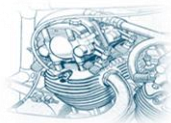


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From the President

Welcome to Issue 3 for 2026. A lot has been happening, and a lot is about to happen, so get ready to jump in and help make our 2026 All Bike Show a roaring success.

On a sad note, we pass on our condolences once again to Joe and Tony Muscat with the recent passing of their Mum, Pauline. As you are aware they lost their dad, Charlie recently so it's a very sad and difficult time for the family.

We recently attended the unveiling of the Mackay Surf Life Saving Clubs (MSLSC) new boat which the club, along with Bob Dumma contributed significant funds towards. It was a great afternoon with all the supporters on hand to christen the new boat. BMOA were very proud to be part of the re-emergence of the Ladies team with their new competitive boat as was Bob. Jenny would be very proud of their involvement. We wish the ladies well in their future competitions, lifesaving and training roles.



The new Boat with new light weight oars as well.

More pics inside.

Once again, the River of Life festival was attended by members to raise public awareness of our club, its activities and to promote the upcoming All Bike Show. The weather was superb and the crowd constant all day. Thanks to Jim, Tim, Skusie, Linsey, Ken and Norm for a great effort on the day and helping to promote the club.

Speaking of the All Bike Show, we are getting closer to the date at a fast pace and Sledge, along with the organisers will very shortly be looking for your names on a list of volunteers. Andy and Skusie will not be available this year to run the bar so we will be looking for a few people with RSA Certificates to put their hands up to organise, stock and run the bar late into the night on Saturday and on the Sunday. If you feel this is you, can you advise me or Sledge ASAP. We will also be looking for members to sleep over on Friday and Saturday nights for security please so once again let me know ASAP if you can do this.

Michelle is working on the All Bike Show promo poster for us once again. I have been sacked from that duty as the poster Michelle came up with last year was far superior and professional compared to my effort. We are also looking at the possibility of pre-registration via a QR code so we should have news on that shortly. Thanks, Michelle, for looking into this for us as well.

Enjoy this issue, and remember, if you have a story to tell, talk to us and get your name in print.

Cheers

Bernie.

Member Profile:

Lucky Keizer.

Continuing on from our previous issue where we touched on Lucky's Underwater Motorbike, we now delve a bit deeper into Lucky's past and what makes this bloke tick.

Lucky is one of those mostly self-taught fellas that has had a crack at many things throughout his interesting life and has no plans to ease up yet. From riding bikes at a very young age, to grass track, speedway, drag bikes, dirt track, land speed records, crazy bike concepts to even working on repairs to the King and Queens carriage and attending Sturgis with John Rooth, (Roothy), this bloke has done it all.



Lucky was born in Dubbo in 1950. His dad employed concreter's who rode AJS motorbikes to work so from about age 5 his interest was piqued. His first bike, an Ariel 600 came at the age of 7 and by the age of 11 he had been fined for speeding on a pram.

At 16 he was competing at Speedway and Grass Track which continued on into his 30's. Also there was Dirt Track and later on Drag Bikes.

Lucky has had about 20 bikes or more over the years with his favourite being a 1962 Triton and if he could have any bike today, he stipulates that it would still be the Triton.



It was in 1968 or 69 that the Rebels Bike Club in Brisbane was doing a recruitment ride, so the Dubbo Chapter came into existence with Lucky being an original founding member.

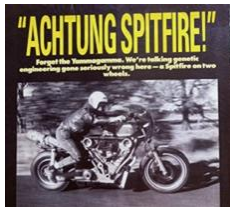


The Dubbo Duo.

Spiritual Guidance or what??

Lucky has always possessed an inventive mind and has always been interested in anything mechanical so a mechanical trade it was and later on a self-taught Blacksmith and run a blacksmithing business in Dubbo. His Blacksmith skills came to the fore in 1975 when a Mr. Jim Freckleton was working on a carriage for the Queen and approached Lucky with the requirement to do some heat treating and straightening of the axles on the Royal Carriage. Just one more unusual item in the long list of unusual projects.

Speaking of Projects, one that will come to everyone's mind that knows Lucky, is the V-Twin 5000cc Merlin.



Carved from a World War 2 era fighter plane engine. This bike first appeared in 1982 and has evolved over the years with Lucky displaying the beast a couple of times at Shows in the USA and once at a Show in Germany, and of course in many places in Oz and a regular showpiece at our very own All Bike Show.



Lucky tells us that he was once approached at an event by the legendary Sir Allan Cathcart who asked if he could ride the Merlin and Lucky replied with a firm "No". He relates that Sir Allan was very indignant and responded with "I am Sir Allan Cathcart you know." It did not phase Lucky at all, and Sir Allan has NOT ridden the Merlin.

A land speed record was set at Lake Gairdner in 2000 with the 302 V8 powered Streamliner reaching 204MPH.



At the SG1000 an Australian record was set at 250KPH on a FZR1000.



Not the FZR but Lucky getting in some practice at an early age. With all the appropriate safety gear of course.

Lucky lived up to his name when at 151 MPH he went over the handlebars on a speedway bike at the Bonneville Salt Flats while attempting another record. He ended up in hospital very badly banged up but due to health insurance issues in the USA, could not afford to stay at the hospital so Ron Stayt picked him up from the hospital and he had to suffer it at the Motel.



Maybe not the exact bike, but you get the drift.





Lucky doing what Lucky does.



Hard work, passion and patience has been rewarded.

Listed below are some of the bikes that Lucky has owned over the years.

AJS 500 G80, Norton ES2, Model 7 Norton Twin, Ariel Red Hunter, 1968 Bultaco El Bendito 360, Velocette MSS 500, WLA Harley Davidson (3 of), a WLC Canadian and a WLU. Ariel 600 Side Valve, BSA Bantam, of course the 1962 Triton and currently the 2006 Triumph Bonneville T100.



Lucky moved to Makay some 20 years ago and it was at a do at the Rebels Club House that he met June. June was at the time a member of the Southern Cross Club. It's a good thing that June rides bikes, understands bikes and the passion that goes with them and has a good idea of what makes blokes like Lucky tick when it comes to bikes, otherwise he would be a tough act to follow.

Lucky tells us that he just loves tinkering, enjoys the club rides and sees motorcycle riding as a Natural Adrenalin Drug.

Keep at it Gyro Gearloose as we look forward to more surprises to come.

Bernie.



Snap Shot

Spencer motorcycle



Brisbane made Spencer motorcycles:

David Spencer in 1870 crafted a distinctly Australian racing bike by hand from locally cast parts in the first decade of the twentieth century. It is believed that the Spencer Motorcycles made in Brisbane were the first wholly Australian designed and made motorcycle, if not the first, they are as far we know the earliest surviving examples.

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These unique skills are confirmed by the quality of cedar and bronze patterns for casting crankcases, flywheels, cylinders and heads, carburettors and frame lugs that survive to this day. Spencer, also made from scratch his own control levers, petrol taps and oil pumps, machining and assembling the motorcycles himself. He took pride in his work with all Spencer parts numbered and stamped with his name.



BMOA Donates to help the Homeless.

The British Motorcycle Owners Association Mackay recently donated \$1000 in food vouchers to the Food Services division of the Orange Sky Laundry Service to assist with supplying meals to the Homeless community in Mackay.

Our funds are generated through our yearly All Bike Show, which in turn is made possible through our supporters and sponsors and then in turn put back into the community.

The Food Providers volunteer their time to provide this service and BMOA are proud to be able to assist them for the second time.

Seen below is our Treasurer Mr. David Catchpole, handing over the vouchers to Lisa Jamieson (R) and Robyn Billings (L), who were kind enough to attend our meeting and tell us about the service they provide and accept the donation.



Congratulations to Orange Sky, the Food Providers, and all the dedicated, compassionate volunteers who contribute to these organisations.

Blast from the Past

Far Western Ride 2011



AMX Superstores Mackay

AMX Superstores Mackay recently held an open afternoon and put on a show and shine as well. I went along for a few of reasons. One being, support those who support you. Two, meet the new manager, and three, there were motorbikes. Bob has moved South to look after a store down there and Jasmine Dacome is now heading up the Mackay Store. Jasmine has approached BMOA regarding possible greater support of our All Bike Show so it was timely to attend the open day and have a chat.



It was great to see a rather large turnout of bikes on display out front, especially being a work day afternoon. Jasmine indicated that they are looking to run these afternoons monthly so next time there

is one on I highly recommend that you head on down and say gooday. There was a sausage sizzle going on along with water and soft drinks available. If you purchase something in store then you get a raffle ticket so good value all round.



Of particular interest was Ciaron's 1996 117 Cu in EVO SMS Road King with a Turbo Charger. The pipework on this beast was superb and he assures me that it goes as well as it looks. Ciaron is looking to enter the Road King in our All Bike Show and I assured him it would be a most welcome entrant.



After mingling with some of the bike owners it was good to get some great feedback on our All Bike Show and pleaseing to see quite a few advising that they were entering there machines come August.



There was some fancy craftmanship went into setting this up.



A fun part of the arvo was when Mike from over the road at Mackay Motorcycles, capitalised on the ready made crowd and rode over on various bikes from their display stock and did a few laps inside the fenced area and headed back over the road to get something else. Good on ya Mike. Never let a chance go by.

After attending the Mackay Kawasaki open day and show and shine and now AMX Superstores Mackay open afternoon and show, it's great to see the local motorbike fraternity turning up and throwing there support behind these local businesses. Enjoyable outings and a great way to meet likeminded people.

Well done Jasmine and AMX.

Bernie

River of Life Festival



Good location this year but Norm walked the whole of Mackay seeking ear plugs as we were right near the bands.

The only non British Bike there but attracted all the Mums and Dads in with the kids for a photo shoot and hence the opportunity to promote the All Bike Show to them.



Lucky dropped in to say goodbye. Must want to feature in this issue more than once.



New Ducati Formula 73

The Formula 73 reinterprets a Ducati icon. The historic 750 Super Sport livery, original logo and exclusive details like the coloured frame and Termignoni silencer with gold band all give shape to a legacy that continues to strike a chord. Formula 73 combines style, character and riding pleasure. A faithful interpretation of the Café Racer spirit, complete with semi-handlebar mirrors, front fairing and tapered tail, a single seat, steel trellis frame and 17-inch spoked wheels. Formula 73 offers more than a motorcycling experience it's a full sensory journey.

Tech spec

Displacement	803 cc (49cu in)
Power	73 hp (53,7 kw) @ 8.250 rpm
Torque	65,2 Nm (6,6 kgm, 48 lb ft) @ 7,000 rpm
Wet weight no fuel	183 kg (403 lb)
Seat height	808 mm (31.8 in)

Campfire Damper

Ingredients

450g self-raising flour

¼ tsp salt

180ml milk (if too dry, add a bit more)

1 tsp caster sugar

80g chilled butter

Extra flour, if needed



Method

Mix flour salt and sugar together in a bowl. Rub the butter into the flour with your finger tips until it looks like breadcrumbs.

Add milk slowly and mix to form a soft dough.

Knead lightly on a floured board until smooth. Shape into a round loaf, brush with milk and cut a cross in the top surface of the dough.

Grease tin foil and dust with flour. Add bread dough and wrap.

Place in the coals of the fire and let it bake for about 30 minutes.

To test if it's done, tap the loaf and it should sound hollow. Cut into moderately thick slices and serve while still warm, topped with butter, golden syrup or your favourite jam.

You can add a variety of ingredients to damper for a different flavour, such as dessicated coconut, cinnamon, sultanas or extra sugar for a sweeter bread.

Serves 4

The Mackay Surf Life Savers Club Boat Launch.



The supporters.



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sides of the boat.



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Put this date in your calendars.

Was a great day last year and being only 2 weeks before our All Bike Show, it's a great promo opportunity for our club. Would like to see more than just the usual 4 or 5 people turning up. Get behind your club.



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For those interested.

Please be advised, the annual Veteran and Vintage Motorcycle Club of SA (V&VMCCSA) **Motorcycle Only** Swap meet is being held again this year on Sunday October 4, 2026, at the Balhannah Combined Sports Oval, 109 Onkaparinga Valley Road, Balhannah, SA 5242.

This event will be the 25th running of the Club's Swap meet with all motorcycle clubs, their members and associated vendors invited to attend. If you wish to promote your club or motorcycle/scooter only related business on the day with a site, you are encouraged to do so but sites are only available on a first come first serve basis. No booking required.

Cost of entry is, Sellers/Clubs \$15 which includes 1 x Person with additional persons \$5 each. Buyers \$5 per person, children 12 and under are free. No dogs please.

Sellers admitted from 630am. Buyers from 7am.

Overnight accommodation is available on site in the adjacent Council Operated RV camping area but again, this is on a first come first serve basis. No Booking possible. No Fires.

The Swap meet Committee would appreciate if this invitation is formally distributed among your members and for more information contact myself on 0439039904 or email: rny997@iinet.net.au

Regards,

Michael Griffin

V&VMCCSA Swap meet Committee



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