





### **EVENTS CALENDAR**



Check with <a href="www.classicowners.org">www.classicowners.org</a> or check with a committee member before setting out

June 15 LOG BOOK DAY

22 FOM Undercover Swap Meet Angle Park www.fomsa.org

July 23 COMCC AGM

Aug 24 COMCC Annual Lunch & Awards British Hotel Pt Adelaide

Sept 22 Arthur Clisby Run Events (fhmcsa.org.au)
Oct 5 FOM Mill to Mill Poker Run www.fomsa.org

12-13 Classics at Hart www.fomsa.org

#### MOPED RUN DATES

**Co-ordinators** Malcom Downie 0439 891 355 Geoff Stevens 0419 298 917 **2024 MOPED PLUS CALENDAR** 

4 Feb Goolwa 9 August Williamstown

14 April Mount Pleasant Date TBC October Mount Barker

9 June Strathalbyn 1 December Charleston



#### MID-WEEK RUN DATES

Meet at Hazelwood Park, Hawthorn Cres. Hazelwood Park - all types and makes of motorcycles welcome

Meet at 9.30 for 10.00am start 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month

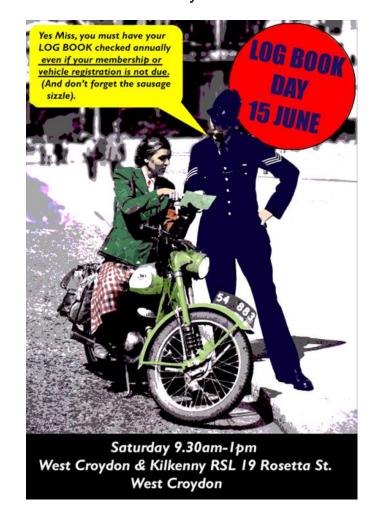
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month

Ride destination decided on the day

#### WEEKEND RUN DATES

# Weekend runs take place on the first convenient Sunday after the General Meeting

Tony Mitchell and Allan Vaisham jointly take on the Club Captain role this year. Rides are going ahead and for the present will stick with the 'Ride destination decided on the day' format.







"SPEED IS EXPENSIVE" the feature length ocumentary telling the story of Philip Vincent and the Vincent motorcycle was screened at the flarch General Meeting. The film was well escarched with archival footage and interviews with Vincent's relatives and contemporaries from the motorcycling world. Well worth a look, the good news is; if you missed the screening the DVD is now in the COMCC library, along with many other motorcycling DVDs including of ourse the George Formby classic 'No Limit'.

See Librarian Allan Kernich at the General Meetings

#### FROM THE CHAIR

Catering at the West Croydon–Kilkenny RSL clubrooms on general meeting nights is being well patronised, but it would

be even better with more people. Please take advantage of this opportunity for a bit of socialising before the meeting by getting to the RSL early for a tasty and inexpensive meal and a drink.

Our FOM VIP night at the Gillman Speedway on 23 March was a success and those attending certainly enjoyed the evening. Our club run to member Les Ashmeade's place at Balaklava was a great day and universally hailed as a good thing – thanks Les. Unfortunately, the planned visit to the Booleroo Steam Traction Rally had to be postponed due to calendar conflicts and we hope to organise this run for March next year. Upcoming events are as follows:

**Log Book Day** - Saturday 15 June. Get your paperwork up to date and enjoy a sausage sizzle as well!

**FOM Undercover Motorcycle Only Swap Meet** – Saturday 22 June -. Details on web and Facebook.

AGM - Tuesday 23 July

Annual Lunch – Saturday 24 August

FOM Poker Run - Sunday 5 October

Classics at Hart – Long weekend 12-13 October

For further details about these events and others make sure you follow everything on the Classic Owners web site calendar of events at

<u>www.classicowners.org</u> and the Festival of Motorcycling SA web site at <u>www.fomsa.org</u>

Both of these web sites also have links to active COMCC and FOM Facebook groups and this is where you will find the latest news as it happens.

Allan Kernich President

#### **EDITOR'S COMMENTS**

A slightly earlier publication date for the June – August *Courier* to accommodate the Editor's travel plans! However,

the advantage is: the earlier date allows me to incorporate publicity for the events happening this quarter. Flyers are in this edition, with current details for the events listed by the President in his report (above).

Members who subscribe to the print version may have noticed that Australia Post has increased the price of a local stamp by 30c. This increase combined with a higher printing cost means the subscription for a posted magazine will be increased to \$15 in the new financial year. There are no plans to make the *Courier* exclusively online, and the printed version will continue if members continue to subscribe.

If you can access <u>www.classicowners.org</u> you will find co-club Captain Allan Vaisham's complete ride reports and more photos of the rides than can be printed in the *Courier*.

Thanks to Dave Garrett for his account of his Booleroo Trip, and a reminder that contributions from members are always welcome. **Trevor Jones Editor** 

#### MOPEDS PLUS Malcolm Downie 0439 891 355 Geoff Stevens 0419 298 917

# Mt Pleasant Marathon Participants

Mark Howson Royal Enfield 2023 650cc Malcolm Downie Norton 1971 750cc Mick Hayes Suzuki 2016 650cc John Dwyer BSA 1951 125cc

Don & Lyn Jennings Harley 2010 1200cc Allan Vaisham Honda 1975 500cc Brian Dawson Harley 1968 outfit (invitee) 14 April 2024

Steve Pearson Honda 1982 CB1100 Graham Riley Zundapp 1958 200cc Paul David Ambassador 1950 197cc Bernie Burton Triumph 2010 865cc Tony Earnshaw BMW 1974 600cc Mark Beyer Honda 2010 105cc Mika Beyer Honda 2014 110cc

The Mt Pleasant Marathon was held on a mild day that proved to be perfect riding weather for the 14 bikes participating. Roger O'Loughlin arrived before the start but was feeling too unwell to participate. The riders left at 10:30am and rode through Williamstown and onto Lyndoch via Cockatoo Valley where we had hoped to meet up with a classic car and bike rally. Unfortunately, they had moved through before our arrival, so we rode onto Angaston via Altona, Rowland Flat, and Tanunda where we broke for lunch at one of the local bakeries. After lunch the riders returned to Mt Pleasant via Eden Valley, Taunton, and Springton.

The BSA Bantam was the only casualty after Menglers Hill. John and his steed were most grateful for the back-up trailer which ferried them for the remainder of the ride.

Thanks to Mick Hayes for leading and Mark Howson for Tail End Charlie duties and the various riders who assisted with marshalling during the ride - Tony Earnshaw, Don Jennings, and Steve Pearson. Thanks also to Geoff Stevens and Allan Wallis who provided the back - up trailer and did a very efficient job of collecting John and his BSA and keeping the ride on track.

**NEXT RIDE: Williamstown Wander 9 August 2024** commencing from Goodyear Autocare, Rankine St, Strathalbyn - 10:00am for a 10:30am start.







# **NEW MEMBERS**



A welcome to the club is extended to...

Willis Teo Athelstone David

Angus Kirkman West Richmond Russe

David Creaser Largs North
Russel Norton Carey Gully

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# 2023 M.f.Q Toy Run

The 45<sup>th</sup> Toy Run showed the event is resilient. In a running reminiscent of those during the Covid pandemic, the participants followed the MRA's slogan, 'It's more than a ride, it's for the kids'. Stormy weather over the weekend of 9-10 December made the idea of a ride to Callington pretty uninviting. Susan and I decided on a compromise – a ride down to Victoria Park, drop off the presents, buy a Toy Run Badge, and head for home. As it turned out this more or less constituted the 2023 Toy Run. Vinnies set up their collection point in front of the Victoria Park grandstand with the MRA tents. After the drop off, as it was not actually raining, we decided to ride around to the V8 grid to at least make the start. I would guess about 100 bikes were assembled including a few classic machines that were not afraid of the rain. 11am Santa mounted up and the Police escort led us out of the park. At Green Hill Road we were ready to head off home, but the bikes turned left rather than towards the motorway, so we followed along. The bikes made a circuit around Victoria Park and back to the starting grid. Santa dismounted; the police bikes parked; the shortest Toy Run was run. The donation of toys was steady. We noticed many donors arrived by car or on foot to make their donations, so the day was a success and certainly memorable. TJ

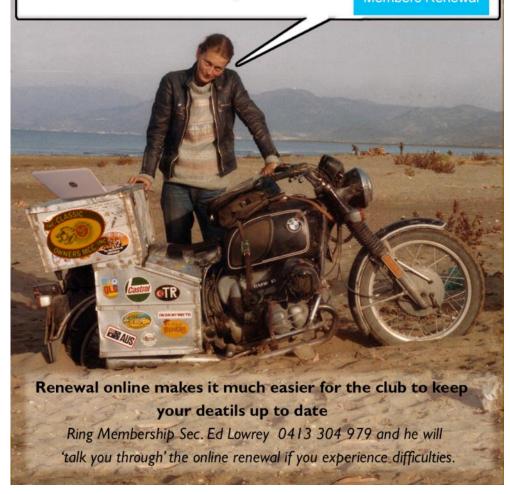


Soon to be cleaned Moto Guzzi V7



I'm stuck out here but I can still renew
my COMCC membership online before 30 June at
www.classicowners.org and click on

Members Renewal



MEMEBERS WITH CLUB (HISTORIC) REGISTRATION ARE REMINDED THEY MUST RENEW THEIR COMCC MEMBERSHIP BY 30 JUNE OR THEIR BIKE WILL BE UNREGISTERED.

The club is legally required to inform Motor Registration you are no longer a member and they will cancel your registration .

# Ride to Balaklava 7 April 2024

Thirty motorcycles and two cars gathered at the Ampol Service Station at Bolivar for a combined Sunday ride. It was a special outing to visit a club member's collection of classic motorbikes and to enjoy a lunch at the Royal Hotel, Balaclava. 9.10am we set out following Bob Finnie with Evangeline as pillion, leading us up the Princess Highway to Two Wells, Mallala, and Owen. We stopped at Owen for a rest and to admire the Silo Art.

After our break we set out for Balaclava, arriving at Les's place about 10.45am. The collection consisted of Kawasaki Z900's and Yamaha SX650's which were imported from US and magnificently restored by Les; absolute concourse standard. Also in the collection were a Suzuki trail bike and a RE 650 twin.

We arrived at the Royal Hotel about 11.40am ordered drinks and our meals. As expected it took a while to get out orders but the Hotel did very well coping with such a large group. The meals were excellent and the Club subsidised each member with a \$10 voucher, making it cheap meal! As always there were lots of interesting conversations during our meal. It was a very enjoyable social gathering.

The ride split up after lunch with some returning to Two Wells and others turning off to Gawler. Heartfelt thanks to Bob Finnie, who organised the ride; it was a great success! Allan Vaisham Honda CB450

Members gather at Ampol Boliva (right, below left & right) Bob 'Easy Rider' Cole (mid left) Roadside stop (mid centre) Silos at Owen (mid right) Les's Yamaha 650s (bottom left & mid) Kawasaki Z900 (bottom right)





















More photos on classicowners.org from Allan. Thanks to Rod Bailev for additional photos



On a recent trip to Wellington New Zealand, we rented a car and drove an hour out of the city to Paraparaumu to visit the

Southward Car Museum. It sounds from the name as if there wouldn't be much in the museum to interest a motorcyclist, but founder Len Southward was a motorcycle enthusiast. An industrialist, he made his fortune in metal fabrication. Truck rear vision mirrors and dust pans were a big item in the days when New Zealand and Australia had a manufacturing industry. Len was a motorcyclist who began with Indian motorcycles in the 1920s and continued to collect two wheelers for the rest of his life. The motorcycles featured on a mezzanine floor above the car collection. This would be one of the few museums to have a collection of bicycles including possibly the oldest Matchless I have seen. Some readers might remember New Zealander Geoff Perry, the extremely talented road racer of the 1970s who was tradically killed in an air crash in 1973. On display is his Suzuki 500cc air cooled twin, beside American Pat Hennan's Suzuki TR750 triple. As might be expected, Indians feature strongly in the collection from a 1973 two stroke 97cc 'Off Road' model to an experimental military 841 model built in 1942. Anticipating Moto-Guzzi by about 20 years, the 841 was a 90-degree twin with a longitudinal crankshaft and shaft-drive. Unfortunately for Indian, the US army decided to buy jeeps instead. Another rare bike displayed: a 1931 Brough Superior Austin 4 outfit. Utilising an Austin 7 four-cylinder motor (available for £1 from scrap yards at the time) suitably improved with an alloy head and coupled to the standard 3 speed gear box (including reverse), it was driven via shaft to the back wheel. The Great Depression of the 1930s decreased the demand for luxury motorcycles, no doubt the fact the Brough outfit cost more than an Austin 7 meant only 10 were produced. The one on display was one of the 8 that have survived. I won't go into the cars on display. Suffice to say they are well worth a look, but I can't resist mentioning one. The 1962 Brabham Formula junior on display was driven by Roy James in 1963. He took a break during the racing season to be the getaway driver for the Great Train Robbers. He returned to race at Cadwell Park ten days later, where the law caught up with him and he served 11 years! TJ















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## Booleroo Trip 23 March 2024





Hi Guys,

Fellow member Leon van Brussel and I decided to attend the annual Booleroo Steam Traction Rally. We departed from my place at Cheltenham just after 6:30am. We arrived just after 9:30am. The event opened at 7:30am and was scheduled to close at 4.00pm. We decided to drive and took our own vehicles.

We stayed until about 2:30pm having walked the exhibits and enjoyed the fine weather and friendly participants.

This is a yearly one-day event; and although there are ample camping grounds and caravan sites, we concluded that it would be an enjoyable day trip for our fellow members. There were a few motorcyclists, but none were camping.

There was also a Swap Meet on-site with an eclectic array of items for sale.

**Dave Garrett** 

#### More photos www.classicowners.org

#### WEEKEND RUNS



#### Ride to Birdwood and Milang \_28 April 2024

On this glorious, warm, sunny day, 12 motorcycles gathered at Hawthorn Crescent for our monthly Sunday ride. Tony Mitchell Club Captain led us up Greenhill Rd stopping briefly at the Summertown CFS to make sure all our riders were with us, then through Uraidla. After a left turn onto Range Rd, it became complicated with your reporter having the greatest trouble staying on the road and reading the road names at the same time! They were marvellous roads, narrow and twisting with constantly changing scenery. We crossed Sixth Creek several times, eventually coming out on Lobethal Rd. At the cold store, a couple interlopers who had joined us turned off taking half of our guys with them. At a quick road side meeting, it was pointed out that since there was no corner Marshall we should continue straight on. At Lobethal we met up with a few others. Since the morning stop was to be Birdwood, we could only go on and hope that everyone would turn up. We all arrived at Lovell's Bakery together!

During our morning stop, Milang was chosen for lunch. We headed towards Mt Pleasant turned right at Randell Rd, then on to Palmer and Murray Bridge, towards Monarto, over the freeway, and on to the Langhorne Creek Rd. Then Lake Plains Rd and on to the Rotunda in Milang for lunch. It was a particularly pleasant lunch stop. Sitting in a circle under the rotunda made conversation easy and we stayed longer than usual enjoying the company. On the return ride, we stopped briefly in Strath for some of us to fill up. A couple turned towards Wistow, the rest for Meadows and home. Thanks to Tony, for a particularly enjoyable ride. His knowledge of our roads never Allan Vaisham Honda CB500T ceases to amaze!



This is an edited version of Allan's report. Read more reports **on** www.classicowners.org

#### < Ready for a start at Hazelwood Park First major production Suzuki with single cylinder four-stroke engine Suzuki SP 370 v





< Lovell's Bakery Birdwood

Rotunda lunch stop in Milang >



Has 2 wheels and an engine – this electric BMW was at the start but didn't join us for the ride.

#### MID-WEEK RUNS

#### Midweek Ride 1 May 2024

It was a cold and overcast Wednesday morning at Hawthorn Crescent; but 19 bikes turned up for the ride, including Miranda Howson on a Suzuki Boulevard, with Learner plates. Lyndoch for our morning stop and Angaston for lunch, was the decided route for the ride. With Tony our Captain leading, we set out. Half-way up the hill on Greenhill Rd, we ran into mist, not heavy but sufficient to wet the roads and settle on our visors. We wound our way via Swamp Rd to Williamstown and Lyndoch, and our morning stop. As always, our stops are one of the most enjoyable aspects of our rides. In good company we solved the world's problems and told many stories. We set out for Angaston via Rosedale Rd and Gomersal Rd turning right onto Stuart Highway, which we then followed, except for a ride through Greenock, all the way to Truro, where Tony called a much needed 'pit stop'. We

then turned right for Moculta, Angaston, and lunch at the Sunrise Bakery, where we sat in the courtyard like lizards, absorbing the warm sunlight. The ride started to break up after lunch with some turning for Tanunda, the rest for Birdwood where again we split some going to Gumeracha, others to Mount Torrens all headed for home.

Another very enjoyable ride. Some twisty roads and also open roads, all of it fun!

Congratulations to Miranda who kept up all the way to Truro, where she and Mark turnedfor home, and to Tony for leading us on another great ride!

Allan Vaisham Honda CB500T

Next Mid-Week Ride: Tuesday 21st May











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## FOR SALE & WANTED

Check www.classicowners.org



For Sale & Wanted ads will run for two issues. Placement of ads restricted to Club members only. Photos of most of these items on www.classicowners.org

#### FOR SALE

4 classic bikes and parts plus 2 motors.

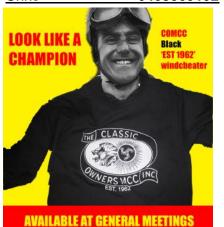
1962 Triumph Tiger 110 which will require a full rebuild.

Triumph motor with gear box not sure of age or for what bike Chris **0408369192** 

#### WANTED

T140E left hand switch block. Ray **0423 956 664** 

**Kawasaki Z650 parts** 1977-1980 Ray Chappell **0423 956 664** 





Evangeline has the club regalia on sale at the General Meetings.
Is your bike complete without a COMCC sticker?
Are you complete without a COMCC windcheater?

#### ADVERTISING ON THE CLUB WEB SITE & THE CLASSIC COURIER

Members may place ads in **For Sale & Wanted** on the Club website and in the Classic Courier.

Ads for motorcycles or cars for sale must have either a Rego number or an Engine number.

Photos can also be placed on the website:

- send ads to Trevor Jones 8298 7545 <u>magazine@classicowners.org</u> or Charles Oliver <u>secretary@classicowners.org</u>
- submit ads in writing at general meetings
- post ads to PO Box 642 Plympton, South Australia 5038.

Ads placed on the website will also appear in the Classic Courier and Courier ads on the website.

Magazine ads will run for two issues (6 months) unless renewed. Please withdraw ads that are no longer required.

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<u>Club Requirements for registering historic vehicles – The Classic Owners Motorcycle Club Inc.</u> on the club's website <u>www.classicowners.org</u>

## CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES 2023-2024

Joining \$15 (includes lapel badge)

Full \$35 Pensioner \$30 Magazine printed and posted \$12 or e-mailed free

#### All membership renewals due before 30 June of each year

**General Meetings** 4th Tuesday every month (**except Dec**.), 7.45pm at West Croydon & Kilkenny RSL, 19 Rosetta St., West Croydon. A basket supper follows - contributions welcome. Meals available before the meeting from the RSL kitchen.

**Committee Meetings** 3rd Tuesday of every month (**except Dec**.), 7.30pm at West Croydon & Kilkenny RSL, 19 Rosetta St., West Croydon. *Open to all members.* 





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# **DEADLINE FOR**

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