

VICE President's Report

On the 12th of March we farewelled one of our oldest members. Many members paid their respect at the memorial service of Col Everingham at Stratfield. He died at the age of 98 ½ . Col and his wife Margaret attended church there every Sunday for the last 42 years. Until the very end Col enjoyed good health both physical aswell as mental. A few weeks before he passed away, he Zoomed in on our February meeting from a hospital bed. Such was his dedication to the club that he did not want to miss the general meeting. It was then that we realized that he was unwell. Over many years Col served the Club in the role of Registrar. As an ex headmaster he corrected us many a time with his knowledge of the constitution and the registration rules. His immaculate administration set an example for all of us.

Rest in Peace Col Everingham.

We enjoyed the Veteran and Tiddlers run on the 23rd of February at Maraylya. Unfortunately only a small group of riders enjoyed a nice run and the delights of the bakery in Glenorie. Report is in this Drip Feed.

At the Veteran only weekend at Woodstock we had fifteen participants enjoying the country roads of the Mid West. More about that in the rally report later in the magazine.

There are some big events in the planning. The Bathurst Tour in the week before Easter. There are some changes in the making of this tour. By keeping the cut off for participant bikes to 30 years , the tour has become a bit of a race of modern motorcycles. It was not long ago that the majority of participants rode girderforks. Groups of BSA M20's could be seen running up the hills. It has now lost its relevance to our Club and we want to make significant changes but not until after this 50th anniversary tour.

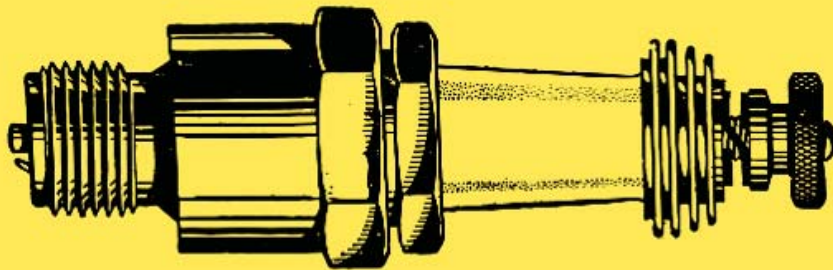
Later in the year (31st of October until 9th of November) the 70th anniversary rally will be held at Bathurst aswell. A small group is organizing what will be a great week of riding and sharing friendships.

There will likely be some international visitors aswell. Please indicate to Antony Gullick that you will be coming and book your accommodation at "The Hallows". Do not wait until the last moment. We need numbers for planning the event. More information on the VMCC website.

Please step up if you can share some of your time to help with organizing events and or can help out on the Committee. Yes it is perhaps a bit of an effort to attend a meeting, but in return you will get much enjoyment out of it.

Happy riding, Hans Sprangers

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Veteran Rally – Friday 21 March – Sunday 23 March

Royal Hotel Woodstock

For a number of years we have ridden with our Veterans in the Cowra area. A number of times with the Caravan park in Cowra as our base. When that was flooded a few years ago we diverted to nearby Woodstock. There were some benefits being that it avoids the traffic lights in Cowra and we now stay in either the Woodstock Hotel or the campground. Most participants stayed at the hotel Woodstock is a small town with no facilities other than the Hotel. No shops , fuel anything. In its hay days it would



have been a thriving place which even had its own banks and railway station. The tracks and station are still there. It is a quiet place which is nice if you want to ride veterans.

Unfortunately the Campground was closed due to spraying of the fields. Also the Cowra Ulysses club had a rally in Tamworth and could not provide marshals. Further the bowling club does not serve meals anymore. So we started the rally on the back foot but it did not impact the fun.



Friday afternoon was the shake down run to Canowindra. Having ridden this run a number of times most riders know the route. Laurie Deller leading as he has the best sense of direction. This run is about 110km which is quite

a distance for a veteran. Unfortunately my Powerplus failed to proceed after about 50km. The reason I discovered later were broken teeth in the Spitdorf magneto.

This was after I first attempted to ride my 1915 BSA . But that one failed to start, No spark ! I do not like to transport Veterans on a trailer as they do not react well to the constant banging of the trailer on our potholed roads. So I think that the damage was done during transport as the previous day it ran perfectly .

After the stop in front of the Age of Fish museum we rode back to Woodstock for a refreshing drink. Dinner at the pub is reasonably prized and of good quality. The meals have much improved compared to previous years.

Saturday was the run to GOOLOOGONG . The local hotel agreed to open by 11.15 instead of noon. The disadvantage of riding in this part of the world is that facilities like a bakery with coffee are not be found along the way. So the re-group stop after 45km was in the middle of nowhere on the side of the road. Arriving at the hotel we ordered got drinks and ordered meals and enjoying these in the shade of the trees of the beer garden. It was a pleasant stop almost reluctantly we left for our return trip. During lunch we had been warned by a local passerby that the Warraderry Road was muddy and slippery due to harvesting truck movements and unsealed