



March 2024



MACQUARIE TOWNS MOTORCYCLE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION CLUB



CLUB HISTORY

The club was formed in 1981 by an enthusiastic group of motor cyclists from the Hawkesbury area.

The aim of the club was to promote and foster the restoration and preservation of motorcycles 10 years old or older.

Foundation Members:

Bob Coombes	Alan Doering	Greg Freeman
Paul Giles	Ron Harrison	Alan Hawkes
Boy Hayes	Bob Jones	Roy Miller
Bernie Munzenberger	Alby Phipps	Bill Plunkett
Barry Purtell	Rod Purtell	Icie Taylor
Max Turner	Max Williams	

Honorary Member- Bill Murry

➤ The initial club meeting was held at Barry Purtell's home at Dural Road, Pitt Town on Monday 14 September 1981 at 7.30 pm.

➤ The first office bearers to be elected were:

<i>President</i>	Mark Foster
<i>Vice President</i>	Greg Freeman & Bernie Munzenberger
<i>Secretary/Treasurer</i>	Pat Purtell
<i>Publicity</i>	Barry Purtell
<i>Patron</i>	Ivor Williams

➤ Bob Jones was the first person to be nominated for life membership. This was confirmed in January 1982.

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(Incorporated in NSW) ABN 66 298 631 159

OFFICE BEARERS 2022-2023

PATRONS: GEORGE KEATS, RAHNA HOLLIS

PRESIDENT:	Greg Freeman	0412 150 014
VICE PRESIDENT:	Peter Drury	0412 285 719
SECRETARY:	Walter Turner	0488 757 551
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ASSISTANT:	Clyde Ikin	0401 773 042
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REGISTRAR:	David Howe	0404 876 141
ASSISTANTS:	Mick Bostock	0411 366 889
	Clyde Ikin	0401 773 042
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	CRANE BROOK - Sean Keating: 0490 875 395, KURMOND - Angus MacCauley 0437 139 137	

LIFE MEMBERS:

Bob Jones, Bill Plunkett, Arthur Pendlebury, Daisy Taylor,
Kevin Aussel, Colin Bowis, Alan Pride (all deceased);

Alyn Hawkes, John Bauerhuit, Colin Payne, Bob Pascoe, Graham Cooper, Charles Hill, Stafford Bennett, Albert Adamson, Kathleen Toovey, Garry Appleyard, Clyde Ikin, David Howe, Trevor Toovey, George Keats.

General Club Account: BSB 112 879 (St George), A/c 027420591

MEMBERSHIP: \$35 PER YEAR

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ITEMS for the Newsletter please send to the
EDITOR – David Cameron:
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MINUTES OF THE M.T.M.R.P.C. GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11th MARCH 2024 AT THE PITT TOWN UNITING CHURCH HALL

MEETING OPENED: 7.30pm

IN THE CHAIR: President Greg Freeman

ATTENDANCE: 40 Members and regular Associates as per Attendance Book

APOLOGIES: Rob Madden, Michael Richmond, Cephas Rodgers, Michael Hall, Kees Spoelder, C-Jay Tibbett, Ferne Thompson, Liz Tomkins, Simon Reynolds, Trevor Lever, Scott Freeman, Bob Whitehead, Steve Runnalls, Alex Harper, Blake Stone, Steve King, Martin Fletcher, Sean Keating, Mike Powell,
Greg Uren, Clyde Ikin, Cathy Brown, Bruce Brown.

VISITORS: Sara Boonpoung, Emily Rowe

MEMBERSHIP:

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS Nil

NEW MEMBERS Kody Longhurst

There are 29 vacancies

MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING having been circulated, Moved Joe Moellers,
Seconded Greg Thatcher that they be accepted; Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Many newsletters

Grey gum café regarding problems with Singleton Council

Contact re bikes for sale, including BSA Blue Star and Silver Star and Matchless G80, located in Northmead area, details available Kathleen 0423 692802.

Letter from Greentree Family regarding a Celebration of the life of our Late Member Ron "Rabbit" Greentree, 10am 23 March at Boathouse Café Macquarie Park Windsor.

Emails, Facebook within the Group

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: Emails, Facebook within the Group.

Moved Garry Appleyard, Seconded David Howe; Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cheque Account \$14,755.55

Rally Account \$240.00

Term Deposit \$10,400.00

Credit \$389.00

Debit \$317.82

PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL: Regular Payments, plus Raffle prizes (Deb Freeman), President's Run costs (Peter Drury, Greg Freeman) Moved Greg Thatcher, Seconded David Howe; Carried

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- Reports from Kathleen Toovey and David Cameron on the very hot recent Orange Rally, attended by a number of Mac Towns members; Saturday's morning tea at Manildra Public School and lunch at Stuart Town School were especially memorable.

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- Greg Freeman gave a comprehensive report on the President's Run; Dave Mead's BMW Outfit had health issues early on Saturday and spent the rest of the weekend somewhat precariously on the Club Trailer. (Note: Greg is investigating possible extension to the Trailer.) Many thanks to Vice President Peter Drury and Karen for their work in planning this Event.
- Warren Reynolds gave an extensive report on the Festival of Speed, which was generally very successful. Watch for this Event in 2025! (Allan Kemp also reported.)

NEXT EVENTS:

Sunday 17 March – Ride Day at Nepean Track, come early morning and buy a Day Licence (details Dave Pagano)

Monday 18 March – Rally Team Meeting - 7 for 7.30pm Pitt Town Sports Club Bistro (or come earlier and enjoy a delicious Meal with us). We have a new Rally Director, Walter Turner. Most other positions are covered but we will be looking for many Marshals (including a Marshal Leader), several Back-up Trailers, general helpers in several fields (details Kathleen Toovey)

Sunday 24 – Saturday 30 March – Bathurst Easter Rally

Wednesday 27 March – 10am Maccas McGraths Hill - Midweek Ride with Peter Boros

Monday 1 April – Easter Monday – Ride and Decide 10am Maccas McGraths Hill

Sunday 7 April – Invitation to Freemans Reach Community Event (see flyer elsewhere)

Monday 8 April – CLUB MEETING 7.30pm – OUR ANNUAL MINI BIKE DISPLAY – Jason Stone

Sunday 14 April – 9am start – featuring a modified ride to suit older bikes in particular (watch Facebook for further information)

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Roland has Membership Cards for various people who have paid recently
- Interview with a Member – President Greg conducted a very interesting Chat with Dave Pagano. He described some of the family history, starting from his parents' initial home in Port Said during the building of the Suez Canal before their departure after the War to move to Australia. Dave's studies were initially directed towards School Teaching but his vast array of interests and successful pursuits have gradually brought him to concentrate on almost everything else. What with boats (especially historical wooden ones), bikes, cars and trucks he hardly has time for his remarkable ability in such other skills as stained glass repairs. (Paul Said spoke of his similar family history, his parents also having to leave Port Said after WW2.)

REGALIA: Steve (in his absence) reported he's working on Club Caps

RAFFLE – Dale Rowe, Jason Stone, Ray Nicholls, Peter Boros, Bruce Solway, Mark Gorsuch

There being no further business, the MEETING CLOSED at 8.30pm

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD: Monday 8 April 7.30pm sharp Pitt Town Uniting Church Hall
Mini Bike Display with Jason Stone

Presidents Report – March 2024

The annual Presidents Ride is now over and after my third run we finally got the weather just right, not too hot not too cold and no rain. We had 12 bikes, 3 cars and 23 members meet up at McDonalds Panthers then off to Picton for morning tea via the back roads, not long after Dave & Fran Mead caught up with us for a ride to Mt Kiera lookout. After several attempts to start his BMW sidecar it just didn't want to play, intermittent ignition and fuel pump. So, on the little club bike trailer went the big BMW K100 S/C after some adjusting, struggling and swearing the BMW just fitted, strapped down tight and away we go. Off to Kembla Grange for a light lunch and visit to the Motorlife Museum. The museum has an extensive collection of bikes, cars and small individual collections of everything. A very well-presented museum definitely worth a visit. Down to Nowra we went for a rest and swim at the motel then to the local tavern for a great feed. It is here we awarded Dave the hard luck award for his sick BMW, he did contemplate getting a match and putting it out of its misery. But not yet! The next day a few members went home but the rest went on down to Ulladulla, we stopped for morning tea at East Lynne fuel stop, here they had a small collection of mostly Harleys and Indians plus a Honda on display. When we were about to leave Steve Runnalls went to start and ride Rolands bike, but had nothing, what has Steve done we all thought, turned out Roland left the key & high beam on for the whole rest stop. The manager came out and jumped started him, twice. Off we went via the Kings Hwy to Braidwood for lunch then on to Queanbeyan for our second night. The motel put on a great meal with special help from his daughter Isabelle. Next morning some members went off to Lake Burley Griffin to watch 28 hot air balloons fly over Canberra. We eventually left for Goulburn and an excellent morning tea at Dave & Frans house and to unload the BMW. A great weekend was had by all. Special thanks to Peter & Karen Drury and my wife Debbie. Don't miss out on next years President ride. For the Monday night meeting I decided to do another "One on One with the President" this time it was with Dave Pagano who shared with us some of his life experiences and his unusual motorcycle, boat and car collection, many thanks Dave for participating in the interview.

Next meeting, we will be highlighting the Mid-Size motorcycles (80 to 90cc)

Not to be missed!!

Keep on Riding - Greg Freeman

EVENT REPORT

Canberra Club Annual Rally 2024 (9-10 March)

The Canberra Club (VVCMMCCACT)_ held its annual rally at the weekend. This is a well organised Rally with a focus on judging bikes for awards. The Rally was based at the Capital Country Caravan Park at Eagle Hawk, which is actually in NSW!

There were close to 100 entrants with the largest group from the late 70s-early 80s. We rode out to the village of Gundaroo to the showground there for display & judging. I was riding my '68 BSA Rocket3 which I have owned for many years. It is a ridden bike & not a show bike.

There were two Macquarie Towns members there whom I met , one of whom Mr Chapman won the best of his class for his immaculate Velocette Sportsman, truly a show-bike.

There were many interesting bikes there including an immaculate 1928 Harley which had been in the owner's family for many years before its restoration.

One bike caught everyone's eye: seemingly a pre-war Zenith with a V-twin JAP engine. However the truth was that this machine had been build from scratch bu Paul Dunster, a figment of his imagination made into metal. He had called it a Zenith as research indicated that that company had used that engine. For his immense effort he was awarded King of the Rally which pleased him enormously: Well Deserved.

Each year the Canberra Club has a 'Feature Bike' for the Rally. This year in was the Z1 Kawasaki. As a result over a dozen of these mighty machines entered, all in splendid condition. I was surprised to see that they had one front disc & a drum brake rear.

I asked the owner whether this was sufficient to stop such a powerful bike, He admitted it was not.

The rally dinner was held at the Caravan Park & was very good, especially considering the numbers.

The Sunday was a much longer ride first to Tarago for morning tea by the CWA followed by a long & short ride option back to the Rally site. I took the long ride which ended up over 100 miles, when I returned. The weather was perfect all weekend & not too hot: A great success for the Canberra Club.

Lorraine Litster

11 March 2024

Celebration of Life Invitation

In Loving Memory of

Ronald (Ron. Ronnie, Rabbit,
Ronpa) Greentree

27 December 1938 - 28 December 2023

Aged 85 years

We invite you to a celebration of life to
honour the memory of our beloved father
and grandfather Ron.

While Ron has already been cremated,
we would love for you to join us as we share
stories, memories, and laughter in remembrance
of a wonderful life.

Date: 23rd March 2024

Time: 10 am

Location: Macquarie Park Boathouse Cafe - 1 Wilberforce Rd, Freemans Reach NSW 2756

We hope to see you there as we celebrate the life of Ron Greentree.



Tools and Bike Parts Sale Saturday 6 April 10 AM

General Tools

Specialist BMW Bike tools

Helmets and Jackets

2 x BMW Bikes R1100RS and spare parts

FIMA - 186 Riverstone Parade Riverstone 2765

Free Community Event



Sunday 7 April 2024
from 11am




Glossodia Classic Vehicle Club
Macquarie Towns Hot Rod Club
Macquarie Towns Motorcycle Restoration and Preservation Club
Sydney Antique Machinery Club
have been invited



Freemans Reach School of Arts
194 Blacktown Road, Freemans Reach
Enquiries please phone Glenda Chapman: 0407 666 597




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Free Entertainment
Local Duo - Da'Chaps



Freemans Reach Rural Fire Brigade
&
Hawkesbury SES
will be in attendance



Soft drinks
available
BYO alcohol



UP COMING EVENTS

Sun 24 – Sat 30 March – Bathurst Easter Rally with Vintage Club – Entry Forms available

Sunday 24 March - The 27th Annual Jindera Swap Meet & Show N Shine. Jindera Recreation Ground, Jindera NSW

Sat / Sun 29 March 1 April - CHMC 53rd Annual Rally Parks Racecourse Eugowra Rd, Parks. Barry Garment 0408025712, Joyce Mann 0428626669, parkesantiquemotorclub@gmail.com
www.heritagemotoringcouncil.org.au

Sunday 7 April - Freemans Reach School of Arts

Sunday 21 April – Yass Swap Meet – Yass Showgrounds, 27 Grand Junction Rd Yass

Sunday 19 May - Distinguished Gentleman's Ride

Sunday 19 May - Kempsey Swap Meet (please check, may not be correct)

Sunday 19 May – National Motoring Heritage Day 2024 – 7am -2pm Berry Showground Berry NSW, Alan Marshall 0418410388 martechm@optusnet.com.au

21-26 May – Coffs Rally (Entry Forms available from Kathleen T)

Mid June – Debenham Winter Run

21-23 July 2024 - 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX Goulburn Australia to celebrate the Centenary of Hosting the First Motorcycle Grand Prix to be held in the Southern Hemisphere

Sat/Sun 27-28 July – our own Rally

28 July 2024 Nabiac Swap Meet

Fri 6- Sun 8 September Pelican Rally

13 October 2024 Maitland Swap Meet

NSW Log Book Usage: Although you only need to enter details for private days, you **MUST** carry the log book with the vehicle at all times

Remember routine club events

1st Monday Ride decide Maccas McGraths Hill 10am

2nd Sunday Ride Maccas McGraths Hill This is moving to 9am during daylight savings as a trial, Allan Kemp

2nd Monday Meeting Pitt Town Uniting Church Hall 7:30pm

Last Wednesday Ride Maccas McGraths Hill or Arndell Park 10am (this varies so keep an eye on the newsletter and Facebook.

If you have any events that may be of interest to the club please contact me David Cameron on 0425233870 (leave a voice message) or on d.a.cameron@live.com.au

Friendly Warning

If your Membership Fees are past due, If not paid up your bike could be unregistered

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- ▶ Customer to organise parts.

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