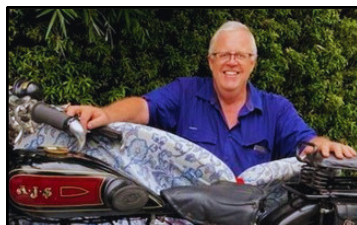


Editors' Shed  
from  
Pete Weatherby



Welcome to the May-June 2026 edition of Drip Feed newsletter-magazine.

We trust that our VMCC-NSW members and associated readers are enjoying Drip Feed.

We are working to provide our members with a balance of latest VMCC-NSW news & views, along with reliving about machines, people, and places from our motorcycling and VMCC history.

In this issue of Drip Feed, our feature story presents a legend within our club ranks, and a gentleman with many-many riveting stories ... Mr. Dennis Fry. Dennis holds a wealth of experience and knowledge in motorcycling, and especially in motorcycle racing in Australia, the U.K., Isle of Man, and in the "Continental Circus" of international motorcycle grand prix racing.

This Drip Feed introductory feature article barely scratches the surface of Dennis' marvelous background and career.

And Dennis has more stories that he wishes to share with us in future Drip Feeds.

Also, let's spare some thoughts about how motorcycles have contributed to communities, particularly during the early-mid 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

We can look at the evolution of motorcycle design (the brilliant and the not-so) that aimed to fulfil a purpose, whether it be utilitarian or competition, or what was thought to be a good idea at the time.

We can pay homage to the bikes that were relied upon on farms, bikes used to support families, bikes used for community based deliveries and community support services, bikes used in military service, and bikes that earned recognition and a reputation on race tracks around the country.

These bikes supported people and communities of a young burgeoning Australia ... through the tough times of low employment, two world wars, a global depression, and into the post war boom years of the 1950's-1970's.

We can imagine that the bikes that survive today from these eras possess a character and personality that in some way can convey a story of the early-mid 20<sup>th</sup> century, here in Australia and around the world.

Sadly, many of these machines have not survived through to today, being lost to the elements, broken down for parts, buried in landfill, or melted down.

To all enthusiasts who look after and enjoy these machines, and keep their personalities and stories alive today, your dedication is worth bottling.

Presidents' Report  
May-June 2026  
from  
Hans Sprangers  
Vice-President  
VMCC-NSW



Over the last few years the Committee has managed to reduce the work required to run the Club, and still maintain a regular run and event schedule.

There used to be separate Committee and General meetings on different days.

To get together in a city like Sydney is not easy as it takes a fair bit of travel time etc.

Zoom meetings are practical but not very sociable.

So at the moment we meet once a month in a combined Committee and General meeting.

*(at Dundas Sports and Recreation Club. 9 Elder Road, Dundas)*

Starting at 8pm trying to avoid the busiest part of rush hour(s).

Most of those attending are long standing members of the Club and their input is much appreciated.

Any issues which pop up during the month are dealt with by phone or email among the Committee members.

In case you like to receive an agenda for those meetings, just let me know.

The VMCC is run by members (volunteers) for the benefit of members.

This year we have had a great deal of difficulty in getting the membership renewals coming through.

People simply forget to pay and reminders only work when they are addressed personally or followed by a phone call.

We are very hopeful that the new Club software (Revolutionise Sport) will take most of that pain away.

Howard Manning has been working away in getting it set up and we hope that by September we can go live including PIN payment facilities integrated in the system.

That would mean that eg. membership renewals will be sent electronically and reminders will come by automatically generated emails until payment is received.

This obviously only works when people access their email and follow up on that !!

We are planning that for larger events , like the annual rally, participants will have to register on the Club website for the event and pay on line as well.

At the moment we often do not know how many will show up for an event which makes planning difficult.

We are also working on making PIN payments possible.

Recently we have been very generous with waving entry fees for most events but we cannot continue doing this.

The administration for events can be quite a task but doing it on line should help making organising events easier ???

Next year the Club will be hosting the National Veteran rally in Cowra from 23-31 October 2027.

Fortunately a number of volunteers have come forward to help with the running of this large event. (100+ participants)

Any additional help is always appreciated.

( Contact Ian Richardson or Antony Gullick if you can pitch in with support).

Winter is upon us for the next few months. But our events are continuing. Look at the event calendar and plan your next run with friends.

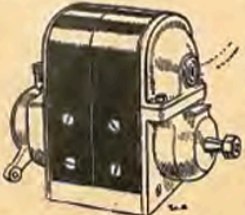
Happy Riding, Hans Sprangers




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Minutes of the  
VMCC-NSW  
General Meetings  
May 2026  
from  
Antony Gullick



Date 20/05/2026

Meeting started 8.05pm

Apologies – Ross McDermott, Graham Goodwin

Membership – About unpaid subscriptions,  
New Members –

Minutes as read in the last drip feed

Ian Coulston

Mail – letter about dinner at the motoring club, letter from David Canne;

Finances - Opening balance \$24,298.92 Closing \$22,669.96

Drip feed - Articles due .need a story for Bathurst, Brad Martin is writing  
an article about the headlight rally.

Recent events. Headlight rally, a little overcast with 12 bikes in  
attendance. Good weather with only a couple of break downs

Upcoming events. Morpeth run leaving Ray Lawlor park 11,00 Saturday,  
and 9.00 Sunday

17 -22/10/26 Annual rally 2026 will be held in Woolgoolga

Welfare

General Business.

Howard Manning has been working hard on the revolutionise website.  
The site is being integrated with the existing site.

We will be publishing on facebook and the website the dates for the  
2027 national veteran rally/

We have a number of volunteers to help run the National Veteran Rally.  
Ian Richardson, Antony Gullick, Mick Bostock, Brad Martin, Mick  
Johnson

Meeting finished 9.08 pm.

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## IMPORTANT OVERDUE VMCC-NSW MEMBERSHIP FEES HISTORIC PLATES & FINANCIAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP



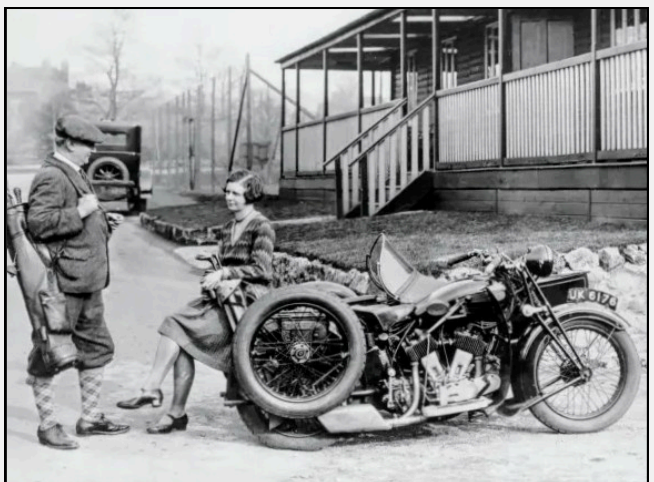
VMCC-NSW membership renewal for 2026 was due at the AGM in November 2025.

Please check to make sure that you've paid your 2026 VMCC-NSW membership fees

So here we are, all kitted-out with the splendidly proper riding attire and paraphernalia that one deems appropriate for our little motorcycling junket to the countryside.

But apparently we are left behind & stuck here, and we cannot ride on public roads to join our fellow enthusiasts, because we haven't paid our club fees ?  
... well, um, yeah !

***YOU MUST BE A CURRENT FINANCIAL CLUB MEMBER TO LEGALLY RIDE YOUR HISTORIC PLATE MOTORCYCLE ON PUBLIC ROADS.***



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HMCCQ Brisbane Area invites all veteran motor cycle enthusiasts to our biennial rally



## HMCCQ Veteran Rally

**3-9 AUGUST 2026**  
310 Mt. Flinders Road Peak Crossing QLD

Held at Ivory's Rock Convention Centre in the picturesque Scenic Rim region

### What to expect

**Daily, marshalled rides** ✓  
On quiet country roads with multiple back-up trailers

**Fun, friendly atmosphere** ✓  
Social activities, coasting competitor, and daily rider awards

**Nightly gatherings** ✓  
Complimentary happy hour every evening and daily rally recap

**Onsite accommodation** ✓  
Cabins and camping onsite - book direct by phoning (07) 3077 9668

### Key information

- Bump in Monday 3 August
- Daily rides Tuesday to Saturday
- Bump out Sunday 9 August
- Catered morning tea stops
- 3 x catered dinners
- Centralised Rally HQ
- Rider entries restricted to pre-1919 machines only
- Marshalls welcomed on any bike
- Onsite caterers for morning brews, breakfast burgers and non-catered dinners

**ENTRY FORM COMING OUT SOON!**

Doug Jolliffe or Murray Deeth  
0415 582 819 or 0414 821 278

[www.hmccq.org.au](http://www.hmccq.org.au)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/hmccqveteran](https://www.facebook.com/groups/hmccqveteran)

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Correspondence: Secretary AMCA Australia Inc. P.O. Box 4399, Lakehaven NSW 2265



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COOTAMUNDRA ANTIQUE MOTOR CLUB

**Sunday 6 September 2026 Gates Open 6am**

**33rd FATHERS DAY SWAP MEET**

**“The Friendly Swap”**

Parts for Cars/Motor Bikes/Tractors/Stationary Motors, Collectables, Crafts, Plants, Produce, Tools new/old, Hand Made Items, Toys, Garden items, Jewellery, Badges, Antiques, Brica-Brac & the weird

**Classic & Historic cars & bikes display (only), infield of trotting track  
Vehicle & 2 adults Free Entry (extras adults \$5/ea, kids free)**

Where ..... Cootamundra Showground Cnr Pinkerton Rd/Berthong St

**Stall Holders NOTE. : Please pay for your site/s on entry at the gate, CASH only**  
All Outdoor Sites \$25 each powered or not, 6 metre frontage  
\$30 Inside Site each (4 metre frontage)

**Stall Holders** to be on their sites by 7.30 am Sunday or your sites can be re-allocated

**Stall holders note**, once your vehicle and trailers are set up, they are not to be moved unless leaving to go home or have gained permission from **Swap Organiser Lynn**

**Stall holders note**. No stall holders allowed on site till after 2pm Friday 4 September

**Stall holders to enter at Pinkerton Rd at main gate**  
**No “CAR” entry for buyers. Buyers enter Berthong St or main gate on Pinkerton Rd**

**Please leave our grounds clean and tidy**

Set up Saturday 5 September if needed for some Saturday trading

**Entry Price for Buyers ..... Gate entry adult \$5 per day CASH**  
**Children U/12 free**

**Contact: Lynn Gavin 0488 421 282 or Barry Gavin 0488 421 976**

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you have re-booked from last year, please call to confirm for 2026 but then cannot attend our Swap, PLEASE let us know so we can save your site for next year or just cancel it

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## VMCC-NSW Meetings

VMCC Meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday of the month, commencing at 8pm ... Except for December and January. DUNDAS SPORTS and RECREATION CLUB, 9 Elder Road , Dundas.

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

## Contributions to Drip Feed bi-monthly magazine

We invite and encourage all VMCC-NSW members to be contributors to Drip Feed magazine. Please ensure all contributions are respectful & subject relevant to the VMCC-NSW and its members.

## Events & Venues - Postponements and Cancellations

Events and venues may change due to weather and other circumstances.

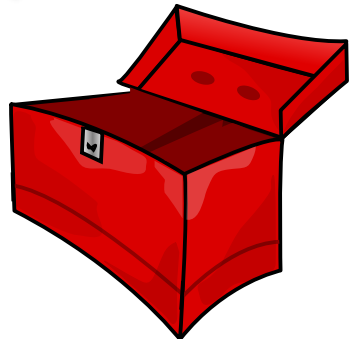
Never assume a ride is off.

If in doubt, contact the organiser on the day.  
All events start at 10am unless otherwise specified.

# SUGGESTION box

Do you have a good idea,  
request, or suggestion that may  
help to make Drip Feed even  
more enjoyable & informative  
experience for our members  
???

Drop us a letter or an email.



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## JUNE 2026

**Friday 12th to  
Sunday 14th June**

Hunter Valley Weekend,  
Morpeth

Steve Mordue  
0477 770 993

A weekend get-together. VMCC combined with the Newcastle Vintage Club, & is typically a Girder Fork weekend'

Saturday run start is 11am at Ray Lawler Reserve, Morpeth.

50km ride to Lochinvar for lunch, then 60km back to Morpeth.

Sunday has a BBQ & two short rides.

Finish in time for those participants who travel some distance home.

Recommend accomodation at Molly Morgan Motel, East Maitland.

If alternative accom req'd, call Steve for assistance. (some other accom in the area is not so good).

## Wednesday 17th June

Committee & General Meeting Dundas Sports Club, and on ZOOM



## JULY 2026

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

Run North.

Cowan Truck Stop to Peats Ridge.

Kon Helidoniotis 041 487 1402

A nice ride up the old highway to Peats Ridge, with a stop at The Corrugated Cafe.

Then a return ride to Cowan, via the Pie in the Sky cafe.



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## JULY 2026 ... (continued)

### Wednesday 15th July

Committee & General Meeting. Dundas Sports Club, and on ZOOM

### Saturday 25th July - Sunday 26th July

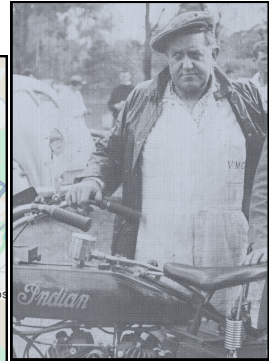
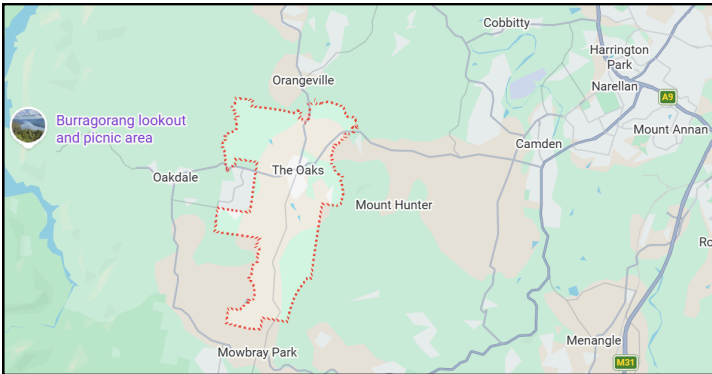
Macquarie Towns Annual Rally

## AUGUST 2026

### Sunday 2nd August

Jack Borradale Memorial Run.

The Oaks. Ian Richardson 041 227 2664



Jack Borradale

### Monday 3rd - Sunday 9th August

HMCCQ Veteran Rally, Peak Crossing, Queensland

Doug Jolliffe 0415 382 819 Murray Deeth 0414 821 278

### Saturday 22nd - Sunday 23rd August

AMCA Bulli Weekend. Bulli.

Mick Johnson



### Wednesday 19th August

Committee & General Meeting. Dundas Sports Club, and on ZOOM

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## SEPTEMBER 2026

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Cootamundra Father's Day Swap Meet

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Macquarie Towns Annual Show Day. Windsor

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Committee & General Meeting. Dundas Sports Club, and on ZOOM

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Boats and Spokes - Sussex Inlet. Antony Gullick 041 528 4620

### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Parkes Annual Rally. Parkes

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## OCTOBER 2026

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> to Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Douglas Rally, Horsham, Victoria.

Neville Thomas 0419 385 242 email: [nevngayle@bigpond.com](mailto:nevngayle@bigpond.com)

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Sidecar Run. Bowral.

Ray Elbourne  
040 821 9663

*A fantastic on-the-road photo  
from Zoe Davis and Ray Elbourne*



### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October

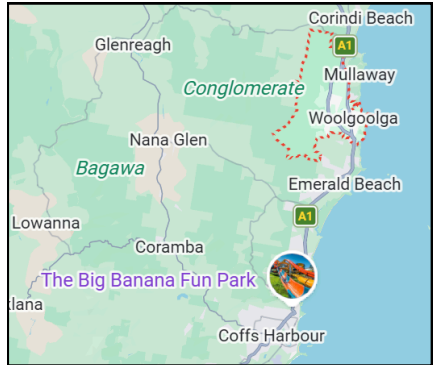
Committee & General Meeting. Dundas Sports Club, and on ZOOM

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## NOVEMBER 2026

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November to  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

VMCC Annual Rally.  
Woolgoolga, North Coast.  
Antony Gullick 041 528 4620  
& Committee

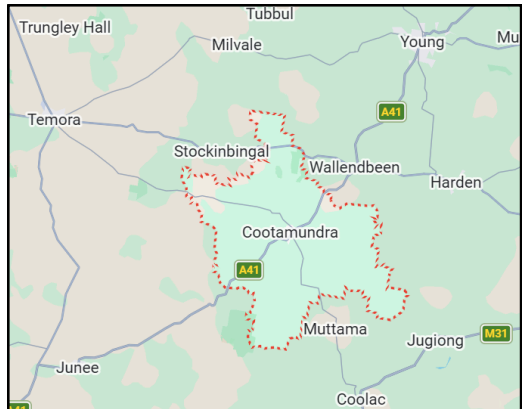


**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

Committee and  
Annual General Meeting (AGM).  
Dundas Sports Club,  
and on ZOOM

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>  
to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

Cootamundra Antique  
Motor Club  
Ton Plus 4 Rally  
Mark Loiterton  
zloit@ozemail.com.au



**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>  
November**

VMCC-NSW  
Annual Inspection Day  
and luncheon.  
Silverwater Park.  
VMCC Committee  
All members, past &  
present, invited.



## DECEMBER 2026

No General Meetings in  
December and January 2027

**... 2027 ...  
IMPORTANT  
NOTE THE DATES**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2027  
National Veteran Rally, Cowra**