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From the new Editor,

Wayne Bryan

Hi Guys, as most of you know my beautiful man lost his battle with that insidious cancer and passed away on 24th March. So it is with a heavy heart, I will temporarily continue to edit the Link for you.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello fellow enthusiasts,

It is with a heavy heart that I write this piece.

The club has lost one of its longest serving members. Wayne Bryan was no doubt a true motorcycle enthusiast that had many friends and connections in the motorcycling world. We not only not only lost a friend but also a great wealth of knowledge from the club. In saying all that the club has continued to be as strong as ever.

The WAR to Iluka on 21-22 May was the wettest ever! lol. Yet we still had a great turnout (9 bikes, 14 people) despite the wet weather. The next WAR is out to Texas on 2-3 July with Robby Murray leading.

Also by the time this Link gets to you we will have had our second multi motorcycle club meet at Garage 25. I am sure it will be as successful as the last one. Either way let's hope for some dry sunny weather to get some motorcycling fun happening.

Ride safe guys.

Cheers,

Bazz.



M.E.C.G.C. Club is really a "Person Shed On Wheels." 🏍️??

Think about it for a minute.

Our Clubhouse welcomes all men and women to join us in the camaraderie, fun, friendship with motorcycle rides around our beautiful Gold Coast regions.

You will find friends to chat to, confide in and laugh with, about all aspects of life.

There are often a number of challenges we must face during our lives and some of the best therapy for this is riding your motorcycle to interesting destinations with a group of fellow riders. Leave your concerns behind as you power down the road with the cool fresh air running across your face. Stopping for a coffee break and chat about the journey thus far, then saddling up and heading with the pack for the designated lunch stop further ahead.

Across running rivers, around sweeping bends and up over mountain passes with fields of green reaching to unreal blue skies.

This wonderful scenery is ours to enjoy as the road passes beneath our wheels during the ride.

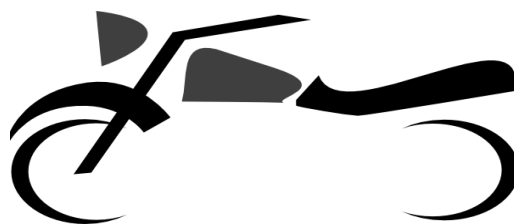
As you head for home at the end of such a ride, you think, yes job done, all good, I'll do more of this for sure.

Our Club has a few rides like this each week for all to enjoy .

Such great times are too good not to share with friends, so if you know somebody who needs this therapy bring them along sometime.

Life can be short, so have fun, ride a motorcycle. 🏍️ 🏍️ 🏍️

RIDE SAFE FOREVER, Harold Park.



EVENTS

Biker's Breakfast. The First Saturday 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

By Derek Stevenson

Wayne

Wayne's funeral was on Friday the 8th of April just gone. I was originally asked to select something of my poetry to read to the congregation, but unfortunately it turned out to be a rather full card and I was not called upon. A lot of wonderful words were spoken and looking at the size of the congregation, I could see that if they threw it open for anyone to come up and have their say, that we wouldn't have been out of there by Saturday morning. Huge crowd. Lots of music, including some videos of Wayne playing his banjo.

Wayne's three favourite bikes were under the awning at the entry to the church. His three red Nortons. It was a nice touch. The car park was riddled with bikes from several clubs.

It is hard to write something here about Wayne without sounding cliché. The kind of things that always get said. We all have some special memory of Wayne, so I might leave it at that. He touched all our lives and are all poorer for his passing. He was an open book and held nothing back.

Similarly, it would be folly to try to encapsulate the volume of work Wayne put into the club. Reading his name so many, many times on the Honour Board for Club Office Holders is merely the tip of the iceberg. He was always there. Always driving forward. He lived for the club, just like he lived for his family, friends, church and music.

Rest in peace mate.

The original request for my poetry was to select something appropriate but most of what I write is quite inappropriate. However, I did write the following a while back. It is not a perfect fit but it is close enough. It is about a man who has come to terms with his mortality and about the love he has for his wife. So, this is sort of for Rhonda too. I hope you like it.

Of Years Past A Poem by Derek Stevenson

Bring to me that woman of warm and gentle heart,
Who for reasons still unknown to me, has loved me from the start.

Not for me those women, so brassy, loud and bold,
Who would all think so much less of me, than their trinkets, toys and gold.

Nor those whose favourite plaything, is the heart of any man,
And offer up no reason, than just because they can.

Show me not the woman, of generations lost,
With heart so hard and so cold, of icicles and frost.

And show me not the woman, worst of Eve and Adam's seed,
The end of Darwin's vision, full of jealousy and greed.

So bring to me the woman with whom I decades lived,
Who stood beside me at my worst, yet still found more to give.

She tended each and every wound, upon my body and my soul,
She toiled until her fingers bled, to try to make me whole.

And now she is beside me, as I die upon this bed,
She tended scantily to herself, but cared for me instead.

I lie back down my weary head, upon a soft pillow,
And drift toward the afterlife, it is my time to go.

But for any who would listen, I would tell you what is so,
She is the one that I have loved and was so very proud to know.

Wayne's Outback Adventures: By Rod Moorcroft

I have a Tee-Shirt that reads "Every man dies, but not every man truly lives". The stories below will show that Wayne was a man that truly did get the best out of life.

The first of our longer rides with Wayne started in January 2012 to the Nindigully Pub, which in those days were camping trips where we all had 3-man tents which could sleep one person. I still remember Wayne's excitement when pitching his tent for the first time, saying "I feel like a little kid again with very my own chubby house".



Wayne revisited the Nindigully Pub on other longer club rides in 2013 and 2016, and always shared one of their famous Road Train burgers with 3 others in the group.

Noccundra September 2013

The first big trip into the Queensland outback with Wayne was a 6-day trip to a little pub at a place called

Noccundra which is situated about 300km SW of Quilpie. This ride took us out through Roma, Charleville, Quilpie, Noccundra, and back through Thargomindah, Cunnamulla and of cause Nindigully.



During this trip on the road between Quilpie and Noccundra, the group pulled up at an oil rig to discover we were a few riders short. After about 10 minutes, the missing riders appeared in the distance and thus commenced a story that Wayne was never permitted to forget.

Wayne had hit a cow! Wayne's story was a cow had run onto the road into his path. He could not avoid a collision and struck the cow, knocking it out, and almost breaking Wayne's leg. Naturally we were all concerned about Wayne's well-being until someone produced a photo of the so-called cow. After that Wayne was labelled a big bully. The photo says it all. Poor little calf!



We did arrive at Noccundra that afternoon without further incident, where the population consists of a couple that the run the pub. For all riders, with the exception of little Wayne, there was a hazard associated when entering this pub. The story goes many years ago about a foot of water from a flood went through the place. The solution was to raise the floor about 300mm, but nothing else, so all doorways don't have a great deal of head clearance.



Noccundra September 2016 (Thargomindah)

They say it's not about the destination; it's the journey that counts. This proved to be true on this 2nd planned ride to Noccundra in 2016. We were warned at Roma that Noccundra was cut off by flood waters, but thought they would subside before we arrived in a couple of days times. Then we were told at the information centre in Quilpie that the road would not be open for a few weeks, but we could ride to Thargomindah via a "Flood Truck".

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Noccundra September 2016 (Thargomindah) continued

What is a "Flood Truck" you ask, as did we! After talking to the Thargomindah authorities by phone, we were informed that they had a flat-bed truck that vehicles could drive up on via a home-made loading ramp made of dirt, and they drive you through the flood water into the town. About 1 km distance and a metre of water.

So, the destination and the entire experience changed. Once we reached the loading ramp and met the driver and crew, we were informed they had never transported bikes before. *"Maybe we take 4 bikes per trip and you guys sit on the bikes holding the brakes on"* said one of the council crew.

A new adventure had commenced, and the ride on the back of the flood truck turned out to be one of the highlights of this ride. The trip into Thargomindah was uneventful, However the next day heading back out of town on the truck, Wayne was very relaxed; maybe a little too relaxed.

As the truck came to a stop, Wayne's bike jumped forward and started to fall off the side of the truck. Lucky it caught on the side rail and with the assistance of others was then able to leave the truck via the ramp. Little things like this never worried Wayne. As he said later, *'I would have landed on my feet'*.

Every trip was an adventure, and Wayne always enjoyed every minute of them. As the photos below show, he was always up for a photo as a reminder of the fun we had and the places we visited on these Outback Adventures.



Wayne taking a shortcut



Second thoughts



Riding onto the flood truck



The flooded roadway

They say some will walk through the Pearly Gates, but I believe Wayne would have ridden through, and is already a member of the Motorcycle Gospel Band. Ride In Peace our little friend – Ride In Peace!

More photos from Wayne's Outback Adventures on the following pages!



Wayne, the animal lover



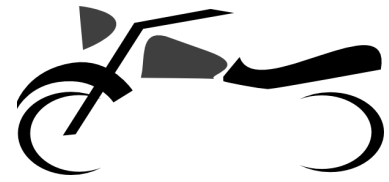
Wayne's Outback Adventures













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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.

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