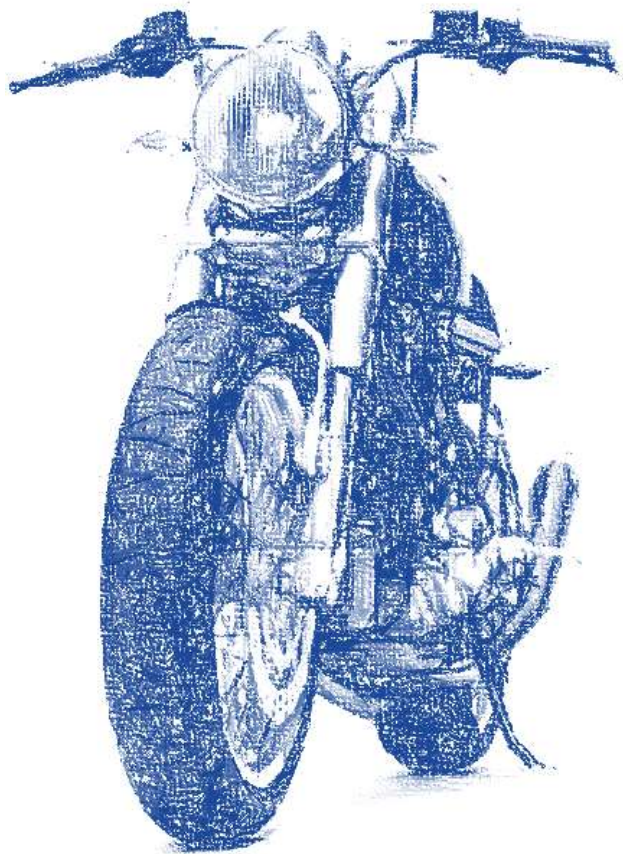


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CLASSIC RIDERS CLUB OF GOULBURN INC.

Our Magazine



30th Anniversary Ride & Christmas Lunch Issue

Summer 2021-22 Edition

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EDITOR'S NOTE

It's always difficult to approach the subject of 'goodbyes', and having to remember two of our club members in this issue has been particularly challenging.... For me personally, as both were good friends, and for our club as a whole, having to bid farewell to men such as Wayne Adams and Pete (Solly) Solomons. But, beyond first thinking there 'are no words', I have prepared a tribute to each, tributes from the heart which reflect so many who had the good fortune to know these two gentlemen.

Our combined mini annual ride and Christmas lunch seem like a while ago now, but it marked the start of summer and was somewhat a 'drought breaker' for most of those who hadn't ridden over the time of designated restrictions.

Happy news from this event begins our Summer magazine. There's a lot here to share.

Stay positive everyone, look after yourselves, 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 around 135 members and 120 motor cycles on Club Plates. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at Goulburn Workers' Club, commencing 7.30pm.

New members welcome and information available at :
www.classicridersclubgoulburn.com.au

CRCG COMMITTEE

Elected

President	Bruce Tinsley
Vice President	Gary Suddull
Secretary	Dale Towell
Assistant Secretary	Mischelle Lees
Treasurer	Charles Hillier
Public Officer	Ross Gilchrist
Club Captain	Frank Millwood
Events Director	
Magazine Editor	Dale Towell

Appointed

Publicity Officer	Wayne Adams
Regalia Officer	Ron Barton
Equipment Officer	Wayne Adams
Monument Warden	Celia Suddull
Assistant Monument Warden	Paul Fitzgibbon

Swap Meet Team

Geoff Bland
Wayne Adams
Bruce Tinsley
Charles Hillier
Mischelle Lees
Gary Suddull
Dale Towell

Rally Director 2021

Dale Towell

Machine Examiners & Registration Officers

Richard Corbet (Goulburn)
Chris Parlett (Goulburn)
Wayne Price (Goulburn)
John French (Bowral)
Craig Southwell (Gunning)
Ron Barton (Yass)

Club Patron

Vacant

Life Members

Wayne Adams (deceased)
Richard Corbet
Howard Kneebone
Ross Gilchrist
Mischelle Lees

Website Manager

Secretary

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30th ANNIVERSARY RIDE & CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Taralga Historical Museum

Bringing everyone
together

5 December 2021

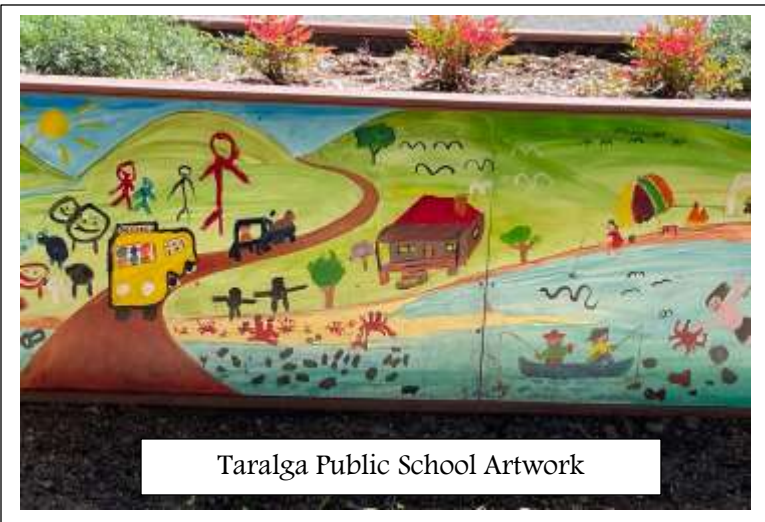
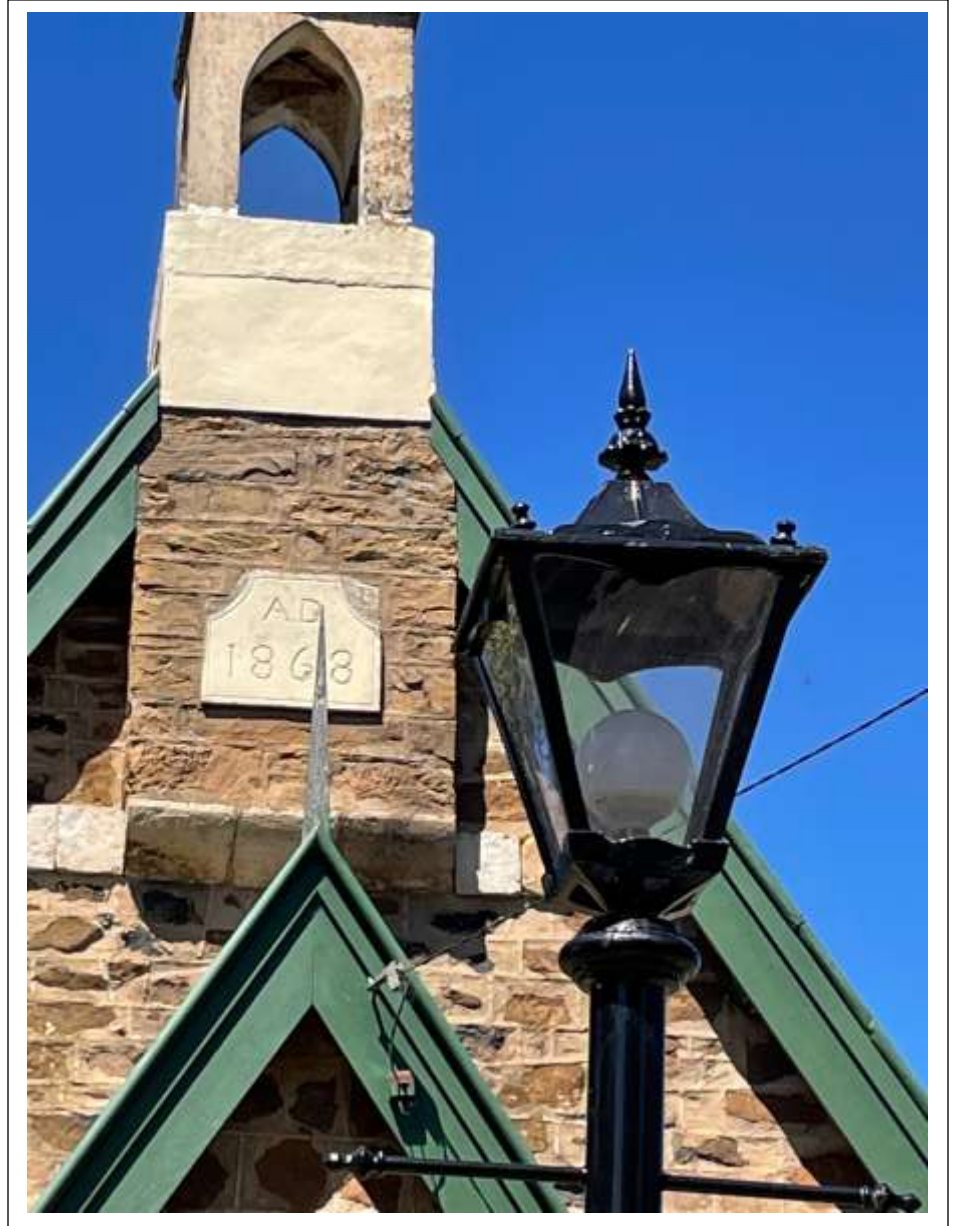
An opportunity to group together became possible with a little window where Mr Covid permitted us to make plans. Knowing 'he' might change tack at any time, we simplified things to a mini ride and lunch combined. ... and so launched the 30th Anniversary Ride and Christmas lunch.

Further simplification came with the venue – our place – to avoid booking, cancelling and any inconvenience or expense which may have been the result.

We began the day with morning tea, and time to chat. Our Crookwell leg to the journey was abandoned when it looked more than a bit like rain, in favour of a ride directly to Taralga and back.

Whilst at Taralga, our party stopped over to visit the Historical Museum. an outing made possible by Maureen Long who opened up the Museum for the day.

Returning to Goulburn, we had a head count of 55 for Christmas lunch – a feast of ham steaks, pineapple, salad, and dessert, thanks to Carol James and her Rotary gang.



Taralga Public School Artwork



Saving the past for future generations

The Taralga Historical Society was started in September, 1972 - to preserve the history of Taralga and its surrounding areas. The founding members were able to procure the Methodist Church to become their home and the place to display our history. Over time, the museum has grown to include:

The Shearing shed and Blacksmith's shop - Displayed in this area are many items from the early days in both these trades. Sheep played a large part in the history of Taralga.

The Nissen Hut - Built from two sheds donated to the Society by Goulburn Workers Club from the village of sheds that had housed immigrants in the 1950s. Two of the sheds were pulled down and re-erected in the Museum grounds to form one shed. The combined shed was opened on 11/11/2011 to display memorabilia from local men and women who served our country in conflicts since the start of World War 1.

The sandstone memorial - Constructed in 1995 to commemorate the many young people of the district who died in tragic circumstances in the past 25 years since the formation of the Historical Society. The dedication Service was conducted by ministers from the three Churches in Taralga being the Anglican, Presbyterian and Catholic faiths.

The Bullock Wagon - On display in the grounds of the Museum. It was built in 1901 for Matthew Hillas of "Hillsmount" Bannaby, to transport wool and other produce to and from Sydney. It was restored in 2003 in memory of Bannaby pioneers courtesy of Mr Ernie Stephenson.

The Lych gate - At the entrance to the museum grounds, in memory of Edwin and Gertrude Johns' family who came to Myrtleville in the early 1900s. Much of the machinery in the grounds of the museum was left to the society by their son, the late Aubrey Johns, including a very rare windmill.

The Rose garden - Commenced in 1998, containing sixty rose bushes donated by local families, organisations and members. The roses bound the "Alders Circle," and the bird bath, in memory of the pioneering Alders Family. The archway at the entrance of the rose garden was erected by the Marmont family.

The mile pegs - marking the miles leading from the six roads out of Taralga to (1) Goulburn (2) Crookwell, (3) Golspie, (4) Oberon, (5) Wombeyan caves and (6) Bannaby.

Cordingley Cottage - Built as our By-centennial project and opened on 2 April 1988. The cottage was reconstructed from the original home on the Big Hill Property formally owned by Mr Albert Bunter, then Miss Birdie Ayre and her sister Mrs Ivy Cordingley. Members of the Society dismantled the building and rebuilt it in the grounds of the Historical Society. It has been furnished in the colonial period as lived in by early Australian families by items donated to the Society.

The slab dairy - Built to commemorate the flourishing dairy industry in the era from the turn of the century until the 1950s. At one time there were 168 dairy farms in the Taralga District. The last one to close was the one belonging to the Blay family at Myrtleville in 1996.

(Extract from the Historical Museum's website)



Big thank you to Maureen Long at Taralga's Historical Museum, for the terrific welcome offered to our club members on the day of our Anniversary Ride.



Allan Lees



Eric Weston



Bron Temple



Charles Hillier



Phil Ross



Paul Fitzgibbon



Tony Gosling





Mischelle Lees



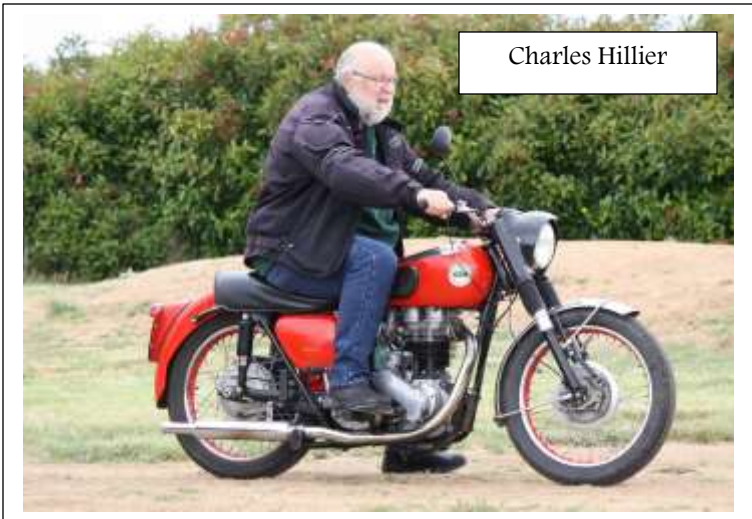
Tony Gosling



Kaj Neilsen & Steve Edwards



Bruce Tinsley



Charles Hillier



John Towell



Bron Temple
with
Mischelle Lees
Queen of the
Rally

Guest appearance - 1991 model ridden on the first leg by Allan Lees - sharing the club's 30th birthday.



Mischelle Lees' 1949 Ariel NH350 – the same bike Shell rode, in the Club's first rally.



Trophy Winners for 2021

Each trophy provided by Jeff Skillen and engraved by Bowral Trophies.
Thanks Bruce for organising.

Trophy	Motorcycle	Recipient
Best Modern	2004 Kawasaki W650	Eric Weston
Best British	1969 BSA Firebird A65F	Bruce Tinsley
Best European	1971 Moto Guzzi V7 Special	Ross Gilchrist
Best American	Harley Davidson	Bron Temple
Best Japanese	1993 Suzuki GSX 1100	Craig St Vincent
Best Outfit	1985 BMW K100	Dave Mead
Best Unrestored	1983 Suzuki GR	Amy Williamson
Best Trike/Spyder	2019 Can Am Ryker	Frank Dean
Oldest Rider/Oldest Bike	1954 Nimbus STD 750	Kaj Nielsen
Youngest Rider/Oldest Bike	1983 Suzuki GR	Amy Williamson
Keith Speer Award	BSA	Tony Gosling
Queen of the Rally	1949 Ariel NH350	Michelle Lees
Club Choice	1954 Nimbus STD 750	Kaj Nielsen

Congratulations to all our trophy recipients and thank you to everyone for joining us on the day.



Kaj & Maureen Nielsen – winners of the Club Choice



Bruce and his BSA + pit crew – Charles and Ross.



Jan Penon (Tiny) with his Royal Enfield and Ross Gilchrist with his Moto Guzzi



Dave Mead receiving his trophy



John and Allan admiring Kaj's 1954 Nimbus, the winner of our Club Choice Trophy



First on Trailer

We had a great little helper in Brad, who volunteered to drive ‘back up’ for the Anniversary ride day. He headed out with fuel, tools, stopped to tighten up his Dad’s exhaust flange on the way – or I should say, the exhaust flange on his Dad’s Norton - and came back with an empty trailer.

So, it was a good day’s work. ... and our First on Trailer trophy went begging.

That would have remained the case, if our President Bruce Tinsley had not ridden out the gate after Mischelle Lees, when everyone left for home.

As it happened, when Bruce was on his way along Windellama Road, he came across Mischelle who had stopped to call us for assistance. Being very ‘helpful’ (and having the trophy in his car), Bruce presented Shell with the First on Trailer award, and, knowing John was on his way with our trailer, continued home.

Now, that wasn’t quite the ending our ‘Queen of the Rally’ might have wished for, but it was a story worth sharing. Pictures tell the rest



CLUB SERVICE AWARD 2021

Ross Gilchrist

Since the introduction of this award at our 25th Anniversary ride in 2016 – it has been customary to present each year's recipient at our annual ride.

This year, after some 'undercover negotiations' with his wife Lexie, I had much pleasure in presenting our Club Service Award to Ross Gilchrist.

Ross attended our club's first meeting in 1991 and very soon became an active member – he held the position of President for three years and went on to hold the position of Secretary, in which he remained for five years.

The Club was in good hands with Ross as Secretary – he was steady in his dealing with members and had a vast knowledge of detail relating to motorcycles. He offered 'quiet' support and loyal guidance to anyone looking for involvement in club events.

His roll call for CRCG's annual ride was close to perfect, having only missed one.

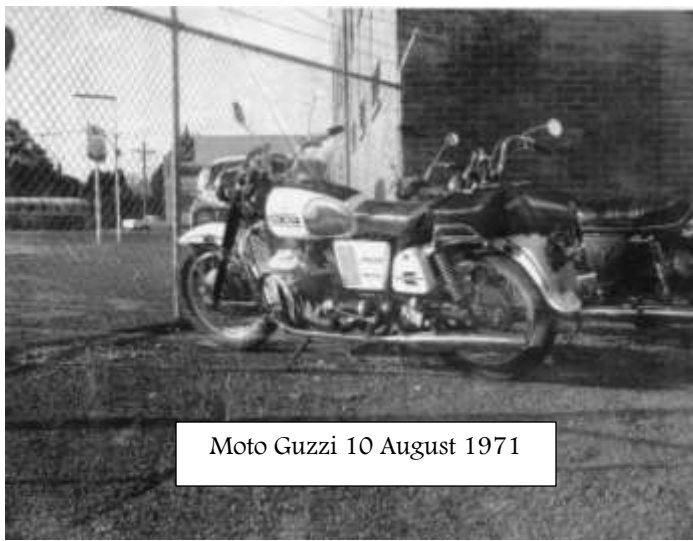
... and loyalty to his Moto Guzzi, without question he bought the bike new from Lee Roebuch., and he rides it today.

Ross just gets on with things, he manages to operate behind a 'veil' and asks for little in return. He has dutifully designed and organised our ride badges every year.

He set the club ethos at a high standard and honoured the business behind club administration. There were no short cuts and no creative diversions from the rules in place. Ross set an example and for that, we are all very thankful. Our Club culture has reaped the benefit.

The photographs shared below are thanks to Lexie, who, devoted to the passion Ross has for motorcycles, supports his club life and joins in with our club family.

Since handing over the Secretary baton, Ross remains as club Public Officer and rolls up each week for our club calendar rides. That steady hand is very much appreciated and for all he does, officially, we are now happy to announce Ross as our latest recipient of the Club Service Award.



Moto Guzzi 10 August 1971



Yarrangobilly 1973 on the Snowy Mountains Highway during the Alpine rally.



Ross and his bike teamed up for countless rallies. In 1975, Lexie went pillion along the Murray River during January ... it was so hot that, when they got home, they bought an air conditioned car!

Desert ride – to western Queensland and Alice Springs in 1973 with Geoff Shaw and Dick Nell. The bike was loaded onto the Ghan by a little crane and taken to Port Augusta. Dick was adventurous and rode across the dirt to meet them there.



Congratulations Ross





Ross & Lexie
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STEVE EDWARDS' PROJECT



Motorcycle enthusiasts, have the ability to see a finished product when there's not much more than bits and pieces spread out on the ground before them.

Steve Edwards saw the potential in this little 'fella', and turned it into the work of art that it was meant to be.

The restoration process means many things to many people, but the end result is that what might have gone back to the ground, is given a new purpose. It gives a potential motorbike enthusiast a start to their 'riding habit' and on many occasions, helps educate in the mechanics and engineering of it all.

Another of our members, Marcus Kanowski, also restores these little guys and sends them out for all the mini 'L' platers to have their best start to motorcycle riding.

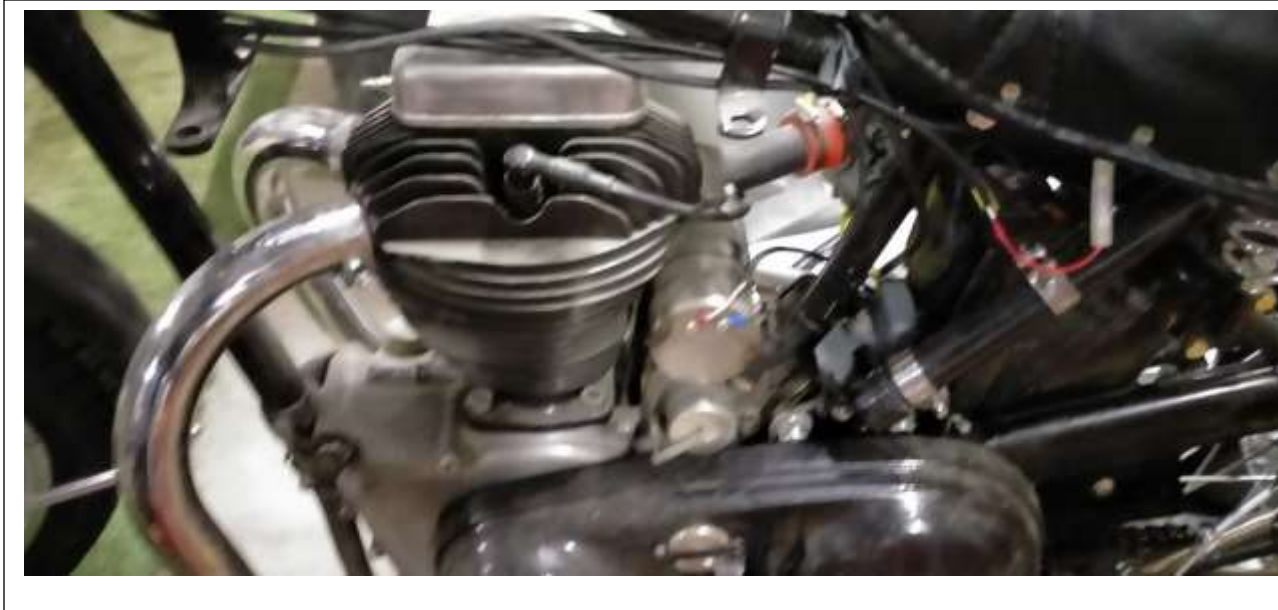
It's a practical skill that we hope won't ever be lost and an interest that will always be nourished.



FRANK DONALD'S
PROJECTS

Suzuki





Royal Enfield

You may remember the start of Frank's Royal Enfield project in an earlier issue of our magazine. Well, it's now nearing completion.

Thank you Frank for sharing all the progress with us.



75TH BIRTHDAY FOR RON

19 February 2022

There wasn't a motorbike to be seen, but it was an occasion which just had to be shared – Ronny Barton's surprise birthday BBQ. He's been our regalia officer 'forever', he's organised many a 'wander' and he now holds a club stamp to authorise registrations.

Ron had cancelled his birthday celebrations, but good friends in Yass couldn't let the occasion go unheralded. They rang around to just a few, and secretly planned a gathering at Ron's hangout – the Yass Railway Museum.

... which gives us an opportunity here to sing praise for the Museum and encourage visitors to stop by whenever in Yass. It's well worth a visit.

The Yass Railway Museum exhibits a host of railway memorabilia. It is all contained within the original station building which was erected in 1891. It boasts the shortest platform in Australia and includes static displays of original period steam engines, carriages and goods vans.

Located at Crago Street in the centre of town, 282kms south-west of Sydney and 62km north of Canberra, this museum satisfies Thomas the Tank Engine fans and lovers of everything rail related.

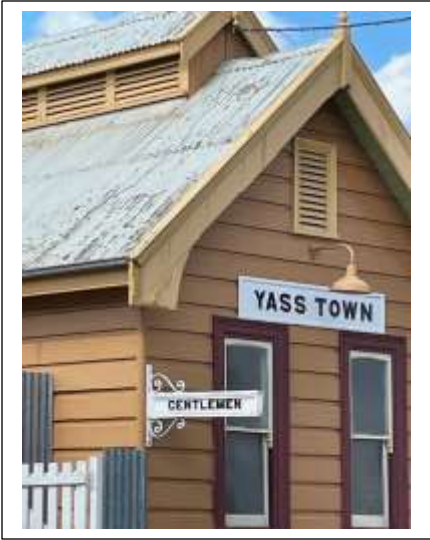
As for the birthday boy, Ron *was* surprised, but he soon settled in at the station and very much enjoyed lunch with friends.

You'll find him there often on a Sunday when the Museum is open to the public, and at times when the gate might be closed, but if there's work to be done in the gardens or in maintaining the buildings, he'll be hard at work any day of the week.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY RONNY!!



Almost a
bike ?



The platform is believed to be the shortest in Australia and was raised to allow ladies to board without showing their ankles.

LOOK FOR THE DATE

Editor's thought, whilst the weather is good

The Monday after our visit to the Yass Railway Museum, my desk calendar read – *'The average, healthy, well-adjusted adult gets up at seven-thirty in the morning feeling just plain terrible'* – JEAN KERR

Thinking that there's sure more to life than the thoughts of Jean Kerr, a nice plan might be to set ourselves on a course which included a ride to Yass, stopping off at the Railway Museum, taking some country roads from there and returning home after good company and some time taken for food and coffee.

Goulburn and surrounding areas offer an amazing selection of routes and sites of interest. More than anything, having visitors to venues dedicated to preserving history – like Taralga and Yass featured in this issue – that history is able to be preserved.



A Mischelle Lees photograph

Cobwebs now provide an artistic network connecting what was once the engine room of the 1307 – built by Beyer Peacock & Co in 1877, this 4-4-0 tender engine of C(79) class was on passenger and mail train duties. Introduction of the P(6) class in 1892, rendered C(79) class surplus, and, between 1896 and 1902, 20 members of the C(79) class were converted to 4-4-2T configuration for Sydney suburban passenger duties. These became known as the CC(79), which were further displaced from suburban passenger duties with the more powerful S(636) class 4-6-4T from 1903. Some CC(79) were employed on various branch line duties – Yass Tramway, Picton-Mittagong Loop Line – while others were used as shunters. 1307 lasted almost until NSWGR steam ended – being withdrawn from shunting service at Clyde in 1972 after a working life of over 94 years. In storage, it became rusted and derelict, some parts were removed in the mid 1980s to further the planned restoration of sister 1308. In 1999, 1307 was removed from storage sidings at the NSWRTM and transported to Yass Railway Museum – repainted, cosmetically restored for display – and by 2010 a further restoration and repainting commenced. It had worked on the Yass Tramway from 1910 to the 1950s and now rests for our benefit, at the museum. maintaining the charm and characteristic of steam.

AUSTRALIAN TOURIST TROPHY RACE MONUMENT

20 February 2022

Following an invitation from Shoalhaven Classic Motorcycle Club, we planned a day ride out to the TT Monument at Collector, lunch at Collector Pub and meantime, a little familiarisation for all those in attendance, of the history behind the Monument.

What a great day!!

Positioned in place on 23 July 2020 after much planning by Gary Suddull and a working bee consisting of Gary & Celia Suddull, Wayne Adams, Dave Mead, Gary Poile (Collector), Geoff Bland, Charles Hillier and John Towell – yesterday was an example of how this monument may be enjoyed. ... a spot to reflect on local area history and appreciate the world of motorcycles, beyond what we know today.

There are more plans for this site – what is referred to as the Collector History Park project in Church Street

Stage Two will involve infrastructure development including kerb and guttering, plus a parking area to enable safe ingress and egress from the site for visitors.

Those who joined in this ride, will understand how difficult it is to negotiate the driveway given restricted visibility of the road.

This infrastructure development will be managed and funded by the Upper Lachlan Shire Council through the Crown Land Improvement Scheme Grant.

Stage Three will include the design and installation of storyboards at the site depicting the indigenous history of the area, local bushranger notoriety and the TT motorcycle race.

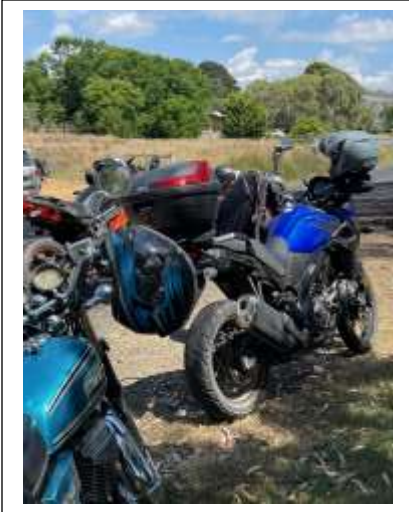
Thank you to everyone who took the time to join in this ride. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet members of the Shoalhaven Club and has set the path for more opportunities for a ride together.



So many bikes!!











So many people !! Thank you Charles for addressing the masses.





REMEMBERING WAYNE ADAMS

29 February 1948 – 15 December 2021

The day following our December club meeting brought news that Wayne Adams had been taken in a tractor accident. Many, I'm sure, still struggle to believe that it happened and absolutely everyone he met, is deeply saddened.

I had the honour of being asked to conduct Wayne's Service – as a friend, a difficult task, but one which reminded me of why I became a celebrant. When someone leaves us, there are words needing to be said. If I can place these and share with everyone left behind, if those words bring tears, smiles, even laughter, but most of all gentle reflection, then that farewell is as it should be. ... no mistake has been made of not saying what should be said.

Wayne Harrie Adams, a gentle, kind and humble man, who asked for nothing but gave all he had – has left everyone who knew him, with a huge space in their lives. But it's a space we can now fill with wonderful memories and the promise of being reminded often of his happy smile or the shrug of his shoulders and response of 'that's alright'.

Like our ride on 20 February to the TT Monument – very much a time to remember the role he played in bringing the project to life.

Wayne's life was multi-faceted. *'Wayne was a larrikin – the one who always forgot something, but happily went back to get it. Happiest in his country space, his garden and everything it had to offer. The one who was always there and ready to help. A biker who made his trip home from hospital as a bub in his Dad's sidecar ... a short but influential ride, which set him on a lifetime love of motorcycles. Once ignited, it was a flame which, for the whole of his life, never extinguished.'*

'His nature was to forgive....on this earth to make everyone else feel better. There didn't exist, a more genuine friend, a more positive, bigger hearted human being.'



We learned of his love for surfing, fishing, the countless times he saved lives, the years he dedicated to education, acts of generosity as he helped those in need, his affection for family and of the bond he had with his two grand-daughters, his littlest loves.

He was a man who led a big life, and who had an even bigger heart.

The last time many of us saw Wayne was at our motorcycle club's 30th anniversary ride. He was first out the gate and head down all the way to Taralga with a wide grin on his face.

He dropped his bike off at home on the way back and arrived at our place in a vehicle. I asked him what the weather had been like and he said *'oh, lovely, really sunny and warm'*. In fact, it was freezing, windy and damp – the very reason for exchanging his bike for the car that day.

He had been on the club's very first ride 30 years ago, he was a life member, a foundation stone of the club's existence. In 2019, he was presented with the Club Service Award, but it didn't come close to acknowledging all that he had done for Classic Riders. He was one of those members who was doing something all the time, and flying well under the radar, his contribution impossible to measure – partly because he had been doing whatever it was since our club began, but mostly because he just wouldn't admit to doing anything at all. Quite simply, if anyone needed to know anything, he could provide the answer, if something needed to be done, he had most likely already done it, and if anyone was feeling low, he'd give them a reassuring hug or a pat on the back and a smile to somehow turn a difficult situation around and make it seem a whole lot better.

His membership of Classic Riders Club went far beyond Goulburn – it extended to clubs all over Australia, to associations and affiliates of the motorcycling world. He was our Club Historian and published author of ‘The Racing Boys’. He was an encyclopedia of all things to do with motor bikes.

His passion for motorcycles was as intense as his interest in history would suggest and it was as simple as a quick chat with someone of like mind or something of depth, as in a conversation he had one day with a tool savvy cockatoo who dropped in to help him prepare his bike for a rally.

The thing is, even his feathered friends have a story of ‘Wayne time’. I imagine there are many fish that would have similar stories to share.

When Wayne was teaching his daughter Jess to snorkel at Manly beach, he was waist high in the water. He noticed two men struggling to stay afloat. They were screaming ‘help us’, ‘help us!!’. Wayne walked over to where they were, lifted them up by their arms and said ‘put your legs down’. Then with more urgency, ‘straighten your legs!!’ – which they did, to find they could stand up. The two bowed to him saying – ‘thank you, thank you’ – and Wayne continued his lesson with Jess.

More serious, during a camping trip to Racecourse Beach during January school holidays, Wayne and a friend were on beach duty supervising the children. Wayne noticed two young boys caught in a rip. He dived in and swam out to them. They were panicking and pulled him under a number of times. He thought they would all go under, and knew he would have to decide which boy to save what a decision to have to make But when he looked over his shoulder, Wayne saw his friend swimming towards him and pushed one boy in that direction. All managed a safe return to shore, but Wayne was breathless and unable to recover, having the boys’ mother hugging him and thanking him for saving them. Not until she was pulled away, did he catch his own breath and later that evening he confided in family – he thought he was gone.







5 December 2022

Top photo – everyone together for our 30th Anniversary Ride and Christmas lunch.

Left – Wayne heading off for the ride to Taralga.

Below - Wayne at Taralga for a wander through the Historical Museum.



For the service, Wayne's family invited all those on motorcycles to form a guard of honour leading up to the Goulburn Harness Club.

On conclusion of the service, this 'guard' accompanied the hearse to Hill's Crematorium in Goulburn.

Numbers present at the ceremony of thanks were around 350 and bikes in wait must have been somewhere around 80. A testament to the depth of this man and the fact that his life had been so generously shared with so many.

As the solemn tribute made way through the streets, residents ventured from their homes, traffic paused to permit an unbroken procession.

The 'Giving of Thanks' –

We are so very fortunate to have met Wayne. Everything we knew of him and the time we spent with him, is ours to keep it will always be there Give thanks for his friendship, his love. Spend the years ahead recalling what you know of him.

Draw from his friendship, what he would so wish you to have – happy memories, moments that make you smile.

This is a privilege granted to us.

The 'End of Service'

Motorcycle escort photographs say the rest.



Geoff Bland and Wayne's 1949 Matchless G80 – leading the escort 'home'





To a safe place I travel
To one unconfined
All that I gave
Now stays behind

With you in your hearts
That's where I'll be
All that we've been
Close your eyes to see

We've shared a life
Loved each other
This I know
As your friend and brother

I go for a moment
One last ride
Till we once again meet
And stand side by side.

Dale Towell

REMEMBERING PETER SOLOMONS

28 February 1938 - 15 February 2022

In the Autumn of 2019, Pete Solomons visited me in Braidwood and stayed for lunch. He was there to relay his life story for me to include in our Forever Young magazine. .. and it was an appropriate place to record this story, as he seemed himself, to be forever young.

Solly as we called him - or even George for some reason which always made him laugh - had perfected the art of story telling. Lunch moved along into afternoon tea and I was still sitting at full attention to what he had to say.

Solly was happy, he laughed a lot and he never wasted time by complaining or bemoaning of a bad hand.

Growing up in Parramatta, he was undeterred to admit any mischief he may have ventured into as a boy and equally prepared to bear any responsibility for the trouble that may have resulted.

He was fifteen when he started on speedway with his friend Jack Bissaker. His Mum and Dad never knew he rode until his girlfriend at the time - just after she became his ex - informed his parents of what he'd been up to.

Peter was the eldest of four children. Inevitably, Peter's family turned up at the Westmead Speedway to see for themselves. at first he hid under a grader parked at the race track. But he managed to disguise himself sufficiently well with a pudd'n basin helmet on his head, goggles over his eyes and a scarf wrapped around his neck - for the walk over to where he was to start the race.

At the end of the day, his family went along home and nothing was said.

Until, one day Brian 'Bluey' Barnes asked Peter to swing for him and Peter said 'yes'. This was a great honour. That afternoon when he returned home, his Mum was sitting on the lounge - crying. He asked her why and she said *'I didn't bring you into this world to have you die before me.*

Promise you won't race any more?' This was in 1956, and Peter went to Bluey to say that he couldn't do the ride. He was true to his word.

Bluey replaced Peter with Tony Harrison - race day started and all went as usual, until part way around the track, the two of them went straight ahead through a bend - Tony was killed and Bluey died after four days in hospital.

It was the finish of speedway for Peter, but his addiction to motorcycles remained uncheckable.

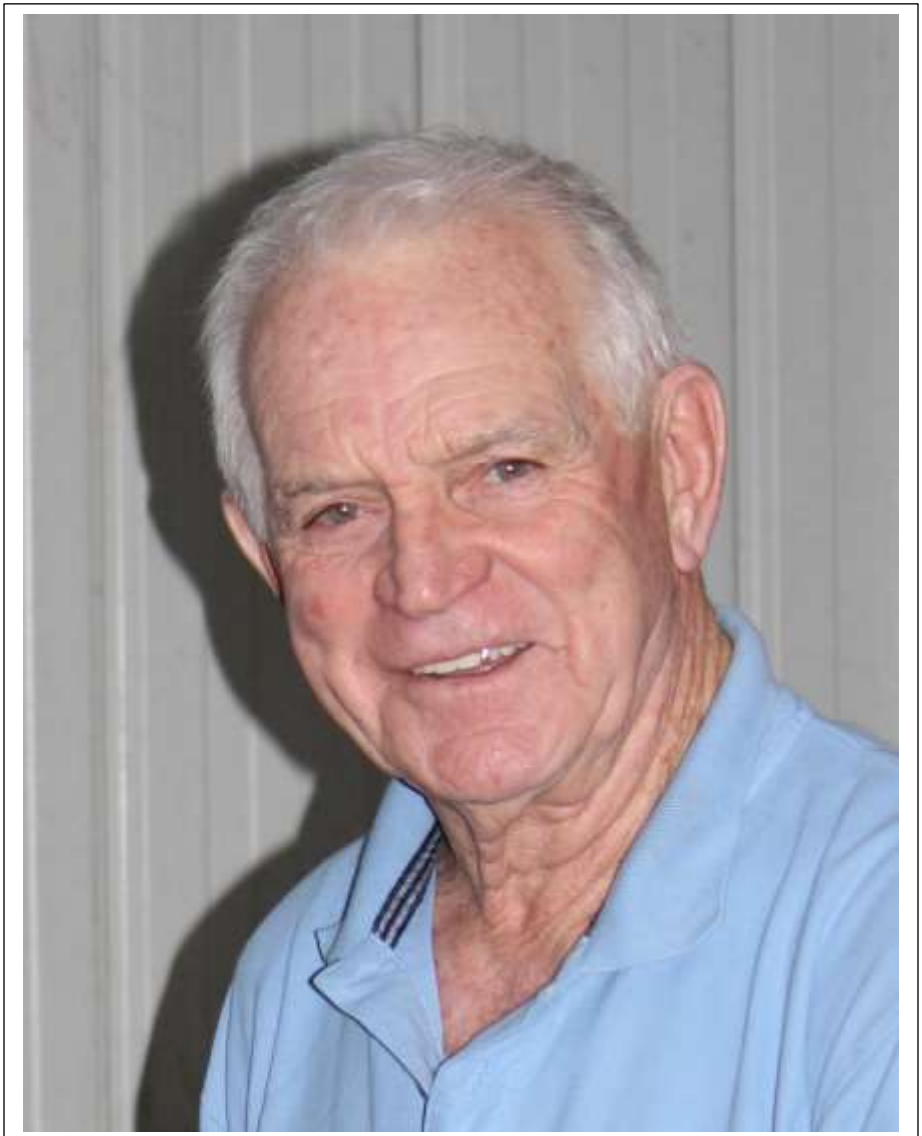
As we sat together, he listed names and places like they had happened just the day before and he didn't miss one beat when it came to identifying the date, place and time of anything worth mentioning.

He went from a story line to a branch off and back again without hesitation or confusion. It was an honour to be privy to this life.

Outside the motorcycle bubble, he had interest in horse breeding and horse racing. He was a Merchant Seaman on the Aurora Australis for a time commencing in 1974, including 18 months in Antarctica - the period of time he described as *'the greatest experience of my life!'*

Retiring to Gunning, he settled in 1995, on a 50 acre property, stocked of Murray Grey cattle.

He bought a Ford Kentucky Prime Mover and a 34 foot tipper trailer in 1999 and escaped from retirement. After a little accident with this rig, he returned to driving interstate - for six years.



There was nothing you wished not to know about Solly. He was honest and entertaining. He had a hunger for adventure and he took the wins and losses of his life both with a balance of strength and good grace.

At the time of preparing his article, I wrote - *81 years of life and continuing fearless. And on the subject of wins and losses, having him as a member of our club now, for us, is a most definite win.*

That sentiment only intensified as we got to know him for longer. He had a hankering to race again and as my article said - *he lived life as if shot out of a canon* - so it was no surprise that in October 2019, he decked himself out with leathers and a cams licence, with the plan to race at Wakefield Park's All Historic race day.

And that's exactly what he did.

But it was also at this event that he noticed pain in his shoulder. It was cancer, but he faced it with his usual determination and gave it everything he had. Again, he never missed a beat and for a while he appeared to be winning the battle.

For us watching on, it was impossible to deny his bravery and he was always smiling, always engaged in conversation, whenever we were able to see him - although we knew he was most likely pretending for our benefit. He did that - he looked after the people he cared about.

Just a few weeks ago when we saw him for the last time, he had sent Dolores - his daughter - out to buy cake with something naughty like chocolate or cream on top, so he could share it with us that afternoon. It was 14 January. He took us out to his shed for an update on the contents and his personality pushed through as usual.

An amazing man, who we didn't have the chance to know as long as we would have liked. It was thanks to club life that we met him, and it was thanks to Solly's spirit and sense of adventure that we were able to 'know' him.

A truly remarkable man



Wakefield Park 31 August & 1 September 2019
Peter Solomons on his Norton ESO - racing
for the first time since 1984.



14 January 2022

Being a biker means you spend a lot of time with your friends in a shed somewhere or another.





FROM THE HEART

Not knowing where to start and having such a heavy heart, having to say goodbye to two club members, two wonderful gentlemen, two dear friends in just a couple of months, gave this task added weight.

But lifting us up is each memory we have of times we spent together and the blessing of having them in our lives, part of our motorcycle family and always with us as we continue to gather the strength to live as they would have wished us to do.

So we continue on and close our eyes, whenever we wish to see their big smiles.

We've said 'goodbye' to so many members over the last few years, and we set in place, a tribute to each. Our memorial park along Mountain Ash Road just one. This gives member families the option to have a name plaque set in memory and a space for reflection.

At our last club meeting, there was discussion about securing a place on our ride calendar for a memorial ride. For this occasion, anyone joining in would have the chance to reflect on whichever member they choose – any one in particular, or all - each member has their own connections and their own story to tell.

We already have a gathering at the time a plaque is unveiled. A memorial ride would give our club an annual occasion, offering time to remember every member. It would be, as I hope when you read and remember Wayne and Solly, a time to gather thoughts and help come to terms with having to say 'goodbye'.

CLUB CAPTAIN'S ALBUM

6 February 2022

Sunday ride to the club monument – there will be a working bee planned for this site soon, so please help out if you can. The date isn't set yet, but it will be added to a club newsletter as soon as decided.



20 February 2022

Sunday ride to Araluen.



GREAT SOUTHERN SWAP MEET

6 March 2022

THE GREAT SOUTHERN **MOTORCYCLE ONLY** **SWAP MEET**

Sunday 6 March 2022

Gates open 6.00am

Uncovered Sites - \$25

Covered Sites (bookings required) - \$35

Shoppers and onlookers - \$5

VENUE

4770 Braidwood Rd,
Tirrannville NSW 2580



**Hosted by Classic Riders'
Club of Goulburn**



**Strictly Motorcycles and
Motorcycle related items – NO
TRASH OR TREASURE**

Catering options available for the
purchase of food and refreshments
at the raceway.



For further details and **covered** site bookings,
please **call CRCG secretary Dale on 0422 367 011**

**Stall Holders set up from 12.00noon (not before) on
SATURDAY 5 March 2022**

Prices include Saturday overnight camping for vendors
For Buyers and visitors, entry permitted from 6.00am
SUNDAY 6 March 2022

NO DOGS ALLOWED, NO OPEN FLAMES/FIRES

Covid Safe, QR sign in conditions will apply

More changes leading up to our Swap Meet, mean that the QR sign in for Covid is no longer required. The wearing of masks is also predicted to change, but officially, at the time of writing this, masks are still required to be worn.

Covered sites are fully booked and this year, site holders have been requested to pre-pay.

Our list of volunteers is very healthy and to all those who have signed up for the swap meet weekend, a huge

thanks. This event can't happen without those members who give their time to help out.

We are hoping for great weather, a good roll up, enthusiastic trading and happy faces.

99 NOT OUT MOTOR BIKE RUN

19 March 2022

Cootamundra Antique Motor Club

“99 Not Out Motor Bike Run”

Information Sheet

The “99 Not Out Motor Bike Run” to be held on Saturday 19 March, 2022 will be approximately 150 klms on sealed roads mostly through country areas with some hills. Check in time will be 7.15am to 8.15am at Cootamundra Show Ground with the start time at 8.30am for vintage bikes (built to 31 December, 1930) and pre 31 December 1947 entrants starting at 8.45am.

All entrants and visitors will be required to sign in under the COVID safe regulations.

The run will have vested officials approximately 100 metres before each corner. Back up trailers will follow the ride and fuel will be available at Murrumburrah and Young. Morning tea is at Harden Showground and lunch at Young Racecourse (approx. 7klms from town).

In the case of a breakdown, it is the responsibility of the rider to secure their bike on a trailer. Backup vehicles will assist where possible, however due to time constraints the backup vehicle will have 10 minutes to get the stranded motorcycle underway. Failing that, the entrant can either load their motorcycle on the backup trailer or make their own transportation arrangements.

The booking and payment for accommodation is the responsibility of the entrant.

Dinner on Saturday evening will be at the Cootamundra Services Club starting at 7.00pm with the bar opening at 6.30pm. A courtesy bus will be available.

Details of a Sunday morning social run will be made available at the dinner on Saturday evening

Accommodation Details at Cootamundra

Bradman Motor Inn 02 6942 2288
Cootamundra Gardens Motel 02 6942 6656 (mob 0406 667 225)
Cootamundra Heritage Motel 1300 130 172
Southern Comfort Motel 02 6942 3366
Wattle Tree Motel 02 6942 3177
Rusty Table B & B 02 6942 2769
Woodies Cottage Contact Ann on 0419 234 417 or 0439 990 024
Cootamundra Caravan Park 02 6942 1080
Cootamundra Show Ground (Camping) 1300 059 689
Central Hotel 02 69421346

Shoalhaven Classic Motorcycle Club

Berry Charity Bike Show

Sunday 1st May 2022 Berry Bowling Club

Trophies, stalls, raffles, sausage sizzle

Registration 8am/12pm Judging 12:30 Presentations 1:30 pm

Entry in display \$5 per person any number of bikes

Public entry gold coin donation



Categories

Best Classic European; Best Classic British; Best Classic Asian; Best Classic American; Best Classic Modified; Best Ladies; Best Kids; Best Competition; Best Modern; Best Dirt/Trail Bike; Best Sidecar; Oldest Bike; Unrestored; Bike of The Show

SUNDAY RIDES REMAINING FOR 2022

Mar 6 - Motorcycle Only Swap Meet Wakefield Park Raceway

Mar 20 - Bungendore, Sutton, Gunning

April 3 - Loose Change Charity Ride - Range Road, Kialla, Crookwell, Roslyn, Woodhouselee

April 17 - Boxers Creek Road, Towrang, Greenwich

May 1 - Small and Old - Windellama, Bungonia

May 15 - Taralga, Crookwell

May 29 - Gunning, Grabben Gullen

June 12 - Mount Ash Road, Marian Vale Road, Boxers Creek Road

June 26 - Currawang, Bungendore, Tarago

July 10 - Gurrundah Road, Gap Road, Parkesbourne Road

July 24 - Goulburn loop

Aug 7 - Currawang, Tarago, Windellama

Aug 21 - Gurrundah Road, Grabben Gullen

Sept 10 & 11 - All Historic Racing Meeting Pheasant Wood

Sep 25 - Bungendore, Captains Flat

Oct 2 - Taralga, Abercrombie River

Oct 16 - Windellama, Nerriga

Oct 22 & 23 - CRCG Annual Ride 2022

Nov 13 - Taralga

Nov 27 - Bungonia, Tallong, Fitzroy Falls

Dec 4 CRCG - Christmas lunch

Dec 18 - Open Ride decide on the day

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Meet at Belmore Park opposite Court House
9.30am January-May, September-December
10am June -August
Club Captain Frank Millwood 0439604153

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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](#)

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 we can
include this in our next and each future issue.

