

Illawarra Branch Minutes 10th December 2018

- Meeting Opened:** 8.02 pm Jim Cummins in the chair
- Attendance:** 61 + 3 visitors and 1 new member = 65
- Apologies:** Ron Foye, Mick Mellin, Dennis Tobler, Peter Baumann, Mick Daley
- Visitors:** Rahna Elliott, Dawn Fearnside, Tony Woolhams
- New Members:** Joanne Dickie
- Correspondence In:** "Tweelers" magazine and Macquarie Towns M.R & P. C. magazines, Invoice from Gala Trophies; Entry form for Orange CEMCC Rally; Entry form for CEMCC Red Scarf rally
- Previous Minutes:** Moved (John Morris/Steve Ansell) "...that the minutes are an accurate record of the meeting." Passed.
- Business Arising:** Nil.
- Treasurer:** Balance at Nov.30th \$13,549.30. Moved (Col Elliott/John Morris) " that the Treasurer's report be accepted". Passed.
- Events** Sunday 18th was our Christmas gathering at Theresa Park. Many thanks to Joanne and David Dickie for opening their home to more than 50 members. Thanks also to Rahna and Col Elliott for assisting the day. Photos are on the club Facebook page.
Ian Richardson/Wayne Martin moved that the National Veteran and Vintage Rally in Tasmania 10 – 15th March be a club ride. Passed.
Merle Graham/ Jim Cummins moved that the Douglas Park Veteran & Vintage Rally on 13th Jan. be a club ride. Passed.
Lester Hamilton/Col Elliott moved that the Red Scarf Rally be a club event. Passed.
- Welfare Officer:** Ian Richardson attending tonight. Peter Baumann and Norm Aldridge is sitting in the third row.
- History:** Steve Ansell thanked members for the avalanche of photos and historical documents. He asked for assistance/lessons on an Apple computer regarding file transfers etc.
- Library/Technical:** Allan was almost (probably should have been) an apology for this meeting due to being in hospital for pneumonia. Reported that the technical work done lately was all on him but was outside his area of expertise.
- Regalia** Bill has plenty of stock and with Christmas coming up, club clothing would make an eminently simple and useful present. Much better than socks and undies.
- Events:** ****For the latest correct/updated information on rides, look up the club site.****
- Rides** Jim reported on the year that was. 1st Wednesday and Dam rides were the best attended and remain popular. There is no doubt that our catering crew are responsible for a sizeable chunk of the popularity of our rides. Thank you all. Generally, our rides are well attended and thanks to the member support for them. Off Road ride is now 4 years old and has a core of members committed to them. Members and friends welcome. This coming year the Sunday rides will start earlier in the day. The Debenham ride was very well attended again. Show Day had a wide variety of entrants and strong visitor participation but needs some streamlining for next year.

Ride Awards

Ted Conran Memorial Clubman of the Year award to Ron Foye. Ron has been an active member organising rides for about the last 15 years and has marked this time by assisting many club members who now call him a friend as well as a clubmate.
Most rides on 1st Wed. on a classic bike was Kevin Brown.
Winner of Most Sunday Rides Trophy was Doug Newell.
Wayne thanked Jim for all the work he did (and does) behind the scenes throughout the year. Meeting agreed by acclamation.

Dam Ride 21st

Third Wednesday of the month Dam Ride destination was to Fitzroy Falls Reservoir. Brian knew a short cut and took 92kms. for a 58 km. trip. Maybe the tourist road was the problem. The forecast miserable weather never eventuated, but the tucker and talk raised a storm. 30 members and friends came with 27 bikes, 17 with club plates and 2 people in a car. on Next ride is 19th December to Cataract Dam.

Off-Road Ride

Monday 19th was a dry and dusty ride with the usual core and 2 new riders attending. John Morris provided the interest for the day with a flat tyre replaced in record (short) time and inflated in record (slow) time.

Monday 3rd Dec. ride saw 6 members set off witnessed by Barry Warden who turned up to see who turned up!

Sat. 17th Tortoise ride saw a dozen riders get soaked at Hill 60 which disrupted the ride.

Mon. 26th Coffee Ride Nineteen members journeyed to Jamberoo to catch up with friends. Good to see Ian and Paula Richardson. Half the group were on plated bikes and several members came down from Sydney.

Coming Events

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Useful mobile numbers for rides are President Jim 0414379419 or Brian Martin
2019 looks interesting with an interstate ride being planned. Consider attending a rally sometime next year and maybe go somewhere you always wanted to go to but never quite made it there.

General Business:

Question from the floor regarding the answer to our request for minutes of the senior committee meeting minutes. Still no answer but small mention in email about role of editor that items may be deleted from clatter for space reasons was interesting.
A floor member noted that 10,000 is to be given away by Sydney to charities. Whilst the charities are deserving, it was felt that charity begins at home and members should have a voice when such sums are tossed around. It wasn't so long ago that fees were raised to cover the cost of the clatter. There seemed to be a need for communication with members and transparency and the move could even be unconstitutional. The vast majority voted for the motion NOT to go ahead at this time & the Sydney Club be made aware of members feelings.

Raffle:

1. Sharon Newell 2. Bernie Eather 3. John Baker 4. Judy Conran 5. Tim Seiber

Programme Officer:

Meeting Closed: 8:52 pm

Next Meeting: January 14th

President:
(Jim Cummins)

Secretary:
(Ken Kermode)