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### From the Editor

Merry Christmas  
Everyone

Thank you for being such  
faithful readers.

I have had a wonderful  
year of being editor.  
Reading the stories, you  
have submitted and  
sharing my own.

I'm looking forward to the  
new year of more riding  
adventures and training  
courses.

Happy New Year

Stay safe over the festive  
season and see you in the  
new year.

*Gail*

## WAYNE'S WRAMBLE

### WAYNE'S WRAMBLE FOR DECEMBER

Hi everyone, Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. It's the end of November and nearly into December but this will be my last Wramble for 2016.

We'll have our last monthly meeting for the year on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Rod Moorcroft will be our guest speaker talking about his overseas holiday and our long ride. It'll be quite hilarious as he got some good photos to show us including yours truly nearly falling off the back of a truck.

As you know, he also had a close shave with a trailer and will tell us about that.

We hope to see Mark Mellor at the meeting. As you may have heard, he's not well and recovering from a horrific motorcycle accident. We all wish him a speedy recovery.



Graeme, our vice president gave out some hilarious awards in Murray's absence We had a great party at the Wallaby last Friday night, good food and lots of laughs.

We have 74 members as at November and we had 47 people at the Christmas party.

Last Saturday night, November 26<sup>th</sup> was an open late afternoon and evening at the Suzuki shop in Lawrence Drive, Nerang. Lots of bikes, lots of riders, it was a great event. It's going to be a regular event on the last Saturday of the month. The next one will be in January 2017. I plan to have the Commando down there . Next year is going to be a good year, lots of rides and events planned.

We are seeing a few new members too so that's good.

There is no monthly meeting in December. Apart from Christmas Day, the Monday, Thursday and Saturday morning rides will continue over the holiday period for those not away and want to go on a ride.

See you soon.

Wayne, President



For this month's article, I want to write about some observations I have had regarding my fellow riders and some of the choices they're making. We love to complain about and blame car drivers for not seeing us. Yet the choices I and some of my fellow riding instructors see some motorcyclists make during our daily commute is quite appalling. Many riders make decisions that indicate they have given little thought to how safe their riding is, let alone showing any level of courtesy to the other road users, including other motorcyclists. Recently I had a rider, on his large cruiser, cut up the inside of me on a tight right hand bend that formed the exit from a freeway. Now being a track day rider, I would expect that pass on a race track because there are overtaking rules that permit that. But in heavy traffic and public roads in general, this is not the place for such a pass. After all the effort and illegal lane splitting this rider did, he didn't arrive at his destination any quicker as I pulled into the car park only a couple of seconds behind him.

Filtering. It is legal but it isn't carte blanche to do whatever you want and ride as fast as you want through slow traffic. Think about the passing move described above and imagine if the rider did that to someone driving a car, they might not appreciate the move and form a less than favourable opinion on all motorcyclists. Now reverse the situation where a car driver decides they can use the road shoulder to squeeze past the slow motorcyclist in front, would you appreciate the move they made? My prediction is if we as a community of riders don't calm ourselves down and filter legally and safely, the laws will be repealed. There is a current increase in rider deaths and crashes. Remember insurance and car lobby groups are bigger than motorcycle groups. I read a statement made by a rider who claimed 99% of crashes are caused by the other driver. Well, that is not entirely true. The biggest crash risk for a rider is loss of control. That is the rider's error. Another of the other main crash types is rider crashing into the rear of slowing or stopped traffic. That too is rider error. So a lot of the time it is our own fault why we crash.

When it comes to filtering, the main error I see riders make is illegal edge filtering, and below is an extract from the traffic regulations. It clearly says edge filtering is illegal unless you're in a 90km/h or higher speed zone and your speed does not exceed 30km/h. Many riders do not appreciate that they are moving too quickly through the traffic and other motorists just don't know you're approaching or have little time to recognise you're about to filter past.

## 151B Edge filtering past slow or stationary vehicles on a motorbike

(1) The rider of a motorbike is *edge filtering* along a length of road if the motorbike enters the edge of the road while the rider is passing 1 or more vehicles on the road.

(2) **The rider of a motorbike must not unlawfully edge filter along a length of road.**

**Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.**

(3) For subsection (2), if 1 or more of the following circumstances apply while a rider is edge filtering along a length of road, the rider is taken to have unlawfully edge filtered along the length of road—

(a) the rider does not hold an O type licence for the class of the motorbike;

**(b) the speed limit for the length of road is less than 90km/h;**

**(c) the rider rides at a speed of more than 30km/h;**

(d) the rider rides on any unsealed part of the road;

(e) it is not safe to edge filter.

For filtering, it must be done between lanes of traffic travelling in the same direction. This means filtering between on coming and preceding lanes of traffic is not legal.



## 151A Lane filtering between slow or stationary vehicles on a motorbike

(1) The rider of a motorbike is *lane filtering* along a length of road if the rider rides the motorbike between—

- (a) two adjacent **lines of traffic travelling in the same direction as the motorbike**; or
- (b) two vehicles (regardless of whether the rider remains within a single marked lane), each vehicle travelling in—
  - (i) **the same direction as the motorbike**; and
  - (ii) **separate, but adjacent, marked lanes**.

**(2) The rider of a motorbike must not unlawfully lane filter along a length of road.**

(3) For subsection (2), if 1 or more of the following circumstances apply while a rider is lane filtering along a length of road, the rider is taken to have unlawfully lane filtered along the length of road—

- (a) the rider does not hold an O type licence for the class of the motorbike;
- (b) the rider rides at a speed of more than 30km/h;
- (c) the rider rides in a school zone;
- (d) it is not safe to lane filter.

You'll also notice that it isn't legal when it isn't safe to do so. So how do we know if it is safe to do so? Well, examples I've seen where riders have had to fold their mirrors out of the way, to squeeze through the narrowest of gaps suggests the gap wasn't there and you are not able to see behind you therefore you are not being safe. If another driver is forced to move their car out of the way to avoid getting their car damaged, then it isn't safe. Remember some car drivers are unaware of the approaching rider who is filtering through. The gap they left may have been their practice of buffering and may creep forward without realising you have committed to the gap.



As we approach the Christmas and New Year season we are faced with increased social activities and riding opportunities. I hope you all pause for a moment and think about the choices you have. Before you pass another rider, whether in regular traffic or out in the twisties, think about whether your riding behaviour behind them is placing yourself and that other rider at risk?

If you want to learn more about how you can make your riding more safer and more enjoyable, call the office on 55965440 or check out the website [www.stayupright.com.au](http://www.stayupright.com.au).

Stay Upright

Ray van den Bosch

Senior Instructor



## What's News

### Poker Run 2016

A great turn out on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November. Breakfast started the day with a great run finished with lunch back at the club house. Winner of the Poker Run was awarded a Sharks Leather Gift voucher. Two raffle winners also won great prizes from Sharks Leathers.





**GIRL TALK**





Martine and Tom looking very excited on the Poker Run...





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On the 25<sup>th</sup> November, the club had their Christmas Party. Graeme brought the laughter as awards were handed out to members that had made an impression. Thank you, Graeme Ruck, for a truly memorable evening.



Yes, that is a broken lever on a plaque for Danny and a pair of Ansell gloves given to Wayne.







Catering awards were given and one of our newest members had more than one special mention. A great night was had by everyone.



And the bike of the year award goes to.....  
Rob Ambrose

## Events

Over Christmas and New Year. The Calendar will not be as full as usual, but there will always be riders wanting to ride. Put your hand up at any time on Facebook or by phone if you are riding or looking for others to ride with.

Have a safe and Happy Christmas

### **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**

#### **Commando Ride**

Third Sunday of every month including December and January Meet at the clubhouse 10am leaving 10.30am

#### **Fish N Chips Friday Night Dec 16<sup>th</sup>**


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 - December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday 1	Friday 2	Saturday 3
						7:30 -2pm Club House And Breakfast
Sunday 4	Monday 5	Tuesday 6	Wed 7	Thursday 8	Friday 9	Saturday 10
	9am - Club Ride Oxenford @ Luvacoffee			9am Club Ride		8am - Club House Ride
Sunday 11	Monday 12	Tuesday 13	Wed 14	Thursday 15	Friday 16	Saturday 17
	9am - Club Ride Oxenford @ Luvacoffee			9am Club Ride	6pm – 9pm FishnChips Night	8am - Club House Ride
Sunday 18	Monday 19	Tuesday 20	Wed 21	Thursday 22	Friday 23	Saturday 24
	9am - Club Ride Oxenford @ Luvacoffee			9am Club Ride		8am - Club House Ride
Sunday 25	Monday 26	Tuesday 27	Wed 28	Thursday 29	Friday 30	Saturday 31
Christmas Day 						New Years Eve

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

New Members: \$75.00 includes Name Badge

Financial Year 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

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

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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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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