

- Secretary's Report – Cherrie Thrower

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2025/2026

Huge thank you to all our Committee and Club Members who have supported me during this year. The committee has met all the demands of the Club's business objectives and our members' needs for this financial year whilst having fun.

Our 2026 Motorcycle Only Swap Meet was a success even with the weather gods and petrol prices throwing us a curve ball. Of course, without our dedicated team of volunteers this would not have been possible – thank you all. Some of the funds raised have gone to worthwhile causes with some set aside for major upgrades of our Memorial site, part of which has already happened with the removal and replacement of some dead shrubs and trees at our last working bee in June.

Thank you to our wonderful Events Coordinator Chris Thrower, who with a little help (wink wink) pulled together some amazing new events such as the LAMS and Small Capacity and the Black and Dirty ride this year which we have already placed onto our 2027 calendar with the aim to run and improve on annually. The Annual Ride 2025 was very enjoyable, but our 2026 Annual Ride should be a better event with the introduction of two routes, one shorter for the older vintage bikes and another a bit longer for the classics, always seeking to improve.

Our star event for this year, however, was Hosting the Distinguished Gentleman's ride where we were overwhelmed by how Goulburn and how our motorcycling community supported Goulburn's 1st DGR. Goulburn raised almost \$17,000.00 towards this worthwhile cause for men's health and out of 1072 worldwide cities we came in at 128th place, out of the 40 Australian cities we ranked 16th. A totally amazing result and again not achievable without our dedicated host team, volunteers, community and members' support.

We welcomed 18 New Members during 2025/2026 and currently have 127 financial members plus 15 non-financial. Sadly, some members have resigned or moved on, and we say our farewells those who have passed away – John French, Barry Horne, David Brown and John Sample.

Our regular Tuesday and Sunday rides would not be achievable without our dedicated Club Captain Peter Grady and the enthusiastic members who attend the rides rain hail or shine.

Some of the changes our committee have done include more social gatherings with the introduction this year of for the Love of your Bike on Valentines Day and the Christmas in July. Thank you to Colin and Lois Jewell for their dedication and assistance with pulling these together.

The New Website and management of by Wendy Nichol is amazing to have up and running with any amendments needed made immediately. LNS Webhosting served us well, but we embrace the New Website with much more capabilities and once fully set up it will facilitate Memberships, Events and Regalia items payments and more – watch this space.

A huge shout out to our President Brad Nichol for his tireless work on our magazines and social media presence, which has bloomed and is what we need to encourage more younger members to continue to maintain our passion and carry the Club's banner into the future. Hopefully, they develop a love for more of the vintage style, not just the modern classics and keep those machines rolling. Our Clubs future will be in their hands one day, so we need to show them the way.

We have and will continue to support our local community, men's health, charities and do all we can to promote motorcycle restoration and riding the machines of the past today, as this is our passion.

Finalising the review of our Constitution was a relief, with members approving at our extraordinary meeting on the 14 July 2026, we now await the official acceptance from Fair Trading before implementation – Thank you everyone.

Like others here tonight, I love our Club and all that we do, regardless of tonight's outcome I will continue to be actively involved and support the Club's office bearers and members. I look forward to enjoying more good times, motorcycling on great roads in good company.

Respectfully yours

Cherrie Thrower