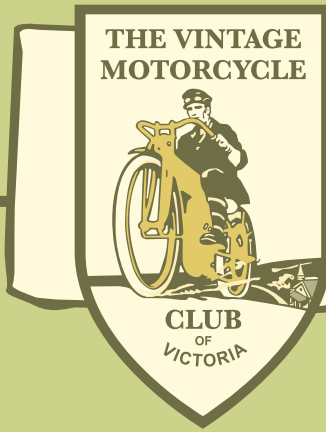


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# CHILTERN RALLY 3RD - 6TH NOVEMBER 2017

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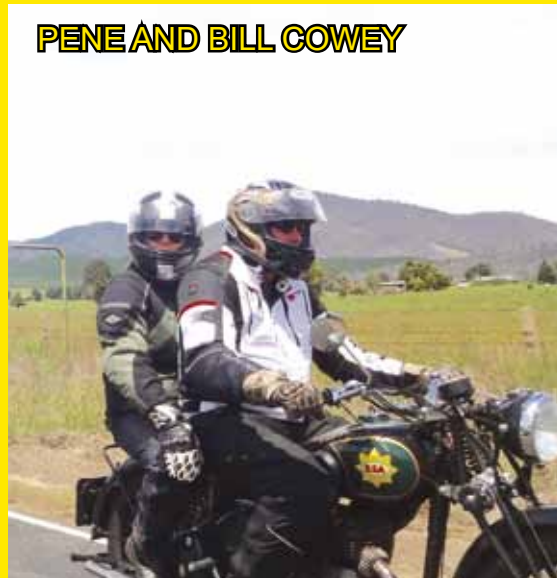
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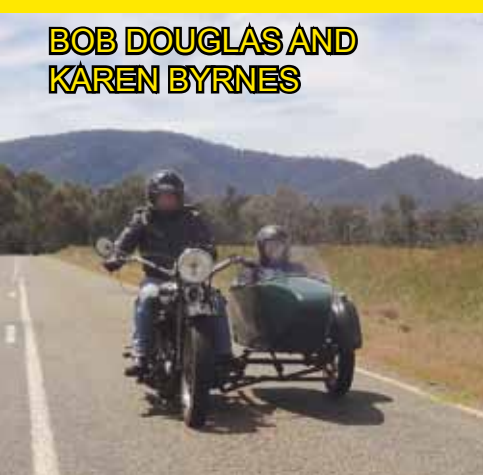
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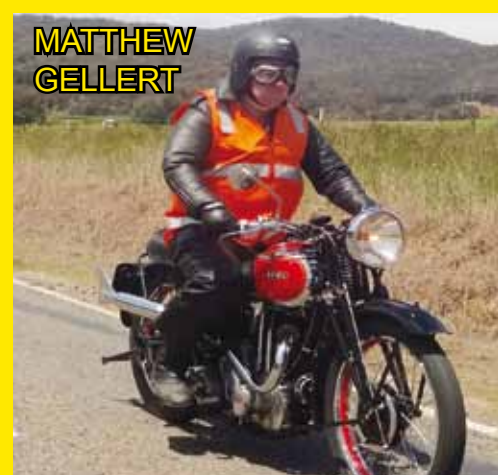
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The year is rapidly coming to an end. Since re-assuming the Presidency, we have had many and varied events. The Chiltern Rally, Kilcunda Rally, Three Bridges PSM, Rippon Lea and Beaumaris displays and Cora Lynn PSM have been attended. By the time you read this, members Andrew Jeffrey and Kay Fry will have married.

The last event for this year's Calendar is the Nortons Park Xmas BBQ. This is a great event, especially for catching up with current and former members who don't attend meetings and rallies. Please support this event and if you know of past members and their families please invite them along, or let me know and I will extend an invitation on the Club's behalf.

On a sadder note we have lost several long time and highly thought of members in the past year. At this time of Christmas cheer, please give a thought to the members and their families going through Christmas without their loved ones. John Fletcher, myself and many other members will have attended the funeral of Ian and Jan Kennedy who were tragically killed in a car accident. The couple were highly regarded in the Gippsland area for their contribution to the motorcycle scene over many years. Ian and Jan were very active members of the Maffra-Sale Motorcycle Club and the The Gippsland Vehicle Collection Motor Museum.

Your Committee is working on the events for next years Calendar. If you would like to see a special event or a run organised, please do not hesitate to contact me or your Club Captain, Michael Guilfoyle.

We are also planning a very special 50th Anniversary Maryborough Rally. If you wish to have an input or a suggestion put forward please do not hesitate to contact a member of the steering committee.

It is an exciting time to be a member of our great club. Our membership is growing, with many new younger members joining. Next year is building up to be a great year. I'm looking forward to it with great anticipation.

On behalf of the Committee and myself, we would like to extend the best of Christmas' and New Year's wishes to all.

*Denis Reed-Smith*

## EDITORIAL Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to all.

Thank you to Jonathan Hill for his book report; Brian Tyler, Gabe Bolvary, Rod Tingate, Cooper Brownlee, Jerri Lee Miller, Joy Mitchener, Lisa Greenway, Kevin Hammond, Mick Guilfoyle and Denis Reed-Smith for articles and or photos.

Congratulations to Alistair and Dione Douglas for organising another terrific Chiltern Rally.



Since the last exhaust Notes Heather and I did a cruise from Vancouver through Alaska to Japan. No vintage bikes were spotted. Juneau, the Alaskan capital, only allows for a 50 mile or so road ride before having to take a ferry. However, there was a Harley Davidson shop selling clothing. In Tokyo I spotted a few delivery scooter type motorcycles with dual rear wheels and some one seater hire from the kerbside cars about



the size of a motorbike. Brand new motorcycles in Fukuda Motors are all displayed with number plates affixed - perhaps they have done away with the equivalent office to VicRoads!

Doug Fraser has just completed the

BSA International Rally in Holland where he rode from Scotland to Holland and rode back to Scotland via Paris. Doug returned home in time to ride both his veteran Hockley and V-twin BSA at Chiltern where he mentioned that the next International BSA Rally is in Oz at Halls Gap in November 2018. Doug is really keen to ensure that Victoria's BSA riders support this International event. [See details on P.12.](#)

*John Cox*

## A TIP ON FUMIGATION

Our Federation Rep John Mepstead has discovered a new way to rid his lounge room of moths and mosquitos. This method also negates the need for purchasing (or raiding a nature strip for) an exercise bicycle.

Lisa Greenway informs us that her father Alan was nearly overcome with laughter (not fumes) when the EWB fired up. The photo clearly shows how red in the face John was through exertion - he will also be red in the face on reading this!



## A TIP ON MOVING A BOGGED VAN

As can be observed in the following photo nine motorcyclists ponder how to move Brian's bogged van during the Kilcunda Rally.



After the pondering at the Ponderosa, it's Royal Enfield to the rescue. Pat Walsh hooks up his lariat to the van and the outfit successfully tows the van out of the bog as Tony Chaplin kneels in prayer to push.





## GENERAL MEETING 5th OCTOBER 2017

Meeting opened 8.10

Apologies: P. Walsh, M. Guilfoyle, J. Parker, R. Franklin, N. Robert, B. Brunner, J. Fletcher, J. Cox.

New Members: Barry Dawson - 1932 Triumph Scout, Don Kotchoff - BMW/ Zundapp.

Minutes - Accepted as read in the Newsletter by Secretary - Moved J. Street, Seconded L James

Correspondence In: One email in favour of extending cut-off date to 1950 by Member. General discussion, appears to be little support to extend date, country members be given time to consider options, Large cost involved in lodging amendment to Club Rules with Corporate Affairs, addendum to rules at Club Level would suffice.

Correspondence Out: Lodged new signatories VicRoads. Recommended we update signatories each year, members to make sure their memberships are current and bikes are red plated. John Mepstead stated that Federation recommends veiwing VicRoads on-line to keep up with current requirements. Ray Franklin is our Red Plate Registrar.

Treasurer's Report:	General Account	\$12,892.51
	Rally Account	\$7,722.10
	Investment Account	\$53,185.37

Moved J. Street, Seconded N. Hunter - Carried

Rally Reports:

Rushworth Rally. D. McGillivray reported excellent rally with around 30 Bikes.

Veteran Rally S.A. N Babb reported good crowd, 140 entrants with 220 bikes from U.K., N. Z. and all States and N.T. Next National Veteran Rally is in Ulverston, Tasmania.

John Street reported on Kilcunda Rally.

Maryborough 50th Anniversary steering group to meet before General Meeting 2/10/17.

Chiltern Rally ready to go, Alistair all ready to go, 27 entries to date.

Cora Lyn PSM 26th November, Ken Miller Co-ordinator.

Combined Rally 3rd December, Mark Gascoigne - Rally Co-ordinator.

Xmas Party BBQ, Nortons Park, Organiser John Parker. Apparel: Ken Miller advised we have T Shirts, Caps, Stubby Holders and Key Rings.

Library: Nothing to report. Spares: Nothing to report.

General Business: Dave Dumble reported he had one hammer left to sell, proceeds \$100 to Alfred Hospital.

Andrew Jeffrey donated place mats and brochures to Club Members.

A table cloth to be organised for rostrum at meetings.

Meeting Closed at 8.50 pm. 46 Members in attendance.

## COMMITTEE MEETING 12th OCT. 2017

Meeting opened 7.52 pm

Attending: D. Reed-Smith, P. Walsh, M. Guilfoyle, J. Street, K. Miller, J. Fletcher, P. Horner, Federation Member J. Mepstead. Apologies: Editor J. Cox.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved - P. Horner, Seconded K. Miller. Accepted as read. Business Arising: K Miller - regarding Club Apparel costings: \$598.00

Federation Picnic Date: VMCC Swap Meet at Steam Centre, clash of date, John Mepstead reports issue now resolved as Federation now stated that they have changed their date in their newsletter to accommodate V.M.C.C. D Reed-Smith re-signatories list as per require-

ments by VicRoads lodged with Vic Roads.

Moved J. Street, Seconded K. Miller - Carried.

Correspondence In: Federation, BSA and Two Stroke Newsletters.

Correspondence Out: VicRoads Red Plate Signatories, Our Signatories are Renewals - as per "Exhaust Notes" added was D. Reed-Smith.

Vehicle Examiners: As per "Exhaust Notes" added was M. Guilfoyle.

Correspondence Accepted - Moved J. Street, Seconded K. Miller

Secretary to write to A. Newman to thank him for his services in this role on behalf of the Club.

Treasurers Report: As per general meeting of 5th Nov.

Moved P. Horner, Seconded M. Guilfoyle - Carried.

New Members: Don Hotchoff - Zundapp and BMW; Peter Smits; A.J. Quantrell; Bob Koik - Norton.

General Business: Forthcoming Rallys discussed.

Ken Miller reported club apparel cost \$598.00

Phil Horner said two 1930's Harley Davidson outfits to be auctioned by Moss Green at Motorclassica.

John Mepstead - Met with Maryborough Councillor who is an "Old Car" enthusiast and is "friendly to motorcycles", John to supply name to Denis Reed- Smith.

Meeting Closed 8.45 pm.

## GENERAL MEETING 2nd NOV. 2017

Meeting Opened at 8.10 pm

Apologies: R. McGillivray, J. Dargie, T. Ryan, R. Franklin, M. Guilfoyle, K. Miller, C. Carter, N. Babb, R. Babb, J. Parker, A. Greenway, S. Rhook.

Visitor: Geoff Schultz. Newer Member: Grant Cole has just restored an AJS.

Correspondence In: Letter against raising cut off date for bikes; Various Newsletters; Insurance renewal.

Correspondence Out: Signatory list to VicRoads.

Minutes of previous meeting were passed around .

Treasurers Report: as at 31st October 2017

General Account	\$9,662.67
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Rally Account	\$10,592.83
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Investment Account	\$53,185.37
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Moved L. James, Seconded. N. Hunter - Carried.

Rally Reports:

Lindsay James gave a report on the 75 Years of Harley WLA's Rally to the Canberra War Memorial.

Mark Gascoigne said his combined Rally at New Gisborne will cover about 85km and possibly visit a shed.

Matthew Gellert spoke of a 25th Anniversary Rally for Ariels only at Traralgon in late March 2018.

Neville Hunter mentioned that the Antique Club's Halls Gap Rally was well attended and very successful.

Motorclassica featured a rare Crocker motorcycle, a Ward JAP made in Melbourne and a Triumph nicely restored by Bryce Findlay won an award.

Chiltern Rally has about 55 entries - we owe a big thank you to Alistair and Dione Douglas and the King family.

President Denis spoke of the recent sad passing of esteemed club member Mark Byrnes and said his funeral was well attended with Phil Long and Mark King arranging motorcycles to lead the way to Creswick Cemetery. Members then held a minute's silence as a tribute to Mark.

Apparel: Ken Miller has collected club logo T Shirts, Caps, Key Rings, Stubby Holders - will have at Chiltern. Bendigo Swap - Club has two sites managed by John

Street and Keith Barnard.

Scoresby Swap 2018 and 2019 dates confirmed and Brian Tyler has had flyers printed and delivered to meeting for distribution by members.

Xmas BBQ - Denis requested that members invite older past members to the BBQ.

Barry Curley has heard that Modak may close its Elizabeth St. store by end of year. Possibly then sales on line. John Fletcher plans for Club to hold a single day display in February 2018. John also floated the idea of training days to attract young riders and future members.

Denis Reed-Smith confirmed that the Committee has approved for the setting up of a new more modern web-site which will include sections for rally entries, subscriptions, etc.

John Mepstead with Fed. News said that Berwick Swap is on Feb. 3rd. The Mornington Rally held in January is cancelled. Possibility that imported bikes valued at over \$60,000 will attract a high import duty. Incoming vehicles are being checked for asbestos.

Meeting Closed at 9.06 pm

### COMMITTEE MEETING 9th NOV. 2017

Meeting Opened at 7.47 pm

Present: D. Reed-Smith, M. Guilfoyle, K. Miller, J. Street, P. Walsh, J. Cox, J. Mepstead.

Apologies: J. Fletcher, B. Curley.

Correspondence In: Newsletters; Entry Form for 1 and 2 Cylinder Rally VCCA (VIC); Thank you for donation to "Movember" Appeal at Chiltern.

Correspondence Out: Insurance Details to JLT.

Moved K. Miller, Seconded J. Street - Carried  
Minutes of previous meeting were read and accepted.

Moved M. Guilfoyle, Seconded J. Street - Carried  
Matters Arising: Letter to A. Newman to be sent. The Central Goldfields Shire Council in Maryborough has been sacked due to financial mismanagement.

Treasurer's Report: as at 2nd Nov. General Meeting.

Moved J. Street, Seconded: P. Walsh - Carried

New members welcomed: Daryl Colt and Dianne McNamara.

Rally Reports: Chiltern Rally extremely successful and enjoyed by all - thank you to Alistair and Dione Douglas for their organisation. Thank you also to King family for hospitality and to the marshals, backup and transport folk. Cora Lynn PSM - may not be able to visit Light Horse Museum on rally. Maryborough 2018 suggestion for lap of oval at Clunes, rally badges, Friday to Talbot, Saturday to Avoca, Sunday to Clunes, Monday to Maldon.

General Business:

Deposit to be paid for new web-site.

Tragic death of Ian and Jan Kennedy of Maffra in car accident last weekend.

Request for members to contact older members and invite them to Xmas BBQ.

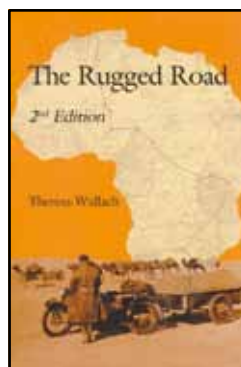
Trophies for Maryborough and Clubman awards to be arranged by Denis Reed-Smith and John Street.

Members reporting VicRoads officials not understanding their own regulations re club permits.

Meeting closed at 9.13 pm

### NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Don Kotchoff, Daryl Colt, Dianne McNamara, Peter Smits, and A.J. Quantrell.



### BOOK REVIEW

by Jonathan Hill

"The Rugged Road"

Author: Theresa Wallach

London to Cape Town overland by Panther motorcycle and sidecar, pulling a trailer. No roads, no back up - just straight across the Sahara through equatorial Africa and south to the Cape - in 1935, without even a compass!

This is quite simply the most amazing motorcycle journey ever told and a revelation to today's travellers. Theresa Wallach and friend Florence Blenkiron were remarkable women in a male-dominated world - Wallach gaining a degree in mechanical engineering; both were successful competition riders and, together with Beatrice Schilling, were the only women to lap Brooklands at over 100 m.p.h.

When "Blenk" wanted to visit relations in Cape Town, Theresa suggested that they go by road. They spent a year planning the 7,500-mile expedition, but had great difficulty in obtaining assistance or sponsorship from an industry very wary of adverse publicity. However Phelon & Moore showed considerable interest in the two ladies and agreed to supply them with a carefully prepared 600cc Model 100 Panther fitted with extra heavy duty Webb forks, stronger spokes, large section tyres, wider mudguards and a car-sized dynamo. Watsonian supplied the touring sidecar with tradesman's trailer; John Edgington, the tent that fitted on top of the trailer and clothing manufacturers their tropical outfits and special topee helmets. Undeterred by nomads, sand drifts, heat, rain, rivers, breakdowns and politics, Theresa Wallach and Florence Blenkiron completed a journey that might well defeat a modern machine today. From oasis to oasis arguing with the French Foreign Legion for permission to continue - and winning; fashioning a tow hitch for the trailer when it broke in the desert; replacing a broken con rod in Agadez. Meeting lions, gorillas and snakes on the road, staying in African villages and meeting an amazing variety of friendly and helpful people on the way - from nomads to missionaries; pigmies to ambassadors. It is also an account of a remarkable adventure by two women who had to overcome all the prejudice and problems of their day as well as the physically demanding task of riding across the Sahara and the length of Africa.

This second edition included several new photographs and provides more details on Theresa's life after this epic journey. Quite simply, an awesome story and an excellent read.

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## KILCUNDA RALLY REPORT

Saturday started with yours truly getting well and truly bogged in Tony and Angela's front paddock and those little ducks that followed me in got stuck as well.

That was a low point! After a soothing cup of coffee and a small delicacy to have as a chaser, the runs participants began to arrive and lunch was served. What was supposed to have been a bowl of soup and bit of stale bread, transformed itself with a wave of Angela's magic wand into a table groaning under the weight of plates of sandwiches, cakes, a pie warmer full of sausage rolls, quiches, and of course pies, with Angela having to be physically restrained from bringing out the soup (and stale bread) and a good five minutes of counselling as to why the Lasagne probably wasn't a good idea at this point.

The day was looking up! With full bellies and empty tanks, the run started and headed off to the servo for those in need. I had spent a couple of hours on the previous day finding the old long circuit route, and making sure it still existed and was trafficable; it did, and it was, albeit with about four kilometres of dirt. Some of the runs participants decided that the dirt section wasn't for them and that they would meet us at the other end of it. Oh great plans of mice and men! What started out with seven bikes was quickly whittled down to two, both pre 1928 bikes so appropriate for the course. We started out at where the pits had been and headed down the hill to Hell Corner. The course was roughly an oblong covering about 12 miles of fairly straight roads with sharp bends at course directional changes. We shot through Hell Corner and went on to go through Heaven Corner and on to Rhyll a sharp right hander onto the Rhyll Newhaven road and off for another 2 miles where we turned right again and onto the dirt section, this was smooth and straight with gentle undulations and thanks to the recent rains, not dusty. The main road was then met and a fairly long uphill gradient with a gentle sweeping right hander at the top, I would say the bikes would have been going full pelt at this point. I can only think that a local wag named the next corner Gentle Annie. You are going around a sweeping right hander flat out, only having to turn into a sharp left hander half way round the bend that went back on itself, and if you survived that, 70 yards further on you had to confront another sharp right hander, then back onto straight sections. After a couple of circuits we called it a day and took our hats off to those gentlemen who went around this course 16 times, flat out, and survived; well most of them, plus Angela's afternoon tea was calling.

We arrive back in time for the last quarter of that epic Tigers win, toasted sandwiches and tea, and young Paddy saving the day by towing us out of the boggy paddock with the Enfield outfit, leaving our host Tony with the job of turning what had been a pristine front paddock, from a mud bash back into it's former self.

As an aside to the conjecture about which year was the first Motorcycle Grande Prix run on Philip Island, Jim Scaysbrook the editor of Old Bike Australasia magazine wrote to John Cox confirming that the date was indeed 1928, and that the bikes raced the "Long Circuit".

Sunday's run saw a lot more bike's and riders ready to do loops through the hinterland of Kilcunda. The day had promised showers and a cool wind, it didn't  
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disappoint with the showers being most notable on my face, when it felt like a thousand small needles doing the polka on my bare skin. We arrived in Loch for morning tea, a quick repair to a very leaky cracked petrol pipe, and a petrol top up because this was the last petrol stop for the next 100 km. The run moved north of Poowong this year to sample some different roads, and this made the run a bit longer, albeit, without some of the run's participants as they had decided to get in early lunch orders. We joined them on the return leg to enjoy good old country pub grub at the Poowong Hotel. Then it was back to Kilcunda, running on fumes left in the petrol tank. All in all a very enjoyable weekend, made all the better by Angela, and Tony's hospitality and a back up crew that wasn't called into operation. Well done to all participants.

*Brian Tyler*

### Participants.

Paul Mitchell	1925 Norton
Alan Scoble	1937 Rudge
Peter Growse	1930 Rudge
Brian Tyler	1926 BSA/1948 Sunbeam
John Street	1917 JAP
Tony Chaplin	1929 Royal Enfield (Sunday)
Ken Miller	1942 Harley Davidson
Mark Campagnolo	1942 BSA
Denis Reed-Smith	1927 AJS
Paddy Walsh	1929 Royal Enfield (Saturday)
Andy Agar	1947 Harley Davidson
Lindsay James	1947 Indian
Animal	Harley Davidson
Anthony Lister	Harley Davidson
Rob Miller	BMW
Jerri Lee Miller	Triumph (Saturday)
Earl Notman	Yamaha

**Back Up:** Jerri Lee Miller (Sunday), Angela Chaplin, Denis Reed-Smith (Sunday)



### PETER GROWSE AND ALAN SCOBLE RUDGING IT





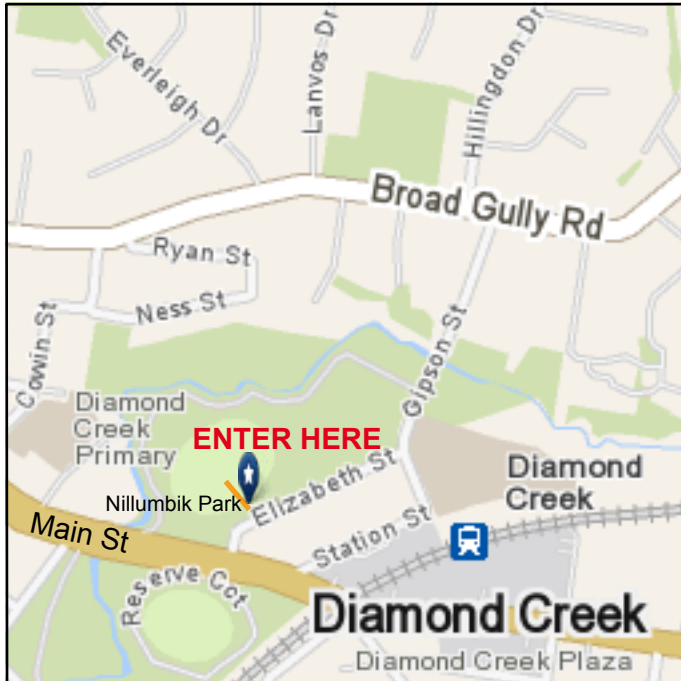
## BRIAN TYLER'S PSM DIAMOND CREEK RUN

**Sunday 18th February 2017**

7.30 am for 8.00 am start

Melway Map **12 – A5**, Nillumbik Park,  
Diamond Creek enter from Elizabeth St.

A ride in the picturesque Diamond Valley - and it's close to Melbourne! We'll finish around lunch time. **Contact:** Brian Tyler Mob. 0411 55 6755



## SCREW HISTORY FROM BRIAN TYLER

Joseph Whitworth created the World's first Standard in 1841, when he introduced the Whitworth thread form. Until then each manufacturer used a thread system that they devised themselves, so not even nuts and bolts were interchangeable, let alone parts. Mr. Whitworth specified a thread form with a 55 degree angle and a pitch that increases with bolt diameter, this is specified on a Thread Chart. The system was so successful that it was introduced as a British Standard and henceforth became known as British Standard Whitworth or BSW. An example of the breakthrough created by the standardisation of fixings and parts is shown in this extract from Joseph Whitworth's obituary in 'The Times' of January 1887.

When the Crimean War began, and Sir Charles Napier demanded of the Admiralty 120 gunboats, each with engines of 60 horsepower, for the campaign of 1855 in the Baltic. There were just ninety days in which to meet this requisition, and short as the time was, the building of the gunboats presented no difficulty. It was otherwise however, with the engines and the Admiralty were in despair. Suddenly, by a flash of the mechanical genius which was inherent in him, the late Mr John Penn solved the difficulty, and solved it quite easily. He had a pair of engines on hand of the exact size. He took them to pieces and he distributed the parts among the best machine shops in the country, telling each to make ninety sets exactly in all respects to the sample. The orders were executed with unfailing regularity, and he actually

completed ninety sets of engines of 60 horsepower in ninety days – a feat which made the great Continental Powers stare with wonder, and which was possible only because the Whitworth standards of measurement and of accuracy and finish were by that time thoroughly recognised and established throughout the country.

At the turn of the last century this thread form was considered as a standard throughout the English speaking world. In the USA the standard was eventually changed when steel replaced iron as the material of choice for making fasteners. The Unified National Coarse series was introduced, although in Australia it remained at the forefront well into the 20th Century, until it was outmoded by the Metric system.

The British Standard Fine (BSF) thread has the same angle as the BSW, but has a finer thread pitch and smaller thread depth. The width across the flats and therefore the spanner sizes was common to the BSW series.

Whereas BSW, being a coarse thread is good for tapped holes in materials such as aluminium and cast iron, it is susceptible to loosening due to vibration when used in a "nut and bolt" configuration. BSF being a much finer thread and is far more vibration resistant, thus better suited for attaching, and keeping attached, parts to machinery such as motorcycles.

Because the BSF system employs a much finer thread it is easier to strip a bolt through over tightening. For this reason the hexagon of the head was always one size smaller than the equivalent bolt diameter in the Whitworth range.

During the Second World War as a way to save valuable steel, the size of the hexagon on BSW bolts and their nuts was reduced to the same size as that already employed for the BSF system.

This change was never rebuked following the end of hostilities and it is here where the confusion lies. Looking at the picture of the spanner at the top of the post reveals the two pieces of information, it is a 3/8" Whitworth spanner, but it fits a 7/16" Bolt Size fastener. This is the same throughout the range, a 1/4"W spanner will fit a 5/16" bolt, a 5/16" will fit 3/8" and so on.

To really add to the confusion, there seems to be no logic applied to the size of the hexagons across the flats, and there are no spanners from another standard that fit! Some come close but never that good close fit that leaves the bolt head or nut unmarked.



**ANDREW AND KAY JEFFREY - FILLING IN  
THE LOG BOOK AT THEIR WEDDING.**





## 75TH COMMEMORATIVE RIDE FOR THE LIBERATOR.

On Friday 27th of October 2017 eighty Harley Davidsons mustered at Phil's Garage in Albury where their riders gathered for a meet and greet, a BBQ and a few beers. The occasion being the 75th anniversary of

the 1942 WLA or as some know them, the "Liberator".

Saturday, 8.30 am all eighty bikes plus marshals left for the ride, passing through Jindera, WALLA WALLA and Uranquinty on some very bumpy roads to Temora, 140 miles. Lunch being served at Temora Aviation Museum followed by a photo opportunity on the tarmac with eighty WLA's, one vintage truck and one Supermarine Spitfire! A quick trip to the pub for a couple, then a 55 mile ride to Young where our accommodation awaited us. Dinner and entertainment were supplied at the Young R.S.L. club finishing off a full day.

### MICK'S BIKE 'WENDY' AND A SPITFIRE



### TEMORA AERODROME

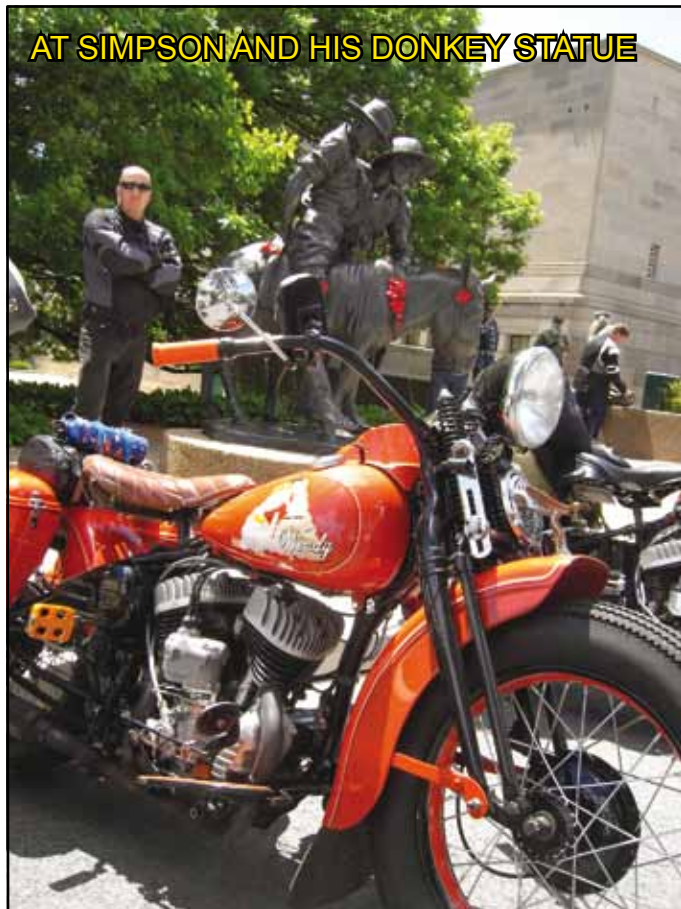


Sunday morning started at 7.00 am with a BBQ at the R.S.L. The ride departed to Canberra via Wombat, Harden and Yass at 9.00 am with the distance being 100 miles. Arriving at the Australian War Memorial we were directed by some very official looking people to the apron right next to the main entrance where we had one hour exactly to finish our tribute photos and then move on. I must say that this was a very moving experience.

The next move was to the Harmonie German Club for lunch. After a few quick adjustments to a couple of bikes and most people headed home. Ken Miller and

myself stayed on for a couple of nights and spent the next day at the War Memorial. If you have visited lately you know what a moving experience it is. If you have not, you should take the time to visit.

### AT SIMPSON AND HIS DONKEY STATUE



We left Canberra on Tuesday morning riding across the Monaro High Plains to Jindabyne for a spot of lunch before crossing the highest part of the Great Dividing Range to Khancoban and staying the night at Corryong. Next morning we followed the Upper Murray down from Walwa to Hume Weir then on to Yackandandah for lunch, what a beautiful ride. That evening we were in Chiltern ready for the next rally and that is another story.

VMCC members attending: Ken Miller, Darren Young, Lindsay James, Dave Arnold, Animal and Mick-Guilfoyle.

Regards, *Mick Guilfoyle*

WALLA WALLA, NSW - With a place name like that, it's a great little town to ride WLA's through.

### KEN MILLER IN THE SNOWY MOUNTAINS



## NEW GISBORNE RUN SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2017

The Combined Run with the Antique Club will meet at Mark Gascoigne's property at 9 Hastings Drive, New Gisborne at 9 to 9.30 am for a 10 am start. Please let Mark know on Ph. 5428 1297 if you are participating. Morning tea will be supplied. We then have a ride of approximately 90 km. Please bring your own "eats" and drink for a pleasant BBQ lunch after the ride.



Mark Gascoigne and Frank Staig have advised there is a possibility of visiting an accomplished aircraft engineer's building on the ride. He has a Wirraway and a Curtiss P-40 Kittyhawk under restoration.



## CLUB CHRISTMAS BBQ NORTONS PARK, WANTIRNA SOUTH SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2017

The annual Christmas BBQ will be held on Sunday, 10th of December starting at 11 am.

The venue will again be the aptly named "Nortons Park" which is in Nortons Lane which runs off High Street Road in Wantirna South. [Melway 72 A2](#).

There are plenty of shady trees and it does not get crowded. A toilet block is situated close by. A large portable gas BBQ will be on hand for our exclusive use. Meat for the BBQ, sauce, bread, coffee, tea, milk and the trusty club urn will be supplied by the club, so just bring salads and drink. Members can ride their motorbikes or travel by car to the venue. For those wishing to ride their bikes the picnic area will be next to the car park to allow you to admire your bike (keep an eye on it) whilst there. Any enquiries to John Parker Ph. 03 9879 3817

**NOTE:** Please let John know that you are attending and the number of adults and children.

## VALE - MARK BYRNES

Mark, aged 56 years, passed away on October 16th peacefully at Creswick Hospital, in the care of his family. He was the loved husband and soulmate of Karen for 30 years.

Our Club passes on condolences to Karen, the family and the friends of Mark.

Mark was a participant on his immaculate Harley Davidson with Karen in the sidecar on virtually all of our rallies. As well, Mark and Karen for many years ran the Clunes Day Run each November.

Mark (affectionately called Mark 1) was extremely popular with all the motorcycle fraternity, having a friendly manner and a willingness to hop in and help. A long battle with cancer turned for the worse in March when Mark was hospitalised in Tasmania where he was entered in a rally. Mark soldiered on attending rallies up until September and playing Lawn Bowls.





## CHILTERN RALLY REPORT by John Cox

Friday through Sunday provided us with glorious sunny weather but the weather turned on us with steady rain on Monday.

The traditional run via Indigo Valley to the Barnawartha pub provided the shakedown required. An AJS had a permit holder fracture and drop off - recovered with the eagle eyes of one Neville Babb and an award winning Ariel lost a headlight bolt. The Pub is under new management and has a nice renovated lounge.

Saturday's run was through to Beechworth for our first stop, down the Buckland Gap then up Taylors Gap for a run through Whorouly to Milawa Central. In Milawa we parked mid-town on the large vacant block diagonally opposite the pub. There are cafes adjacent making it ideal. Then onwards through Oxley Flats and Tarrawingee to the general store and Victoria's smallest pub at Eldorado for refuelling. A short stop there, then a small ride to the Cock's Eldorado dredge - a monster that ran until the mid 50's. Some riders had to be chased to return to the dredge. The trip back was via Carraragarmungee and a parallel minor road adjacent to the Hume Highway.

On Sunday the first stop was the usual route to Yack-andandah taken by all but three riders of Indians then onwards through Dederang to Kancoona. Lunch catered for by the Chiltern ladies was around the pool of a 'castle' which is also a popular B & B. After lunch it was onwards to Myrtleford for a refuel and then the ride up the long twisting hill from Barwidgee creek to the Stanley Pub for more refuelling. Then back through Beechworth to Chiltern.

At the Dinner at Hub 62, Alistair presented a solar powered garden gnome on a motorbike to Kel Mitchener, an original Mark King laser cut wall hanging of a vintage bike to Ian Reid and an original Alistair Douglas stainless steel motorcycle trophy to Neville Hunter.



Due to the inclement weather on Monday morning the majority of us squibbed the ride to Rutherglen for morning tea.

Alistair and Dione again did a terrific job of the organisation. A big thank you to them and the King family, the extended Douglas and Burt families and their good friends who helped with catering, marshalling and back up and to the management and staff of Hub 62.

**Trivia:** The Indian Club rallied at Beechworth and on the Saturday they went to Chiltern. We rallied at Chiltern and on the Saturday we went to Beechworth. We did not cross paths (or trails in their case) on Saturday. On Sunday some Indians were spotted at Dederang.



## CHILTERN RALLY PARTICIPANTS

Neville Babb	20 MAG
Keith Barnard	30 Rudge 500
Cooper Brownlee	42 Harley 1200
James Brownlee	39 Harley 750
Bruce Brunner	38 Ariel 500
Norman Carr	38 Velocette 500
Graham Colliccoat	29 Harley 750
Daryl Colt	47 Indian Chief 1200
Andrew Cox	22 A.B.C 400
John Cox	40 BSA 500
Malcolm Cox	29 Norton 598
Bill and Pene Cowey	42 BSA 500
Doug Cowey	42 Indian 500
John Dargie	50 Triumph 650
Mikel Dargie	50 Triumph 650
Alistair and Dione Douglas	36 BSA 1000 O/F
Bob Douglas	39 BSA 500 O/F
Doug Fraser	15 Hockley 270 & BSA
Matthew Gellert	38 Ariel 500
Linda Green	26 AJS 350
Allan Greenway	29 Zenith 680 O/F
Mick Guilfoyle	42 Harley 900
Kevin Hammond and Kath	37 Ariel 600 O/F
James Hewson	37 BSA 500
Barry Holland	35 Levis 500
Neville Hunter	42 Ariel 350
Noel James	38 Triumph 500
Emma King	40 BSA 500
Mark and Mary-Ann King	42 BSA 500 O/F
Matthew King	42 Harley WLA
Chas Lipscombe	26 New Imperial 680
Gil McDougall	39 Ariel 350
Bob and Di McGillivray	39 Harley O/F
Ken Miller	42 Harley 750
Paul Mitchell	26 Norton 500
Kel Mitchener	29 Douglas 600
Paul Morrison	44 Indian 1200
Adrian Newman	37 Panther 600
John Parker	25 BSA 500
Ian Reid	37 Rudge
Ian Richtsteig	30 Norton 500
Stefane Rio	33 Peugeot 250
Daryl Stayches	42 Harley 750
John Street	17 Jap 770
Manny and Lilly Vella	42 Indian 500
Sammy Vella	38 Indian 750
Marcus Wills Cooke and Vinnie	27 Harley 1000
Warren Young	37 Rudge 500



### Marshals

Trish Stayches  
Danni Stayches  
Tayla Wells  
Ray Babb  
John Mepstead

Harley Sportster  
Suzuki  
Suzuki  
2017 Honda  
72 MZ 250

### Back Up Trailers

Trevor Gladstone, Eric Hall, Denis Reed-Smith, David James.

### Transport

Heather Cox, Joy Mitchener, Lorraine Newman, Sandra Collier.

### Catering

Walli Douglas, Sarah Lipscombe, Linda Hall



## VMCC CLUB EVENTS 2017-8

3rd December	NEW GISBORNE RUN (See P.10)	Mark Gascoigne
10th December	XMAS BBQ NORTONS PARK (See P.10)	John Parker
18th February	DIAMOND CREEK PSM (See P.8)	Brian Tyler
9th - 12th March	50th MARYBOROUGH RALLY (See P.13)	Denis Reed-Smith
8th April	SCORESBY SWAP MEET	Brian Tyler/Neville Babb
5th - 6th May	ALEXANDRA RALLY	Jim Swanton
13th - 15th July	BRASS MONKEY	Denis Reed-Smith
2nd - 5th November	CHILTERN RALLY	Alistair and Dione Douglas



## OTHER EVENTS 2017-8

**1st 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.

**10th December** Bendigo Historic Motorcycle Club 10.30am Llanelly Old Bike Run

**21st January** Invite to Indian Club's Peter McAliece Memorial Breakfast Ride. Starting near Lilydale Railway Station (Melway 38 E5) at 7.00 am. Ride around the Yarra Valley and into the Dandenong Ranges for breakfast (bring your own food, BBQ and hot water supplied). Finishing approx. 11.00 am. For those that feel like more riding there'll be a further ride to the Upper Yarra Valley. Contact: Daniel McAlice 0409198 653.

**26th-28th January** International Island Classic, Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit.

**26th-28th January** Bendigo Historic Motorcycle Club, Gold Dust Run Weekend around the district. All Bikes and Clubs welcome. Information & Entries to Rex or Pam Jones Ph. 03 5441 4473 or 0407 683 376

**27th-28th January** The Great Race. Where: Merrijig Victoria.

**23rd-25th March** Bendigo Historic Motorcycle Club, Combined Girder Fork/Single Cylinder Rally. Information and Entries to Rex or Pam Jones Ph. 03 5441 4473 or Mob. 0407 683 376

**31st March-1st April** Broadford Bike Bonanza

**25th-26th August** AMCA Australia, Antique Motorcycle Weekend at Bulli Showgrounds, NSW, Enquiries Tony Blain Mob. 0419 229 605

**9th-15th November** 55th BSA INTERNATIONAL RALLY Halls Gap, Vic. Rally Web site:

<http://bsa.asn.au/html/events/inter/index.html>

## SWAP MEETS 2017-8

~~Whittlesea~~ 2nd December 2017. Whittlesea Showgrounds. **CANCELLED THIS YEAR (MEDICAL REASON)**

**Wonthaggi** 28th January. Wonthaggi Rec Reserve, Wentworth Road, North Wonthaggi. Public entry \$5 from 8am, children under 15 free. Contacts: Tracey Jones 0417 240 082 or Jan Clark 0439 419 751.

**Berwick** 3rd February. 9 am - 4 pm Cnr High Street and Cardinia Street, Akoonah Park, Princes Highway Berwick. Contacts: Roger 0407 568 488, Ian 0419 312 304

**Epping** 4th February. Epping Recreation Reserve. High St., Enter via Park St., Public entry from 7.30 am. Contacts: Mob. 0419 128 969 or Tel. 03 9716 1863

**Ballarat** Fri 23rd and Sat 24th February. Ballarat Airport, Airport Road.

For updates and enquiries visit <http://www.ballaratswapmeet.com.au/>

**Yarra Glen** 11th March. Yarra Glen Racecourse. For site and general enquiries: Tel. 9890 0524

**Scoresby** Sun 8th April. At the National Steam Centre, 1200 Ferntree Gully Rd., Scoresby (Melway 72 D9)

Gates open 6 am - 12 noon - Booking not required. Entry \$5 per person, Swap Sites \$15/ Site. Contacts:

Brian Tyler 0411 556 755 or Neville Babb (03) 9398 5250

**Maffra** 22nd April Gippsland Vehicle Collection, 1A Sale-Maffra Rd, Maffra. From 7:00 AM

Car and motorbike parts, collectibles and garage-enalia will be the order of the day and the site fee is \$10.00 driver included. Entry for buyers is \$5.00. Saturday night camping available for buyers

For more info call Mike 0402 084 302

**VMCC of Vic.** Next General Meetings at VDC Clubrooms 8.00 pm Thursday 7th December.  
Next Committee Meetings at VDC Clubrooms at 7.30 pm on Thursday 14th December.

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**WANTED** New member looking for a 1930's or early 40's BSA M20, Ariel Red Hunter, Matchless or similar. Please contact: Mark Roberts on Mob. 0410 551 877

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Greg Summerton, Adelaide SA [gregss@bigpond.com](mailto:gregss@bigpond.com)  
Mob. 0422 580 642

**WANTED** Burman BAPD 1933 pivotal mount hand change gear box. Even the end plate and controls would get me out of trouble. This is for a 1933 Zenith single Russell McIvor in NZ. Contact: [russdiane@xtra.co.nz](mailto:russdiane@xtra.co.nz)

**WANTED** 1920's or 30's (pre '39) bike. 350cc or above. Condition not important restored to original but must be near complete. Please contact Peter Taylor [pktaylor@westnet.com.au](mailto:pktaylor@westnet.com.au) Ph. a/h 57 282 525 or Mob. 0417 678 093

**FOR SALE** Hercus Lathe with stand 4 1/2" swing \$2800, Band Saw can be used upright or horizontal \$200, Arc Welder, Single Phase \$100. Contact: Tony Edwards. Going overseas. email: [edwards\\_ant@optusnet.com.au](mailto:edwards_ant@optusnet.com.au) Ph. 03 9786 1626

**FOR SALE** T-Shirts \$22.00, Caps \$13.00, Stubbie Holders \$5.00, Key tags \$4.00. All with club logo like this.



The black T-Shirts were modelled at Chiltern by Super Model Doug Cowey. They are selling fast. Purchase at club meeting or contact Ken Miller on Mob. 0418 555 287

## MARYBOROUGH 50TH ANNIVERSARY RALLY 2018

Preparation and planning is well under way for the celebration of the 50th year of conducting our Maryborough Rally from the 9th - 12th March 2018. We have approached the Central Goldfields Shire Council and because of our long association with the town, they are prepared to make their staff and knowledge available to our Club to assist us stage a very special event..

Runs will be very much the same as previous years, with added extra special visits and tours. For Sunday's Presentation Dinner we are looking at several very exciting venues, a final decision is yet to be made.

Memorabilia and Rally badges are in the planning stages.

We are endeavouring to make this rally a very special and not to be forgotten event. Please support the event. Your organizing committee will welcome your thoughts and input to ensure this Rally goes down as a very memorable and unforgettable event.

*Denis Reed-Smith*

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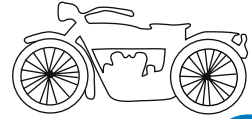
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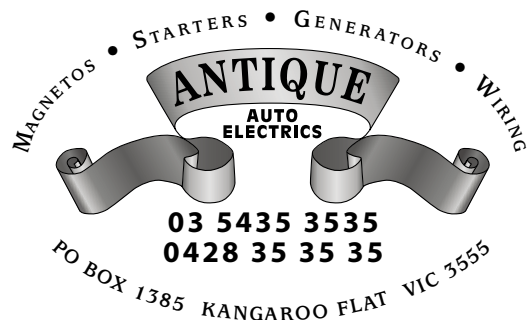
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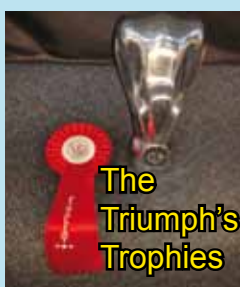
1949 HRD VINCENT 'WHITE SHADOW'



1930 MATCHLESS



MOTO GUZZI



At Motorclassica 2017 among the Australian International Concours D'elegance 2017 winners were:  
**MOTORCYCLES PRESERVATION**  
 1912 Peerless 500 CC, Chris Sullivan  
**MOTORCYCLES PRE-WAR**  
 1940 Triumph 5T Speed Twin 500, Phil Canning  
**MOTORCYCLES POST WAR**  
 1949 HRD Vincent, Jon Munn

The concours winning 1940 Triumph was beautifully restored by our club member Bryce Findlay, who spent 1,000 hours on the restoration. Bryce said he had to overcome what was "an old man restoration" where there had been incorrect or mistaken parts on the bike. The restoration was completed on the 15th of March this year. He could refer to the date from the 150 page file kept on the restoration.

J. Cox

## DENIS REED-SMITH'S REPORT

This year I was very fortunate to be granted the opportunity to attend the Motorclassica as our Editor, John Cox who was overseas arranged for me to get a press pass. I attended the launch of the latest Ferrari-La Ferrari Aperta and then took the opportunity to view the forty nine motorcycles on display. A truly special display of great bikes. Among the bikes that took my attention were a 1938 Crocker V-Twin, a 1930 Matchless Silver Arrow, a 1912 Peerless 500cc and a 1914 Ward-Jap Deluxe in original unrestored condition (ex Ken Hall - a former VMCC of Vic. President). The latter two bikes being Australian made.

I came away from the show believing that this is a

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1940 TRIUMPH 5T SPEED TWIN

show our members should support- it is an ideal vehicle to raise the profile of our Club, by showing the general public some of the truly exotic vintage motorcycles our Club members own.

I intend to approach members with bikes of special interest to consider entering them in next years event, I will have the necessary information to allow their bikes for consideration of the selection committee for the invitation to the event.

If you have not visited the Motorclassica, I recommend you put it in your diary for next year.

A great event, not to be missed!

*Denis Reed-Smith*

PHOTOS: Denis Reed-Smith, Gabe Bolvary

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# CHILTERN RALLY 3RD - 6TH NOVEMBER 2017

## THE FIRST WAVE OF REFUELLING AT ELDORADO



## LADY RIDERS AT STANLEY



## THE SECOND WAVE OF REFUELLING AT ELDORADO



## BARRY HOLLAND AT BEECHWORTH

