

COOLER WEATHER IS ON THE WAY

Turn your phone off and get that bike started...

**CLASSIC COURIER**

Your LOG BOOK(S) must be checked annually even if your membership or registration is not due.

**LOG BOOK DAY**

14 JUNE  
9am - 1pm

West Croydon & Kilkenny RSL  
19 Rosetta St  
West Croydon

Don't forget the sausage sizzle

**COMCC AGM 22 JULY 2025**

**CLASSIC COURIER**

June - August 2025

**OCTOBER** is

**MOTORCYCLE RIDE WEEK**

**CLASSIC COURIER**

September



**CLASSIC COURIER**

MARCH - MAY 2026

5-11 OCTOBER 2025

**MOTORCYCLE RIDE WEEK**

**CLASSIC COURIER**

July 26

DON'T GET CAUGHT RIDING UNREGISTERED RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!

I forgot... I'm unregistered... I could get nicked by the razzers!

I renewed before 30th June

**CLASSIC COURIER**

13 JUNE LOG BOOK DAY 28 JULY A.G.M

- Statutory Declaration Form
- Membership Form
- Nomination Form
- Download from FORMS
- www.classicowners.org

**CLASSIC COURIER**

JUNE - AUGUST 2015

## EVENTS CALENDAR



Check with [www.classicowners.org](http://www.classicowners.org) or check with a committee member before setting out

**MARCH 29** COMCC BBQ see opposite page

**JUNE 13** Log Book Day

**OCT 12-16** Veteran&Vintage MCC 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally  
[70thvmccsarally@gmail.com](mailto:70thvmccsarally@gmail.com)

## MOPED RUN DATES

**Co-ordinators** Malcom Downie 0439 891 355 Geoff Stevens 0419 298 917  
**2026 MOPED PLUS CALENDAR**

**11 January** Classic 250 Day

**8 February** Goolwa- Hindmarsh Targa

**8 March** Williamstown Wander

**12 April** Mount Pleasant Meander

**10 May** Gumeracha Glide

**14 June** Strathalbyn Stroll

**12 July** Mt Torrens Trek

**9 August** Williamstown Wander

**13 September** Uraidla Ultimate

**11 October** Mt Barker Burble

**8 November** One Tree Hill Trundle

**6 December** Charleston Challenge

## MIDWEEK 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. Usual starting point is Hazelwood Park.**

Club Captain Allan will detail forthcoming runs at the General Meetings

For details of the Run Routes see also [www.classicowners.org](http://www.classicowners.org)

Now the weather has cooled down it's  
time to hold the...

**COMCC SUMMER BBQ**  
**29 MARCH 2026**



**Thorndon Park**  
**Hamilton Tce Paradise**  
**11.30am - 2.30pm**

**FREE TO COMCC MEMBERS & FAMILIES**

B.Y.O Chairs, alcoholic and soft drinks  
 Thordon Park is very busy on Sundays and members are advised to arrive before 11.30 am for ease of parking -BBQ fired up at 12  
 Organiser Bob Cole would appreciate an email [rdavidcole@tgp.com.au](mailto:rdavidcole@tgp.com.au) or phone call 0429 177 413 to confirm you are attending

## FROM THE CHAIR



Our first event for 2026, the **Club's Summer BBQ**, had to be postponed due to the forecast hot weather. Mindful of last year's event where the needle was nudging the high 30s, it was felt that we didn't need a repeat performance; and so, I pulled the plug a few days before. The good news is that it has been rearranged for **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March at Thorndon Park, Paradise at 12pm**. BYO chairs and drinks (see previous page). Hopefully, the Adelaide weather will be a bit milder than the recently experienced heatwave and we can all have a comfortable afternoon's fun.

At our most recent General Meeting, colourful Adelaide identity Frank Sebastyan gave a presentation on his motorbike tour of the Victorian high country with four of his mates. Although the evening was a bit light on bike talk, Frank kept us entertained, which also included a video of his recent reimagining of John Paul Young's "Love is in the Air". No one realised that Frank was a pop star from the 1960s and could still hold a tune at the tender age of 83. Adrian How fired a few questions at the speaker after the presentation, and it was revealed that he was instrumental in the creation of Magic Mountain in Glenelg. We also learnt that he regularly contributes articles for the Boomer section of *The Advertiser*. I hope that we continue engaging guest speakers for our meetings with the next engagement pencilled in for the April meeting, where one of our members will relate his trip from the UK to Australia by motorbike. If any member feels they can contribute on any subject, please let me know.

A shed has been constructed at the RSL club to house club property such as banners, gazebos, flags, and various bits and pieces that we have acquired over the years. Bob Cole was appointed the site foreman with Ed Lowrey, Bob Finnie, and Alan Kernich lending their time and labour to enable the construction. Concrete was jack hammered, form work created, concrete poured, and the metal shed erected in between some scorching hot Adelaide summer weather. The club's property was moved in prior to the February General Meeting, and we owe a great deal of gratitude to these four members for their efforts. We no longer rely on off-site storage solutions, as we have in the past. Well done, gentlemen!

The kitchen at the RSL is now operating again following the caterer's Christmas holidays. Members can continue to grab a meal before the General Meeting, as we have done for the past year or so.

**Charles Oliver** *President*

## EDITOR'S COMMENTS



Despite the motorcycle unfriendly weather, COMCC seems to have got off to a good start in 2026. The Moped riders' decision to ride every month seems popular with a good turnout on a hot Sunday in February at Hindmarsh Island. The Summer BBQ did fall victim to the high temperatures but is now going ahead Sunday 29 March same time and venue (see previous page). This month's *Courier* contains the year's calendar for planned events so far. More events could be added, so check the *Courier* and [www.classicowners.org](http://www.classicowners.org) from time to time.

**Trevor Jones** *Editor*

## MOPEDS PLUS

Malcolm Downie 0439 891 355  
Geoff Stevens 0419 298 917



### Charleston Challenge

7 December 2025

#### Participants

Jason Hayes Suzuki 2005 400cc

Roger O'Loughlin Honda 2012 125cc

John Dwyer BSA 1951 125cc

Don Jennings Harley 2010 1585cc

Steve Ball Honda 2024 471cc

Graham Riley Zundapp 1958 200cc

Kym & Debbie Miller Yamaha 1978 500cc

Rod & Alison Bailey Yamaha 1976 100cc

Mark Beyer Kawasaki 2024 296cc

Mick Hayes Suzuki 2016 650cc

Barry Thomas Honda 1969 CB350cc

Ian Voysey Malvern Star 1948 98cc

David Saint Puch 1966 250cc

Allan Vaisham Yamaha 1982 250cc

Geoff Stevens Triumph 2011 860cc

Paul David Ambassador 1940 350cc

Tony Earnshaw BMW 1974 600cc

Grant Christie Suzuki 2007 600cc

Another beautiful day for our final ride of the year with 18 bikes on the ride and 22 participants for lunch. A very wide array of motorcycles from Ian's 1948 98cc Malvern Star to Don's 2010 1585cc Harley Davidson.

Over lunch we conducted a survey of participants to find out what attracts them to these bi-monthly Sunday morning rides, as less than one-third of those present regularly participate in other Club rides. The primary reasons given were that the rides follow a pre-organised route, the speed and length of the rides and the company. Less than one-third gave the presence of a back-up trailer as the reason for attending these rides over other Club rides. Following discussion of a proposal to run monthly rides throughout 2026, a vote was taken and the proposal was widely supported, even though some participants stated that they would not attend every ride.



Thanks to Mick, Roger, Tony, and Grant for getting us safely around. Special thanks to Alison Jones for providing the back-up trailer with support from Malcolm and to Rod Bailey for riding tail-end Charlie.



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**Lyndoch Lope  
Participants**

**11 January 2026**

Geoff Stevens Triumph 2014 850cc  
Grant Christie Suzuki 2003 600cc  
Tony Mitchell Kawasaki 2025 650cc  
Joe Betschaart Moto Guzzi 2000  
1100cc  
Ian Roddie Triumph 2000 1000cc  
Steve Ball Honda 2024 470cc  
John Dwyer BSA 1951 125cc  
Malcolm Downie & Alison Jones back-up trailer

Mick Hayes Suzuki 2025 400cc  
Roger O'Loughlin Suzuki 1988 650cc  
Kym Miller Yamaha 1978 500cc  
David Saint BMW 1957 250cc  
Allan Vaisham Honda 1971 450cc  
Rod Bailey Yamaha 1976 100cc

First ride of the year, starting at Lyndoch with lunch at Williamstown. After lunch we rode back through Mt Pleasant, Springton, Williamstown, and Lyndoch. A very enjoyable ride.  
**Malcolm Downie**



Participants

- Geoff Stevens Triumph 2014 860cc
- Graham Riley Zundapp 1958 200cc
- Tony Earnshaw BMW 1974 750cc
- Joe & David Betschart Moto Guzzi 2000 1100cc
- Martin Blundell Kawasaki 2001 650cc
- Steve Ball Honda 2024 475cc
- Malcolm Downie Triumph 1960 650cc
- Mick Hayes Suzuki 2016 650cc
- Barry Thomas Honda 1969 350cc
- Kym Miller Yamaha 1978 500cc
- Rex Wallis Zundapp 1960 200cc
- Allan Vaisham Honda 1969 450cc
- Rod Bailey Yamaha 1976 100cc
- Alison Jones & Allan Wallis back-up trailer

A very hot day in Adelaide; but as we rode to Goolwa, the temperature dropped out 10° C making it very pleasant for our ride. We left Goolwa and went out to Hindmarsh Island and back to Goolwa for lunch. After lunch rode to the airport and then through Middleton to the Barrages, before returning to the start. The new signage on the back-up trailer will hopefully ensure drivers were not getting impatient, but it won't really be tested until our next ride when we are riding on 100kph roads.

**Malcolm Downie**



**NEW MEMBERS**

A welcome to the club is extended to.....

- Brad Slade
- Lisa Kirwan
- Dennis Paterson
- Brenton Tremain
- Mick & Jane Clark
- Mark Thomas
- Ghilli Groenewald
- Iain Moore



**General Meeting Guest Speaker Frank Sebastyan**

Members attending the February General Meeting were entertained by Frank Sebastyan describing his recent motorcycle ride through the Victorian High Country. Frank rides a Harley Davidson Heritage Soft Tail, a machine he bought 30 years ago and in retirement has ridden with five friends to various parts of Australia, among them Kangaroo Island, Broken Hill, Ceduna, and Tasmania.



His most recent trip, last December, was to the Victorian High Country.

After a foggy start in the Adelaide Hills, Frank's ride almost ended in Naracoorte when his stationary Harley fell on his foot. Fortunately, nothing broken just bad bruising, probably not helped by a visit to the worst bakery in South Australia (*which shall remain nameless as COMCC doesn't have the funds to defend a defamation case - Ed*). Riding on, the group stopped overnight in Hamilton via Casterton. Into the Grampians and a perilous zero visibility ride to the summit of Mt Hotham, the reward being clear conditions at the summit and the view over the countryside. A surprise in the coastal town of Bairnsdale was a pie factory the size of the old GMH factory at Elizabeth. Hopefully, they don't supply that bakery in Naracoorte. Walhalla impressed Frank. An old goldmining town, at its peak it boasted a population of 4,000 and extracted 72 tons of gold. Walhalla is now a pretty tourist town. The Phillip Island Track featured on the route west and a photo op on the winner's rostrum. The only mechanical problem Frank mentioned occurred on the road to Sorento. His Harley stopped and initially the road side fixes produced no results. The RACV were called, but ride leader Tim Bradshaw found the culprit: a loose cable, the tow truck was called off. The ride finished as all rides from Victoria do - home via the Ocean Road. The final part of Frank's presentation was a screening of his video clip performing "Love is in the Air". We were transported back to the heady days of *Count Down* by, as a member of the crowd shouted, "John Paul not so Young". Frank received enthusiastic applause and thanks from Club President Charles Oliver. **TJ**

# 2026 COMCC CALENDAR

accurate at time of printing check closer to the date  
www.classicowners.org



## FEBRUARY

8 Mopeds Goolwa- Hindmarsh Targa

Midweek Rides 1<sup>st</sup> Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues  
Weekend Ride Sunday after  
General Meeting  
Committee Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
General Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

## JUNE

13 Log Book Day  
14 Mopeds Strathalbyn

Midweek Rides 1<sup>st</sup> Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues  
Weekend Ride Sunday after Gen-  
eral Meeting  
Committee Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
General Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

## OCTOBER

11 Mopeds Mt Barker

Midweek Rides 1<sup>st</sup> Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues  
Weekend Ride Sunday after  
General Meeting  
Committee Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
General Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

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## MARCH

8 Mopeds Williamstown  
29 COMCC Summer BBQ

Midweek Rides 1<sup>st</sup> Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues  
Weekend Ride Sunday after  
General Meeting  
Committee Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
General Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

*March-May Courier*

## JULY

12. 12 Mopeds Mt Torrens  
28 COMCC AGM

Midweek Rides 1<sup>st</sup> Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues  
Weekend Ride Sunday after  
General Meeting  
Committee Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
General Meeting & AGM  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

*July-August Courier*

## NOVEMBER

8 Mopeds One Tree Hill

Midweek Rides 1<sup>st</sup> Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues  
Weekend Ride Sunday after  
General Meeting  
Committee Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
General Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

## APRIL

12 Mopeds Mt Pleasant

Midweek Rides 1<sup>st</sup> Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues  
Weekend Ride Sunday after  
General Meeting  
Committee Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
General Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

## AUGUST

9 Mopeds Williamstown

*August Annual Lunch*

Midweek Rides 1<sup>st</sup> Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues  
Weekend Ride Sunday after  
General Meeting  
Committee Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
General Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

## DECEMBER

6. 6 Mopeds Charleston  
31 NewYear's Day Ride

Midweek Rides 1<sup>st</sup> Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues  
Weekend Ride Last Sunday in  
December TBC

NO MEETINGS HELD IN  
DECEMBER

*December-February Courier*

## MAY

10 Mopeds Gumeracha

Midweek Rides 1<sup>st</sup> Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues  
Weekend Ride Sunday after  
General Meeting  
Committee Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
General Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

## SEPTEMBER

13 Mopeds Uraidla

Midweek Rides 1<sup>st</sup> Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues  
Weekend Ride Sunday after  
General Meeting  
Committee Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
General Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

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## JANUARY 2027

TBA Summer BBQ

Midweek Rides 1<sup>st</sup> Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues  
Weekend Ride Sunday after  
General Meeting  
Committee Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
General Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

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## CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT



### **Sunday 2 December 2025**

At 10 o'clock the Club Captain led 5 riders up Greenhill Rd to Gumeracha, where we turned left to Forreston then to Checkers Hill Rd and Kersbrook, where we stopped for our morning break at the winery/coffee shop, now in the old Kersbrook hotel.

The coffee and muffin for \$6 was excellent, the conversation interesting, and the company so enjoyable that we had been there for 45 minutes before anyone suggested we continue the ride.

Just outside Kersbrook we tuned into Hill Rd, which took us back to Forreston Rd, Cricks Mill Rd, straight through Mt Pleasant to the Eden Valley lookout to admire the view. Then back to the Springton Rd and Williamstown Bakery for a very pleasant lunch. After lunch we split up; some going back toward Kersbrook, others to Birdwood.

A very pleasant ride: it did not rain where we were, it was a little windy in places but not enough to bother 5 intrepid riders. Thanks for the ride guys!

### **New Year's Day Ride 1 January 2026**



Ten starters, half of them Triumphs, rode to Mt Lofty, Ironbank, Clarendon, McLaren Flat, Wickham Hill/Range Rd, Kuitpo, Meadows. We stopped at the Corner Café in Strathalbyn which was doing a roaring trade. After a prolonged break of an hour, a handful of riders took the dirt roads home the rest headed to Callington and along the Old Princes Highway to Dawesley, Nairne, and Lobethal. John Banks and I remained, riding through the Gorge towards home. What a fantastic day! **Charles Oliver**

Four of us rode home from Strath via the Old Bull Creek Road and Razorback Road, Dirt roads but little loose surface, not too bumpy, and lovely views! Thanks to Richard on the yellow BMW GS1200 for riding tail-end for the day.

### **'Power of the Past Rally' Milang 18 January 2026**

Only the Club Captain turned up at Meadows for the ride to the Milang

Power of Yesterday Rally. There were lots of bikes at Pick-a-Pie Meadows, but no COMCC members. At 11.45 the Club Captain set out for Milang. It was a good Rally, much bigger than I expected with all sorts of machinery on display. It was undoubtedly warm but still fun.



### **Club Ride Sunday 1 February 2026**

Twelve riders turned up including an outfit for the first Sunday ride of 2026, and eventful ride it turned out to be. The Captain led us up Greenhill Rd. A little way up, we encountered an old white Japanese car travelling at about 20-30 kph. We were unable to pass it until after Uraidla, by which time we were all feeling a little uncharitable towards the driver. We turned onto Swamp Rd; and at the junction of Swamp and Lobethal Rd, Charles O, riding his beautiful Suzuki 750 two stroke, turned for home with a loose main stand. We arrived at the Cold Store to find a car and bike accident had occurred moments before. The car, bike, and rider were still in the middle of the road and three other bikes stopped. Everything was under control, so we continued to Cudlee Creek, Chain of Ponds, Kersbrook. A few km out of Williamstown, three bikes flew past us. We were doing the speed limit of 100 km; they must have been doing 140! We stopped at the Williamstown Bakery for a cuppa and a chat.

After the break, most of the riders turned back to Kersbrook and home. Four bikes and the outfit continued, one more bikes and the outfit also left on route Walk Flat for lunch. Once on Angus Valley Rd, a strong blustery wind sprang up and stayed with us the rest of the day. At the bottom of the Angus Valley hill, we had just entered the 110 kph zone, when a kangaroo jumped across the road right in front of Tony M's Kawasaki. So close was the roo that Tony claims he could see the individual hairs on its back! We enjoyed a leisurely lunch and chat at Walker Flat, riding home via Mannum where we filled our tanks. Tony rode home via Murray Bridge, the remaining two via Tungkillo and Woodside.

A great ride. Many thanks to all who joined and especially to Tony and Richard for staying with the Captain for the whole ride.

**PS.** Adrian H reported that the rider in the crash at the Cold Store was not seriously injured.



### Wednesday 4 February 2026

At 10 o'clock, ten bikes followed the Club Captain up Greenhill Rd, turning right at the top of the hill. We rode past Mt Lofty Summit to Crafers, over the freeway onto Upper Sturt Rd to Clarendon via Coromandel Valley. Right at Baker's Gully Rd, to Blewitt Springs and McLaren Flat where we stopped at the Bakery for our morning cuppa.

The Bakery was almost deserted so there was plenty of seating in the cool indoors area. There followed a very enjoyable and wide-ranging chat. The break over, we rode to Meadows, via Peter's Creek Rd. At Meadows, we split up with some going into the town for lunch and others heading back to the city. A short but enjoyable ride. Thanks to all the guys who rode with

*An observation: It seems that an increasing number of riders turn for home after our morning stop. Perhaps we can compromise by making our morning stop a little later, say between 11am and 12. Then anyone who wishes a longer ride can take a longer way home, the others the shorter way. This brings the Barossa Valley, Mannum, and Strathalbyn within the scope of our morning stop. Effectively, our morning stop and lunch would be combined.*

*The Club Captain would welcome any comments on this idea?*

**Allan Vaisham Club Captain**

## My Motorcycling Days

*This is the fifth instalment of a series of 11 articles written in the 1970s and early 1980s by Club member the late Charlie Brown. The complete series will be reprinted in the Courier. The complete series is also available on <https://classicowners.org/charlie-browns-motorcycling-memoirs/>*

*(In the last episode Charlie had woken up in an ambulance on the way to hospital-without the slightest idea of what happened...)*

Only now do I realise why I was treated the way I was. With concussion, one is placed under observation in case of shock and accompanying complications. When wheeled to my bed the nurse pulled the-curtain's around us and supplied a pair of pyjamas but did not leave me alone to -change. I asked no questions but got down to it when she ordered "Change.." My truckies leather waistcoat came off first, then a leather jacket, two woolly jumpers, two warm shirts and a long sleeved 'Long John' type singlet. The nurses eyes were raised and her eyes agog so I had to explain as I also had a similar amount of clothing on-the bottom half of me. We obviously kept the cold out by not washing-or changing. I can't remember if we even brushed our teeth. (I find it hard to believe all this now). It had a beneficial side effect in the way of crash protection.

From my mates I learnt that we had just negotiated a roundabout and were all accelerating away, (I was in the middle of the group), when the left side sidcar chassis member broke, ahead of the sidcar wheel. The frame dug into the road, catapulting me off and I landed like a high diver- but on my head. My helmet was cracked right through but not split apart. The combination cartwheeled about three times and you can imagine Eddie's dilemma. The following riders had a grandstand view and said that Eddie was popping in and out of the side-car as it over-ended. Fortunately he was not seriously hurt, just bruised and severely shaken till he was whiter than white and completely speechless for several minutes.

Getting back to the hospital, I was X-rayed from head to toe which showed the reason for the ache at the base of my neck. I had a sprained collarbone and was very lucky not to have a broken neck. All this time the nurse kept her beady eye on me and there was just no way I could make a speedy dash to the toilet so I just had to let her know what I wanted. She asked if it was to be a penny one. I didn't care what it cost so I said yes. She pulled the curtains round and stayed but when I attempted to make water into the pan she said, "Oh! You only want a bottle. You've never been in hospital before, have you?" I said no, but also learnt about pans and bottles.

I never asked for a pan or bottle again, instead I observed and noted the length of time various nurses left the ward then made a speedy dash for the toilet and returned before they did. I asked to take a bath and was quite bemused by the wheelchair procedure and total help and observation through-

out. Little did they know about my toilet dashes. I guess each thought I went in the other nurses shift, thanks to the other patients who did not give me away. They probably thought I liked running about.

At the doctors' round on the fifth day the Ward M.O. decided I should be supplied with a hospital dressing gown and be allowed ward privileges, including use of the TV room, little did he know!! I knew I would be discharged soon so I kept pumping questions at the sociable nurses as to where my wrecked bike was located and the extent of the damage. Needless to say they soon realised that I would work on the machine and ride it back-to London on my discharge. I was to be discharged on the seventh day...but the rotten spoilsports kept me there till visiting hours. They asked a burly visitor if he could be so kind as to show me where my bike was then put me on the train to London.

My mates had pushed and carried the outfit to an old disused barn only a little way from the main road. The machine wasn't badly damaged apart from a smashed fairing and useless sidecar and chassis. I had no tools, so disconnecting the plot and riding solo was out of the question. I was duly escorted onto the train, my mind figuring out ways and means of retrieving the bike.

I had to rely on Shanks' Mare once again. My first visit was to Eddie's mum. Was she mad at me, really abusive. Eddie had arrived home on the pillion of one of the other bikes and his shakes and whiteness may have been accentuated. He could not go to work for a couple of days and I guess his colour took as long to return. Seems he was suffering both his shock and mine, the shock having skipped me. Unfortunately it also spelt the end of his motor cycling days.

I next teed up a friend who had nearly run in his brand new 750cc Norton Atlas (remember them?) and was itching for a nice long run. We set out the following weekend armed with tools and a trusty persuader (hammer to you). We fairly flew down the M1 motorway-doing nearly the ton and soon reached Brownhills and the Gold Flash. The attached sidecar and chassis was soon removed and discarded. I had not been riding a mile when the rear wheel locked solid as we slowed down for yet another roundabout. Inspection revealed a shed rear chain and mangled brake plate locking-arm. Evidently my inexperience and inattention was the reason I forgot to tighten the brake locking plate and as I slowed down using the rear brake the bolt sheared allowing the arm to spin and become mangled, also breaking the chain in two places. Amidst curses and sweat (yes, in midwinter) we improvised by removing the brake operating mechanism altogether (for safety if you like to call it that) and somehow riveted the chain together. Good job we took along the persuader. Now there was no more play available for what was left of the chain and no rear braking. We set off for home, silently thankful that there was only limited movement of the rear wheel-from the old-plunger suspension and ever mindful that I only had a front brake.

I reached home without any further incident and when I had a few bob to

spare I put the Gold Flash right and sold it. George\* didn't take the money back from me so I bought-an old Excelsior 98cc to mobilise myself in the fashion I had become accustomed to. It had no rear suspension, undampened spring forks, a-la-Bantam, and a two stroke Villiers motor with two speeds on a wrist change. I discovered it would only go for about four miles before it ran out of sparks. All I had to do was allow it to cool and we could set off again. I also achieved 42 mph. downhill and flat out! All this time I was silently working on my Tiger 100 Superbike... **To be continued...**

\* Charlie's brother, owner of the BSA Gold Flash.

## FOR SALE & WANTED

Check  
[www.classicowners.org](http://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](http://www.classicowners.org)

### FOR SALE

-Genuine new BMW motometer quartz clock (black faced, green dial, 2 white hands for 1977-1996 all models) Will fit and replace any earlier BMW model motometer clock.  
-DRIRIDER seat bag for rear of seat  
-RJAYS Extra Large lined waterproof motorcycle cover  
Best offers

**Detlev 0437918221**

### 1980 Yamaha YB100

16,000km good original condition  
\$2,000 ono Rego TFE 160

**0473 701 959**

### Triumph T140e 1982

untouched original paintwork, motor has matching numbers in very good condition.

Club registered and only used on club rides.

Rego TFX207. \$17,600 ono.

**Peter 0419 306208 and send text and will call back**

### Moto-Guzzi Falcone 500cc single

1950s \$6,500

**Eddie Walter 8165 0032**

### 2022 MY23 Triumph Speed

**Twin 900** 24,000km.

Service history all original parts  
Excellent condition. Rego until 2/3/26 but will include 3 months with the sale. \$9,700 ono

**Ashley Pyman** [packoh@gmail.com](mailto:packoh@gmail.com)

### 1948 Malvern Star Autobyke

All original – Club Rego and a runner  
Boxes of collected spares

**0432 454 942**

### 1994 Yamaha SRV250 V- Twin

Immaculate cond. Starts well & runs well. Needs new tyres only.

\$3,250

**Ron 8396 3546**

## WANTED

Honda CB 450 front crash bars

Alan 0422 218 318

Workshop Manual

for ZX6R Kawasaki 1999

John 0432 637 763

Swap '59 Velo Clubman Parts

footrests, brake & gear lever, fork gaiters, etc for standard Venom parts plus handle bars

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**Member Sec** Ed Lowrey 0413 304 979 [membership@classicowners.org](mailto:membership@classicowners.org)

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**Librarian** Allan Kernich 0429 093 821

**Moped Co-ordinators** Malcolm Downie & Geoff Stevens (*contact see p2*)

**Federation Rep** Hilary Edwards

**MAGAZINE & WEBPAGE**

**Mag Editor** Trevor Jones 8298 7545

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**Web Designer** Geoff Woodberry

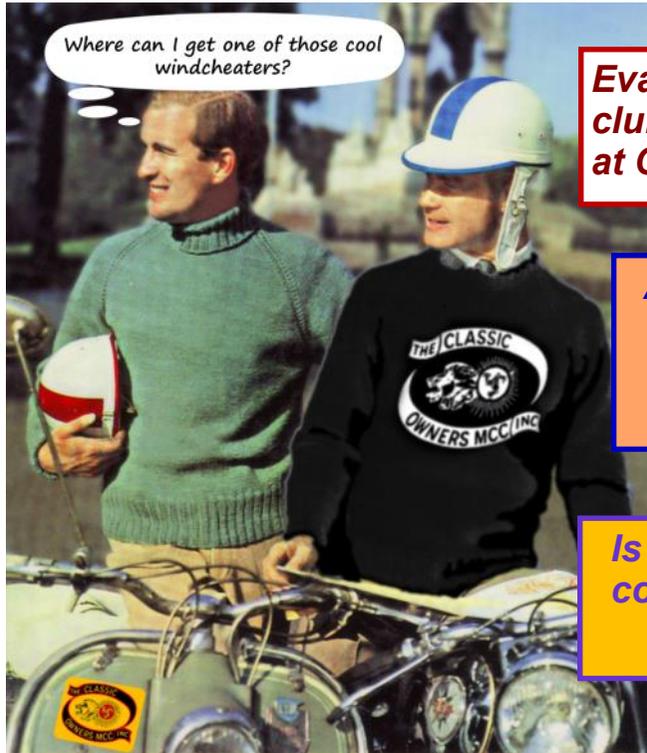
**CLUB (Historic) REGISTRATION**

**Machine Registrar** Bob Finnie 0411 687 666

**South** Paul David 0403 903 071

Enquiries about club registration (Historic Registration) should be directed to the Machine Registrars. **Information is posted on**

[Club Requirements for registering historic vehicles – The Classic Owners Motorcycle Club Inc.](http://www.classicowners.org) on the club's website [www.classicowners.org](http://www.classicowners.org)



**Evangeline has the club regalia on sale at General Meetings.**

**Are you complete without a COMCC windcheater?**

**Is your bike complete without a COMCC sticker?**

## 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
- Malcolm Downie [secretary@classicowners.org](mailto:secretary@classicowners.org)
- 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.

## CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES 2025—2026

**Joining** \$15 (includes lapel badge)

**Full** \$35

*Magazine printed and posted \$15 or e-mailed free*

**Pensioner** \$30

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

**General Meetings** 4th Tuesday every month (**except Dec.**), 7.45pm at West Croydon & Kilkeny 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 & Kilkeny RSL, 19 Rosetta St., West Croydon.

Open to all members.

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