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# The Flywheel

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**MEMBERSHIP:** Open to persons with an active interest in the preservation, restoration and use of Veteran, Vintage and Classic motorcycles.



## Presidents Flywheel Report



The 2023 Pelican Rally is done and dusted. What a great event. Obviously the overall success of this event goes to the Rally Organiser, Tim Corlett.

I have personally thanked Tim for the job that he did.

I would like to thank those people behind the scenes, who through the great work and generosity made this Pelican Rally so successful.

From our most generous sponsors, to Mark Gattenoff (rally secretary) and the other rally committee members, thank you.

To the marshals, who did a great job getting every rider to our destinations safely. Mick Golsby (the lead rider) who had his hands full getting us to and from each stop over and leading us safely for the entire ride.

Bob Orr (the 'tail-end Charlie') who like a well trained sheep dog, kept all the stragglers on the job and got them to the destinations.

Ian Fortune, the (chief cook and bottle wash) who was up and onto the job at 4.00am on the Saturday morning, getting breakfast ready for everyone.

Neil Crocker couldn't believe Ian was up and out the door of the cabin at 4am.

The two break down vehicle drivers, Ian Fortune and Steve Sai-Louie ensuring that nobody got left behind with a 'failed machine.'

I could go on and on and mention individuals who gave time and effort to the rally, but I may miss someone unintentionally and I would hate to do that.

Importantly, thank you to all our club members and visitors who registered and took part in the Pelican Rally. 2023 was certainly a great success.

Thank you everyone .....

*Peter Redman. President CCoMCC*



## Secretary's Report



Well, the Pelican Rally is now behind us and all those who have been involved in all the organising can finally get a good night's sleep. All told we had 106 entrants, a higher number than we've seen for some time.

At the cut-off date we only had 81 registered which means that we had 25 late entries! 13 of those were our own members who should know better that a closing date for entries is for a very good reason – we need to organise catering etc. Another disappointment was the Friday 'Meet & Greet BBQ' We had 29 registered that they would be there and 53 actually showed up!

Again, a high number of our own members were the culprits. Apparently they thought that because there was no charge then they didn't need to let us know that they would be there.

All up we received 63 entries from our own club, 20 from Hunter Valley Norton Owners, 8 from other clubs and the rest who listed no club on their entry form. I was surprised that we received no entries from the Newcastle VMCC who have supported our rally in past years.

The oldest bike entered was Drago's 1951 BMW R51/3. There were only two other bikes in this decade. There were nine bikes from the '60s, and 45 from the '70s. The 1980-93 category fielded 28 bikes.

The venue, Norah Head Holiday Park, was very good although way too expensive from my point of view for a two-night stay. The route chosen by our Events Co-ordinator, Tim Corlett, was well thought out and took us into parts of the country we either hadn't been to or else hadn't seen for some time. The marshals worked well and I didn't hear of anyone getting lost. Morning tea at Ellalong went over OK and the girls there seemed to cope without any real problems. The highlight was the lunch venue at Tim's property at Bucketty and a good spit roast was available with enough food to feed an army. The less said about the Presentation Dinner at Norah Head Sporties Club, the better. Far too noisy and far too long waiting to be served dinner. Most of us never heard a word of the speeches made, who won the various awards or who won the raffles. Hopefully we can improve on this for any future rally.

I would like to pay a special tribute to my wife, Merrilyn, who stood in for our Catering Officer, Rob Clarsen, due to his absence overseas. She had many a sleepless night worrying about the catering side of things and making sure that she could cope with the demands of this, our major event of the year. A thousand and one things to think about and do to make sure that all went well on the day. Thanks also to those of our members who popped up occasionally and asked "Do you need a hand?"

As I announced at the August general meeting, I will be retiring from my position as Secretary in two years' time (if I'm still in that position). I have been involved with our club for the past 40 years, having served as President, Secretary and Treasurer, and it's time that some of our younger members took on the task. To that end it would be good if someone could come on board as Assistant Secretary in order to learn the job. It requires a person with the skills and determination to make the job work. Ideally that person should have computer skills with a knowledge of Microsoft Excel spreadsheets. If you're interested, have a yarn with me for further information. The future of our club depends on you!

**New Members:** A warm welcome to Peter Smee, Don Piper, and Marnie Linn.

Current membership: 192.

Ride safely,  
Mark Gattenhof  
Secretary



## A view from the kitchen—By Merrilyn

### **Pelican Rally 2023 - A View from the Kitchen**

Rob and Sue went overseas for a wedding and left me in the kitchen.

Pelican Rally No. 38 started off on Friday afternoon with a Meet & Greet BBQ. We had 30 booked in but almost double that number turned up which makes it very difficult to cater properly. Please let us know if you intend to be there!

The weather cleared for a perfect weekend. The Saturday run of approximately 200 km went to Ellalong for morning tea where the girls there did an excellent job of serving coffee and cake. Then on to Tim's property at Bucketty for lunch. About 95 people enjoyed a spit roast in a beautiful bush setting. Thanks, Tim, for all your organising.

Back to Norah Head where the presentation dinner was held at the Sporties Club.

A bit disappointing as the noise was deafening and made it hard to hold a conversation or hear who won trophies and raffle prizes.

Special thanks to Stephanie, Helen and Gwen who supplied cakes, and thanks again to Gwen who managed the kitchen all weekend. Lewis and his team worked hard at the BBQ making sure that Friday night and the two breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday went without a hitch.

As this was rally No. 38, I was recalling some of the funny incidents from past years, such as trying to fit 120 boxed chicken lunches into our Camira station wagon.

Don't knock the Camira! It was a good old workhorse until some low-life stole it!!

Another time we arrived at Kulnura Hall to set up morning tea only to find the hall locked and no one knew where the key was. It was found later in the shop across the road.

In the early days at Old Sydney Town, the girls served breakfast wearing their pyjamas, and we had "French Maids" serving wine and cheese in the afternoon.

Thanks to everyone who made the weekend such a great success. I hope that Rob and Sue will be back on deck for next year's rally!

Until then, safe riding,  
Merrilyn (Deputy Catering Officer)

## A short story—By Col Graham

This is a photo of my two boys, Steven and Peter, when they were 5 & 6 years old.

I purchased a PeeWee 50 motorbike, and one day, while having a beer in the garage with my brother, we came up with the idea to build a sidecar for the bike, to help them balance while learning to ride.

Steven was the rider and Peter just had to hold on tight! Soon, no-one seemed to want to ride with Steven, as he was a bit wild!

Eventually, the sidecar was removed and both boys joined the Central Coast Minibike Club at Somersby. After many years in the club, Peter gave up riding, and Steven is now a member of the CCCMCC.



## A tale of three little 2 strokes—By Bronson Gunter

### Small 2 stroke 50cc's get a second life after 35 years

Being a teenager during the 80's and 90's in my birth country has got to have been the best times of my life. From the age of 16 years old you were legally allowed to ride only up to a 50cc motorcycle on a learners license. This normally lasted for around 2 years where you either lost interest in bikes and got a car or purchased a bigger bike at the age of 18.

I moved to Australia from South Africa around 7 years ago and after feeling a bit nostalgic leaving behind fond memories of the 50cc 2 stroke days of racing your friends up and down the street, I decided look around Australia to see if there were any of these small smokers lying around. With no luck, I almost lost hope until around 3 years back when luck came my way, almost 30 years after owning my first 50cc.

Popping up on Facebook market place was a 1988 DT50LC, albeit a little rough! It was during Covid in period one was not allow to travel too far out of your areas so I bought it without seeing it and got it shipped up by a bike courier. Mechanically the bike was pretty good, cosmetically is was missing lights, levers, indicators, mirrors...and with limited spares available anywhere in the world I started to source from The Netherlands, Portugal and South Africa. I spent hours water papering and polishing plastics, metal polishing each spoke and cleaning up it to keep it as original as possible. I am so happy with the way it turned out and love it to bits. Sunday rides are a pleasure!







Two years later, a very similar situation, another 1988 model on Bikesales, this time in white. Without hesitation I jumped at it again without seeing it in person.

The condition was not as bad as my first find as the owner had started a restoration but lost interest. I got it shipped down from Queensland and got going to bring it to life. I have spent many hours cleaning & polishing it up the result is very pleasing.





The latest find has got to be one of the best finds to date (in the world). 100% original in every part with only 978 miles on the clock is my white and red 1988 DT50LC. My pride and joy! Very little needed attention on this beauty and purrs like a kitten.

Every time I feel a bit nostalgic I go down to my garage and reminisce about the good old days when worries were few and life was simple. Never too old to own a 50cc or 3 !!!

Bronson Gunter





## 2023 Pelican Rally

























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**Every Wednesday & Friday there is a CCCMCC sanctioned club ride from your place to Jerry's Café at Kulnura.**

*Anyother club events will be listed as they come to hand. Committee meetings commence at 7.00 p.m. General meetings commence at 7.30 p.m.*

September 2023	January 2024
<b>Wed 6 – Rally Working Bee - Bucketty</b> <b>8, 9, 10 - Pelican Rally – Norah Head</b> Tue 19 - Committee Meeting Ourimbah RSL Tue 26 - General Meeting Ourimbah RSL	Tue 16 - Committee Meeting Ourimbah RSL Tue 23 - General Meeting Ourimbah RSL Sun 28 - Hub Run
October 2023	February 2024
Sun 1 - Hub Run 3,4,5 – Natureland Rally Sun 8 – Maitland Swap Meet Tues 17 - Committee Meeting Ourimbah RSL <b>Sat 21 – All British Display Day @ Wyong</b> Tues 24 - General Meeting Ourimbah RSL Sun 29 - Hub Run Sun 29 – Canberra Swap Meet	Tue 20 - Committee Meeting Ourimbah RSL Tue 27 - General Meeting Ourimbah RSL
November 2023	March 2024
Tues 21 - Committee Meeting Ourimbah RSL <b>Tues 28 - AGM Ourimbah RSL</b>	Sun 3 – Hub Run Tue 19 - Committee Meeting Ourimbah RSL Tue 26 - General Meeting Ourimbah RSL Sun 31 – Hub Run
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