

## EDITOR'S DESK

Thank you to the many members that contributed to this issue.

On the inside front cover of the last Drip Feed was a photo taken at Hedon Greta speedway during a VMCC display ride there perhaps 40+ years ago. Laurie Deller thinks the 'mystery rider' could be former member Clive Weis on a BSA.

John Simpffenforfer of Cootamundra has a German friend who rode in the Rondon Gees, Tourtocht, Antieke motoren. There is a nice video on YouTube, just search for Antieke Motoran 2018. The video shows many early veteran bikes we just don't see here in Australia.

I have added our webmaster's email address to the list of Office Bearers so you can send Martin digital photos for our website to keep the content fresh. You can also post photos to our Facebook and Instagram pages. You would be surprised how many people view them. This is a very easy way to promote our club.

Brian Harris contacted me to offer advice to members driving to Club meetings. In the Vikings Club car park there is a large tree cheerfully decorated with fairy lights. Charming though this is, apparently there is a flock of ibis lurking in the boughs eager to 'decorate' any vehicle parked below. Thanks for the warning, Brian.

Members were very pleased with the decision to hold our annual rally at Cowra again. People have great memories of the Clubs 60th annual rally based there three years ago and are keen to return. Hopefully landra 'Castle' will be available again for the lunch stop. We are encouraging members to bring along their veteran bikes as there will be short run option on the Saturday. Hopefully, I will have my Rudge sorted and can join the fun.

Graham Goodwin

### The Teaser

#### What is it?

No, its not Siamese twins on pillion.

When you have given up  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The last couple of weeks I enjoyed a fair bit of Shed Time Having acquired a veteran bike, I worked steadily on the project. It is challenging and enjoyable to start with a collection of bits and gradually work out how it all fits together and make it work again.

A lot of time is spent waiting for suppliers to ship parts from overseas. Some are very good and send part orders by return. From the USA it is quick (7days?) From continental Europe it usually takes two weeks sometimes three. I have two projects underway otherwise you would be fiddling your thumbs all the time waiting for parts. In August 2016 I ordered some mudguards from Iron Horse Corral for an Indian Chief project. Having paid in advance a good amount of money I queried after a number of weeks how the order was going. No response. Wrote again a few weeks later. Still no response. Apparently their product is good but it takes a while for them to fabricate the stuff. In April 2017, I received an email that the status of the order was "ready to ship". To make a long story short, end of March 2018, I received a letter from Customs that a parcel with mudguards was sitting in their warehouse in Sydney waiting payment of duty. Trying to make a call to Customs is impossible. I turned off the phone after waiting at least 30 minutes. Having worked out what to do and which form to fill in I then was notified how much duty to pay. After four weeks at customs I am still waiting for the parcel to be delivered. It is nearly two years since ordering. No more orders from me for these guys!

When a project comes to its end the moment of truth comes, the bike is ready for firing up and do a test run around the yard.

Our hobby also comes at a cost to our health. A few weeks ago I got some flying metal in my eye and had to attend a number of times to the doctor to get that removed. A couple of painful fingers when I slipped off some part and hit solid material with my hand. There are always various bandages where the skin has come off. Trying to kick start an unwilling bike, hitting my toes on the footboard. Then the b#\$%\*! finally fired, it backfired throwing my knee against the handle bar. So I walked limp for a few days. Don't we love our hobby .....

The best part of the resto comes when you can share your pride and joy with your mates on the Club runs. New bikes show up on runs all the time and get the attention they deserve. The runs give a good opportunity to get the freshly restored or recommissioned bike properly tested. It might run OK around the block but could play up on a longer run. Then you have your mates to help sort things out or have the comfort of the support vehicle when the bike needs to go back to the shed.

In the coming months we have some great VMCC runs organised (see Events Noticeboard). It would be great to see you there on a tested or untested bike, and join in the fun. Start planning now for our annual rally at Cowra 9-11 November. See you there.

Hans Sprangers

## EVENTS NOTICEBOARD 2018

We invite members of all clubs receiving *Drip Feed* to participate in VMCC events. Our rides are suitable for pre-1948 (girder fork) machines and smaller engine bikes. To satisfy RMS conditions, VMCC members without a Log Book planning to attend other clubs' events not listed *below* should advise a Registrar. For more details and entry forms for rallies and other events contact: the Secretary.

### JUNE—JULY

- **Sun. 17th June, Scheyville Run. NOTE: This event CANCELLED.**
- **Weds. 20 June, VMCC general meeting, 8pm, Vikings Sports Club, 35 Quarry Rd, Dundas, in the 'Quarry' room. Come early and enjoy a meal in the bistro.**
- **Sat 30th—Sun 1st July, Hunter Valley Weekend, Dungog.** Contact Ian Coulston M: 0412 798 052 to reserve your room and a seat at the Saturday night dinner table at the Royal Hotel. Great riding, great company. Saturday run: meet at Royal Hotel 12 noon, depart approx. 1:30pm for Chichester Dam (total approx. 50km). Sunday: 9:30am start, via Paterson. Return to Dungog by lunch time.

### AUGUST

- **Sun. 19th, Borradale Run, The Oaks. NOTE CHANGE OF DATE** (was 12th Aug.) Timed event. Includes BBQ lunch. Ian Richardson M: 0412 272 664
- **Weds. 15th, VMCC general meeting, 8pm.** Vikings Club, 35 Quarry Rd, Dundas. in the 'Quarry' room. Come early and enjoy a meal in the bistro
- **25-26 AMCA, Bulli Showground.** THE event to promote our Club and have a terrific weekend. Tech talks and other attractions to keep the old bike nut enthralled. See inside front cover. Bikes and volunteers needed for our Club's display. Contact Antony Gullick 0415 284 620

### SEPTEMBER

- **Sat 1st & Sun 2nd. Wakefield Park, Goulburn.** See flyer in previous Drip Feed. Club display if enough interest. Call Antony Gullick M: 0415 284 620
- **Sun 9th, Southside Run.** Meet Loftus Oval, Princes Hwy for 10am departure. Royal National Park and coast. Lunch TBA. Antony Gullick M: 0415 284 620

**Note: VMCC 63rd ANNUAL RALLY, Fri. 9th—Sun 11th November, Cowra.**  
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### **SWAP MEETS:**

- 13 – 14 August, Cessnock.
- 26—27 August, Bulli AMCA.
- 3—4 September, Cootamundra Fathers Day Swap. Set up Saturday, over 280 sites. Contact Lynn or Barry 02 6942 1282 or Mob. 0488 421 976.

