

2018

April

THE LINK



FRIDAY NIGHT RIDE

The Official Journal of

THE MOTORCYCLE ENTHUSIASTS CLUB INC. GOLD COAST

Joining good companions in a shared pastime

www.mecgc.club

PO Box 451 238 Mudgeraba Road
Mudgeraba Qld 4213 Mudgeraba Qld 4



MECGC

Motorcycle Enthusiasts Club Gold Coast

2017-2018 COMMITTEE



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:	NAME:	CONTACT PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS:
President	Wayne Bryan	0400 818 801	president@mecgc.club
Vice President	Graham Ruck	0488 118 561	gruck7@gmail.com
Treasurer	Don Kibble	0438 755 742	treasurer@mecgc.club
Secretary	Gail Calder	B: 0484 595 878	secretary@mecgc.club
COMMITTEE MEMBERS:			
Food & Beverage Coordinator	Chris Orton	0417 455 577	chris.orton77@gmail.com
Building & Maintenance	Barry Schreiner	0430 341 795	beemerbazz@gmail.com
Web Master & Librarian	Richard Chantrill	0448 270 944	richardc@onthenet.com.au
Editor 'The Link' Magazine	Gail Calder	B: 0484 595 878	editor@mecgc.club
Patron and Grounds Maintenance	Don Kibble	0438 755 742	plans@kibbles.com.au
Dating Officer	Gordon Smith	0433 112 190	grsmith747@gmail.com
Committee Member	Alex Huybens	0414 811 243	
Committee Member	Mark Mellor	0438 003 224	

Table of Contents

From the Editor	3
Waynes Wramble.....	4
Shiny Side Up.....	6
What's News	10
Friday Night Ride.....	12
Black Dog Ride.....	13
Events	15
Biker's Breakfast.....	15
Weekly Rides.....	15
Adventure Ride	15
Movie Night – Wed 11 th April.....	16
SAT 21 / SUN 22 APRIL 2018 WAY OUT WEST WEEKEND AWAY RIDE ~.....	17
5th May - Patrons Rally with the Bikers Breakfast.....	18
13th May Sunday - RAY OWEN CLASSIC BIKE SHOW & SWAP MEET -.....	19
Calendar - April 2018.....	21
Advertise Here	22

From the Editor



This month's article from Ray van den Bosch is a must read. Make yourself a cuppa and read it through.

I recently spent a Saturday morning with Ray going through some slow speed training skills that have increased my confidence. More practice of course is still needed. But I came away with the knowledge of better bike control.

The articles Ray has submitted to our club magazine have always taught me something new. Spending the afternoon rider training, putting into practice what Ray talks about in his articles taught me even more.

The Link magazines are available on our website. I encourage you to re-read them again as I do.

Gail

I am always asking myself "does my position make me vulnerable?"

Ray van den Bosch



Trying to watch the race

Waynes Wramble

Hi Members, I'm writing this just 3 days before Easter. Just today, Monday we received the awful news of Jodi Harrison hitting a kangaroo on her bike. Fortunately, it was only fatal for the kangaroo, the bike is a bit banged up and so is Jodie. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

I was looking back on my Wrambles and in July 2016, I wrote about a landmark case in outback NSW in 2013 when a rider hit a roo and was seriously injured and was awarded compensation. It's worth noting he didn't swerve to avoid the animal and if he had he might not have been entitled to claim due to his actions and not the animal. No, crazy but it's true.

Which reminds me of my altercation on a weekend WAR ride when I slowed to let some cows cross the road. Then as I accelerated a calf decided to dash across to join its mother. I hit it with my leg and I was sure I had broken it, my leg that is. The calf was on the ground apparently lifeless. I managed to dismount and limped over to the animal. As I knelt and lifted its head up, the smell of my cow skin must have revived it. Maybe it smelt like its dead grandmother. Anyway, it took off like a scalded calf. Animals on the road are always a hazard. We can only slow down and keep a lookout.

Anyway, we're looking at a busy April, the 2nd is a Bikers Brekky, the 11th is a movie night hosted by Mark Mellor. The last one was fantastic, our next weekend WAR ride also hosted by Mark is on 21st and 22nd.

The next monthly meeting is Thursday, the 26th. That's **THURSDAY**, folks because Wednesday is Anzac Day.

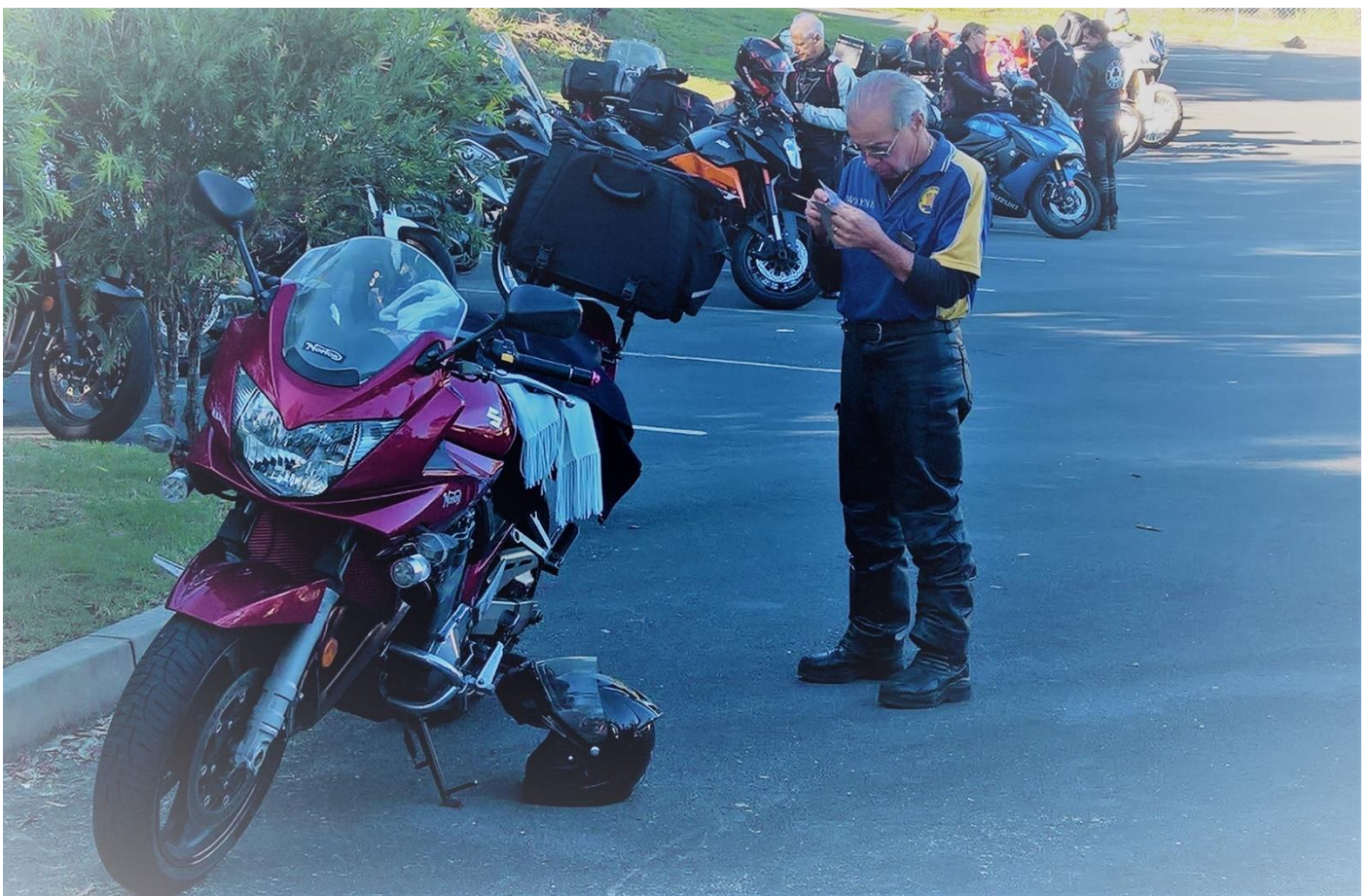
Looking way ahead to Christmas, do we really want to? Our Christmas Party will be on Saturday, November 24th.

One last thing, May 13th is the Ray Owens Show and Swap. We are going to have a presence there, so please bring your bikes and help at our Marquee. You'll need to get there early 7am.

One more thing, the Mudgeeraba Street Party, 20th May, we'll be there too, our own bike show and joining in the street parade on our bikes.

See you all out there.

Wayne



Shiny Side Up

Hello link readers,

This is a bit of a sad article as it is the final article I can write as Stay Upright Queensland Senior Instructor. The company has decided that operating in Queensland cannot continue and are shutting their doors. They will remain operating in the other states but will not be conducting any more Road Smart or Q-Ride courses in Queensland. Whilst I am very disappointed in the decision it is out of my control. They will keep a reduced footprint in Cairns.

In saying that, what the other instructors and I do next is not yet decided and we may band together and continue on as our own so there is a sense of excitement too. I'm happy to keep writing articles for you, it just won't be concluded with the usual "call Tony in the office and book in now for a Stay Upright".

So what to write about for this last article on behalf of Stay Upright? Well, if I continue on in another guise and continue to write for you, what makes me worth listening to? How did my journey start on the bikes? I rarely discuss my introduction to bike riding or experience as I don't want to come across as bragging or boasting. I try to take the ego out of the equation and prefer to let the quality of the coaching, smoothness of demonstrations and logic of what I am saying, combined with the improvements a person feels to be what makes me a credible instructor.

Well, my journey started in 1997, while I was a very young Police Officer with Tasmania Police in the traffic branch. I saw an opportunity to get on the police bikes. All I needed was a learner's permit, as the police course provided all the training and a licence. The licence process at the time required me to do a two-day pre-learner course (with Stay Upright Tasmania) and I was off. My first bike was a Yamaha RZ250 and I was able to ride unaccompanied on my Learners.

Before I could get onto the police bike course, my personal circumstances changed and I resigned from Tasmania Police and move back home to Queensland. I joined Queensland Police in 1999 and was posted to Redcliffe and later Tannum Sands. This was in the days before Q-Ride and I swapped my Learners permits over and later did my RE licence test and stay on my RE's for another 12 months (the agony). I did my R class licence test and my first big bike was a 1992 Honda VFR750. I did my first big bike trip on the VFR, riding to Melbourne and riding the Great Ocean Road.

In 2007 I was promoted to the Driver Training Unit based at Mt Cotton and instructed on all the police driving courses including the advanced level driving and 4WD courses. I also completed the police motorcycle and trail bike courses. Of most interest to me though was completing a basic crash investigation course and then completing the Forensic Crash – Motorcycle course. This gave me opportunities to discuss and confirm and dismiss riding theories with a forensic scientist. I provided the riding for their demonstrations and I have a cool slo-mo video of me doing a front wheel skid on a motorbike showing how the bike behaves when the front wheel stops rotating. We crash tested bikes and learned how to calculate the speed of a crash (that tested the ol’ maths skills for sure). We used scientific instruments to measure G-forces and braking distances and I was able to take all these lessons and value add to the motorcycle training I was delivering.

The change in police role in 2007 also meant a drop in pay and I needed to earn some extra cash to support my family. That is when I met Max Thompson who was occupying a little office at Mt Cotton and my part-time employment with Stay Upright began. I have worked for both the QPS and Stay Upright ever since. I had the privilege to learn from a fantastic rider who also was an excellent rider coach, and I learned many lessons from my friend and mentor. I also met and worked with Blue Henderson and Craig Annetts. Both of these guys taught me so much about riding and how to get a message across to people. I have the deepest respect for all of these guys.

During my time with Stay Upright, I also got the opportunity to travel to Victoria to provide rider coaching and training to all of the state’s instructors as part of their new graduated licence curriculum that was introduced a few years ago. Most recently, I provided advice to Qld TMR on their new graduated Q-Ride curriculum and delivered the very first pilot course of the new Q-ride program we now have.

Back to the QPS, I eventually transferred from the Driver Training Unit into a role where I coordinated and delivered police operational skills and tactics training. So my part-time job was teaching people how to be safe and survive riding motorcycles and my full-time job included teaching police how to use skills and tactics to be safe in an operational police environment as well as how to use all the tools of the police trade.

There is a similarity of concept between riding safely on the road and performing operational police duties. I found I could easily apply the ideas and tactics to both worlds. As a police officer attending a policing incident, there are many unknowns and a person has the potential to take you by surprise and cause harm to you. You may have read previous articles where I have made the statement “make crashing not an option” well, in the police sense dying or getting hurt is not an option either.

So, you learn to identify the risks or the potential of a hazard or situation. With a person you look for threat cues - what can I see, what can't I see, what can happen? You constantly ask yourself "does my position make me vulnerable?" If it does, move to a tactically superior position, if you cannot adopt a better position you may have to use other options like a physical control skill. By applying this concept, you can remain relatively safe and not surprised. This is because you have time and space and keeping control of the things you can control. Without time and space, you miss the threat cues and if an assault comes the brain is now going through its own survival reactions. If you are not trained and well-practiced, this will cause you to react poorly or incorrectly.

In the riding world, you use the same principles of what can I see, what can't I see and what could happen to the threat cues and signs other road users are showing. Through experience and training, even at Q-ride levels, you develop your own library of personal experience and knowledge to know what are the mistakes and errors other drivers make that can result in you having a crash. The difference is when applying this to a rider training environment, softer language is needed as your riding mindset is to complete your journey safely and not crashing as opposed to putting your hand on an angry man and taking them into custody.

As a rider, I am always asking myself "does my position make me vulnerable?" Again, the similarity to police tactics of time and space apply. In riding terms, we slow down and move away. They are your choices available.

So, where to in the future? Well Stay Upright is no more in Queensland, but I am positive I will still be getting to the track and continuing my interest in riding and rider training. The team of past and present riding coaches from Queensland Stay Upright are all fantastic riders in their own right and I feel privileged getting to work with and learn from them. They all have my deepest respect as my peers.

It is early days and there is always the chance we may get the band together under a new name and continue. Why? Because there is a tremendous amount of personal satisfaction we all feel from meeting people who are bike riders or wanting to learn how to ride or how to get better. Being a part of their riding journey and knowing we made a personal difference in helping you is the juice. That will always be the primary motivation for us. So in selecting any future rider training service, look for an instructor team that are motivated by this and you'll be fine.

If I may indulge, I'd like to conclude this article with a few acknowledgements. I want to thank Max Thompson for giving me the start and changing my life. To Craig Annetts, I worked with you hand-in-glove for 10 years delivering countless hours of training together.

No better person could I have had to work with. His ability to demonstrate riding and coaching was exceptional and to a high standard which I follow. I will always remember how fantastic it was to work with him and I feel lucky that I could work with such a great friend. I also want to acknowledge Tony Noorda for his efforts in the office and getting stuff done to make our job easier. I want to acknowledge Dave Gallagher who has trained many many people in how to ride. Dave always showed patience and composure. If you had the chance to receive training from any of these chaps you are very fortunate. To all the other past and present instructors, I am grateful for the opportunity to deliver training with you.

If you, the readers are happy for me to keep contributing to your magazine, let Gail know and I'll keep writing for you, it just won't be as Senior Instructor for Stay Upright anymore.

Thanks

Ray van den Bosch



What's News

Saturday Morning Ride

Wet start to a Saturday morning. Bikes arriving went straight under cover to prevent a soggy seat. As we finished watching the Qatar MotoGP Race that Graham brought in the weather fined up for a Saturday Ride.



The Club opens at around 7am for a cuppa. The Latest Australian Motorcycle Magazine is at the club house for everyone to read. The kettles on. Watching the MotoGP before a ride was a great beginning to our Saturday.

Of course, the first Saturday of the month is our Bikers Breakfast when we fire up the BBQ.





Friday Night Ride

From the club house. The rain kept some people away, but those who came had an awesome time. Some rode and some in cars.

The ride took us about 40 minutes thanks to Barry with some planning from Nick too. Thanks Guys.

The Venue was organised by Barry. What a great spot. They opened up just for us. Great menu, deserts and coffee (or hot chocolate).

We stayed till late and they let us continue the front porch chatting and talking mostly bikes.

Another one is being organised. Highly recommend you come.

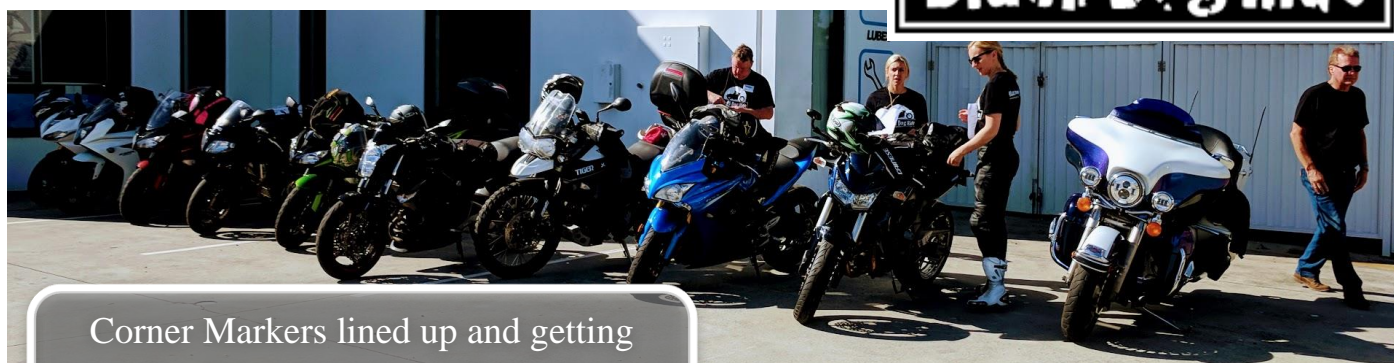
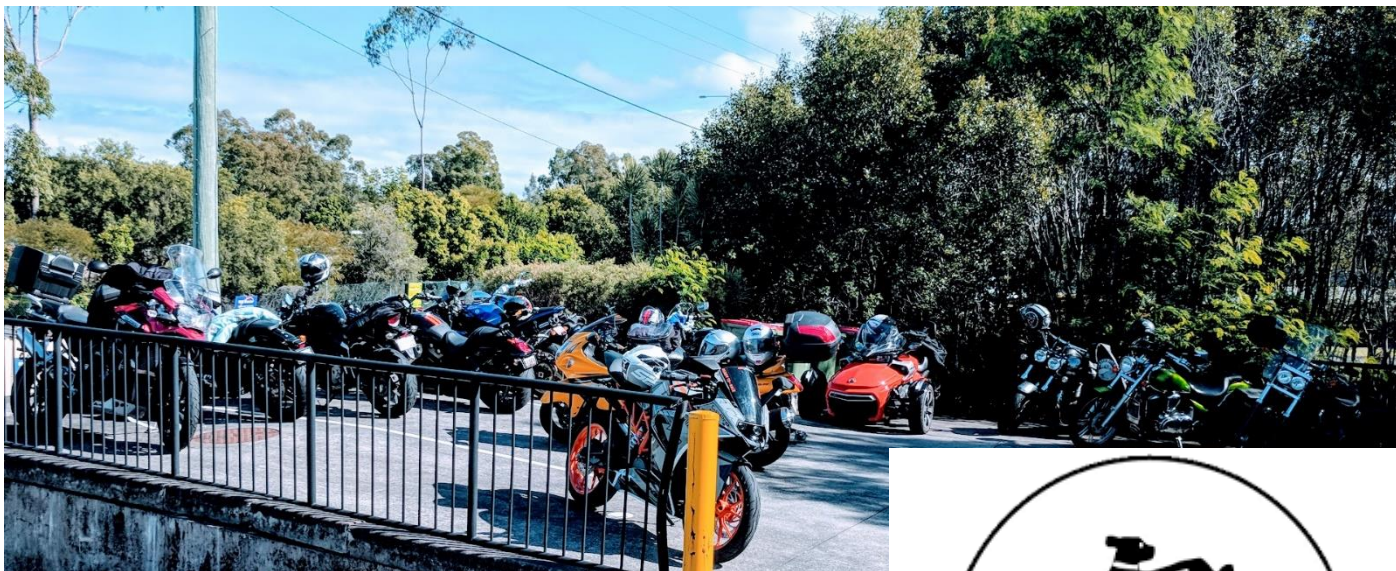


Black Dog Ride

This is an annual event that leaves from Sharks Leathers in Helensvale. The number of riders that get involved is amazing. This year there were over 400 riders. The carparks were full, and the street was lined with bikes on both sides.

Registrations, Raffles and merchandise were sold along with other donations over \$16,000 was raised.

Good effort everyone. What an amazing day. See you next year.



Corner Markers lined up and getting ready. Great to see members of our club being involved in this even.





So Many bikes. I know the photos are small, but you get the idea. Corner markers made sure everyone knew the way and police escort was used and two intersections holding the traffic to keep us safe.



Mission

"to raise awareness of depression and suicide prevention"

www.blackdogride.com.au



Shark Leathers at Helensvale.
The car park was full and over flowing.
There was a BBQ Breakfast and a coffee van

Events

Biker's Breakfast

First Saturday of every month



Weekly Rides

Members are reminded that they can use their SIV registered bikes on these and any club activity.

Monday ride meeting at Tah Bella Café, 3 Cottonwood Place, Oxenford at 8:30am leave at 9am

Thursday ride meeting at our clubhouse 8.30am leave at 9am

Saturday morning ride meeting at clubhouse 7am for a cuppa, leave 8.30am

Club Rooms open every Saturday from 7am rain or shine for coffee before we head out.

Last Saturday is a long ride

Club Rooms open every Saturday from 7am rain or shine for coffee before we head out.

Adventure Ride

Join us for the Adventure Ride (ARM). Visit the MECGC Website for more details or Contact Danny

Look at our website for all activities. www.mecgc.club

Movie Night – Wed 11th April

LIFE AFFIRMING HEART-STOPPING JOY RIDE FOR ANYONE WITH A PULS

"SPECTACULAR" "BRILLIANT" "GRIPPING"

★★★★★ ★★★★★★ ★★★★★

TT3D
**CLOSER TO
THE EDGE**

Narrated By JARED LETO

Movie Night
Wednesday 11th April
At the Club house. Bring your popcorn

Hi to all two wheelers.

In February, featured was " The Story of Troy Bayliss" at the re vamped second Wednesday of the month movie night.

There were about 8 or 9 viewers 🎬 on a hot barmy evening in air conditioning that thoroughly enjoyed the feature with a most positive response for the event to continue.

Also, a couple of couples on Valentine's Day, a true indication of biker love. If only more wives would be that understanding of their motorcycle man 😍 to attend the Club house on V day.

The movie kicked off at 7 sharp and surprisingly no one's phone rang or interruptions which was pretty good. To those that missed out, later in the year or next year we could screen it again. I'm sure others whom attended would watch it again.

Well that's about all from the movie critic 😊 other to attend and hope to see more members at next month movie night.

Tell your friends too, all welcome at no cost (only your fuel and time) to watch a fantastic flick and with great company as always.

Doors at the club house opens at 6:30 pm 🍹 drinks in the fridge. Kitchen also at your disposal if you need to heat your tucker up etc.

Cheers Mark

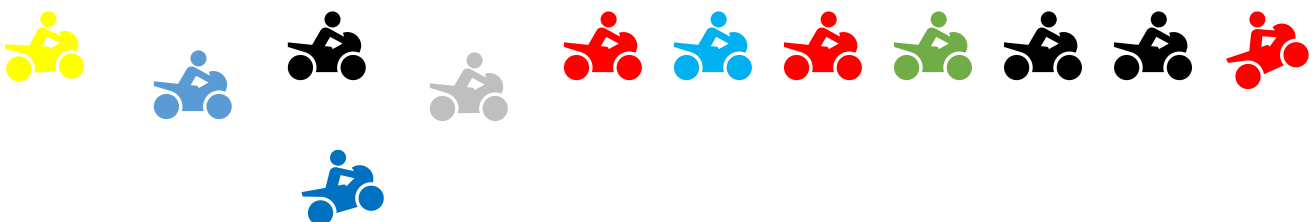
Stay Safe and Life is Short so use your Length 😊



I bet you would like to see the back of Mark Mellor.

Come on the MECGC Weekend Away Ride on the 21/ 22 April and you will have plenty of opportunities to do just that as Mark leads us west to Millmerran on the fringe of the Darling Downs and back.

Depart: 8.00 am MECGC Clubhouse. Overnight Stay at Millmerran. For more information see our website. <http://mecgc.club/war-way-out-west-weekend-away-ride-saturday-21-sunday-22-april-2018/>



5th May - Patrons Rally with the Bikers Breakfast



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

www.mecgc.club

P.O. Box 451

238 Mudgeeraba Road
Mudgeeraba

Mudgeeraba, Qld. 4213

'Joining good companions in a shared pastime'



MECGC Annual Patron's Rally

Date: Saturday 5th May 2018

Venue: MECGC Clubhouse – 238 Mudgeeraba Road, Mudgeeraba.

Bikers Breakfast: 7.30am

Registration: from 7.30am

Briefing: 8.30am

First bike away 9.00am.

Lunch: 1.00pm at Clubhouse

Contacts

Wayne Bryan – Club President	0400 818 801
Graham Ruck – Vice President	0488 118 561





The Historical Motorcycle Club of Qld
Tamborine Mountain Area



Presents

RAY OWEN

CLASSIC BIKE SHOW & SWAP MEET

SUNDAY 13th May 2018

CANUNGRA SHOWGROUNDS

Coburg Road, Canungra Qld 4275

Gates Open: 7am to 3pm

FREE Bike Registration: 7am to 10am

Presentations: 2pm

**FOOD PRECINCT
& COFFEE VANS**

**PUBLIC
ENTRY \$10**

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Proudly Sponsored by:



**GOLD COAST
HOSPITAL
FOUNDATION**



Ray Owen

SUPPORTING THE GOLD COAST HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Location: **Canungra** Showgrounds, Coburg Street, **Canungra** QLD.

[Canungra Showgrounds, Coburg Street](#)

Our club will have a Marquee on the day at the gate entry. So, come and bring your bike early, park with us and help with entry.

The Historical Motorcycle Club of Qld Tamborine Mountain area presents The **Ray** Owen Classic Bike Show and Swap, gates Open 7am to 3pm. \$10 entry fee.

20th May - Mudgeeraba Street Party, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Sunday, 20 May 2018. Free Event. <http://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/mudgeeraba-street-party-44336.html>

Be a part of this local event and ride in the street parade. Come early and park your bike near our Marquee we will be setting up.

1st June next Friday night ride

16th & 17th June Weekend ride

23rd & 24th June Mudgeeraba Show – The 90th Annual Mudgeeraba Agricultural Show





18th & 19th August Weekend Away Ride – Richard and Wayne

20th & 21st October Weekend away ride – Richard

24th November – MECGC Christmas Dinner, lock in the date and watch this space for details.



Calendar - April 2018

Sunday 1	Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wed 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6	Saturday 7
						7am - Club House Bikers B.Fast
Sunday 8	Monday 9	Tuesday 10	Wed 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13	Saturday 14
3am Argentina Qualifying 	4am Argentina  8:30am - Club Ride Oxenford @ Tah Bella Cafe		7pm Movie Night @ the Club House	9am Club Ride – Club House		7am – Club House Ride
Sunday 15	Monday 16	Tuesday 17	Wed 18	Thursday 19	Friday 20	Saturday 21
	8:30am - Club Ride Oxenford @ Tah Bella Cafe		7PM Committee Meeting @ the Club House	9am Club Ride – Club House		7am – Club House Ride Weekend Ride Away
Sunday 22	Monday 23	Tuesday 24	Wed 25	Thursday 26	Friday 27	Saturday 28
5am America Qualifying  Weekend Ride Away	5am America  8:30am - Club Ride Oxenford @ Tah Bella Cafe		ANZAC DAY	9am Club Ride – Club House 7PM GENERAL MEETING at the Club House		
Sunday 29	Monday 30	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	8:30am - Club Ride Oxenford @ Tah Bella Café					

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

MECGC Annual Ride Calendar - <http://mecgc.club/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/2016-MECGC-Ride-Calendar-U>

Advertise Here



enquiries@sharkleathers.com.au

Shop 6/142 Siganto Drive

Helensvale Qld 4212

Present your
Membership card for
10% discount at Shark
Motorcycle Leathers &
Accessories

Present your
Membership card for
10% discount at Shark
Motorcycle Leathers &
Accessories

The Motorcycle Accessory Shop
GOLD COAST
Open 7 Days

Brett Walker

Ph: 07 5596 1222 Fax: 07 5596 1223
mcashop@yahoo.com.au
16/39 Lawrence Drive, Nerang, QLD 4211

Bookkeepers Plus
The bookkeepers you can trust

Gail Calder
0484 595 878
Gail@bookkeepersplus.com.au

Don Kibble (Gold Coast)
Drawing Office Supplies Pty Ltd

18 George Street, Southport 4215 Ph: 0755 320 499

Email: plans@kibbles.com.au Web: www.kibbles.com.au Est.1977

Plan Printing, Photocopying & Binding, Colour Copying, Colour and Black & White Scanning
Plan Reductions & Enlargements, Laminating,
Plan Filing Systems, Drafting Supplies and Plotting Media

AUTOBODY
Currumbin
REPAIRS



4 Leonard Parade, Currumbin
0755343444

steve@currumbinautobodyrepairs.com.au
www.currumbinautobodyrepairs.com.au

Security Adviser and Security
Equipment Installer Lic: 3255854
Cabling Provider Lic: F0415171

DANNY VAN EERDEN

PH: 0419 840 840

TSM TOTAL SECURITY
MAINTENANCE PTY LTD

*Supply and Installation of Commercial and Domestic Alarm Systems,
Access Control Systems, Building Management Systems, CCTV Systems,
Data Phone Cabling, General Building and Maintenance Contracting.*

danny@tsm.net.au Security Firm (Class2) Lic: 3257003

THE MOTORCYCLE ENTHUSIASTS CLUB INC.

GOLD COAST

'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 monthly. The magazine has information on our Club runs and 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 or posted to MECGC Attn: Gail 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.

WWW.MECGC.CLUB

*P.O. Box 451
Mudgeeraba QLD 4213*

*238 Mudgeeraba Road
Mudgeeraba Qld*

