete this form annually because 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.....SIGNATURE.....

ADDRESS.....

.....P/CODE.....

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

EMAIL.....OCCUPATION.....

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

YEAR	MAKE	CAPACITY	CONDITION	REG. NO.
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New applicants must be nominated and seconded by existing members, only then will the application be considered by the Committee

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

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 tom.twoswans@bigpond.com or posted to MECGC Attn: T. McCutchen, Editor, P.O. Box 451, Mudgeeraba, 4213.

Articles need to be received by the 10th of each month for publication in that month.