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From the new Editor,

Wayne Bryan

How this year is passing so quickly. Because we've had a few donations to our library including books and magazines, I'd like to encourage you to use this resource.



1967 650ss

1973 Mk II

1975 Mk III

The latest version of the Australian Motorcycle News Magazine is always on the table at the club. It's a really good read.

I'm not riding at all now. In his wisdom, our wonderful doctor took my motorcycle licence away. He said he would reconsider when I can do 20 pushups in front of him. One can always hope. Take Care, Wayne.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello fellow motorcycle enthusiasts,

A lot has happened since the last Link. Sadly we had the passing of two club members only a couple of months apart, Wayne Archard and Keith Sharp. They both will be sadly missed. On a brighter note we had the son of a former member of the club (Ian Rowe) donate a stack of his dad's Motorcycle mags and books from the 80's.

As for events, we had an awesome turnout for our multi club meetup at Espresso Twenty5. A big thanks to

The Honda CB750 Owners club

Gold Coast Cruiser club

VJMC club

Historic Motorcycle Club

BMWOCGC

& Brisbane Speedway Boys

for participating with such great enthusiasm!!

Also a big thanks to Dan & Jo at Espresso Twenty5 for providing such great service.

Plenty more events are coming up including dinner at the Currumbin RSL, Karaoke night, WAR ride to Iluka and another multi club meetup!! Check your emails & Facebook for dates and details.

Keep safe riding guys considering all the flood events.

Cheers,

Bazz.



**Espresso Twenty5 presents:
Caffeine, Banter & Bike's**

**1 Boatworks Drive,
Coomera, Gold Coast**

**Free Event
Sat. May 21st**

Also Sat. Aug 27th

7.00am - 11.00am



Participating Clubs Include:

Motorcycle Enthusiast Club Gold Coast
Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club
Honda CB750 Owners Club
Historic Motorcycle Club
Gold Coast BMW Club
Gold Coast Cruiser Club
Brisbane Speedway Boys
Ulysses Gold Coast



After the success of our first Caffeine, Banter & Bikes day in February, we are going to continue with this event about every three months.

All bikes are welcome, and we welcome you to bring your beautiful machine down and have it on display and to view an array of like minded people's machines as well.

Also remember, cars are also most welcome.

We will be kicking off at 7.00am through to 11.00am. The bacon and egg rolls will be rolling out, plus the morning hit of caffeine from Espresso Twenty5.



As you may be aware, our club has initiated, along with Espresso Twenty5, the first "Caffeine, Banter & Bikes" morning during February of this year, which many of our club members attended.

The purpose of this event was to bring many of the Motorcycle clubs from the Gold Coast and the South side of Brisbane together for some friendly banter and comradeship. This type of event also gives the club an opportunity to source new members.

Due to the success of this meet, it has been decided to run this event on a three monthly basis. The next "Caffeine Banter & Bike" morning will be held on the 21st May 2022, followed by another on the 27th August. The club is well aware that this date in May clashes with the WAR Ride, but we believe there will be enough in both events to please all club members. Due to the number of clubs involved, along with other events, finding a clear date to suit everyone is almost impossible. Rod Moorcroft

EVENTS

Biker's Breakfast. The First Saturday 3rd 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



ROOKIES QUIZ

See answers on page 11.



- Q1. What famous motorcycles were made at Arcore?
- Q2. What make of motorcycle was made at Bracebridge St.?
- Q3. In BTH Magnetos what does BTH stand for?
- Q4. What motorcycle company is in partnership with Montessa to make motorcycles?
- Q5. What year did AJS sell out to Colliers makers of Matchless Motorcycles?
- Q6. Where were Ivy Motorcycles made?
- Q7. What Brooklands racing car driver founder Ambassador motorcycles?
- Q8. What make of motorcycle had the models Electra and Navigator?
- Q9. Who won the 1946 Manx GP on a sprung hub Triumph?
- Q10. What car maker started out making Swallow Sidecars?
- Q11. Who won the 1923 sidecar TT on a banking sidecar?
- Q12. What is the connection of Goulding and Bracknell to motorcycles?
- Q13. What engines company made the Starmaker engine?
- Q14. Where were JAP engines made?
- Q15. Who was the Moto Guzzi race mand in the 1950 glory days?

Bathurst

My friends all left for Bathurst, quite early Saturday,
For a weekend of bike racing, debauchery and play.

But I had work commitments, and couldn't get away.
For me there'd be no racing, or debauchery that day.

I prepared the bike for Sunday, to make an early start,
Made certain I set the alarm, and left bang on sparrow fart.

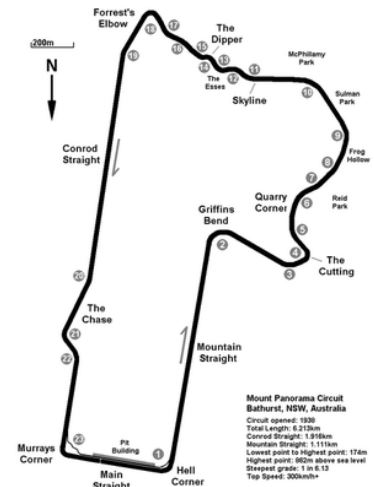
What kind of bloody maniac, rides to Bathurst in sub-zero?
Maybe just us nut job race fans or a coked up super-hero?

The cold attacked my every nerve, and the ride was not much fun,
And by the time I got to Bathurst, well I was nearly done.

I rode right on and through the town, and up on to the mount,
And surveyed the many bodies, that were abandoned all about.

Next to the road beside me, oceans of broken glass,
And a smouldering black motorbike, in a sea of blackened grass.

As I rode along and saw the mess, which was revealed to me,
I was nearly struck by a body, which fell out of a tree.



A Poem by Derek Stevenson

Bathurst continued

At first I really was concerned, that this chap he might be dead,
But I saw he sat up slowly, and he rubbed his bloodied head.

It was clear that more than just his head, was very, very sore,
But then he just rolled over, and he began to snore.

I set out on a mission, to locate all my friends,
And the devastation all about, it never seemed to end.

But then I found Mr Morrell, he wasn't hard to see,
Because he was another one, who liked to sleep in trees.

I watched him lying there asleep, wedged tightly in position,
And hoped that he would make it down, while still in good condition.

For the next I didn't search too long, or have to venture far,
Mr Cook was right there sleeping, so soundly in his car.

His feet stuck out from deep within his Wolsley's spacious boot,
He lay on a bed of beer cans, well it must have been a hoot.

Then I found our beloved twins, by name of Jack and Jill,
They were dealing with their injuries, it was such a bitter pill.

Jillian had received a heavy knock, and it had surely bled,
And she wore a bloodied bandage, wrapped tightly round her head.

A Poem by Derek Stevenson

Bathurst continued

And Jacqueline certainly was the girl, of whom everyone was talking,
She'd thought it was a good idea, to take up fire walking.

She gazed down at her bandaged feet, without uttering a sound,
But I could tell that she was thinking then, "How will I get around?"

And then we have our Simon, a man of intellect intense,
But what he did beggared belief and was devoid of common sense.

For there within the donut ring, as the bikes howled round and
round,

One suddenly flipped over and flung its rider to the ground.

Young Simon, well he leapt right in, he's such a helpful gent.
But the time that he invested there, could have been better spent.

With both hands he grabbed the exhaust, which was very clearly
wrong,
And his screams they were applauded, by the drunken, rowdy throng.

His hands were bandaged thickly, from that brief lamented farce,
And I couldn't help but thinking then, how would he wipe his arse.

And the guy whose name I can't recall, who went somehow M.I.A.,
We thought perhaps the Police had come and had taken him away.

I admit that I'm a drinker, and been known to party hard,
But surely all these guys had played their Insanity Union card.

A Poem by Derek Stevenson

Bathurst continued

I thought of the night's festivities, while trying to be fair,
Was I sorry I had missed them, or glad I wasn't there?

I dragged them over to the track, to see who it was that led,
And they all nursed their hangovers, each aching, splitting head.

But when the day was over, I really couldn't stay,
I had to return to Sydney and work early on Monday.

I lifted up the side stand, and waved at this sorry lot,
Then turned to find my way back home, and up the road I shot.

But I thought as I rode out the gate and sped along the way,
That it might be better for my health, if I kept working Saturdays.

Answers from page 7

1. Gilera, 2. Norton, 3. British Thomson-Houston.
4. Honda, 5. 1931, 6. Birmingham, England, 7. Kaye Don,
8. Norton, 9. Ernie Lyons, 10. Jaguar,
11. Freddie Dixon and D. W. Denny, 12. They are sidecars,
13. Villiers, 14. Tottenham, London, England,
15. Giulio Cesare Carcano.

Yes, the clubhouse is open with restrictions.

Social Distancing / Wash your hands.

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



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

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HANDS



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DISTANCE



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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 - MARCH 2022

Sun	Monday	Tues	Wed	Thursday	Fri	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
				8-9am Club Ride – Club House		7 - 9am Club House Bikers' Brekky TBA
Sun	Monday	Tues	Wed	Thursday	Fri	Saturday
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	8-9am - Club Ride , Oxenford @ CafeTahbella			8-9am Club Ride – Club House		7-8am - Club House Ride
Sun	Monday	Tues	Wed	Thursday	Fri	Saturday
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	8-9am - Club Ride , Oxenford @ CafeTahbella		Movie Night 7pm	8-9am Club Ride – Club House		7-8am - Club House Ride
Sun	Monday	Tues	Wed	Thursday	Fri	Saturday
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	8-9am - Club Ride , Oxenford @ CafeTahbella		Committee Meeting 7pm	8-9am Club Ride – Club House		7-8am - Club House Ride
Sun	Monday	Tues	Wed	Thursday	Fri	Saturday
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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.

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.

Articles, photos, items for sale etc. can be emailed to editor@mecgc.club or posted to MECGC Attn: Wayne Bryan, 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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