



NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025/JANUARY 2026

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Ron Shoemark (Dec) – Brian Crebert (Dec) – Ray Chapman (Dec)

Mick Dunn - John Jowett – Peter Heher – Ross Morgan – Simon Crebert - Ross Smith

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2/ If you intend to action any event in this Newsletter, **PLEASE check** for yourself
3/ Any opinions expressed in this Newsletter are not necessarily those of the Committee or the Singleton Classic Motorcycle Club Inc.

Non- Committee Positions:

- **Club Registrars:**
 - All Motorcycle ages: Ray Bailey, Kevin Downes, Simon Crebert and Lloyd Anew
 - Pre 1961 to 1979: Ross Morgan
 - 1960 to current 30yr old: Kerry Solman

- **Newsletter** David Mellows
- **Regalia-** Steve Gilchrist
- **Public Officer, Rally Organiser & Web Site Manager** Jacob Crebert

General Info

- General Meetings are held on 1st Thursday of each month at 7.00pm ** at Singleton Diggers, York Street
- Initial Annual Rally meeting - After the Feb General Meeting.
- Annual Rally – on 1st weekend in May
- A.G.M. - on 1st Sunday in July
- Inspection for bikes on conditional registration – ** before the AGM or by arrangement with a Club Registrar.
- To ride bikes on Conditional Registration after June 30th, members must have paid their Membership Fees.
- 1st Sunday/March each year – Memorial Ride for Deceased Members
- 1st Weekend in November – President’s yearly overnight ride.

Authorised club rides are as follows:

- Every Wednesday
- Every Sunday
- Tiddler Rides – 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month
- 40/40 Ride – 1st Saturday after the Monthly Meeting

** above rides leave Civic Park not earlier than 9.00am

- To Club Events (e.g.: Club Meetings, Club Social Events, etc)
- With any Club with which our Club has **Reciprocal** ride arrangements or has received an **invitation** from the organising club & is entered in our Clubs’ minutes.
- Other events as approved by the committee & entered in our Clubs’ minutes.

Reciprocal ride rights with the following Clubs

- Coalfields Classic & Enthusiasts Motorcycle Club

- Newcastle Classic Motorcycle Club
- Newcastle Vintage Motor Cycle Club

Note: Members are able to ride their Conditional registered bikes on rides organised by these clubs.

If you intend to go on one of these Clubs rides, it would be advisable to carry a copy of this section of the Clubs' magazine.

Newsletter Contributions

- Articles from members are welcome. Please keep them short & relevant.
- Suggest 1x A4 sheet in size (Text – Aerial 12) & to be submitted as a 'WORD' doc/docx no later than the **3rd Friday of the month**. The earlier the better.
- Send email or hand articles to the Editor dmellows@hotmail.com

Club Website: <<https://singletonclassicmotorcycleclub.com>>

February 2026 - Authorised Club Events

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| ➤ Thu 5th | Monthly Meeting – York St. Diggers |
| ➤ Tues 3 rd and Tues 17 th | Tiddler rides |
| ➤ Sat 7 th | 40/40 ride |
| ➤ Sun 1 st , 8 th , 15 th and 22 nd | Club Ride Days |
| ➤ Wed 4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th | Club Ride Days |
| ➤ Wed 18 th . | Café Ride |

Note:

- All rides leave Civic Park 9:00am (*until further notice*).
- Ride destinations may be altered or decided on by agreement of attending Members

Future Events:

1. March Cafe Ride - Wednesday 18th will be to Martin's house in Bonnell's Bay
Lunch and drinks provided by Martin
2. Proposed East Coast Ride will be in MAY. Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th and Friday 15th

Full details, map and costings will be provided at the March Club Meeting.

Other Club's Rallies/Events + Events of Interest – 2026

The Taree & District Vintage and Classic M/C 37th Annual Rally will be held on 5th March thru to 8th March.

Notes:

If any Classic, Vintage or Veteran motorcycle Club or individual has details of an event that is NOT listed in this newsletter & would like it to be included, please email details to the Singleton Classic Motorcycle Club .

Email: < singletonclassicmcc@gmail.com >

Editorial

At this time of the year it's pretty warm and often not inviting to ride but making an early morning start can be very rewarding.

Starting our club rides at 9am certainly helps unless it's one of those stinker 40 degree days. Luckily for me its usually a few degrees cooler on Lake Macquarie.

My rides have mostly been brief with school holiday time an opportunity to take the older grandchildren for a ride, finishing with a dip in the lake to cool off!

So, it's a good time for maintenance activities, I have completed a few major services and rebuilt one of the smaller bikes (a 1992 Honda XR100R) and successfully introduced my grandson to his first clutch and gear change bike on it, up from his previous mount – a Suzuki DRZ80.

The Honda is now like new having replaced piston and rings, installing new suspension bushes, seals, plastics and decals.

I also upgraded the ignition system on my Laverda Jota with new coils and a DMC32 electronic ignition.

I competed a full service on my two BMW's, you will find a full report on the work completed on my R90S within this Newsletter.

Looking forward to a great 2026 of riding. Unfortunately, I am away for this year's Rally having booked an OS holiday in early May!

David Mellows (Ducati Dave)



Club Christmas Party 2025 at the Calli



Ride Reports

Tiddler Ride Tues 2 December 2025

Six riders left Civic Park for a ride to Westbrook where Noel Boyce kindly opened his top box and supplied coffee and Oreos bickies for the boys!

The conversation on top of Westbrook was men's health and their experiences while enjoying the view. Good get together 😊



Wed ride 3rd December 2025

A group of 13 riders enjoyed the beautiful day riding through Hebden, back of Muswellbrook then to Jerry's Plains Taven for lunch.



Darren Laut Dec 6th, 2025

Out for a run



Jan 21st 2026

Toddlers run to Elderslie hall

Great "steady ride" , beautiful weather and plenty of bike banter. Thanks for the cafe bar Noel!



Completing some Maintenance on my BMW R90S

David Mellows

Despite being an Italian bike/Ducati “nut”, I have always had a soft spot for BMW’s, having owned a K100RS since 1984. While I had never owned or even ridden one of the older “boxer twins” they had impressed me since I was overtaken by one at great speed by a new R90S back in 1976. At the time I was a Japanese bike rider on a Yamaha 650 C. At the time BMW’s were very expensive and totally out of my price point.

In August 2018 while living and working in Switzerland I was looking through the Australian “Just Bikes” website when a nice looking 1975 model R90S with just 3500km on the clock came up on my computer screen. After liaising via email with the owner in Brisbane, I put in an offer which was successful and I arranged to have it transported to my son’s place in Newcastle for storage.

The owner had purchased it from a guy in Newcastle who had it fully reconditioned, he only had it for a couple of years when due to a serious health issue he was forced to sell.

It wasn’t until 2020 on returning to live in Australia I was able to register and ride it, everything seemed to be perfect, and it didn’t miss a beat. The only thing I did was change the oil and travel another 1500km on a few club runs.

It was only recently I realised I hadn’t changed the brake fluid, which required me to remove the tank for the first time. It got me thinking – maybe I should change the rest of the oils and check various other settings such as points and tappets!



It was running perfectly on its last ride, and the job went like this:

- Removed the tank and noted fuel hoses and fittings were leaking a little, so I sorted them out with new hose, fittings and carburetor inlet filters, I then changed the front brake fluid without issue

- While I was at it, I also noticed the rubbers on the throttle cables were split, so I ordered new ones but to fit them I had to pull out the slides on both carbies.
- After reassembly the bike ran poorly and was low on power. The plugs were dirty, so I replaced them with new NGK plugs but there was no improvement.
- So, I cleaned the jets and replaced all O-rings in both carbies – it idled perfectly on both cylinders but felt like it only had half power and ran like a dog!
- Frustrated, I pulled the slides out again to find the LHS needle clip had dislodged. Refitted it and all good, it was now running well!
- Next was to change the engine oil and filter, easy peasy. But bugger - there was a drip leak coming from the sump gasket! So drained the oil again and off with the sump, order a new gasket from Munich MC's in Perth and fitted the new gasket a couple of days later.
- Then I changed the gearbox oil, shaft oil, and diff oil.
- Checked the air filter – clean as a whistle so no need for a new one!
- Then check the tappets, all were too tight, but this was an easy adjustment. Fitted new silicon reusable gaskets to rocker covers for a nice seal.



Adjusting the tappets

- Oh, what about the fork oil? Maybe it had not done during the rebuild, so I changed that. It was quite clean. The front suspension was a bit soft, so I added 10W oil instead of the recommended standard 7.5W
- Then to check the points and timing. Static timing was good and the advance seemed to work correctly; I was about to set the points gap when I remembered the previous owner telling me he hadn't gotten around to fitting an electronic ignition system
- In the box he gave me was a complete set of Boyer Bradson electronic ignition parts, dated May 1997, with a price tag of \$310 (now valued around \$500), so I thought I may as well fit it.



- Off with the front engine cover and pulled out the points. Fitting the new stator plate and electronically activated rotor was easy. The instructions said the spark plug caps should be 5K Ohm resistor types, and luckily, I had a set in my box of spare parts to replace the original 1K Ohm set
- I thought it might make sense while at it I should change the original coils out, so another order went into Munich MCs for a set of double outlets modern 12V, 3 Ohm coils to replace the original pair of 6V in series coils.
- A bit of wiring attention was necessary, but it fitted easily with a new mounting bracket.
- Once done I was ready to fire up and set the advance. I marked the full advance point on the fly wheel with white paint, started the motor (which ran a bit roughly) but with the timing light and a couple of adjustments I set it at full advance when revved at 4000 RPM.

After a test ride I confirmed its now running beautifully and ready for some enjoyable riding.

As the first time in doing maintenance on an Air Head and without a maintenance manual, I found accessing videos on You Tube invaluable in giving me the specs and the tips to do all the necessary jobs.

Postscript: I found the full workshop manual that was supplied with the bike (which I totally forgot I had) in the bottom of a drawer after the job was finished!

SINGLETON CLASSIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB REGALIA

All items are maroon with gold lettering unless otherwise stated

Club Cap	\$25	(Embroidered logo)
Club T-Shirt	\$30	(Screen printed 'Singleton Classic Motorcycle Club' on the front, and large club logo on the back)
Club Polo (No Pocket)	\$39	(Embroidered logo on the front)
	\$34	(Screen Printed logo on the front)
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Club Polo (Pocket)	\$44	(Embroidered logo on the front)
	\$37	(Screen Printed logo on the front)
	\$45	(Screen Printed 'Singleton Classic Motorcycle Club' on the front and large logo on the back)
Your name on garment	\$4 - \$10	(cost depends on length)
Stubby Coolers & Pens	Gold coin donation (old logo, a few left if you'd like 1 or 2)	

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Payment to Club bank account preferred, although cash accepted at the monthly meeting

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Blast from the past



SCMCC Rally in May 2009. Mark Burgmann, Ross Morgan, Barry Fong and John Smith

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