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THE MASTER LINK

BAZZ'S BANTER

Hello fellow Motorcycle Enthusiasts,

Well here I am again. For those of you that read the last edition of The Link you will have noted that I announced my resignation as President. Well it was not to be. I am humbled at the fact that you guys had the confidence in me to continue for you one more year. It was during the AGM process that made me aware that there were few amendments that are needed to be made in our constitution. With the help of your new committee the necessary changes will be made for the betterment of the club.

As for a new committee, we have two changes to the executive committee. Richard has taken Yvonne's position as Treasurer and Bruce has taken John's spot as secretary. Other new members our committee are Stephen, Martyn and Matt. For the full list of committee members see further in this edition.

A big thanks to all those that turned up for Don's Birthday Breakfast! It was great to see so many Enthusiasts celebrating the morning with Don. I know he thoroughly enjoyed the morning catching up with everyone.

In regards to events, Garage 25 Bikes & Banter has been a continuing success thanks to Rod's great work. With many riders from other clubs and the biking community in general turning up for the morning, making for some great connections. The next Bikes & Banter event to look forward to will be on Saturday November 11th. See you all there.

One last note. The Enthusiasts Club has been in talks with TMR and NOUS in regards to motorcycling safety. We are now in the process of obtaining a Government grant for our club for various Safety and Rider training courses. This coming club meeting (Wed 20th) we will have a representative from NOUS attend to give us up to date information on existing and new programs. PLEASE make the effort to turn up and show your support to the club.

Well I think that's enough from me. I hope you enjoy reading this edition of The Link put together by our dedicated editor, Annya!

Happy & Safe Motorcycling,

Bazz.



FROM THE EDITOR

Hi everyone.

I'm happy to confirm I'll continue to Editor of The Link moving forward.

For those who know me, this is only one of the many hats I wear...

- By day I'm a full time public servant where I manage a small team internally communicating to the fraud and investigation division, which comprises around 700 staff.
- My side hustle and my passion is [TribalMoto](#) which I've done in my spare time for 2 years now. TribalMoto isn't just tees, I help with many custom jobs, from bike decals, to custom tees, caps and even trailer decals. You name it, I'm doing it!
- Then there's BloodBikes Australia, who I volunteer for when I can.

So, my callouts for articles and the response from those passionate about sharing their stories, makes producing your regular Link magazine a lot more streamlined. THANK YOU!

With that said, we'd love to hear about your travels. Share your story by emailing editor@mecgc.club.

Happy riding and stay shiny.

Cheers

Annya



BRUCE MARTIN—YOUR NEW CLUB SECRETARY!

Hi

I'm Bruce Martin, your new Club Secretary. I have been riding for about 55 years and still learning every time I go out for a ride. I started off when I was about 12 years old. I used to borrow Dad's bike when he was at work and he had left the bike at home. I grew up in north Queensland and would either circle around and around the house driving my mother mad with the noise or when she had enough, I would take off through the cane fields adjacent to our house.

My first vehicle that I purchased was a motorbike. I didn't own a car until I got married and inherited my wife's car as part of the marriage. My wife and I used to ride all over the country, two up on a poor overloaded Kawasaki Z650 with panniers, topcase and tankbag with sleeping bags and tent strapped on as well. Furthest trip we did was to Tasmania, fell in love with Tassie and moved there for a few years about 30 years later.

We wore that poor bike out, literally, and ordered a nice new blue BMW R100RS complete with Krauser panniers through Morgan & Wacker in Brisbane, thinking that we would continue our motorcycle touring in style.

About a week later we found out that my wife was pregnant, cancelled the BMW and bought another Z650. Finally, a few months ago, it is almost that I have completed the dream of that R100RS that I have recently purchased my R1250RS to continue what I had in mind 40 years ago.



I have owned a range of bikes, seemingly a lot of Kawasakis, but took a wrong turn somewhere in the early seventies and ended up with a couple of English bikes, one that had been through a fire and all the wiring and rubber was damaged but rebuilt it and it rode fine except for the bloody oil leaks. It always kept my left boot waterproof, and I never could get used to the idea of the brake and gear levers being on the wrong side.

Have taken on quite a few project bikes and have enjoyed really getting into the guts of them and reconditioning them. A bit limited these days with only a double garage to do that but still enjoy spannering.

In the mid-seventies I got caught up with a group of like-minded mates and colleagues and some of that group were new riders, so we started mentoring them with our weekend rides and tried to impart our limited knowledge onto them. About the same time, I was talking to Tommy Gibson who was a production racer of Kawasaki H1 and H2 triples and Z1s at the time. Tommy worked for Brisk Sales as the Kawasaki distributor. Tommy had also sold me my triple and we were riding together a fair bit. Tommy came along on a couple of weekend rides with the group that I mentioned earlier and during our chats we came up with the idea of getting Brisk Sales to sponsor the group with a bike to use for training. That worked under the proviso that Brisk Sales said they would, if other bike brands would also chip in. So off I went door knocking on all the doors of the other distributors.



I successfully managed to get a dozen bikes from Kawasaki, Yamaha, Suzuki and Honda. A mixture of road bikes and dirt bikes and some of them not in the best of condition. I approached Queensland Police and Queensland Transport and got support from both organisations. A lot of us used to train at the YMCA gym in Brisbane city with their Queensland headquarters next door. Knocked on their door too and managed to get sponsorship from them to get an assortment of helmets. We officially then became the YMCC (YMCA Motorcycle Club) which ticked the boxes for all the organisations that we had been approaching. We got access to a shed at the old Kingston Flat Track motorbike track, so we suddenly had a home to house the bikes and a venue to conduct the training. We were a very amateur group at this stage but almost every bike dealer in southeast Queensland started referring their new riders to us.

We soon got overloaded and had to start being more organised. We were all still doing this for free at this stage and fuel and maintenance costs were starting to become a topic of discussion from our sponsors. While they were happy to provide the bikes initially, they weren't really planning on it becoming an ongoing expense.



Plus we were all working full time jobs and also fielding a race team of a 500cc Suzuki Titan. I approached Queensland Transport and the Police with this quandary and presented it to them that this was a road safety issue and how could we formalise this and take it beyond what we could offer and cope with. About this same time Mount Cotton Training Centre had been completed and we had attracted the interest of some serious motorcycle racing groups and Teams. The whole thing snowballed from there and I believe it has become the basis of a lot of our current motorcycle training programs that we know today. I guess you would only be familiar with my more recent bikes, being a Ducati 800SS when I first joined the club, then being a Ducati 1098, then joined by a Triumph Sprint ST 1050 which reinvigorated my love of motorcycle travelling and hence my recent purchase of the R1250RS on which I intend to spend a lot more time on the road. Sadly, the 1098 sold recently and I had mixed emotions as I watched it being ridden down the road, but I made that decision to stick to just the BMW, so now I have to make good on that dream.

I am sort of glad that my track days are behind me and that broken bones have healed and some health issues are behind me and now pretending to be retired that I am looking forward to this chapter of my life to just tour around and smell the roses.

MEET YOUR TRESURER— RICHARD EDWARDS

Greetings fellow enthusiasts.

I have been given the opportunity to serve the club as treasurer for the next year and as such would like to introduce myself and offer a brief account of my motorcycle journey.

I started riding trail bikes in 1974 in Papua New Guinea as a young bloke. My father had a Yamaha dt125 enduro, followed by a Suzuki ts185 that my brother and I would take out onto the local hills and trails around Moresby.

When we returned to Canberra in 1976, I got my first bike! a Honda Elsinore 125 motocross bike. I would spend my weekends at the Page track, the Fairburn motocross track and the trails of Mount Stromlo honing my off road skills. Not long after I got my licence, I purchased my first street bike, a Kawasaki z650 closely followed by a Suzuki GS850 shaft drive as an upgrade. The Canberra roads were great in the 1980's, smooth and relatively uncongested. We would ride the Cotter circuit, and frequently head off on camping trips to the south coast or north to Jamberoo for our annual Bathurst long weekend trip.

Sadly, marriage and kids, put an end to those fun filled days. I would not own another bike until 2015, coming back from a 30 year break as a returning rider. I still can't believe I stopped riding for such a long time. Anyhow, here I am, back in the saddle, an enthusiast amongst enthusiasts back doing what I enjoy doing the most, riding. It reminds me of the line uttered by John Travolta in the movie Wild Hogs..

"I just wanna ride"

Since returning to riding and becoming a member of the SEQ motorcycle community, I have owned a Harley 48 Sportster, and Ultra Limited and currently own a Triumph Thruxton 1200R and a BMW R1250 GSA.

I am really enjoying the MECGC, the comradery of like-minded people, and the commitment by fellow club enthusiast that makes riding more than just a personal endeavour, but a shared experience that brings us together to enjoy and share our common pursuit. I hope that by serving the club as treasurer, I can give a little something back.

Cheers, Richard



ANNIE'S RIDE FOR THE GREYS

Hey everyone, Annie Here!

As some of you know I'm organising a ride/event to help Friends of the Hound greyhound rescue and Coalition for the Protection of Greyhounds.

THESE GENTLE DOGS ARE IN BIG TROUBLE AND NEED OUR HELP.

This will be a great day with

- Live Music
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- Cakes and Sweets
- TribalMoto motorcycle casual clothing and accessories
- Motorcycle Riding Dogs and
- a meet and greet with Rescued Greyhounds!!

The event will be hosted by Ash Palmero from Rebel FM! You might even get on the telly, lol, as Channel 7 and 9 Gold Coast News have shown an interest!!

I hope many of you will support me and my efforts to help these greyhounds.

Annya will be there with Tribal Moto, Tracey with biker dog Harriet, Monique with biker dog Lucy and Robby leading the ride!

Thanks,

Annie Hendley.

I can make it!

Click below and select **GOING**

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Can I still donate if I can't ride?

Absolutely! Please donate to:

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WORDS FAIL

A poem by Derek Stevenson

I raise my fists up to the gods, so bold and so defiant.
Don't they know that they'll never get me? Can't they see I am a giant?

I turn around and ride away, I am a two-wheel tragic,
Propelled at speed along the road, by Dr. Otto's magic.

People turn away, don't look at me, and build metaphorical fences.
They try to tell me that I'm insane and have taken leave of my senses.

I've had so many lovers, made of chrome and alloy and steel.
From highest highs to the pits of Hell, she makes my senses reel.

We've shared the best of high-speed rides and some spills I'll say as well.
With a few injuries that are ongoing and some scars that will always tell.

They say that it is just a machine, and I can feel her heat,
But I've always known that I can feel the faintest of heart beats.

I'm often in the dungeon, working tasks so penitent
Soft cloths with which to preen her, and she purrs in deep content.

And it's a saying that's quite cliché, yet true, and said off-hand,
That: "If I had to explain it to you, then you wouldn't understand"



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MOTOR CYCLE ENTHUSIASTS CLUB GOLD COAST



Next year's dates coming soon.

Don't forget the Speedway boys will also be there showing off their magnificent machines.



EVENTS

COME AND JOIN US AT ONE OF THE EVENTS BELOW!

BIKERS 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: Wayne's ride. Meet at Tahbella Cafe, 3 Cottonwood Place, Oxenford at 8am to leave 9.00am.
- Thursday ride meeting at our clubhouse 8.30am leave at 9am.
- Saturday morning ride meeting at clubhouse 7.30am for a cuppa, stands up at 8.00am.
- Last Saturday is a long ride.
- Club Rooms open every Saturday from 7am rain or shine for coffee before we head out.
- SIVS bike ride to Canungra every Sunday. Meeting at either Metz or Outpost..

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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.

MOVIE NIGHT

2nd Wednesday of each month.

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WHO ARE WE?

The Motorcycle Enthusiasts Club has been around for 30+ years. As the name suggests, we are enthusiasts of all forms of motorcycles, including classic, modern, sidecars and trikes. We cater to all ages and styles.

Enjoy weekly, monthly, weekend and week-long Club runs, as well as other casual rides organised to motorcycle rallies and events held by other clubs.

WHERE ARE WE?

Heritage Centre, 238 Mudgeeraba Road, Mudgeeraba. Entrance to Heritage Village is opposite Milky Way.

WHAT'S THE LINK?

The Link is our Club magazine, emailed bi-monthly and includes information on Club runs, activities and rallies held by other clubs, club events, ride reports, photos, videos and articles contributed by our club members.

HOW CAN I CONTRIBUTE?

Email articles, photos, items for sale to editor@mecgc.club by the 25th of the preceeding month.

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