

TAPPET *Rattle*



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DALE REQUESTED BRIGHT COLOURS FOR HIS FUNERAL.
SO THIS EDITIONS COVER IS IN BRIGHT COLOURS



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‘The Mann’

Andy Mann -Vice President

My first trip to Lake Elphinstone was when I really got to know Dale it was one of the few Saturday nights that he wasn't working. We had a few beers and got on like Chalk and Cheese. He was well known for pushing his BSA all around East Mac-kay and one time pushing it home from the Forgan Smith bridge.

Dale was Vice President of the club for many years and even on the few occasions he chaired a meeting he was renowned for giving away money.

Probably deliberate so the President wouldn't be away for future meetings.

Part of his job as V/P he also ran the Raffles he would Raffle anything generally left over Bike Show T/Shirts left over from the show. He usually ordered 200 Shirts every year.

Another time away at Esk a members bike broke down, Dale, Bob D and myself stayed to assist. Eventually we continued on the ride, missed a turn and ended up on a Fire Trail a very challenging ride that was. I will always remember his laugh one such occasion when he used to phone the old Millen's Hire number. It was owned by a club member he would laugh his head off after hanging up.

It was a common thing on Friday nights we would meet at the Aero Club for a feed and a drink. We would place bets when Dale arrived as to what sob story he had about his work that week.

When he was single every Christmas Day he would leave his place to visit Rello's but his first stop would be my place for a Xmas beer. Speaking of beer a few years ago I replaced my fence and I am certain he sat on his street corner watching. When I started packing up then he would ride past on his Ducati and offered to help. Finished up him having a free beer. On another occasion I was walking the dog past Skuse's place when I heard a couple of voices yell out at me to come and have a beer. Had one and was about to leave until Ian informed me that Dale had bought the carton, so I stayed until the carton was finished, Cheers.

A group of us went down to Eastern Creek to see Keith race, staying at Blacktown Travel Lodge. One trip Dale was in charge of booking the accommodation some how it got screwed up. Finished up with 2 twin share rooms for 5 blokes, Bob and Bruce took the room with 2 singles. The other room had a Queen and sofa bed Dale promptly took the sofa bed then laughing at Ian and myself. Next morning Dale whined about how uncomfortable the sofa bed was. Ian and I had the last laugh. Another Eastern Creek weekend Dale offered his Goldie to Keith to race and was so happy with himself and couldn't wait to get to the track. On arrival he spots the Goldie with the clutch spread out on the garage floor. The look on his face was priceless.

When Keith returned the Goldie, Dale rang me asking if I wanted to race it as I had been quizzing Keith about racing. I don't know if I should have been honoured or was he just looking for someone to store it.

Speaking of honoured I was fortunate enough to be invited to his wedding to Kaew. Dales shouting, I couldn't drink fast enough. Then he had his 1st Anniversary function and was planning the next for the 18 / 5. Two days before I left for this trip I was at his place and we had a few laughs.

RIP MATE





Dale Swindells thank you for stepping up to the President role. Plus for your efforts in steering the club through some difficult times.

ALL THE BEST FOR THE FUTURE

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Regards Stu

‘The Scribe’ Dennis Gregor-Secretary

It is my sad duty to advise you that Dale has resigned as President as a Club member as of today, due to health reasons. We owe a debt of gratitude to Dale for taking on the role when there were no other volunteers and it is a pity he will not be continuing. We wish him the best for his recovery.

The Executive has made the following decisions:-

1. Under the provisions of the Constitution of the Club the Executive can appoint a replacement for a casual vacancy on the Committee for the duration of the exiting Committee members' term. The Executive has (with his consent) appointed Bernie as President of the Club until the next AGM
2. The next advertised meeting of the Club on the 11th of May is cancelled.
3. A special general meeting of the Club is taking place on Sunday the 5th of May. If you have any concerns or queries regarding today's events, please save them until the meeting. If its urgent call myself or Dave.

VALE - DALE KENNEDY

It is with great sadness that I pass on the news of the passing of our friend and fellow member Dale Kennedy. Dale has been unwell for some time now.



Dale Kennedy—Mate

Many years ago when I was the newly appointed Treasurer of the BMOA there was a fair amount of confusion particularly when collecting annual dues and writing receipts (mainly on my part) of Who was Who in the club.

At one Monthly meeting one of the Older Previous Members (who couldn't remember his own name) suggested that we should all have Name Tags, There was much debate over the subject as I was of the opinion that you shouldn't bloody need name tags "Just get out there and meet members and get to know their names".

Any way I lost the argument and it was decided that we would get some TEST samples, Dale came up to me and was adamant that he would have one, but it had to Be "Mate" not Dale Kennedy, as he said he was terrible at remembering names but always relied on "Mate" getting him through. Anyway the Instigator went away and got some samples which were subsequently bought to the next meeting for perusal, Coincidentally the Instigator got the spelling of mine wrong so it immediately went in the bin. Dale got his and would always wear it as He was proud of his Mate name badge. From that day on whenever I spoke to Dale I only ever referred to him as Mate. and no matter where you were if you yelled out Mate, He would answer.

RIP **MATE**

Submitted by Gerry Dempsey



'The Carer'

David Catchpole-Treasurer

RIP Dale Kennedy

The first recollection I have of Dale is months before I joined the club.

Dale was on his BSA stopped at the lights on Sydney Street heading out to the Harbour.

I was on my Matchless, I didn't know who Dale was at this point, but I liked the motor-bike that he was riding so when I stopped next to him, we both said Hello.

The lights turned green, and I roared off thinking that this guy who looked super serious would be leaving me in his dust with his immaculate machine having more power than mine,

Much to my dismay, Dale was nowhere to be seen, I looked back and could see Dale still at the lights as the BSA had stalled as soon as he twisted the throttle.

I circled around and pulled up beside Dale, he was now on the other side of the lights with the bike on the centre stand trying to coax the BSA back into life.

I asked if he needed assistance and his response was its British and sometimes you ride sometimes you push, this bike has had a lot more pushing than riding lately!!

I caught up with Dale the next month out at the Harbour, he was riding the same bike, this time it was working correctly.

When I eventually joined the club, I got to know a little bit more about Dale, his sense of humour, the emails, the joke telling, the stories had me laughing so much, Dale you will be missed!

May the roads be empty and your tank full! - Rest in Peace Dale

MACKAY SHOWGROUND SPEEDWAY



Dale was also an avid Motorcycle Racing and Speedway Fan. I have memories of Dale at the Mackay Showgrounds Solo and Sidecar Meetings in the early 1970's held at the Mackay Showgrounds

Mark Humphrey said Dale (Chippy) was a very generous person. Dale set up Mark with various machines and engines this enabled Mark to get into the sport of Solo Racing. Mark finally got his own Stock Bikes and Jawa Speedway machine.

Contributed by Stu on behalf of Mark Humphrey.

Vale Dale Kennedy



Hello Fellow Members

Well, it has not been a very happy period of late for the club. First, we heard of the passing of Ross Macauley, followed by the immediate resignation of Dale Swindells, our President, due to health concerns and lastly the passing of our Life Member and club stalwart Dale Kennedy.



My condolences and those of the Club go out to Dawn and Kaew and the families of Ross and Dale. A sad time indeed. Ross was relatively new to the club and quite possibly had not got to know every member, as I must admit I knew little about him but none the less both he and Dawn had a lot to contribute to the club and he will be missed. We hope to see Dawn back at the club as time progresses.

Dale Kennedy was well known to all in the club and, having said that, to most of Mackay as well. The Kennedy family had quite a bit of history in Mackay and Dale himself, through his music and hire business had many friends. I had the pleasure of knowing Dale since my school days and have had a few great trips with Dale in the British Club. Dale was a witty man with a great sense of humor and at times a devious sense of humor, however one thing that stood above all else was his honesty and compassion. He was a big man with an even bigger heart and soul, an icon within the Bike Club and will be greatly missed.

Dale Swindells, our immediate past President has, as most of you know, faced some trying health issues of late and made the decision to resign as President, and from the club, to concentrate solely on his health. An understandable decision. The committee approached me to fill the position until the AGM in August, to which I agreed and will do so to the best of my ability. I would like to thank Dale for taking on the position from me at the last AGM as no one else in the club showed an interest in doing so. It can be a trying role at times and come August 2024 someone must take up the reins so please consider if you would like to put your hand up.



In parting we look forward to putting on the 40th All Bike Show and, being a new venue, we face a few challenges regarding advertising and logistics that were not an issue at Paxtons. I urge ALL members to get behind the Show preparation and running in a peaceable and likeminded manner to work towards a great outcome. My final word to put the cat amongst the pigeons is that we need to consider hosting the All Bike Show every two years going forward as we seem to be expending too much emotional energy trying to host it every year, as it has grown, and we no sooner finish then we are back organizing again. This one is over to you for future discussion. Best wishes to all of you.

Regards Bernie Cannon



PROPOSED

ACCESS TO THE 'ALL BIKE SHOW'



40th 'ALL BIKE SHOW' SUPPORTERS



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SUPERSTORE

Field
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Group



40th 'All Bike Show'

20 / 21 July - 2024

New Venue



MACKAY TURF CLUB
Oralea Racecourse
Peak Downs Hwy



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ENGINE

Type: Air-cooled 4-stroke single-cylinder, two-valve

Capacity: 348cc

Bore x stroke: 70 x 90.5

Compression ratio: 9.5:1

Starter: Electric

Fuel system: Fuel Injection

PERFORMANCE

Claimed maximum power: 20.8 hp @ 5,500rpm

Claimed maximum torque: 30 Nm @ 3,000rpm

TRANSMISSION

Type: 5-speed

Final drive: Chain

Clutch: Slip and Assist



BMOA Mackay along with the Mackay Social Motorcycle Riders Group provided the Corner Marshals.
Great to have the social riders give us a helping hand. In excess of 200 riders attended the event.



Will be needing a commitment from our club as next year will be the 12th that BMOA Mackay has supported.

Also a member / members need to have a go at co ordinating the Corner Marshals in conjunction with the Black Dog One Dayer Mackay. Organisers.

WHAT DO YOU RECKON?

Glen (Annie) Lennox

Ride Coordinator



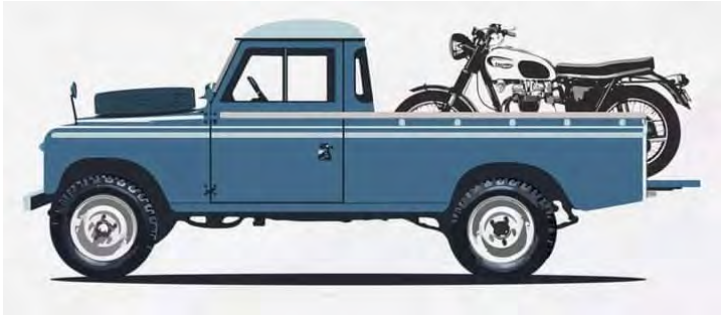
New member Jeff Lum Wan has had a spend up. On our last club ride Jeff turned up on a Royal Enfield Classic 500. He poked it along quite well. And he mentioned that he had also purchased a 2nd hand Harleyyyyyyyyyy 1200 Sportster.

On that ride we were joined by a number of Mackay Social Motorcycle Riders so it ended up being a great outing.

Well another great social ride, changed plans on the run after executive decision over a beer at Mirani . Kickstart Saloon for lunch. Jeff Lum Wan

Vale—Ross Macauley





Support bacteria - they're the only culture some people have.

So apparently RSVP'ing back to a wedding invite 'maybe next time' isn't the correct response.

My girlfriend is always stealing my t-shirts and sweaters... But if I take one of her dresses, suddenly "we need to talk".

It was only when I bought a motorbike that I found out that adrenaline is brown.

Why isn't there a pregnant Barbie doll? Ken came in another box.



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This is a week long motorcycling event
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information.

ATTENTION!



**2024
'ALL BIKE SHOW'**

**NEW
LOCATION**

JULY 20 / 21



MACKAY TURF CLUB

Ooralea Racecourse

AMX Superstore - Mackay has offered to display the clubs B50 MX in their store. This will provide a great opportunity to promote the BMOA Mackay, plus it will be alongside other Vintage MX Bikes.

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CLUB PROJECT



Built - May 1971



THE B50 MX IS NOW ON DISPLAY AT AMX MACKAY
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