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In the beginning...

The **Rockhampton HOG** Chapter was formed on the 28th of January 1995. In 1997, the Chapter introduced the current format of the Official Ride held on the 1st Sunday of the month and the Chapter Meeting held on the 3rd Saturday followed by a social night after the meeting. Often there is an impromptu ride that Sunday.

The Chapter has hosted the QLD State Rally on two previous occasions. Firstly in 1998 and then again in 2009 with 100's of bikes from all over Australia and New Zealand heading to Rockhampton for the weekend. We also regularly attend events held by other Chapters. On the local scene, the Chapter gets involved in raising much needed funds for local charities throughout the year by holding or supporting Poker Runs, Toy Rides, Wild Woman Rides etc.

Since 1995, the **Rockhampton Harley Owners Group** membership has grown from just 18 at the 1st ever meeting to a peak of over 150 members. Currently we have around 90 active and financial members. It is not uncommon to have 30+ bikes on Official Rides.

In 2009, just prior to holding the State Rally, the **Rumble Inn** was built at the back of RHD. This is the venue for the monthly meetings and is also open every Friday evening from 5pm till 10pm for Chapter members and their guests to come and socialise at the end of the working week. So if you're interested in joining the Chapter or just passing through, drop in for a cold one with a great bunch of **Rockhampton HOG** members.



From the Editor...

Welcome to the May Issue of the Rockhampton HOG Newsletter.

I hope that between now and the last issue you have been able to be on two wheels at least once! The weather has been absolutely spectacular for it!

There have been a couple of events since the last issue including the Townsville HOG Chapter Challenge and the Monthly Ride. Check out the photos.

If you would like to receive email notification that the latest issue of the Newsletter has been published on the Chapter website www.rockyhog.com, then please email me at editor@rockyhog.com so that I can add you to the mailing list.

For all of our new members, don't forget that the Rumble Inn is open at the back of Rocky Harley Davidson from 5pm till 10pm every Friday night so come along when you can and get to know your fellow Rockhampton HOG members.

Until next time.

Jill



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2012 Rockhampton HOG Chapter Committee



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Keith Patten (Preacher)



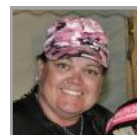
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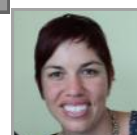
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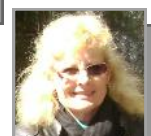
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Ladies of Harley (LOH)

Julie Zornig (Boo Boo) & Chantal Sommerfeld



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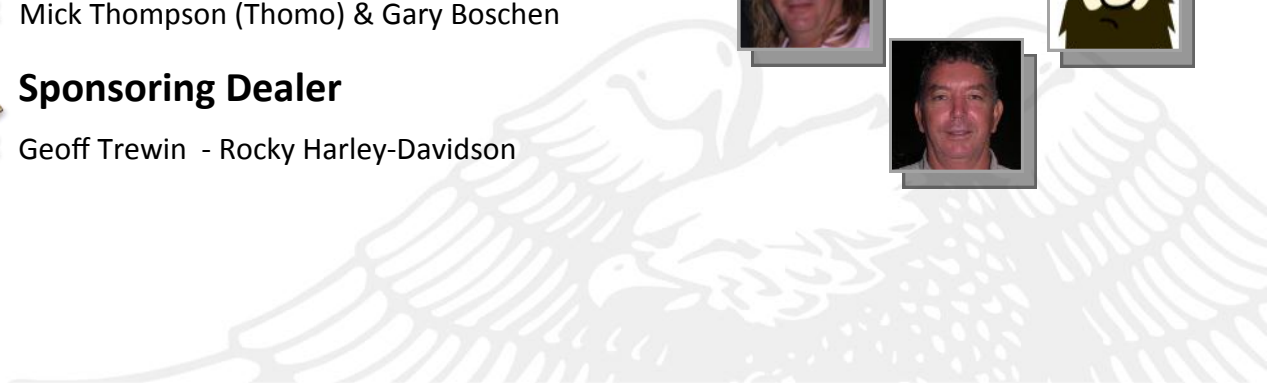
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Director

Keith Patten (Preacher)



It's good to see everyone fitting into their various positions within the Chapter and all is good. Some of the rides of late have been very well represented by the majority of the Members and it's pleasing to see so many smiling faces. This means one thing - we are all riding bikes and having fun. Mission accomplished for myself and our team.

There are many things coming up that I would like to remind you all of. Firstly is the Chapter Challenge at Emerald - this will be the long weekend in June. I have been informed that there will be camping facilities at the Show Grounds and limited Motel accommodation so if you intend moteling it I would suggest that you get in early. I would encourage as many of you as possible to attend because, as in past years, you will have a ball and it's also good practice for the up and coming State and National Rallies .

The next after that is the Canefield Bash in Mackay Saturday 21st July. This I know for a fact you will love as I have been victorious on many occasions at the Canfield Bash, so we again will be looking forward to bringing their trophies back to the Rumble Inn. For both of these Chapter Challenges the Rocky Hog Bus will be going so there will be heaps of room for camping gear, kids and partners who don't want to ride but rather sit in the bus and drink.

I never get tired of saying welcome to all of our new Members and welcome back to some old ones. Please, if you can, make your way to the Rumble Inn on Friday evenings so you can catch up with the rest of us. If you haven't already been told our Club Ride is the first Sunday of every month and we have an informal ride on the third Sunday of the month. The monthly meeting is the third Saturday of every month at 5.30pm at the rear of Rocky Harley (The Rumble Inn). I personally look forward to catching up with you all. If you have any questions or problems, please give me a ring or flick me an email.

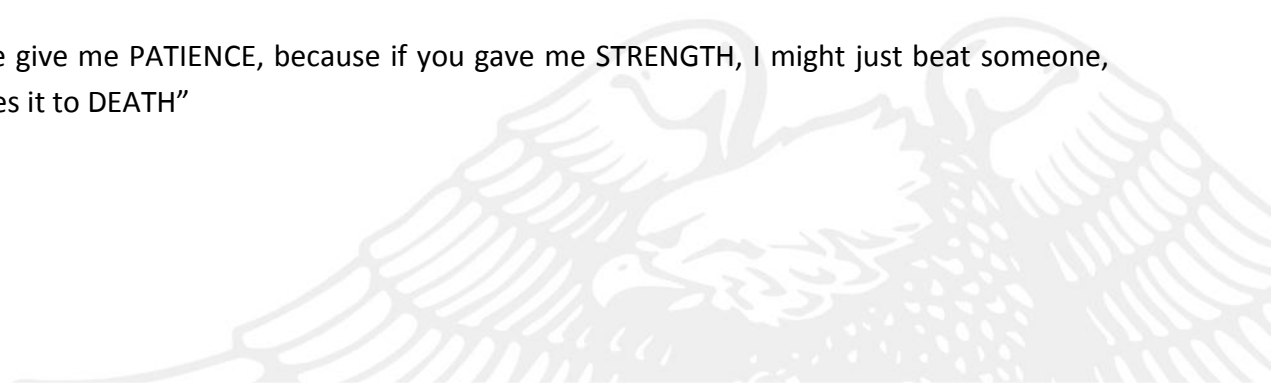
Numbers are gathering for both the State and National Rallies. If you are interested in either can you catch up with myself or Noel Gulley. If you're not sure about how to get hold of either of us, just ask anyone at Rocky Harley.

That's all I have for the moment

Regards

Preacher

"Lord please give me PATIENCE, because if you gave me STRENGTH, I might just beat someone, who deserves it to DEATH"





Secretary

Bernadette Davies (Bernie)



A little about the club's new Secretary. Cheers - Jill.

My name is Bernadette Davies (Bernie) and I am the partner Stephen McIntosh (Macca). I joined the Rocky Harley Owners Group in February 2011, so I am only new to the club. I have a 2012 Switchback (Vivian), I have my RE Licence and am currently learning to ride the big bike.

Great life change for Stephen and myself joining the club - gives us something more to focus on apart from trucks and work. Before I purchased the Switchback, I had Suzette (250 Suzuki) which I obtained my RE licence on. Macca and I travelled out to Biloela 12 months ago now to attend a poker run. We packed the swags and off we went my first big ride - LOVED IT. Slept under the stars, was great, can't wait to do more.

To all the new members welcome, and I hope you receive as much enjoyment as I do from the other members of this fantastic club.

Bernie



Ladies of Harley (LOH)

Chantal Sommerfeld



At the Monthly Meeting the Ladies of Harley advised that, due to lack of definite numbers, the proposed excursion to Bowen was cancelled. Instead we have proposed a ride on Friday the 8th of June to Gladstone/Tannum Sands for lunch. Just a day ride with a little bit of retail therapy thrown in. Lunch probably at Tannum Sands or the Gladstone Yacht Club. Details to be finalised but start at 9am from the RHD (Rocky Harley Davidson). Would love as many Ladies to come as possible. For those who aren't riding we will organise cars or the Rocky Hog bus. If Ladies could let me know if they need transport by phoning 49362290 or 0417703904 by Wednesday 6th June that would be fabulous.

On the evening of June 6th at 6pm we are planning to have a sewing bee to make some lovely "chaps". So Ladies, if you would like to have a pair of sexy chaps to wear on our Club Rides, please feel free to come along and we will help you make a pair. Just need to bring along some fringing or other kind of braid for the sides, some wide black elastic for the waist band and your enthusiasm. Guaranteed a few laughs to go along with it.

Chantal





ROCKHAMPTON HARLEY OWNERS GROUP

MONTHLY MEETING

Held at the Rumble Inn Saturday 19th May 2012

Meeting Opened 6pm

Apologies: Paula & Glen Rohl, Michelle Patten, Geoff Richardson, Kerry Olive, Jill Rickertt, Brett Alloway, Jeff Trewin, Cate & Miles Witt

Director Report: State Rally will be travelling through to Brisbane and will be here on the 19th.
Townsville - Weather fantastic, entered all events won none, travelled back through Charters Towers no roos only dears. Worst hand winner \$50.00.

Secretary Report: Moved Annie. Seconded Jim Bob.

Treasurer Report: Open book policy - any questions please ask.
Also posting information on the Rockhampton HOG website of all deposits.
Financials up to September 2011 Moved Patty Seconded Mufti

Safety Officer: Nothing to Report

Ladies of Harley: Ride to Bowen June weekend cancelled, trip to Gladstone on Show Holiday has been arranged. For those not wanting to ride, the bus will be travelling with us as well. Please contact Julie or Chantal to book your spot, details on the white board at the Inn.

Also the Ladies of Harley would like to start some nights just for the ladies. Looking at the movies, dinner, etc - open to ideas.

Our Chapter chaps are available for all ladies. A sewing bee will be held at the Rumble Inn on the 6th June to make the chaps - bring your sewing machine and your own bling. Chaps are for club ride days only.

Congratulations to Annie for getting her RE Licence, Jill for receiving her R licence.

Activity Officer (Nasty): Biloela Barearse Bandits Run - 25 bikes, good day had by all. New members Neal and Suzanne from Gladstone at Calliope.

2nd June Jason's 40th Birthday.

3rd June Club Ride – 10.30 start Byfield store recovery ride.

9th June Emerald Chapter Challenge – Website for details

21st -22nd July Cane field bash at Mackay – Website for details

21st September - State Rally

Monthly Meeting Minutes



Membership Officer (Mufti):

Neal and Suzanne from New Zealand now live in Gladstone (two new members).

Canberra Rally – full details see Mufti. Canberra 2 days not 3 - more sight seeing.

Emerald Chapter Challenge - see Keith or Mufti for more details.

Rumble Inn:

Emerald Chapter Challenge Rocky Harley Staff attending

^{23rd} First State Origin- Corporate Boxes will be auctioned.

Garage Party 26th May at Rocky Harley

Everyone to bring a hot dish for the next meeting.

Editor:

No Report

General Business:

- Proposal by Keith that Laurie Payne be given Life Membership to Rockhampton Chapter - Carried.
Laurie is a Past Assistant Director and Road Captain
- Mark Bull - Camp Quality Ride next Sunday 27th May Poker Run - take Mums, Kids for a ride etc. Vintage Car Club, Ulysses Club. Indemnity through Camp Quality.
- State of Origin - Corporate seating available, footy doubles, food and bar.
- Fingers our lovely bar attendant (Dale Bowen) and his wife Deb have had a bit of a rough patch at the moment with Dale under going chemotherapy - things are going well. Dale and Deb were presented with a lovely framed photo of them both on their bikes on the Bare Bum ride.
- Members have requested that a text message be sent out when the Club Newsletter is available on the Chapter Website (www.rockyhog.com). If you are currently not receiving text messages, please ensure that you speak with any of the friendly staff of Rocky Harley and give them you number to receive the text.
- Ladies also if you wish to receive a text with the Ladies of Harley events, please speak to staff.
- Have you logged on to the web site???????
- Hank – New member – Kindly donated a trauma pack for the bus. Thank you Hank.
- Club Bus will be fitted the TB on the 30th of the month, we are still working on some mags.
- Annie designated driver for next Friday 25th May. Please phone Rocky Harley before 5pm to be picked up. Thank you Annie
- Rob Roser has finally bought a vest.....after 5 years.

Meeting Closed: 6.50pm



Activities Officer

Cathy Barry (Nasty)



Hi all,

I hope the rides so far this year have been up your alley and you've found them to be fun. I have tried to organise rides that cater for everyone. I have also tried to tie in some rider training for our new Members. Hopefully some of you older members may have picked up a few tips as well. As you know, all roads out of Rockvegas are plagued with extra traffic and heaps of roadworks – this does impact on planning for larger group rides, especially since we are experiencing an influx of new riders. Safety is always a priority for us when we plan a ride for the group.

Up and coming events are as follows:

May 26 th	Garage Party	at Rocky Harley
June 2 nd	Jason's 40th	at Rumble Inn - theme is "What I want to be when I grow up". Come and celebrate with Jason - all welcome.
June 3 rd	Jason's 40th Recovery	Recovery Ride to Byfield for a Barby Leaves RHD at 10.30 am
July 1 st	Club ride	to Blackdown Tablelands for a Barby type lunch

I am trying to talk to as many people as I can about ideas for rides and activities to do on a ride so that all members have a say in where we go and what we do. I welcome any idea at any time and we will certainly try our best to arrange something that is a great ride and great fun.

My thanks to my helpers so far for their assistance. Thanks to the old dudes in the club who always give me valuable advice on which roads to ride on and when. Please note that I always check with these guys as well as our Safety officers before I set the ride in concrete.

Again, please feel free to give me ideas for ride destinations – this is not about me, it's about you.

Until next time

See ya at the Rumble Inn and ride safe.

Nasty





Safety Officers

Steve Cowley (Chief) & Geoff Richardson (Richo)



Hi Guys,

Well the cooler months have finally arrived.

This time of the year makes for great riding conditions, and a lot of bikes get dusted off, and get out on the road to attend club runs, poker runs and the like, and of course the one ones that are ridden almost daily are still out and about.

If your ride has been sitting idle for a period of time, a number of issues may arise. Seals may have dried up or perished, tyre pressure may have been reduced due to slow, leaky valves, tyres may have developed cracks, batteries may have lost charge from sitting idle, stale fuel in the tank, which can cause 'varnishing' in the fuel and problems on the road, mice may have chewed wiring etc.

I certainly would not like riding in, and onto oil leaks from an engine detonating, or delaminated bits of tyre flying along the highway, or a bike stalling in front of me. Think of the carnage that could unfold, not just for you and me, but the riders following behind or beside.

The same also applies to the "daily riders", just because it is running great, don't be fooled in thinking that everything is alright; they too need to be checked.

One the next page you will find a Checklist / Pre-start to give your pride and joy a quick once over, you don't have to use it if you don't want to, or, if you already do this yourself, you may find it helpful. It is there for YOUR peace of mind and comfortable in the knowledge that you will experience a trouble free day of getting out there to "Ride & Have Fun".

With this in mind, you may wish to take time and give your bike a quick once over. It should only take 5 minutes or so to go around it, noting anything that you may have concerns about. If you're mechanically inclined, you may be able to remedy anything you find yourself, if not, I am sure the service department at RHD will be only too willing to help, and by presenting a checklist, it should expedite repairs.

Do your check well before your run or trip. This gives you time to arrange for repairs, don't do it on the day because as we all know, it is impossible to get parts there and then or a booking at the service department.

Please take the time to look at the sheet and if you have any queries or more to add, you will find me at the bar.....or somewhere near it.

Remember this..."It aint no fun...if you're sitting on ya bum "

SAFE RIDING

Chief & Richo





CHAPTER 9116



"THE MOTORCYCLE SPECIALISTS"

This PRESTART / CHECKLIST is for your own personal peace of mind

DATE: ____ / ____ / ____

BIKER / BIKER BABE _____

START

FINISH

ODOMETER

	✓	✗
	L	R
HEADLIGHTS	Low	HIGH
PARKERS	FL FR	LR RR
STOP		
TAIL		
TURN SIGNALS	FL FR	LR RR
HAZARD	FL FR	LR RR
MIRRORS	L	R
HORN		

ID	DEFECT to be recorded here.
E.1	
E.2	
E.3	
E.4	
E.5	
E.6	
E.7	
E.8	

	✓	✗
WHEELS & TYRES		
TREAD		
RIMS		

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W.1	
W.2	

(Maintain as necessary to tyre specifications in your manufacturers manual)

	✓	✗
DISPLAY CLUSTER		
SEAT		
GAUGES		
ACCESSORIES (ANY LOOSE OR BROKEN ITEMS MAY BE LISTED HERE)		

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I.1	
I.2	
I.3	

	✓	✗
SAFETY(if Applicable)		
FIRE EXTINGUISHER		
FIRST AID		
SAFETY TRIANGLE		
LOAD RESTRAINT		

ID	DEFECT to be recorded here.
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S.2	
S.3	
S.4	

	✓	✗
FLUID LEVELS (Top up as necessary)		
WATER (V-ROD)		
BRAKE		
FUEL LEVEL (always necessary)		
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OIL (always necessary)		
Ltrs	\$	

COMMENT



Webmaster

Brett Alloway



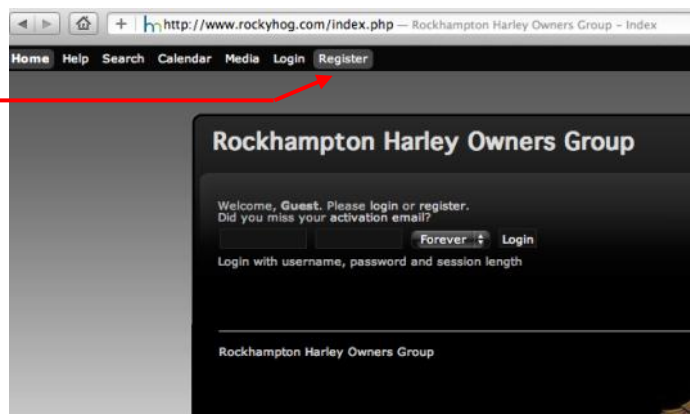
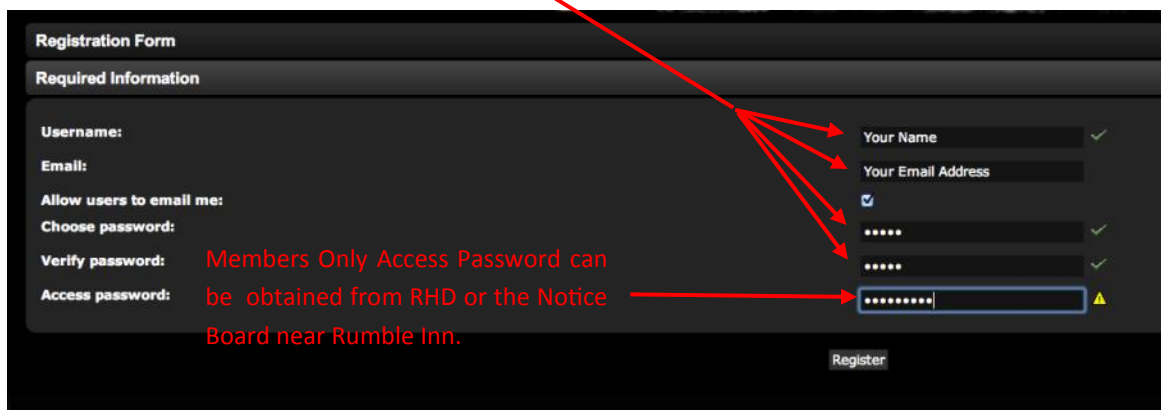
I know I ran this article in April's Newsletter however I thought it was worth running it again to make more Members aware of the fact that we have a Chapter Website and to assist more people with successfully registering on it and navigating their way around. - Jill

If you didn't already know, the Chapter has a new website and web address. Next time you're on your computer, check out www.rockyhog.com. The website has 3 purposes. First is to inform any visitors to the site about the Rockhampton HOG Chapter and how to join. Second is to engage Rockhampton HOG Members in an online "Members Only" community so as to keep all Members up to date, even if they have not been able to attend any recent rides or meetings. Finally, to display a Gallery for photos covering all Rides and Events that the Chapter participates in.

Some feedback from our Members is that they have had some issues registering with the "Members Only" Section. As a result, I have put together a step by step guide for registering. If you need help or have any feedback, please send to web@rockyhog.com.

Step 1: At the top of the page click on "Register"

Step 2: Complete Registration Form details. Including your Name, Email, your Password to login with and the Access Password. Then click on "Register"

Registration Form

Required Information

Username: ✓

Email: ✓

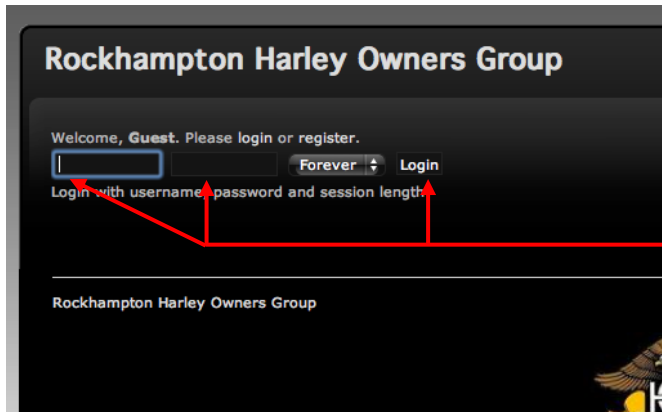
Allow users to email me: ☒

Choose password: ✓

Verify password: ✓

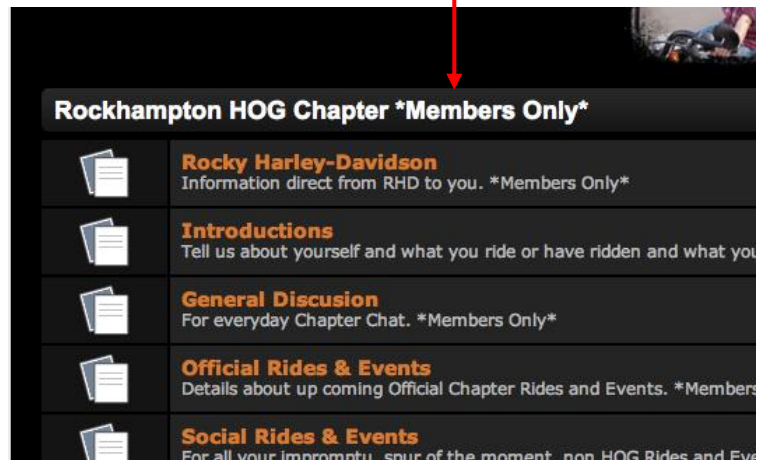
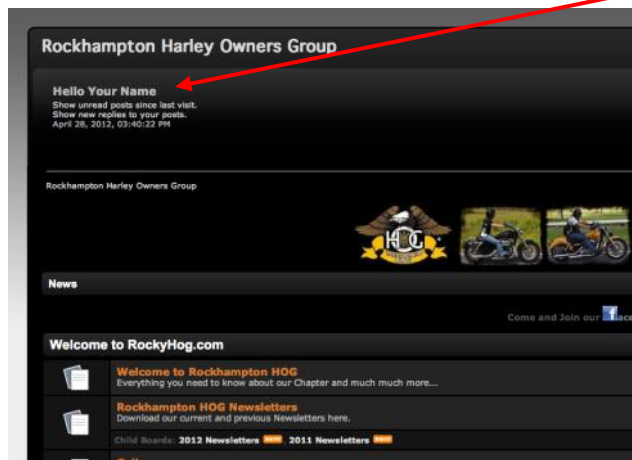
Access password: ⚠

Members Only Access Password can be obtained from RHD or the Notice Board near Rumble Inn.



Step 3: Enter your Username, then your Password. Then Click “Login”

Step 4: You’re Finished! Now you should see “Your Name” and the “Members Only” Section



I hope this helps you join the new website and participate in the community section. There is a Calendar that has all the up coming rides and events plus other social non-HOG rides.

Also, the Gallery will be updated after each ride and event and has two types of access. Guests to the site can only see select photos so we don’t give up all of our secrets in one hit. But Members can see all photo that are hosted on the site. You can also upload your own photos to share with everyone.

We have an Introduction Area so you can let us know who you are and what you like to get up to.

Plus there is a General Section for everything and anything else. Got a HOG or Harley related question then ask it here and someone should be able to help you out.

Once again, if you have any issues then don't hesitate in contacting me on web@rockyhog.com or have a chat to me at the Rumble Inn as I will have my laptop there and we can work through it together.

Cheers, **Brett**





NAME: Rick Bellert **NICKNAME:** don't have one

AGE: 47 **PARTNER/PILLION:** Helen

OCCUPATION: Area Manager/Sales Rep in Mining Industry

YEARS RIDING: 31

WHEN JOINED:

- **INTERNATIONAL HOG:** Dec 2011
- **ROCKHAMPTON HOG:** Dec 2011

CURRENT HARLEY DAVIDSON: 1200 Custom

PREVIOUS BIKES/HARLEYS:

- Several Trail Bikes
- 850 Lemans Moto Guzzi

BEST HARLEY RIDE YOU'VE BEEN ON & WHY:

Easter 2012 I went to solo to Maryborough via Monto - it was fast, no traffic and on a good road - ripper trip.

WORST HARLEY RIDE YOU'VE BEEN ON & WHY:

February 2012 my wheel collapsed on a HOG Ride to Byfield.

DREAM HARLEY: Road King

DREAM RIDE: don't have one

FAVOURITE DRINK: Scotch

FAVOURITE FOOD: Indian

YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT ROCKHAMPTON HOG:

The friendly like minded people.



NAME: Debbie Foster **NICKNAME:** don't have one

AGE: 53 **PARTNER/PILLION:** Graeme Wall

OCCUPATION: Child Care Worker

YEARS RIDING: from 8 till 16 years of age and then started again January this year

WHEN JOINED:

- **INTERNATIONAL HOG:** February 2012
- **ROCKHAMPTON HOG:** March 2012

CURRENT HARLEY DAVIDSON: Don't have one - currently have a LAMS approved Kawasaki VN250 Eliminator

PREVIOUS BIKES/HARLEYS:

- Honda 50

BEST HARLEY RIDE YOU'VE BEEN ON & WHY:

Poke Run with Rockhampton HOG to Yaamba, Emu Park, Keppel Sands and back to Rumble Inn - was very scenic sitting pillion behind Graeme.

WORST HARLEY RIDE YOU'VE BEEN ON & WHY:

My bottom got sore riding pillion on the April Fools Ride with Rockhampton HOG this year.

DREAM HARLEY: 1200 Custom

DREAM RIDE: to Darwin

FAVOURITE DRINK: Southern & Coke

FAVOURITE FOOD: Italian

YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT ROCKHAMPTON HOG:

Have met lots of very nice people who made us feel very welcome - they are very accepting.



OFFICIAL CLUB RIDES -> 1ST SUNDAY EACH MONTH

CLUB MEETINGS -> 3RD SATURDAY EACH MONTH

RUMBLE INN -> EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT -> 5PM TIL 10PM

Rocky Harley-Davidson Opening Hours

Mon to Thurs -> 8am til 5pm Friday -> 8am til 8pm

Saturday -> 9am til Midday

MAY

31st Last day for Early Bird Registrations -> QLD State Rally. **

JUNE

2nd Jason's 40th -> "What I want to be when I grow up" Theme - at RHD

3rd **Official Club Ride Day ->** Ride to Byfield for a BBQ lunch - leaving 1030am from RHD

6th **Ladies of Harley -> Chaps Sewing Bee - commences 6pm RHD**

8th **Ladies of Harley -> Retail therapy ride to Gladstone/Tannum Sands. Depart RHD 0900am. Contact Chantal on 49362290 or 0417703904 to register or for details.**

9 - 11th Central Highlands HOG Chapter Challenge.**

9 - 16th OKK Ride -> West to Blackall, Bourke and Beyond. See Roser for details.

16th **JUNE Meeting & Social Night ->** Meeting commences 5.30pm at RHD.

JULY

1st **Official Club Ride Day ->** to Blackdown Tableland for a BBQ type lunch - details TBA

21st **JULY Meeting & Social Night ->** Meeting commences 5.30pm at RHD.

21-22nd Mackay HOG Chapter Challenge - "Canefield Bash"***

28-29th Social overnight ride to Apple Tree Creek. See Numbers for details.

31st Last day for Registrations -> QLD State Rally.**

DATE CLAIMERS

21 - 23rd Sept Qld State Rally in Brisbane - see Preacher (Keith) for details.**

19 - 21st Oct National Rally in Canberra - see Mufti (Noel) for details.**

(Please see Flyer at back/Advert)**



ROCKY HARLEY-DAVIDSON

With Winter officially starting next month, there is no better time to visit RHD's extensive Merchandise Department for some great Winter Warmers! Caroline and Tamara have a fantastic range of:

- ♦ Men's Polar Fleece Zipper Jackets
- ♦ Men's Polar Fleece Quarter Zip Pullovers
- ♦ Ladies' Crew Neck Fleeces
- ♦ Ladies' Short and Long Sleeve T-shirts

The also have a wide selection of accessories and homewares including:

- ♦ Coffee Mugs and Travel Mugs



5-7th May - Townsville Chapter Challenge

Anyone who hasn't attended a Chapter Challenge should do. It's a great way to meet new people, look at lots more Harleys, have an absolute ball and ride your bike.

And Townsville this year was no exception, good ride (apart from the Bruce Hwy), good venue, good people, good food and good weather - you just couldn't ask for anything more.

Our Chapter was represented with four bikes and six members. We camped at the dealership on the Friday night and were awoken at 4.00am by the sprinkler system wetting us all. The next day saw us riding up the range to start the weekend of entertainment, including a poker run, bike games, eating too much, drinking a little, raffles, auctions and just generally having a good time.

The trip back home was a little different. We'd already had enough of the Bruce Hwy so we rode out to Charters Towers and down through Bellyando- Crossing, Clermont, Emerald and then home - a total of approximately 1000 kms. Interesting things we saw on the way back were kangaroos, deer, camels, speeding Hiluxs and Police.

That's all I have.

Preacher



5-7th May - Townsville Chapter Challenge (continued)



6th May - Official Monthly Club Ride - Biloela Barearse Bandits

A ride from RHD to Calliope (via Gentle Annie Road), onto Biloela for Lunch at the Settler's Inn and then continuing to Mt Morgan for a Refreshment at the Golden Nugget. From there it was back to RHD/The Rumble Inn to finish off the day with a Sundowner (or two)!



Should you wish to order any photos, please see Chapter Photographer Anne Haines or contact the Editor.

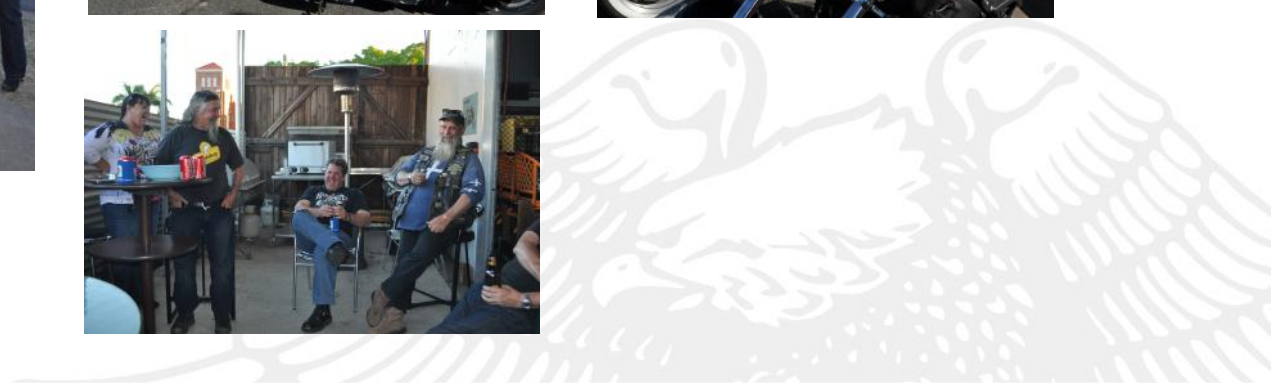
6th May - Official Monthly Club Ride - Biloela Barearse Bandits Run (continued)



6th May - Official Monthly Club Ride - Biloela Barearse Bandits Run (continued)



6th May - Official Monthly Club Ride - Biloela Barearse Bandits Run (continued)



19th May - Monthly Meeting



GUIDELINES FOR SAFE RIDING ON HOG RIDES

- There will be a briefing before all rides so arrive at the designated start point half an hour before departure time.
- Pay attention to the ride briefing given by the Road Captain. If in doubt - Ask.
- If you are experiencing any difficulty that might affect others, let the Road Captain know before departure.
- Always fuel up before the start of the ride.
- Make sure your bike is in roadworthy condition. Check this before you leave home, not 5 minutes before the ride time. Check all lights, battery, tyres, etc.
- As a general rule, the group will depart and arrive as a group.
- Unless arranged prior to departure, do not pass the Road Captain.
- Use only one lane of a multilane highway. Follow the lead of the Road Captain as to which lane to use.
- Ride in a staggered formation except on narrow roads where you should follow in Indian or single file. When a rider leaves the group (eg. turning off to go home), or changes position in the formation, the remaining group will switch lanes using indicators to signal intention, and restore the staggered formation.
- When overtaking, maintain your overtaking speed until those overtaking with you have enough room to pull in behind without having to break suddenly.

Staggered Formation Riding

Below is the primary riding formation.

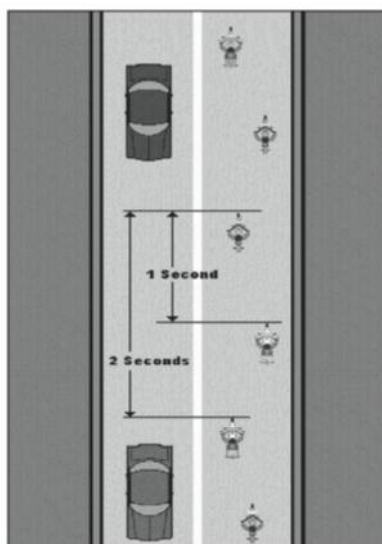
Single file is used when directed by the ride leader.

One-second rule: The bike in the lane to your left or right should not be less than one second ahead of you.

Two-second rule: Maintain at least two seconds between you and the rider in front of you.

Four-second rule: Look ahead four seconds at your immediate path of travel to give yourself more time to react to a hazard.

Twelve-second rule: Also look ahead at your anticipated path of travel. Twelve seconds is about one city block.



- If you intend to travel at a slower pace than expected on the ride, position yourself towards the rear of the group, and not in the front or the middle.
- New riders should take up position in front of "Tail End Charlie" for the first few rides. This is at the rear of the Pack.
- Keep an eye on the rider behind you. If they stop unexpectedly, you stop and determine the problem before proceeding. The rider behind you is your responsibility. An exception to this rule is "Tail End Charlie" - there should be no one behind him/her.

Most importantly - **"RIDE SAFE AND HAVE FUN"**





NAME PATCHES

Please email editor@rockyhog.com or phone/text 0427 139 551 Jill if you would like an embroidered name patch (like the one above) with your name or nickname (or one of each). They will be less than \$10 each and will take about 3 weeks to arrive.



"And for our middle-aged customers, we've developed this orthopaedic backrest."



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Newsletter Deadline

All Members are welcome to submit items for publication in the monthly newsletter. Please email them to editor@rockyhog.com no later than the Wednesday after the monthly meeting to make it into the next issue.

Patches by Jill...

Gotta patch you need sewn on ya vest or jacket?

Then give Jill a call on 0427 139 551

\$3 per normal patch / \$6 per large back patches



Please Note: Will not unstitch linings so you need to work around pockets.

ROYAL & KICKAN

Follow the
progress of two
of our Lifetime
Members as they
embark on a
once in a lifetime
tour!



Friends, we've not been seen as often at the club lately. You'll soon see us absent from meetings and events until August. Kickan and I are finally off on our once in a life time European tour, which we announced a couple of years ago at the club. On other trips the attractions are the sightseeing places you go to, that mountain, the Taj Mahal the Eiffel tower the big Ben and so on. You would not need much time planning for such a trip where the travel in between is just a nuisance. In our trip, it's The Road itself - that's the attraction.

We will avoid the cities, normal attractions and take in the roads, the coast lines, the alpine areas, lakes and villages. We've had several hundreds of hours planning with maps, directions, natural wonders along the way, ferry times, GPS maps, traffic rules, regulatory rules and much, much more. After this trip, Kickan will probably change nickname to Navigator instead. We'll leave on the 12th May. The bike and trailer already left on the 21/3. We'll keep you posted on Facebook. Just check www.ozemate.com/bigride.pdf . Our entries will be very short, like for instance just "Barcelona 19 May".

I feel this Oz winter will have a great number of sunny clear riding days for you all.

Ride same to your own Rhythm, and we'll see ya in August.

Royal & Kickan

GRANNY WANTS TO BE A BIKER

A little 80 year old lady had always wanted to join a local bikers club. One day she goes up and knocks on a biker's door. A big, hairy bearded biker with tattoos all over his arms answers. She proclaims, "I want to join your club". The guy was quite amused, but explains that she needs to meet certain biker requirements in order to join the club. The biker asks; "Do you have a motorcycle? The little old lady replies, "Yep, my bike's parked over there", and pointed to a flamed black Harley chopper in the driveway. The biker asks, "Do you drink?" The little old lady replies, "Yep, drink like a fish... beer mostly, whiskey when I'm shooting pool. I'll drink everyone in your club under the table". The biker is surprised but then asks, "Do you smoke?" The little old lady replies, "Yep, smoke like a chimney. At least 2 packs of cigarettes and three joints a day, and cigars when I'm drinking whiskey and shooting pool". The biker is very impressed and asks, "Last question, have you ever been picked up by the fuzz...?". The little old lady thinks for a minute and says, "Nope, but I've been swung around by my nipples a few times...."

THE LORD & THE BIKER

A biker was riding along a California beach when suddenly the sky clouded above his head and, in a booming voice, the Lord said, "Because you have tried to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish."

The biker pulled over and said, "Build a bridge to Hawaii so I can ride over anytime I want."

The Lord said, "Your request is materialistic, think of the enormous challenges for that kind of undertaking. The supports required to reach the bottom of the Pacific! The concrete and steel it would take! It will nearly exhaust several natural resources. I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things.

Take a little more time and think of something that would honor and glorify me."

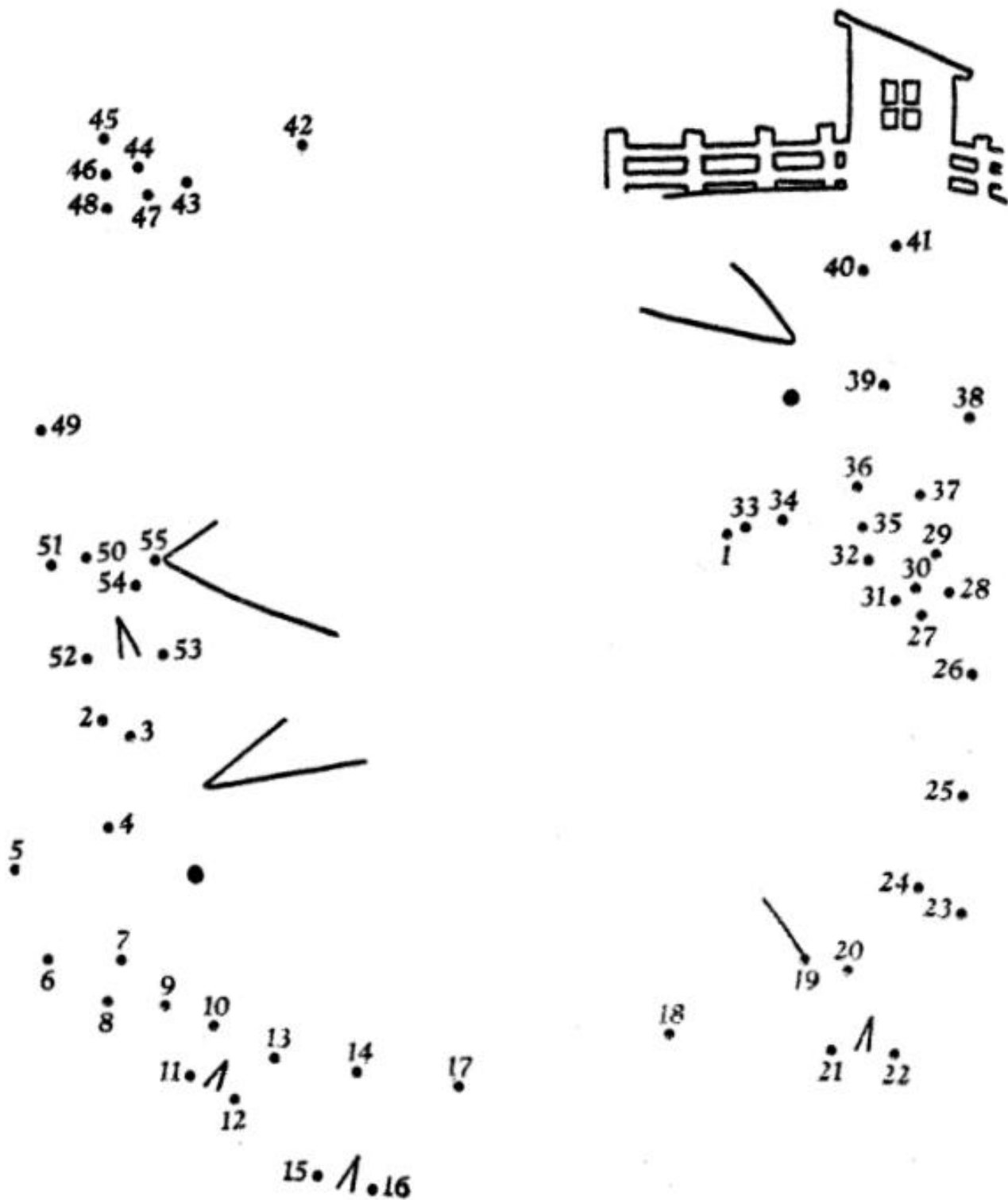
The biker thought about it for a long time. Finally he said, "Lord, I wish that I could understand my wife. I want to know how she feels inside, what she's thinking when she gives me the silent treatment, why she cries, what she means when she says nothing's wrong, and how I can make a woman truly happy."

The Lord replied, "Do you want two lanes or four on that bridge?"

Don't forget to forward any humorous snippets to me at editor@rockyhog.com. Alternatively you can give them to me at the Rumble Inn. Jill

A little something for our future HOG members...

FOLLOW THE DOTS





**BREAK OUT THE KILTS... IT'S ON AGAIN...
CENTRAL HIGHLANDS HOG'S ANNUAL**

HIGHLANDER H.O.G. FLING

**9th - 11th June 2012
At EMERALD SHOWGROUNDS**

**Sat. — Cost: -
\$55.00**



Includes:

Chapter Challenge - 2.30pm
Sat. Dinner
Presentations
Entertainment
Sun. Breakfast

Hogettes 11-15yrs \$20.00
Hoglets 5-10yrs - \$11.00

**Stay on Sunday
\$25.00**



Includes:

Sun. Dinner
Recovery Challenge
Mon. Breakfast

All Kids under 15 - "Free"

**Poker Run - \$10 per hand
1st Card - 10.00am**

PLEASE NOTE: NUMBERS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR CATERING !!!
Camping will be allowed on the grounds at no extra charge.

MORE INFO ?: Phone Garry on 49820256 or 0402 402 654

HOG CAPE YORK CHAPTER INC.

THE REEF TO THE RIVER CITY

ROLLING RALLY

DEPARTING HARLEY MAGIC CAIRNS TUESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2012

ARRIVING EAGLE FARM BRISBANE FRIDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2012



Come and join the Cape York Chapter of the Harley Owners Group as we celebrate our twentieth anniversary with a rolling rally from Cairns in Far North Queensland to Eagle Farm in Brisbane for the 2012 Queensland State Rally on Friday 21st - Sunday 23rd September, 2012.

The rolling rally departs Harley Magic, 34 Water Street, Cairns 7:00am on Tuesday 18th. The overnight stops will be at Airlie Beach, Rockhampton and Bundaberg. There will be visits to dealerships in Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton and Bundaberg and their local members of these chapters are most welcome to join in on the ride from their dealership. You can join the ride at any of these cities.

A back-up vehicle will be provided by Wayne and Rhonda Leonard of Harley Magic.

The Cape York Chapter will be hosting the 20th Anniversary party on the Saturday night prior to the ride departing and all HOG members from other clubs that are joining us on the ride will be invited to attend the party with Cape York members on the night.

Each rider is responsible for their own accommodation arrangements and meals.

For more information and to register your interest, please contact Kevin Woodhouse, Secretary, Cape York HOG on 07 4036 3987 or 0432 691 981 or email Kevin_woodhouse@bigpond.com



QUEENSLAND

State Rally 2012

21st - 23rd September
Brisbane- River City

Brisbane HOG
invites you to
Queensland

Beautiful one day,
Perfect riding the next!

WANT TO BE CLOSE TO THE ACTION?
We encourage you to register and book
your accommodation early.

The Rally will be held at the historic Eagle Farm
Racecourse centrally located in the inner Brisbane
suburb of Hamilton (3km from the Brisbane CBD).

Search accommodation at www.brisbaneaccom.com.au or check
the Rally website for registration forms and regular updates.



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2012 Queensland State Rally Registration Form



Hosted by Brisbane Chapter H.O.G.
www.brisbanehog.com.au

A	When: Friday 21 st - Sunday 23 rd September, 2012	
	Where: Eagle Farm Racecourse, Jackson Street, Eagle Farm QLD	
	Fees:	
	Deluxe : \$175 per Adult	Includes Rally T-shirt, 3 days entertainment, 2 meals (Friday & Saturday night) AND (if current financial International HOG Member) a Rally Pin .
	Regular : \$150 per Adult	Includes Rally T-shirt, 3 days entertainment, 1 meal (Saturday night) AND (if current financial International HOG Member) a Rally Pin.
	\$50 per child	(5-14 years incl.) t-shirt, pin + 1 meal - under 5 years FREE
Registration:	Early Bird Closes: 31st May, 2012	Each Early Bird Registration goes into a draw for a Gift Voucher from Morgan & Wacker - Total of 2 x \$250.00. Drawn & announced at June 2012 Brisbane HOG meeting.
	General Closes: 31st July, 2012	Registrations received after this date cannot be guaranteed a Rally T-shirt, Rally Pin, or meals.
	On-site registration only from 12:00pm Thursday 20 th September 2012	

NO PETS OR BALLOONS ON-SITE

Registration details:

Note: Confirmation of registration will be sent by email. If no email provided confirmation will be sent by post. All enquiries and confirmation will be sent to first HOG member listed below.

1.	Name:	First _____ Surname _____	HOG M/ship #:	AU _____
	Address:	Number _____ Street _____		
		Suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____		
	Chapter:	_____	Bike Registration #:	_____
	Email:	_____	Phone #:	_____
T-shirt:				
	Mens	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XXL <input type="checkbox"/> XXXL		
	Ladies	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 12 <input type="checkbox"/> 14 <input type="checkbox"/> 16 <input type="checkbox"/> 18 <input type="checkbox"/> 20		
2.	Name:	First _____ Surname _____	HOG M/ship #:	AU _____
	Address:	Number _____ Street _____		
		Suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____		
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	Children	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 12 <input type="checkbox"/> 14		

B Accommodation Options:

Camping: Limited camp sites available - \$20 per site per night. Refer web site for hotel / motel accommodation. Be quick to secure your place. Tents Only. No powered sites.

☐ Thursday ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday ☐ Total Nights

C XXXX Brewery Tour:

Limited numbers. Tour bookings accepted with Registration only.

Train departs from Rally site. Tours are 1 hr duration starting at 2:30pm Friday and Saturday.

Day: ☐ Friday (22nd) ☐ Saturday (23rd)

Tour: ☐ \$23.00 p/p includes 4 pots of beer ☐ \$21.00 p/p soft drink only

Payment Required:

A	Rally Fees	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adults @ \$175	<input type="checkbox"/>	Children (5-14 yrs) @ \$50 ea	\$
A	Rally Fees	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adults @ 150			\$
B	Accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Camping @ \$20 p/night			\$
C	XXXX Tour	<input type="checkbox"/>	@ \$23 ea	<input type="checkbox"/>	@ \$21 ea	\$
TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE						\$

Option 1 - Cheque / Money Order:

Make cheque or money order,
payable to:

'2012 Rivercity State Rally'

☐ Tick if you do not wish for your
details to be shared with our
sponsors.

**Do NOT send CASH with
registration forms.**

Option 2 - Credit Card:

Name on Card _____

Visa / MasterCard / Amex + 2% surcharge

Card # _____

Expiry Date ____ / ____ CVN

Signed _____

Reference: (use HOG international number)

Cancellation Policy : - No refunds after 31st July 2012



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Please Print, Sign and Post, Email or fax the completed Registration Form to:
2012 Rivercity State Rally P.O. Box 2144 MAC, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006

Email rallyrego@brisbanehog.com.au or fax attention : Rally **07 3252 4682...**

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The Legal Bit - H.O.G. member to read and sign:

I declare that I will be a fully financial member of H.O.G. International at the time of the 2012 Queensland State Rally (the Rally). I also accept that no person registered on this form will hold the Harley Owners Group (Brisbane Chapter) Inc, Morgan & Wacker Pty Ltd, Eagle Farm Racecourse, 2012 Queensland State Rally committee, or any other party involved with the Rally including their agents and officers responsible for any loss, damage or injury from participation in the Rally.

Signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____



Mackay & District Harley Owners Group Canefield Bash

Brothers Football Club Leprechaun Park, Milton Street

Saturday 21st July 2012

\$70 per person

Children 6 - 14 years \$40

Late Registration \$80

Includes:

*Registration *Saturday Lunch & Dinner *Chapter Challenge (Sat. 3pm) *Sunday Breakfast
*Secure Venue *Camping & Facilities *Entertainment

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For Catering Purposes RSVP by Monday 2nd July

Contact the Secretary, Rebecca on 0448 636516 or email madhogs@bigpond.com



REGISTRATION FORM

Mackay & District Harley Owners Group

CANEFIELD BASH

SATURDAY 21st JULY 2012



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HARLEY-DAVIDSON



RSVP

Monday 2nd July

Late Registration

\$80 Fee

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Paid: _____

Date: _____

Receipt No: _____

Details		6-14yrs	Adult	\$ Total
HOG Member 1		\$40	\$70	
Name:				
International Member No:				
Address:				
Email:				
Contact Phone Number:				
HOG Member 2				
Name:				
International Member No:				
Address:				
Email:				
Family Members/Guests		0-5yrs		
Full Name:				
Full Name:				
Total Cost			\$	

Payment Options (please tick appropriate box)

☐ Direct Bank Deposit

Account Name: Mackay V Twin Motorcycle Club

Bank of Qld BSB: 124059

Account No: 11226746

Reference: Please use your name

☐ Cheque / Money Order

Payable to: Mackay V Twin Motorcycle Club

Post to: Secretary MAD HOG

PO Box 4077

SOUTH MACKAY Q 4740

Email completed Registration Form to madhogs@bigpond.com for processing or phone 0448 636516



Mackay & District Harley Owners Group

WLA Ride for Oncology



**September 26th
- October 2nd 2012**



Riding a 1942 WLA from Cairns to Mackay and raising funds for Cancer Units at Mackay & Townsville

**26th Sept Wednesday
Leave Mackay Motorcycles
(Make way to Cairns unofficially)**

**28th Sept Friday
Official Welcome Dinner in Cairns**

**29th Sept Saturday
Leave Cairns, Overnight at Innisfail**

**30th Sept Sunday
Leave Innisfail, Overnight at Townsville**

**1st Oct Monday
Leave Townsville, Overnight at Bowen**

**2nd Oct Tuesday
Leave Bowen, Arrive in Mackay**

**Registration Fee \$200.00
Includes:**

- *Shirt**
- *Pin**
- *Welcome Dinner in Cairns**
- *Some meals along the way**

Closes 8th August

**For More Details
Contact Rebecca On:
0448 636516**

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MACKAY & DISTRICT HARLEY OWNERS GROUP

(Mackay & District W-Twin Motorcycle Club)



Chapter No. 9057

P. O. Box 4077 QLD 4740

Email: madhogs@bigpond.com

Mobile: 0448 636516

To Whom It May Concern

MAD HOG WLA Ride for Oncology September 2012

Mackay and District Harley Owners Group are supporting the above named Charity Awareness ride from Mackay to Cairns and return on the dates of 26th September to 3rd October 2012. The nature of the ride is to raise awareness of Blood related Cancers and to raise funds for the Oncology Unit at Mackay Base Hospital. The WLA plays an important role in the ride as it is the bike that will be making the trek up and back as it celebrates its 70th Anniversary.

The owner of the 1942 WLA Harley Davidson is Graham Omand (photo attached) who also suffers from Myelodysplasia, a blood related cancer which has no cure. Graham was the initiator of the ride as he wanted to give back to the hospital for the wonderful care, treatment and ongoing support he has received since his diagnosis, and to take his beloved bike on a memorable journey.

The chapter is working with Mackay Hospital Foundation a non-profit community driven charity organisation, providing fundraising support to the Mackay Base Hospital and other local hospitals in our District. Please find attached a letter from Mackay Hospital Foundation to show support for our ride and in return they will purchase the required equipment for the Oncology unit at the hospital.

We are inviting Harley Davidson enthusiasts, vintage Harley Davidsons enthusiasts, and other motorcycling enthusiasts to join the ride to help with the fundraising efforts for this wonderful cause, and hopefully allowing us to reach our goal for the above mentioned respondent. We want for everyone's participation including Grahams on this ride to be a fantastically memorable one.

Merchandise products of shirts, pins, patches and stubby coolers will be on sale, although your registration fees to partake in the ride will include a shirt and pin.

We extend this invitation to your group to come along for what we believe will be a fantastic ride raising awareness of blood cancers and some serious funds for the Oncology Unit as somewhere along the line everyone has been touched by Cancer in one way or another.

For more information, please keep in contact with madhogs@bigpond.com. Updated progress on the ride will be emailed to those interested.

Thank you for your consideration of our ride.

Rebecca Lancashire

Secretary

Mackay and District Harley Owners Group

Mobile 0448636516 Home:49599965

Email:madhogs@bigpond.com



Riding a 1942 WLA
from Cairns to Mackay
and raising funds
for the Cancer Units
at Mackay
and Townsville

Registration \$120

Includes:

*Shirt

*Pin

*Meet & Greet
at Balaclava Hotel

*Some meals
along the way

For more details
contact Rebecca:

madhogs@bigpond.com

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REGISTRATION FORM

MACKAY & DISTRICT HARLEY OWNERS GROUP

WLA Ride For Oncology

September 26th - October 3rd

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HARLEY DAVIDSON



Participant 1	Details						\$Amount
Name:							
HOG Member No:							
Address:							
Email:							
Phone:							
Shirt Size:	S	M	L	XL	XXL		
Participant 2							
Name:							
HOG Member No:							
Address:							
Email:							
Phone:							
Shirt Size:	S	M	L	XL	XXL		
						\$Total Amount	

Payment Options (please tick appropriate box)

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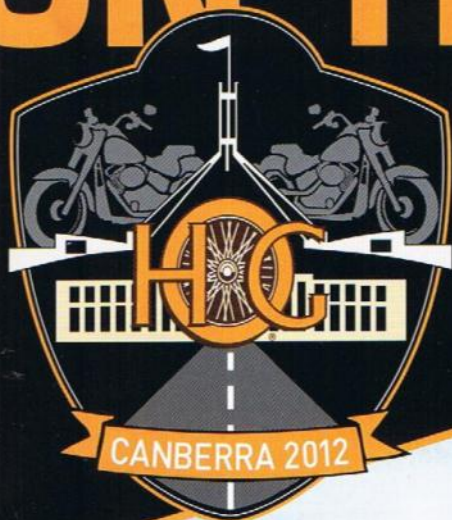
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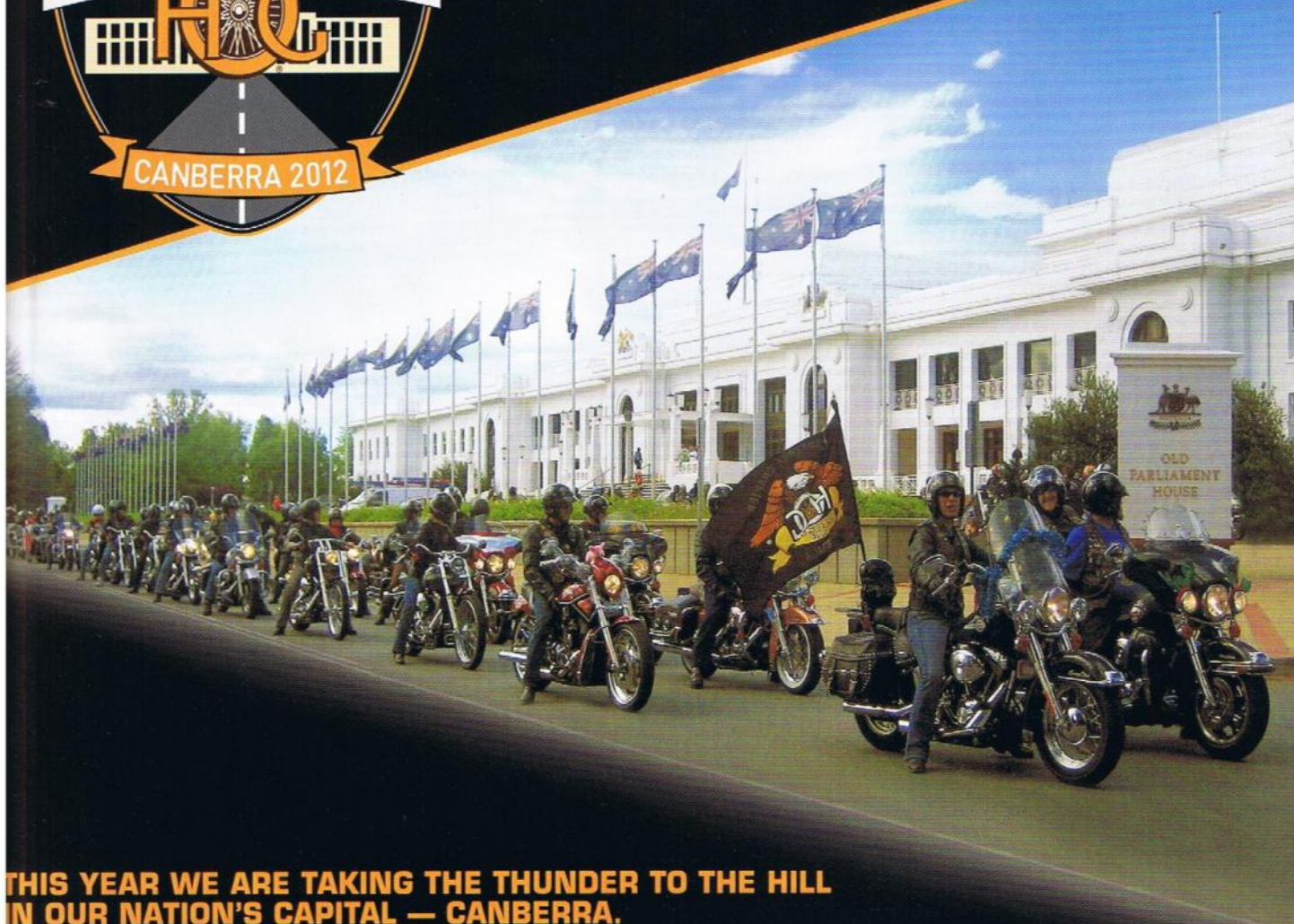
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