



# Waffle On

September 2011



After their stunning success in both the junior and Senior TT races Rudge did not rest on their laurels for the remainder of 1930. Graham Walker won the Dutch TT and the German Grand Prix but most gratifying of all must have been the Belgian—that year the prestigious Grand Prix d'Europe, for which the title Champion of Europe was awarded the winner. Tyrell Smith (holding the dog) was victorious in the Senior event with Graham Walker (centre) close behind. Ernie Nott (left) won the 350cc race.

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# A load of crock

Gee it's good to be able to throw my leg over again (a bike that is). I had a test run on the Friday before the Rusty Iron Rally and went OK so I rode up to Macksville with the Club the next day. I have to put the bike on the centre stand and kick it over with my left leg but it seems to work most of the time, although thanks to Santa who helped me boot it at the Caltex.

I always enjoy the Rusty Iron Rally – there are so many different things to see and do. It's not just the tractors and the antics they get up to, there's all manner of stationary engines chuffing away, trucks, cars and bikes to feast your eyes on and the obligatory stalls where you may find something you are looking for. But there's more... If the Rusty Iron Rally is not on your calendar each year you are missing out on a treat.

Our rally is fast approaching and the couple of times that we have rode the Saturday rally route we have had a good roll up of members and their bikes. It really is a nice ride and I think that sometimes we are guilty of taking for granted what a very special part of the world we are lucky enough to live in. Friends of mine from Sydney who have been travelling extensively around Oz in the last couple of years commented to me recently that they would rate our neck of the woods right up there with anywhere else they have seen.

At our last meeting we decided that the Lions Club of Crescent Head would be the beneficiaries of this year's rally. They will be cooking the breakfasts for us on the Saturday and Sunday. Although it is a long way off it is not too soon for all of us to be thinking of what other local charities we would like to support by way of our Swap Meet next May. Let one of the committee members know if you hear of a local organisation that is doing good stuff in the community and could use some funds. There is no reason for us to leave it to the last minute each time when considering a beneficiary. But remember, we want to keep it local.

After years and years in the job Tony is no longer our Events Co-ordinator – thanks to Kiwi for taking the job on. We owe an enormous THANK YOU to "Ethnic" for doing such a good job for such a long time. Club meetings won't be the same any more without Tony at the lectern, but I guess they might be just a tad shorter.

Cheers

Crock

PS Did you hear about the guy that went to the psychologist? What's wrong asks the doc? Well, says the guy, I used to be really indecisive – but now I'm not so sure!

## Editors Note ...

How I enjoy all this material coming in for Waffle On from our members! Thank you so much, you're all brilliant. One of the latest offering is from Jim Fairhurst. Thank you for the wonderful old photos Jim! Two of these are on the covers of this edition. It is excellent that there's a little explanation for each of them which I am sure you'll all enjoy reading. I was able to scan all the pictures so they are filed away so that now there's quite a few mini stories to be told in coming editions.

Not much bike riding going on in our household as you can understand, especially by yours truly. Though I am sure my first pillion ride is not too far away. The weather has been stunningly sunny which after our seemingly endless wet weather is especially enjoyable, perfect for bike riding in fact. Hopefully this weather will continue for a few months now as I for one have had enough of the rain.

**Happy reading, Norma.**

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### Who's bike was this????



Isn't she a beauty! Jim Fairhurst came across this photo in his collection and knew immediately who used to own this outfit. The question is, do you know? There is no prize for guessing correctly but do let us know if you can work it out.

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### The Natureland Rally 4, 5 and 6 November 2011 at Hat Head



The clock is ticking folks! Not long now before we're hosting our 16th Annual Rally and so far everything is going according to plan. The rally badges have been delivered and Kim and Yvonne Avery are on top of arrangements. The entry form has been uploaded to the club web site for easy access and if you need a members entry form contact Yvonne, she can email or post one out to you.

We're looking forward to a great time and some terrific rides around this scenic area we all live in. Bring it on!!

## 2011/2012 Club Officials

President	David Flint
Vice President	John Mayhew
Secretary	Keith Miller
Treasurer	Meredith Relf
Committee	Includes office bearers above plus Kim Avery, Brian Bobin & Phil Webb
Club Plates Officer	Kevin Bennett
Events Co-Ordinator	Phil Webb
Vehicle Inspectors	George Perdrisat, Phil Webb, Dick Watts & Kevin Bennett
Publicity Officer	Meredith Relf
Regalia Officer	Kim Avery
Web Master/Newsletter Editor	Norma Flint

Thank you to the committee for a job well done during the 2010/2011 year. Now we must welcome the new committee which sees a few role changes but mostly the same people. Thanks for standing for election again. The club looks forward to another 12 months of your leadership and an equally, if not better, round of successful activities and events.

## A word on Bali Bike Riders from Meredith Relf.

Always on the lookout for new motorcycling adventures, we seek out the local bikie gang on the Bali trip only to come across the “Bali Scooterist” club, seen pictured. As in many countries, motorcycles and scooters are owned by most families. Most impressive were the school children who spilled out of the school gates at the end of their day, starting from 8 or 9 years old all riding scooters and giving their friends a ride home in the villages, no helmets but impeccable uniforms and brilliant smiles.



It must be difficult riding side saddle as so many do in Bali. This are some of the OLDER children on bikes!



How many people can you fit on your bike? The whole family obviously! And, the groceries too!



It's our 20th Anniversary year!



## The Annual Cricket Match with the Taree Club

A few Natureland club members braved the brilliant sunshine and promise of a glorious day and turned up at the Sandcrox Oval to play cricket against the Taree Club including Gary Cox, Keith Miller, Allan Rouse, Tony Spiteri and Meredith Relf as a few of our regular players were busy. Taree Club rocked up with a lovely display of bikes and impressive numbers. We had a great game with a few runs being scored but little running actually happening. There was much debate about whether it is fair to hit the stumps if someone is still on their way... whatever. Some of the Coffs Harbour guys turned up and brought some beer with them. A great day was had by all... I think we won.



# Events Calendar

October 2011	
1 Oct	Brian Purcell
2 Oct	Akubra Classic at Greenhill
8 Oct	Macksville Pro Ag
16 Oct	Ride the Sunday rally route departing Hat Head 9.30am
22/23 Oct	Overnight at Glen Innes including Dorrigo Bluegrass Festival
25 Oct	<b>Club Meeting 7.30pm at Salvos Hall Kempsey also Rally and Toy Run Meetings</b>
30 Oct	Old Bangers ride to Beechwood & Laurieton
November 2011	
4/5/6 Nov	NATURELAND RALLY
13 Nov	Old Bangers ride to Gingers Creek
20 Nov	4WD day to Georges Creek BYO picnic & perch fishing gear
TBA	2-3 week trip to New Zealand including Burt Munro Challenge in Invercargill.
22 Nov	<b>Club Meeting 7.30pm Salvos Hall Kempsey also Calender Meeting</b>
26-27 Nov	Long Flat Rally or ride to Ellenborough Falls via Pembroke Road Comboyne

Events for October through to December are posted on the club web site.  
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All rides leave from McDonald's in Kempsey unless otherwise stated at a strict departure time of 9.30am.



An incredible escape! Published in The Motor Cycle of 5th march 1915 this picture shows a Belgian rider of a four cylinder FN who found himself targeted by German light artillery during the defence of Antwerp. His machine was struck squarely by a shrapnel shell which did not explode, but the forks parted company with the frame. Most of the damage was sustained in the resulting heavy fall. Both the rider and his FN were later returned to service.