

30 October, 2022

The Last Hurrah

October's Motorcycle Only run was substituted for a movie matinee. Twelve of us (Alan & Pam Stork, Bohdan & Mandy K, Alan & Dawn E, David Ca, John E, David Co, Robert & Helen T and Damien C) turned up at the Regent Cinemas, Ballarat to see the screening of The Last Hurrah, a motorcycle film.

Member, John Esnouf very kindly agreed to do the write-up for us. Thank you, John.

"It was a pleasant Sunday morning in Bendigo when I headed off into "enemy territory" in Ballarat to view the Last Hurrah movie in the grand old Regent theatre.

The Last Hurrah is a film pieced together around the inspirational travels of Des Molloy and his great mate Dick Huurdeman. They had dreamt up an epic ride on single cylinder British motorcycles, a 1965 Panther and a 1954 Norton (of all the bikes in the world that they could have picked from they chose these, hmmm). Their journey commenced in Beijing and headed to Arnhem in Holland via some of the most challenging countries and roads in the world - as you do!

The trip included traversing Mongolia, riding along the Karakoram Highway in Pakistan, and riding through Iran - all in a tight 3 month time schedule.

Madness is a word that immediately springs to mind, but it was far from that, and the adventures and misadventures that beset them along the way made for a fascinating story.

In the entertaining and illuminating Q&A session after the film Des claimed to be nothing other than 'an ordinary person' - but in fact he is very far from that, and to this day continues riding the old Panther (named Penelope) on crazy journeys. His latest exploit is a monumental trip around Oz that includes your daily rides like along the Birdsville track and beyond.

Not bad for a septuagenarian and a nearing 60 year old bike.

Get ready for his next book and maybe film?

For those of you who missed this film I believe that it is available on the interthingy where you can download a copy (maybe with the help of a teenager for some of us). <https://www.kahukupublishing.com/>

The Last Hurrah was a truly inspirational story that I believe will inspire many others to challenge themselves also.

Also, I think it is time for Des to rename the Panther to 'Dame Penelope' in honour of her services to motorcycling.

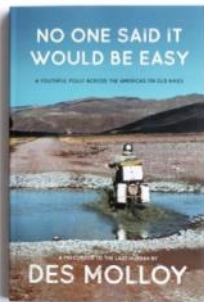
And of course as a footnote to my quick trip to Ballarat, I was subjected to a Booze Bus ritual on the way out of town (which is actually something that I wholeheartedly support).

John Esnouf"

A few of us; David Co, Alan and Dawn E, Alan and Pam Stork, stopped in at the Sporting Globe for a cuppa after the movie. We had a leisurely drink and chat, and as we were leaving, it began to bucket down rain. All in all, it was a very pleasant afternoon, and we would like to thank everyone who supported CRD on the day.

**See you all on the 13th of November for our next Combined Run.
Details to be posted ASAP.**

AUTHOR TALK FROM DES MOLLOY





CHRISTMAS BBQ
AT THE STORK'S HOUSE
SUNDAY
11 DECEMBER, 2022



With the unprecedented wet conditions expected to continue until January 2023, Alan and Pam regret to announce we have to cancel the Christmas BBQ event at our home.

*Our driveways and paddocks are currently submerged.
We have two vehicles we cannot get out of sheds,
and we are bogging vehicles in our front drive, as well!*

We will find an alternative activity for the day
(This could possibly be an evening meal at a pub)

Full Details To Be Posted ASAP



Next Combined Run
Sunday 13 November, 2022
Details To Be Posted ASAP

With the forecast continuation of inclement weather, we will probably just do a short run to a local pub for lunch. We had planned to do a navigation run, but can't see that it would be ideal, given the condition of the roads, and the expectation of further heavy rains in the foreseeable future.





Motorbike Only Rides

Last Sunday of Every Month



Meet at McDonalds, Lucas Town Centre, Ballarat
Arrive 9:30 am

For a coffee and a chat

Ride will depart when everyone is ready to leave

Destinations and Details will be posted prior to the event, if known,

If not, we will decide on the day

All rides are Weather Permitting - Guests/Friends Always Welcome

Please let Alan Stork know if you intend to join us

Mobile: 0401 995 061

Email: classicridesdrivesclub@gmail.com

Web: "Calendar" page RSVP Form

CRD Code of Conduct

To ensure that all members and visitors feel safe and are able to enjoy their time with us, we ask that anyone participating in any event conducted by Classic Rides & Drives Club Inc. follow this Code of Conduct:

- Obey all laws at all times, including COVID, road laws and Club Permit Scheme rules
- Any vehicle participating in a club event should be safe for road use
- Participants should ride/drive within the limits of their capabilities, weather conditions, etc.
- Be respectful to all participants and the public
- Never put anyone or anything at risk by behaving in an unsafe or reckless manner
- Never behave in a manner that would be deemed to bring disrepute to the club

Guidelines for Participating in a CRD Club Run

If the participating numbers are large (more than 10 vehicles), the run will be conducted with a Leader and a Back Marker. These two participants will have mobile phones and each other's phone number to enable contact in case of any problems or emergencies.

Slower moving vehicles can cause the dynamics of a run to fail. If for any reason you do not wish to, or your vehicle is not capable of travelling at a maximum speed of 100 kph, tell the Leader before departing. We are happy to accommodate by splitting the run into various groups, each with a Leader and Back Marker. The slower group will always leave last, and the first group (usually bikes only, followed by cars) will always wait for them when re-grouping.

If you would rather travel at your own pace, or take your own route, and then meet up with the group at the final destination, or some other point along the way, that's fine. Just make sure the Leader and Back Marker know before the group leaves the departure point

Remember: You are participating in a fun group event, NOT a race

It is a delicate operation to keep a moving group together, especially when traffic is heavy. Everything that can be done, will be done to ensure no one is "lost" on a run, but it is up to each participant to follow these basic guidelines and respect their fellow travellers:

- **NO PARTICIPANT SHOULD EVER OVERTAKE THE RUN LEADER**
- **MOTORCYCLISTS CAN MARK CORNERS ONLY IF THERE ARE NO CARS PARTICIPATING**
- Always arrive at the departure point on time with a **full tank of fuel**. If your vehicle has a limited fuel range, let the Leader know so that they can accommodate your needs
- When travelling in a group, **ALWAYS** keep the participating rider/driver behind you in your **rear-view mirror**. This may mean slowing down, and even stopping if necessary
- If you see that the vehicle immediately behind you **fails to proceed/disappears from sight**, pull over to a safe spot and wait. The rest of the group and Back Marker will eventually catch up and stop as well. This should cause a chain reaction (known as the "Rubber Band" effect) that should bring the Leader to a halt. The Leader will be updated by phone by the Back Marker. The group should proceed again once the situation is under control
- In the event of a **break-down**, or emergency, pull over to a safe place and wait for the Back Marker to arrive. Explain your situation, and that person will do what is required to provide assistance and to notify the Leader - **Please do not pull over unnecessarily. Only the Back Marker is required to stop to assist**
- If you have to **pull out of the run** for any reason and cannot wait until you reach the next re-grouping point, wave the vehicle behind on, and leave a message with the Back Marker to advise you are not proceeding but are not in need of assistance. **Do not overtake the run leader to depart group as this is dangerous and causes confusion**
- If you take a **wrong turn, or miss a corner**, try to re-join the group in a safe manner, or leave a phone message with the Leader or Back Marker. You will have a run sheet, if possible, do your best to reach the destination or the next stopping point. If not possible, please let either the Leader or Back Marker know your situation and if you require assistance
- If you see the **vehicle behind you take a wrong turn, keep going**. If they apply the above guideline, they should be okay. Continue to keep the next participating vehicle in your rear-view mirror
- **Never overtake on the left**, and please show **courtesy when passing** other vehicles

Most Importantly: ENJOY YOURSELF and STAY SAFE

DISCLAIMER:

The Classic Rides & Drives Club Inc will not be liable for any damage, injury or loss caused directly or indirectly by anyone participating in a CRD event/activity, whether to the participant, or to any other party. Participants will fully indemnify and hold the club harmless in connection with all claims arising from such damage, injury or loss.

Child Protection Policy: Any child participating in a CRD event will be under supervision of their parent/guardian at all times.

Classic Rides & Drives Club Inc



2022

Don't miss out on the fun,
stick this calendar on your
fridge.

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Second Sunday of Month = Combined Club Runs

Last Sunday of Month = Motorcycle Only Runs

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Note: March, May and June Combined Club Runs have been shifted so as
not to clash with Long Weekends and Mothers Day

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Note: Sunday 14 August = Annual General Meeting/Combined Club Run

December's Motorcycle Only Run will be Tuesday 27 December = Boxing Day Public Holiday

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We're here for a good time

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**Note: December's Motorcycle Only Run will be conducted on
Tuesday 27 December, 2022 - Boxing Day Public Holiday**