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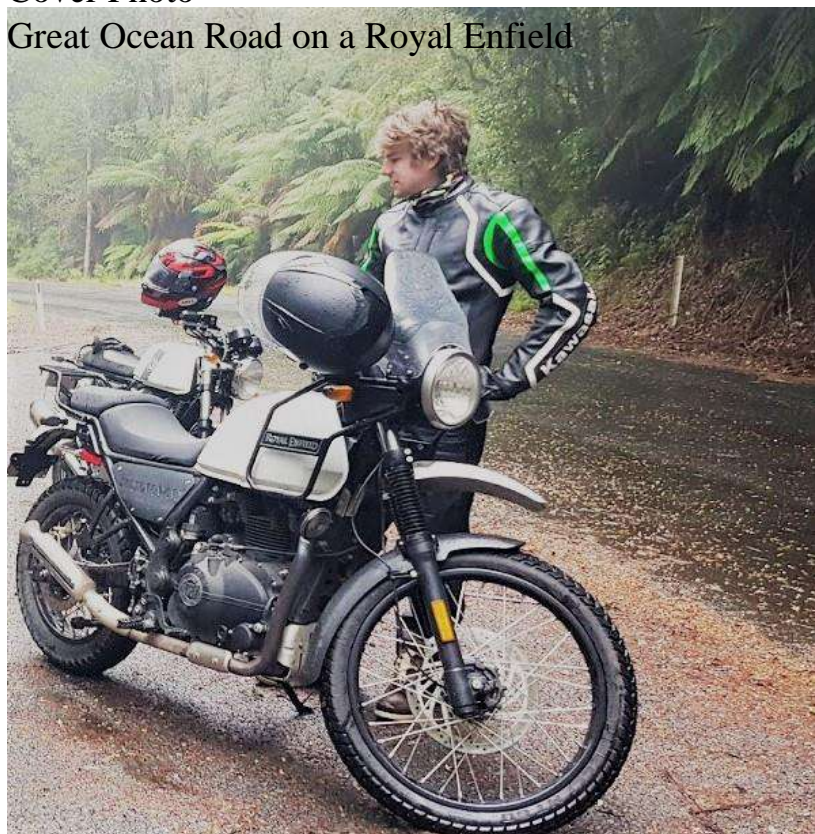
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Great Ocean Road on a Royal Enfield



## From the Editor



Riding the Great Ocean Road on a Royal Enfield is definitely a great combination. Page 6

I hope you haven't been missing the MotoGP Racing. Summer break coming up in the MotoGP season.

Here in Queensland we've been having some chilly mornings. Grab a hot cuppa at the club house before each of our weekly rides

Stay safe

*Gail*

## Harold's Hello – Presidents Report



Hello Members, well our Winter Season has now started with June here and while it can be chilly early in the mornings it is a wonderful time to be out riding your motorcycle.

Our last Saturday Club Ride (1<sup>st</sup> June) was a great ride in every sense of the word. Lots of enthusiastic riders and clear skies with cool air made for a wonderful day of just over 300 k's. Honestly folks if you haven't been for one of our Saturday Day Rides for a while then get yourself along to our next one as such a day really recharges your soul of life.

The Club Committee has been investigating membership fees and after a detailed examination of our income verses expenses has decided to retain them at the present level of \$75 per annum.

So, no decrease folks and importantly no increases.

Our next W.A.R. (Weekend Away Ride) is happening on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> JULY and the details shall appear on the [Club's Facebook page](#) in the near future so you can plan to join us for this great weekend of motorcycle riding therapy.

Once again there is a lot of action for members to enjoy this month, with 3 rides happening every week and some social events as well. Check out what you can enjoy with us on the Club Facebook page and make the most of this glorious Winter riding season.

Ok folks that's my comments for now, see you on the road soon.

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**Bikers Breakfast First Saturday of each month**



# News

## Great Ocean Road – Royal Enfield

Starting with a road trip to Geelong, packing wasn't so bad for three in a sports car.



Road trips are so good. The sunsets and small towns that you go through. A good laugh is always good for the soul.

Destination – Geelong.

What a beautiful place. I had some good coffee and some great coffee. Love the atmosphere as you walk through the streets. I was given a tour of the town. I defiantly recommend a visit. Of course, the Great Ocean Road is on your doorstep.

Friday we were booked in for the ride with Nevermind Adventure.



As you can see on the map, we made our way through the hills, stopping at some great places for, yes coffee.

Nevermind Adventure supply the bikes and the tour with lunch included.



We received a warm welcome for lunch that was ordered for us ahead of time and the fire in the middle of the room was soon very crowded with some very wet, cold and hungry riders that wouldn't want to be anywhere else in the world.

Drying off our wet gloves





Just look at that view







I'd like to say a big thank you to Yvonne and Alex. Not only organising this trip, zooming down to Geelong in their beautiful sports car, but meeting their family and friends who welcomed me, and all the laughs and fun we had.

## WAYNE'S COLUMN FOR LINK

Hi Members

Halfway through the year  
already!

The Ray Owen Classic Bike  
show on May 19<sup>th</sup> was a huge  
success. The Tamborine  
Branch of the QHMCC saw  
approx. 2100 people through  
the gates. The weather was  
fine and the standard of the



bikes in the show was very high. They say there's always a bigger show in the car park. Indian Brisbane was one of the sponsors and displayed a line-up of the latest Indians – Bikes that is – although there was one wooden Indian maiden on one of the bikes. QHMCC member Ian Rennie also displayed some of his Vintage Indian bikes. They had the latest Ducati V4 race bike on the stage and running and also the famous MV Augusta 750 Four, what a sound.

Next year they have plans to exhibit the most expensive bike in the world, a Vincent that sold for over 1 million dollars. Plus, there will be another famous marquee to be featured – to be advised. Pat Owen, Ray's widow was taken for a ride in Ian's Indian sidecar and most of her family was on stage for a family photo. Also, once again, the Gold Coast Hospital Foundation which is the Tamborine club charity was given a state-of-the-art wheelchair worth \$5000. So, the Ray Owens show and swap is now one of the biggest and best in Queensland. We're looking forward to May 2020.



Back in Mudgeeraba, our very own Mudgeeraba show is on the 28<sup>th</sup> June and MECGC will have a marquee and a bike show there. Keep watching this space and our website.

Our next WAR (Weekend Ride) is on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of July.

And lastly, you all know our Patron, Donny. He has had a serious motorcycle accident and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

See you all out there, Wayne.

## Events



### Biker's Breakfast

The first Saturday of every month. Please bring your SIV rego bikes if you can

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 8am. 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.

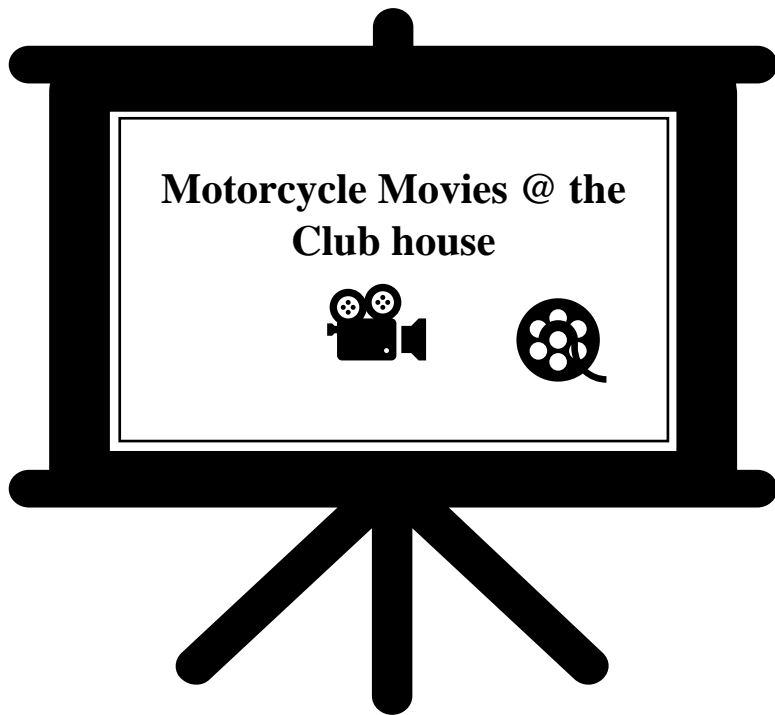
### Club Committee Meeting

Second to last Wednesday of each month.

*All members of the club are welcome to attend the committee meeting*

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

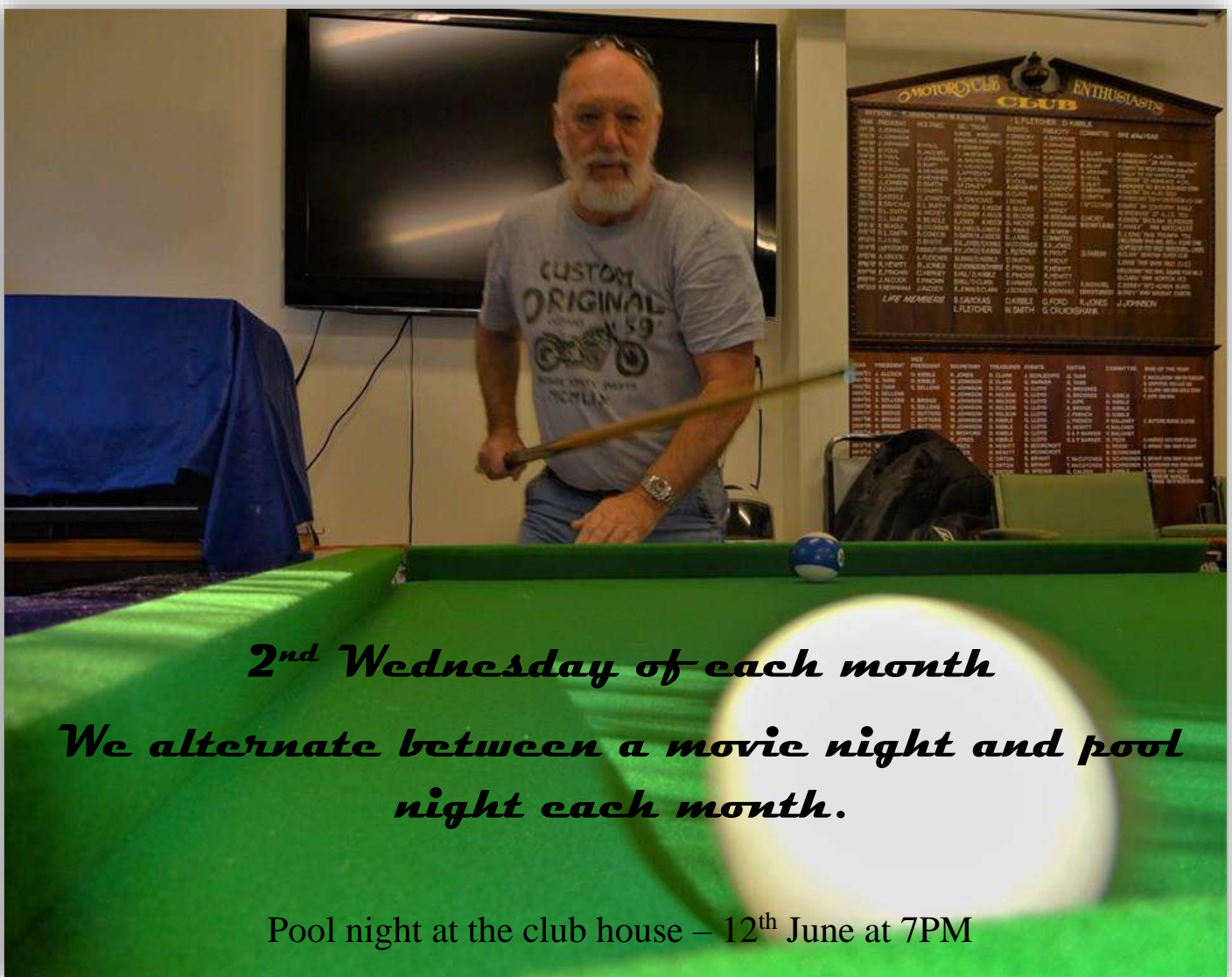
Look at our website for all activities. <http://mecgc.club/mecgc-eventride-calendar/>



Bring your friends all are welcome.

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

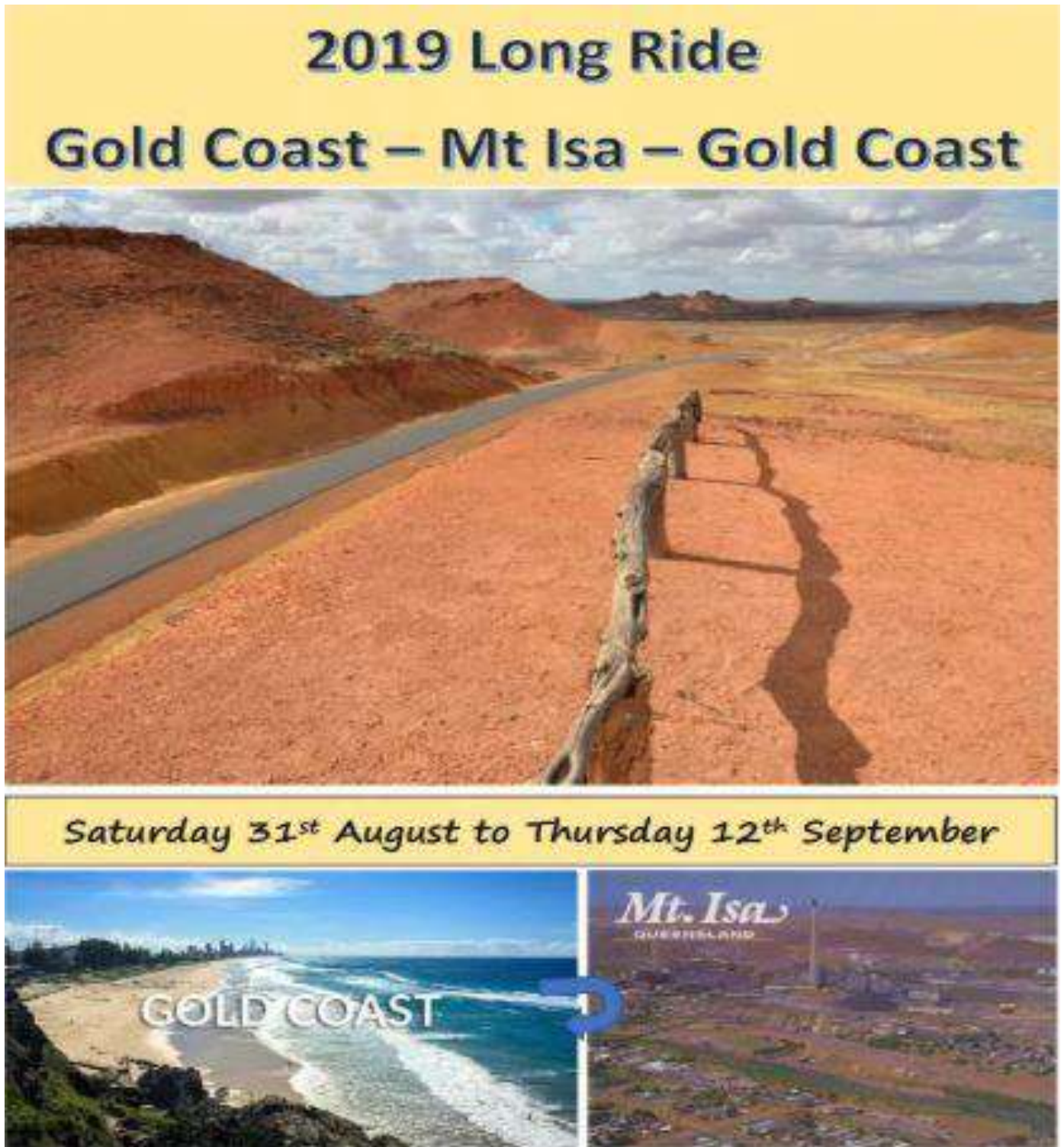
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2019 LONG RIDE – SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST TO THURSDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER  
Join us late August/early September for our fantastic 2019 Long Ride that has been carefully planned & will be led by Rod Moorcroft. Whilst it is still 6 months away, now is the time 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](mailto: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 dirt road winding through a red desert landscape with a dead tree in the foreground. Above this image is a yellow banner with the title '2019 Long Ride Gold Coast – Mt Isa – Gold Coast'. Below the central image is another yellow banner with the dates 'Saturday 31st August to Thursday 12th September'. At the bottom, there are two smaller images: one of a beach with 'GOLD COAST' text and another of a town with 'Mt. Isa QUEENSLAND' text.

**2019 Long Ride**  
**Gold Coast – Mt Isa – Gold Coast**

*Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September*

**GOLD COAST**

*Mt. Isa*  
QUEENSLAND



# CALENDAR 2019 CONFIRMED

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





## YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

This year is the 91<sup>st</sup> Mudgeeraba Show to be held at the Mudgeeraba Showgrounds.

This annual event has always been a great opportunity for our club to showcase the club, our bikes, and the diversity of bikes and people within the club. It is also a fantastic vehicle and opportunity to gain

new members.

What we need is for as many bikes as possible for the club's display. Whether they be road, dirt, adventure, sports bikes or cruisers: **WE WANT THEM ALL!**

If the bikes are unregistered or unroadworthy, the club has a trailer. Rod Moorcroft had also volunteered the use of his trailer.

There is also a further opportunity to showcase our machines by taking place in the Show Parade. Any assistance that you are able to contribute to this event would be greatly appreciated.



Every year our club attends the Annual Mudgeeraba Show



## Calendar - June 2019

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<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>
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<b>30</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> July</b>					
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For up to date information on all events log on to [www.mecgc.club](http://www.mecgc.club)

## **MECGC Membership**

The committee has reviewed the current running costs of the club versus our annual membership income & as a result has decided not to increase our membership fees again this financial year.

**Annual Membership \$75.00**



**Membership Payment**

**MECGC Club**

**Bank of Queensland**

**Account Number: 2247 6848**

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Thank you for your continued support and membership of the MECGC, it is very much appreciated. We have had an amazing 2018-2019 year with lots of fantastic rides, fun outings, awesome social times and made many special friendships. During the year we have enjoyed bimonthly WAR (Weekend Away Rides) and FAN (Friday Action Nights). All of which have been very well supported. The committee have a lot planned for this coming year, 2019-2020. So, make sure you keep an eye on the upcoming events section of the website 0 [www.mecgc.club](http://www.mecgc.club)

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