

HMCCQ Life Membership Nomination for Mr Ross Rieschieck of the Toowoomba Area.

1. Length of active membership

Ross Rieschieck joined the HMCCQ in Brisbane in 1997 and during that time he attended meetings and contributed positively to the Brisbane area. He is always eager to provide technical and mechanical assistance to other members in the restoration and ongoing maintenance of their historic motor cycles. During his time in Brisbane, Ross was the HMCCQ delegate on the Combined Council. When Ross moved to Goombungee, in 2003, he and Donna-Maree were sadly missed in Brisbane as demonstrated by the following extract from the Club magazine:

“We take this opportunity to say farewell to Donna Maree and Ross Rieschieck who are moving from the Brisbane area to Toowoomba. Their contribution to the area has been immensely appreciated and they will be sorely missed. All I can say is Toowoomba you are gaining two wonderful members”. Signed Keith & Jackie (Clatworthy editors). (Editorial page 4 Paragraph 2 of the Official Journal of The Historical Motor Cycle Club of Queensland Inc. December 2003 Volume 33 no 11.)

2. Contributions to running the Club

From 2013 to 2016, Ross officiated as the HMCCQ President providing strong and fair leadership throughout; resolving issues of the Club’s taxation, insurance and other ongoing management activities. He attended area meetings during his presidency and became well known as an attentive listener when concerns were raised and was willing to look into issues. Prior to becoming president of HMCCQ, Ross provided the same effective leadership in the Toowoomba Area as Chairman.

From 2003 to 2006 Ross chaired the subcommittee for the HMCCQ’s 35 years anniversary celebrations. He steered the group through organising the 35 years anniversary rally, which was run over two weeks. The dual hub event, which was attended by over 100 entrants, took extensive time and effort to arrange and Ross was effective in coordinating the

team throughout the many challenges involved. The rally was highly successful and during the event many strong links and friendships were formed within the HMCCQ and with people from interstate clubs.

This event put the HMCCQ “on the map” across Australia as a highly organised and popular provider of motor cycling events, amongst many other Australian Historical Motor Vehicle Clubs. Attendees came from Western Australia, South Australia, New South Wales and Victoria, as well as from the HMCCQ’s areas. The lasting links that were forged have resulted in extensive opportunities for exchange of ideas, resources and knowledge for members throughout the Australian Historical Motor Cycle fraternity.

3. History of contributing to Club events

Ross is an avid attendee of HMCCQ events of all varieties. He attends intra area rallies whenever he has no other commitments and is known for riding historical motorcycles of all varieties. He not only restores and maintains his own bikes, he also ensures that wife has a running club eligible bike. Ross and Donna-Maree are renowned for riding bikes from all categories from veteran to the latest Club eligible category. The Rieschieck “stable of motor cycles” is extensive and varied and Ross turns over bikes on a regular basis, giving many others the opportunity to attend rallies on club eligible, rally ready motor cycles.

As well as rallies, Ross attends the many Swap Meets, across the Club and always assists the Toowoomba Area in running the Laidley Swap (and when it was formerly the Gatton Swap). This assistance usually takes the form of arriving early and assisting with marking out sites, attending the gate, and the final clean up. He also provided support to several of the Brisbane Area Swap Meets. Ross will volunteer at events in capacities such as marshalling, taking attendance registrations, assisting with morning teas, meals and back up. He regularly attends the HMCCQ meetings in his area. He also has strong links with Ipswich area and attends meetings there on occasions.

Ross inaugurated one of Club's highly successful events; the MAD Rally. This Rally is in its 14th year and is well known for its family friendly atmosphere, warmth and hospitality (as well as the wonderful dirt road and off road routes). The MAD rally's success prompted the development of several other off road runs, rallies and tours within the other Areas, providing more variety of riding opportunity for members.

Social events in which Ross participates include: Christmas Lunches, anniversary dinners, the annual Combined Area Breakfast Run, Brisbane Area's Chairman's run and he joins in club runs during the weeks in Toowoomba, Brisbane and Ipswich when time is available.

Additionally, Ross has been active in other HMCCQ areas, he participated in the Fraser Coast Area's One Lung Tours and volunteered to marshal at the National Veteran Rally run by the Kingaroy Area. Ross allows his property to be used as a camping site, the meeting place or finishing spot for several club tours.

Recently Ross, began attending Vintage and Veteran rallies both within Queensland and interstate and has attended the Brisbane Area's regularity runs from Mt Alford.

Another attraction for Ross has been the Annual Sunbeam in Oz rallies which the Tambourine Mt. Area now sponsors. This group comprises of interstate members, and is supported & promoted by the Sunbeam Club in England.

Ross's participation in these events enhances the profile for the club on a national and level. When Ross goes to rallies, he proudly displays the HMCCQ regalia, and represents the Club with pride, promoting its values and culture of camaraderie. He has travelled across the county, attending events from Perth to Darwin and in all other states.

4. History of active participation

This brief overview highlights Ross's involvement in the HMCCQ. There are numerous examples of his dedication to the principles of the Club and his application in applying these values. He has been extremely active in the club and continues to be supportive of all Club activities.

Whilst he is currently having a well-deserved rest from officiating duties, Ross remains fully involved and committed to the growth, and development of the HMCCQ,

He is highly supportive of the current and future Management Committees. He will share his experiences to assist other members. He appreciates the highlights and challenges of managing the Club and is willing to assist if asked.

It is with great pleasure, therefore that we, the undersigned, present this nomination to the Management Committee for consideration at the upcoming Annual General Meeting 2018.

Graham Ward

Sue Riley

Keith Clatworthy

Donna-Maree Rieschieck

Peter de Jonge
