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## From the Editor

Time for some new gloves. Not that I don't have others but needed to replace my favourite pair that were worn out with a new favourite pair. Well I found them. As new gloves are, they need to be worn in. So, Saturday night watching TV I had them on and off. I thought I'd give them one last stretch as I was sitting in bed when I fell asleep. Waking in the early hours of the morning, quite a job to remove both gloves when half asleep with one hand 'dead'. Lesson learned. The following day I used a leather care product. I have my new favourite gloves. One happy girl rider.

*Gail*





# WAYNE'S WRAMBLE

## WAYNE'S WRAMBLE FOR JUNE

Hi everyone, it's Wayne's Wramble time again. I'm relaxing and recovering after being involved with my second club, The Tamborine branch of the Qld Historic Motorcycle club. There's been months of planning of the Ray Owens Classic Bike Show and Swap and finally it happened on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Yours truly organised the judges, supplied 2 sound systems and made announcements over the PA. The weather was perfect, the crowds were awesome, someone said the car park was full of bikes and looked like another Bathurst.

We had about 75 bikes in the show and it was really difficult to pick out the winners.

As usual there was a fantastic show of bikes in the car park but the owners for various reasons didn't enter them. Our Tamborine club now has a reputation of putting on a really good show and we all hope it continues.

MECGC had a marquee set up there, complete with our flash new bike trailer. We had members there giving our flyers on our club, the ARM adventure ride magic and COG, Commando owners group.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> of June is our next BBSA and Saturday 11 & 12<sup>th</sup> is our WAR. I know you all know what those acronyms stand for.

And of course, we're looking forward to the Mudgeeraba Show on the 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> of June.

We will have a big presence there with our marquee and our usual display of bikes.

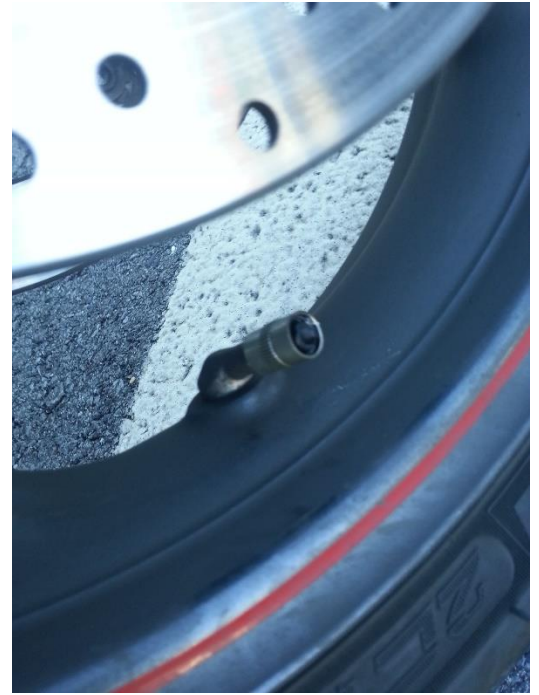
See you out there,  
don't skid your lid.  
Wayne.



Riding gets me motivated to travel to work and is always looked forward to as the working day draws to an end. Friday morning on my way to work taking the exit ramp off the M1 I experienced my first flat. Flat, flat. I had installed pressure valves to both of my tyres. I'm not sure if it was the tyres had warmed up, the valve was knocked or it was faulty but it blew.

These caps turn green when they are at the correct psi, yellow indicated that they need air, red is the final warning. I thought these were a great idea. Not to replace regular tyre pressure.

After being rescued and taken to my mechanic there was no damage to my tyre, thank goodness. Once the tyres were filled with air to the correct psi and the indicator pressure caps taken off. The bike never felt better. The indicators were not the correct psi.





## Shiny Side Up

Greetings everyone. I hope you have all been enjoying your riding and keeping yourselves safe on the roads.



Something I spend a lot of time talking about when discussing road craft is improving your observation. Observing the things, you can see and observing the things you cannot see. I find myself explaining the latter in a lot of detail on courses as your vision can be easily be obscured and you need to take into account the hazards that are hidden from view.

But I what I want to talk about in this month's article is improving your observation of the things you can see. With the proposed changes to Q-Ride coming, and also getting firsthand experience with the new Victorian learner rider curriculum I have picked up a couple of really easy to digest concepts to help improve what it is you are looking at and when. Think 12, 6 and 3.



Many of us have heard about looking for the limit point, also known as the vanishing point of the road to help us understand where the road is going, is it opening up or is the corner getting tighter. But in an urban environment that can be difficult to perceive. Also in an urban or highway environment, often there are just too many

things between you and the limit point for it to be useful. So look 12 seconds ahead. Spend some time on your next ride and pick a marker point in front of you and start counting - One thousand and one, one thousand and two etc. until you pass that point. Soon you'll start to appreciate how far ahead 12 seconds of vision is relative to different speeds you are doing. When you focus on what is 12 seconds ahead you should be seeing a greater width of the surroundings with just a single focal point.

Now scan back with your eyes to 6 seconds in front. This space is important to understand, as this helps you assess the relationship between your speed and whether you can you stop in that space. Remember that you should be able to stop safely in your lane in the distance you can see to be clear. With 6 seconds of clear vision ahead of you, you should be able to see a hazard like gravel on the road, and respond to it by changing your position or decreasing your speed. When you bring your focus back to this 6 second point, you also need to scan left and right to the sides of the road.

Now scan back to 3 seconds in front, which is the ideal follow distance. I know there has been advice in the past of maintaining a 2 second follow distance which is sufficient in some cases, but three is even better, especially in higher speed zones. When you crunch the numbers, the distance covered through your response time, added to the space you need to stop equals the same space your 3 second follow distance gives. This means in an emergency you will easily have the space you need to stop, especially when you factor in variables such as road condition and rider skill.

Now that you have scanned back to your three seconds and checked your follow distance, check your mirrors and check a gauge and let your eyes scan back out to the 12 second mark again.

This constant and considered movement of your eyes and brain through your 12, 6 and 3 will greatly improve your ability to see hazards and anticipate problems and make better decisions regarding your space, surface and speed resulting in a much more relaxed and safer ride. For your next ride, simply think 12,6 and 3. Go for a ride with four mates and all keep a 3 second follow distance and you'll easily see your 12,6 and 3.

For more information on how to apply this technique and how to improve your vision through the corners call the office on 5596 5440 and book into a Level 1 course today. Make sure you come to the evening seminar that is part of the course.

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Ray van den Bosch

Senior Instructor





## What's News

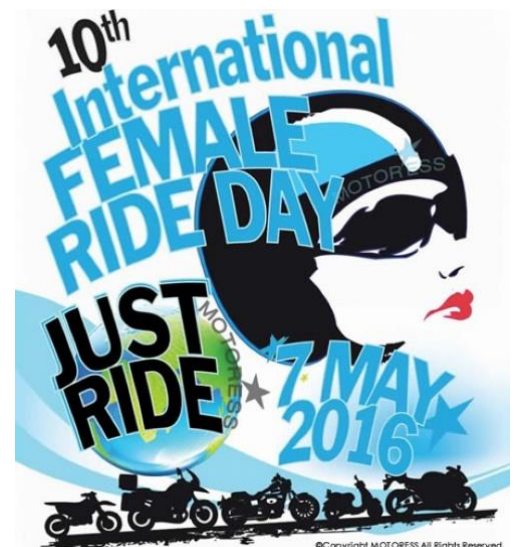
Women started riding bikes a long time ago. These women were involved in WW1 when these photos were captured. International Female riders Day (IFRD) celebrates women from all over the world who ride.

I led my first club ride after breakfast at the club house on the 7<sup>th</sup> May. It was International female riders day so I was it. A very short ride but my favourite ride through Gilston, Numinbah Valley to Chillingham for some frozen chocolate coated bananas. I should have warned them as we emptied the freezer of all their bananas.



We had perfect weather so Nicholas took the rider from there and we didn't get home until after 5. That is a perfect day of riding.

Take the time to check out the IFRD Facebook page. It is inspiring as photos and events from all over the world have been posted of women riding.





## Mudgeeraba Street Party

We had a very soggy day at the Mudgeeraba street party. Great effort for all those who turned up. A marquee was set up and our bikes parked in a row. We had a couple of people come and chat but the weather wouldn't lift so we made an early exit.





**Jodi's garage – Past and Present..**

CBR 250RR - Yellow and purple Jodie's first (love) bike in 2002



Honda in 2003 - CBR 600RR







It's very important to wear protective gear when riding.

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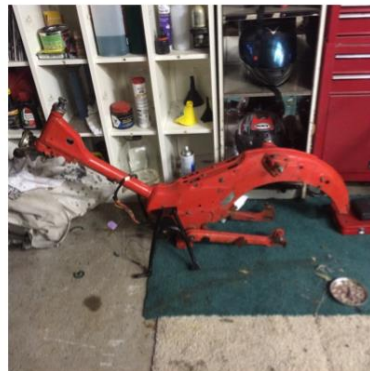
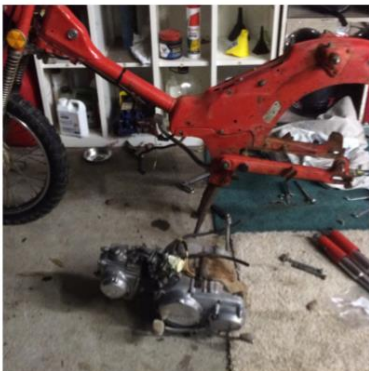


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A Big thanks to Paul Murdoch's E BAY skills, and Paul & Gayleen's Home Delivery Service. Wayne has a 1976 Postie Bike SUPRISE Project It Did Look Like a Bike When Paul & Gayleen Delivered It and now This is its Progress Slow but Polished.





Last weekend the 21st and 22nd of May, nine bikes carrying 12 people travelled from Canungra via Beaudesert and Woodenbong which was our first stop for a coffee. On the way we also did a short detour via Mt Barney View Rd just for the view.

We were fortunate to have perfect weather for our trip and everyone enjoyed the time spent in good company.



After refreshments we travelled through Urbenville & Bonalbo. We turned off our route twice and did U turns – just because the GPS said so. It seems that when you enter a town on the Navigator V the GPS picks a location in that town and tries to direct you to it. Gordon found this particularly amusing, (payback). we took a right turn before the Bruxner Hwy which as we had been told was a decent road and came out just before the bridge at Tabulam on the Bruxner. Our lunch stop was at the Lunatic Hotel at Drake, lots of sports and history



photos and Memorabilia also comics adorned the walls and made for a good read, along with a caged boar statue over the bar end.

Travelling west on the Bruxner Highway after lunch was just the highlight of my day, a dry twisty road as mentioned earlier in perfect weather. Tenterfield came into view too soon afterwards.

All booked into the Peter Allen Motel some stayed for a chat at the motel while about half of us visited the pub for an entertaining afternoon of Euchre. I had booked for dinner at the bowls club. Ken and Lyn had introduced us to the Motel, Club, and Hot rock steaks years ago, still all as good as back then.

We had decided to do breakfast at the Willow Tree Cafe on Sunday at Eight but they did not open so we all visited another cafe and they managed coffee and breakfast for all without any fuss.







Gordon had found a tourist trail on his morning walk which we followed to Mt Mckenzie lookout over Tenterfield with views for many miles around, also the Tenterfield train museum which was really time well spent.

A shout for joy rang out (mainly Gordon) as I asked who would like apple pie and cream for morning tea. The other side of Stanthorpe was our destination, we had been guided there by Stanthorpe locals on an earlier weekend away and was also worth the stop.



As some of our group needed to be home by early afternoon, they decided to split from us at Warwick and travel the highway. With five bikes following I travelled through Killarney and Queen Mary Falls. Our last stop was at Boonah where Gordon & Jenny waved off and split from the group. The rest stop was welcome before saying our goodbyes and heading home.







All up only 650 k's for the weekend but a very pleasant trip. Thanks every one for your companionship let's do it again soon.

Participants were; Adrian and Cherie Headon - K1600GTL, their son Matt – Honda CB 650 sports, Tony and Maranne – Victory, Gordon and Jenny – K1600GTL, Jon Mouser – R1200RT,

John Smith – R1200RT, Erik Lorentsen – R1200GS, David Huddy – F800 R and I – R1200 RT



Kind Regards,  
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## Events

### Mudgeeraba Show



Last year we had a great line up at the show.

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MUDGEERABA SHOW SOCIETY

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### Weekend Ride to Kyogle June 2016

Another Great Weekend Ride being planned & lead by Greg Schmidt.

June weekend ride - Riding to Kyogle, visit the website for all the ride/accommodation details.

Don't miss this great weekend.

Cheers

Greg

Visit the MECGC Website for the latest details, click on the link below.

<http://mecgc.club/weekend-away-ride-war-11th-12th-june/>



# Ride for the Children's Ward



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**SAT 9TH JULY 2016**  
**5.00PM - 7.30PM**

## Ladies & Gentlemen

Everyone is invited to donate a brand new small practical gift for children of all ages up to 16 years (no big fluffy soft toys please). Colouring in books/crayons/pencils/textas, Lego, dress-up dolls/action figures, craft works for older children, etc.

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](mailto:jeffthepoet@yahoo.com.au)

## **Thursday Morning Rides**

9am at the Club House

**June weekend ride** - Riding to Kyogle, visit the website for all the ride/accommodation details.

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<http://mecgc.club/weekend-away-ride-war-11th-12th-june/>



**Bazza's Movie Night** on Wednesday Night 8th June – Easy Rider

**MECGC Monthly meeting** - Wednesday night the 29th June 16

**August weekend ride** to Kenilworth please book as early as possible as beds are limited in the township.





Adventure Riders

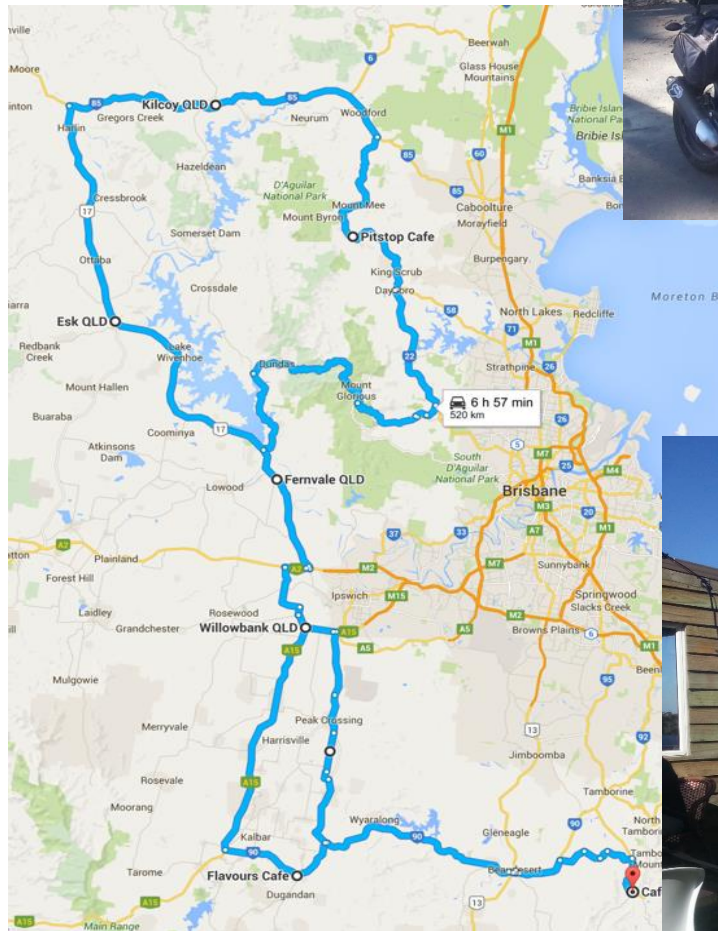
Ray Owens Show At  
Canungra Show Grounds





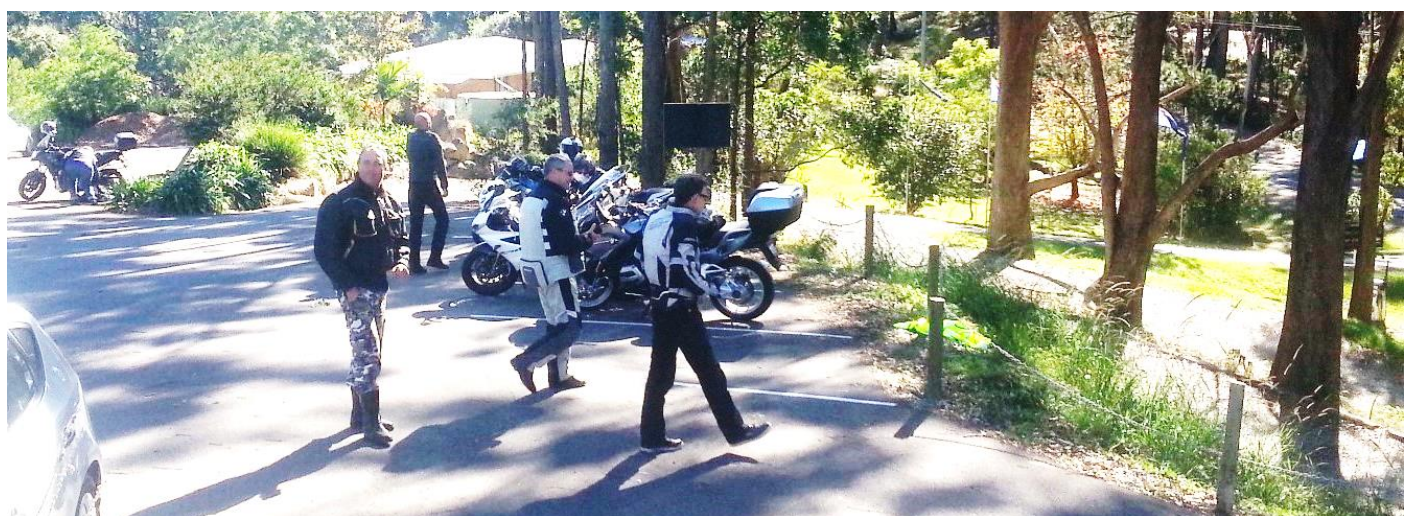
# Saturday Morning Rides

8am leaving from the MECGC Club house.



Saturday Long Ride is the last Saturday of each month – 25<sup>th</sup> June 16

This is the ride we did on the 28<sup>th</sup> May.







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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.



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### Itinerary:

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|--|----------------------------------|
| 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 - June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Saturday 4
				9am Club Ride		8am Breakfast at the club house  Isle Of Man RST Superbike TT Race 6 laps
Sunday 5	Monday 6	Tuesday 7	Wed 8	Thursday 9	Friday 10	Saturday 11
9:30pm  Catalunya			7pm Movie Night at the Club House	9am Club Ride		Kyogle Weekend Ride
Sunday 12	Monday 13	Tuesday 14	Wed 15	Thursday 16	Friday 17	Saturday 18
Kyogle weekend ride				9am Club Ride		8am - Club House Ride
Sunday 19	Monday 20	Tuesday 21	Wed 22	Thursday 23	Friday 24	Saturday 25
9:30pm  Netherlands				9am Club Ride		8am - Club House Ride & Long day ride
Sunday 26	Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wed 29	Thursday 30	Friday	Saturday
			7:30pm MECGC monthly meeting			

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

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Renewals: \$75.00 p.a - Singles or Couples - \$60 if paid by 31/7/2016

New Members: \$75.00 includes Name Badge

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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NEW MEMBERSHIP:

NAME: ..... SIGNATURE: .....

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

ADDRESS: .....POSTCODE: .....

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

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

PLEASE LIST ANY OTHER MOTORCYCLE CLUBS YOU ARE CURRENTLY A MEMBER/ASSOCIATE OF – OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST: .....

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

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.

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

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

Method of Payment Received:            Cash            Cheque            PayPal            Other:

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

***THE MOTORCYCLE ENTHUSIASTS CLUB INC.  
GOLD COAST***

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*'Joining good companions in a shared pastime'*

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](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.