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<p>If you have a news item, story or photos that you want published in the Link Please e-mail to gb@coomerawaters.net.au by the 12th of each month. Thank you</p>

PRESIDENT PRATTLE – JUNE 2011

Our thanks go to Matt Kuhne and Kylie Taggart for being our guest speakers at our May meeting. Matt spoke about his early career racing in the 125cc Class until an accident while practicing left him seriously injured. He also spoke about his business which is called 'Shark Motorcycle Leathers and Accessories' and is located at 10/142 Siganto Drive, Helensvale. Matt is a very courageous young man and is getting on with life and staying involved in the motorcycle industry. Thanks Matt and Kylie, we enjoyed having you both along at our meeting.

By the time you read this our roving member Stuart Wood should be back from his great sidecar expedition. Welcome home Stuart!.

We will be holding our official opening of our Clubhouse at our Wintershine Rally, Councillor Ted Shepherd will be carrying out the official opening. We will be inviting all past and present members to our Club plus other motorcycle Clubs to attend, as well as other clubs on the Heritage site. Anyone who feels they know of someone who should be invited, please let us know, as we wish to make this event as high profile as possible.

Although I do not get a lot of opportunities to get out and ride, you still need to fiddle and maintain your wheels. During the month I fitted a new rear tyre to Unit No 3 thanks to Andrew from Gold Coast Motorcycle Tyres., who really looked after me. A new set of brake pads from Lyndsay Donnai and a new battery plus a fair amount of fiddling and adjusting and old Unit No 3 is going like a train once again. You always feel safer when you replace an old worn out tyre with a new one.

Please do not forget our Friday night social on Friday the 17th June. Joanie always puts on a great meal for \$10 bucks and any profits go to Club funds. Our Club meeting on Wednesday the 29th June, we will have our old mate Ronnie who will put on his sidecar set up demo – always interesting. The Mudgeeraba Show is being held on the week-end of the 25-26th June. Our Club will be putting on a display of motorbikes, if you can help out with your motorbike please ring Hoppy on mobile 0428766684.

We have quite a few wandering members at the moment with Stuart Wood, Dawn and Graham Clark who should be back from their trips by now. Ron Hewitt has headed north to Cairns with the Royal Enfield Club, it should be a fun ride.

That's enough for now.

Cheers

Warrick

AGM AUGUST 2011.

The AGM is still some distance away but I wish to get in early. All positions become vacant but the two most important positions we need to fill are the position of Secretary and Treasurer. Don Kibble has done a sterling job as Treasurer but since his health problems he would like to take a break but is willing to assist any person who takes on the position. As you know we have not had a Secretary since Ray Jones resigned. Noel Peck has been doing a fine job as Minute Secretary but does not wish to take on the full role as Secretary. Please think about if you can help out as Uncle Sam needs you. As JFK once said "It's not what the Club can do for you, but what you can do for the Club"!

Cheers
Warrick.

CLUB MEETING – GUEST SPEAKER JUNE 2011.

Our guest speaker will be Member Ron Hewitt who will give his sidecar setup demonstration. Ron has done this for us several times over the past years but quite a few new members have requested that Ron put on his sidecar demonstration again.

Volunteers Required:

Come August 6th and 7th our annual Wintersunshine Rally will be underway. As always, these events require a few bodies to assist with the many tasks required on the day. Administration of the morning sign-in and checkpoint marshals just to name a couple of the jobs we require volunteers for.

If you are able to volunteer your services for the day, please contact Rod Moorcroft:

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Ride Diary from 'Sidecar Phil':



Thursday 12th May: This week's Ride Diary is written by Sidecar Phil's sidekick Rod who has filled in for Phil as he had to attend the funeral of his father in law. The ride took place with a special thought in our hearts for Phil and his family on the day.

The ride started a little earlier than usual as we had been requested to be part of a Gold Coast City Council's news story promoting the SMART Ride initiative. It was suggested that the filming by Channel 9 would take about 20 minutes.

Paul Harrison had the envied pleasure of having Councillor Dawn Crichlow sitting behind him whilst he did several laps around the Council Chambers car park. We did not get away to continue our ride until 11.00am. The article was aired on the Gold Coast Channel 9 news on Friday 13th May.

We then headed for Beechmont, but as we turned off onto the Beechmont road we were flagged down by what we thought was a damsel in distress. What we received however was a warning that a truck had gone over the edge further up the road. We proceeded with some caution until we came across a large semi low loader which had been travelling up the mountain with a very large excavator on the trailer. Attempting to round a tight left hand bend in the road, the trailer slid off the road and the entire rig was headed for total disaster. A little luck was on the side of the semi driver as the excavator decided to part company with the trailer and headed more than 50 metres down the embankment. Had it stayed secured to the trailer, the entire rig would have been taken over the edge.

After squeezing through a metre gap between the prime mover and the opposite edge of the road, we stopped, took a few photos, and continued on our way to the Laurel Cottage Café where we had planned to have morning tea. As several of us were weak from hunger at this stage, and the time was getting closer to midday, a quick change of plan was agreed on; LUNCH at the café!

The day did not quite go to the original plan that was only thought up as we gathered for the ride. Alex turned up to let us know he was unable to get his bike started due to a started motor problem. Ron's helmet was blown off his bike at the clubhouse breaking the visor nut, and required some fancy taping to get him mobile. The Council photo shoot went well overtime. The extra stop at the semi crash was an unexpected distraction. Ron's day of being tapped up continued, with a sole coming disconnected from his boot requiring more taping up. And we only had one coffee stop rather than the planned two. However Ron, Greg, Patricia, Colin, Paul and myself had a great day's adventure, and can't wait until next week when Sidecar Phil will be back to lead the ride.

Thursday 19th June: Well it doesn't matter what nature chucks at us, Thursdays come, and so do the riders for the weekly run. Five today, and all left home dry, and after a few moments the weather that looked good to start with, saw us all in our own streets near home, pulled over, and pulling on the wets. The heavens opened up. Rodders was first at the club and had the billy on, then Sidecar Phil on the Honda. next came Collin on his trumpy, then Noel and a tad after him Greg; both on their BMW's.

The plan was to head off over MT Panorama then hit the high way and,I tell you what, I won't tell you about the plan, as we can do the ride next week . It literally bucketed down, and we all made the unanimous decision to stay put. So tea and great company with lots a jokes were had for a couple of hours and some of Joan's great Anzac cookies, and we put the ride off to live another day, and ride when visibility, and safety was a little more suitable .

The ride home was a wet one, but side car Phil arrived home dry, thanks to my wet suit brought by Blondie, and I'm assuming the same for the other boys. Except Blondie didn't buy their gear. So no real ride as such, but still great to get out have a laugh, and say hi. Paul, AKA black fella, didn't turn up as he usually does, but we won't mention that .because it was a really wet day. So he is excused, and so are any others that nearly came but thought better of it. Safety always comes first . great Anzac cookies though .!!
Till next Thursday ..Over n out .Sidecar Phil.

Thursday 26th May: Halleluiah, Brothers and Sisters.

Readers and riders...It was heaven, pure heaven. What a day, and more on our blessing a tad later. The usual, Rodders, Sidecar Phil, Noel, Paul, aka blackfella and Greg and Trish. Then there was Monty on a Harley, Ian on his xus, like Rodders bike, Murray and Peter, both on BMW's. Today with a spiritual feel about it, best weather ever. We set off, Sidecar Phil's tour today, and up over MT panorama to start, and a stop at the top to take in the views; many members had not been up there before.

Next came the steep burbly run in low gear down the other side, and out onto the highway to the Coomera BP...fuel up, and Trish overcome by the urge and anticipation of the thrill, swapped rides and climbed in the sidecar. A new experience can always be fun, and she was able to chat with Greg, as their two way system worked perfectly with Greg two or three bikes back on their BMW. By now we were all cruising south from Beenleigh. We stopped near the pub (The Bearded Dragon) so Noel could lead us to Joe's place . Rodders was the elf in green; our tail end Charlie .

We called into Joes place to visit him, but sadly he was not home. He might have enjoyed the company all 9 bikes. Trish in the clouds after her side car experience climbed back on with Greg and we rode on, and up the west side of MT Tambo, to gallery walk, and a brand new cafe /fudge shop. "Quinneys." Fudge heaven. The owners John, and son Tony made us great coffee's, and every one sat down on the outside deck admiring our bikes as did the passersby, and all enjoyed the 33 variants of different flavoured fudge . Holy Mosses, what a sugar fix.

The ride group was then met by Collin who couldn't make the start, and so we were all together, and headed off to the Eagle Heights pub for lunch. Great food good laughs, and all feeling blessed by the day and views; and then we found out why Ian, one of the new boys told us he was a priest. That explained the heavenly way we all felt, and being so high up the mountain and as close as any of us would be to the heavens, it was a high spirited lunch with great laughter and cheer. Rodders came up with the idea of Sharkys, so a few guys peeled off, the rest followed Rodders and we finished up at Sharkys and trying on new gear .

Someone had to say it; "God" it was a great day! and we all headed off in direction of home, looking forward to the next club ride.

Praise the guy who first invented Motor bikes:

Halleluiah. xxx Sidecar Phil ..

Thursday Ride – 9th June 2011.

Just five people stood by their machines waiting in the cold for the rest of the usual riders to arrive. They waited and they waited, still no more machines arrived. No Sidecar Phil or his son or his mate Ben. No G.B. or Col Metcher. Even Rod was working so Noel Peck was delegated as “in command”. After a quick briefing we set off at 0940. Heading for Canungra via Clagiraba.

On arriving at Canungra we stopped at the Metz Café for morning tea or coffee and toast to warm us up. Now remember this was the coldest day for eleven years and the sky was a strange mixture of dark grey and dark blue and no hint of the sun. Not unlike the weather I once encountered off the west coast of Scotland in 1956, the locals reckoned it was too cold to snow! On leaving Canungra we headed north west toward the Beaudesert road junction turned right heading to Tamborine Village then on to the Cedar Creek road to Beenleigh. It was whilst I led our group along this road I caught up to a 4WD towing a horse float with a horse all warmly rugged up, lucky sod! So I drew up close to minimize the cold slipstream when it occurred to me it would be much warmer if I got in with the horse. Just as a plan was starting to take shape in my mind it turned off! Bugger! We turned left and rode through Bahr’s Scrub then down Dairy Creek to the Waterford - Logan Village Road turned left and sped toward the Logan Village Hotel for lunch. After a pleasant lunch we headed up the road back to Tamborine Village and home via Canungra and it’s still bloody Cold.

In conclusion as I was “in command” I would like to recommend Alex Woodley, Greg and Trish Schmidt and their son Tim be considered for some sort of an award for duty ‘above and beyond what is reasonably expected of a member’. Perhaps a DCM (Don’t Come Monday) or a DSO (Digit Shot Off) or if all else fails some frequent flyer points!

Your most humble and obedient servant,
Noel Peck.

KERRY’S FRIDAY NIGHT RIDE (Minus Kerry)

Our Annual Friday night ride to Harry’s Diner was good fun but the numbers were low. I arrived at Yatala Pies with Rockin’ Rod on his Yamaha, myself on Unit No.3 and my wife Susie in the car. We met up with Joan and Ron and that was it! So off we went to Harry’s. We met up with the Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club. We had a good old social night yarning with the guys and gals and looking at some glossy Yank tanks and quite a few motorbikes. The night was crisp and clear and the food was good. After several hours we headed off and following behind Ronnie who turned into the wrong entrance to the Clem 7 tunnel and we nearly ended up in the construction site. So next time Ronnie says follow me, be very wary you may get lost.! For those of you who couldn’t make it, you missed a good night, so try to make it next time and join the social get together.

Cheers
Warrick

WAYNE'S WORLD

Hi everyone, Guy Wong on his new Ducati Multi.... 1200 and myself have just completed two SMART courses run by the Gold Coast City Council and HART (Honda Australia Rider Training)

Rod Moorcroft has also been on a few and they are great for a refresher course no matter how much riding experience you've had.

Our guest speakers in September for our Wednesday Club Night will be the SMART team and it promises to be a very interesting night.

Of course our BIG EVENT for the year is our "Wintersunshine Rally" which is coming up in August and we're all looking forward to that. We'll also be having the Grand Opening of our Club House on the Saturday morning prior to the Rally, so hope you can all make it for a great weekend.

Also, a Library Report – yes we do still have a Library even though I'm looking after it at my house. We are getting new shelves made for our books soon.

I'm writing this in motorcycle heaven up at Morgan Park Raceway, the sound of the bikes racing and the smell of Castrol R!!

It's a great way to spend a weekend

See you soon

Wayne – Vice President & Librarian

Flying Blind!

If you have a fear of flying – don't read this!

Passengers on a small commuter plane are waiting for the flight to leave.

They're getting a little impatient, but the airport staff assures them that the pilots will be there soon, and the flight can take off.

The entrance opens, and two men dressed in pilot's uniforms walk up the aisle. Both are wearing dark glasses, one is using a seeing-eye dog, and the other is tapping his way up the aisle with a cane.

Nervous laughter spreads through the cabin but the men enter the cockpit, the door closes, and the engines start up.

The passengers begin glancing nervously around, searching for some sign that this is just a little practical joke. None is forthcoming.

The plane moves faster and faster down the runway, and the people at the windows realise that they're headed straight for the water at the edge of the airport territory.

As it begins to look as though the plane will plough into the water, panicked screams fill the cabin.

At that moment, the plane lifts smoothly into the air. The passengers relax and laugh a little sheepishly and soon all retreat into their magazines, secure in the knowledge that the plane is in good hands.

In the cockpit, the co-pilot turns to the pilot and says, "You know, Bob, one of these days, they're gonna scream too late, and we're all gonna die."

Rod Moorcroft

HERITAGE WEEK

On a fine and sunny day we saw Don Kibble arrive with his Matchless G80 comp and his Triumph. with my Ducati Racer, AJS 650 Twin and the BMW, then Bill Griffiths with his AJS. Colin Metcher brought along his Triumph and four of his Moto Cross bikes, a CZ, Honda, a Bultaco and a Honda/MAICO. Then Judy and Ted Frankcom joined us with their Triumph and followed by Ron and Joan with their Honda Chair together with "Rusty". Finally Ray Jones arrived with his BMW outfit, making quite a neat display. There was another fellow that turned up with a Norton Commander, that I failed to get his name, and it wasn't Wayne Bryan. The bike can be seen in the fore ground of one of the photo's, my apologies for this.

The display attracted quite a bit of interest and several passing riders called in. All in all a quite successful day.

Noel Peck.



Pirelli Masters 11th & 12th June

Morgan Park Warwick

The Queensland Historic Race Championships were held on the 11th & 12th of June at the popular Morgan Park track near Warwick. The meeting also incorporated a round of the Bear's (British European & American Racing Series) National Challenge.

Several of our Gold Coast Enthusiast Club members turned up on the Saturday to make a weekend of it (aaaah the smell of Castrol R and the sounds of open megaphones)

The weather, although very cold on the Saturday stayed dry, whilst the riders sorted their machines out in practice. The official racing started in the afternoon with many riders falling off – checking out the bitumen !!

The track has recently been extended to 3kms, but with all the rain Queensland has experienced since January, the new extension has suffered and consequently has become a very rough and bumpy surface.

Early Sunday morning was the sound that no-one wanted to hear – rain pounding down on the Motel roof— when we got out to the track the rain was still coming down heavily, but the racing continued for the crazy few who decided to continue (in their wet suits and flippers). By lunch time the Marshalls cried “enough” as a lot of riders were coming to grief on the slippery surface, so wisely the officials to abandon the meeting so we could all swim home !!

A great shame but unfortunately we can't control the weather, it seemed to be a wet weekend all round the world, when I was watching Casey Stoner in the Moto GP from the U.K. it was raining and then still raining for the Formula One from Canada !!

As for myself, it was a weekend of sorting out the carburettor on the old NSU, it seemed everyone is an expert at offering advice. Even one of our past members, Darryl Smith, who was sitting down next to the bike was pointing at different parts of the bike with his walking stick !! Just as well as he noticed that the exhaust pipe bracket had broken off !! – thanks Darrell

Otherwise a great weekend apart from the weather, came home knackered as usual !!

Cheers
GB

FUNDRAISING REPORT BY JOAN GRAHAM

Hi Everyone

Only 2 months till the Wintersunshine Rally and I have been busy with requests for prize donations for the bike show and rally and also the raffles

This month I have applied for the Federal Volunteers Grant which closes on the 8th June In it I have asked for replacement eskies and sun shades, filing cabinet, vacuum cleaner, PA system and video camera. Not sure how we will go as we received money last year

The old story is if you don't have a go you will never know

Still pushing along with donation for the Rally

We need volunteers in a few areas so if you can help with anything please contact any of the committee members and register your willingness to help

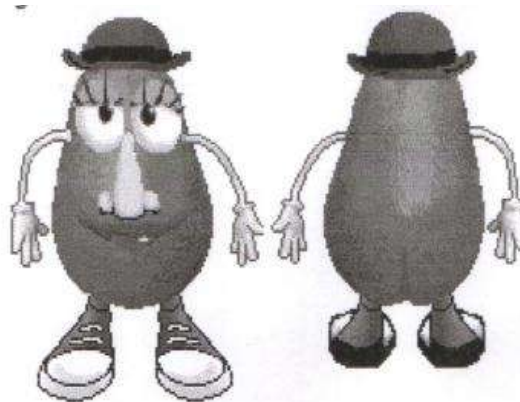
When you get this newsletter this month Ronnie and I will be in Cairns and he will have ridden the St up and then he will come home on his own and I will fly home. Will be a nice break in the warmer climate

Thank you to you all who support the raffles as the real winner out of this is our club and the events we run to create a friendlier club for all to enjoy is really worth all the effort

Till next month

Joan Graham

MORE TATER PEOPLE



Then there are those who love others and do what they say they will. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing and lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into the lives of others. They are called "Sweet Taters".



The Long Ride to Longreach

Gold Coast to Longreach

8th – 17th August 2011

Expressions of Interest :

Long Ride to Longreach – For Anyone Interested: Less than two months to go!!!

Phil (Sidecar) Green and Rod Moorcroft are looking at planning a 10-day trip from Monday 8th August to Longreach via Monto and Emerald, then back to the coast via Charleville and Roma. The ride to Longreach is planned to take 3 - 4 days with a similar timed return trip.

We still need to work out many aspects of the ride such as type of accommodation, stop over's, etc.

For anyone interested in finding out more or joining us in this planning stage, please contact either Phil or Rod.

Phil Green: Phone: 0401 013 887 Email: philgreensidecars@hotmail.com

Rod Moorcroft: Phone: 0411 127 017 Email: rgmoorcroft@bigpond.com

The Long Ride to Longreach – Update:

Wednesday night 20th April saw a planning meeting for this little adventure. So here is the latest:

We depart Monday 8th August on a 4-day ride to Longreach with anticipated stopovers at Murgon, Biloela, & Emerald.

Stopovers will remain flexible. Maximum day's riding from Emerald to Longreach is 417K.

Arrive Longreach Thursday 11th August, and depart on Monday 15th for a 3-day ride home via Charleville & Chinchilla, with the Longreach to Charleville leg being the longest day's riding at 515K. (See draft timetable below)

Accommodation is planned for caravan/camping parks where some will have tents, or you can book into on-site cabins.

During the three days in Longreach, we will have an optional day ride to Winton for anyone interested. (360K return trip).

Everyone is welcome to join the trip. Does not matter if you chose two, three or four wheels; just come along and enjoy the trip.

We are also interested if anyone wants to drive as backup. We do have a trailer that can be used if anyone is interested in towing it.

We are also interested in your views on having an annual "Long Ride" around August/September and preferred destinations????

Rod Moorcroft – Events Coordinator.

The Long Ride to Longreach

Day	Date	From	To	Distance
1	Mon 8th Aug	Gold Coast	Murgon	316
2	Tues 9th Aug	Murgon	Biloela	364
3	Wed 10th Aug	Biloela	Emerald	313
4	Thur 11th Aug	Emerald	Longreach	417
5	Fri 12th Aug			
6	Sat 13th Aug	Longreach	Winton & Return	360
7	Sun 14th Aug			
8	Mon 15th Aug	Longreach	Charleville	515
9	Tues 16th Aug	Charleville	Chinchilla	454
10	Wed 17th Aug.	Chinchilla	Gold Coast	346

WINTERSHINE RALLY – AUGUST 6-7TH 2011

To our members and especially to newer members, this is our Annual big event. The Rally is held over two days with the Bike Show and a casual ride on Saturday and a big BBQ on the Saturday night at the Clubhouse. Sunday is our big navigational ride which is approximately 150klms and you find your way around by following the instruction sheet. The rider who loses the least points is the winner. This year we are also having the official opening of our Clubhouse on Saturday morning at 10.30am. Our local Councillor Mr Ted Shepherd has agreed to do the official opening. Ted has been a great supporter of our club by organising the land and clearing it for us and also helping us at all times during the construction. The Bike Show is being organised by the Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club Qld Branch. The Bike show which will also incorporate the Club Bike of the Year (the best restored bike by a Club member during the previous year).

The Saturday afternoon ride will take us to have a look at Reg Schuster's collection of vintage machinery, cars and trucks at Burleigh Heads and is really worth a look, as Reg has been collecting and restoring machinery for many years. We all then head back to the Club house for a BBQ and social night.

Sunday starts off early with our navigation ride with a smoko stop built in and then back to the Club house for lunch and trophy presentations. We would like all members to help out by participating in the Rally and or helping out where possible as we need your help in making this a successful week-end.

On Saturday we need help setting up such as, preparing food, parking bikes, registration of participants, selling pies and drinks and also lots of help for Saturday night.

On Sunday we need help as marshals and plenty of general dogsbodies. Please come along and join in as we need your participation in the Rally.

Cheers
Warrick.



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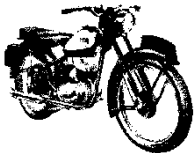
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WINTERSUNSHINE RALLY

6TH & 7TH AUGUST 2011

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PROGRAM



SATURDAY 6th AUGUST 2011



10.30 am - 11am	OFFICIAL CLUBHOUSE OPENING
11am - 2 pm	BIKE SHOW
2 pm	AFTERNOON RIDE
6.45 pm	DINNER

SUNDAY 7th AUGUST 2011

6.30 am	BREAKFAST
8.30 am	NAVIGATION RIDE BEGINS
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2 pm	PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

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Events Calendar for MECGC and associated Clubs - 2011

June

17 th June	Fri	Club Social Night from 6.00pm at clubhouse.
25 th	Sat	HMCCQ Pine Rivers, Swap Meet.
25-26 June	Sat/Sun	Mudgeeraba Annual Show MECGC Club Display
29 th June	Wed	MECGC: Monthly meeting at Club House

July

6 th July	Wed	MECGC: Committee meeting
7 th July	Thur.	Mid-week run. Meet clubhouse 9.00am for 9.30run.
10 th July	Sun	HMCCQ Pine Rivers, Side Car Circus.
15 th July	Fri	Club Social Night from 6.00pm at clubhouse.
17 th July	Sun	Club Ride to Brunswick Heads – Meet Clubhouse 8.00am for 8.30am Ride
23-24 July	Sat/Sun	HMCCQ Brisbane, Girder Fork Run
27 th July	Wed	MECGC: Monthly meeting at Club House

August

4 th August	Thur.	Mid-week run. Meet clubhouse 9.00am for 9.30run.
6 th & 7 th Aug.	Sat/Sun	MECGC: Bike Show and 2011 Wintersunshine Rally
8 th – 17 th Aug.		The Long Run to Longreach
17 th August	Wed	HMCCQ Stinkwheel Rally (2 strokes)
19 th August	Fri	Club Social Night from 6.00pm at clubhouse.
21-28 Aug	Sun-Sun	8 th National Veteran Motorcycle Rally, Kingaroy
31 st August	Wed	MECGC: Monthly Meeting and A.G.M.

September

7 th September	Wed	MECGC Committee Meeting
8 th September	Thur	Mid Week Run. Meet Clubhouse 9.00am for 9.30 run
10-11 th Sept	Sat/Sun	HMCQC Annual Toowoomba Rally
16 th Sept	Fri	Club Social Night from 6.00pm at Clubhouse
24-25 Sept	Sat/Sun	HMCCQ Pine Rivers. Mostly Ariel Rally.
28 th Sept	Wed	MECGC: Monthly Meeting at Clubhouse

Special Note: Thursday ride now a weekly event. Meet at Clubhouse from 9.00am for 9.30 departures unless otherwise notified.

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PAST, PRESENT and NEW members are required to complete this form annually because it will be bound into book form at the end of the year to form a completed volume within the Club's formal records.

RENEWAL

NEW MEMBERSHIP

NAME.....SIGNATURE.....

SPOUSE..... SIGNATURE.....

ADDRESS.....

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PHONE (Home).....(Work).....

EMAIL..... OCCUPATION.....

MACHINE DETAILS (Optional) For the Club Register only not for publication

YEAR	MAKE	CAPACITY	CONDITION	REG. NO.
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New applicants must be nominated and seconded by existing members, only then will the application be considered by the Committee

Nominated by (Print Name).....Signature.....

Seconded by (Print Name).....Signature.....



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.

There is a monthly meeting held on the last Wednesday of each month at our club rooms:

*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.

At least once a month there is a club run, with other casual rides organised to similar rallies and motorcycle events held by other clubs.

"The Link", our club magazine, is e-mailed directly to you (or posted if you do not have internet access), on a monthly basis. The magazine has information on our club runs and also activities and rallies held by other clubs. There are also reports, photos and articles which have been sent in by our club members.