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Hello Everyone,

What an Excellent AGM! Congratulations to Bill Rice who was the main organiser and is now our President. If Bill runs the Club as well as he ran the AGM weekend the Club is in good hands. This issue has Bill's report, AGM Minutes, some photos of the AGM by me, articles by Cheryl Cole and Helen Newton, and an update on Red Plates from Anthony Wright. For those who were at the AGM, unfortunately we didn't win a brass Razoo on the Lotto!

REgards  
Margaret Coan

**A REPORT ON THE GATHERING AT TAREE ON 16, 17 & 18 FEBRUARY 2007**

by William Rice

In order to cover the weekend effectively, and so as not to confuse the reader, I will give four reports on the weekend in Taree.

As you were aware the Cundle Motel was the venue chosen as our headquarters and at this point I must acknowledge that it was Fred Garland's idea that this was the ideal location. I must also say at this point that Richard and Beck who manage the motel went out of their way to offer us an attractive package and all agreed they delivered the goods. Thank you Richard and Beck for a weekend we will all remember fondly for many years to come. The first guests, Steve Hill, David and Karen Barber and Terry and Margaret Tricker arrived on Thursday and I was there to greet them.

From then onwards, and indeed for the remainder of the weekend, Fred was kept busy with repairs and advice and soon became known as the Mr. Fix-it of the Club. It was after lunch on Friday when the majority arrived. Richard and Beck gave us the full use of the air conditioned Conference Room for our office for the weekend so as the members arrived they signed on at the Royal Enfield Club office, picked up their information package with maps etc and then booked in to their rooms. All present were asked to meet at 6pm outside the office to be picked up by a bus and taken to the Leagues Club for a BBQ and drinks. Our thanks go to Stewart & Judy Handsaker and Max Salter for their work in making that night a great success.

## THE RALLY ON SATURDAY

After a hearty breakfast all riders were asked to line up their machines in front of "Lilli Pilli's" the Motel Restaurant. At that point the arranged media arrived: two separate TV crews from Prime and NBN and a reporter/photographer from the Manning River Times, our local paper.



Part of the line up outside Cundle Motor Lodge

After the interviews were conducted and the photos taken the Marshals for the day were called in to the Club office for a briefing on the days ride. After the briefing the rest of the riders were divided into groups, introduced to their respective Marshals, and were briefed on the first leg of the Rally, Cundletown to Forster.



Anthony Wright – Treasurer & Public Officer

We had a short break in Forster, were briefed on the second leg of the Rally, then it was off to Krambach via Nabic again in the same order and at the same intervals as before.



Krambach



Bob Young, Frank Elliott, Allan Buckland, Neil Weir, Neil Kell & Bill Rice

From Krambach through Tinonee and on to the Wingham road stopping at the Brushby Lookout then on to Killabakh Hall for lunch. During the lunch break all participants voted for the bikes of their choice in each of the five classes.

At 9.30 sharp the first group, led by Marshal Fred Garland, was flagged off to be followed at three minute intervals by the other groups led by their Marshals. John McMullen took up the rear position with his break down trailer, which gave the riders that extra sense of security in the case of problems arising.



Killabakh



Our journey back to the Motel took us through Wingham and on to Cundletown via Youngs Road and Cedar Party Road. We put our bikes away and started getting ready for the Meeting in the Conference Room at

6.30pm to be followed by the Dinner and Presentation in Lilli Pillis.



Brushby Lookout

Trophies were presented to:

**Class 100 (Basically The Oldest Bikes)**

Winner: No 104 Craig Jolly

Runner Up: No 106 Roy Taylor

**Class 200 (The next oldest looking bikes)**

Winner: No 201 David Barber

Runner Up: No 204 Max Salter

Special Mention: No 206 Anthony Wright

**Class 300 (The second newest group of bikes)**

Winner: No 304 Ross Joel

Runner Up: No 305 Helen Newton

**Class 400 (The newest bikes)**

Winner: No 401 Ian Coan

Runner Up: No 409 Bob Turner

Special Mention: No 402 Cheryl Cole

**Class 500 (The non Royal Enfields)**

Winner: No 506 Roger Anderson (Douglas)

Runner Up: No 503 Neil Kell (BSA)

**The Very Dead Rubber Chook Award**

Winner: No 407 Leon Griffith (for his daring ride to West Wyalong)

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm in the Conference Room of the Cundle Motel. The caretaker executive of W. Rice, R Taylor and A. Wright reported on the activities of the Club since incorporation then vacated the chair. Graham Nelson was elected Returning Officer and called for nominations for the new executive. W. Rice was elected President, R. Taylor was elected Secretary and A. Wright elected Treasurer. The minutes of the meeting will be featured elsewhere in the Newsletter.

## THE SUNDAY RIDE

Briefing was again at 9am and the riders were allocated to their Marshals. The first group, again under the care of Fred Garland, was flagged off at 9.30 followed by the other groups in three minute intervals. We rode along the Cundletown to Lansdowne Road turning at Melinga for Upper Lansdowne, our first stop. After a short break we continued through Central Lansdowne, on a short stretch of gravel road, in to Lansdowne then on to Coopernook where the hall committee had a morning tea waiting. After morning tea it was back along the Pacific Highway to the Cundle Motel. The weekend finished with a sausage sizzle kindly prepared for us while we were away by Ted Hill of the Taree Vintage Motorcycle Club. Without the help of Ted and the other Taree Club members, Frank Elliott, Bob Young, Neil Kell, Neil Weir, Allan Buckland and Alan Hunt I could not have run the rides.

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### **MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT – RED PLATES** by Anthony Wright

I have just received a call from our Club Red Plate Scrutineer, Derek Pickard, who has advised me that as from today, the Club has Red Plate status in Victoria.

Victorian members will be able to use red number plates on any motorcycles they own that are over 25 years old, and even use them at Club events interstate.

It is hoped that this Club feature will spread interstate - all we need is volunteers to be the Scrutineer in each state.

Please do not insult Derek by trying to get a '90's Enfield registered on the cheap by pretending it is old; the scheme exists to allow members to use their old bikes (any brand over 25 years old) at Club events.

Derek is a regular attendee at our monthly meetings, where unregistered machines can be brought along (with a permit) so that he can scrutinize them before granting red-plate status. Red number plates cost less than \$100 p.a.

This is a major leap forward for RECOA Inc, and I wish to thank and congratulate Derek on this fantastic move forward. In less than 12 months, we have incorporated, we have 110 members, we have Red Plate status (just in VIC at this stage), and we have just held our 4<sup>th</sup> AGM, this time in Taree.

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## OUR 2 AGM LADY RIDERS – Cheryl Cole & Helen Newton



My name is **CHERYL COLE**. I'm 55 years old. I've been nursing in Central Australia for 25 years as a Remote Nurse and now in Paediatrics. Jeff's passion is motor bikes and every weekend he'd take off with the blokes on their Enfields to do their bloke thing. In January 2006 "out of the blue" I decided to do my MB licence. So, through Alice Springs M.E.T.A.L., I did the Beginners, Intermediate and Advance Courses and got

my license to ride a 500cc motor bike in 8 weeks in the N.T. Never-the-less, I was the weakest link amongst the 8 students who successfully completed the course. But, I did it.

My previous experience was to drive a Honda 350 from Rotorua to Taupo in N.Z. and back in 1974.

My decision to choose the Enfield (Electra) was that Jeff and I could squat under the gum tree in our backyard and do all the blokey things to the bikes that blokes do.

Believe me, blokes know more about the Enfields than they do about women!!! Once I got my licence I bought the Enfield as a birthday present to myself in April 2006 (Aries). My goal was always to attend the Enfield AGM in Taree in February 2007 and 2 weeks from leaving ASP on 3 February 2007 to 16 February 2007 here I am, 4,500 kms later, surrounded by blokes talking about wing nuts improving the air filter system etc. etc. Where are we girls?

Its not just the ride (and all your survival instincts), its the bits and pieces that make up the ride.



### HELEN NEWTON:

At the 2004 Sydney Motorbike show I had a revelation - it was time to get off the pillion seat and onto the front! Until then I was quite content to sit behind Mick on our Virago but something snapped as I wandered around checking out all the bikes and I decided I was missing out on the best part.



I began with a little retro looking Suzuki 250 which was a great learner bike but I outgrew it in a couple of months and started looking around for the next one. About the same time I also started reading Mick's bike magazines (well looking at the pictures) and came across Graham's RE advertisement. I decided there and then, based on looks alone, that I wanted a Royal Enfield.

And so began a love/hate relationship with my Bullet who I affectionately call Reb - short for Royal Enfield Bullet. Many of you have shared my ups and downs and oil spills along the way. Lucky he's good lookin' because that's all that saved him a few times early on. His charm and character managed to outweigh his problems. I call him my "old man magnet". He is yet to attract the attention of anyone younger than my husband!

It didn't take long for Mick to catch the bug and he upgraded!?? From the Virago to an Electra (we call him Rex) about a year ago. There are now four Enfields in the stable - I can't wait to get on the Flea. We are coffee shop cruisers and the Bullets are great fun - that's all that matters really (when your husband handles all the maintenance).

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**OF THE ROYAL ENFIELD CLUB OF AUSTRALIA Inc.**  
**HELD AT CUNDLE MOTOR LODGE**  
**ON 17 FEBRUARY 2007**

Meeting commenced at 6.33pm

Chair: Bill Rice, Anthony Wright and Roy Taylor

Bill Rice: This club was started off by Anthony Wright establishing a Club on the internet and this club grew and was incorporated on 5 June 2006 and became the Royal Enfield Club of Australia Inc. Prior to that it was a loosely run group operating a Yahoo group on the internet and we were members of an ad hoc group. Bearing in mind there is a distinct difference between the 2 groups, from 2006 under the Incorporations Act we have to go through formal procedures. We appointed a care-taker committee of Anthony Wright, Roy Taylor and myself to do this. The care-taker executive has got you this far.

We need to formally open a bank account in the name of the Royal Enfield Club of Australia Inc. and that a cheque book be attached to that account and that payments be made by cheque with the signature of the Treasurer and one of the other 2 Executive Members, all payments by cheque. The Club has to get a receipt book and all monies coming in be receipted. It is a requirement under the Constitution.

Currently Anthony has been able to work the club at a very low cost to our group. If you are going to have a cheque situation it will cost extra money as the bank will charge fees. It will in fact mean that your fees for the Club will probably rise. Regardless, it is a legal requirement that we do it in a formal way as per the Incorporations Act, and that we have a cheque account from where payments can be made. All money has been through Anthony's account. We need to move away from that situation and get an account of our own.

Discussion followed:

**Motion: All payments by cheque where practicable, receipt book, and that all income be receipted.**

Moved by Garry Eyles and seconded by Roy Taylor.

This Motion was passed with a majority.

6.43pm All positions were declared vacant.

Graham Nelson was appointed Returning Officer

**Nominations for President:**

Anthony Wright nominated BILL RICE. This was seconded by Ian Coan.

BILL RICE was elected President unopposed.

**Nominations for Secretary:**

Bill Rice nominated ROY TAYLOR. This was seconded by Craig Jolly.

ROY TAYLOR was elected Secretary unopposed.

**Nominations for Treasurer:**

Craig Jolly nominated ANTHONY WRIGHT. This was seconded by David Pickersgill.

ANTHONY WRIGHT was elected Treasurer unopposed.

**Nominations for Public Officer:**

David Pickersgill nominated ANTHONY WRIGHT. This was seconded by Eric Fisher.

ANTHONY WRIGHT was elected Public Officer unopposed.

**Nominations for Auditor:**

Ian Coan nominated CRAIG JOLLY. This was seconded by Chris Seares.

CRAIG JOLLY was elected Auditor unopposed.

Bill Rice: Thanks for the vote of confidence.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

1) **Membership fees for the coming year**

Current membership expires on 30 June 2007. A decision has to be made as to how our membership should be from 1 July 2007. Our membership currently is \$25p.a. and we have 110 financial members.

**Motion: Do we want to keep Membership fee at \$25pa?**

Moved: Bob Turner Seconded by Fred Garland.

Before vote was taken there was further discussion and the motion amended:

**Motion: Do we want to raise the Membership fee to \$30pa?**

Moved: Terry Freeman Seconded by Eric Fisher.

It was decided to discuss the financial position of the Club prior to voting.

2) **Financial Position of Club**

There was discussion about the financial state of the Club.

Anthony advised that there are 2 Financial Statements - one prior to Incorporation and one since. Anthony tabled the Financial Report to 26/6/06 (Incorporation) (which has previously been available on the Club site).

**Motion: To accept the first Financial Report?**

Moved: Craig Jolly Seconded by Graham Nelson

Motion carried

**Motion: To accept Financial Statement from 26 June 2006 to 13 February 2007?**

Anthony Wright provided the following figures

Income: \$7,706.70 Expenditure: \$7,564.95

There is still \$705 in club money.

Balance as at 13.2.07 is \$1,566.68.

Craig Jolly asked if there were any outstanding bills.

Anthony said that \$300 was owed to Charlie, and \$20 was owed to Anthony. There are also expenses from this AGM still to be deducted. Craig Jolly moved to accept as read the report and he will give an audited report in about 1 month over the club site and we will be able to reconcile the figures. The outstanding debts are to be paid. This report will also go out via the newsletter.

**3) Membership fees for the coming year**

**Motion: To Increase the Club fees to \$30 p.a.**

Moved: G. Eyles Seconded by Terry

22 members were in favour 7 were against.

Motion carried

This topic can be discussed at the next AGM when we will be more informed as to the Club's financial position.

**4) Historic Club Plates in NSW**

This is an expensive procedure. Do we want to go ahead with that?

**Motion: We seek recognition from the RTA that we be recognised as a club that qualifies for historic plates**

Moved: Bill Rice Seconded by Garry Eyles

Motion carried

**5) Where is the next AGM to be held in 2008?**

Anthony Wright said Gordon Stevens from Tasmania has offered to do it. He would be helped by Tassie Bob. They are very keen. It would be up to them to decide the date and place of the AGM. 18 people from this AGM said they would definitely go to the next AGM if held in Tasmania (plus there would be all the Tasmanian members as well).

**Motion: That the next AGM be held in 2008 in Tasmania?**

Moved: Bill Rice Seconded: Graham Nelson

Motion carried

Meeting Closed at 7.15pm

## Financial Report 240606

For the purposes of simplicity, we shall start with a zero balance on APR 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006. There was some money in the account before that date, which was postal members money and Nil's money for a shirt. So from the start of the Benevolent Fund and RECOA INC Project, we start with zero on APR 3<sup>rd</sup> 2006. The bank statements are available on request (send a SSAE), and will also be available at the AGM.

Income        **\$2,140.21**

Liabilities    \$300 C Tizzard  
                  \$ 20 A Wright  
                  **\$320 TOTAL**

Expenditure \$41.79 Whiskey G. Nelson (Benelovent Fund) 260406  
                  \$180 Patches – 1<sup>st</sup> batch 050506  
                  \$52.50 Consumer Affairs – Incorporation Fee 310506  
                  \$180 Patches – 2<sup>nd</sup> batch 090606  
                  \$ 177.54 Insurance Cover till 1 OCT 06 210606  
                  \$29.45 Union Jack & "Old Bike" gifts 4 REJKT 240606  
                  **\$661.28 TOTAL**

Benevolent Fund 71 members x \$5 = \$355 less \$41.79 Whiskey = \$313.21

2007 AGM Deposits: 25 people, 17 bookings, **\$400** .

### **Money in the bank at 240606 = \$1,528.93**

\$1,528 - \$400 AGM money, - \$313.21 Benevolent Fund = \$815.72 Club Funds available for the Club. Once the big insurance bill (for twelve months) is paid in OCT 2006, if there is money left, I shall pay the liabilities off.

This figure is accurate within \$40. Mr Geoff Green (accountant) will audit the Club's finances before the 2007 AGM, so that everything adds up properly.

Everything that goes in and out is on the bank statements, and the account is used only for RECOA INC.

I cannot do a figure for 300606 as I will be away on holidays.

Anthony Wright  
Public Officer

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## **STOP PRESS:**

Indian Enfield **STOLEN** from Mosman Park, Perth, on 25th / 26th February, 2007 (See attached photo):

Bike - Enfield Bullet 500

Year - 1995

Colour - Black w/ Gold details (Tank has "Enfield" decals / Toolboxes have "Bullet 500" decals)

Engine No. - 5B54379D

Frame No. - 5B54379D

Carb - Mikuni 32mm w/ Aluminium Bellmouth (Velocity Stack) attached with rubber sleeve

Exhaust - Standard, but internal baffle in muffler replaced with perforated steel pipe

Front Wheel - 21" Alloy Rim w/ Alloy Guard

Rear Wheel - 18" Alloy

Rear Shocks - Hagons

Rear Sub-Frame - "Sari Guard" removed and replaced with Cro-Mo fabrication

Handlebars - Flatter & wider than standard

Seat - Original, but reshaped and re-upholstered

Ignition - Boyer Powerbox

Coil - Replaced with PVL Coil in Toolbox

Sprocket - 19T



### **From Eoin Christie (expat, based in Equatorial Guinea)**

A mate of mine here in Perth bought the sister bike to my Bullet not long after I got mine (back in 2000). They were 2 of 3 1995 Indian Bullet 500's brought out to Perth in a private import. Now some @\$%&\*@# has stolen his from his house. It was taken in the wee hours, and involved a fair bit of manhauling to get it out through a gate via a carport (ie someone knew it was there, and that was all they took).

Information placed on the Police Dept's stolen vehicles register in WA is not transferred to that of other States (which particular Ice Age are those Govt. bodies living in?), meaning that there is no problem in shipping stolen vehicles over East and re-registering them over there. We're kind of guessing that whoever took it stuffed up, as (a) they wouldn't have known how to start it or ride it (unless they were Britbikers) and (b) if they did it for money, they probably seriously misunderstood and overestimated the market.

Can you please advise all of those (financial) members of the Enfield Club to be on the watch out for either the complete bike, or dubious offerings of parts thereof?

OK members, keep your eyes peeled – it's gotta turn up somewhere.

Let's find it, and send the thieves for a holiday.