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*From the new Editor,*

***Wayne Bryan***

*My first priority as Editor is to give thanks to our former Editor, Gail Calder who gave her time and efforts for the past 6 years to edit the Link Newsletter. She did an amazing job and we wish her well in her future pursuits and many more rides with the Club.*



*That's right, Wayne and Rhonda are now editing the Link. Well, I'll take care of all the news while Rhonda handles the technical side of creating the Link and sending it out. We are going to try and make it bi-monthly and we would really welcome any and all input from members. That is send your articles, photos, (clean please), stories and cartoons. Everything is subject to copyright and cannot be used without permission. Send to : [editor@mecgc.club](mailto:editor@mecgc.club)*

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Motorcycle Enthusiasts Club Gold Coast

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello Fellow motorcycle enthusiasts,

It has been a while now but the Link is up & running again with Wayne & Rhonda at the helm. Taking over from Gail who had done a great job in the past. I think we will all be looking forward to some great articles ahead. I would also like to thank Yvonne for taking up the role as treasurer. A job that Gail had done for the club too.

Now even though Covid has been lurking around causing disruption to our lives in one way or another, the club has managed to largely continue with rides, Biker's Breakfasts. We have restarted our bi-monthly dinners with guest speakers each time and an odd night ride in between. Don't forget that we also have our monthly movie night run by Mark.

My mission is to steer the Enthusiasts club to bigger & better goals. In doing so distinguishing us as a real club as opposed to all the Facebook riding groups. All will be revealed in good time. In the meantime let's enjoy our passion for motorcycling safely in this great countryside of ours!

Cheers,  
President Bazz.



## WAYNE'S COLUMN

Hi Members,

I'm on the Committee looking after events so I post the Monday and Thursday rides with Keith Sharp our new Webmaster. Thanks, Keith. We have a Saturday ride Committee of about 4 guys and we welcome any ideas for Saturday rides.

As soon as we have a updated membership list, we'll make up membership cards which will appear on the club notice board. We'll also update the club's honour board as needed. I'll also help with any extra club activities.

Our Monday rides are proving very popular. We get about ten bikes at the Tahbella coffee bar at Oxenford at 9am and it usually have a short ride of about 80-100klms. The Thursday rides get about 10-15 bikes depending on the weather. This Covid thing really makes a difference.

Our Biker's Brekky is popular, thanks to Chris our Food and Beverage man and Barry, the President along with some other welcome helpers. The long ride on the last Saturday is doing well too. Our club house is looking very tidy, thanks to 2 or 3 working bees. ]

We appreciate our members helping to keep the club clean and tidy.

Wayne, Events



Our last Biker's Brekky on the 4th September, featured Donny Kibble's 89th birthday with a cake having ONE candle for a life well lived so far. Go, Donny, we love you.





We had a special club dinner at the Tallai Golf Club on the 27th August which was a huge success. We would like to thank Steve McDowell who gave an interesting talk which we all appreciated. We plan to have more of these special events, the next one will be a night ride on the 24th September to the glow worm caves and then a ride to the Advancetown pub for a meal.



*At our last Committee Meeting, I was so honoured to be presented with an appreciation certificate. I was touched by such a nice gesture. I do love the club, you guys and gals are my best friends and I love to ride . Right now, because of my sickness, I can't ride but I hope to in the future and I'll still work to make the club a better place.*

*Wayne*



## EVENTS

Biker's Breakfast. The First Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> of every month. Open at 7am. Please bring your SIV rego bikes, you can share a BBQ breakfast with us at the clubhouse then head out for a ride. Leave at 9am.

### Weekly Rides

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

Monday ride meeting at Oxenford, Luv a coffee opposite Woolworths at 8am to leave 8.30am.

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

Saturday morning ride meeting at clubhouse 8am for a cuppa, leave 9.00am in winter.

Last Saturday is a long ride.

Club Rooms open every Saturday from 8am 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.

### 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. Next one is August for the annual AGM.

### Movie Night

2nd Wednesday of each month. Open from 6.30pm. Movie starts at 7pm. For more information, contact Mark 0438 0003224

**Look at our website for all activities. [www.mecgc.club](http://www.mecgc.club)**



## **ROOKIES QUIZ**

- Q1. Who was Australia's first 500c GP World Champion?
  - Q2. Where were Tilbrook Sidecars made?
  - Q3. Which lawn mower manufacturer made Senspray carburettors?
  - Q4. HRD motorcycles, what does HRD stand for?
  - Q5. What was Honda's founders first name?
  - Q6. What Japanese motorcycle company made the T20 Super Six?
  - Q7. Who did the first 100 MPH lap of the Isle of Man on a single cylinder bike?
  - Q8. What was the last year of Henderson motorcycle production?
  - Q9. What year was the first Moto Guzzi made?
  - Q10. What is the more common name for the Will Rogers Highway?
  - Q11. BA bolts and nuts, what does BA stand for?
  - Q12. What year was the first Montesa motorcycle made?
  - Q13. What make of motorcycle was made at Cleckheaton, Yorkshire?
  - Q14. What make of motorcycle was made at Bracebridge St, Birmingham?
  - Q15. What engine did George Browns Super Nero use?
- See answers on page 13.



## Public Property , A Poem by Derek Stevenson

"If you prick us, do we not bleed?" the Bard once famously said,

But the racer sees a different needle, in an area of very different red.

His body clad in leather suit, fibreglass helmet on his head,

He's hoping to avoid injury, that they'll absorb the damage instead.

He's a professional bike racer, in the international circus,

The Grand Prix is his total focus, his one and only purpose.

To watch him compete within this game, we all have to pay our way,

He also has to do so, but in very different ways.

He backs up nearly every week, in both day and also night,

Racing in the heat of summer, or under brilliant overhead lights.

The years begin to take their toll, and his injuries they mount,

From crashes far too numerous, which he forgot to count.

He sees the doctors every day, they help him front each race,

But when you see him leave the clinic, he'll show no pain upon his face.

He works so hard upon his fitness, on the road and in the gym,

To make sure he is fit and strong, and so very, very thin.

He's attacked by those on social media, whose opinions seem to matter,

But they are like empty vessels, as they clink and as they clatter.

Commentators love to dog him, as he chases after the crown,

And they always love to point it out, when his diet has broken down.

While they sit on their fat arses, on an even fatter settee,

And we know that the older that they get, the better they used to be.

Everyone has an opinion, and is free with their advice,

But it's all just speculation, a roll of life's most wicked dice.

He'll be there picking up the pieces, when the dice come up snake eyes,

And he'll treat his recent injuries, with splints and packs of ice.

When he wins its so euphoric, then more crashes lay him low,

When he crashes he takes too many risks, when he loses he's too slow.

He thinks of those people he'll let down, if he fails in his Grand Prix dream,

So many that will count on him, or sometimes so it seems.

A public so ungrateful, slick media way too mean,

His sponsors, and his family, his friends and all his team.

I don't know how he sleeps at night, under weight of expectation,

But it doesn't really help his cause, just adds to the frustration.

Second place is the first loser, as the winner will confirm,

And third, well, it's just nowhere, when his contract comes full term.

He thinks about club racing days, full of lunacy and play,

He'd go hard in in each and every race, and get drunk at close of day.

He remembers those days fondly, so, so many years behind,

He'd win or come stone motherless last, and no-one seemed to mind.

He eyes the vacant grid spot, for this race it's been kept free,

In memory of just another one, taken by the danger of Grand Prix.

The years have seen barriers moved back, riders now don't die too often,

But the tarmac that they race upon, just doesn't seem to soften.

He tries to ban this from his thoughts, for a focused and clear head,

But he thinks of crosses round the world, a roster of the dead.

Once more he wears the leather suit, in orange, red or blue,

So let's all try hard to remember, that he is human too.



## MY BEST FRIEND IN THE CORNERS IS MY BACK BRAKE.

Hi Members just sharing some information that could be helpful to you about how to get yourself and your motorcycle smoothly thru corners you come upon on any of our local roads. Many years ago some riders who were much more experienced than myself explained and showed me this technique to use in corners.

For a start of course you need to use your front and back brakes of your motorcycle to wash off speed and approach the corner to get your line and start to go into and around the corner, all good! However what if the corner tightens up and you find you are travelling too fast for it to be taken at the speed you are travelling? Use of both brakes then will upset your line and affect the geometry of your motorcycles suspension. You can get thru that corner while using both brakes however by using your back brake only your bike shall stay on line and most importantly your bikes front suspension can remain unchanged and level while travelling thru and around that corner.

There are lots of forces in play on the front of a motorcycles suspension when passing thru a corner at speed and using the front brake on and off while travelling thru the corner upsets the motorcycles front suspension and makes the effort of getting around that corner harder on the rider. However once again of course if you have a lot of excess speed you need to lose you can and will use both front and back brakes to bring your speed down to a level where you can enter the corner.

Where the use of the back brake only works extremely well is when you are passing thru the corner and it tightens up on you or perhaps you have accelerated early to exit the corner either way you find your speed is too high to safely travel around and thru the corner. This scenario is where using just the back brake works very well is assisting you to get thru the corner at speed without upsetting the geometry of your bikes front suspension. Your throttle hand can remain firm and steady regulating the engine power to your bike without interruption by using the front brake lever.

Having your foot over the rear brake pedal and applying the brake to control your speed when necessary makes for much tighter travel thru the corner. You can trail the rear brake all the way thru the corners just varying the brake pressure a little as needed to reduce some speed if the corner demands it. When you get used to this technique you will find yourself powering on steady in and thru the corner and using the rear brake to control the speed without constantly adjusting the throttle and thereby raising and lowering the front of the motorcycles suspension.

Also a small slip or wheel lockup from using the back brake is much easier to handle in a corner then one from the front wheel. Try this in some low speed corners and when you are used to how it all works together you can use it when you are riding anywhere. We all have our ideas and habits for bike riding that we use so I hope that by sharing the above information it could be of some use to you. **RIDE SAFE FOREVER, Harold.**

## STORIES

Thank God for Shannons, I have all my bikes insured with them.

Just before I got the big C, I decided to ride my Mk II Commando down to the Tahbella Café to show the guys my new Colorado electric start.

I started the bike and Rhonda said "I don't think you should be riding this bike today." Now was that my wife's premonition, I should have listened to her?

Anyway, I started the bike, rode down the driveway and the bike misfired. I gave it a bit of throttle to clear it, I went around the corner and then all 65 horses kicked in. At 10klms an hour, the bike spat me out onto the grass verge. It was so quick, I was under the bike, yelling help.

Rhonda heard the bike stop so she came running and my neighbour looked out his window and saw me under the bike. He came out and lifted the bike off me. A lady in a car called out that she was ringing the ambulance. The Paramedics were only at Nerang so they were at Oxenford in no time.

I suffered bruised ribs. The bike needed some repairs which Shannons are looking after. And I will end up with a bike looking like brand new.

Lucky Wayne

### Answers from Page 10

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Wayne Gardiner in 1987    | 9. 1921                 |
| 2. Adelaide, South Australia | 10. Route 66            |
| 3. ATCO                      | 11. British Association |
| 4. Howard Raymond Davies     | 12. 1945                |
| 5. Soichiro                  | 13. P & M Panther       |
| 6. Suzuki                    | 14. Norton              |
| 7. Derek Minter 1960 Norton  | 15. Vincent V twin      |
| 8. 1931                      |                         |

Yes, the clubhouse is open with restrictions.

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## Calendar - September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Saturday 4
				9am Club Ride – Club House		7am - Club House <b>Bikers</b>
Sunday 5	Monday 6	Tuesday 7	Wed 8	Thursday 9	Friday 10	Saturday 11
	9am - Club Ride , Oxenford @ Cafe-Tahbella			9am Club Ride – Club House		7am - Club House Ride
Sunday 12	Monday 13	Tuesday 14	Wed 15	Thursday 16	Friday 17	Saturday 18
	9am - Club Ride , Oxenford @ Cafe-Tahbella		Movie Night 7pm	9am Club Ride – Club House		7am - Club House Ride
Sunday 19	Monday 20	Tuesday 21	Wed 22	Thursday 23	Friday 24	Saturday 25
	9am - Club Ride , Oxenford @ Cafe-Tahbella		Committee Meeting 7pm	9am Club Ride – Club House	Night Ride & Dinner Advancetown	7am - Club Long Ride
Sunday 26	Monday 27	Tuesday 2/8	Wednesday 29	Thursday 30		
	9am - Club Ride , Oxenford @ Cafe-Tahbella			9am Club Ride – Club House		

### **HAVE A LAUGH**

I got a motorcycle for my wife last week..... Best Trade Ever.

I just got a wooden motorcycle. It has a wooden frame, wooden handle bars, wooden wheels, and a wooden seat. Guess what?  
It wooden start!

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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.

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.

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