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*From the new Editor,*

*Wayne Bryan*

*As I mentioned in our last  
September Link, Rhonda is my  
Co-Editor.*

*Also it's good to read Derek  
Stevenson's poems, The Addict  
on Page 11 and Gina on  
Page 12. Great Stuff.*



1967 650ss



1973 Mk II



1975 Mk III

As most of you know, the doctor has taken my motorcycle license away, so I get to only look at my Nortons.

Mind you, I have a fresh challenge to do 20 pushups in the doctor's office and he might reconsider.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello fellow Motorcycle Enthusiasts,

Another year has gone by not without its challenges of border closures and restrictions that we have all had to deal with. In saying that the guys have organised some fantastic rides in our own neck of the woods, finding new roads and cafes. We have also had some great Friday night social evenings with Bridget & Alan authors of the 'Throw Your Leg Over' series of books and Stephen McDowell From Smart Rider Training as special guest speakers at two of them. We also had a great world motorcycle travel presentation by Anne & Anthony Speed at the clubhouse in conjunction with the BMW owners club.

Bikers Breakfast on the first Saturday of the month has also been very popular! Earlier this year we also had a First Aid Training course for Motorcycles at the clubhouse through Suzie at Pulsestart Training. We intend to offer the same great deal to club members again early next year!

February 19th, mark it in your biking calendar as we will be having a multi motorcycle club event at Garage 25. More details to come. Another thing I know we would look to this coming year are overnighters! If you know of a great destination or would like to organise an overnighter contact me or one of the other committee members with your idea/plan.

I think enough said. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

Ride safe guys.

Cheers,

Bazz



## WAYNE'S WRAMBLE COLUMN



Even though I'm not riding, I'll try and stay involved with MECGC. I'll drive, yes (I'm allowed to drive daylight hours) down to the Tahbella Café every Monday morning and get a lift to the Movie nights and the Committee meetings.

Rhonda and I are organising your membership cards and hope to have them out to you shortly.

We are at the stage in our lives when these wonderful bodies are wearing out. So, I'll just mention a few other members or their family who are in our thoughts and prayers. First names only and apologies if I miss anyone out. There's me, Boyce & his wife Eileen, Tony's wife Maxine, Brad, Barry, Carol & Quinn, Danny and Alex W. & Muriel. Yes, it's no fun getting old, is it? Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Regards Wayne



### AUSTRALIAN MOTORCYCLE NEWS

The club still gets this great magazine delivered to our clubhouse. It's always worth a read.

This one was August 5-18.

There's a great writeup on the Ducati Panigale V4 SP 211 HP, \$52000

A very interesting biography on Kiwi, Ginger Molloy, road racer.

And the latest in Motorcycle art and electric motorcycles, the Curtiss One.

There's a lot more to read and it's always a good read.

❤️ "Riding a motorcycle doesn't call to everyone. It carries a level of risk which is anathema to most. And it demands a level of competence, a degree of engagement, which is unusual in today's modern society. Like an old-time craft, the skills and the wisdom necessary to be successful at it don't come quickly, but emerge only slowly, over time. Most people today simply don't have the patience or the inclination to deal with that sort of thing.

But for those of us who do, to that tiny minority who are drawn to it, the rewards are immeasurable. For us, riding imbues life itself with color, tinges it with adventure. It connects us to a time when people weren't perhaps quite so shy about how they lived. A time when everything wasn't a careful, exacting calculus of risk and reward. A bolder time when a fear of getting hurt didn't stand as an impenetrable shield to the simple enjoyment of life.

So, yeah, those of us who ride are definitely different. But it's a good difference. We carry something that once was common, but now is rare. Something of the distilled essence of what got us all here.

We're the last wolves, in a land of sheep."

—Jeffery Hughes, 2007





## **SIX LITTLE STORIES WITH LOTS OF MEANINGS**

(1). Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.

(2). When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.

(3). Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. That is hope.

(4). We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.

(5). We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.

(6). On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.' That is attitude.

Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories.  
Remember - Good friends are the rare jewels of life,  
difficult to find and impossible to replace!!



## 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. What do the initials stand for on MRD Motorcycles?
- Q2. What do the initials stand for on AJS Motorcycles?
- Q3. What do the initials stand for on BSA Motorcycles?
- Q4. Which 2 cities in the UK were home to Montgomery motorcycles?
- Q5. Which make of motorcycle won the first ever race over the TT Snafell mountain course?
- Q6. In what country were Ascot-Pullin Motorcycles made?
- Q7. What came first, the Vespa or the Lambretta Scooter?
- Q8. What city was home to Raleigh motorcycles?
- Q9. What size engine did the BSA Super Rocket have?
- Q10. What make of motorcycle had models called Huntmaster, Colt and Arrow?
- Q11. What motorcycle make made Sturmey Archer gearboxes?
- Q12. What motorcycle maker made models called Impala, Cota and Capra?
- Q13. What motorcycle maker had models called Titan, Savage and GT550?
- Q14. What country was home of MZ motorcycles in 1970?
- Q15. Which veteran motorcycle was banned from racing, labelled unfair as it was so good?

See answers on page 13.



## Some Poems by Derek Stevenson

### **The Addict**

Each time I wake I recall the day, though so many years have passed.

“Just a little taste, it’s free. Come on, it’ll be a blast”.

This addiction is surely something, that I never will escape,  
A wild animal caught in headlights, eyes so wide and mouth agape.

It has cost me far too many friends, who could never understand,  
It cost me so much of my health, and every cent that was to hand.

Like weighed down and in manacles, feeling tired, broken and gross,  
And I know I’ll always feel like this, ‘til released by my next dose.

Scorned by many hoteliers, who think I’m Satan’s progeny,  
Living always on the outer. Marginalised by society.

Though I’m only a danger to myself, my overlords never fail,  
To hunt me down relentlessly, try to throw me in their gaols.

Who could have known so long ago, who could truly have predicted,  
That I’d be just another one, who’d end up so addicted.

I don’t think harshly of my pusher, and he’ll never be convicted,  
Because if I’m honest with myself, the wound was self inflicted.

So I climb on to the Triumph, waiting at the garage door,  
And soon my heart will be set free, my spirit released to soar.

And this is how I get my fix, for each and every day,  
The Triumph beckons to me, “Hey, let’s get away”.

I know that I’m an addict, and well, a little bit insane,  
But if I could go back where it started, Hell, I’d do it all again.

### **Gina by Derek Stevenson**

She sits in warmest sunshine, by this Latin lake so blue,  
Beneath tall pines so brilliant green, in this café with a view.

I love it that she's dressed in black, as so many bad girls do,  
It's part of her Italian-ness, that's in her through and through.

She always seems so restless, loves to be ever on the go,  
Taking all the best on offer, in the environs of Lake Como.

She's a typical Italian, with the hottest zest for life,  
And is always leading me astray, trying to get me into strife.

I sip my strong black coffee, and view this inland sea,  
Then turn my gaze so lovingly, to my Ducati 750GT.

She is often unco-operative, as we try to get away,  
She laughs at my kick starting, until she says: "Okay".

Teasing me is her greatest sport, but I know she wants to go,  
And explore the best of views and roads, through Bellagio and Tremezzo.

She starts up with the greatest roar, the sound more gorgeous than I can say,  
Not a cacophony so wanton, like the worst from the U.S.A.

But when she starts to flex her muscles, there's a message that she's sending,  
That I'll be having so much fun, on those gorgeous curves unending.



“Brain Fitness” experts assure us that our brains don’t grow old from working hard, but from hardly working at all! When you just let your mind “vegetate” and don’t stretch it with deep reading, creative thinking or challenging conversation, it could become old—even when it’s young! On the other hand, if you challenge your mind regularly, your brain stays young even as you get older.

### Christmas Joke



Mary and Joseph arrive at the Bethlehem Inn. Mary says to Joseph “Didn’t you book in?” Joseph replies “No.” Thus was the origin of the song “Silent Night”.

#### Answers from Page 10

- |                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| 1. Howard Raymond Davies         | 9. 650cc (646cc actual)                              |
| 2. Albert John Stevens           | 10. Aerial   |
| 3. Birmingham Small Arms         | 11. Raleigh  |
| 4. Bury St Edmunds and Coventry  | 12. Montesa  |
| 5. Humber                        | 13. Suzuki   |
| 6. England                       | 14. East Germany                                     |
| 7. Vespa in 1946, Lambretta 1947 | 15. Zenith with the Gradua variable ratio belt drive |
| 8. Nottingham                    |  |

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

# STAY COVID FREE DO THE 3



WASH  
HANDS



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DISTANCE



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)



## Calendar - December 2021

| Sun       | Monday                                      | Tues     | Wed             | Thursday                     | Fri       | Saturday                                    |
|-----------|---|----------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------|---|
|           |   |          | <b>1</b>        | <b>2</b>                     | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>                                    |
|           |   |          |                 | 8-9am Club Ride – Club House |           | 7 - 9am Club House<br><b>Bikers' Brekky</b> |
| Sun       | Monday                                      | Tues     | Wed             | Thursday                     | Fri       | Saturday                                    |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>                                    | <b>7</b> | <b>8</b>        | <b>9</b>                     | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b>                                   |
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| Sun       | Monday                                      | Tues     | Wed             | Thursday                     | Fri       | Saturday                                    |
| 19        | 20  | 21       | 22              | 23                           | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b>                                   |
|           | 8-9am - Club Ride , Oxenford @ CafeTahbella |          |                 | 8-9am Club Ride – Club House |           | <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>                        |
| Sun       | Monday                                      | Tues     | Wed             | Thursday                     |           |   |
| 26        | <b>27</b>                                   | 28       | 29              | 30                           | 31        |   |
|           | 8-9am - Club Ride , Oxenford @ CafeTahbella |          |                 | 8-9am Club Ride – Club House |           |   |

For up to date information on all events log on to [www.mecgc.club](http://www.mecgc.club)

## Calendar - January 2022

| Sun       | Monday                                      | Tues      | Wed                   | Thursday                     | Fri       | Saturday   |
|-----------|---|-----------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------|--|
|           |   |           |                       |                              |           | <b>1</b>   |
|           |   |           |                       |                              |           | <b>7 - 9am<br/>Club House<br/>Bikers' Brekky TBA</b> |
| Sun       | Monday                                      | Tues      | Wed                   | Thursday                     | Fri       | Saturday   |
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| Sun       | Monday                                      | Tues      | Wed                   | Thursday                     | Fri       | Saturday   |
| <b>23</b> | <b>24</b>                                   | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b>             | <b>27</b>                    | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b>  |
|           | 8-9am - Club Ride , Oxenford @ CafeTahbella |           |                       | 8-9am Club Ride – Club House |           | <b>7-8am - Club House Long Ride</b>                  |
| Sun       | Monday                                      | Tues      | Wed                   | Thursday                     | Fri       | Saturday   |
| <b>30</b> | <b>31</b>                                   |           |                       |                              |           |  |
|           | 8-9am - Club Ride , Oxenford @ CafeTahbella |           |                       |                              |           |  |

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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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