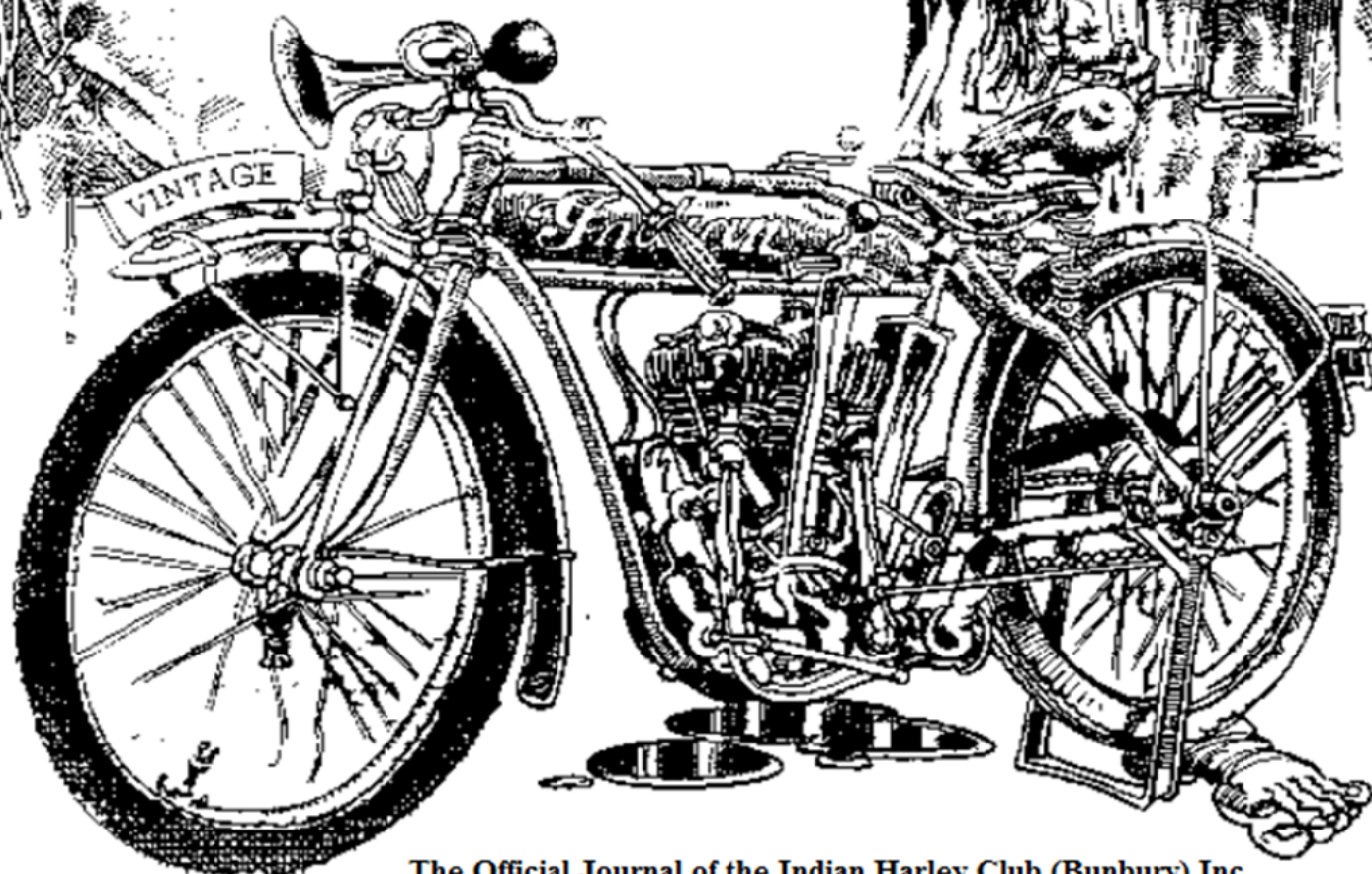


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INC.

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# Classic Vibrations



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## **CLUB FOUNDED 1971**

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Fred Pitter (Dec), Harold Braund (Dec), Norm Hart, John Head, Rob Menzies, Colin Pitter, Ian Ingles (Dec) & Len Glen.

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### **CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2023-2024**

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***Monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Bunbury Motorcycle Club Rooms Shrubland Park, South Western Highway, Bunbury commencing at 7.30pm.***

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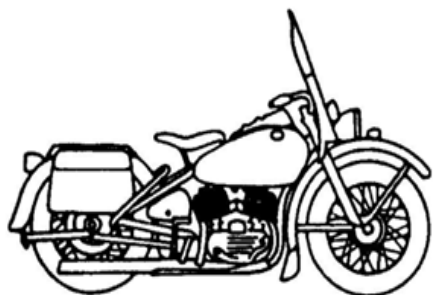
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# **INDIAN HARLEY CLUB (BUNBURY) INC.**

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## **MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING Tuesday, January 9, 2024**

Declared open at 7.30 PM.

### **ATTENDANCE**

As recorded in the attendance book. The attendance book is available for members to read at each General Meeting.

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING**

As printed in the Classic Vibrations, January 2024 issue. **No business arising from the previous minutes.**

**Motion:** That the minutes of the previous meeting are accepted as a true and accurate record.

**Moved: -Richard Clark. Seconded: -Michael Rock. Carried.**

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Introduced by Dan Talbot

#### **Christopher Spence of Bunbury.**

Chris received his induction package from the president. He then advised the members that he joined the club as he has an interest in older bikes and cars. He owns a couple of BMWs, a 48 Velo Mac, and a 85 Honda CB 750. Has also a treat coming later in the year.

#### **Alex Best of Dardanup.**

Received his induction package from the president and thanked members for allowing him to join.

### **SECRETARYS REPORT**

#### **Outgoing Electronic Mail: -**

1. Email to Bunbury Motorcycle Club President requesting dates for reticulation installation.

#### **Incoming Electronic Mail: -**

1. Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society December Newsletter. **(Posted to the Website.)**
2. Your invitation to participate. Bumpers – n - Beats 2024. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024. **(Dealt with in General Business)**
3. 1926/27 Overlanders Tour by the Harley Club of WA. Booked edited by Murray Barnard of VMCC. (Early American Motorcycle Club). **(Posted to Website)**

4. You tube 75 Anniversary Panhead Rally, Gundagai NSW Australia. (Early American Motorcycle Club). **(Posted to Website)**
5. NSW "Great Southern Ride" 15 to 17 March 2024. (Early American Motorcycle Club). **(Posted to Website)**
7. A Film World Premier! Desert Collectors Lake Perkolilli Red Dust Revival 2022. Viewing Luna Leederville, Cinema 1, 155 Oxford Street, Leederville WA on Sunday 24th March. **(Posted to Website)**
8. Email from president of Bunbury Motorcycle Club updating status of reticulation installation.

**Motion:** That the Secretary's Report be accepted. **Moved: - Michael Rock. Seconded: - Neville Green. Carried.**

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

**Opening Balance:** \$16,263.07

**Total income:** \$3,090.00

**Total expenses:** \$3,4888.86

**Closing Balance:** \$15,864.21

**Term Deposit:-** \$80,000.00

**Motion:** That the Treasurers Report be accepted. **Moved: -Valerie Loverock. Seconded: - Bert Sykes. Carried.**

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

The president advised the meeting that several committee members will be stepping down at the end of their term and he is calling for nominations to fill these positions. He, as the president has completed two terms and must step down, so we will be looking for a new president.

The AGM is to be held in August 2024.

As reported in the secretaries report we will be looking for volunteers to assist with the installation of retic. This is important if we want to have a green grassed area for our two-day rally.

The KTM banner on the wall of the club room is coming down so there will be space to hang our boards.

The Donnybrook Apple Festival committee have contacted me and invited us to participate in their festival to be held on Easter Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March. I will receive further information and post it.

## **CAPTAINS REPORT**

**Bunbury Mid-Week Christmas Lunch Ride. 13th December 2023.**

Leith and John have been running this event for the last three years, which usually terminates with lunch at their house in Eaton. A popular event on our IHC Calendar and this year was no exception, with 40 plus members attending for lunch.



Graeme (“The Mob”) led half a dozen riders down from Mandurah and together with the locals at the starting point, I counted 32 bikes, all up 37 riders and passengers, plus some extras, only doing the lunch component of the event.

The ride took us through Wellington Mill, Falcon Road, Lennard Drive, River Road and back along Pile Road to Eaton. The only drama being, Graham from Collie, on his Ducati, noticed some unusual handling characteristics with the bike. Upon investigation, it was discovered that the swinging arm spindle had worked its way out of its housing. Bashing the spindle back in and nipping up the pinch bolt, got Graham mobile once again and he then left the ride at River Road and headed back to Collie.

Upon arrival at Leith and John’s house, a buffet lunch was then served, which, did not disappoint. Leith always puts on a good spread.

Thanks to Leith and John for putting this event together and also Faye, for helping with the lunch preparations. **Club Captain**



### **Tortoise Ride. 15th December 2023.**

A very large turnout for the last tortoise ride of the year. Unfortunately, Ross has parked the trusty VW for a while, to perform some serious open-heart surgery, so I was the leader for the day, while Ross kept Charles company in the Fairlane.

From the dolphin centre, we headed to Dardanup and stopped for a regroup, with the backup being a no show, so Doug took over as TEC.

Apparently the Indian had a miner problem but was able to continue. Then it was out to Dillion Rd and into the Ferguson Valley, Ironstone Rd, Wellington Mill, through the forest to Pile Rd, Henty Rd, then down the highway to the Brunswick Bakery for morning tea.

The weather could only be described as perfect, absolutely beautiful and cool in amongst the trees. After solving many of the world’s problems, most headed home their own way with only about four doing the return course.

Thanks to Ross and Charles for another great ride. And yes there is a tortoise ride scheduled for January. **Vice Captain.**

### **Bunbury Mid-Week 24th December 2023.**

An early 8.00am start for this one, as the destination was Nannup, to attend the annual Christmas Eve Breakfast Run, organised by the Manjimup Section.

Six riders plus one passenger, left the Eaton Hall, with the course being a straight run down the highway to Kirup and then along Cundinup Road over to Nannup. Plenty of Father Christmas displays in Kirup this year. They get more innovative with every Festive Season.

Upon our arrival at the Blackwood Cafe, Nannup, most attendees had already arrived and were enjoying their breakfast. There were roughly 40 members in attendance. Manjimup, Busselton and Bunbury being represented by their respective members.

Father Christmas even made an appearance, travelling from Busselton on his B Series HRD/Vincent twin. I guess Santa keeps all the best toys for himself. Breakfast completed, compliments of the season given, then it was time to head back home and enjoy the Christmas break.  
**Club Captain.**

### **Two Months' Upcoming Events.**

Australia Day Breakfast & Ride. 26th January 2024. Fettle Park, Bridge Street, Boyanup

Breakfast 7.00am. Ride 9.00am.

Ladies' Lunch. 30th January 2024. Rose Hotel 12.00pm.

Coastal Run. 18th February 2024. TBA

Wellsie's Wander Pre 48. 25th February 2024. 3 Strachan Court, Gelorup 9:30 AM.

50th Anniversary Two Day Rally. 9th-10th March 2024. BMCC 7.30am.

### **VICE CAPTAINS REPORT**

Pre-48 Christmas Ride. (Overview provided by Steve Turner.) The ride went from the Bunbury Motorcycle Clubroom through Leschenault, onto Brunswick Junction where there was a morning tea stop. Ice Creams were provided by Kathy. Then it was back through Dardanup to the club rooms for a beer. Thank to Val Loverock for backup. Unfortunately, she had a couple of customers.

New Year's Run had 20 so riders. It was organised by Bob and Tammy Brittain. It started at the Eaton Hall and went up through the Ferguson Valley for a morning tea stop at the Preston Valley Store. Then it was back through Donnybrook, Boyanup, and onto Bob and Tammy's house for a magnificent lunch. Thanks to Bob and Tammy. Val Loverock did backup again. This time with no customers.

Michael Rock gave an overview of the movie night held at Jeremy Connor's premises in Capel, Ironstone Alley. The two movies shown were 'On any Sunday' and the 'Vincent Story'. Michael recommended the venue stating it has great facilities for motorcycle events, is in a great location, and great for overnights.

John Coleman outlined his planned Australia Day Ride. It will commence from Boyanup at 9am at the completion of the Australia Day Breakfast. It will be about 75 klms, finishing in the main street of Dardanup. Unfortunately, the pub doesn't open until midday however the bakery and general store will be open.

Ross presented his usual tortoise ride overview. The ride will go from then Dolphin Centre out through Henty Road, Pile Road, King Tree Road, Wellington Mills and then onto Boyanup Bakery for morning tea. Charles will provide back up again.

Bert Sykes gave an update on the two-day rally. Up until 7pm we have had 197 entries. We had some early bird entries who may have missed out last year and were not going to this year. We had Mario Cudini register at 2.45am, Stacey Hart at 3.18am, Peter Pike at 3.19am, Ryan Hart at 3.39am and David Hart at 3.40am.

Our numbers are capped at 240. We will have a waiting list should someone withdraw however there can be no changes after 9<sup>th</sup> February. As the Bunbury Motorcycle Club has a major event the weekend before our rally the busy bee will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. The volunteer meeting will be Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March and final set up Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

For those who do not have access to computer hard copy entry forms are available.

## **LIBRARIANS REPORT**

Nothing to Report.

## **PROPERTY OFFICER REPORT**

Last meeting, I advised I was going to purchase some CRC. I had a call from Ryan Loverock of Genx Engineering who has offered to donate the product.

## **LICENSING LIASSON OFFICERS REPORT**

Over the Christmas New Year we had 30 members become unfinancial. I have had to report to licensing that 8, 404 concessional licensed bikes are no longer eligible. Remember, you must remain financial to retain your concessional license privileges.

## **IT MANAGER REPORT**

Nothing to report.

## **WELFARE OFFICERS REPORT**

Sadly, Des Addison a long-time member has passed way 4 weeks ago. Des was very particular about restoration of old cars. He restored a 1928 Chrysler, Chrysler Coupe and had just completed a HR Holden Ute. Unfortunately, on completing it, it was involved in an accident.

## **GENERAL BUSSINESS**

Bumper's and Beats Advice given of up a coming event.

Michael Rock updated the meeting on the progress of the Motor Complex Precinct venture. There are five member clubs, of which we are one. Our Strategic plan has been adopted by the other clubs and is due to be presented to Don Punch next week. Things are progressing.

## **AUCTION**

Rear Wheel for C11 Sold \$20. Front Wheel for C11 Sold \$15.

**There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm**

**Minutes complied by George Loverock. Reviewed by Dan Talbot.  
Dated January 9, 2024**



## NEXT MONTHS DEADLINE

The Deadline for inclusion in the **March 2024** edition of this magazine is the **22nd of February 2024**.

### Can you help?

To make your magazine more interesting. Please give some thought to submitting an article to Classic Vibrations to share your experiences riding, restoring or repairing your motorcycle.

Any photos would be appreciated. Also any hints or tips or advice or anything else that may be of interest to our readers. Please send via email to [editor@ihc.asn.au](mailto:editor@ihc.asn.au) or via snail mail to The Editor, Indian Harley Club (Bunbury) Inc PO Box 317, Bunbury WA 6231

## MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS

The following people have applied for membership to our club. If any member believes it is undesirable for the applicants to be a member, they should make their objections known to the Secretary 5 clear days before the next ordinary meeting on 0417 914 096 or PO Box 317 Bunbury WA 6231. Brett **Marnham** – Gelorup, Shane **Karlsen** – Bunbury, Craig **Bussanich** – Perth & Jeff **Andrew** – Claremont.

## NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The next monthly General Meeting of the Indian Harley Club (Bunbury) Inc. will be held at the BMCC clubrooms, Shrubland Park, South Western Highway, Bunbury on Tuesday the **13th of February, 2024** commencing at 7:30 pm.

## AGENDA

Welcome  
Confirmation of Previous months, Minutes  
Correspondence  
Reports  
General Business  
Close

## LADIES LUNCHEON

The next ladies luncheon, will be held at 12midday on Tuesday the 26/03/2024 at the Green Jade Restaurant. Please contact Leith Presland on 0409 291 260 or [leith49@hotmail.com](mailto:leith49@hotmail.com) for more information on this event.

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY TWO DAY RALLY 9TH AND 10TH MARCH 2024

This is our premier event of the year and is open to all Indian Harley Club members and also members of any other vintage/historic motorcycle club. Machines ridden must be over 25 years old. For more information see the **Information Pack**.

Please direct any queries about the rally to Glenda Patterson on 0417018225 or Bert Sykes on 0400799947.

Registrations (limited to 240 riders). Definitely no entries accepted after this date, or on the day of the rally. ***There will be a busy bee on Wednesday 6/3 a volunteer meeting on Thursday 7/3 and a final setup on Friday the 8/3/2024***

The rally this year features a new timing system so that riders do not have to stop at check-points, a new larger covered marquee, additional tables & seating to give people more room to move about and a new PA sound system to give better sound coverage of the larger area.

# TALES FROM THE TRACK – THE CAPEL 200

By Dan Talbot

About 18 months ago I had cause to visit the Ironstone Adventure Motorcycle Club out of Capel, Western Australia. Ironstone is on a private farm dedicated to two-wheel, off-road pursuits. This is evident immediately one sets foot on the property. Signage, bunting and trails leading off into the State Forrest are the obvious indicators but dig a bit deeper and workshops, tools and machinery dedicated to motorcycle maintenance are also prominent. I was both impressed and envious.

We were at Ironstone ahead of the 2022 Capel 200. Still in the planning stages, there were no motorcycles on the property during my first visit. That all changed a couple of weeks later when some 300 competitors were in attendance, but, more than that, another change I was noticing was a yearn to be one of those competitors.

It had been a long, long time since I owned a proper dirt bike and geez, I missed it. I rode in the very first Capel 200, which, incidentally, was around 1977 and was called the Bunbury 1500, then the Bunbury 200. The event was never run in Bunbury so it's only fitting the name was changed to 'Capel.' The Bunbury 1500 was apparently a reflection of the prize money. Rumours were kicking about that the winner was going to receive \$1,500.00 – possibly \$15.00. Turns out it was the latter sum. The last time I rode the Bunbury 200 was 1982.

Fast forward to June 2023 and there I was, in the chute with the five other riders I would be leaving with. We would be chasing six riders one minute ahead of us, whilst attempting to keep ahead of the next group of six one minute behind. The noise, the smells, a gate into the single track, bush trails lay ahead. My heart was in my mouth. Beneath me was the most reliable dirt bike I have ever known. There were no excuses except - the obvious one – I am now very much in the veterans' category. I wondered if my body was up to the task, but then we were off out the gate so there was no time to worry about trifling issues like biomechanics, it was time to concentrate on not crashing.

The tight going, with my front wheel inches away from the rear wheel of the bike ahead of me, meant progress was slow for the first wee while. Our noisy, serpentine caravan wound its way through the trees, scrub, rocks and logs. Every now and then the trail opened up and we were on the gas. Racing, passing (and being passed). The surface was damp enough to eliminate any dust and provided plenty of bite when the urge arose. I don't want to sound like the leader of the KTM fan club but my 350 EXC is the best dirt weapon I've ever owned. Obstacles that once signalled a certain disaster are now soaked up in the suspension of the KTM. These things will take anything you throw at them, light-years ahead of the machinery I was used to.

A few lessons I've learned since making my comeback to dirt bikes includes: the time it takes for the body to warm up and become loose enough to rock and roll with the bike as it gets flung through the bush. Another observation is how quickly one becomes tired - which equates to mistakes. This means between warm-up and fatigue, there's a window of about an hour where the rider of old, that one from forty years ago, can emerge.

One of the things that attracts me to dirt bikes is the extra dimension over and above road riding. The bike is alive beneath you, going forward is achieved either on the ground or in the air, straight ahead or sideways, or sideways in the air.

The more you allow the bike to make its own way, the more rewarding the ride is. Fight against the elements and forces of the machine will only hinder the ride. Go with it and the bike seems to know what to do as my body instinctively pilots the machine.

Eventually, the movement of the motorcycle across a variety of terrain becomes second nature. This is the window, riding like a pro with poise and finesse before fatigue starts to set in. When fatigue starts to be felt sloppy riding becomes more commonplace.

For example, where the leg was ramrod straight out front when dropping into a berm, the foot merely skipping across the ground, now digs in and rips my leg behind me. The solution is to slow down and allow the muscles to replenish their glycogen stores, except no one ever won an event by slowing down so now we're tired, making mistakes and only have a modicum of control. Staying on the bike is down to sheer luck and determination, or not.

Crashes are an inevitable part of dirt bike riding except now they come with caveats: crashes hurt, the hurt lasts longer, and it's often accompanied with cramps. Conversely, a crash can be brief period of relief. If one hasn't suffered any damage, suddenly a little lie down feels appealing. Sweet relief is only momentarily because the bush is alive with the sound of thumping four-stroke motorcycles and the urge to get moving before they arrive quickly takes over.

The next thing, getting back on the bike, involves two quite difficult manoeuvres. Get the bike up first, then swing the leg over the seat. The bike is around 100 kilos so standing it up is relatively doable but swinging the leg up and over the very high saddle must be done with determination. Sometimes the leg doesn't clear the seat and you bang into the side of the machine in a clumsy attempt at mounting the bike. Have another go and, with a bit more effort, and the wasted, heavy limb flops down the other side of the tall machine.

Electric start – bliss – and most of the time the engine will cackle back into life at the push of a button. Once moving again, it's easy does it as the achy, crampy and creaky body needs to ease back into the trail.

It sounds tough but the rewards are there. The balance between the adrenalin high and self-preservation dances back and forth across the conscience as the body is moved all around the machine. No matter how long I've been off the bike, my body knows instinctively where it needs to be. The synchronicity between the senses dictates where I need to be, where I need to slow down and where I can speed up.

Pouring on the power of a modern four-stroke trail machine elevates the senses as both man and machine must respond in a hierarchy of emotions that go from pleasant to excitement to risky to dangerous and that sense of self-preservation kicks in. The trick is working the bike up and down this emotional continuum, so the exciting and risky riding doesn't end with a crash.

And that's how the 2023 Capel 200 went for me.

I can't remember how the 1982 event transpired. All I know is I have a bronze medallion to remind me of the time I wrestled my Yamaha IT 465 to third place. Just to finish the 2023 event was enough for me. There were no prizes for a win or a place. All I took home was a bruised and battered body and an overwhelming desire to do it all over again.

## **SIDECARING IS NOT EVERYONE'S CUP OF TEA.**

By Doug Baker

Sidecaring is an acquired taste and is not everyone's cup of Tea. To some, hanging a wheel and framework to either side of a motorcycle is sacrilege. To me and others it is a thing of beauty, which requires a certain skill to drive.

Every sidecarist has a tale on their very first drive of an outfit. Mine being as a Father Christmas impersonator for the Albany Toy-Run in the mid 80's. I arrived for a test ride, never having driven one, at the home of Bill and Shirley Morrell on Frenchman Bay Road, Little Grove. I was to ride their 1940's M20 and sidecar.

At the duly appointed time I donned my riding gear and headed off, I was doing well for a novice and enjoying the new riding technique. The first left-hand bend was fine, I ended up on the wrong side of the road, no problems, back on the correct side of the road for the right-hand bend.

As I exited the right-hand bend, lining up for the next upcoming left-hand bend, all was going fine, once again, I was on the wrong side of the road, to my surprise and the surprised look of the old lady driving the Ford Laser, we collided head on.

The front end of the Ford Laser was totalled and the only damage to me and the outfit was my pride and a bent mudguard stay on the BSA outfit. Hence F.C was banned from ever driving a sidecar on the Albany Toy-runs, whose only means of transport now is a sleigh and reindeer.

Years later I managed to reignite my passion for sidecaring by purchasing a BMW 1955 R50 and Globe sidecar from Ron Leech, RBL Engineering, another thing of beauty. With my son Matthew as my passenger, we managed to win the Trevor Whittle Solo and Sidecar Trophy one year, we also participated in the 2000 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bunbury TT.

Once again time passed and I was now the proud owner of a 2010 Ural T, sidecar, four speed with a mechanical reverse, it had every accessory you could think of, except the kitchen sink.

This machine was slow and ponderous and very agricultural, but it was lots of fun to ride and dependable.

It had a disc brake and Brembo calliper on the front, with drum brakes on the rear wheel. The rear wheel was linked to the wheel on the sidecar via a series of pedals, levers, rods, pivots, fulcrums, and springs, which only came to be activated once the danger had passed.

Time and tide waits for no man, years later after a series of solo bikes the sidecar bug bights again.

A plan is put into motion, The current trend was to hang a Cozy sidecar of the Royal Enfield 650cc twin range of bikes. I duly managed to sit on one at JCS Motorcycles, let us just say the outfit was too small. The Urals were now too expensive in the scheme of things and fell well below the type of riding I was intending to do.

After comparing a number of machines, I purchased a 2012 Triumph T100 900cc motorcycle locally with the intention of adding a sidecar.

As fate would have it, a Sunday stroll along the Koombana foreshore, resulted, after many negotiations with the purchase of a Tilbrook sidecar, which had been fitted to a Ross Eaton BMW restoration and was now surplus to requirements.

Within the shortest possible time the outfit was safely secured in my garage.

The proviso of the purchase included, assisting with the hanging of the outfit of the side of my Triumph. After numerous drawings (paper and on the floor of my garage), mock ups, Laser cutting, welding, filing, drilling, wiring I was ready to set up the chair.

A massive thank you to Ross Eaton, Huw Jones (he for his time, drawings, shed and patience) Laser Cutting Technologies Australind and Marindi Fabrications, Bunbury, for the help in putting together to what I consider to be a beautiful outfit.

Out with three planks of straight timber, to set the tow in (20mm), a string line and weights hanging of the back wheel of the bike to set lean out (20mm), and of the course the lead on the side car wheel, ended up being a compromise on looks, suitability and construction using the existing mounting hardware. This resulted in a lead of the sidecar wheel of 275mm.

From the very first day I road this outfit, it tracked and steered correctly. The outfit handles differently whether your chair is empty, empty with tools or with a passenger. The driving technique is similar for any of these variations but adjusted accordingly to suit.

One of the longest rides I have been on to-date, was a ride from Bunbury, Bridgetown, Nanup, Vasse and Bunbury return. I had the best ride, clocking up close to 400kms.

It is now registered as a sidecar and I have now over 5,000kms of driving my outfit, I cannot get enough of it, I am out on it all the time. I have the bug; it can be infectious. Try it.

### **BUSSELTON TURTLE RIDE: 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024**

It was expected to be a very hot day, but it turned out to be an almost perfect summer ride. Eleven members and two pillions signed up for this interesting and challenging Turtle Ride.

Our stand-in volunteer leader, me, steered the group to the destination, Par 3 Golf, via backroads through Dunsborough, then more back roads to the finish venue where we were joined by a couple of non-riders. All up, about 90klms. Thanks, Brian Green for volunteering to be our TEC.

**John Lewin**

### **FOR SALE**

For the uninitiated this is a barn find 1930 Rudge Ulster, confirmed by Colin Chappel. Imported into Aus November 1929, with correct 1930 Ulster tank, guards, alloy primary and chain guard the only year of this model.

Oil tight engine and riders' choice winner of 2020 Tassie Tour. Rego's back to 1953. Someone will jump on this so don't dilly dally.

Give Muzza a tingle on 0477 932 060 and Rudge It





## **INFORMATION WANTED**

Ultrasonic Cleaners – Does anyone have any experience and information on the best fluids to use in an ultrasonic cleaner for various different materials (e.g. aluminium carburettors)? All info much appreciated, Jeremy (mob: 0439 305 772)  
email: [jeremy@strategymapping.com.au](mailto:jeremy@strategymapping.com.au))

## **WANTED**

Front wheel to suit a panther, British Hub company, 40 spoke and 7 inch drum, See photos  
Shaun Meaney 0417837759



## **IHC MEMBERS (SOUTHERN REGION)**

Hello IHC 'Southern Members' (Manjimup Pemberton, Bridgetown, Nannup, Balingup etc).

Would you be interested in catching up with other IHC members in the 'Manjimup' area for occasional local gatherings over perhaps a coffee, sausage sizzle, shed show-n-tell (?), and to possibly try to organise some "local" rides/events?

If so, please contact IHC Manjimup Group Liaison Officer John Rooney by:

email at [Brokeinlet1@hotmail.com](mailto:Brokeinlet1@hotmail.com) or  
mobile 0428 910 365

We are aware of a number of current and new IHC members in the south, however due to club privacy requirements, I have no contact details. So please contact Roons if you would like your contact details to be put onto the Manji Mob list in order to facilitate the above.

Cheers Roons

## WANTED

Chasing a reasonably priced bike to take and ride at Lake Perkolilli 2025. My father and uncles had raced there in the past. Please call or email Daryl Cook on 0400209894 or email [daryl@aboderealestate.com.au](mailto:daryl@aboderealestate.com.au) (The Image of bike attached is for advertising purposes only and is not indicative of the machine he is looking for, complete, rideable and going.)



## FOR SALE

2012 Kawasaki KLR650 - 20,000ks - Licensed, New knobby front tyre, full off-road kit, front, and rear crash bars, bark busters, top box, saddle bags, phone, and GPS connection, serviced regularly, All plastics as new. \$5,000.

John McDermott - 0429 977 531

(Image of the bike is similar to the For Sale item, image only posted for advertising purposes.)



## FOR SALE

**BMW F800 GT** in excellent original condition. Its a 2014 model with all of the BMW extras including ABS, ESA, ASC and Tyre Pressure monitoring.

Only done 24,000 odd kilometres and comes with factory panniers as shown on photo plus GIVI top box. Currently fitted with Delkavic muffler but unmarked original is included.

Tyres are good and 20,000 Km service completed at Auto Classic. Price is \$9250.00 but is negotiable within reason. For more information call Tony Griffiths on 0455872090. (Bike pictured is for advertising purposes only and is not the actual bike offered for sale.)





### FOR SALE

Motorcycle boots, 1950's calf length motorcycle boots, leather soled, pull on, approx. Australian size 10 1/2 - 11.

Good condition. \$100

John Rooney 0428 910 365  
Manjimup



### FOR SALE

The bike is a **1979 Suzuki GS1000L** that has been restored in the US, I imported it 10/11 years ago, hasn't been ridden much, been sitting in an insulated, carpeted air conditioned shed.

I do have an engineer's inspection report that was done in Perth, the bike is on club rego. The bike has been rewired with an OEM wiring loom by Bernie McCormack, and the front brakes and the forks re-conditioned by Danny at Motorcycle Engineering.

I am asking \$9,9750, bike has been sitting around for 4 years, have drained the carbies and fitted new battery and keep it charged.  
Gary Green 0417901019



### FOR SALE

**1944 Indian Chief Outfit**, restored recently by mechanical engineer. No expense spared, fitted with near new military spare engine, many spares. very strong compression. located in Bunbury. Spare drive train available via negotiation.  
\$65,000.00

Martin Mach

0897912664

Email.marty.mach@gmail.com



## FOR SALE

**Matchless, 1955, 500cc Solo Compy.** Concessionally licensed, Less than 100miles since full restoration. Nothing to spend, many new parts, swingarm, rebuilt forks front and rear, rebuilt engine, with many new parts, chains, rebuilt magneto and generator, wiring, gearbox rebuilt, new battery, both wheels rebuilt using stainless steel spokes and new tires, etc.  
Asking \$13,000.

Contact Brian Cartwright on Ph 0407323748 or email [briancar@tpg.com.au](mailto:briancar@tpg.com.au)



## LADIES LUNCH 2024 (12 noon)

These are the proposed dates and venues for the upcoming Ladies Luncheon for 2024.

January 30th 2024. The Rose Hotel

March 26th 2024. The Green Jade

May 28th 2024. The Lord Forrest

July 30th 2024. Eaton Tavern

September 24th 2024 Bunbury Chinese

November 26th 2024 Rose Hotel (630pm)



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

The Calendar of Events is correct at the time of publication but maybe subject to change

|           |                               |        |   |
|-----------|-------------------------------|--------|---|
| Wed 07/02 | Busselton Mid-week Ride       | 9.00am | Caltex Service Station Causeway Road, Busselton     |
| Wed 07/02 | Mandurah Mob Mid-week Ride    | 9.00am | Ampol Foodary, Oakleigh Drive, Erskine              |
| Wed 07/02 | Committee Meeting             | 6.30pm | Bunbury Motorcycle Clubrooms                        |
| Fri 09/02 | Tortoise Ride Busselton       | 9.00am | Caltex Service Station Causeway Road, Busselton     |
| Tue 13/02 | IHC Club Meeting              | 7.30pm | Bunbury Motorcycle Clubrooms                        |
| Wed 14/02 | Bunbury Mid-week Ride         | 9.00am | Theatre Carpark Pratt Road Eaton                    |
| Wed 14/02 | Mandurah Mob Mid-week Ride    | 9.00am | Ampol Foodary, Oakleigh Drive, Erskine              |
| Fri 16/02 | Tortoise Ride Bunbury         | 9.00am | Dolphin Centre Carpark Bunbury                      |
| Sun 18/02 | Coastal Run                   | 9.00am | TBA   |
| Wed 21/02 | Mandurah Mob Mid-week Ride    | 9.00am | Ampol Foodary, Oakleigh Drive, Erskine              |
| Wed 21/02 | Busselton Mid-week Ride       | 9.00am | Caltex Service Station Causeway Road, Busselton     |
| Wed 21/02 | Mandurah Mob Meeting          | 6.00pm | Dudley Park Bowling and Rec Club, Comet St Mandurah |
| Fri 23/02 | Tortoise Ride Busselton       | 9.00am | Caltex Service Station Causeway Road, Busselton     |
| Sun 25/02 | Pre-48 Ride Wellsie's Wander. | 9.30am | 3 Strachan Court, Gelorup                           |
| Sun 25/02 | Mandurah Mob Ride             | 9.00am | Council/Cicerellos Carpark, Mandurah                |
| Wed 28/02 | Bunbury Mid-week Ride         | 8.00am | Theatre Carpark Pratt Road Eaton                    |
| Wed 28/02 | Mandurah Mob Mid-week Ride    | 9.00am | Ampol Foodary, Oakleigh Drive, Erskine              |
| Wed 06/03 | Busselton Mid-week Ride       | 9.00am | Caltex Service Station Causeway Road, Busselton     |
| Wed 06/03 | Mandurah Mob Mid-week Ride    | 9.00am | Ampol Foodary, Oakleigh Drive, Erskine              |



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|           |                                    |           |   |
|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|---|
| Wed 06/03 | Committee Meeting                  | 6.30pm    | Bunbury Motorcycle Clubrooms                        |
| Fri 08/03 | Tortoise Ride Busselton            | 9.00am    | Caltex Service Station Causeway Road, Busselton     |
| Sat 09/03 | IHC Two Day Rally 50th Anniversary | 7.30am    | Bunbury Motorcycle Club next to Bunbury Airport     |
| Tue 12/03 | IHC Club Meeting                   | 7.30pm    | Bunbury Motorcycle Clubrooms                        |
| Wed 13/03 | Bunbury Mid-week Ride              | 9.00am    | Theatre Carpark Pratt Road Eaton                    |
| Wed 13/03 | Mandurah Mob Mid-week Ride         | 9.00am    | Ampol Foodary, Oakleigh Drive, Erskine              |
| Fri 15/03 | Tortoise Ride Bunbury              | 9.00am    | Dolphin Centre Carpark Bunbury                      |
| Wed 20/03 | Busselton Mid-week Ride            | 9.00am    | Caltex Service Station Causeway Road, Busselton     |
| Wed 20/03 | Mandurah Mob Mid-week Ride         | 9.00am    | Ampol Foodary, Oakleigh Drive, Erskine              |
| Wed 20/03 | Mandurah Mob Meeting               | 6.00pm    | Dudley Park Bowling and Rec Club, Comet St Mandurah |
| Fri 22/03 | Tortoise Ride Busselton            | 9.00am    | Caltex Service Station Causeway Road, Busselton     |
| Sun 24/03 | Pre-48 Ride                        | TBA       | TBA   |
| Sun 24/03 | Mandurah Mob Ride                  | 9.00am    | Council/Cicerellos Carpark, Mandurah                |
| Tue 26/03 | Ladies Luncheon                    | 12 Midday | The Green Jade<br>LP. 0409291260                    |
| Wed 27/03 | Bunbury Mid-week Ride              | 9.00am    | Theatre Carpark Pratt Road Eaton                    |
| Wed 27/03 | Mandurah Mob Mid-week Ride         | 9.00am    | Ampol Foodary, Oakleigh Drive, Erskine              |

### WANTED

1. 16 tooth output sprocket for a CP Burman gearbox (late 40's to early 50's era), 5/8" pitch, to suit a shaft diameter of 1 & 9/32" from top of spline to top of opposite spline, p/n 179 - X - 7 .
2. The first gear to slide off the mainshaft of a ridged 350cc Mac Velo gearbox (has 26 teeth), p/n B9 / 4AS.

Many thanks. John Coleman. Mob 0417 567 059.

**BSA 1947 M20 500cc Sidevalve AA Road Service,  
Sidecar/outfit.**

