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Cover photo from my car
somewhere between here and there



Even the rain and the threat of a thunderstorm couldn't stop us from heading out for a weekend ride.

Thank you, Robbie, for leading the ride. Some amazing roads and places we went through.

Thanks to our President Bazz for organising everything else.

Great weekend. Even though I had to drive as my bike is waiting for a new part

Stay Safe

Gail

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Presidents Report

Hello fellow bikers,

We finally managed to get an overnighter in before the end of the year!

Thanks to Robby Murray organising a great weekend. Also, a big thank you to Jim K (who came to grief on a recent ride) for shouting a case of beer at Imbil pub.

Fifteen Enthusiasts braved the weather to ride to Imbil. In the end we were only rained on for about an hour before we reached our destination.

Next year is certainly looking good to restart our bimonthly overnighters. If anyone has an idea for an overnighter or would like to organise one don't hesitate to contact me!

On another note is there anyone out there that would like to do the Bikers Breakfast on Sat 7th Nov?

Lastly, I would like to give special thanks to Kym & Cheryl for their expert help after the recent accident.

This has also prompted me to consider doing a CPR course.

We are actually looking into getting a group discount for those that are interested too.

An email will be sent out soon.

That's it for me

this month.

Safe riding guys.

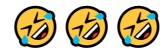


News

Ride out to the Camel Farm



Monique on the menu!



The straw was right there in my hand as well!!!

Ooh dear, still makes me laugh out loud every time I look at it!!

Ann Hendley

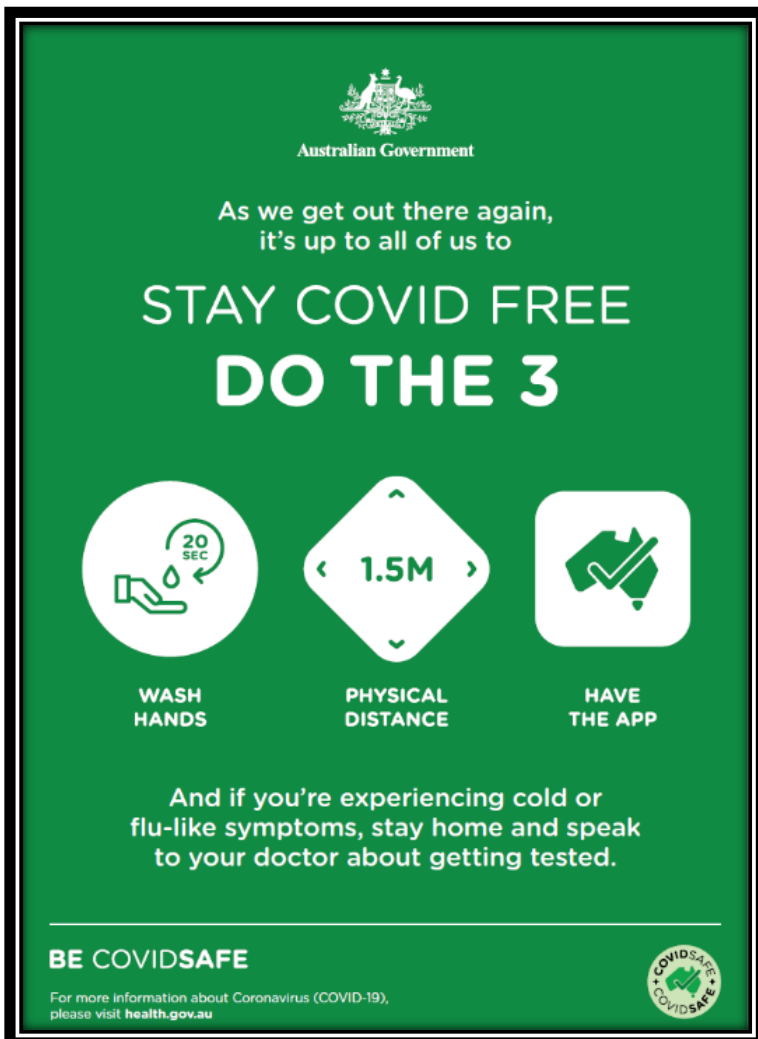
Must be  November



Sitting quite debonair at the committee meeting our much loved member with his new stylish moustache, Mark.






Don't forget our committee meetings are held
On the 3rd Wednesday of each month (excluding Dec)
Open for all club members to come. Always catered for
By Chris and the kettle is always on



Australian Government

As we get out there again,
it's up to all of us to


**STAY COVID FREE
DO THE 3**

-  **WASH HANDS** (20 SEC)
-  **PHYSICAL DISTANCE** (1.5M)
-  **HAVE THE APP**

And if you're experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms, stay home and speak to your doctor about getting tested.

BE COVIDSAFE

For more information about Coronavirus (COVID-19), please visit [health.gov.au](https://www.health.gov.au)



Check your Tyre Pressure

Now available at the club house

Weekend ride photo to Imbil



Lunch at the Dag Pub Just before the
down pour encountered for the rest of
the day



Thank you Martine for the great photo



Have to do this one again when the road are dry and I have my bike.



Dinner and the Imbil railway pub.



Great photo Tracey

Wayne's Column

Hi Members, by the time you're reading this, we'll be in November. This Sunday is the 1st of November and the following Saturday, the 7th is our November Bikers Brekky.

Last month's Bikers Brekky was very successful, the weather was good and we have a massive turnout.

We had our WAR Ride last Saturday, 24th and the wet weather kept some of our members away but we still had 14 bikes and a great weekend.

Barry, our President and Rob Murray did a very good job of arranging everything. There were a few good reviews about the ride on Facebook.

There were no real dramas except for my back up car overheating and having to go home by a RACQ tow. And I hear one of our guys ran out of petrol. We all look forward to the next WAR ride in 2021.

As most of you know, our member Jim Kellogg had a crash on a previous ride, writing his bike off and breaking ribs, scapula and a finger. We all wish Jim a speedy recovery and thanks Jim for shouting the club a slab of XXXX on the WAR ride.

I'm finally riding again. Yeehah! After 5 weeks recuperating from an operation. I'll go part of the way on our last Saturday of the month long ride. Thanks to Paul Leyton and the team for organising our Saturday rides.

You'll be hearing about our November meeting soon, the 18th will be our Committee meeting followed by a General Meeting to discuss a lot of issues. Rod

Moorcroft will be our guest speaker on his recent long ride out west.

I must talk about the Australian Motorcycle news that gets delivered to our club, actually to me first, I get to read it, do a review and bring it to the club.

It's a fantastic read once again, something for everyone.

You all know I'm a Norton enthusiast and a Suzuki Bandit owner too. Norton have new owners, the Indian firm TVS and the CEO John Russell has promised to honor deposits put down for new bikes placed before the company's meltdown in January despite the fact that the new owners are not legally obliged to do so.

This is such good news and will help to establish Norton credibility.

Did you know that the Distinguished Gentleman's ride with more than 55000 riders worldwide has raised \$3.6 Million for Movember, the Men's health charity.

Toni Bou, the Spanish Trials rider genius has just won his 28th World title on a Montesa CODA4RT.

Valentino Rossi tested positive for Covid 19 and so I'm sure everyone wished him a speedy recovery.

Aprilia's RSV4 1100 is the most advanced bike to come out of the factory with Ohlins semi active suspension. There's a great writeup in the mag about the bike.

Also the new BMW R18 is a great touring bike, eight pages of a good read on this new cruiser. It's not like any other cruiser BMW says.

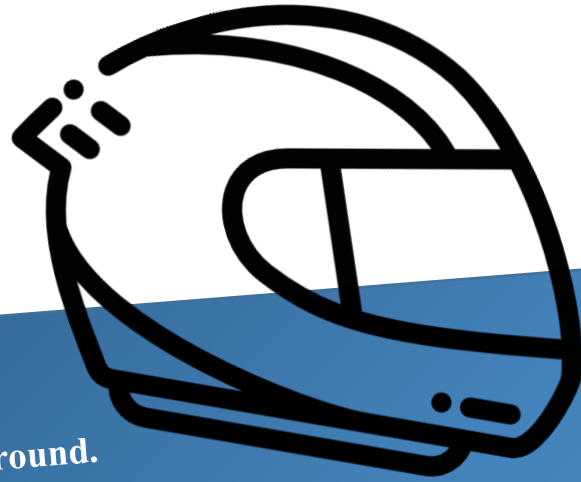
There's a story on NARD, an innovative radical chassis design of a MOTO 2 race bike.

And finally for all the race fans detailed information about some of the top GP riders, you all know who they are.

So much more I could tell you about, read the club mag or get your own.

See you soon.

Wayne, Events

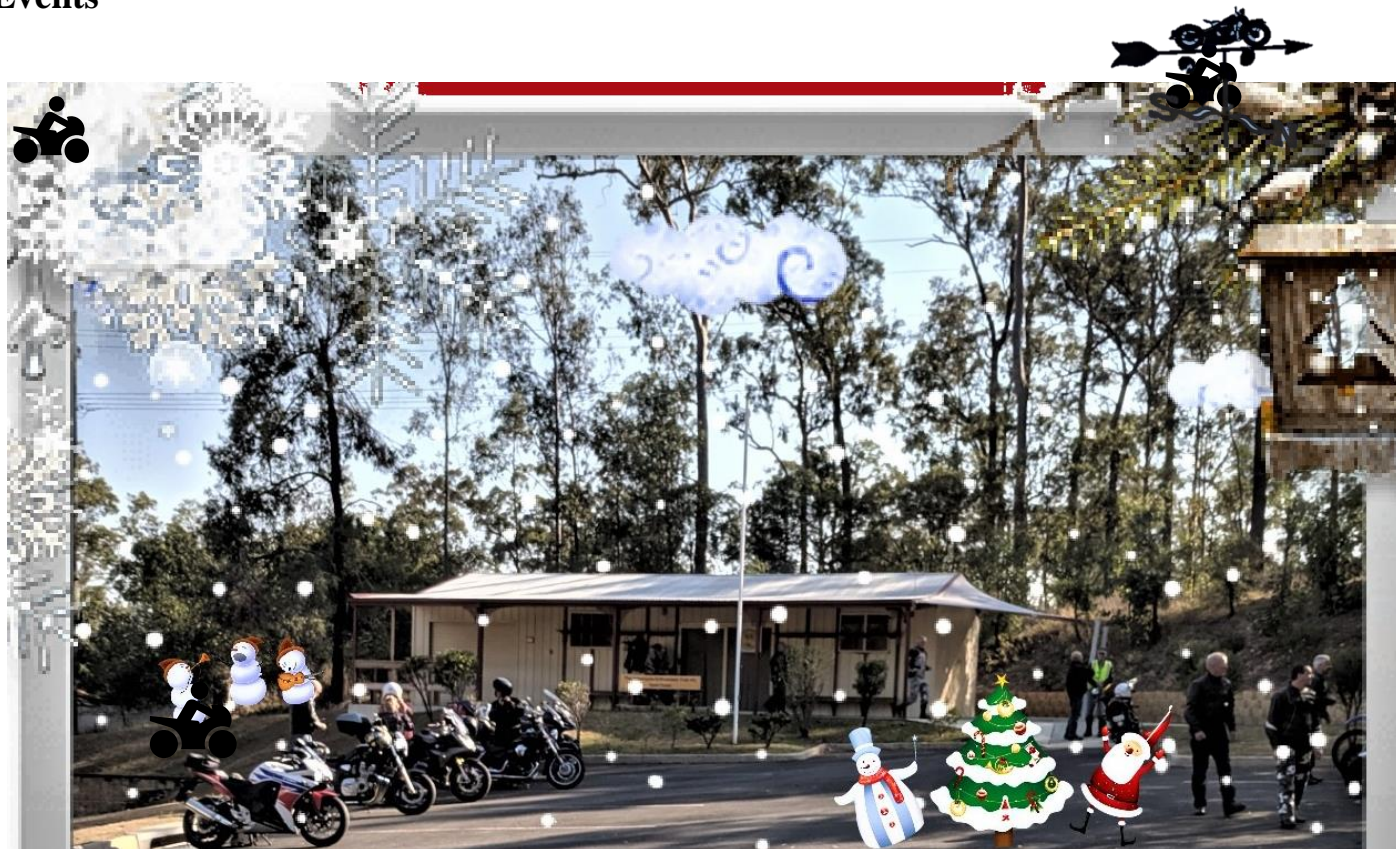


What does a helmet mean on the ground.

All bikers know that putting your helmet on the floor is bad luck so if your superstitious at all bear that in mind.

What everyone may not know is that a helmet on the ground is the international rescue signal of the biker code.

So, if you observe a biker on the side of the road with the helmet on the ground, don't hesitate to stop and offer help today for him/her, tomorrow for you maybe.



MECGC Christmas 5th of December

Watch this space



The Motorcycle

At the Queensland Art Gallery - 28 NOV 2020 – 26 APR 2021

This world-exclusive exhibition, only in Brisbane, will showcase the art, design and history of one of the most iconic objects of the last 150 years, the motorcycle.

Featuring more than 100 innovative and influential motorcycles from the 1860s to present day, it will consider the iconic vehicle from the perspective of social history, popular culture, design and technology.

The exhibition will tap into the appeal of this enduring object of design and art, looking at the motorcycle's past, present and future.

Highlights of the exhibition will include:

- A 1868 Michaux-Perraux, the first steam powered velocipede and oldest known motorcycle in the world;
- The earliest Australian-designed and built machines, including a Spencer produced in Brisbane in 1906;
- The 1951 Vincent Black Lightning that set an Australian land speed record in its day and more recently a world record for the highest price paid at auction for a motorcycle;
- Symbols of speed including the 1930s Triumph Speed Twin, the 1970s Ducati 750 Super Sport, and the 1990s Britten V1000;
- Off-road motorcycles highlighting a rich history of bikes built for dust and dirt;
- Customised motorcycles at the intersection of art and design;
- Ultra-modern electric motorcycles, demonstrating the future of transportation in the age of renewable energy.

The exhibition will be accompanied by a range of special programs and events, including Up Late and a specially curated film program in GOMA's Australian Cinémathèque.


The MECGC will organise a Saturday ride to visit this amazing collection closer to the time – more details will follow.

Link for Tickets \$25.00 for single adult

<https://www.qagoma.qld.gov.au/whats-on/exhibitions/themotorcycle>


Club house is Open but restricted.


All our regular rides and events have been cancelled but when we are up and running, we will resume the following


 Biker's Breakfast The first Saturday of every month. Please bring your SIV rego bikes, you can share a BBQ breakfast with us at the club house then head out for a ride at 8:30am




 Weekly Rides


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


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

 Thursday ride meeting at our clubhouse 8am leave at 9am

 Saturday morning ride meeting at the clubhouse 7am for a cuppa, leave 8am.

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

 Sunday of the month SIV ride – meeting at the Café Metz, Canungra at 9am and leave at 10am on informal ride.

 Adventure Ride

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

Club Committee Meeting

Third Wednesday of each month.

All members of the club are welcome to attend the committee meeting

Club General Meeting – are no longer held each month. There will be meetings called from time to time.

Yes, the clubhouse is open with restriction.

Social Distancing | Wash your hands

<https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/protect-yourself-others/coronavirus-prevention>

We are heeding health care advice in social distancing, avoiding large gatherings and taking the responsibility for ourselves and our community, to wash our hands and bring our own hand sanitiser.

If you feel unwell at all, please get tested and stay at home.

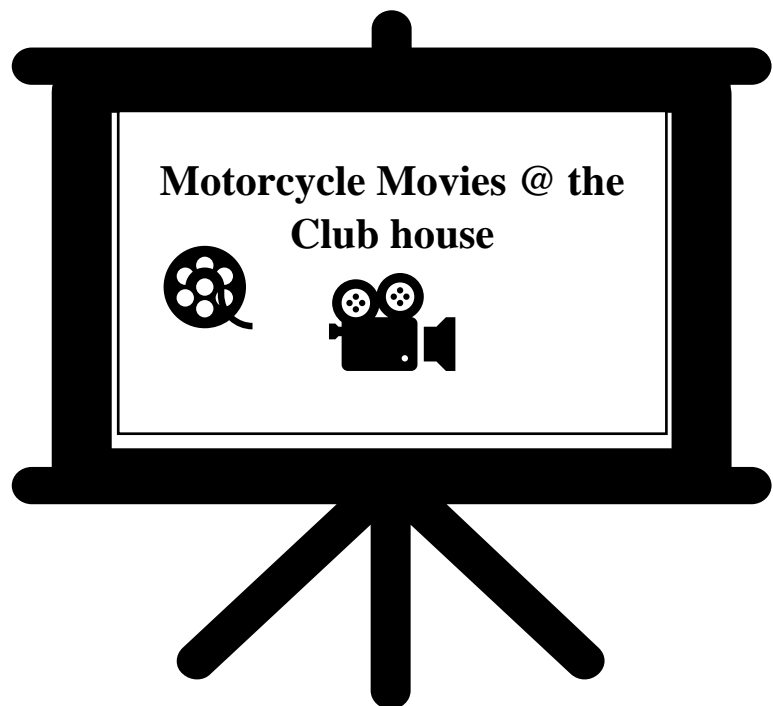
Being safe and well is important.

Keep riding, our bikes miss us.

Movies at the Club House

Restrictions apply

2nd Wednesday of each month



Calendar - Nov 2020


Remember social distancing, wash your hands and stay safe

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
8am – Club Ride	9am – Club Ride Café Tahbella			9am – Ride from the Club house		8am at the Club House BBQ Breakfast
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
8am – Club Ride	9am – Club Ride Café Tahbella		Movie Night @ the Club house	9am – Ride from the Club house		8am at the Club House Ride
15	16	17	18	19	2	21
8am – Club Ride	9am – Club Ride Café Tahbella		7pm Committee Meeting	9am – Ride from the Club house		8am at the Club House Ride
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
8am – Club Ride	9am – Club Ride Café Tahbella			9am – Ride from the Club house		8am at the Club House Ride
29	30	1st December				5th Dec
8am – Club Ride 	9am – Club Ride Café Tahbella					MECGC Christmas Save the DATE

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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.

Heritage Centre, 238 Mudgeeraba Road, Mudgeeraba.

(Entrance to Heritage Village is opposite Milky Way)

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.

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