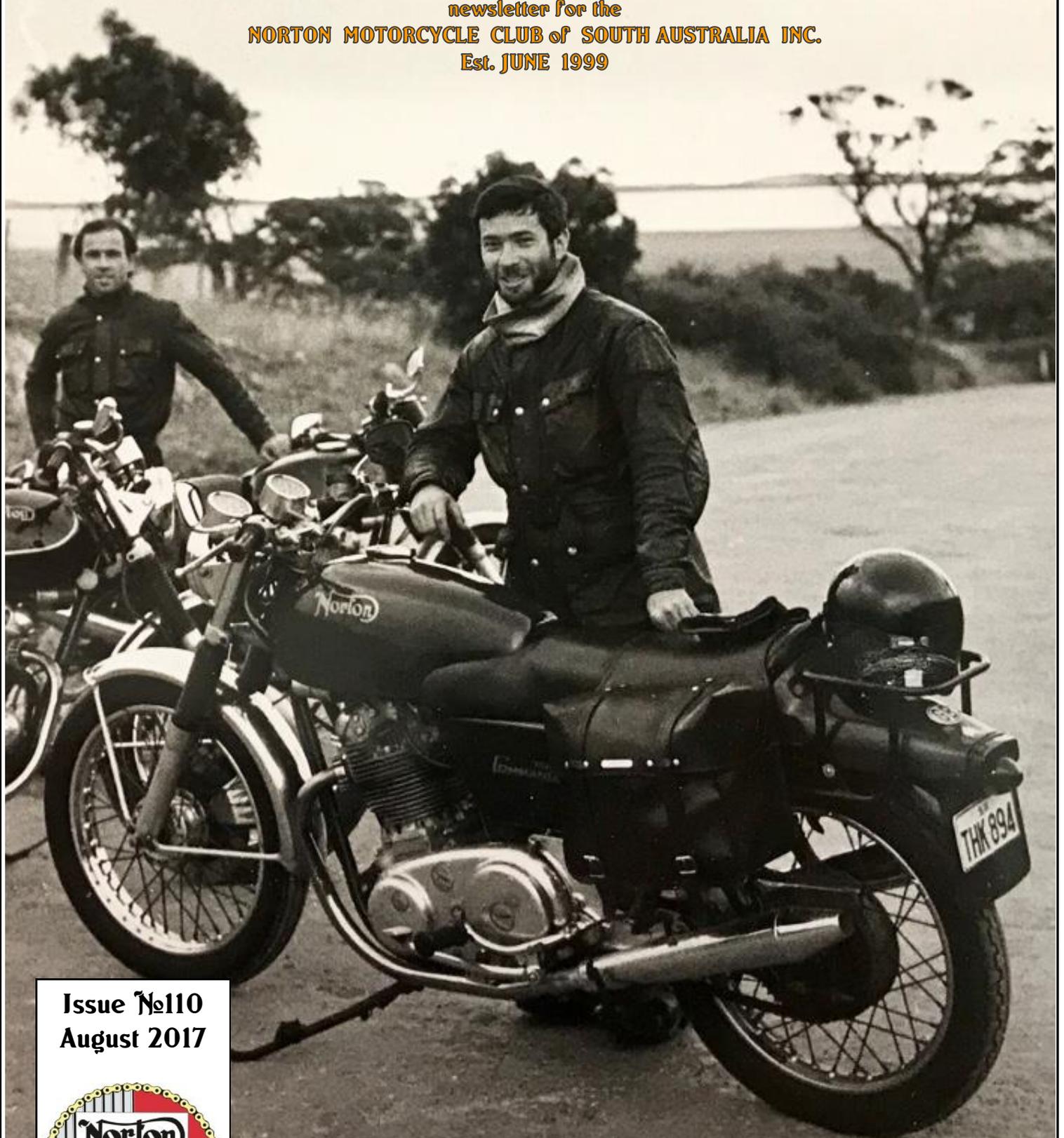


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But don't stop there, this newsletter is about
The Norton Motorcycle Club of SA,
THAT'S YOU.

If you just want to have a picture of your bike in print, or a shot of the latest mod or repair, send it in! Supply as much info as you can and I'll do the rest. Look at Dave Meldrum's comparison of the different Commando tanks in issue #93. A passing observation in the shed filled a whole page and gives great perspective on different options for someone's bike.

Cover photo:

A shot of Dave R on the home stretch after picking up his Commando in Ol' Blighty. Check out page 6 for a bit more info



President's Blurp

Dear Members,

First off, thanks again for voting me in for a second term as your president. Whether it's because you're happy with the job I'm doing, or nobody else put their hand up, I'm not sure, here's to hoping it's the former. On the other hand, I'm still editor of The Energette, which I was hoping to move along to someone else. Ah well, you're stuck with me for another year, ya mongrels.

We have a couple new committee members and a few position shuffles. Paul K had to give up his position as Federation representative, and I thank Ian D for stepping into that role, especially considering he has to make the trip from Murray Bridge for the meetings. In fact, a big thank you to any member that makes a lengthy trip the first Monday of every month, there's more than a couple that do! Steve R has replaced Con as VP, and Murray N has taken over the reigns of librarian.

Exciting news for all classic vehicle enthusiasts in SA, the government has changed the code of practice, making it easier for everyone, members and club registrars, to get their vehicles historically registered. A few more details on that, and how our club will be handling it on page 7.

The NMCSA has an important milestone coming up soon, in 2019 it will be twenty years since we formed. There's some ambitious plans to celebrate and we'll need all the help we can get, so check out page 7 and get involved.

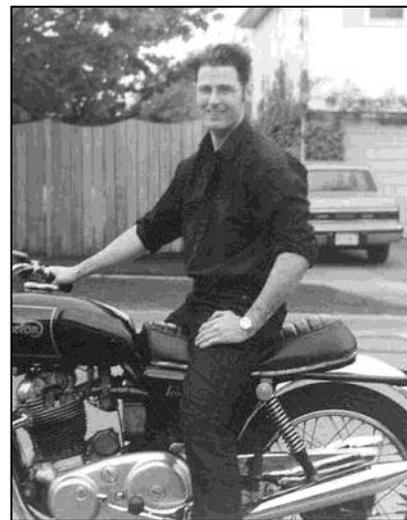
Starting this month, I will be reducing the number of printed copies for The Energette, as more and more people are reading it from our website, www.nmcsa.org. I have been carrying around an ever growing stack of back issues to each meeting, and I think it's time I toss them in the recycling bin.

For this new financial year, I'd like to continue with getting special guests in to speak at our meetings. We've had a couple good ones lately, though I missed the chance to get Murray Johnson's son, Norton factory rider Davo Johnson to come in before he jetted off to race the Isle of Man and more exciting events. I'll get him this year! If you have any suggestions, we'd love to hear 'em. Also, we'd all love to see some of your Nortons, you know, something other than the usual Commandos (not that there's anything wrong with a Commando, but variety is the spice of life). So if you're keen to ride or trailer in something for us to see, please let me know.

I'm almost finished getting my house ready to sell, so hopefully I'll see some more time in the shed soon. Surprisingly, I've actually made a bit MORE room in the shed these past couple weeks! Next week, depending on how many jobs I tick off the house to-do list, I plan on spending a day in there bolting the primary side back together on the Commando and seeing if she'll fire. Though I did that last time and discovered a new problem, which necessitated taking all apart again. It will be a wonderful feeling to power through some corners on the 750 again.

Your Pres
The Editor

Donald



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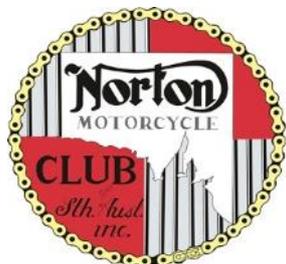
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Norton Rides

Barossa (Clockwise) Ride – 11th June 2017

Official route stats:

Breakfast: Golden Fleece Hotel, 77 Murray Street, Gawler, SA

Stage 1: Gawler to Kapunda = 40km

Stage 2: Kapunda to Mount Mary = 64km

Breakfast and/or Ride attendees: Barry - 750 Commando, Dave Y - 850 Commando, Greg - 850 Commando, Owen - 750 Commando, Peter S - 750 Commando, Phil - 750 Featherbed Commando, Richard - 850 Commando, Tony - 750 Commando, John H - Moto Guzzi, Murray N - Ducati, Steve R - Yamaha

8:30am – Gawler

Biting cold! Yep, them's the words for it today. From 8:10am, each rider arriving is clenching and unclenching fingers to restore some circulation and declaring "It's cold alright" or words to that effect. Into the Golden Fleece for breakfast around the fireplace and the warmth and mirth soon returns. A TV show, albeit via subtitles, is extolling the virtues of Mount Mary SA which seems to consist of a hotel and a house or two and is just up-the-road-a-ways, it seems. More riders arrive until departure time draws near then it is a quick spin to the Shell servo for any more perhaps gathering there. Some breakfast arrivals must leave now for work commitments so the remainder strap-in and scarf-up for the Kapunda stage. The sun has broken through the earlier haze and the rays feel good even if the air is still cool-ish rather than outright cold.

10:00am – Stage 1: Gawler to Kapunda

Steve has rung to say he'll be waiting at Kapunda so we head off that way for a doglegged journey that seems to end almost as soon as it began. No coffee stop today as we're still full from breakfast so a fuel check later and the trip to Mount Mary is on.

11:15am - Stage 2: Kapunda to Mount Mary

Seven in total remain as we ride through scenery with paddocks to scrubby landscape and even low saltbush nearer Mount Mary. As pretty as a picture on a TV screen, the Mount Mary Hotel is soaking in the winter sun and now the air is so warm that t-shirt sleeves are fashionable lunchtime dress code again. In fact, so warm that by 1:00pm, the thermometer under the verandah reads as 23°C. Daily dose of vitamin D absorbed, rehydrated and lunch consumed, we tuck back in and head toward Eudunda then turn for Truro and Nuriootpa with riders peeling off at various junctions to head for home. One last stop at Mount Pleasant and we last few call it a day and head further southward for home before the chill sets back in.



Norton Rides



Clockwise from top left: The morning lineup in Gawler; Dave looking cool as ever; a couple of red beauties; Barry, Tony & Pete, happy to line up for their mugshots; Phil & Owen enjoying themselves at the Mt Mary Hotel.

Previous page: Bikes line up in front of the Mt Mary Hotel under beautiful blue skies; some of the boys posing for a group shot at the Golden Fleece for brekky

Norton Show & Tell

Some bloke called Dave in front with a '72 750 Fastback, Nick with '73 850 MK1 and in the subtle background Mick and '74 MK11A 850. All bikes were liberated from ol' blighty by us. In fact Mike and I brought our Nortons back from England via road trips in Canada and the USA. This photo was taken when we all reunited in the SE of SA in a secret location between Tantanoola and Beachport. You can guess the year - but we are all wearing wax cotton! Dave R



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Norton News

The NMCSA is Turning 20!

Our Club was founded in 1999, that was last century, when Rick, Fella, Jason, and a few other dedicated Norton fans gathered in Ricks backyard for a BBQ.

Since then we've grown a bit, and moved from Ricks yard, to a pub, and finally to our current club rooms.... Though we often find ourselves back in pubs.

So how does a club as distinguished and storied as our own celebrate its 20th anniversary? A rally, that's how. Spurred on by John H, a few ambitious members have started planning a 4 day rally for 2019. A sub-committee is being formed, so please put your hand up if you're willing to help, pulling off an event like this will not be easy.

Ideas so far include a variety of rides, including short and long, taking in the best our part of SA has to offer. As well as guest speakers (racers, tech talks), a visit to the Birdwood Museum, boot sale, show'n'shine, etc. A venue is yet to be determined but there's a couple candidates already. We're expecting interstate and possibly even international attendees.

If you're willing to help out or have some ideas, contact us through admin@nmcsa.org

New Historic Registration Code of Practice

As expected, SA has made changes to the conditional registration scheme, basically removing many of the rules which had been implemented a few years ago. Some of the changes include removing the requirement for a stat dec, 3 yearly vehicle inspections, and the strict adherence to "factory correct" originality. The new code reinstates the 30 year rolling eligibility for vehicles. Check out the sa.gov.au website for the full Code of Practice for Club Registration.

While the new code is certainly welcome by most, it did prompt the NMCSA to question what we would allow in terms of vehicle modifications, when issuing log books. We spent a fair while discussing this at the last meeting, with no real results. In the end, we agreed the Committee would come up with a basic framework of rules for the Club to discuss at the next meeting.

However, it was all for naught. There was no need for a heated debate, only a need to become better acquainted with our own Constitution and Club Rules.

Section 3 of the Constitution states:

DEFINITION

The N.M.C.S.A. will cater for the following products;

1. All motorcycles marketed under the NORTON Trademark.
2. All motorcycles shall have engine and frame numbers marketed under the NORTON Trademark.

Simple. We also delved into the archives and found an original document from the time of the Club's founding which pretty much states the same. So, as I see it, the Club will remain fairly open to what defines a Norton, within the above criteria. If there any disputes in the future, the Committee will deal with them as they come.

As President, I feel it is my responsibility to have a better understanding about our Club and rules, so I apologize for wasting our time at the last meeting with a needless discussion, when our founding members and previous Committees had already done the work for us.



Can ya dig it?!

Norton Rides

Lake Alexandrina Ride – 09th July 2017

Official route stats:

Breakfast: The Perfect Note Café, 10/168-170 Main Road, Blackwood, SA

Stage 1: Blackwood to Strathalbyn = 50km

Stage 2: Strathalbyn to Milang = 22km

Breakfast and/or Ride attendees:

Dave Y - 850 Commando, John H - 750 Commando, Owen - 750 Commando, Phil - 750 Featherbed Commando, Neil - 850 Commando, Donald - Shank's pony

8:30am – Blackwood

Blackwood for breakfast but not as we know it! A 'new' venue with a music theme but no 'song and dance' that time of the morning: either within the café (literally) or parking in the car park (figuratively). We opt for an inside table as the grey skies have kept the temperature down and are threatening showers for the morning. Great breakfast meals for some, with jovial banter and chuckles about life and Norton motorcycles from all, and soon the coffee cups are empty and it is time to gear up to go. A quick squint at the BOM rain radar website shows speckled cloud wafting in from the ocean: drizzle at worst, it seems.

10:00am – Stage 1: Blackwood to Strathalbyn

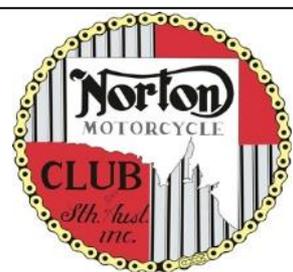
Aaargh! A shower of rain begins just past Clarendon and persists until Strathalbyn! How is that possible; there was nothing like it on the radar? Kick the side-stand out at Garage Motorcycles in Strathalbyn and the drizzle stops abruptly. Yep, NMCSA riders had their own personal raincloud that seemed to follow the twists and turns of the hills roads and kept pace with us... as tough as it gets mid-winter in South Australia. No more members waiting here or even motorcyclists of other marques so it's a 'dingo's breakfast' here as we decide where to lunch today. Milang has the vote.

11:15am - Stage 2: Strathalbyn to Milang

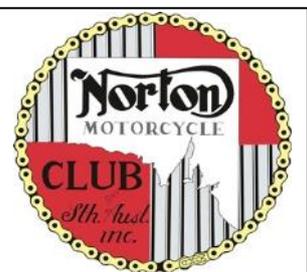
A quick run through Belvedere and already we are at Milang before the gloves can fully dry. They'll sit behind the barrels in the breeze to dry a while longer while we head into the Pier Hotel to partake of country hospitality. Discussion with the landlord reveals that Milang township is often a location for motorcycling groups to congregate. In fact, just recently the hotel catered for a weekend motorcycle gathering held at the caravan park. More information is sought and tucked away for our future reference. Once more we make the most of an indoor table as we recharge our energy reserves. The time passes quickly and soon the discussion turns to "Where next?" Follow the lake and cross the plain near Langhorne Creek to perhaps turn:

1. Right to Wellington for a ferry trip across the Murray then return via the old highway
2. Left for Woodchester, Wistow and on to Mount Barker

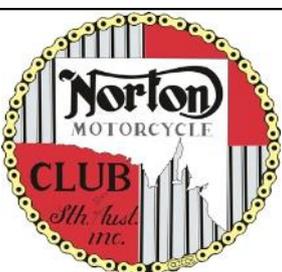
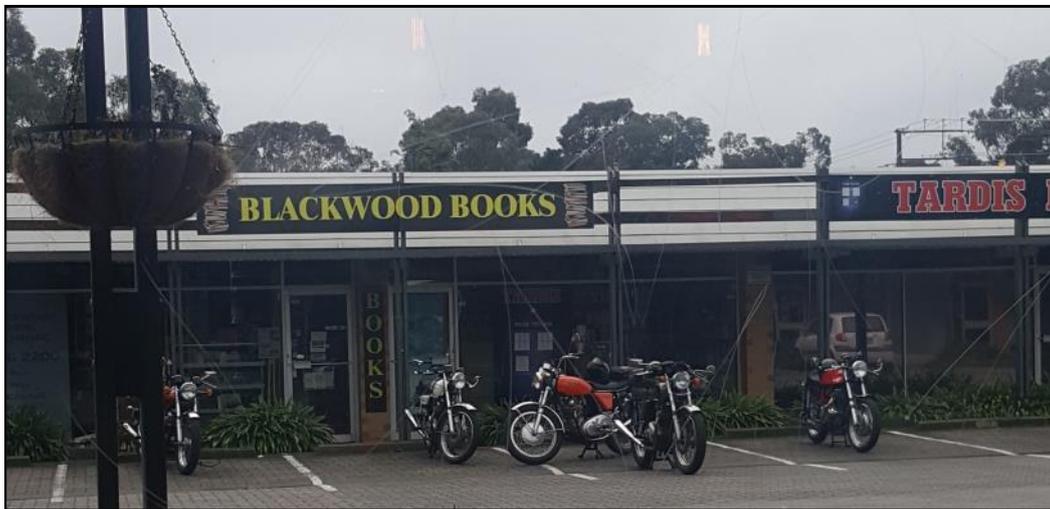
Option 2 it is but we split into two groups after Langhorne Creek and then all scatter our separate ways for home once we've reached Mount Barker. I run the Freeway just for the tunnel reverberation but enter just as raucous agricultural equipment in third gear with straight-through exhausts is bursting eardrums. "...so it's come to this: Such is life..."



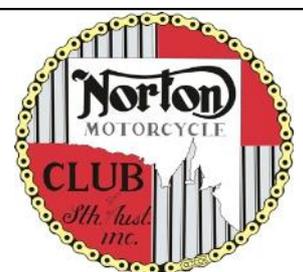
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Norton Rides



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Meeting 201

05/06/17

OPENING: President Don Hosier opened the meeting at 8:10pm and welcomed members.

PRESENT: Committee: Don Hosier, Jerome Munchenberg, Jason Ward, Dave Rocklyn, Ian Delaine, Owen Greenfield, Lyndi Tietz **Members:** Tony Gillam, Dave York, Phil Allen, Steve Richter, Murray Norton, Steve Barker, Ray Hughes, John Hunter, Con Desyllas, Paul Knapp, Barry Miller, Peter Sinfield, Steve Adkins **Apologies:** Dave Meldrum, Neil Gloyn, John Mac

TREASURER: Annual - Open: \$1,393.33; **In :** \$1,728.70; **Out :** \$2,532.40; **Balance :** \$589.07

SECRETARY: 30 logbooks delivered... Email correspondence forwarded to mailing list

WEB ADMIN: Check out updates to rides on the web site and on the Facebook site (like us for updates)... Other marques are welcome to join us

CLUB CAPTAIN: See magazine for last review. Next ride is shorter, around the Barossa this Sunday. Handed out yellow survey papers to gauge what people do and don't want to do.

EDITOR: Hopefully last issue as editor. Messed up the cover a bit - its a bit too dark. Back issue here if you want

REGALIA: Bits and pieces here, come see me. Norton winter stuff to be ordered. Long sleeve tees can be printed if you want

REGISTRAR: New legislation comes in 1st July

LIBRARIAN: n/a...

FEDERATION: Read the draft of the new legislation - likely no stat decs or inspections after 1st July!

GENERAL BUSINESS: Paul - for our 20th anniversary, would anyone be interested in a 2 day run? [Yes, there is quite a bit of interest]; Don - may need to get a sub-committee together to ensure this is progressed; ?- 24 years club has been running a show in Loxton, hit 200 people through the gates; On 1st-2nd July, Burra pub available for an overnight stay and run, called the Bush'n'Burra; Ian - Let's discuss what we want to do after the new legislation passes - do we want inspections, etc. Let's make up guidelines for membership; Con - Will bring in his new acquisition if its not raining next meeting; Steve - thanks for putting the Eudunda event in the mag, etc. Met a guy with an ES2 in a midget - shall we get him along to the ABD? [Yeah!]

AGM: Tony kicks off the AGM. Thanks and congrats to those who served in the previous year.

President : Formerly Don - Don seconded by Dave R. **Vice president :** Formerly Con - Steve seconded by Barry. **Secretary :** Formerly Jerome, Jerome seconded by Paul Knapp. **Treasurer :** Formerly Jason, Jason seconded by Don. **Librarian :** Formerly Dave M, Murray Norton seconded Ray Hughes. **Club Captain :** Owen, seconded Dave Yorke. **Regalia :** Lyndi, seconded Ian. **Public Officer :** Barry Miller seconded Ian. **Editor :** Was Don. Don voted himself back in, Jerome seconded. **Registrars :** Ian & Dave. Happy to continue, everyone seconded. **Federation :** Paul K. Not keen to continue. Ian D elected, seconded Jerome. **Web admin :** Owen, ditto, seconded Paul K.

RAFFLE: 2nd Prize : Steve, Paracombe white wine; **1st Prize :** Lyndi, Fantastic framed period photo of Norton racing with advert in back "Lotta Torque about Norton". **Raised :** \$95.50

CLOSED: Regular meeting closed at 8.44. The AGM closed at 8:55pm

Meeting 202

03/07/17

OPENING: President Don Hosier opened the meeting at 8:12pm and welcomed members.

PRESENT: Committee: Don Hosier, Con Desyllas, Jerome Munchenberg, Dave Rocklyn, Ian Delaine, Owen Greenfield, Murray **Members:** Tony Gillam, Dave York, Phil Allen, Steve Richter, Murray Norton, Steve Barker, Ray Hughes, John Hunter, Paul Knapp, Barry Miller, Steve Adkins, Neil Gloyn, John Mac **Apologies:** Dave Meldrum, Lyndi Tietz, Paul Knapp, Peter Sinfield

TREASURER: Jason is AWOL... Don has processed 6 renewals in his stead, but has not been able to do receipts

SECRETARY: In the mail: 2 renewals, Rotary Motorcycle Expo on Sunday 8 October 2017, Federation papers for updated info, and the latest The Oily Rag

WEB ADMIN: No new updates other than photos from the last ride

CLUB CAPTAIN: 9 (or was it 11?) riders for a freezing cold start at Gawler Golden Fleece hotel for brekky, more rocked up at departure time, Steve turned up at Kapunda, Mt Mary looked very nice but, yeeeah. Next ride is Lake Alexandrina which will be lovely if it is 11 degrees and raining; Different place for brekky this time, Perfect Note Cafe, 168 Main Rd Blackwood

EDITOR: Pile of back issues available - if no-one wants them, they will be binned

REGALIA: Lyndi not here, but Don got an update - new shirts will be ready for collection next meeting

REGISTRAR: Wonderful!

LIBRARIAN: Magazines, books, dvds are available, should you be interested

FEDERATION: Federation is cautious about new registration process. CEO of Motorfest came in; quite interesting; lots of events happening; Tailem Bend race track is being built to world standard and will have a hotel/motel with views to the track; Clientele will be the Ferrari, Lambo owners, etc; Same owners now possess Malala, which is being heavily promoted. Federation web site is being updated with new regulations. Annual stat dec will no longer be required; quite a bit simpler in that respect; we have to decide as a club what we will allow; vehicle has to be road worthy, but that is up to the owner; rego papers still have to get stamped every year, to stop people getting multiple regos from different clubs

GENERAL BUSINESS: Barry - got chroming done at Dellway, not cheap and very disappointing - bubbling, blueing, etc. A Class Metal Finishers comes highly recommended but you pay for it; Steve R - Eudunda Show is still going ahead; Regarding historic rego, it is suggested the committee put together a new framework for what it accepts as a vehicle. Lots and lots and LOTS of discussion about what constitutes a Norton in the eyes of the club; Recommendation is that the committee discusses the potentials via email and then meet to put together a proposal for the club to consider; John - 20th anniversary proposal is a rally, cater when we can to reduce costs; can pre-order buckle; 4 distance options - 2 rides, one early start, then late start, etc; 4 nights, 3 days; tshirt or cap as a memento; provide a social club room facility; dinner guest speaker; sponsors, souvenirs tables, etc; aiming for autumn/spring

RAFFLE: 1st Prize: Ian, Club Cap. **Raised** \$57 **CLOSED:** Meeting closed at 9.20



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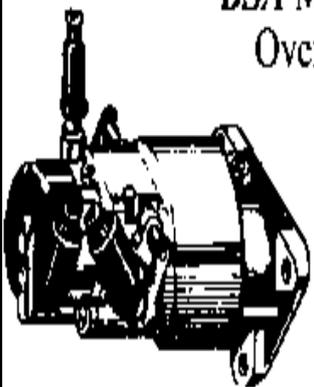
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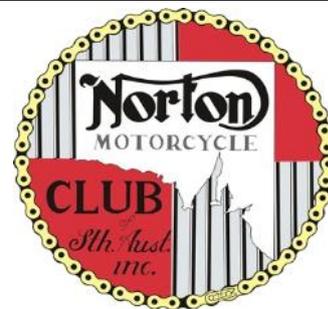
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Ride Calendar 2017



Date/Ride

Brekky @ 8:30am

Ride @ 10:00am

13th August
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Cascada Café
540 Glynburn Rd
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Cnr Greenhill Rd & Hawthorn Crs
Hazelwood Park

10th September
Southern Coast

Café Buongiorno
93 South Rd
O'Halloran Hill

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O'Halloran Hill

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11-12th November
120th Eudunda Show
Classic Bike Display

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19th November
NMCSA Xmas Lunch

TBA

TBA

Ride calendar, maps & 'catch up' points are also posted on
our website www.nmcsa.org



All rides start at 10am unless otherwise noted.

Calendar is prepared in advance &
is subject to change.

For further information, ring the Club Captain @
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