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From the Editor



First issue for 2019.

The club is in full swing. New year rides, Australia day and we are planning our first weekend ride this month.

Most of our usual weekly and monthly rides have started. Check out the calendar in this issue as well as head on line to our website for more details

Qatar is about to buzz with MotoGP Testing this month.

March will see the first race, I've included the MotoGP Calendar for the year.

Ride safe

Gail

Harold's Hello – Presidents Report

Hello Members, I hope this note finds you all well and fine.

Gosh early February already, 2019 sure is rolling along fast for us once again.

This Saturday past (2nd Feb) we had our first for the New Year, Bikers Breakfast at our Clubhouse and enjoyed a good roll up of members once again.

Also, many thanks to our Vice President Graham Ruck for being the Chef to prepare a tasty breakfast for everyone.

Our weekly rides, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday are going very well with a good number of members supporting them.

I'm very happy to report we have 4 new riders who have accompanied us on some of these rides with a keen interest to join our Club as financial members in the near future.

Our February Weekend Away Ride (23rd & 24th) is almost upon us folks, so please book your accommodation soon if you are coming along with us for this fun time.

Speaking of Rides, we have Rod Moorcroft's Long Ride in August (31st August to 12th September) coming up too and folks this is an excellent motorcycling adventure that has been extremely well planned.

So, If you are keen for 13 days of riding with friends and seeing lots of great scenery plan to join this ride now.

Once again folks your Executive and Committee members are working very well behind the scenes to keep your Club interesting and a source of enjoyment for all rides and social functions.

Thank you very much my colleagues for your support and giving your time to achieve this great result.

Quinn and Carol, you have our best wishes for you both.

Murray, get well soon mate from all of us at M.E.C.G.C.

That's it from me for this month members, see you soon on a ride somewhere.
Ride Safe Forever, Harold Park.



News

Very Close call,

and yes, I bought a lotto ticket

On Friday 21/12/2018, last day of work for the year on my way home as I reached the roundabout on Mudgeeraba Rd a storm hit, riding along Mudgeeraba Rd there were large pieces of tree being blown across the road, nowhere to pull over safely with such a short distance to home I pushed on. As I pulled into my street, I felt a great sense of relief to see my driveway. Then a gum tree came crashing down. I just hit the brakes and braced myself. When I stopped to my great relief all the tree had missed me. I then noticed the 2 powerlines across my handle bars.

I carefully got off the bike.

The Energex guy told me that the main feed into Mudgeeraba had been taken out, saving me from getting zapped.

Big thanks to the policeman who made sure the Energex crew were careful with my bike (he is a GS rider and gave me some good tips on performance mods for the GS).

Bike was set free on Sunday with a small scratch on the brake master cylinder, slight tear on the rubber boot at the base of my mirror and 2 marks on the top box.

No, I didn't win lotto, I had already used up all my luck.

Glad to be alive and still riding. Tom McCutchen



WAYNE'S WWW COLUMN FOR FEBRUARY

Hi Members

Well we've started 2019 with a bang quite literally. Carol Russell has had a very bad fall after being knocked off her bike by a car, we wish her a speedy recovery.

We had our 1st Commando riders group ride on January 20th and I was pleasantly surprised that our two Nortons were joined by MEC members riding other bikes. A lot of members want to ride on Sundays so I'm keeping the 3rd Sunday free of my music so we can do this.

We rode out to the Green Frog at Logan, a really nice café. The next CRG ride will be on February 17th, feel free to bring your classic bike if you have one otherwise come on your modern one.

Australia Day on the 26th went well, it was very hot so we enjoyed the club air conditioning. Most of the members went on a ride and some came back to observe the formalities at the Museum. We felt sympathy for Chris and his mates sweltering in those hot uniforms while the Albert battery fired their salute. Good on you, Chris. Back at the clubhouse, Harold, Rhonda and I got our 2019 wall calendar up to date, you can see most of the year's activities, a few need to be finalised.

Monday 28th was a public holiday so we had a few extras on our Monday ride leaving from Maccas Oxenford as the Tahbella café was closed for the day.

We had 10 bikes and had a great ride over the mountain thru Canungra and over Beechmont. Unfortunately, the Flying Bean was closed too so we ended up at the Advancetown pub.

Coming up is our 1st WAR ride on February, 23rd. Harold is leading it with a different format and it promises to be good.

We need teams of 2 to run WAR rides this year so please see Harold if you'd like to do this. It's a lot of work but rewarding for everyone.

As you know, we're only having a monthly meeting when we feel it's necessary as the monthly meeting attendance was falling off and we felt that members would rather socialise on our rides. When we have a monthly meeting planned, it will be posted on Facebook and I will let everyone know by text.

The 2nd Wednesday of the month will continue to be a movie or a pool night with Pizza.

As I've said before MECGC is a good club with great people. It's good to belong to such a nice group of friends. See you out there. Stay upright. Wayne.

Springbrook is open

The construction has finally been completed and the club ride has enjoyed the road. There are hold ups with roadworks still, mostly during the week. Most say if you haven't been to Springbrook since it opened to take it slow and easy and enjoy.



Australia Day at the MECGC Club house







It was a hot Australia Day but the club was a buzz. The Heritage centre at the end of our car park was open and free to enjoy. Speeches, bands, rifle salute with the rising of the Australian flag.

Rod flew the flag from his bike and we had an early flag rise in front of our club house.

The airconditioner was on with ice creams in the freezer when we returned from an early morning ride.



Events



Biker's Breakfast

The first Saturday of every month. Bring your SIV rego bikes

Share a BBQ breakfast with us at the club house then head out for a ride.



Weekly Rides



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



Monday ride meeting at 8:30am to leave at 9am at the Café Tahbella, 3 Cottonwood Place Oxenford



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



Saturday morning ride meeting at the clubhouse 7am for a cuppa, leave 8.30am. 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



Adventure Ride

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

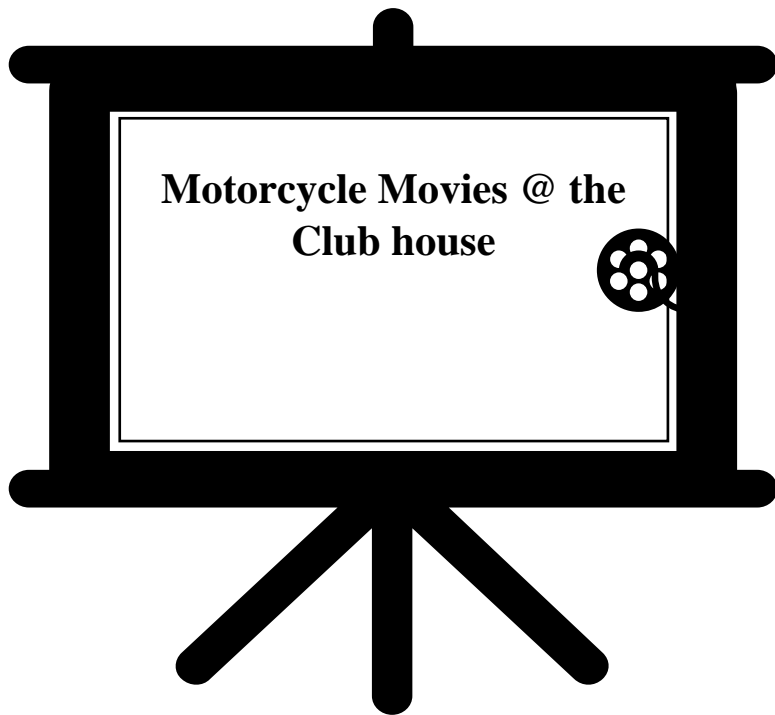
Website for more details.

Club Committee Meeting

Second to last Wednesday of each month. All members of the club are welcome to attend.

Club General Meeting – are no longer held each month. There will be meetings called from time to time. This was passed at last year meeting.

Look at our website for all activities. <http://mecgc.club/mecgc-eventride-calendar/>



Bring your friends all are welcome.

Kitchen is open BYO food, drinks are in the fridge and the kettle is on.

Contact markmellor@gmail.com for more details



2nd Wednesday of each month

We alternate between a movie night and pool night each month.

Pool night at the club house – 13th February. 7PM



Norton Commando Riders Group Ride

Third Sunday Of Each Month Meeting 7:30am at the Club House

Hi Members, for those members who would like to go on a Sunday Ride, we are meeting at the clubhouse on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 7:30am sharp to leave at 8am sharp.

Bring a Norton Commando or any classic bike but all bikes are welcome.

See you there, Wayne Bryan, Events Committee



2019 LONG RIDE – SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST TO THURSDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER
Join us late August/early September for our fantastic 2019 Long Ride that has been carefully planned & will be led by Rod Moorcroft. Whist it is still 6 months away, now is the time to put the dates in your diary & start planning. For those that are unable to complete the full ride you are free to leave the ride at any stage & head home. If you have any concerns or queries don't hesitate to contact Murray Speden – murray@mecgc.club Cell 0416511330

Click on the link below to download the PDF file with all the information.
<https://mecgc.club/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/2019-Gold-Coast-to-Mt-Isa.pdf>



The poster features a large central image of a desert landscape with a road and a dead tree. Below this is a yellow banner with the dates. At the bottom are two smaller images: a beach labeled 'GOLD COAST' and a town labeled 'Mt. Isa QUEENSLAND'.

2019 Long Ride

Gold Coast – Mt Isa – Gold Coast

Saturday 31st August to Thursday 12th September

GOLD COAST

Mt. Isa
QUEENSLAND

WAR – WEEKEND AWAY RIDE – SAT 23RD ~ SUN 24TH OF FEBRUARY 2019
NOVEMBER 15, 2018 MURRAY LEAVE A COMMENT

Join us for the first War ride of 2019, this will be a fun weekend has been planned & will be led by President Harold Park-:)

Ride to Clifton DETAILS.

Meet at MECGC Clubhouse Saturday morning 23rd February fueled up and ready to go.

The ride DEPARTS at 8-15 sharp.

Ride to Canungra to Beaudesert via Biddaddaba road.

Short comfort stop at Beaudesert. (15 minutes.)

Thru to Boonah to Aratula for a fuel, coffee, sandwich stop. (40 minutes)

Thru to Tregony to Womina to Warwick to Wheatvale to Pratten to Ryford / Pratten road to Clifton /Leyburn road into Clifton for the night.

Total distance is approx 260 kms so the plan is to arrive at Clifton and have lunch and settle into the rooms.

After lunch we depart to Nobby (10 kms away) to look at the historic Rudd's pub then return. (Steele Rudd wrote his Dad and Dave antics in this hotel now named after him.)

After the look at Rudd's pub there is a longer loop ride from Nobby back to Clifton for those who desire it.

An interesting highlight is,,,,,

A historical passenger steam train arrives in Clifton from Warwick at 6/30 pm. in the afternoon.

The passengers have dinner in town then depart after approx 2 hours.

There is an excellent council swimming pool within easy walking distance of our accommodation – (open from 10 am to 4 pm) for those members who need to cool off.

We shall all be together again for 2 hours before the visitors arrive in town on the old steam train.

This will give us ample time to socialise and order our meals before it gets busy with the train visitors.

Just after dinner we have 2 musicians who will play any songs we request from new modern to old favourites.

Socialising, dinner, a few drinks and dancing to live music sounds like a great night for Club members.

When booking accommodation mention my name, Harold Park or Motorcycle Enthusiasts Club Gold Coast.

Accommodation details,

First Option, O'Shanleys Irish Bar. Ph 0746973288 Contact Fletch.

Room details,

1. Six single bunks \$30 per person.
2. Double bed \$80 for the room.
3. Double bed \$80 for the room.
4. 2 Double beds and 1 single, \$40 per person.
5. 2 Single beds \$40 per person.
6. Double bed and 2 singles \$40 per person.

This is going to be our MAIN Hotel for the weekend as they are providing Live music for us on Saturday night.

We shall have Saturday lunch and dinner there also, so members should book accommodation here first please.

Second option, Club Hotel, Ph. 0746973336. Contact Jemma.

1. Queen with an ensuite and 1 single \$135 for the room.
2. Queen with ensuite \$135 for the room.
3. 2 Single beds \$100 for the room.
4. Double bed plus 1 sofa \$110 for the room.
5. Double bed \$100 for the room
6. Hotel options 1 and 2 have been tentatively booked for us so members must book ASAP for their accommodation, as the rooms can only be held for so long.
7. Third Option if needed, Clifton Arms Ph. 0746973154.
8. 5 Cabins each sleep 4 people \$100 per cabin.

MotoGP Calendar for 2019



The image shows a MotoGP calendar for 2019 with the title 'CALENDAR 2019 CONFIRMED'. It lists 20 Grand Prix events in two columns, each with a race name, a small map icon of the host country, and the date. The events are: Qatar GP (10 MAR), Argentina GP (31 MAR), Americas GP (14 APR), Spanish GP (05 MAY), French GP (19 MAY), Italian GP (02 JUN), Catalan GP (16 JUN), Dutch GP (30 JUN), German GP (07 JUL), Czech GP (04 AUG), Austrian GP (11 AUG), British GP (25 AUG), San Marino GP (15 SEP), Aragon GP (22 SEP), Thai GP (06 OCT), Japanese GP (20 OCT), Australian GP (27 OCT), Malaysian GP (03 NOV), and Valencia GP (17 NOV). The background features a stylized motorcycle track and the MotoGP logo is visible in the bottom left corner.

GP Name	Date	GP Name	Date
QATAR GP	10 MAR	CZECH GP	04 AUG
ARGENTINA GP	31 MAR	AUSTRIAN GP	11 AUG
AMERICAS GP	14 APR	BRITISH GP	25 AUG
SPANISH GP	05 MAY	SAN MARINO GP	15 SEP
FRENCH GP	19 MAY	ARAGON GP	22 SEP
ITALIAN GP	02 JUN	THAI GP	06 OCT
CATALAN GP	16 JUN	JAPANESE GP	20 OCT
DUTCH GP	30 JUN	AUSTRALIAN GP	27 OCT
GERMAN GP	07 JUL	MALAYSIAN GP	03 NOV
		VALENCIA GP	17 NOV

Calendar - February 2019

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					01	02
				8:30am – Ride from the Club house		7am - Club House Bikers Breakfast
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Norton/ Commando Ride	9am - Club Ride Café Tahbella		Committee Meeting	8:30am – Ride from the Club house		Weekend Ride
24	25	26	27	28	1st Mar	
				8:30am – Ride from the Club house		

Calendar - March 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					01	02
				8:30am – Ride from the Club house		7am - Club House Bikers Breakfast
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31	1st April					

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Heritage Centre, 238 Mudgeeraba Road, Mudgeeraba.

(Entrance to Heritage Village is opposite Milky Way)

Come along and enjoy a cup of tea, coffee or a beer and have a chat with our many experienced riders before the meeting commences at 8.00pm.

We also have guest speakers each month, when available, and these talks are always very interesting and informative.

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.

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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