



Bi-Monthly Journal of the Central Coast Classic Motorcycle Club

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 bad weather did it to us again. The March Hub Run was cancelled due to the inclement weather and the May Hub Run to be held at Woy Woy, was cancelled also.

In hindsight we may have gotten the Woy Woy Hub Run done without getting wet as the rain stopped during the day and we had rain later in the day.

Just to let you know the procedure for determining whether the Hub Run, or for that matter, any other event is still on or called off.

If there is anything that could impact on the event, myself (as President) Mark (as Secretary) and Tim (as Event Co-ordinator) have a look at the weather and any other influencing conditions and in consultation with each other make the decision, either to continue with the event or cancel it.

Members are then notified of the decision either by email or our club Facebook page. That decision needs to be made early so that you members and Alison (the Catering Co-ordinator) have plenty of time to continue on or make other arrangements for the day. That decision is usually made about 7.00am and you members notified.

Vale Les Graham. On a sad note, on the 10 June, I was informed of the passing of a long time member of our Club Les Graham.

Les is member 156 and joined in June, 2004. Unfortunately, Les had been battling illness for some time. He will be remembered for his 'no nonsense attitude' who spoke his mind and called a spade a spade. He loved his bikes and getting out for a ride.

Les will be sadly missed.

At the time of writing, Les's funeral is due to be held at Palmdale on Monday 24 June, although at the time this Flywheel is published the funeral may well have been held. Rest in Peace Les Graham.

Ride safely.....

Peter Redman. President CCCMCC Inc



Secretary's Report—April 2024



Sadly, we learned of the death on Saturday 8 June of Col Graham's brother, Les. Les joined the club on 22 June 2004, Member No. 156. Les was a quiet member and usually kept a low profile, but was always willing to lend a hand when needed. In recent times he had been in poor health and had given up riding his bikes.

Our condolences to Col and the Graham family. Rest in Peace Les.

Our Hub Run set down for 2nd June was unfortunately cancelled owing to the weather gods being off-side. Hopefully we won't have that problem for the next one.

Tim Corlett is working hard to finalise the details for our Pelican Rally which will be held on the weekend of 6, 7, 8 September. After exploring a few options, it will probably be similar to last year's rally.

New members: A warm welcome to Chris Farrugia, Peter Hawkins, and Paul Hennessy.

Current Membership: 196

Ride safely,
Mark Gattenhof
Secretary

Editors report



G'day Members,

This edition of the Flywheel is happily full of stories from some fellow members who have been kind enough to spend some time recounting some recent motorcycle trips around both here in Australia, but also overseas in New Zealand.

I would like to thank Charlie Brown, Lewis Smith and Bob Orr for taking time to compile their stories for your reading enjoyment.

Also this month, the Buy, Swap and Sell section has gotten a little bigger with plenty of bikes for sale, including the late Steve Gardiner's bikes that his lovely wife Helen is sell after his passing, please have a look.

Finally, I'd like to pass on my condolences to the Graham family on the passing of Les Graham, May he rest in peace.

Ride safe,
Craig.
Editor

Distinguished Gentleman's Ride, - courtesy of Lewis Smith

The day before the ride it was pelting down with rain. Some people feel the rain, others just get wet!

So for the 2024 worldwide Distinguished Gentleman's Ride, in Newcastle anyway, the sun came out eventually. We all met at the Ampol, Lake Munmorah at 8am. Not one of us was mentioning how warm it was.

Here we were with vests on, collared suit shirts, cufflinks, scarfs and the like, and a few berets here and there.

Away we went on the leisurely ride north, 11 degrees and the chill factor made it feel like the arctic.

Coming down the hill towards Merewether the sun was doing its best to break out.

We arrived at the old Newcastle train station about 8am. Music was loud on the station platform, so too were all the other distinguished guests loitering around the platform.

Bikes were aplenty and the mood was uplifting.

We were all there for a cause, to raise funds and awareness for prostate cancer research and Mens mental health, However, it felt more like a celebration for everything motorcycles.

After a few coffees and toasted croissants, 230 or so riders headed out on a tour of the city of Newcastle and its coastline. Plenty of waves and cheers from the children along the route.

Some of the crew headed home afterwards, and 6 of us called into the Catherine Hill Bay Pub for some lunch and beers.

All up, \$34,212 was raised by the 232 riders on the day at Newcastle.

618 riders in Sydney \$134,792

New York 540 riders \$301,585

Mexico City 1584 riders \$303,135

For a ride that started in Sydney in 2012, it is now a global event.

Thankyou for all those brave distinguished gentlemen & their partners.

This year we had about 15 riders from the coast, next year lets aim for 50.

You don't remember the days sitting in the lounge room !!!!

Lewis Smith.





Hunter Valley “Unapproachable” Norton Rally, Report By Bob Orr

HUNTER VALLEY NORTON OWNERS CLUB
 UNAPPROACHABLE NORTON RALLY
 DENMAN 17,18,19 MAY 2024.
 FIVE MEMBERS ATTENDED
 COL GRAHAM BSA ROAD ROCKET
 PETER OFFENER 1970 NORTON S
 TIM COLLETT 1975 NORTON COMMANDO MARK 3
 BOB ORR 1976 BMW R90S
 JEFF SHILTON 1983 BMW R/65

TIM & MYSELF LEFT JERRY'S FRIDAY MORNING AND RODE THROUGH WOLLENBI – BROKE, (I WAS ON MY BMW BECAUSE MY NORTON DECIDED BY IT DIDN'T WANT TO GO TO DENMAN) THEN OUT TO THE GOLDEN HWY TO JERRY'S PLAINS.

WE TURNED LEFT AND TOOK THE BACK ROAD TO DENMAN, IT'S A GREAT RIDE THROUGH THERE, AS THERE IS NOT A LOT OF TRAFFIC.

COL & PETER DROVE UP AND WE MET THEM AT THE MOTEL. JEFF MADE HIS OWN WAY TO DENMAN.

WE MET UP WITH THE OTHERS AT THE PUB ON FRIDAY NIGHT FOR A MEAL AND A CHAT. SATURDAYS RIDE STARTED OUT WET AND STAYED THAT WAY THE WHOLE RIDE, WE WERE DROWNED BY THE TIME WE GOT BACK TO THE MOTEL. WE HEADED BACK TO THE OTHER PUB IN TOWN ON SATURDAY NIGHT. WE RODE HOME ON SUNDAY THE SAME WAY WE CAME UP, IT WAS GOOD WEATHER ON THE WAY UP AND BACK.

THE MAJORITY OF THE BIKES WERE NORTONS, BUT A FEW OTHER BRANDS AS WELL, TRIUMPH, BMW AND 1 YAMAHA XJ 650. THEY'RE A GOOD BUNCH OF BLOKES, THE HUNTER VALLEY BOYS, EASY GOING.

IT IS A RELAXING WEEKEND AT DENMAN, WELL WORTH THE TRIP.



Aotearoa (Bert Munro) trip by the Kulnura CCCMCC Cruisers Story by Charlie Brown

In February seven club members recently referred to as the “Corlett Latte Set” by President Pete, made a tour of the South Island of NZ attending the Bert Munro Challenge. I met up with Paul Harrison from the Guzzi NSW club in Otago and rode up to Christchurch to team up with Tim Corlett, Bob Orr, Andrew Johnson, Nigel Blower, Greg Blakemore and Mick Golsby who all rented bikes, mostly BMWGS 750s. We began our tour with a quick run across the Canterbury Plains with a famous Sheffield pie for morning tea, then up and over spectacular Athur’s Pass on to Greymouth on the West Coast. A relaxing diner at the Monteith Brewery with a great ride had by all.



Good spirits on the Greymouth break wall

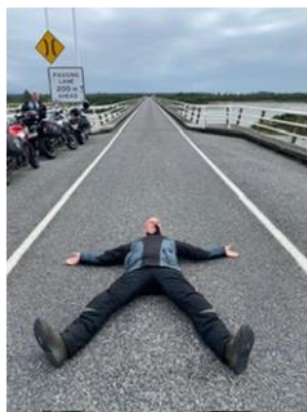


Dinner at Monteith Brewery

Then it was down the West Coast to Haast, a great coastal ride with wild volcanic beaches, rain forest wilderness and glaciers. We were very lucky to have scored a dry day as this part of NZ rains over 300 days / year.



West Coast wilderness



Flat out on the Haast bridge



Breather on the Bridge

We awoke in Haast to the expected wet weather. We headed East back over the alps over the Hasst Pass stopping at a café at Makarora for a bite where we were entertained by group of Harley riders in gumboots (must be a kiwi thing) also making the pilgrimage to the Bert. Wheelies and burnouts were the order of the morning.



Gumboot Glory



Wanaka Wonder

It was then on to Wanaka with a small diversion up the Mount Aspiring Road, then over the Crown Range, through Queenstown and out to Glenorchy for the night. A truly top days ride with never ending winding roads along alpine lakes. After crossing Haast Pass the weather cleared and remained that way for the rest of the tour.



Crown Range magic



A couple of "Lord of The Rings" extras

Now in Otago we were Southward bound to Te Anu in Fiordland. After weaving through traffic in Queenstown we were out on the “devil’s staircase” winding past the breath-taking Remarkable mountains along Lake Wakatipu. It was a solid day’s ride and hats off to Blakey who rode on from Te Anu to Milford and back before sunset, let’s just say to make it back to Te Anu before nightfall would have required a “spirited ride!”

The following morning Greg and Mick pillioned a couple of young female backpackers for a spin down the highway. The girls returned ghostly white, but smiling.



Hobbits in arms ☺

South again to Invercargill for the Bert along the South Coast via Orepuki. A separate article could be written about the Bert Munro Challenge. This would be my third visit, and it is no doubt becoming an international motorcycle event. Most club members I’m sure have watched “The World’s Fastest Indian” movie, set in Invercargill. The Southland Motorcycle Club put on a magnificent event including, hill climb, speedway, circuit racing, beach racing and street racing. There are a couple of great museums in town along with the famous E Hayes & Sons hardware store.



Bob hoping to be Anthony Hopkins Double



Mick is a little lost



*Famous
Oreti Beach
Invercargill*



After a few days at the Bert in Invercargill, we were off to the Catlins, one of my favourite motorcycling rides winding along the rugged South Coast then up the East Coast to historic Dunedin with a ride around the harbour. We then headed inland through Middlemarch over the sweeping plains of Central Otago stopping at the historic Hayes Engineering Works in the Ida Valley. On to Cromwell via Alexandra through vineyards and orchards. At this point I left the tour as I store my bike in Cromwell. The crew then embarked on the ride to Christchurch that I began with. A fantastic scenic ride up through Otago to Lake Tekapo past Mount Cook to Geraldine.

A great trip, lots of laughs and good times.

Charlie Brown



It doesn't get much better than this.



The C.C.C.M.C.C. welcomes you to the 39th Annual CCCMCC Pelican Rally

To be held on the 6th/7th/8th September 2023

Owing to the success of last years Pelican rally, we are running with the same format this time around, with the same great route, and fabulous stops and food offerings.

The purpose of our Rallies are to provide a venue for the gathering of Veteran, Vintage and Classic Motorcycles of all makes and models, and to help get owners and lovers of old bikes together to Show, discuss, appreciate and enjoy our passion.

Like last year, the 2024 Pelican Rally will be held at Norah Head Holiday Park. Several onsite cabins and powered site have been reserved under "Pelican Rally", contact the Holiday park on 02 4396 3935. (These remaining options are only on hold till the end of July). More accommodation options are available at Budgewoi, Toukley and The Entrance. (Norah Head Sporties Club provide a shuttle bus for dinner to and from the above locations)

This Years Rally Program

Friday Afternoon Meet and Greet BBQ at Norah Head Holiday Park - Starting at 4.00pm
Catering numbers are required, PLEASE TICK BOX IF ATTENDING.

Saturday Morning Pre-ride Breakfast at Norah Head Holiday Park - 8.00am to 9.00am

Ride Briefing in BBQ area at 9.30am - Depart Holiday park at 10.00am

Ride is through Budgewoi, Doyalson, Morisset, Freemans Waterhole and stopping at Ellalong, for coffee and cake. Distance 66km.

Leaving Ellalong, we head through Millfield, Wollombi, Laguna and arrive at our lunch venue, (a members property), just behind Bucketty R.F.S. Distance 50km.

Here we will enjoy a Spit Roast and assemble the bikes into categories by decade for a "Peoples Choice" judging.

After lunch, we head back to Norah Head via Bucketty, Kulnura, Bumble Hill,

Yarramalong Valley, Wyee, Doyalson and Budgewoi to Norah Head. Distance 75km.

Saturday Night Presentation Dinner will be held at Norah Head Sporties Club, with trophies being awarded to category winners at 7pm. Dinner is at your own cost.

Sunday Morning Farewell Breakfast at Norah Head Holiday Park, starting at 8.00am

Rally Contact Information.

Rally Co-ordinator - Tim 0418 240 777 or Rally Secretary - Grant 0478 833 430

Fuel — Please have a full tank of fuel for the Saturday ride, it is approx. 200km, there are several fuel stations en route if required.

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**Central Coast Classic Motor Cycle Club Inc.
39th Annual Pelican Rally
For Historic and Classic Motorcycles.**

To be held on the weekend of 6/7/8th September 2024

Entry Form

Note: Entries close on Friday 23rd August 2024.
No Guarantee of meals for late entrants.

**Entrant
Details:**

<u>Entrant's Name:</u>		<u>Pillion/Partner:</u>	
<u>Address:</u>		<u>Contact Number:</u>	
<u>Town/Suburb:</u>	<u>State:</u>	<u>Postcode:</u>	
<u>Email:</u>		<u>Club:</u>	

**Machine
Details:**

<u>Year:</u>	<u>Make:</u>	<u>Model:</u>
<u>Capacity:</u>	<u>Solo/Sidecar:</u>	<u>Rego No:</u>

**Entry
Details:**

	No.	\$
Non CCCMCC Members Inc Rally Pack, Embroidered Pelican Rally Cap	\$35	
CCCMCC Members. incl. Rally Pack, Embroidered Pelican Rally Cap	\$15	
Friday Afternoon Meet & Greet BBQ.	\$5pp	
Saturday Breakfast: Egg & Bacon roll / Coffee or Tea / OJ.	\$5pp	
Saturday Morning tea, Coffee / tea and cake.	\$5pp	
Saturday Lunch: Spit Roast and Salad	\$20pp	
Saturday Presentation Dinner Own cost @ Norah Head Sporties Club		
Sunday Breakfast: Egg & Bacon roll / Coffee or Tea / OJ.	\$5pp	
Total:		

**Payment
Details:**

Return Completed Entry Form and Payment to:
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Cheques made payable to CCCMCC
Direct Deposit: St George Bank, BSB 112-879, Acc No. 001167785
Reference (Your Surname) Rally
If paying by direct deposit, please email your completed entry form to
the Rally Secretary at:
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Indemnity Statement: I, the entrant, agree not to hold the Central Coast Classic Motor Cycle Club Inc. or it's members or sponsors, responsible for any loss or damage to machinery and/or bodily injury sustained during to course of the 2024 Pelican Rally.

Entrants Signature: _____ Date: _____

Buy, Swap and Sell



Steve Gardiner's Triumph Sprint GT for sale. 2010, 58000kms
One owner. Logbook serviced from new.
Last service @ 50000k. New brake pads.
Near new Michelin Road 6. Registration till
23 September. A very well looked after bike
\$4500.

Steve Gardiner's 1979 Honda 750K 10th Anniversary Ltd Edition. Limited production
run (for Honda) of 5000 units. Double over-
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736cc, 19000 miles. New tyres. Had been
on club rego. \$8000. Covers Steve's origi-
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Please call Helen on 0412 004 227



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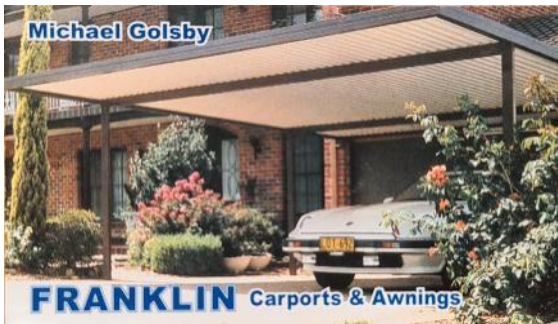
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Events Calender



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

Any other 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.

July 2024	November 2024
19th—21st Tamworth Rally Tue 23rd - General Meeting Ourimbah RSL 27—28th Macquarie Towns Rally Sun 28th — Hub Run Sun 28th—Nabiac Swap Meet	Tues 26th— General Meeting Ourimbah RSL
August 2024	December 2024
Sat 3rd— Combined Club Ride, Luskintyre Airfield Tue 27th - General Meeting Ourimbah RSL	Sun 1st— Hub Run
September 2024	
Sun 1st — Hub Run 6th—8th CCCMCC Pelican Rally Tue 24th - General Meeting Ourimbah RSL Sun 29th — Hub Run	
October 2024	
13th October. Maitland swap meet Tues 22nd General Meeting Ourimbah RSL 26th October. Distinguished Gentleman's Ride Sun 27th—Hub Run	



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