

FOREVER YOUNG

CLASSIC RIDERS CLUB OF GOULBURN INC.

Our Magazine



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EDITOR'S NOTE

It gives me much pleasure to reinvigorate our Club's Magazine. A publication I believe, hasn't made the presses since 2012. ...

This issue has many purposes – the launch of our new look media; a means through which our members can communicate; a platform for our many events; and my favourite, a stage from which to share the immense talent which lurks within our Club.

In this busy 'age', we don't always manage to find social time and to compensate, I'm hoping 'Forever Young' will help bridge the gap between those members who are able to attend regular meetings and functions, and those who are not.

Being in the 'experimental' stage, this edition will also offer a little preview of what is possible in future issues. I am happy to receive ideas, stories, photographs and anything of interest to our club ... if you have a project to share, a tribute to offer ... a light bulb moment that may save your 'comrades in riding' hours of shed time. If you offer the information, I will endeavour to include.

Enjoy what you read - travel safe wherever you go and however you get there.

Dale

OUR CLUB

Classic Riders Club Goulburn (CRCG) was born from the idea to form a Motorcycle Club which catered for restorers and riders of old and classic motorcycles. Nurtured by Neil MacDonald and Richard Corbet, this idea very soon blossomed into 'our club'. Neil's under house area became the unofficial workshop for this enterprise and the official launch was on 13 August 1991, with the inaugural meeting held at Goulburn's RSL Club. CRCG commenced 'life' with 23 potential members, and today we have over 130 members and 116 motor cycles on Club Plates. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at Goulburn Workers' Club, commencing 7.30pm.

New members are always welcome and more information is available on our Club Website www.classicridersclubgoulburn.com.au

COMMITTEE

At our recent AGM, the following Committee was confirmed.

President	Gary Suddull
Vice President	Bruce Tinsley
Secretary	Ross Gilchrist
Assistant Secretary	Dale Towell
Treasurer	Charles Hillier
Public Officer	Wayne Adams
Club Captain	Leon Williamson
Publicity Officer	Wayne Adams
Regalia Officer	Ron Barton
Equipment Officer	Wayne Adams
Monument Warden	Mark James
Swap Meet Coord	Colin Jewell Leon Williamson Charles Hillier
Rally Director 2017	Dale Towell

Machine Examiners & Registration Officers

Richard Corbett
Chris Parlett
Wayne Price
Jeff Blyss (Yass)
John French (Moss Vale)
Craig Southwell (Gunning)

Club Patron Jack Glisson

Life Members

John Morris
Wayne Adams
Richard Corbet
Howard Kneebone
Jack Glisson
Keith Speer
Marjorie Speer
Ross Gilchrist

Website Manager	Ross Gilchrist
Magazine Editor	Dale Towell

Full details and contact numbers on website

MEMBER'S STORY : JACK GLISSON

Born in Strathfield, Sydney on 21 November 1929, Jack began his working life at the Power Station. He then moved to Mullumbimby where he worked for himself, and as electricity became a household name, Jack's working life flourished. In 1958 he moved to Yass and began employment with the Electricity Commission of NSW, on loan to the Snowy Mountains Scheme. .. and it was in Yass that he made his home, married to Norma, raising his daughters Jackie and Leanne, and where his love of motorcycles lead him to Classic Riders Club of Goulburn, and lifelong friendships fostered within the embrace of a common interest.

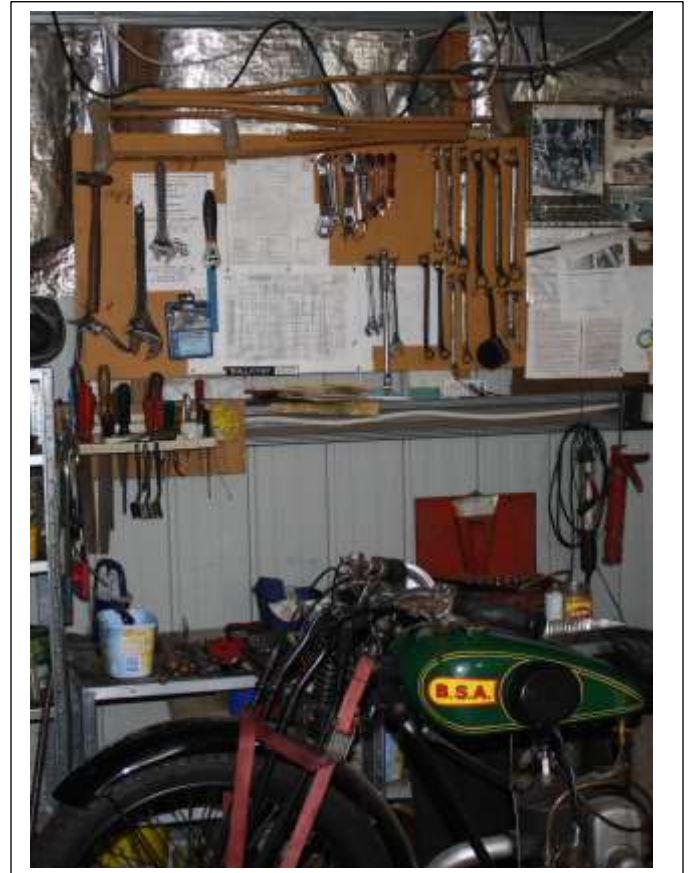
Jack owned a 1949 BSA B33 which he sold when he moved to the north – but he always wanted another. His determined search over many years uncovered a 1952 B33 for sale in Goulburn and he bought it 'just to ride around'. With encouragement, Jack joined the Classic Riders Club in 2001. He recalls that, at the very first meeting, other members had many questions which he was able to answer. They quickly sensed the extent of Jack's knowledge and he in return shared the finer points of mechanics. This was club life – trading of ideas, helping others, passionate interest in the life and craft of motorcycling.



21 year old Jack

The years that followed were witness to a steady march of incoming motorcycles into Jack's collection. He bought a 90cc Bridgestone for \$25 which he resurrected to use as a tiddler. It is totally restored and ready for registration, but not used.

A BSA 2 stroke A29, 3 speed deluxe found its way to Jack's workshop. It came with no information and no manual so he wrote to BSA in England, and they revealed that there was only one in Australia, the 11th one left in the world. He picked up a motor – used as a pump on the river bank – intending to put the crank shaft out of that in the S30, but it measured short. It's not unusual for a plan not to work the first time, but the photo below, shows this work in progress poised for eventual success.



Along came a 1918 Douglas, no clutch, no kick starter, belt drive, high and low gear, same model as was used in WWI. 'I had to run along beside it until it started and then jump on', he said.

... and a 1967 A65 650 twin to which Jack added a side car. A Triumph Trident 1972 – English born and for export to America with all American detail so the head lights would throw to the right and not the left. That was five or six years ago, and he added a side car a few years ago – an imported Cozi from India.

There's a Road Rocket A10 with number plate RR, very much the draw card for that purchase.

There's a little Honda. ... there's even something growing in the garden, not sure if this is the start of the project or the end.



We're not certain of the order they all arrived and it doesn't really matter, but I did ask Jack which one was his favourite. He pointed to the first one in the workshop line up.



BSA 1930 Sloper side valve arrived complete with straw stuffed in the carburetor - and other obscure crevices. Jack describes this as a 'real restoration job' and the relationship between man and machine was no ordinary one. He named it Amron.

Returning from a Canberra Rally, Bob Small driving, they swerved to miss something on the road, the tie downs snapped and Amron fell off the trailer. A second restoration brought her back from the battered and bruised state which resulted.

In 2007 at his second rally in Parkes, Jack left the seat after an encounter with a speeding car. His foot badly busted, Jack began Amron's third restoration. ... so the relationship between bike and man continued closely, just as it had begun.

And that 'beginning' was a tug at the heart strings. I asked Jack if his wife had an interest in his motorcycles, and the brightness in his eyes gave me the answer before he managed to speak - 'Yes, and she was the greatest pillion passenger ever. She would rest her head on my shoulder and nod off to sleep.'

Jack reflected back to the day he bought the Sloper - he had paid for it and returned home to Norma. She asked 'Now, what's this bike we've just bought?' Jack showed her photos and they talked about their new motorcycle. It was the last serious conversation they shared. Norma passed away that afternoon - Amron is Norma spelled in reverse. Norma had supported Jack's love of motorcycles and maintained her interest even after she was no longer able to ride with him. Jack's favourite was Amron - here they are together. (photo left)



There's also no doubt about the strength of Jack's devotion to life – when he retired he dabbled in making rocking horses and radios, but the call of engines and motorcycle restoration has grabbed most steadfast to his heart.

After Jack's accident his ankle wasn't strong enough for a kick start, so he bought a Beamer electric start and ignored helpful friends who suggested he might need trainer wheels. Jack saw a return of the side car – something Jack used to have in the early 1950s – as a more comfortable ride and became 'king of the outfit'. With a side car on board, he has taken out the trophy for Best Outfit at many of the Club's Annual rides. It means a whole rethink of the 'ride technique' and yet, Jack has given this style his undivided attention. In return, the 'outfit' has given Jack a good 20 more years of motorcycling pleasure. Twenty years he would not have had if restricted to two wheels and the kick start challenge of a grumpy morning engine.

Jack has plans, and his sights are now set on restoring the Road Rocket, 'I've more to do yet' he says.

What a fine example to all of us, a kind gentle man, passionate about his motorcycles and well versed in the intricacies of their construction. It's about maintaining each bike's integrity, working and provoking thought, the satisfaction when a motor turns over and the sense of achievement at having done that, having brought something to life, yourself.

He warns, if you're not in the mood, don't pick up the tools. There have been plenty of times when things haven't worked and the best option is to 'throw it away and start again'.

... and there have been times Jack said that he may have rushed a task, but would ask himself, 'now what would Wayne Price have done here?' or 'how would Dougy Burrows have done this?' Two people Jack holds in high esteem and so, he concludes that 'with old bikes, take your time, don't rush, do it properly'.

This talented man, whose patience and know-how has brought so many motorcycles back to life. Who has, with the humble assistance of his spanner and wrench, restored the forgotten to their former glory, is one of 'ours'. The contribution he has made to CRCG since the start of his membership in 2001 has been immense – wanders, swap meets, rallies, regalia officer, member support, and the list goes on. Jack is particularly drawn

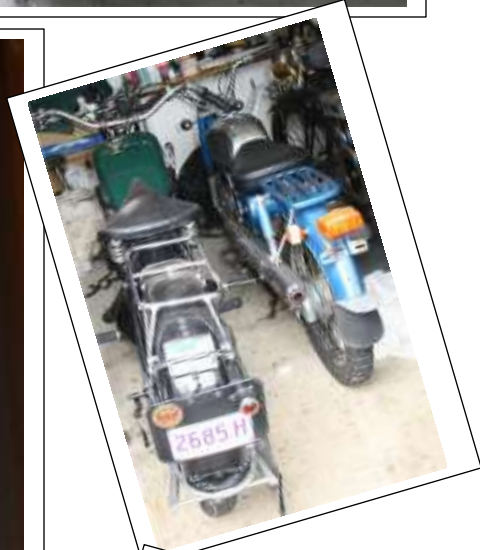
to the social aspect of the club membership and the sharing of knowledge across the wide span of that membership. He is our Club Patron and holds the club's core, safely within this title.

'Bikes keep me out of the pub' he says with a smile. ... and they keep Jack in our lives 88 next birthday, Jack is our oldest 'still riding' member and we are all so thankful to have him in our motorcycle family.

THANK YOU JACK !!



JACK FROM YASS.



ANNUAL RIDE REFLECTIONS

CRCG's first Annual Ride was held on Saturday 31 October 1992 ... our 2016 ride marked the 25th anniversary of this major event. Last year, to celebrate our achievement, we offered long-time supporters a gift of commemorative wine and remembered the attendees of that 1992 Ride.

Many participants of the Club's first Annual Ride also attended - Keith Speer, Neil MacDonald, Wayne Adams, Geoff Bland, Mischelle Lees, Mark Herfoss, Wayne Price, Paul Marshall, Vince Graham, Rob Temple, Peter Bland, John Ducat, Ross Gilchrist and Colin Jewell (in order of entry).

This year, we are hosting our 26th Annual Ride on the last weekend in October.

Traditionally, the Annual Ride begins with a meet and greet on Friday evening, 27th October, at Goulburn Workers' Arena. This provides an opportunity to register and join other participants for a chat and a sausage sizzle.

For the 'older bikes' on Saturday there will be a short route travelling via Range Road to Grabben Gullen and State and Regional Road 52 to Gunning for morning tea. The return to Goulburn will be via Breadalbane on old Hume Highway, Mullens Creek and Gurrundah Roads – approximate distance 140kms.

For the modern bikes on Saturday, we offer the choice of a longer ride travelling via State Road 54 to Crookwell and State and Regional Road 52 to Gunning for morning tea. The return to Goulburn will be via Gundaroo on State and Regional Road 52, Shingle Hill Road and Federal/Hume Highways – approximate distance 200kms.

Prize giving and presentations will take place Saturday evening at the Workers' Club Goulburn. As well as many raffle prizes, two major prizes (one for club members and one for non-club members) will once again be drawn.

The weekend will conclude with a Sunday ride – which will take participants to Laggan for a country style morning tea and a walk around the historic township. This will be followed by lunch and farewells at Goulburn Workers' Arena – approximate distance 140kms.

As always, our Club welcomes participation of Veteran, Vintage, Classic and Modern motorcycles and offers to each visiting rider the reward of Southern Tablelands

hospitality and the hand of welcome. Each run will be marshalled and supported by a lead rider and backup vehicle.

If you are thinking of joining us for this event, there are entry forms available on our website – we'd love to see you. AND, if you require more information, please call our Rally Director, Dale on 0422 367 011.

Classic Riders Club of Goulburn Inc.



26th Annual Classic Ride
28TH & 29TH October 2017

This year's theme – Motorcycles at War



Members of the Classic Riders Club of Goulburn extend an invitation to participants in this year's Classic Ride. To everyone who joined us last year, we hope to see you again ... and to those of you who are considering coming for the very first time, we would love the opportunity to meet you.

Entry forms available at –
www.classicridersclubgoulburn.com.au

Our Ride Committee has once again included the opportunity to purchase polo shirts for this year's ride, which means that anyone wishing to place an order, will need to get their ride entry in by 21 September. It might also help to call Dale to let her know you would like a shirt just in case the mail is slow or you don't have a chance to get an entry in on time.

Two new trophies will be on offer for this year – best military bike to support our 'Motorcycles at War' theme, and youngest rider/oldest club plated bike combo to encourage our young participants.

Anyone with photographs relating to military motorcycles, or family history in war time 'despatch', please share with us and bring along to presentations.

OUT AND ABOUT

Christmas in July



Sunday, 23 July 2017

Thanks to the organising talents of Lois Jewell, we all gathered at Gundaroo's Colonial Inn for a Christmas in July jaunt.



Members arrived on motorcycles, they arrived in automobiles, they arrived on three wheels and four. all intent on celebrating Christmas in the 'cold' season.

And as happens time and time again, our Club members demonstrated just how well seasoned they were at managing any task which involves a celebration.

Here we are below on mass, decked in Christmas cheer.



Thank you Lois (pictured here with husband Colin) – it was a wonderful day.



Charity Ride 2017 FOR Can Assist



Sunday 27 August 2017

Can Assist has been operating in the Goulburn Area for seven years, extending their services to Crookwell, Gunning, Braidwood, Bathurst and further afield to areas wherever their help may be needed. CRCG, for the past six years, has had the privilege of hosting the Annual Charity Ride in support of this wonderful cause.

Although the weather challenged even the brave of hearts, this year's ride was well supported and raised a total of \$705 for Can Assist. Over the period since Can Assist has been operating, our Club has donated in excess of \$15,000, thanks to various events and activities which have become favourites on the Club calendar.

One very important mention which needs to be made is to our organiser Frank Millwood. We really appreciate the time and work which goes into making days like this a success. You are a treasure Frank, and we extend sincere gratitude to you for a wonderful result.

A huge thank you also to Ian and his team from Can Assist for the generous morning tea and lunch. It was a day which required sustenance and warmth and we were very well cared for on both counts, with hot beverages, home-made treats and a sausage sizzle. AND a huge thank you to Kev's Quality Meats in Bradfordville – for their amazing donation of meat to cater at the BBQ lunch.

Our Club values the relationship we have with the hard working, industrious Can Assist as do we value our connections with local business such as the generous Kev's Quality Meats. A sincere thank you to both.

Here's Frank on the job ...





Our Secretary Ross and Can Assist's Ian pictured above.



Happy snaps from the Charity Ride Day. Keith pictured here before the start of the ride.



Lois, Namtan and Marj – warm smiles on a cold morning.

With predicted temperatures of 7 degrees, it was no surprise that by the end of the day, snow was falling in Crookwell, Bungendore and the Southern Highlands.

Well done to everyone who ventured out for the day.



Morning
Tea in
Goulburn

Lunch at
Marsden
Weir

Hello Tiny ↑ Hello Dave ↓





↑ Streets of Goulburn

← Wayne and Heather

↓ Supporting Can Assist



American Motorcycle Association



25 - 27 August 2017

Lois & Colin Jewell, Rob & Wendy Wallace and Wayne Adams attended the recent AMCA Australia National Meet held at Bulli.

The event was well supported and well organised. Attended by thousands over the three days, it was host to a great array of classic motorcycles of all makes and models.

AMCA does not have members, their focus is to allow all clubs to be represented and able to promote themselves and their 'brand'.

People's choice went to an Ariel Square Four and an impeccable Honda Four. Pictured below -



AMCA organisers reported the event has allowed a toe in the water for folks to pass the word for next year's event which is planned for 25th and 26th August 2018.

Perhaps we can pop this in our diary and organise a club ride spanning the two days.

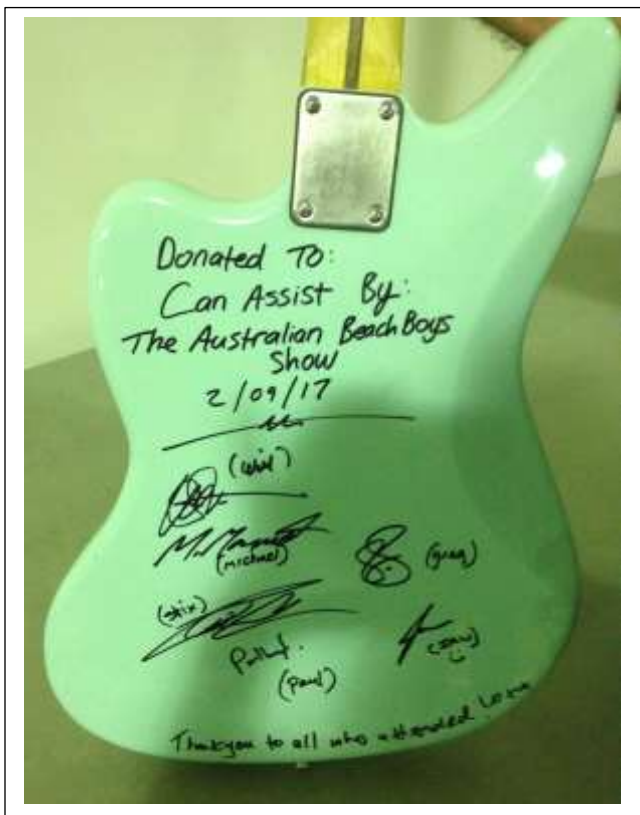
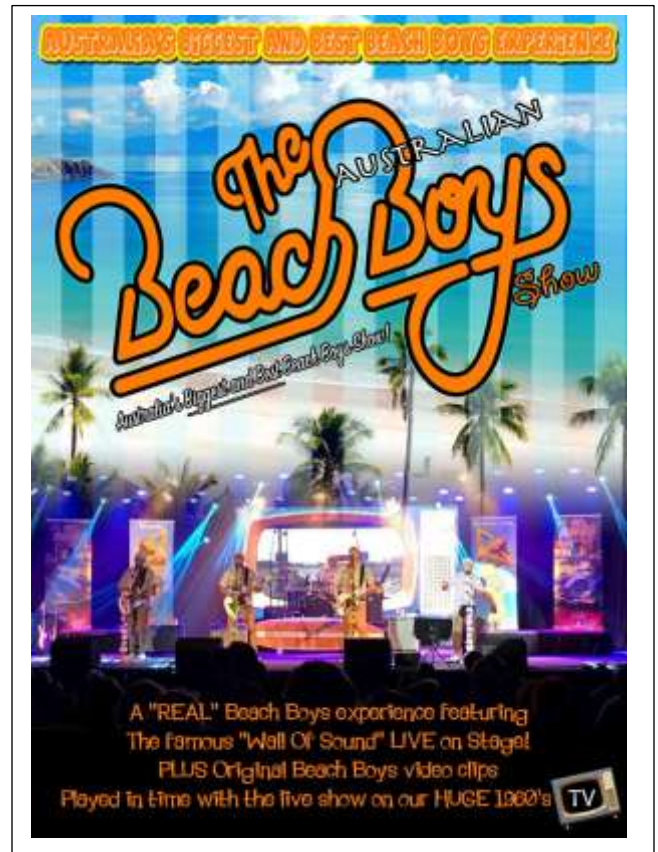
Here are a couple more photos to spark interest in making this an event on our ride calendar for next year. *Photographs kindly provided by AMCA Australia.*

*Beach Boys
Australia Concert*

Saturday 2 September 2017

A small group of our members – Lois, Colin, Ron, John, Dale, Chris, Mrs Chris and Ian - spent the most wonderful evening at Goulburn Workers' Club Auditorium last weekend. In support of Can Assist, Beach Boys Australia provided first class entertainment, and the Can Assist hosts offered many fund raising options throughout the night.

One deserving of special mention is the auction of an electric guitar which was donated by Beach Boys Australia, and which, after a bidding tussle, was won by Colin. An indication that, after a little dancing, a little more wine and good company, anything can happen. ...



.... and then came Colin's big opportunity.



What a spectacular performance, not easily forgotten I imagine, by anyone fortunate enough to be there on the night. Least of all Lois who said something like

'Oh Gosh!!'

SOCIAL PICS

Our Club, networking at its best -



Ron's new motorcycle arrives in Yass 😊



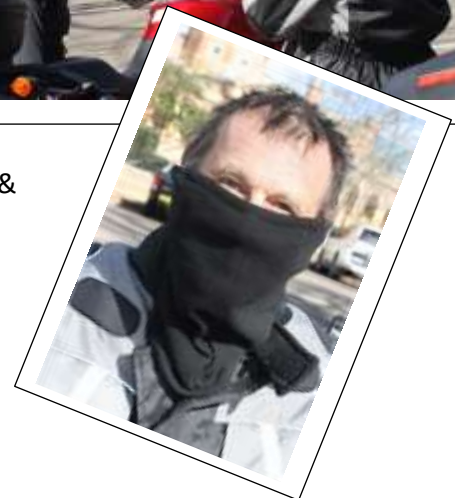
Wakefield Park – the event returns on 23 September this year.



Mischelle at Gundaroo for Christmas in July.



Mischelle &
Allan





WHAT'S ON



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Motorcycles at War theme

There will be a display table at Saturday's Presentation Dinner, and guests are invited to share military memorabilia that relates to family and friends.

Entry Forms available at –

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ALL HISTORIC RACING WAKEFIELD PARK 2017

A combined motorcycle and car meeting.
Wakefield Park Raceway
Saturday & Sunday, 23 & 24 September 2017

Wakefield management has invited CRCG to attend as per last year and to present a static display. A free entry pass will be issued to any club member who contributes to this display.

Bungendore and District BAD Club presents



30 September 2017

Near the park in Gibraltar Street Bungendore
From early until late

TARALGA TRACTOR FESTIVAL

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th November 2017

Taralga Showground



Organisers of the Festival are hoping to see our Club members once again, and offer space on the sports oval for a display of our motorcycles.

NEXT ISSUE

The Editor invites club members to contribute to our newly revived Magazine.

Please send articles/information of interest to Dale via her email address
doey8@bigpond.com

and include **Magazine Article** in the subject line.

Events and Outings

Projects

New purchases and the story of a new motorcycle
arrival

Rebuilds and Restoration – step by step progress

Photographs

The Editor would also like to include a Business Register to which all members can refer. We have an immense collection of skills and talent within our club, and a listing in this regard would be a handy 'go to'. Please share your business name and your preferred contact with Dale and we can include the detail in our next and each future issue.

