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From the Editor



MotoGP Summer is over
Bring on October at Philip
Island.

Our 39th AGM
Wednesday 29th August
2018

Nominations for the
committee are open.
If you need a form they are
available at the club house
Nominate me for editor,
Love to continue bringing
the monthly club news.
All positions are open for
nominations.
See you there

Gail

Waynes Wramble

Hi Members,

This is a special Wramble because it is my last. As I've mentioned several times in the Link this year, I've been Vice President for 4 years and President for 5 years.

I feel it is a good time to stand down from the Executive Committee and let other members have a go.

I will be giving a speech at the AGM in a few weeks time on August 29th our 39th AGM.

But before then, I would like to thank those members who have paid their membership and to encourage those who haven't to please help us out by paying.

To our events, our monthly Biker's Brekky is on the 8th August.

Then, our very popular WAR Weekend Away Ride is on Saturday, 18th to Sunday 19th September. Richard and I will be running that one and it 'll be another Ride of the Damned.

The Monday, Thursday and Saturday rides continue as usual.

Looking forward to Friday, August 31st September 1st and 2nd as it's the Gold Coast Show. For the first time, MECGC has been asked to be a part of it and it will be great public exposure for our club.

Mark, myself and others will be setting up our marquee and witch's hats at a designated spot on the Broadwater on Thursday afternoon, 30th August. Then the show will run for 3 days. Admission is free to everyone, you're welcome to ride in to our show club spot on the Friday 31st. On Saturday 1st, there will be our normal Bikers Brekky at the club and then an official club ride to the show. We will have our Winter Sunshine bike show there with 6 trophies given out to the best bikes. Our very own Patron, Donny will be the judge.

And of course, on the previous Wednesday 29th is our monthly meeting and AGM. It's a very important one for our club. We're also looking for 2 members to run our WAR ride in October.

So, see you all out there. Wayne.



Staysafeqrider

Hello Link readers,

There is a crash type trend with riders losing control of their bike in a bend and crashing, often fatally. When we look at statistics either casually, or through a detailed analysis, they mean nothing to the individual. Whether you believe the crash rate is going down or up and whether bike riders are at fault or not means nothing when a crash actually happens to you, and you are spending the next 12-18 months off the bike and recovering from serious injuries.

The big difference is when we crash on a bike, we crash hard. Over half (64%) of all motorcycle crashes are classed as serious, meaning they're fatal or the rider is hospitalised. This is significant because less than half of all car crashes are classed as serious.

Losing control of the bike is still one of the biggest crash types for riders. It means the rider was unable to steer the bike through the entire bend and stay on the road, or they were unable to take evasive action to avoid a hazard mid-bend. These are preventable crashes. In these crashes, speed is a factor and will be attributed to the cause of the crash. But with today's modern bikes, with good tyres, brakes, lean angle sensitive ABS and traction controls, the bikes should be uncrashable.

What the bike manufactures can't improve is the nut connecting the seat to the handle bars. Often, when a rider loses control in a bend and runs off the road, it is a result of the rider being too fast into the bend, not the bike. The bike can do it. There is a saying I have used when delivering courses, "The bike will out-corner your brain". This means the bike can make it, it is the rider who can't. There is plenty of grip and lean angle, the rider has to keep looking through the bend and steer the bike. Electronic interventions are little reminders that you have made an error of skill and those interventions stopped that error from becoming a loss of control type crash. If you ignore them you can get yourself into a situation where the interventions won't save you and you have a bigger, faster crash.

When a rider loses control in a bend, it is a situation where the rider got a little too far out of their comfort zone, and they crossed that point where their brain goes from thrill seeking hyper-alert to survival mode where your ability to see options, use fine motor skills and select the correct choice to steer or stop the bike disappears and the brain just prepares the body for trauma. Some riders who use correct braking techniques on approach to a bend and are looking 6 seconds ahead will find these moments occur very rarely if at all. If you're a rider who doesn't use their brakes well and relies on engine braking and gear selection as your way to set your entry speed for each corner you'll find these moments will come often, or when the moment does come you're unable to avoid a crash when something unexpected arises. A rider

who is already on the brakes and using them well can use them more if they need to when approaching a bend. A rider who is not using the brakes to slow down for a bend can find themselves in a situation where they get to the point of tipping into the bend, where braking should be finished, and they still feel too fast. ...and that is too late. This is when they are unable to brake or steer and run off the road and hit something or they do too much of both and they lose control and drop the bike. These riders find out they were going too fast only when they couldn't stop in time.

How do you ensure you don't become one of the 64% that get hurt in a crash is by recalibrating your mindset towards riding. Place a higher value on doing the basics right. Use your brakes to get your speed to where you can keep 6 secs on vision on entry to and all the way through a bend. Make crashing not an option.

If you want more opportunity to improve your riding contact Tony Norda at info@staysafeqrider.com.au. He's based on the Gold Coast and can help you with your riding needs. If you're after some personal coaching at the track or on the road, contact me at raysridertrainingservice@inet.net.au.



News

Out with the old in with the new. Danny's new pride and joy



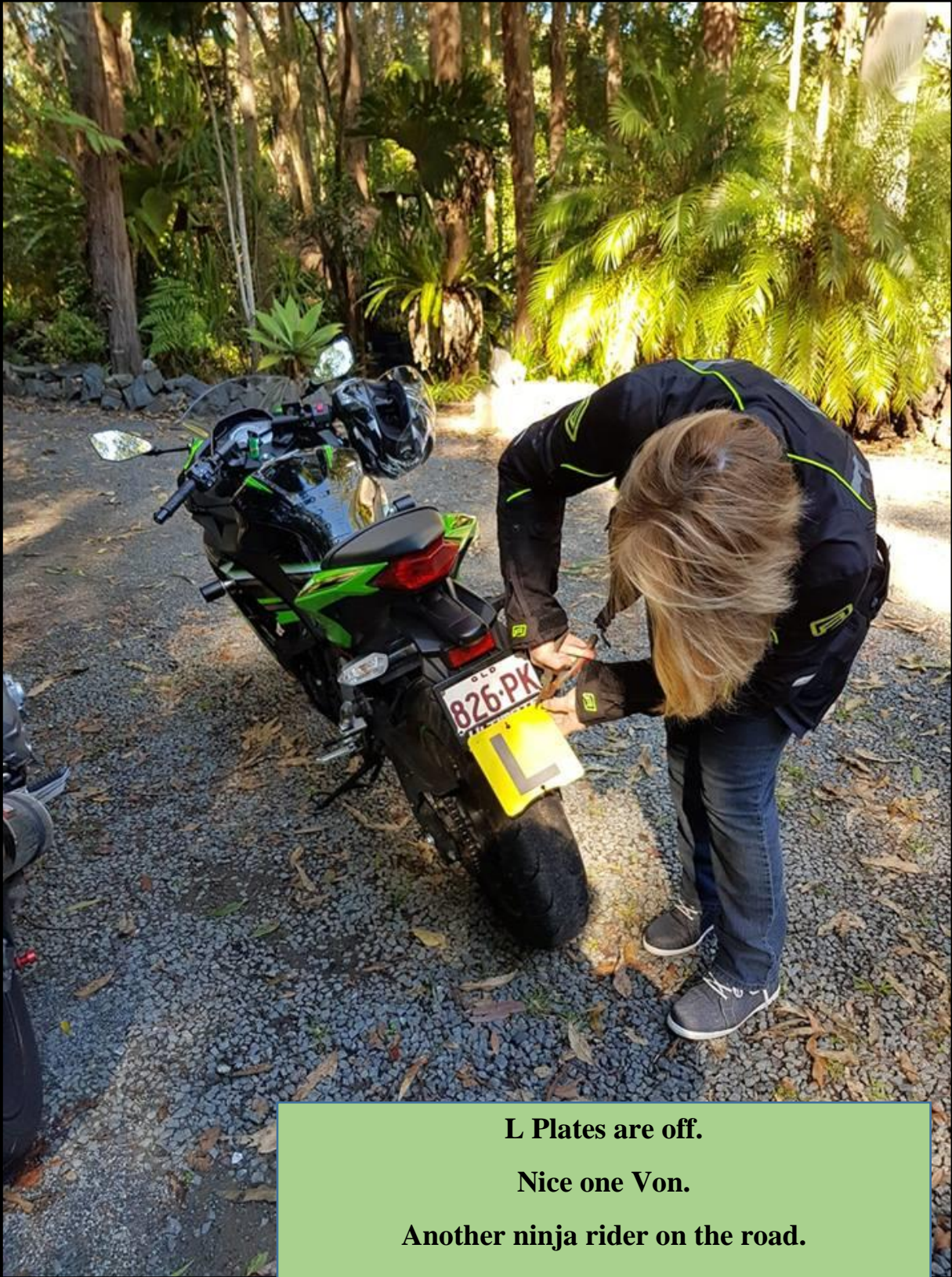
My FRide-days are spent here



Saturday last week along the Rathdowney - Boonah Rd area and onto Moogerah -- these all screen shots taken with my action camera - as I was leaving Rathdowney three riders came into my field of vision - one of them Danny on his new KTM. Richard







L Plates are off.

Nice one Von.

Another ninja rider on the road.



Events

A promotional banner for the Gold Coast Show 2018. The background is a vibrant blue sky with white clouds and a roller coaster. The text 'Gold Coast SHOW 2018' is prominently displayed in white. Logos for Queensland Government and City of Gold Coast are in the top right. A black banner at the bottom contains the text 'This Year we will be at the Broadwater Parklands with free entry! August 31, September 1 & 2'. A circular logo on the left celebrates 112 years of the Gold Coast Show Society Inc.

Gold Coast SHOW 2018

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112 YEARS
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This Year we will be at the Broadwater Parklands with free entry!
August 31, September 1 & 2

31st August to 2nd Sept 2018

Gold Coast Show - Friday to Sunday.



Friday – Ride down and say hello. Park your bike with us at our Marquee and enjoy the show

Saturday – Meet at the club house then ride with us to the Gold Coast Show Day. Be involved and enter our Annual Wintersunshine Bike Show.

Sunday – Meet you at the Gold Coast Show, Parking again at our Marquee.

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.

Club Committee Meeting

Second to last Wednesday of each month. All members of the club are welcome to attend.

Club General Meeting

Last Wednesday of each month. All members of the club and visitors are welcome to attend. Find out more details on events coming up and what's happening in the club. The kettle is always on and there is supper provided. Great time to catch up with other members and invite guests to the group.

24th November 2018



Club Christmas Party

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

Movies at the Club House

**Motorcycle Movies @ the
Club house**

***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

29th August 2018

39th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING


All members come and support YOUR club.

Kettle on and Supper provided

August Weekend Ride



Calendar - August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Saturday 4
				9am Club Ride – Club House		7am - Club House Bikers Breakfast
Sunday 5	Monday 6	Tuesday 7	Wed 8	Thursday 9	Friday 10	Saturday 11
 Czech Rep	9am - Club Ride Café Tahbella		6:30pm Movie Night at the Club house	9am Club Ride – Club House		7am - Club House Ride
Sunday 12	Monday 13	Tuesday 14	Wed 15	Thursday 16	Friday 17	Saturday 18
 Austria	9am - Club Ride Café Tahbella			9am Club Ride – Club House		7am - Club House Ride WEEKEND RIDE AWAY
Sunday 19	Monday 20	Tuesday 21	Wed 22	Thursday 23	Friday 24	Saturday 25
WEEKEND RIDE AWAY	9am - Club Ride Café Tahbella		7pm Committee Meeting	9am Club Ride – Club House		7am - Club House Ride
Sunday 26	Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wed 29	Thursday 30	Friday 31	Saturday 1 st Sept
 Great Britain	9am - Club Ride Café Tahbella		7pm 39th AGM	9am Club Ride – Club House		7am - Club House Ride

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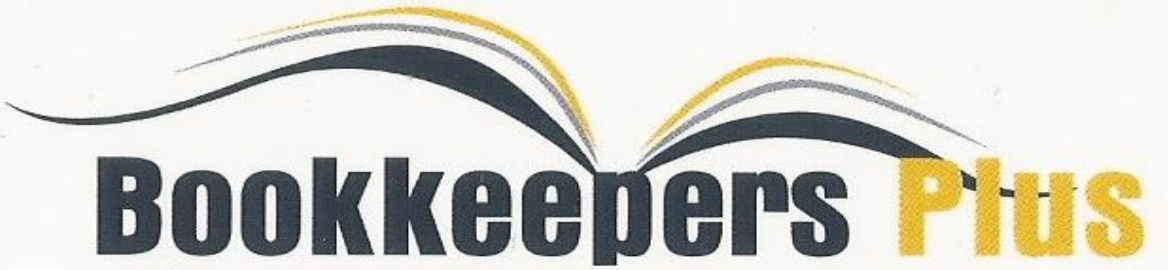
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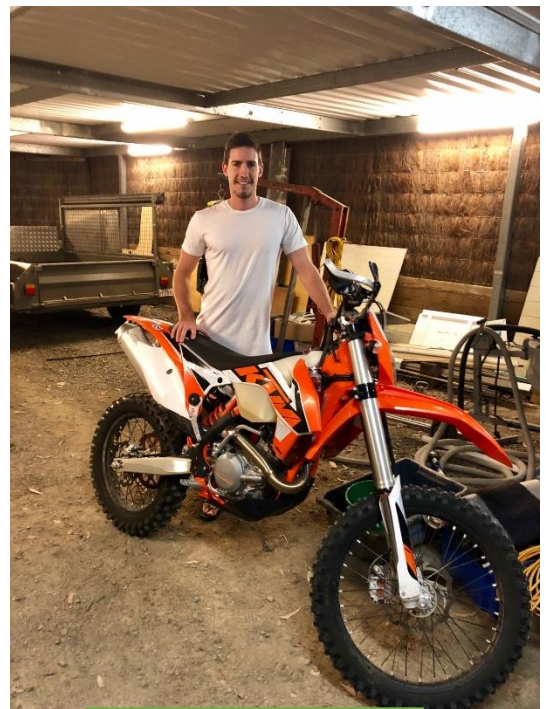
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The Motorcycle Enthusiasts Club has been around for over 30 years. As the name suggests, we are enthusiasts of all forms of motorcycles. In particular, our interest is in classic bikes. Our Club also includes modern bikes, sidecars and trikes. We cater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