



**VMCC Meetings: Every 3rd Wednesday of the month 8pm,
DUNDAS SPORTS and RECREATION CLUB, 9 Elder Road , Dundas.**

Can't get to the VMCC meetings? ... then join us on ZOOM

**The deadline for submitting articles & notices for the January -
February 2026 edition of Drip Feed is Jan XXXXth 2026**

Note:

**Events and venues may change due to weather and other
circumstances. Never assume a ride is off, contact the organiser on
the day.**

All events start at 10am unless otherwise specified.

JANUARY 2026

Sunday 18th Jan
Vintage Preferred Run, Douglas Park ... Rick Nabkey

Monday 26th Jan
Australia Day ... pick your local event

FEBRUARY 2026

Saturday 14th Feb to Sunday 15th Feb
Orange Rally

Wednesday 18th Feb
Committee & General Meeting, Dundas Sports Club and on ZOOM

Friday 20th Feb - Sunday 22nd Feb
Sidecar get-together, Cobargo, Andrew Butcher
*See advert in the **Members Bar** section ... further in this Drip Feed*

Sunday 22nd Feb
Veteran and Tiddlers Day, Maraylya, Hans Sprangers



MARCH 2026

Wednesday 18th March
Committee & General Meeting Dundas Sports Club, and on ZOOM

Saturday 14th - Sunday 15th March
Rudge Rally, Gundagai, Peter Scott

Sunday 22nd March
Goulburn Swap Meet

Friday 20th - Sunday 22nd March
Centurion Rally (Bike must be at least 100 years old)
Woodstock, Antony Gullick and Hans Sprangers

Sunday 29th - Sunday 5th April
Bathurst Easter Rally, Bathurst MCC

APRIL 2026

Wednesday 15th April
Committee & General Meeting Dundas Sports Club, and on ZOOM

MAY 2026

Sunday 17th May
Headlight Rally, Tahmoor, Ray Elbourne

Wednesday 20th May
Committee & General Meeting Dundas Sports Club, and on ZOOM

JUNE 2026

Friday 12th - Sunday 14th
Hunter Valley Weekend, Dungog, Steve Mordue

Wednesday 17th June
Committee & General Meeting Dundas Sports Club, and on ZOOM



JULY 2026

Sunday 12th July
Run North. Cowan Truck Stop to Peats Ridge. Kon Helidoniotis

Wednesday 15th July
Committee & General Meeting. Dundas Sports Club, and on ZOOM

Saturday 25th July - Sunday 26th July ... *subject to confirmation*
Macquarie Towns Annual Rally

AUGUST 2026

Sunday 2nd August
Borradale Memorial Run. The Oaks. Ian Richardson

Saturday 22nd - Sunday 23rd August
AMCA Bulli Weekend. Bulli Mick Johnson

Wednesday 19th August
Committee & General Meeting. Dundas Sports Club, and on ZOOM

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday 13th September
Macquarie Towns Annual Show Day. Windsor

Wednesday 16th September
Committee & General Meeting. Dundas Sports Club, and on ZOOM

Friday 19th, Saturday 20th, Sunday 21st September
Boats and Spokes - Sussex Inlet. Antony Gullick & Tony Pollard
.... *Subject to confirmation*

Saturday 26th - Sunday 27th September
Parkes Annual Rally. Parkes



OCTOBER 2026

Wednesday 14th October
Committee & General Meeting. Dundas Sports Club, and on ZOOM

Saturday 25th July - Sunday 26th July ... *subject to confirmation*
Sidecar Run. Bowral. Ray Elbourne

NOVEMBER 2026

Friday 30th October - Sunday 1st November
VMCC Annual Rally. Woolgoolga, North Coast.
Antony Gullick & Committee

Wednesday 18th November August
Committee & Annual General Meeting (AGM).
Dundas Sports Club, and on ZOOM

Sunday 29th November
Annual Inspection Day luncheon. Silverwater. Committee

DECEMBER 2026

NOTE: No General Meetings in December and January



*And howabout checking out the VMCC-NSW
Facebook Group pages.
You'll find lots more Club info to enjoy.*

*The "POSTS" section presents info from the VMCC-
NSW committee.
And members can contribute their info into the
"MENTIONS" section.*

*And please keep all contributions respectful, and in
the interests of our VMCC-NSW members*

Editors' Shed

from Pete Weatherby



A first year members' Graduation on the road to Wisdom.

I have a background in automotive engineering & manufacturing. And, I've always been a keen motorcycle aficionado. However, I am a late starter on vintage motorcycles & restorations.

However, I have now graduated as a first year novice in the vintage motorcycle restoration scene ... and continuing my learning, with valued assistance from members of the VMCC-NSW

Whilst on my own vintage motorcycle restoration journey (*and struth I hate using that word "JOURNEY"*), I have ventured into the dark realm of resto gremlins that will always bring more than a twitch to my eye ... and at times a burning desire to throw something.

OK, so most of these bikes were manufactured in early to mid-20th century.

And these bikes would likely have been worked over during their long life by several owners, professional mechanics, Jacks of all trades, and hands-on people who were perhaps satisfied with their own "she'll be right style of mechanic-ing".

But my mechanical archaeology can occasionally be accompanied with lessons requiring patience, quiet reflection, and an element that borders on seeking divine intervention.

My base-level offending Gremlin is in the category of nuts & bolts & screw threads, which gets me steaming from my ears as to **"WHY DON'T ANY OF MY SPANNERS FIT THIS ??"**

Yes, I am reminded of the fall-back choices of shifting spanners, pliers, multi-grips, vise grips, and Stillson wrenches. Even the old King Dick adjustable spanner still raises a cheezy grin.

And I am often reminded of the once-upon-a-time when I saw a bloke use a vernier calliper as a shifting spanner ... WTF !?!?

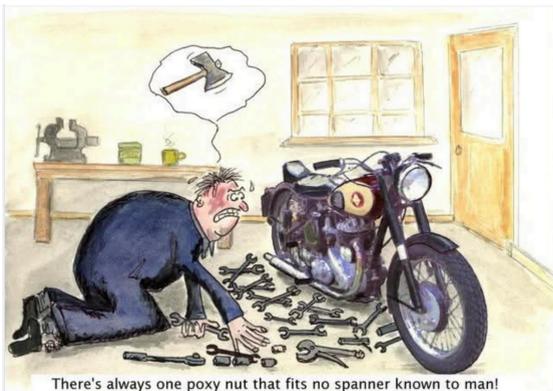
And then there's my occasional "head bangers" ... either a sheared stud, or a sheared-off bolt head.
I beg my Ezy-Outs not to snap.

The project begins to border on disillusion and discouragement. Thereby deflated, I exit the garage door and put the kettle on.

Whilst attending my first ever vintage motorcycle auction (*and with thanks to Antony*), I was perplexed by the numbers of bidders, and the prices paid, for old dusty & oily biscuit & jam tins containing assortments of mixed motorcycle fasteners ... ie: bolts, nuts, washers, springs, pins, clevises, small brackets, and the like.

In my naivety at the time, I didn't understand what makes these containers of old & crappy bits so valued. However, the penny quickly dropped, and a lightbulb moment flashed on.

I learned another valuable restoration lesson, being: don't just shrug-off at old containers of rusty/oily/greasy/dirty fasteners ... they may contain just the right fastener that provides the proper attachment for a lousy fitting whatzit.



But I digress ...

There's a positive learning curve to plough through, and achievements to be gained somewhere in this vintage bike past-time ... akin to an initiation, or rite of passage that all restorers must choose to pass through to attain some higher level of enlightenment.

And this article is not a gripe session about my desperate and frustrating initiation lessons over nuts & bolts.

It leads me to what this Club is doing for me?

Since recently joining the VMCC-NSW, I am gradually getting to know many of our club members, and each of whom possess a wealth of vintage motorcycle skills and knowledge ... all a part of a vintage motorcycle fraternity.

To get a pointer in a right direction for a parts supplier, to online discussion groups, and to skilled services, be it in Australia or elsewhere around the globe, has been a much-valued boost in progressing my bike restoration ambitions and aspirations to a higher level.

And this grapevine can (*and often does*) lead me to a member who has a friend, who has a mate, who knows a bloke, whose neighbour works for a fellow, who runs a workshop with the skill-sets to build and repair vintage bike gizmos and wot-nots.

And so, in light of my awakening, my respects go to all of our Club members who have already ploughed through this indoctrination process, & have graduated onward & upward from these lessons.

So my point is;
there's more to this Club of ours than providing great opportunities for social bike rides, and rally events, and get-togethers with a group of like-minded motorcycling enthusiasts.

The VMCC-NSW is much more.

Our club provides avenues for member's information exchange, contacts, community, friendship, and camaraderie ... ranging from this novice member, to the well-established members having vintage motorcycle skills, experience, knowledge, expertise, techniques, and wisdom.

Good on all of ya's for your support of the VMCC-NSW, and for keeping history and enjoyment alive in these wonderful machines.

To all VMCC-NSW club members, friends and families, my best wishes to you for a happy and safe Christmas and New Year 2026.

Pete

Presidents' Report Christmas 2025

from Hans Sprangers
Vice-President VMCC-NSW



In November the Club held its 50th Annual General Meeting.

We were fortunate to have had a record number of members attending either in person or by ZOOM.

It certainly helps in achieving a quorum and it shows your support to those active in various positions.

At the AGM most positions were filled by the incumbent members.

We welcome Howard Manning as a new member on the Committee for 2026.

Ian Coulson and myself will act as President whilst the position remains vacant ... (any volunteers ???)

Ian is taking the position during the times that I am overseas or unavailable.

The event programme was adopted.

Our events in 2026 will run along the lines of 2025.

What was the Veteran only rally out of Woodstock in March will now be open to all bikes 100 years and older.

The Centurion Rally .

Members with younger girder fork bikes are also welcome on Veteran rallies where you might be assigned with a marshalling function.

The Club organizes 4 multi day events every year and about 8 single day runs.

So, there is at least one run every month. (except in December)

For those who like to participate in more multi day events, you are encouraged to participate in other clubs rallies ... Like the Orange rally (February) , Bathurst Tour (Easter week) Macquarie towns Annual rally (July) etc.

I know of members who ride almost every week in a classic bike event. So there is plenty to share with like minded people.

The annual inspection day and Christmas lunch was held in Silverwater Park.

The morning and lunch is shared with some members who can no longer ride a bike but like to stay in touch.

Thank you Gail Scott for organizing the lunch.

A reminder that membership renewals are now overdue.

Please keep up your membership, as without a valid membership your Historic plated vehicle will not have a valid registration.

Lastly On behalf of the Committee and myself I would like to wish you and your dear one's a Happy Christmas and a great New Year.

I hope that we can share a lot of happy riding in 2026.

See you soon,
Hans Sprangers

