



# Waffle On

January 2012



**Our cover girl is the delightful Mrs Sylvia Lewis pictured waving the 2011 Natureland Rally entrants away for the ride on the first beautiful sunny day of the event. Thanks Sylvia, it was great to see you there.**

# A load of crock...

Well it's been a while since the last Waffle On and there has been plenty happening in Natureland.

The Rally was a success, with no rain and the tour of the Gaol was a highlight – thanks to Tom for his entertaining and informative presentation.

Santa had to ride pillion on the Toy run in front of over 50 bikes and assorted cars and trucks bearing goodies for the Salvos. Thanks to everyone involved and especially to Roger for having a big enough bike to carry Santa.

The food at the Xmas party was great, the weather pleasant and the whole thing went well. What a top spot! I can't comment on what happened that night as we left in the arvo but it sounded alright! Thank you to everyone who contributed, especially Meredith.

Xmas and New Year have been and gone so I hope that you had a good time with family and friends and wish you all the best for 2012.

There are plenty of things on the Events Calendar so hopefully we will get a lot more participants on club runs than we managed last year. The Poker Run to Taylors Arm attracted 8 participants – the only thing missing was the cards. The unofficial winner was Rose who declared that she had a Royal Flush in Hearts before anyone else could declare a better hand. The pub has \$10 "specials" for lunch on Sundays – cheaper than during the week.

Let's get those bikes out there!

Ride safe

*Crock*

*PS: And remember, a man who fights with his wife all day will get no piece at night.*

## Editors Note ...

Thankfully the weather was kind to us for the events we had planned for the end of 2011. A minor miracle as we've had such continuously wet weather for so long. Let's hope 2012 brings us some relief from the wet and that we a bit more sunshine in 2012.

The rally in November was our first bit of good luck. After two years of absolutely terrible weather it was nice to be able to send our guests home after a fine weekends riding. They say you're only as good as your last game so hopefully the good weather memories from this year will be top of mind and encourage a few more people to attend the 2012 rally. With the sun shinning on our beautiful countryside, lots of bikes to check out and discuss in great detail with like-minded people and good food there should have been a few stories to tell. The Mid North coast really is a star performer when everything is so verdant.

We were also lucky with the Toy Run. Dry sunny weather enabled Santa to ride pillion without getting his lovely red suit wet. There weren't as many children en route this year but it was a good run anyway with quite a few bikes.

Finally there was the club Christmas Party in December which was exceptionally well catered by our own lovely Meredith. She did a grand job with plenty of delicious food for all. Some of you have stopped attending this event and that's a shame because the venue is perfect. Yes, it can get hot some years out at Dongdingalong but the shed makes for a relaxed affair which suits the club's modus operandi perfectly. There's plenty of room for the kids to run amok plus there's the additional bonus of indoor and outdoor space for those who stay overnight to rock on. Get involved for goodness sake! Make sure you come along in December this year whether the event is held at the same venue or not.

Once again a few club members contributed to this issue of Waffle On which makes it far more interesting than just me rambling on. Thanks to everyone who put pen to paper, or fingers to the keyboard. We've altered the layout of this issue which makes it not only more economical to post, but also easier to print. Hope you like this new format and that you enjoy the read.

Happy New Year to you all and ride safely throughout 2012, Norma.

## Meredith reports on one of the 2011 overnight rides

More perfect weather couldn't have been wished for. We set out after checking Maccas, heading for Dorrigo. On to Grafton through Tyringham and Nymboida a terrific ride, long sweepers and just a few potholes to keep us alert. Stopped at the Australia Hotel for a \$6.50 rump, chips and salad feed – awesome!

Continued on our way to Glen Innes, Guyra and Uralla where we stayed overnight at the bottom pub, Thunderbolt's. This is a terrific pub to stay, good meals, pool table, music, clean rooms (and, girls – nice fluffy white towels and renovated bathrooms). We were up early, only minor grumbling about too many beers last night and on our way by 8am after a free brekky downstairs. Again magical weather, a little brisk to start with, and a magnificent ride home. Kiwi left Tony and myself at Gingers' – we don't even TRY to keep up with him through there. Home by lunchtime after about 800km round trip. ABSOLUTELY BRILLIANT!!!!!!



Kiwi and his sheep! Just as well this one's concrete and he didn't bring a ladder.



## A big THANK YOU to all our rally helpers

Many thanks to the **Crescent Head Lions Club**. Several of their hard-working members got up bright and early both days of the rally to prepare breakfasts for our rally guests. It was lovely to see they're smiling faces! Pictured are Brad, Alan, Peter, Pam and Jo the Saturday morning crew who cooked up a storm.

Another thank you goes to the ladies at **Stuarts Piont Pre-School** who prepared morning tea for our Rally guests. What a spread it was!

Then there was the lunch at **Bowraville Racecourse**. A great venue for an event like our Rally. Plenty of space to park the bikes for easy judging and stacks of room for everyone to sit out of the hot sun enjoying the food. Thanks everyone at the Racecourse.

We can't forget the **Hat Head Bowling Club** either where our rally has been 'headquartered' since its inception. Thanks everyone for your unflinching support.

Where would we be without the **Hat Head Holiday Park**! They provide our rally participants with various accommodation options that makes it easy for everyone to get to the various events. Thank you!

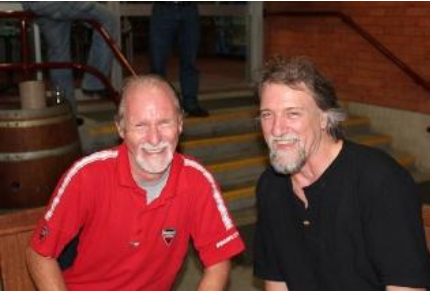
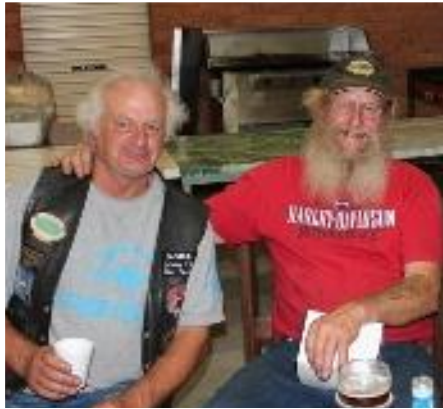
Last, but by no means least, we have to thank all the club members who worked so diligently prior to, and during, the rally to ensure that it all went off without a hitch. You all give up a lot of your time to make sure that the rally not only runs like clockwork, but is also an action-packed and interesting event for our guests. Your efforts are very much appreciated. Good on ya!



Looking for that special present for a bike riding mate? How about one of the lovely Club T-Shirts featuring Craig Fair's artwork! They really are a collectors item. They're a good buy too, especially if you buy two—Meredith will do a deal with you. While you're at it, really splash out and get a stubby holder too. Support your club!

Telephone Meredith NOW On 6563 1786

Some happy snaps of our club members enjoying the rally. They were everywhere, wherever help was needed and ready to answer any questions our rally guests may have had. Well done everyone! Weren't we lucky with the weather.





## A note of thanks from a 2011 Rally Entrant

Thought you all might like to read what one of the rally participants had to say. It's always nice to have all the hard work involved with hosting a rally appreciated.

*"Mr President,*

*Thanks very much for a great weekend. Nice breakfasts and served from happy people. Top organisation, great rides the marshals were fantastic, helpful and did there jobs professionally. Saturday was great and Sunday the Trial Bay Goal ride and guided site tour was great. Would you pass on my thanks to your committee and all your volunteers for all there great work The weather was well organised as well.*

*Many thanks and I will be back next year Michael Howley CHDRC"*

Thanks to the other rally attendees who also sent notes to the club.

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### MEMORIES by Dick Watts

When I was young and had no sense  
I rode a Waratah clean through a fence.  
Then advice from the old man's son,  
"Enjoy it Brother! Life has just begun."

With an occasional ride  
on his great big cat  
I found the knack  
I had just begat.

The Panther would no longer be  
for he changed it for an HRD,  
while I was still upon the little old flea.

An occasional fright  
on the great big bike  
put the stars within my sight.

Then to be very discreet  
a wife and two girls put the Vincent out of  
reach.

A period of pedal,  
then a little hooter.  
Luck changed in way of a Vespa motor scooter.

In my dreams I was a bush basher.  
Kawasaki obliged  
with a 175 bush whacker.

Up on this seat I sat  
until a change of format.  
A new bike I sought  
in the way of Honda 250 Motor Sport.

With these over head valves I got a yearn  
for lots of power, power to burn,  
to tour away for a week or a day.

My wife you see  
was bound to agree  
upon a Yamaha touring 2D.

Then I was smitten  
for nostalgia was Holden.  
With the bug I was bitten  
to collect one or two olden.

I owned an Acme,  
AJS and Ariel to boot  
but lo and behold  
never a suit.

The oldens appeared  
one after the other  
in Triumph, James, Waratah  
Coventry, Eagle and Douglass galore,  
with but one able to go out the door.

Now there is the young with their toys  
all energetic and full of glee.  
Now there is us Grands trying to be boys  
so I consider its time I funded  
an XJ nine hundred  
and joined the Ulysses.

As the time passes  
we turn grey and wear glasses  
but the spirit within  
is still strong and has many a whim  
as we go riding on  
with our fellow Ulysses.

# Events Calendar

February 2012	
5 Feb	Thunder West, Murrurundi
12 Feb	Comboyne with Taree Club Old Bangers
19 Feb	Witch Run Yarowitch Showground, Entry Fee: \$25
25 & 26 Feb	Overnight camping rip near Seal Rocks. See Kiwi for details.
28 Feb	Club Meeting and Swap Meet Meeting at Salvos Hall Kempsey 7:30pm
March 2012	
3&4 Mar	Taree Rally for Old Bangers
11 Mar	Free Weekend. No ride scheduled.
18 Mar	Time Trial Departing Doughnut at Port Macquarie 10.30am
25 Mar	Club Meeting 12.00 at Keith's BBQ supplied BYO Beverages
April 2012	
1 Apr	Free weekend. No ride scheduled.
6-9 Apr	Easter Weekend ride to Sofala extending ride to below ...
15 Apr	Inverell Rally
22 Apr	Mystery ride for Old Bangers
24 Apr	Club, Rally & Swap Meet Meetings at Salvos Hall Kempsey 7:30pm
29 Apr	Norton Owners Rally Nundle
May 2012	
6 May	Auto Restorers Rally at Hat Head
13 May	Mothers Day ride. Join in!
20 May	NCMCC Swap Meet
22 May	Club & Rally Meetings at Salvos Hall Kempsey 7.30pm
27 May	Dorrigo, Nymboida, Coutts Crossing ride

All rides meet at McDonalds Kempsey at 9.00am for a strict 9.30am departure unless otherwise specified.

Check the club web site if you want to see events after those shown above.  
Visit [www.naturelandclassicmotorcycleclub.org.au](http://www.naturelandclassicmotorcycleclub.org.au)



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