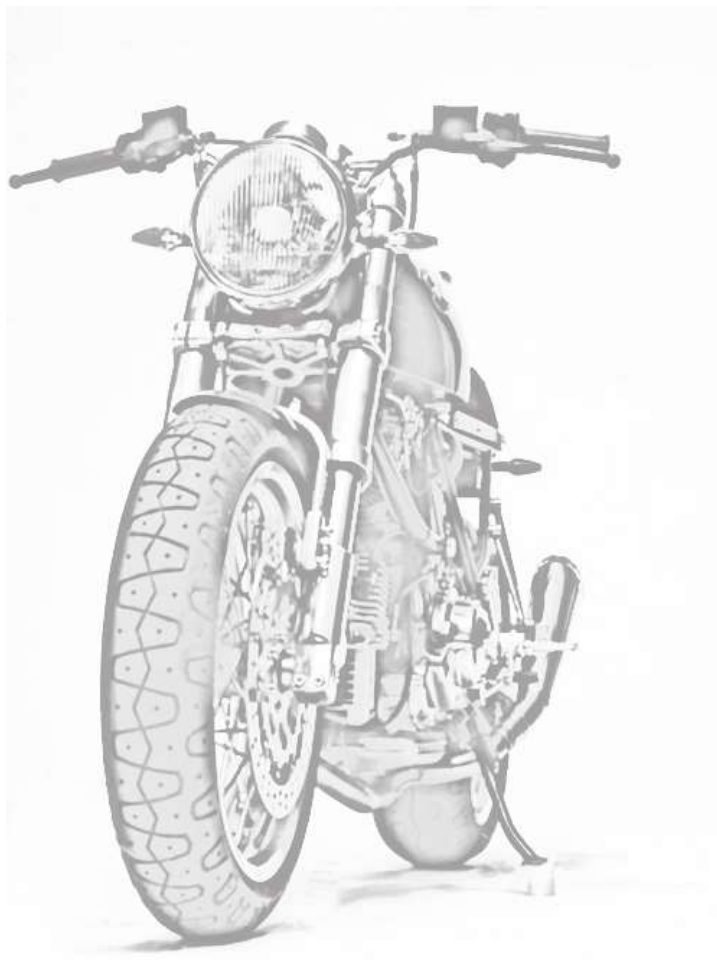


FOREVER YOUNG

CLASSIC RIDERS CLUB OF GOULBURN INC.

Our Magazine



March 2018 Edition

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EDITOR'S NOTE

I am so happy to offer you all, the third Forever Young publication since reinstating our Club Magazine. The opportunity to share events and information relating to members has been welcome to many. In particular, Jack Glisson, who expressed much joy at being able to read about club activities and thumb through photographs – the next best thing to being there in person. So supportive was Jack of a new magazine, that he had no hesitation in being the subject of our first 'member profile'.

With deep sadness now, we mourn Jack's passing ... and for each club member who knew him, so begins a time of reflection, of remembering days when the silhouette of man and bike could be seen heading off on a club ride. Early days solo, later days outfit. I offer you a tribute to Jack in the closing article of this issue.

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

President	Gary Suddull
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Magazine Editor	Dale Towell

Full details and contact numbers on website

MEMBER
REFLECTION :



A young Alec John (Jack) Glisson

21 November 1929
2 February 2018

Passed away peacefully at Thomas Eccles Gardens Yass, with his family by his side. Loving husband of Norma (deceased), cherished father of Jackie and Leanne, father-in-law of Bob. Adored Grampie to Cameron, Andrew, Jilly and their partners.

Loved old Grampie to Ewen and Liam.

Beloved Brother to Graham.

YASS RIDE TO RIVENDELL

28 December 2017

Our lovely friends from Yass spent the morning at Rivendell for a post Christmas catch up - promised with scones, jam and cream, blessed with lovely weather - a wonderful morning, despite the surprise visit by a tiger snake.

For lunch, everyone rode to The George Hotel in Bungendore ... more eating, more laughing, more happy story telling.

Club life brings people together, it draws those with a common interest to places they might not necessarily go if travelling 'solo', and it provides a safety in knowing we ride with good company.



John & Dale invite



Participants in the club ride scheduled for
Sunday 13th May
to Rivendell for lunch

Currawang - Tarago - Doughboy -
Tarago (Loaded Dog Rally Static Display)
12.00 midday
Please call 0422 367 011 to advise attendance

91st AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX CELEBRATION

Sunday, 14 January 2018

At Goulburn Showground, a large plaque announces the First Australian Grand Prix.

Long known for being host to Australia's First Motorcycle Grand Prix, Goulburn was discovered to be the location of Australia's First Grand Prix.

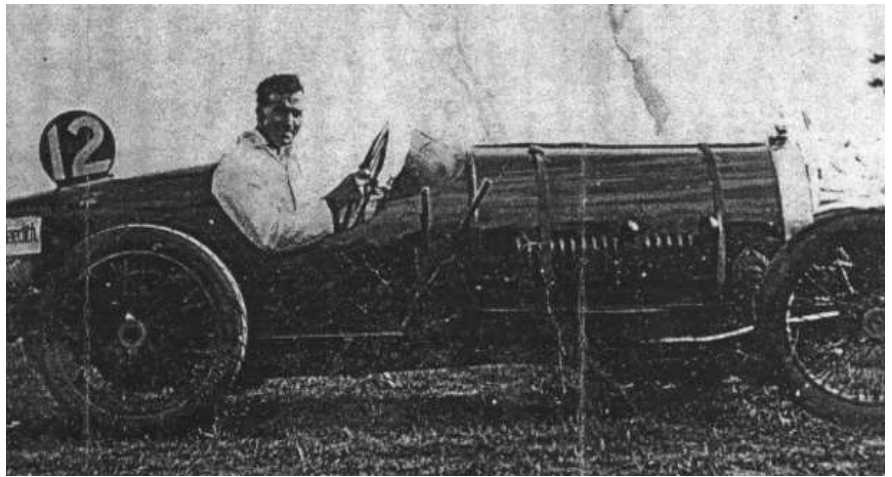
David Manson (Historian), found reference to this in the early 1980's. In a Sydney newspaper, it was stated that Goulburn, on 15th January 1927, held the first Grand Prix. This prompted further research from which came confirmation.

Not until 5 December 2001 however, did this fact become formally recognised when, at a meeting of the Golden Era Auto Racing Club Inc. (GEAR), the event was flagged for showcasing.

Street displays were set in place. A parade of racing cars and other vintage models commenced at the showground where the first Grand Prix had been held, the 75th anniversary plaque was unveiled and a parade of cars on the original track, a draft horse cavalcade and a fly over, launched this celebration of the Australian Grand Prix.

Five years later, the 80th Anniversary was celebrated and the inaugural Goulburn Bowl was introduced to Wakefield Park as an hour long regularity event for various categories of cars of the Golden Era.

In 2012, the 85th Anniversary again drew interest world wide and in 2017, the 90th Anniversary was celebrated with an unveiling of a memorial to the First Australian Grand Prix for All Powers Racing Cars. The winner of this at the time was Geoffrey Charles Edwin Meredith, a resident of Windellama. Unveiled by Meredith's second cousin, this plaque sits proudly alongside a history board display of the event.



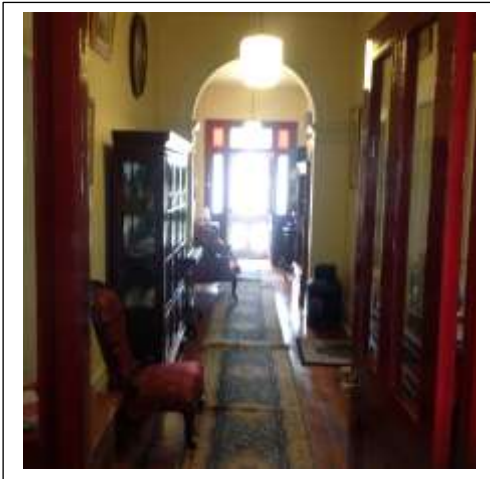
Geoff Meredith aboard his Bugatti T30 at Goulburn during his victorious AGP meeting in 1927.

Geoff was a top NSW driver of the day - comfortable on the daunting Maroubra Speedway in Sydney, a Goulburn local, sheep grazier, resident of Windellama. His 2 litre straight-8 Bugatti T30 won a 50 pound prize purse. 'The Bug' remains in Australia. Meredith died of pneumonia contracted by exposure to the elements at the Isle of Man. He was there in a support role to a group of Australian riders at the time of his death, less than 12 months after his AGP win.

To celebrate the 91st year since first running of this event, a gathering of older cars and motorcycles was planned by Celebrate Goulburn - participants first meeting at the Goulburn Showground, travelling from there to 'Buburba', one of Meredith's properties situated at Windellama and enjoying a social occasion appropriate to the great significance of this moment in history.



The beautiful 'Buburba', and our club members enjoying celebrations for the 91st Anniversary of the Australian Grand Prix. *Photos thanks to – Mischelle Lees and Wayne Adams.*



THE GREAT SOUTHERN MOTORCYCLE ONLY SWAP MEET

Sunday, 21st January 2018

There's no doubt that an event involving many people and many contingencies, will offer challenges and perhaps a few sleepless nights. Credit then, to all the organisers and all the support crew for every Swap Meet our Club has hosted in the years since the very first one, in 1995.

I set off in the wake of our most recent Swap Meet, to reveal a little history – and, returned with much delight, not only with information of that very first event, but photographs – thanks to our Historian, Wayne Adams.

One article of interest, was a note to members in 1995, reminding them of the coming event and a little bit about what to expect. Interesting also, that these details could well have been sent out for this year's Swap Meet. All relevant points, all valid requirements- it went something like this ...

Don't forget the swap meet is just around the corner. This is our major fund raiser and we have a commitment to erecting a monument on the Bungonia Road to commemorate the 1924 GP and our vast motorcycling history. This is our chance to do something for motorcycling and the people of Goulburn. Please get behind this project. Contact Don about help with :

1. *Setting up Saturday – involves marking out of sites and collection of money on the gate.*
2. *Club display of bikes.*
3. *Club stand selling T-shirts, belt buckles etc.*
4. *Breakfast cooking 6.00am till 12.*
5. *Clean up of area.*

Don't leave it for the few to do the work. Donate a few hours of your time just once a year to support your club and its ideals.

See Just Bikes' Advertisement in the January edition. A chance to work with the Canberra Boys and their race program at Wakefield Park.

The Swap Meet was the brainchild of our then President, Don Anabel. It was the first Motorcycle only Swap Meet in NSW. Wayne says – 'we did everything – gate, raffles, meals etc. On the Sunday we would all go out to a Chinese Restaurant and celebrate all the hard work. Without these Swap Meets we would never have been able to build and celebrate our history.

Every year, it gets bigger and bigger and is now one of the premium Swap Meets in Australia for motorcycle restorers, traders and lookers. Many of us have been to every one and we have been there through rain, cold, and boiling hot days. All good fun.'

(Spokes)

The Great Southern

MOTORCYCLE ONLY SWAP MEET

at
**GOULBURN
SHOWGROUND**

First swap of the year
**SUNDAY 15th January
1995**

Gates open 6.00am. Sites only \$5 and lookers \$2.00. Breakfast and drinks available.



Bookings and Information, Classic Riders Club of Goulburn. S.T.D 048 Don 21 3953 Wayne 21 7566 Geoff 21 7257 and Keith 21 6213.

Just Bikes, NO trash and treasure.

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Wayne Adams (Spokes), pictured above cooking for the Saturday night crowd. Gosh, you've been barbequing for a long time in support of our Club activities, Mr Adams – no wonder you are so good at the job.

Top – the flyer way back in 1995.

1995 Photographs thanks to Wayne.



Sunday Morning Breakfast
1995 Swap Meet
Members Mick Jackson and Doug Burrows



Selling raffle tickets and club gear.
1995 Swap Meet
Fundraising efforts under the Club
information tent.



A scene from the Classic Riders' Club of
Goulburn's first Swap Meet
Sunday, 15 January 1995
Goulburn Showground

Twenty three years from that first adventure, Classic Riders Club of Goulburn continues to set the example for fine trade. And our Club continues to strive for improvements – this year our location change (still within the bounds of the Goulburn Showground) accommodated a predicted swell in numbers.

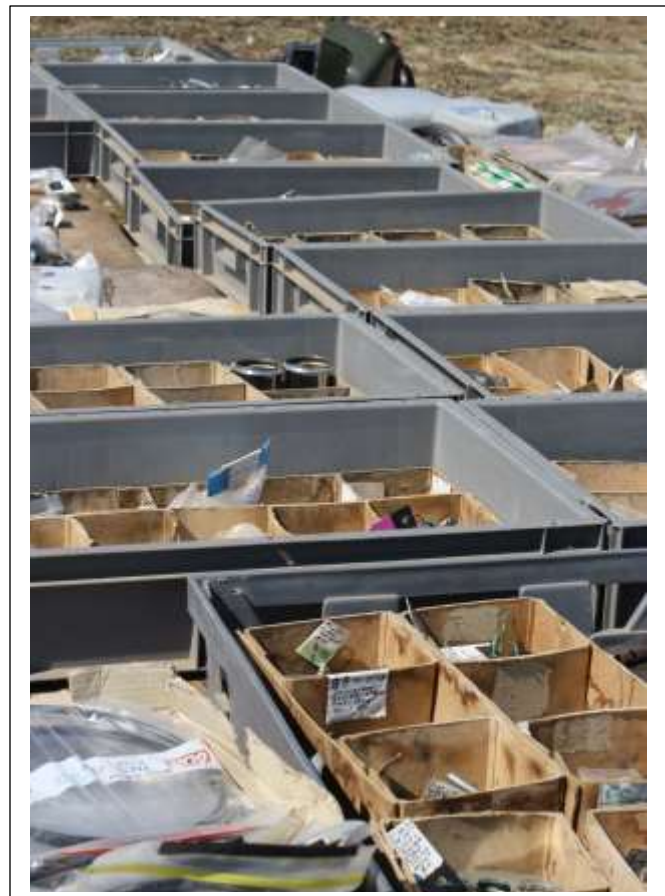
Held on Sunday 21st January, coordinated by our 2018 Swap Meet Committee – Colin Jewell, Charles Hillier and Leon Williamson – and under the intense heat of high 30 degree temperatures, the end result was another successful event. Raising a total income of \$11,067.40, offset by expenses of \$3,579.34, the Club raised \$7,488.06 for it's yearly top up.

A full report of the day will be included in our February meeting minutes, but to note an increase in stall holders and the assistance granted us by Goulburn's Show Society, is a wonderful chance to endorse our 2018 Swap Meet as a great weekend all round. The invaluable assistance of each club member and visitor who gave countless hours to the task of setting up, gate keeper duty, parking, crowd control, traffic guidance and site clean up, is to be applauded.

With sincere thanks to Colin, Charles, Leon and all members who assisted them, we invite you to enjoy happy snaps of the day in progress.



Keith Speers, Tony Gosling, Vince Graham





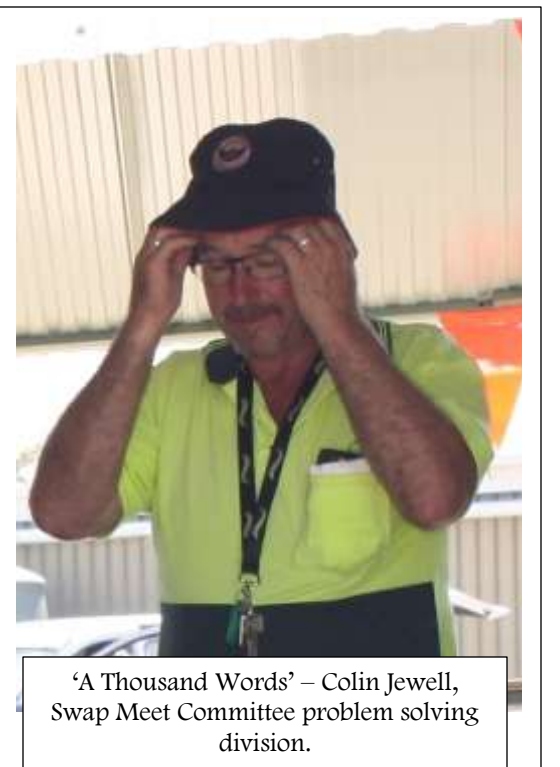
Leon Williamson, Lois Jewell, Namtan Williamson (left photo), Colin Jewell, John Towell, Bruce Tinsley, Lois Jewell (right photo).



GREAT SOUTHERN MOTORCYCLE GOULBURN SWAP MEET 2018



Bruce Tinsley in Jed Clampett's hat – a golden treasure – that's you *and* the hat Bruce. Look out for our Vice President in the Goulburn Post.



'A Thousand Words' – Colin Jewell, Swap Meet Committee problem solving division.

ANNUAL CLUB RIDE 2018

26, 27, 28 October - Save
the Date

One of the tasks at this year's Swap Meet was to present Can Assist with the money they raised through their contribution of our 2017 Annual Ride catering. This lovely group of volunteers, long time supporters of our Club, provided last year's Ride weekend with Saturday and Sunday breakfast. Thank you once again to Ian McMurdo and his 'gang' for everything – delicious food, happy interaction and generous indulgence of our many and varied requirements.

Looking forward now to this year's Annual Ride, the date has been set as Friday 26th October, Saturday 27th October and Sunday 28th October. Planning is already underway but entry forms are not yet available. If you would like to attend however, please keep this weekend in your diary free to come along and enjoy our Club's hospitality.

Following such a lovely response to our *Motorcycles at War* theme for 2017, and as Annual Ride Director once again, I am happy to announce that this year's theme will be the *BSA Motorcycle*.

BSA's adventure began in 1861 in England. The company was founded by fourteen gunsmiths – Birmingham Small Arms Trade Association – who supplied arms to the British government during the Crimean War. As the gun trade declined, BSA began to manufacture bicycles in 1880 and the first motorcycle was produced in 1903. A prototype BSA automobile was produced in 1907.

So, we have a lot to talk about relating to this marque theme. But certainly, this theme does not limit ride entries to BSA owners. Every make and year model of motorcycle in existence is welcome to join us for the weekend. The purpose of a 'theme' is to provide a focal point of interest. As the years progress, I anticipate that all motorcycle manufacturers will 'have their moment' and the interest inspired by a theme each year adds



Presentation of proceeds earned by Can Assist during our Annual Ride 2017

Club Vice-President Bruce Tinsley and Swap Meet Coordinator Colin Jewell
pictured on right.

Photograph taken at our 2018 Swap Meet, *compliments of Goulburn Post*

just another layer to a weekend of club activity. A layer which we hope will prompt much discussion.

Many motorcycle fans have machines at home which aren't ever taken out on the road ... but which are very much worth admiring. They are the results of much hard work and may be incomplete/unfinished, only for show or spread out in a number of boxes like a puzzle waiting to be put together.

If all goes to plan, our Annual Ride will include a static display featuring BSA motorcycles, and hence provide the opportunity for all BSA owners – that is, whether participating in the ride itself or presenting a trailer or ground display - to share their pride and joy.

Why the choice of BSA?

We have particularly fine examples of this marque within our club and the opportunity to exhibit them in one line up would be fantastic.

Also, Jack Glisson's pet motorcycle was a BSA and it seems appropriate, given that he won't be with us for the ride, to offer a place for his Amron II to feature.

Mostly though, this year is significant for BSA motorcycles - the 2018 international BSA rally is being held in Australia (Victoria). Our focus on the

BSA will not only support this great event, but give participating BSA riders a pre-international rally tune up.

Our organising team this year is coming together and we welcome any ideas or suggestions from members. As much as possible we will aim to please as many of you as we can, and within the constraints of organisational ups and downs, we hope to offer another ride weekend that provides a wonderful opportunity to enjoy motorcycles, friends, Goulburn hospitality and Classic Riders' Club generosity in their hosting of this event.

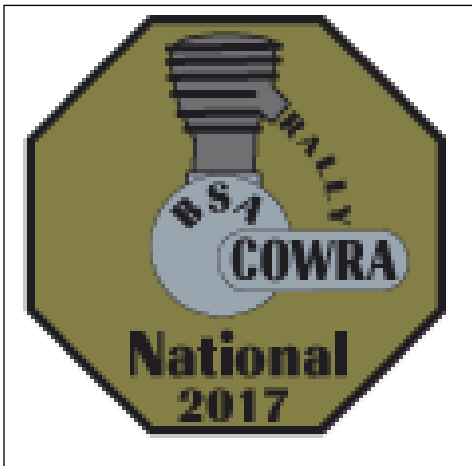
We look forward to seeing everyone who attended last year, all those who didn't and wish they had, all those who couldn't but can this time and all those who we can coax into coming for the very first time, just to see if they like what we have to offer.



OUT & ABOUT

Geoff Bland and Tony Gosling – trophy winners in their category at the 13th National BSA Annual Rally held in Cowra and running for three days from Friday 13 October to Sunday 15 October 2017.

The BSA National Rally event is held annually, hosted by each of the four Australian BSA clubs in rotation. As such both the date and location will vary from year to year and the rally is never held in the same location twice.



**Congratulations Geoff,
Congratulations Tony**

Thank you Wayne Adams for the photographs.



Pictured (left) at Gunning, Linton Towell, Ron Barton and John Towell – Sunday 11 February – morning tea at the Merino Café Gunning, a ride to Dalton and Grabben Gullen, then return to Gunning Hotel for lunch.

At the Big Merino Goulburn (right) before heading home. What a lovely day!

Pictured at Woodstock pub, Wayne Adams' 1969 Norton. Three days on the road and over 350kms without missing a beat. Not bad for a bike that was laid up for twenty years.

Photograph provided by Wayne – out and about in October last year.





Photograph above left was taken during our Sunday Annual Ride morning tea.

Last month, Marj and Keith Speer visited Laggan to present the Laggan Hall Community group with this photograph as a thank you for their wonderful support of our club event.

Photograph above right shows Keith with some of the wonderful ladies who provided the morning tea for our Saturday ride.

Photos compliments of Marj and Keith



CRCG
Swap
Meet

January
2018

Goulburn
Showground

MEMORIAL TO JACK GLISSON

Sunday, 18 February 2018

A few weeks ago John and I visited Jack Glisson in Yass Hospital – a journey that many club members made, in the knowledge that Jack was very ill and the visit would be to say goodbye.

It was just after Christmas – his happy face greeted us as we walked into his hospital room ... and we chatted for a few hours. With extreme clarity, he said – *'I'm on my way out – but I'm comfortable here and I won't know, I'll just go to sleep.'*

The directness of this statement and the bravery with which it was delivered was a little overwhelming. He went on to say *'If I kick on, it will be embarrassing, as I've said goodbye to everyone.'*

I have to admit, that following his bubbly conversation and the strength of his humour, I went away that day thinking that with a managed diet and a few months rest, he would be as good as new.

For the first issue member's profile of Forever Young, I chatted with Jack for some time. That was in October last year. He admitted to asking the doctor how much time he had left. The Doctor's reply was 'months', and Jack said *'well in that case I'll take 36 as I'll need that long to finish my bike.'*

But despite the optimism, despite Jack's full head of hair, Christmas beard, broad smile and bright eyes, despite his sharp mind and his skill at working through all the necessary steps at this point in his life, his body wasn't sufficiently strong to pull through for the task of finishing his motorcycle.

Jack left us on 2 February, but only in a physical sense. The friends he gathered and the memories he created during his 88 years remain.

Jack was a life member and Patron of our Club. Many know him much better than I, but of him, what I did know, I liked – a whole lot. He talked about his wife Norma and of being with her again. Just the mention of her name brought a release of new life

into his voice. Jack said *'but it's all a bit silly'*. I said *'no not silly at all.'* ... he required no reassurance. He believed there would be a reunion. What a brave man. He faced his life – head on, first with his wife Norma right by his side, later after her death, having her firmly within his heart and he faced his death - in the last little while, looking forward to embracing her once more.

Any of us who had the chance to bid farewell, could find comfort in his resolve. A comfort which he offered generously as a gift of friendship shared.

Our gift to Jack now as his much loved Club, will be to honour his wish for a place at the Monument.

At the Celebration of Jack's life, we were offered a kind hand, extended by Jack's family as they acknowledged the strong part that our Club played in Jack's life. We saw a slice of his 88 years and it was no surprise that at each stage documented, there was a bike of some description in the same 'frame'.

This article can hardly give justice to such a life, and the stories offered by Jack's daughter Jackie and his brother Graham, were a tantalising hint of how thoroughly and sincerely, Jack enjoyed every day.

In the time Jack was a member of our Club, he developed many strong relationships. He was riding right up to a short time before his death and the plans he had for the machines and projects in his shed never dwindled in strength.

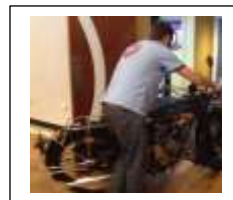
Remembered fondly and with great respect - not just for his contribution to club life and his knowledge of the motorcycle, but for the many enduring friendships – Jack will remain very much a significant part of Classic Riders' Club Goulburn.

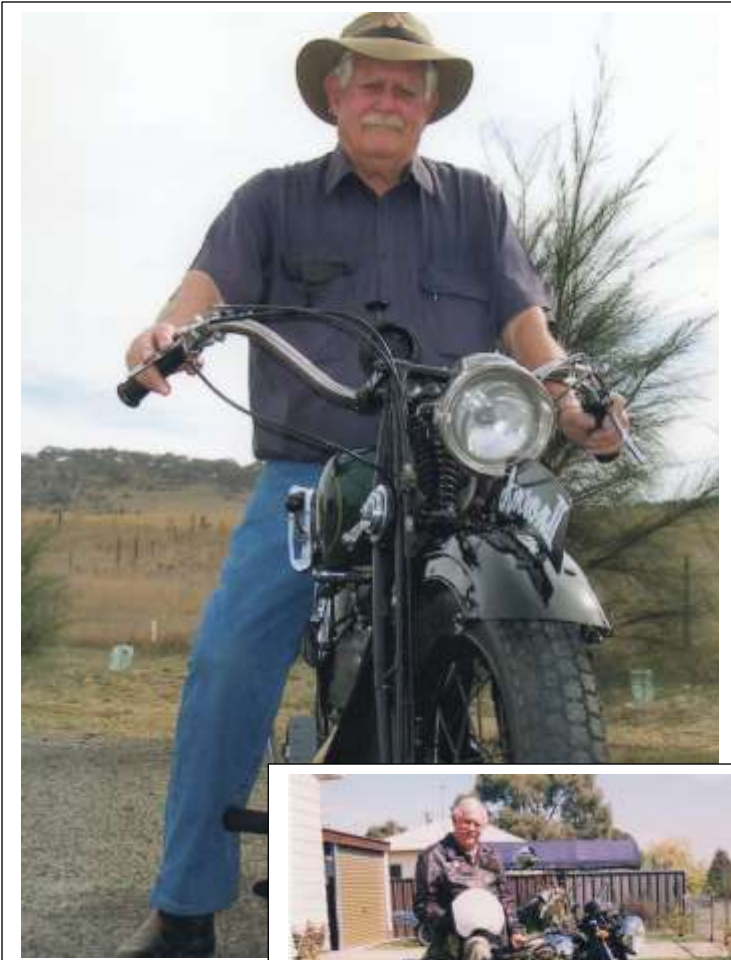
It was determined at our last meeting that every year, our first club run in February would be named the Jack Glisson Memorial Ride. A time for us to enkindle the 'Jack story' and reflect on a friendship which extends beyond temporal boundaries.

(Article published with the approval of Jack's family.)



Club members in attendance at the Celebration of Jack's Life - Yass Soldier's Club, Sunday 18 February 2018 – *photo thanks to Jan Tinsley.*





A Poem for Jack

We should shed a tear
We should hint a smile
Lower heads in despair
Laugh the longest while

We should close our eyes and remember
Our hand upon our hearts
The love we once shared
And the distance now apart.

For the years that have passed
And the years still to come
We have our time together
When all our time is done.

And when we feel the need to chat
And there's no one there to listen
All we need do is close our eyes
And recall our friend Jack Glisson.

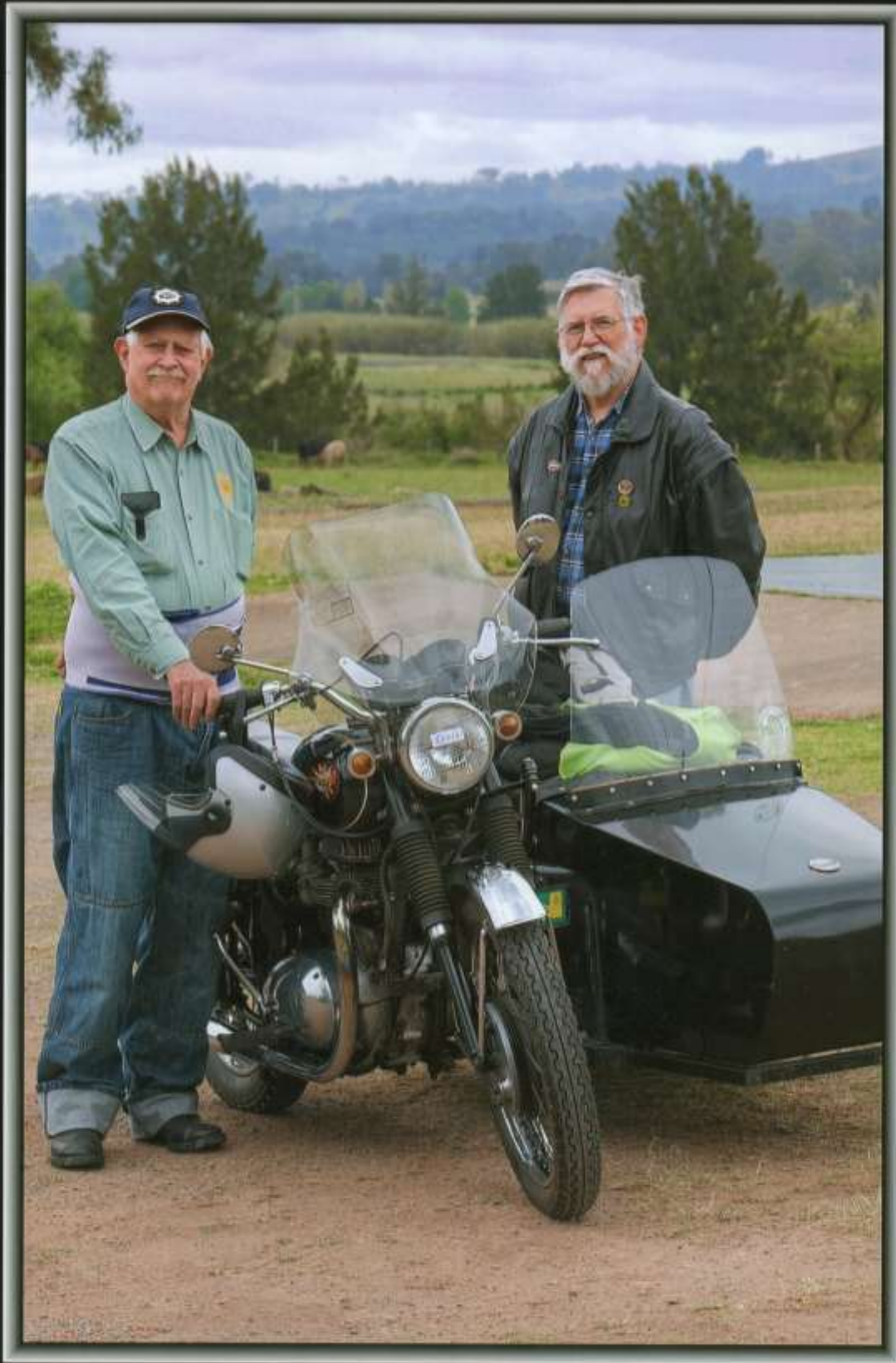
For he lives forever in the hearts he knew
And his journey now seems sad
But the life he lived, the friendships that grew
Are blessed for the times they had.

Rest in peace my friend, although,
This world is less without you
We will often times reflect and so
Our strength will see each day through.

For each ride, every journey we make
Our thoughts will be of you often
But each year, first run in February
It's your run, never ever forgotten.

written by Dale Towell





Jack and Graham Glisson
BSA Rally 2010

WHAT'S ON

Wagga Wandering Tiddler Run at Tarcutta

Saturday, 24 March

Charity Ride

Sunday, 22 April

Please contact Frank Millwood if you would like to assist.

Lunch at Rivendell, Braidwood Static Rally Display – Loaded Dog Tarago

Sunday, 13 May

Shoalhaven Historic Vehicle Club – National Motoring Heritage Day at Berry Showground

Sunday, 20 May

Remember our Supporters for the Annual Ride 2017

Goulburn Workers' Club
Goulburn Tourist Centre
Can Assist
Gunning Public School
Rotary of Goulburn
Laggan Community Hall Committee
Tony Nixon, Southern Highlands Trophies
Steve Ruddell and Corby Leah
Goulburn Embroidery
Cake Wizard
Goulburn Police
David Schweers – Shannons
Old Bike Australasia Magazine
Lucerne on Fernberg B&B in Brisbane

and our SPONSORS

Peter Scott Stihl Shop
Goulburn Engineering
South Goulburn Caravan Park
Goulburn Produce
Jewell Builders
Goulburn Power Centre
eMillie
BCF Fishing Shop
Goulburn Electrical Wholesalers
Auto One
Worklocker
Goulburn Super Cheap Auto

BUSINESS REGISTER

*A listing of business contacts within our Club
Please give your details to Dale if you would like your business added*

MJM Custom Motorbike Seats

Mick McCarthy
02 4821 6166

[Motorbike seats/upholstery](#)

Can Assist Goulburn & District

Ian McMurdo
0419 147 099

[Cancer Assistance Network](#)

Wombermere B&B Goulburn

Leon Williamson & Sasithorn Prasert
0412 060 655

[Short Term Accommodation](#)



Jewell Builders

Colin Jewell
0418 482 630
(02) 4821 1459

[Green Smart Professional Licensed Builder](#)

R&B Abrasive Blasting

Rob & Bronwyn Temple
0428 214 653

[Surface Preparation Specialists](#)

Celebrant Services

Dale Towell
0422 367 011

[Weddings, Baby Namings, All Occasions](#)

Space available 'here' for more business notices

Classic Riders Club of Goulburn Inc

27th Annual Classic Ride

Friday 26th October 2018

Registration meet and greet

Saturday 27th October 2018

Saturday ride and presentation evening

Sunday 28th October 2018

Sunday ride



All makes and year models of motorcycle welcome for our Annual Ride.

The chance to win –

Best pre 1931
Best 1931 – 1940
Best 1941 – 1950
Best 1951 – 1960
Best 1961 – 1970
Best 1971 – 1980
Best 1981 - 1988

Best Modern
Best British
Best European
Best American
Best Japanese
Best Outfit

Best Trike/Spyder
Best Unrestored
Best BSA display

Youngest rider, oldest bike combo
Oldest rider/
bike combo

Queen of the Rally
Club Choice

To honour this year's theme, BSA entries will be offered the option of a static display. All other motorcycles must be ridden.

This year's theme – BSA Marque



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.

Questions to the Rally Director on 0422 367 011 most welcome.

The Editor invites club members to contribute to our 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

Details also welcome for our Business Register to which all members can refer.
We have an immense collection of skills and talent within our club - please
share your business name and your preferred contact with Dale and your
details will be added to our next and each future issue.

