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From the Editor



Cool Mornings but perfect days for riding. Hope you are making the most of it.

Ray is continuing to send articles to our magazine. I have learned so much from his articles that have changed my riding style.

The Mudgeeraba show is coming up. This is a great weekend. Join our club at the marquee and bring your bike in.

See you there

Gail

Waynes Wramble

Hi Members, I'm writing this two days before our May monthly meeting. I have sent a text to all members on my mobile group list regarding the passing away of our member, Guy Russell, Quinn's brother.

This has happened before in the club with elderly members but never with someone so young. Guy was a lovely person and a true motorcycle enthusiast. We will miss him, it reminds us that life is so short, so we need to make each day count, don't we?

Onto a less serious matter, we have our AGM coming up in AUGUST. Time flies as you know so we all need to be thinking about the club committee. All committee positions will be vacant and we welcome members to serve. I've been a member since 1982, vice president for 4 years and president for five years.

I'll be standing down from the executive committee which comprises of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

So, I do know we'll be looking for a new president and a secretary. I came on the executive committee 9 years ago because I wanted to give something back to the club, so please consider if you could do the same.

Also, membership renewals are being sent out next month, please try and pay promptly. It's a great club with great people in it and it does take finances to keep it running.

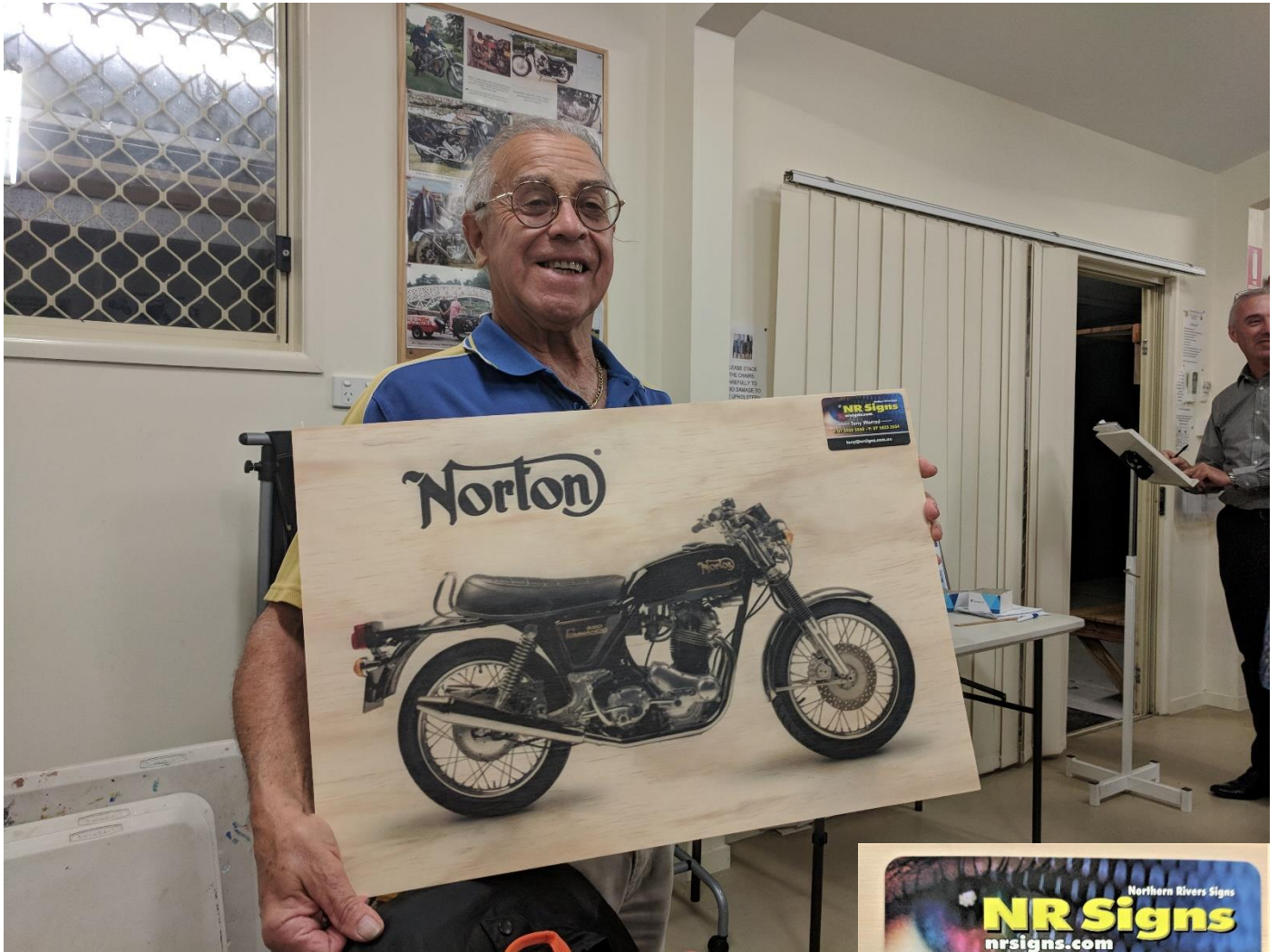
The June WAR ride is being organised by Tom. The WAR rides are our most popular event and members say they still want them 5 times a year. Richard and I will be organising the AUGUST DAMN DAM RIDE.

June will also see the Mudgeeraba show on 23rd and 24th, we always have a club presence there. Please put it in your diaries.

The Tweed Heads Motorcycle Enthusiasts club is having a swap meet and show on June 10th. We have a movie night on the 13th and our usual biker's breakfast is on June the 2nd.

See you out there guys and gals

Wayne



NR Signs

Wayne loves his Norton.

This beautiful picture of a Norton burned into wood is on display at our club house.

Want a portrait of your bike burned into wood? Just send a photo and the picture is burned into the wood.

Don't forget to mention our club.

Shiny Side Up

Hello Link Readers,

My time with Stay Upright officially came to an end on 31st March and I am no longer their Senior Instructor for QLD. I was very encouraged by the support and feedback passed on to me by Gail, so I will continue writing for your magazine. There is more good news too as Tony, who was the QLD state manager for Stay Upright is commencing business as *Stay Safe Rider Training* and I am proud to announce we are delivering our first Road Craft course on Sunday 20th May.

This course will focus on riding and slow speed skills refresh with some personal coaching tailored to the individual as we circulate around the Mount Cotton Circuit. It is our plan to deliver a road focussed curriculum that will accommodate any rider who wants to improve, feel better, enjoy their ride more, refresh or update their knowledge and skills or simply wanting to stay safe on the road. I will look at delivering a more track focussed course in the future, but what I'm excited about is the chance to deliver courses that are more intimate and specific to what your needs are.

We can do half day and full day courses, focussing on slow speed, braking, cornering, and road craft. Tony and I are both Q-Ride Senior Instructors too and will cater for all you Pre-learner and Licence courses.

So, if you are interested email Tony at info@staysafeqride.com.au. If you want to enjoy your cornering on the road or want the chance to practise the skills needed to get your braking or slow speed riding, email Tony. We can help nervous riders gain confidence and help make good riders better.

With that out of the way, I'd like to comment on a recent police operation targeting motorcyclists which caused a bit of a stir amongst the riding community. Some riders were not very happy with the attention aimed at motorcyclists. Statements being made on social media by riders debating whether or not it was revenue raising, or if the road toll for riders is actually increasing or decreasing. Whether you like it or not, a crash is a crash, and motorcyclists are more likely to get killed or permanently injured in a crash compared to someone crashing in a modern car.

What was very interesting to read were comments riders were making on social media like “Not my fault and nothing I could have done about it”. I know it can seem like this sometimes but if we accept this then riding and not crashing is just dumb luck. That isn't good enough for me and it shouldn't be a lottery every time you ride. My philosophy is to make crashing not an option which starts with taking ownership of the things you can control so you can negotiate the things you cannot control. The easy thing to do is to tell yourself there was nothing you could have done but a careful analysis often reveals cues and clues that were missed, combined with an error of skill or lack of proficiency with stopping that resulted in a preventable crash.

The type of crashes happening now is not new and it is still the case that rider error is the leading crash type risk. Older riders are the ones at risk. So, to those riders that crashed and said it wasn't their fault, in many cases it was. I'm not talking legal fault, as in a breach of the rules, but a fault in your judgement and how you chose to respond to the hazard or situation and/or the time and space you gave yourself was not enough to avoid the crash.

Riders debate whether or not speed caused the crash, but the reality is when a rider fails to negotiate a bend and runs wide into oncoming traffic or hits an object, that crash is put down as speed being a causal factor to the crash because simply speaking, if you were a bit slower you would have been able to make the bend.

How do you avoid being one of those riders that fails to negotiate a bend? Ride sober, work on your vision ahead and what that information is telling you, refresh your skills in braking and cornering. Make a commitment to be better at the 1% skills like head checks every time you move off. A check of the mirror as you start to brake and another as you stop.

Enjoy your ride and Stay Safe!

Ray van den Bosch

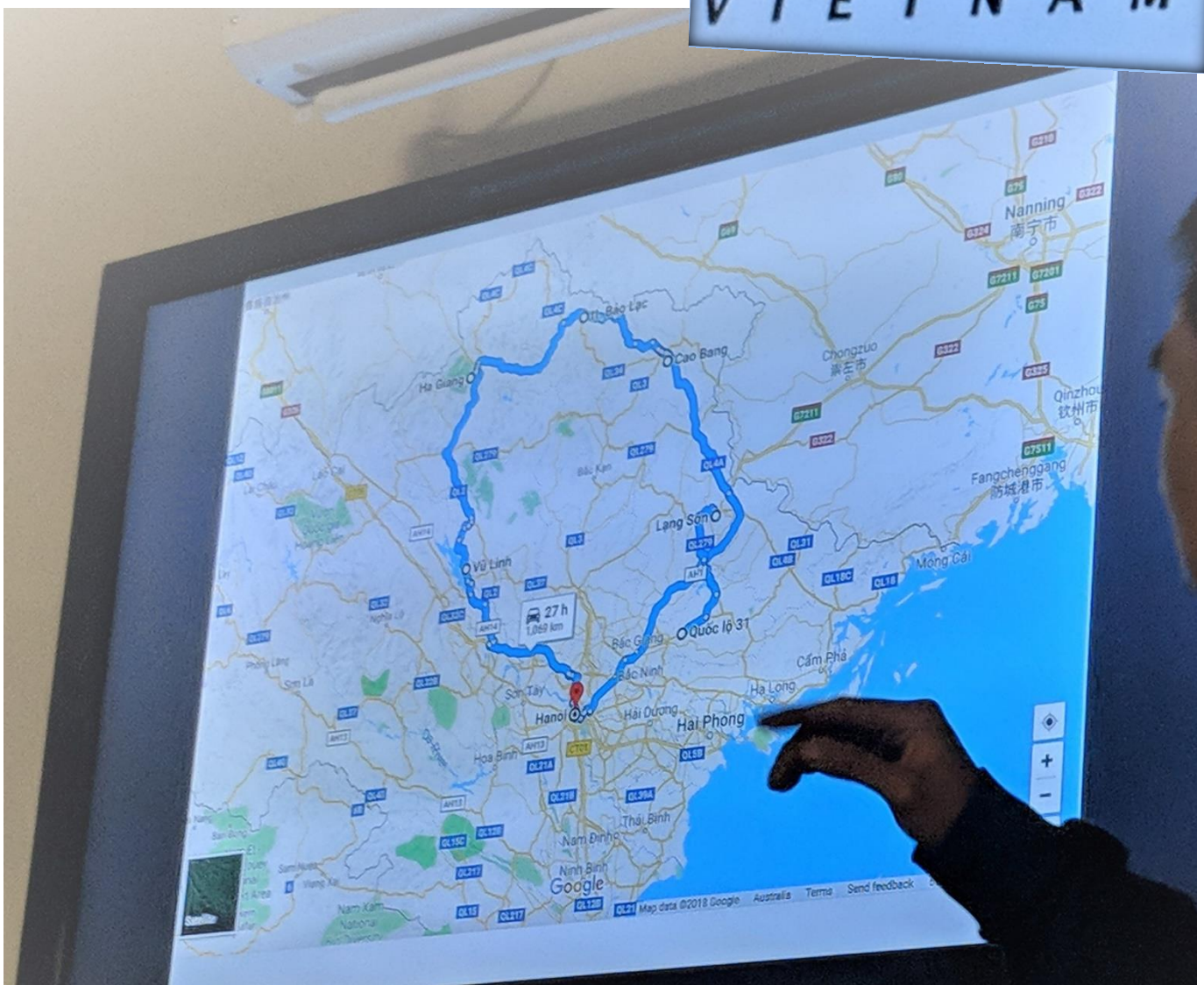
News

The Last Wednesday of each month we have a general meeting at our club house. You are all welcome, members and visitors we would love to see you.

The kettle is on and there are drinks available in the fridge. Chris Orton puts on a spread as we talk about Bikes.



We also have some amazing guest speakers. This month was no exception. If your craving an adventure on two wheels this just might be a holiday worth planning.



Nick presented photos and a video, it was amazing.

(Nice Jacket Nic)





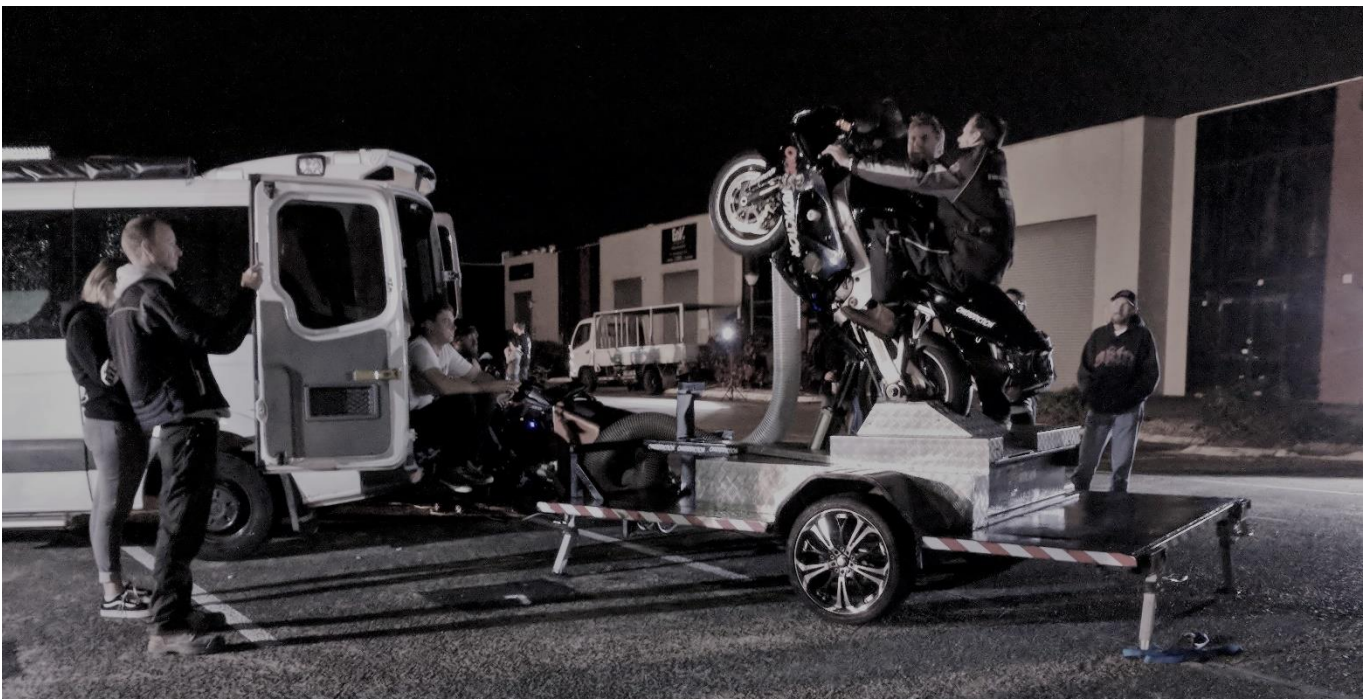
Gold Coast Bike Night

Last Saturday of every month from 4pm. Lawrence Drive, Nerang.

We rocked up at 7pm and the night was still going. Full car park even though the evening was a little chilly with drizzle.

‘One Addiction’ learn to wheelie, slow drags, food, music and more. Definitely an entertaining night out.





Events

Biker's Breakfast

The first Saturday of every month. Come and share a BBQ breakfast with us at the club house then head out for a ride.

Weekly Rides

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

Monday ride meeting at 8:30am to leave at 9am at the Café Tahbella, 3 Cottonwood Place Oxenford

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

Saturday morning ride meeting at the 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 of the month we have a long ride from the club house

Adventure Ride

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

**Motorcycle Movies @ the
Club house**

13th June 18

Doors open at 6:30pm

2nd Wednesday of each month

Bring your friends all are
welcome.

Kitchen is open BYO food,
drinks are in the fridge and
the kettle is on.

Contact
markmellor@gmail.com for
more details

Look at our website for all activities. <http://mecgc.club/mecgc-eventride-calendar/>



Weekend Away Ride to Glen Innes

Saturday 16th/Sunday 17th June 2018



Weekend Ride Away

We are heading to Glen Innes for a weekend ride. Tom has arranged for rooms at The Great Central Hotel, Dinner will be there as well.

<https://greatcentralhotel.com.au/>

So, pack your winter woollies and get ready for some of northern NSW's best riding roads. Can you please let me know ASAP if you are coming so I can lock in the rooms.

Cost for rooms 1 person in a room \$55, 2 in a room \$69

There are twin and queen rooms available.

They will be doing a limited menu with 3-4 choices. I will post that next week.

Plan is to leave the clubhouse at 7:30 sharp on the Saturday.

I will have track notes if you have a GPS contact me and I can send you the GPX file.

Keep a lookout for more details

Tom

Next weekend ride will be in August. Hosted by Richard and Wayne. Details are posted on our website

MUDGEERABA 90TH SHOW



Each year our club sets up a marquee and has a bike show there. Members can come in at the Worongary Road entrance. For details call or see Wayne.



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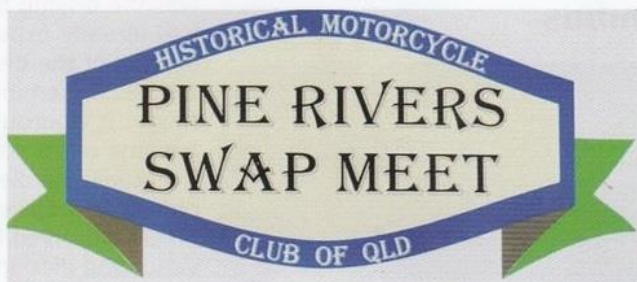


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**CLUB LAVERDA CONCOURS
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7am, Sunday 1st July 2018
(one day only)

Samford Rangers Parklands Soccer Grounds
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from 2pm 30th June
and 6am 1st July

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CONCOURS 2018

30th ANNIVERSARY **CLASS OF '88 TROPHY**

\$2000 BEST IN SHOW **DYN0 confirmed**
Cleveland Show Grounds,
Long St, Cleveland Qld.
Sunday 15th July

Presented by Club Laverda QLD Inc. (QLD), CONCOURS 2018 is a club motorcycle show offering some 40 trophies and \$2000 for the best machine entered on the day. A \$10.00 entry fee applies to patrons over 19 years and includes on-site motorcycle parking. An additional \$10.00 entry fee applies to enthusiasts wishing to enter their machines for judging and trophies. Machines entered for judging must be in running order. The event is devoted to fun and is raising funds for the Make a Wish Foundation. Trade stalls, enthusiast club displays, shows, and entertainment for both vendors and children's rides.

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Guy Russell passed away recently from a fatal illness. He and his brother Quinn and his wife Carol are members of the Motorcycle Enthusiasts Club Gold Coast. Guy came on a few rides with us and we would often see him at the Metz Café inn Canungra. He was really likeable, friendly man and a true motorcycle enthusiast.

We will miss him, and our club condolences go out to his family.

Rest in peace, Guy.

Wayne Bryan, President.

Calendar - June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday May 31	Friday 1	Saturday 2
				9am Club Ride – Club House		7am - Club House Bikers Breakfast
Sunday 3	Monday 4	Tuesday 5	Wed 6	Thursday 7	Friday 8	Saturday 9
 Italy	9am - Club Ride Café Tahbella			9am Club Ride – Club House		7am - Club House Ride
Sunday 10	Monday 11	Tuesday 12	Wed 13	Thursday 14	Friday 15	Saturday 16
	9am - Club Ride Café Tahbella		6:30pm Movie Night at the Club house	9am Club Ride – Club House		7am - Club House Ride WEEKEND RIDE AWAY
Sunday 17	Monday 18	Tuesday 19	Wed 20	Thursday 21	Friday 22	Saturday 23
WEEKEND RIDE AWAY  Spain	9am - Club Ride Café Tahbella			9am Club Ride – Club House		7am - Club House Ride
Sunday 24	Monday 25	Tuesday 26	Wed 27	Thursday 28	Friday 29	Saturday 30
	9am - Club Ride Café Tahbella			9am Club Ride – Club House		7am - Club House Ride
Sunday July 1st	JULY					
Pine Rivers Swap Meet  Assen	9am - Club Ride Café Tahbella					

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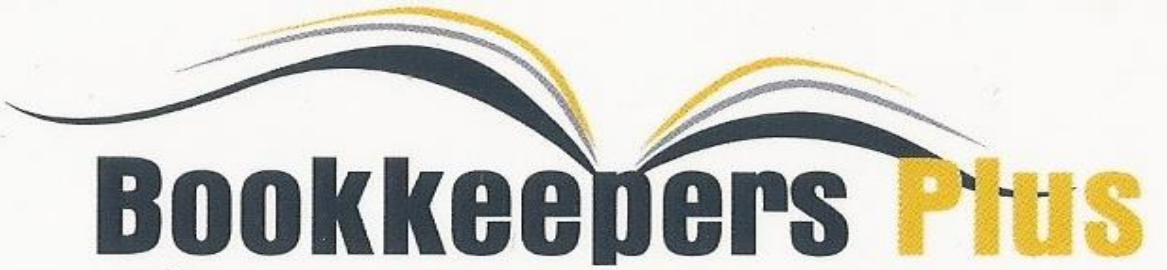

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The Motorcycle Enthusiasts Club has been around for over 30 years. As the name suggests, we are enthusiasts of all forms of motorcycles. In particular, our interest is in classic bikes. Our Club also includes modern bikes, sidecars and trikes. We cater 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 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.

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