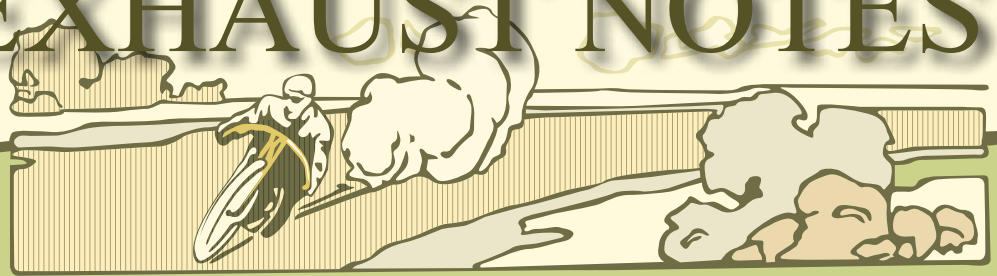


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**HAPPY FAMILIES AT THE  
BRASS MONKEY RALLY**

## BRASS MONKEY RALLY 9<sup>TH</sup> - 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022 - MIRBOO NORTH



This is my 13th Rally Report, after the years I am finding it hard to find the superlatives to describe this Rally. The happy smiling faces of the riders and the other attendees after riding on some of the best motorcycle roads amongst scenery unsurpassed are very gratifying to Ivor and I. The weather gods blessed us again.

Next year I'm thinking of adding to the name of the Rally to become the Brass Monkey Rally Mirboo North, 'the rally for the' Fair Dinkums', the true believers and limiting the entries to 75 bikes as it is as big as it can get without changing the venues and the area. One sad thing I have to report is on the number of withdrawals because of post Covid complications.

This Rally has morphed from an almost solely Vintage Motorcycle Club to a multi-club Rally. We had riders from the Gippsland Restorers Club, the British Two-Stroke Club, the Indian Club, the Sunbeam Club, the Velocette Club, the Indian Iron riders Club and others. As one rider said to me "with most other clubs you see the same riders and the same bikes, with this rally you don't know what interesting and different bikes you are going to see, you just don't know what is going to arrive". This year a magnificent 1932 B Model Ford coupe was seen at Narracan lunch break. Some of the very interesting bikes were a 1937 BSA Empire Star that was officially timed at 107 mph on a beach in Tasmania, a superb International Norton, a 1937 Cammy Velocette, a Vindian and a 4 Square Ariel plus many very exotic and collectable Japanese bikes.

A successful Rally doesn't just happen, it only works when you have a great team behind the scenes, I would especially like to thank Ivor Awty; Lisa and Chris Seufert; Terry Bradshaw at the 1st Tee Motel for the full use of their facilities; Barry Curley for his behind the scenes help, most member don't realise how much Barry actually does and John Cox for getting out the necessary information. This year I would like to thank Emma King, who stuck to me like glue as the second back-up vehicle.

The Rally is not only for us Entrants, it benefits the community we are in. Lyn from the Anglican Church who catered for us on the Saturday has asked me to specially thank the entrants who contributed to their fundraising bowl to the sum of \$190.00. It was very gratifying to see and much appreciated. Funds from the Narracan Hall went to raising money for programs for the self empowerment of the local children.

A special big thank you to all who attended and I look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Happy riding and stay upright. *Denis Reed-Smith*



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome once again to our second winter President's report. The weekend just gone as I write this piece saw the running of the Brass Monkey Rally based in Mirboo North. Well for one, I had a really good time and so too for those I talked to. On the ride down on Friday I travelled through a couple of

downpours but there was sunshine and rainbows in between. Very pretty with a backdrop of blue sky and some awesome cloud formations with the verdant bright green of the Strzelecki hills. Weather on the rally days was pretty good on Saturday and excellent on Sunday.

Organisation was excellent with four meals catered for over the two days as well as excellent roads made for a very memorable and enjoyable weekend. I must thank the organisers for their efforts and attention to detail. Ivor Awty for his local knowledge in planning rally routes as well as being Road Captain for the weekend. Lisa and Chris Seufert and Kids for Administration as well as photography and cooking breakfast for the ravished mob. Cooper Brownlee for photography, last but not least Denis Reed-Smith for badges and bringing the whole show together, well done to all.

Glad to report our Swap Meet Sub-Committee is already at work on the 2023 Scoresby Sap Meet with Jeni Findlay already making early enquiries where needed. Any ideas as well as input from club members will be appreciated here.

We are still floating ideas for our Sixtieth Anniversary rally in 2024. Again ideas and input from members will be appreciated, see the committee reports for details of what is being done. With committee approval already secured, badges will be minted for this event. Ken Murphy is already researching material for the Sixtieth Anniversary that will be printed for this club milestone. Again any material such as photos, stories of past club activities, biographies, ideas on what should be included will be welcome, give Ken or me a call.

On another note our long term Editor of this fine journal, John Cox is standing down as editor after this issue. Coxey has been undertaking this job for ten years and after a decade is due for a long needed rest. J.C is by far the longest standing Editor our club has had and as all would agree J.C has done an outstanding job with Exhaust Notes and has made it into a much sought after magazine. J.C will be missed as Editor but no one can do these jobs for ever and we need someone else to stand up and take the job on. The new Editor is needed ASAP so do not think about it too long if you are considering it. For the right person this is a really good opportunity to enhance your publishing skills. If you can type on a keyboard and have basic computer skills you would be able to achieve the satisfying results of publishing your first magazine. Please contact John Cox or myself if you are even the slightest bit interested. May be even a team effort of co-editors, a great opportunity awaits the Brave here. Your Club needs you.

Regards, *Mick Guilfoyle*

## NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to Andrew Brand, David Carr, Graeme Harding and John Knight.



## EDITORIAL

A big thank you to Jonathan Hill, Ken Murphy, Antony Gullick, John Mepstead, Grant Cole, Alan Scoble, Warren Young, David Tree, Neville Christie, Denis Reed-Smith, Ivor Awty, Michael Kolody and Cooper Brownlee for reports and/or photos and input

I wish to also thank Noel Wilcox of the Historic Winton organisation for providing a double marquee and complimentary entry tickets for our members who displayed motorcycles. Noel had two historic racing cars to drive at Winton as well as setting up our marquees.

As mentioned in the last General Meeting minutes and Mick's report I have after an enjoyable 10 years of editing the Exhaust Notes decided it's time to retire from the position. Doing the magazine gave me the opportunity to meet many terrific people, attend events (some with a free press pass), learn about motorbikes (I didn't 'get into them until' I was over 60), hone my computer skills and liaise with other editors - some overseas. I will aim to assist the new editor and Ken Murphy with the 60th Anniversary publication.

Regards, *John Cox*



## 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BOOK/BOOKLET

Hello to all members, we propose to publish a book or booklet to celebrate the coming 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club in 2024. To get this done is no trivial feat and for that we need the help of all members. The size and

quality of this will depend on what the members can offer in the way of stories and pictures from the past and present. It does not matter if your contribution is large or small but either way, we would like to receive it. We are looking for:

1. Old photos from the 1960's until present. For each photo it would be great if you could describe what is in the photo and when/where it was. An electronic scan of photos is fine but if you cannot do that let us know. Slides are also good.
2. Your story regarding your time at the VMCC club and what it means to you.
3. Your story on the collection of bikes you have/had either finished or unfinished. No problems if you don't want to give your full name or address as this can be kept private if you wish.
4. Your memories of the best VMCC run you have been on.
5. The best show you have been to with the VMCC.
6. If you are a history buff and want to write a story on what you recall as the history of the club, we would love to see that too.

Don't hold back, send it all to me at [ken.murphy0@gmail.com](mailto:ken.murphy0@gmail.com) or phone me on 0414 886 834

If you don't have the ability or equipment to type or scan then just let us know. We can even interview by recording conversation if you would prefer.

Regards, *Ken Murphy*

## COMMITTEE MEETING 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2022

Meeting opened: 6.40pm.

Present: Mick Guilfoyle, Paul Mitchell, John Street, Andrew Cox, Peter Growse.

Visitors, John Cox (Editor), Brian Tyler, (Swap Meet Sub-Committee), Jeni Findlay (Swap Meet Sub-Committee).

Apologies: Alan Scoble, Barry Curley, Darren Cartwright, Lindsay Wheeler

Correspondence in: Club magazines were received; Mick Guilfoyle received an email from the Vintage Drivers Club (VDC) that a container had been left in the kitchen following the previous meeting; Paul Mitchell received an email from Consumer Affairs Victoria to acknowledge that he has been appointed as Secretary of VMCC.

Correspondence out: Mick Guilfoyle sent email back to VDC acknowledging that the container belongs to VMCC; Paul Mitchell registered with the Department of Consumer Affairs as the incoming secretary.

Moved Peter Growse, Seconded Andrew Cox - Carried Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read.

Moved Andrew Cox, Seconded John Street - Carried Matters arising from minutes: The president has contacted Will Boothey at the Steam Society to book 2nd April as the date for 2023 Scoresby Swap Meet. This date has been tentatively approved pending Steam Society committee approval. The Steam Society is yet to send an invoice for the use of the Swap Meet site in 2022.

General business:

Swap Meet subcommittee. The President suggested five key roles for the swap meet subcommittee.

a) Liaison officer to deal with the steam society and other parties.

b) Advertising; posters, fliers, website advertising. Current advertising activities include liaising with our website manager Lisa Seufert, advertising in Old Bike Australasia in December, and advertising on Facebook. Brian Tyler agreed to take responsibility for swap meet advertising.

c) Logistics. Gates and car parking, money collection. Rotary are listed to manage the car parking and it was noted that this year Rotary was short of people and car parking was slow. There was discussion whether we should review the current arrangement with Rotary (a key issue revolved around the original arrangement whereby public liability insurance was covered through Rotary's insurance policy. The President made a commitment to review our current insurance policy and report back to the committee).

Jeni Findlay agreed to take responsibility for logistics.

d) VMCC coffee tent.

e) Managing finances. Get change, set up money bags, collect money and give to treasurer, balance tickets with cash balance. Peter Growse agreed to take responsibility for finances.

Meeting closed: 7.25pm

## GENERAL MEETING 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2022

Meeting opened: 8.15pm

Apologies: John Parker, D. Dumble, D. Reed-Smith, D. Cartwright, P. Zwolinsky, A. Scoble, B. Dawson, R. Babb. L. Wheeler, J. Davy.

Correspondence in: Correspondence as stated in Committee Meeting minutes. John Mepstead presented a letter from the Federation stating their confidence that the Bendigo Swap Meet will go ahead in 2022. The Federation is seeking volunteers for a two hour shift. Volunteers

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will receive a weekend pass and a small refreshment allowance and contribution to their club. For further details please contact Ted on 5449 3861.

Correspondence out: Correspondence as stated in Committee Meeting minutes.

Moved David Jenkins, Seconded Alwyn Babb - Carried Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read.

Moved Neville Babb, Seconded Lindsay James - Carried President's Report:

Treasurers Report: As at 31st May 2022

General Account \$9,898.28

Rally Account \$7,438.85

Investment Account \$57,917.93

Moved Warren Young, Seconded M. Gellert - Carried Rally reports:

John Cox spoke on the VMCC Display at the Historic Winton race meeting. The weather was great and approximately 20 bikes were exhibited by 17 members. Many other members attended. Member Peter Birthisel raced and got some placings. Kel Mitchener added that the VMCC display attracted a lot of public interest with many people keen to chat about the bikes. A great success. Mick Guilfoyle thanked John Cox for organising the VMCC Display at Winton.

Matt Wright spoke about the Veteran 1 and 2 cylinder car rally he and Mark Gascoigne recently attended at Narrandera. Many fascinating vehicles attended the 5 day rally. The weather was good except one day lost to rain.

Our next rally is the Brass Monkey on 9th -10th July.

Spares: Registration plate holders and veteran mudguards are still available.

Library: Andrew Cox donated full sets of Classic Motorcycling magazine at the April general meeting. The August edition was borrowed before it was catalogued so if you have it please return it so it can be catalogued.

General business:

Swap Meet Committee: The committee volunteers are Lindsay Wheeler, Brian Tyler, Peter Growse and Jeni Findlay. There are plans for improved advertising and parking arrangements. If there are any other valuable suggestions, please let the subcommittee members know.

Update on 60th anniversary plans: Ken Murphy is interested in our Club creating a book and Mick Guilfoyle has asked him for costings of various sized books. We will also organise a rally. Any further good ideas, please let the committee know.

Committee nomination forms: can be found in the recent Exhaust Notes. Please feel free to nominate.

Subscription renewal forms can be found under the address page in the most recent Exhaust Notes. Due to electrostatic forces some people have already thrown theirs out. If you have, contact John Cox for a new form.

Angela Chaplin was pleased to announce that her daughter Siobhan is engaged to Patrick, so welcomes another 'Paddy' into the family.

Barry Curley has received two types of registration forms for the Brass Monkey Rally. An early draft was circulated stating a fee of \$25. The later form, with an entry fee of \$20 is the correct one.

John Mepstead reported on the recent Federation meeting. Relevant items include:

- The Federation suggests we should keep logs book for 12 months after they expire in case any issues arise.

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• Club signatories signing their own permit renewal will be accepted by most VicRoads offices but not the one in Bendigo.

• Although zero emission legislation is expected to come into force by 2050, there is some push to bring it in by 2030. We should be aware that this is in the wind.

• Sites are still available for Bendigo swap meet.

• Vehicles imported after 1st July 2021 require a VIN number.

• There is zero tolerance for asbestos in imported vehicles. Inspections are very expensive.

Meeting closed: 8.56pm.

### **COMMITTEE MEETING 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022**

Meeting opened: 6.34pm

Present: Mick Guilfoyle, John Street, John Fletcher, Philip Horner, Alan Scoble, Andrew Cox, Peter Growse, Paul Mitchell.

Visitors: Jeni Findlay (swap meet sub-committee).

New Members: We welcome Graeme Harding, David Carr, George Fitzpatrick and Andrew Brand.

1. Various club magazines

2. An invoice from the Melbourne Steam Traction Engine Club for VMCC use of the Scoresby swap meet site.

3. Newsletter of the Veteran and Vintage Car Club of Australia ACT providing details of the Griffith National Veteran Vehicle Tour, 2-8 October 2023.

4. Veteran and Vintage Motorcycle Club of SA brochure advertising its 21st 'All-Motorcycle Swapmeet and Show' on 2nd October 2022 at Balhannah.

5. Email from Heather Cunningham seeking information from any members regarding her grandfather, Rod Simondson and his Raleigh motorcycle. Rod was an active member of the club in the late 1980's.

Correspondence out: None.

Moved Phil Horner, seconded John Fletcher - Carried  
Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Moved Alan Scoble, seconded Andrew Cox - Carried

Rally reports: The Brass Monkey rally we be on the weekend of 9th -10th July.

Mick Guilfoyle noted that he and Doug Cowie will be attending the Indian Pacific Cannonball from 14th -27th October. They will be travelling in Doug's Winnebago as backup for Ken Phelps on his 1948 Vincent twin. They will also undertake marshalling duties. Four other VMCC members are also participating.

It was resolved that the club provide these participants with stickers showing the club logo and advertising our Scoresby swap meet. These could be displayed on their vehicles throughout the Cannonball event.

Moved John Street, seconded Phil Horner - Carried

General business:

1. The President has forwarded to the swap meet sub-committee details of our current insurance policy which is relevant to their planning for the 2023 event.

2. Jeni Findlay has made contact with Rotary Noble Park regarding management of the Scoresby swapmeet. VMCC continues to explore options regarding management of next year's event.

3. General discussion around whether we should issue new membership cards or club badges. Suggestions included making a club badge as part of 60th anniversary events, pending demand.

Meeting closed: 7.33pm

### **GENERAL MEETING 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022**

Meeting opened: 8.08pm 28 members in attendance.

Apologies: A. Greenway, C. Carter, A., R. and N. Babb, V. Minogue, Denis Reed-Smith, Angela and Tony Chaplin, M. Munday, M. Morse, J. Davy, B. Dawson, G. McDougall.

Visitors: Keith Mertens who has a 1936 Rudge and Des Coleman who is working on Rudge and Douglas bits.

New Members: As stated in Committee meeting minutes.

Correspondence in: Correspondence as stated in committee meeting minutes.

Correspondence out: None. Noted that Jeni Findlay has been in discussion with Rotary Noble Park re ongoing arrangements for 2023 Scoresby swap meet.

Moved John Cox, seconded Warren Young - Carried.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read out.

Moved John Fletcher, seconded David Jenkins - Carried

Matters arising: John Cox reported that Ken Murphy has been in discussions with him regarding the 60th anniversary book. Ken is researching old Exhaust Notes and club records. Ken has a background as a software engineer and experience in desktop publishing and is seeking information from club members.

Treasurers Report: As at 31st June 2022

General Account \$11,911.78

Rally Account \$9,269.85

Investment Account \$58,018.85

Moved Alan Scoble, seconded Kel Mitchener - Carried

Rally reports: Brass Monkey Rally is on the weekend of 9th -10th July. There are 36 entries so far.

Heathcote Rally is on the weekend of 20th -21st August.

The Kilcunda Rally of 8th -9th October will take in the 'blessing of the bikes' at San Remo on the Saturday.

Mick Guilfoyle and Doug Cowie will be attending the Indian Pacific Cannonball as backup team for Ken Phelps, and also as marshalls. A number of club members are entered with their partners as backup. The run starts at Busselton pier on 14th October and finishes at Eden pier on 27th October.

Spares: The idea was raised at the committee meeting whether club spares that aren't moving could be sold at Scoresby Swap in a tent next to the club coffee tent.

Library: Three new books have recently been donated.

The World's Fastest Indian, and biographies of Barry Sheene and Mike Hailwood.

General business:

Barry Curley noted that many will be saddened to hear that Rob Bonner recently lost his wife. Rob is known to many in the old vehicle movement.

Barry Curley noted that Neville Babb has been given a line marker which will be available for club use. Mick Guilfoyle remarked that, after recent discussion, the committee is of the view that the club should continue to mark out stall holder sites at the swap meet.

Ken Murphy presented plans for producing the 60th anniversary book, and asked members to contribute photos and/or stories.

Mick Guilfoyle noted strong support for the idea to run the 60th anniversary rally from Hume Weir Resort. Kel Mitchener offered to be a contact person as he knows the resort owner. Discussion was held whether the rally should be run straight after Chiltern rally as some people agreed that it is difficult to make the time available for two

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rallies in succession. Options such as joining Chiltern and Hume Weir into a shorter time frame could be discussed. John Cox flagged his intention to resign as editor of Exhaust Notes. John has been editor for 10 years and hopes that somebody else will take it on at the AGM. There was general agreement that the standard of Exhaust Notes has been outstanding during John's time as editor. Any aspiring editor should not be daunted by this high standard, their efforts would be welcomed as the newsletter is an important means for many club members to keep in touch.

Meeting closed: 9.04 pm

## Vale Grahame Dawe

Grahame Dawe of Grovedale (Geelong) passed away on Saturday 21st May. Many members will have utilised Grahame's undisputed wheel building skills over the years and he will be sadly missed.

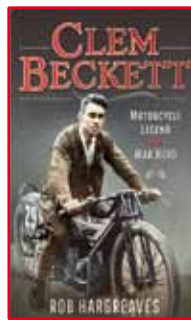
Grahame and his late wife Dianne were keen rugby league supporters who followed Melbourne Storm. Grahame in his younger days played rugby for Young in NSW where they lived before moving to Geelong.

Grahame rode a Moto-Confort, a Norton outfit, a 1928 Triumph N Deluxe and a BSA M20 in rallies,  
We pass on our condolences to his family.



## USEFUL TOOLS

A couple of clutch adjusting tools were made by welding an old socket to a steel handle that has a hole through to allow a screwdriver or allen key to pass through. The screwdriver or allen key holds the centre screw in place after adjustment and the socket then tightens the locknut. Two sizes were made for the different sizes of locknuts on British motorcycles. The handles have black heat shrink fitted on to them.



## BOOK REVIEW

Reviewed by Jonathan Hill

**"Clem Beckett – motorcycle legend and war hero"**

Clem Beckett was 14 when he first rode a home-made motorcycle over the cobbled streets of his hometown. It was the start of a lifelong love affair with speed and machines. For Beckett, the motorcycle was a means of escape from the uncertain future of Oldham's stricken milling industry in the aftermath of WW1. Beckett's zest for life, his natural exuberance and determination to be a winner, overcame the disadvantages of a poor home bereft of a father. As a pioneering Dirt Track (speedway) rider he broke records galore, and as a volunteer in the Spanish Civil War, he broke down class barriers. Whether as a tearaway teenager, an outspoken sportsman, or a member of the Communist Party, his life was characterised by broadsides of irreverence towards authority.

With many of Oldham's 300 or so mills closing, resulting in grinding poverty, it is not surprising that young apprentice blacksmith Clement Beckett was completely taken in by the Communist Party's propaganda promising "a workers paradise." "He became more involved and engaged with politics as a young man, which I find fascinating," says author Rob Hargreaves, "because while he was a communist he was also hugely enterprising and entrepreneurial. He was a paradoxical figure." By 1928 Clem was making a very good living from speedway – as much as £100 a night, taking flying lessons and enjoying speedboat racing.

To Beckett, the appeal of revolutionary politics was youthful rejection of "old fogey" values and the dominating role of tweedy gentility in motorcycle sport.

Reviving faded memories and anecdotes of his career as a pioneer speedway rider, this book traces Beckett's extraordinary rise from blacksmith's apprentice to superstar, in a new sport which typified the energy of the Roaring Twenties, and was characterised by risk-taking and serial injury. Ever the showman, and banned from the Dirt Track for trying to protect his fellow riders from exploitation, Beckett took to riding the Wall of Death.

Observing the rise of fascism on his travels in Europe, Beckett's increasing involvement with politics led to marriage to the mysterious Lida Henriksen, and inexorably to volunteer service in the British Battalion of the International Brigades in Spain.

A narrative spiced with anecdotes and new revelations about Beckett shows why from boyhood to the poignant circumstances of his death in battle, Clem Beckett inspired love and loyalty.

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## 1903 CCMC AT BULLI

By Antony Gullick

A bike being auctioned at the Bulli Antique Motorcycle Weekend on the 27th of August is a unique 1903 CCMC.

When Red Bird bicycles of Canada expanded into motorcycle construction in 1903, the company set about acquiring the best components available. Motosacoche had begun producing a new 'Dufaux' engine, a 288cc side-valve which had already established a reputation for reliability. The engine was fed by the first proper float-bowl type carburettor and ignition fired by an automotive trembler coil. Chater-Lea frame castings were connected with lightweight tubing and Birmingham hubs made the wheels go round. Parts, equipment and components were dispatched to the newly-formed C.C.M.C. (Canada Cycle Motor Company), who built and road tested a motorcycle by November of 1903. This first complete machine was then crated and dispatched to Australia by a sailing ship out of Vancouver, arriving in Townsville, Queensland, at the beginning of 1904.



A blacksmith from Ballarat, Victoria, was in Cloncurry in far north Queensland on business, where he visited the local Red Bull Cycles dealer. Red Bull had agents right across Australia at that time. The blacksmith was told Red Bull was going into the manufacture of motorcycles, to be called "the Canada Cycle & Motor Co." The blacksmith placed an order for one of the new single-cylinder machines.

Months later, he was notified that the 'CCMC' had arrived in Townsville. From Cloncurry, he set about riding on horseback to Townsville, some 500 miles east. On arrival, he sold his horse for £5.00 at a waterfront pub, uncrated the machine, bought half a dozen 6 volt accumulators which he carried in a backpack, plus 4 one-gallon tins of petrol, which he secured in a wooden box on the back stand/parcel carrier. He set off, forgetting the carrier was only held in place by a spring clip, so everything promptly dumped itself on the road. After reloading and lashing the stand firmly in place, he started for Cloncurry once more. After 10 miles he realized he had "made a monumental mistake", should he return to the pub, retrieve his horse, dump the motorcycle at the wharf and forget all about it. But he didn't - he wasn't prepared to let some mechanical device beat him - so he continued his hazardous journey home through some of the harshest countryside in 40°C+ heat (104°F). There was no road, just tracks, deep wheel ruts and a few fence lines to follow...what a journey that 500 odd miles must have been!

He lived in Cloncurry until the start of the Great War, when he returned to Ballarat to see his parents. He mounted up and set off for Townsville, caught a coastal steamer, disembarked at Eden, New South Wales and rode up and over the great dividing range to Ballarat - an even more arduous journey than his first. Totally exhausted after this epic ride, he winched the machine up into the belfry of his father's forge, so he could watch it disintegrate and die!!



In 1936, Paddy Ryan and his good friend Ray Corlett decided they would journey around Australia to acquire pre-1905 Edwardian machines. They unearthed some very early machines on their journey, and when they arrived in Ballarat, they were directed to an old blacksmith...Their first encounter was not promising. The bike was not for sale for any price or reason, "go to hell, get out of the place, and don't ever come back"!!

Having glimpsed the machine, Ray was fascinated; he couldn't make out the crankcase letters but could see there were four of them. He knew of no engine with four initials on the crankcase - most had three; JAP, BAT, ING, MAG, AJS etc. Nearly twenty years elapsed, but in 1954 Ray returned to Ballarat. This time he found the blacksmith in a more receptive mood, and after considerable discussion he decided to sell the machine to Ray for £25.00 - the original purchase price. However there were some conditions: a signed and notarized document that he would rebuild the machine to its original condition within two years, and if not to the blacksmith's liking, it would be returned with no refund!

The CCMC was 100% original, having completed only those 1,500 (hard) miles. Only the tyres, rims and spokes needed replacement. Ray adhered to originality as far as possible; every nut and bolt was retained and only re-nickled where required. After completion, Ray took a bundle of photos to Ballarat to present the blacksmith with proof of his efforts. On his arrival, the gentleman was in hospital on his deathbed, surrounded by family; he hadn't spoken to anyone for quite some time and was near the end of his road. However, when the blacksmith recognized Ray he perked up, smiled and congratulated Ray on his efforts - he was greatly satisfied. The following day the blacksmith died!

Ray wrote to CCMC in Canada wanting more information on his machine. They replied that their oldest employee remembered the machine "in question", as it was the first they built, was destined for export to Australia and that he had actually road tested the bike in the November of 1903.

This motorcycle represents a unique chance to own not only a piece of motorcycling history, but one that has significant history in Australia. This is believed to be the only surviving example of this model. Buyers guide \$25k-\$35k. Pre-bidding at [www.manshedauctions.com.au](http://www.manshedauctions.com.au)



# The Vintage Motor Cycle Club of Victoria Inc.

Reg. A0006534S



## HEATHCOTE TWO DAY RALLY

Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st August, 2022

For motorcycles manufactured up to 31st December, 1942  
and military machines up to 1945.



### Run Details

A two day rally will be held at John Parker's property in Heathcote on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st August 2022.

Heathcote is 1.5 hours from Melbourne

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

John's property has plenty of space for buses, camper-vans, tents. Toilet facilities are located within the house.

#### **SATURDAY** (20th August)

Saturday's run will be after lunch at 1.00 pm to cater for those coming from Melbourne, etc and will be around the Heathcote district, total distance of about 60 km.

Dinner Saturday night is bring your own. John will provide a large campfire for cooking.

#### **SUNDAY** (21st August)

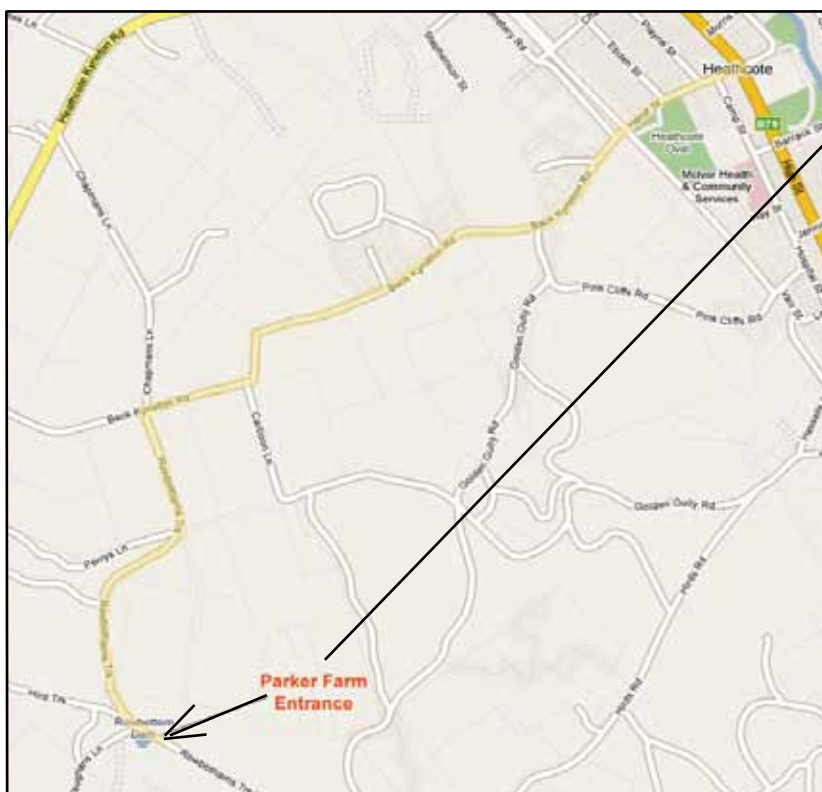
Sunday's run will leave at 9.30 am for a longer run around the Heathcote district returning to John's farm around 4.00 pm. Total distance about 140 km.

Back up trailer will be supplied.

#### **Contact:**

John Parker (Run Co-ordinator)

Ph. 03 9879 3817 or on the weekend Mob. 0400 969 322



## Parker's Farm Entrance

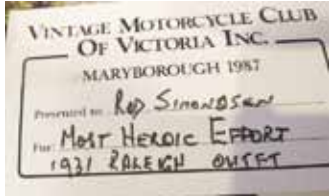
From High St. (Northern Hwy), then Herriot St, which then becomes Back Kyneton Rd, then Rowbothams Trk.



# LOOKING FOR A 1931 RALEIGH

Hi,

This is an odd question - I'm after some information. When I was little, my grandfather (Rod Simondson) had a 1931 Raleigh motorcycle, and participated in rides in at least 1986/1987. Recently I found some photos from the late 80's of him and his bike and it appears he was a member of the VMCC of Vic. He won "Most Heroic Effort" in the 1987 Maryborough Rally, I believe he 'limped' the bike the length of the ride.



He sold the bike and sidecar around 1996. I don't know where or to who. I've always dreamed of finding it again, but this is all the information I have. I was hoping you'd have a member who was involved then (30+ years ago!), or may know someone who bought this bike.

I've attached some of the photos I have.

Photo 1. Certificate.

Photo 2. Sutherland Antiques Insurance Label No. 78 and a bit of the sidecar.

Photo 3. Another member's trailer and bike, Grandfather's Raleigh is on the left.



If you have members with 1930's Raleighs I'd be keen to speak with them as I'd love to know where this bike may have ended up, or if it even still exists.

Regards,

*Heather Cunningham*

Any leads on the Raleigh's whereabouts please contact: [heathercunningham@proton.me](mailto:heathercunningham@proton.me)

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# 33RD ANNUAL RUDGE RALLY CHILTERN

By Alan Scoble

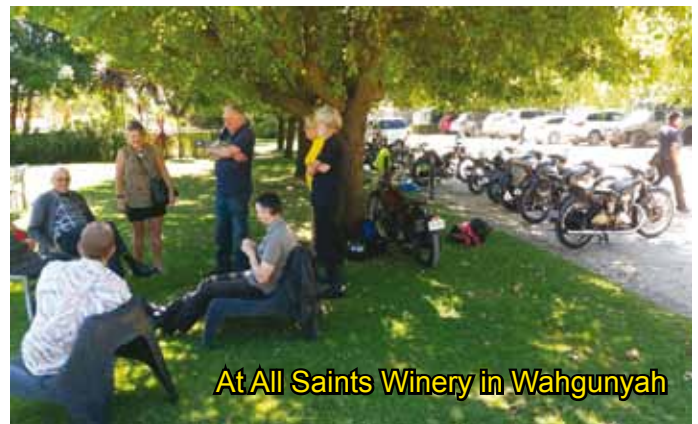
The Rally was based at Lake Anderson Caravan Park, Chiltern on the weekend of 26th and 27th March.

Saturday began with a ride to Rutherglen and a visit to the Caffeine 'n' Machine motorcycle museum. This is an extremely interesting spot for the motorcycle enthusiast and especially so for the two strokers amongst us. The highlight for me was the Bill Barfield, Ross Guiymer and Buster Saunders two stroke racing stable that thrilled us not that many years ago!



Some of the Rudges at Rutherglen

The ride then proceeded to Wahgunyah for a pleasant luncheon at the impressive All Saints Winery for a feed of wood fired pizza and refreshments (was a warmish day). The group then saddled up and roared off to Wangaratta and a tour of the amazing Ken Lucas establishment and collection. The highlight was the "firing up" of Ken's magnificent KTT! by his son. We were provided with a cuppa courtesy of Brenda his wife before bidding our farewells. It was then back to base completing about 120km for the day. Saturday was topped off with presentations and evening meal at the Telegraph Hotel Chiltern.



At All Saints Winery in Wahgunyah

Sunday morning was commenced with a parts swap in front of NSW Magneto Man, Peter and Gail Scott's cabin, then off to another wonderful museum collection of bikes, cars and machinery further up the Hume Hwy. This particular exhibit is associated with the local historic garage at Chiltern owned by Gordon Stephens and family. The return to Chiltern involved about 80km. Then it was time for the goodbyes and see you next year.

Our committee men Alan Scoble and Peter Growse attended the rally as did Warren Young who won a best post vintage bike award with his 1937 Rudge.

Photos: Warren Young

## HISTORIC WINTON PARTICIPANTS

Dianne and Gary McNamara 1930 BSA Outfit  
 Jerri Lee and Rob Miller 1914 Douglas  
 George Coad 1915 Triumph, 1911 Precision  
 Jim Hewson 1937 BSA Empire Star  
 John Street 1917 JAP 770, 1914 Precision  
 John Cox 1928 Triumph, 1915 Peerless  
 Noel James 1938 Triumph, 1936 Triumph  
 Peter Fagan 1914 Triumph  
 Lindsay James 1942 Indian Military  
 Peter Leddin 1931 Raleigh  
 Adrian Robinson 1940 BSA M21  
 Doug Cowey 1941 BSA M20, 1942 Indian  
 David James 1940 BSA M20 Military  
 Kel Mitchener 1926 Douglas 350, 1929 Douglas 600  
 1930 Douglas 600

Other VMCC members who attended and called into our display included John Van der Knijff, Ken Pollock, Noel McLean, Graeme Balfour, Grant Cole, Gabe Bolvary, Alan Scoble, Ken Lucas, Peter and Toni Birthisel and Stan Mucha. Also calling in to say hello was Andrew Pobjoy son of late life members Charles and Joy Pobjoy. Andrew was racing a 1980 Yamaha 500.



Graeme Balfour

Seventeen years ago on the 2005 Dunlop Re-enactment Rally from Sydney to Melbourne, Graeme Balfour push started John Cox's 1915 Peerless V-Twin Precision on every one of the five days.

On seeing the bike again Graeme couldn't resist demonstrating his physical fitness (he was a champion cyclist in his younger days).

Our members racing on vintage bikes were Mick Chegwidden on a '41 Indian Scout, Stan Mucha on his '26 Indian Altoona and Peter Birthisel on a '41 Indian Sports Scout. Peter had a 4th and Mick a 6th in the Harley v Indian Hand Shift Battle on Sunday. Stan won the vintage class race on Sunday on the Indian Altoona.



Peter Birthisel No. 211 Clint Chegwidden No. 39

## BRASS MONKEY PARTICIPANTS

James Brownlee 42 Harley 1200  
 Cooper Brownlee 42 Harley WLA 750  
 Neville Christie 29 Indian Scout  
 Greg Doubleday 74 Jawa 350  
 Doug Farr 58 AJS 500  
 George Fitzpatrick 44 Indian Chief  
 John Fontanella 53 BSA 500 Gold Star  
 Matthew Gellert 38 Ariel 350  
 Graeme Glover 61 Velocette 350  
 Michael Guilfoyle 42 Harley Davidson 750  
 Kevin Hammond & Kath 51 BSA M21 600 O/F  
 David Horton 49 Ariel 500  
 Lindsay James 44 Indian Chief 1200  
 Andrew & Kay Jeffrey 51 BSA 500 O/F  
 Daryl Jenkins 48 Indian Chief 1200  
 Craig Jennings 73 Suzuki GT 380  
 Mark & Mary Anne King 42 BSA 500 O/F  
 Doug McClelland 78 Honda 400  
 Stuart McClelland 75 Norton 850  
 Michael Matthyssen 87 Enfield 500  
 Rob & Jerri Lee Miller BMW  
 Kel Mitchener 30 Douglas 600  
 Robert Newing 39 Harley 74  
 Andrew O'Sullivan 86 Honda XBR 500  
 Joe Puglia 44 Indian Chief 1200  
 Adrian Robinson 40 BSA M21 600  
 Alan Scoble 51 Francis Barnett Falcon  
 Ann Scoble 73 Suzuki GT 185  
 Brad Stayches 37 BSA M22 500 O/F  
 Daryl Stayches 38 Harley 1200  
 Danielle Stayches 66 BSA 650  
 Noel Thornby 55 BSA 650  
 Kenneth Wright 87 BMW 650  
 Darren Farr 37 Velocette 350  
 Philip White 37 Royal Enfield 1140  
 Ian McDonald 54 Norton  
 Stan Mucha Vindian  
 Kim Mackay 44 WLA Harley  
 Gary Byrne 41 Indian Scout  
 Ian Troughton 2020 Royal Enfield  
 Greg Caldwell 92 Suzuki  
 Mark Campagnolo 42 BSA M20 OHV  
 Tony Farmer 80 Yamaha XS 650  
 Mark O'Sullivan 83 Jawa Twin 350  
 Dave Booth 41 Indian Chief  
 Nino Marcucci 47 Harley  
 Baz Duvoisin 46 Indian  
 Eric Duvoisin 50 BSA  
 Chris Richards 53 Indian  
 Andy Agar 42 Harley WLA  
 Fran Coyle 42 Harley WLA  
 Doug Cowey 40 BSA M20 500  
 Colin Chudleigh Ariel Four Square 1200  
 Ross Newton 78 Honda  
 Michael Christie 28 Indian Scout  
 David Tree 85 Honda & Drone  
 Mike Chegwidden 46 Indian  
 John & Lyn Lofts 88 Suzuki  
 Keith McKendry 68 Harley Davidson  
 Animal 44 Harley  
 Ivor Awty Yamaha Virago & Organisation  
 Denis Reed-Smith Back Up & Organisation  
 Emma King Back Up

All upcoming events subject to COVID-19 regulations and/or organiser and/or club decisions as to whether or not to proceed with the event.

## VMCC CLUB EVENTS 2022

20th - 21st August HEATHCOTE RALLY  
8th - 9th October KILCUNDA RUN  
28th - 31st October CHILTERN RALLY



John Parker  
Brian Tyler  
Doug Cowey & Mark King

## VMCC of Vic. Meetings at VDC Clubrooms subject to COVID-19 regulations

Next Committee Meeting 6.30 pm Thursday 4th August 2022. Next General Meeting 8.00pm Thursday 4th August  
Then Committee Meeting 6.30 pm Thursday 1st September and General Meeting 8.00pm Thursday 1st Sept 2022.

## OTHER EVENTS PLEASE CHECK VIA WEBSITES FOR CANCELLATIONS DUE TO COVID-19

1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN EVERY MONTH "Nine until Noon" Run from Baxter Tavern (Melway 107 B4). Leisurely run of about 120 km. 8.30 am for 9.00 am start. Contact: Mike Munday Mob. 0407 933 225.

27th - 28th August Bulli Antique Motorcycle Weekend. Bulli Showground. [www.amcaustralia.org](http://www.amcaustralia.org)

3rd - 9th September HMCCQ Brisbane Area are seeking expressions of interest for a vintage only rally (no veteran or post vintage) in Warwick, Qld. Please reply to [ian.poulsen@hotmail.com](mailto:ian.poulsen@hotmail.com)

2nd October Euroa Show and Shine 8 am to 3 pm [www.australiannationalshowandshine.com.au](http://www.australiannationalshowandshine.com.au)

7th - 9th October Motorclassica, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne. [www.motorclassica.com.au](http://www.motorclassica.com.au)

14th - 27th October Indian-Pacific Cannonball. Starts at Busselton pier WA and finishes at Eden pier NSW.

28th - 30th October 'The 2022 BSAOC of SA Annual Rally' Berri SA. On the picturesque banks of the Murray River. [www.https://www.bsasa.org.au](https://www.bsasa.org.au) or contact David Long on Mob. 0413 899 189

30th October Point Nepean Heritage Motor Show at Quarantine Station [www.PointNepeanMotorShow.com.au](http://www.PointNepeanMotorShow.com.au)

19th - 20th November Cootamundra (NSW) 100 Not Out Rally Contact: John Simpfendorfer on Mob. 0409 328 566 or [jmsimpf@bigpond.com](mailto:jmsimpf@bigpond.com)

## SWAP MEETS

11th September Shepparton Showgrounds, High St. Gen Public 7.30 am Contact Lloyd Healey 0438 294 351

2nd October All-Motorcycle Swapmeet & Show Balhannah Oval, Balhannah SA

12th - 13th November Bendigo Swap Meet, Prince of Wales Showgrounds, Bendigo

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# BUY, SWAP OR \$\$\$

All For Sale advertisements should state a price.

Cut off date for adverts for the next issue is the second Friday of the month preceding the issue.

Email: [editor@vmcc.com.au](mailto:editor@vmcc.com.au) or Phone: (03) 9435 9904

**FOR SALE** David James is handling the disposal of the late Barry Holland's collection on behalf of Shirley. Please contact Dave on Mob. 0409 011 953 if you are interested in any of the following:  
Dusting sidecar frame (no wheel), box of fittings, body, sidecar light, dusting transfers and book of dusting sidecars. \$2,500. Pick up Wangaratta.



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Smiths - Taco (looks new) and Speedo (body ready to paint), in working order. Sell as a pair \$1,100. Wangaratta pick up or can post.



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For all of the above please contact Dave James on Mob. 0409 011 953

**WANTED** A 'dolls head' gearbox body (casing) for a 1939 Model 18 Norton. Please contact Wayne Price on email: [w.price038@gmail.com](mailto:w.price038@gmail.com) or Mob. 0447 843 428.

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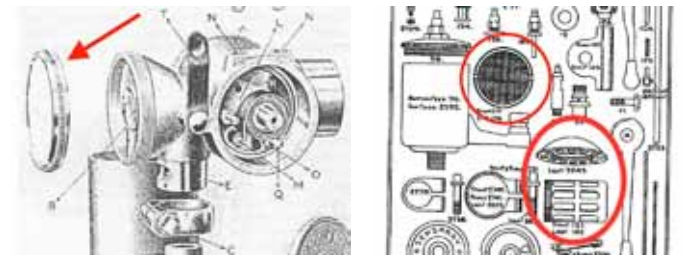
**FOR SALE** Our VMCC Club Spares have new metal round or rectangular club permit holders that bolt onto the frame. These are available at the meetings for \$10 each.

**FOR SALE** New style T-Shirts in stock \$20. They have the club logo and VMCC on the right sleeve. Also hurry going fast, Club Windcheaters with club logo \$30. Purchase at club meeting or contact: Darren Cartwright on Mob. 0421 505 613



Club Merchandise also available in Chiltern, North East Victoria. You can contact Mark King on 0428 964 659.

**WANTED** Vintage Senspray carburetor filter (of any style) or whole carburetor. Please contact Rob Elliott on 0415 697 162."



**STOLEN** from just north east of Rutherglen: three BSA Bantam frames, one plunger model had tank, front and rear wheels and a speedo other two rigids had handle-bars and frame only; also an Indian Scout 741 frame, handle-bars, seat, girder forks and front mudguard in rusty state; also a military chief side-car wheel and axle. Eleven years and not a problem, but now nothing is safe. If you see or hear anything please phone Doug Cowey on Mob. 0427 327 100. Doug hopes they don't go to scrap.

See our hashtag on Instagram  
Look up #vmccofvictoria

## Items for the next EXHAUST NOTES

may be emailed to [editor@vmcc.com.au](mailto:editor@vmcc.com.au) or sent to: John Cox, 17 Boulton Crt, Greensborough 3088 or you may phone John Cox on 03 9435 9904.

**Definitely and positively**, the deadline for the next issue is: **Friday 16th September 2022.**



### CLUB PERMIT RENEWALS

Please supply a photocopy of your application - (a copy of the section that you stick in the log book will suffice) to the club officer signing your renewal form.

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## Festival of Motorcycling SA - 2022

The Festival of Motorcycling (FOMSA) team invites everyone to South Australia to enjoy a motorcycle-oriented week of events. Registrations are now open for the 2022 program, scheduled from October 1st to 9th. To book, go to [www.fomsa.org](http://www.fomsa.org).

The curtain raiser for FOMSA week is a whole day ride though the Mid-North, which is designed for touring-motorcycle enthusiasts. A back-up team will be present to deal with any mechanical issues that arise. This "Painted Silos", event will take participants on a tour that encompasses visits to view the State's giant murals in regional centres.

The program of six days of organised rides covers different scenery and attractions in the Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu Peninsula, Mid-North, Murray Land and Barossa Valley regions. The V&VMCCSA Motorcycle-Only Swap Meet at Balhannah, which is celebrating its 21st year, is included in the schedule.

The "Night of Champions" evening event will feature first-hand accounts of racing by motorsport greats, in an interactive format. The speakers will be Jim Scaysbrook (OAM), motocross and TT racer, motorcycle journalist and current editor of Old Bike Australasia magazine; Gavin Porteous, Grand Prix sidecar racer, and Murray Johnson, motorcycle importer, historic-class racer, Grand Prix and drag racer. There will be historic race bikes on display, including an ex-McCulloch Yamaha TZ500 and ex-Chaz Davies WSBK Ducati. These bikes will be started up as an auditory treat for fans. A light supper will be provided too. Tickets for this event are limited.

The Festival culminates in a "Cavalcade Parade" and two-day public display at Hart's Mill, Port Adelaide, representing 120 years of motorcycle manufacture. A section showing Australian-made motorcycles and bicycles will be featured. Admission is by gold-coin donation. All proceeds from the Festival go to the medical research foundation, SAHMRI.

Rob Elliott – FOMSA Media Officer

## MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL FORM

Came with the June issue of Exhaust Notes. Please ensure you did not discard it.

Please renew your membership as it is time consuming if not somewhat embarrassing for phone reminders.

If for some reason you are discontinuing your membership please notify the editor. ([editor contact details on Page 13](#)).

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**VMCC Of Vic Display**



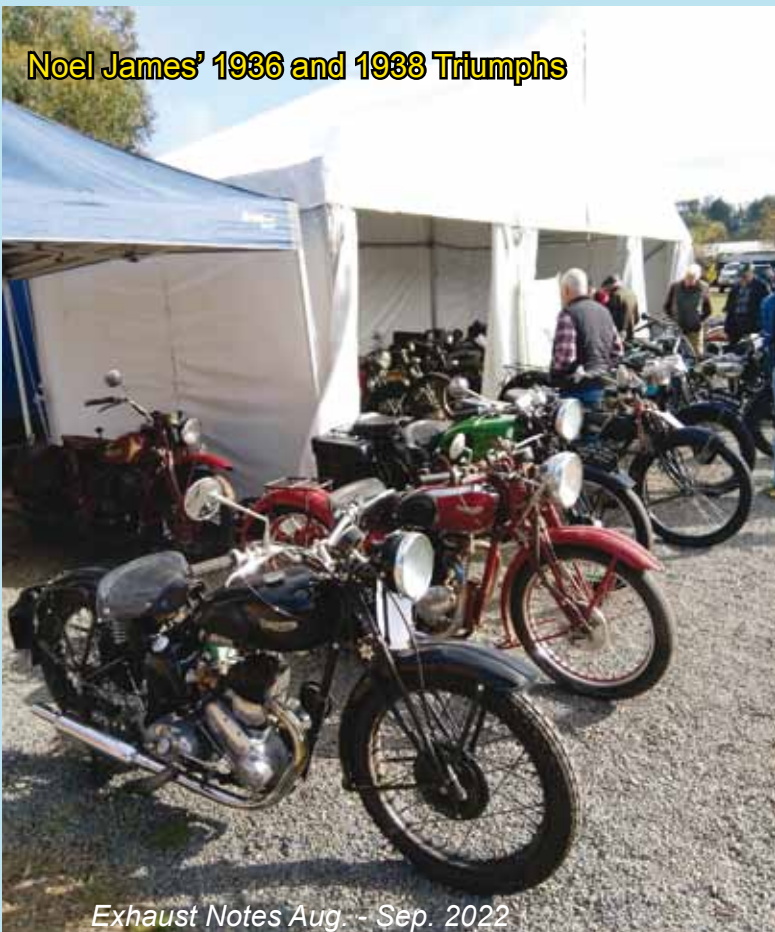
**VMCC Of Vic Display**



**Jerri Lee Miller's 1914 Douglas**



**John Street's 1917 J.A.P.**



**Noel James' 1936 and 1938 Triumphs**



**Kel Mitchener, Gary and Dianne McNamara  
and her 1930 BSA Outfit**

COOPER BROWNLEE'S PHOTOS OF THE BRASS MONKEY RALLY AT MIRBOO NORTH

