

### **NEWSLETTER**

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#### **Welcome to the Rockhampton HOG Newsletter**





#### 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 imprompturide 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...

I can't quite believe that we are over halfway through June already! Where is this year going?

The weather has been pretty good for a ride however the last few mornings have been a little chilly - it was four degrees when I came home from night shift this morning!

The past four weeks have been jam packed for our Chapter with events such as the Ladies' Garage Party, Camp Quality Fun on Wheels, an LOH Chap Sewing Bee, an LOH Ride to Gladstone, the Central Highlands Chapter Challenge and the OKK ride. Unfortunately out of all of those I was only able to get to the Garage Party but I made the most of it and had a great time. Thanks to those people who wrote "reports" about the various events.

It's great to see our members, old and new, getting out there in amongst it all. It's also fantastic to see new faces coming along to the Rumble Inn on Friday nights - it really is a great spot to catch up with like minded people. I just wish I had a better memory so I could remember everyone's names!



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Jill

#### 2012 Rockhampton HOG Chapter Committee





**Director** 

Keith Patten (Preacher)



**Assistant Director** 

Cameron Jennison (Cam)



**Secretary** 

Bernadette Davies (Bernie)



**Treasurer** 

Kim Sommerfeld (Numbers)



**Activities** 

Cathy Barry (Nasty) & Myles Witt (Witty)



**Editor** 

Jillian Rickertt (Jill)



**Ladies of Harley (LOH)** 

Julie Zornig (Boo Boo) & Chantal Sommerfeld



Historian

Jayne Fry (Miss Jayne)



**Safety Officers** 

Steve Cowley (Chief) & Geoff Richardson (Richo)



**Photographer** 

**Anne Haines** 



#### **Membership Officers**

Noel (Mufti) & Carolyn Guley



Webmaster

**Brett Alloway** 



#### **Road Captains**

Mick Thompson (Thomo) & Gary Boschen



**Sponsoring Dealer** 

Geoff Trewin - Rocky Harley-Davidson





































**Director**Keith Patten (Preacher)



I hope this newsletter finds you all well. It's been a very busy few months and a few more yet to come. I would like to thank you all for your participation in the various activities that we have been engaged in and it's rewarding to see the smiles on the faces of those who do join in. Of late we have yet again picked up a fair few new members so to all of you, welcome to our Chapter. If you have any questions about the things we do or why we do them, please catch up with me - I am at the Rumble Inn most Friday nights or you can give me a call or an email. The good people at Rocky Harley Davidson will pass on my contact details.

Our next club ride will be our monthly ride on Sunday the  $1^{st}$  of July to Blackdown Tablelands. There will be notification of this later in the Newsletter. After that will be the Canefield Bash in Mackay on  $21^{st}$  and  $22^{nd}$  of July - this I would recommend to everyone. It's a great weekend full of all the things we like to do like ride bikes, play games, drink a little bit and HAVE FUN. Due to the weekend being on our regular meeting night it is proposed that we hold our monthly meeting on Friday  $20^{th}$  July at 7.00pm - please try to attend as this is where you get to find out all the club business.

If you haven't yet registered for the State or National Rally I would recommend that you do so promptly as close off dates are approaching quickly. If I know our Editor, the fliers for both Rallies will be attached to this newsletter.

That's about all I have for now, remember to keep the shiny up.

Regards,

#### Preacher

And "If at first you don't succeed, do it the way your wife told you the first time"







#### **Sponsoring Dealer**

Geoff Trewin - Rocky Harley-Davidson



"Wake up with a Harley"! Rocky Harley-Davidson is participating in the Wake up with a Harley promotion. Just call us and you can have one of our Touring bikes for the weekend. What a great way to see if a Touring bike is your next step or your first.

"Demo Seat Program"! Yes another great promotion as part of our growing fit shop program. We have 26 different seats for you to try before You Buy!!!! Book one now!!

On a personal note, I would like to thank the HOG Chapter for their support and well wishes. Mary-Jane's Mum passed away very peacefully and we know she is in a better place, she will be missed.

Winter is here and you cannot get better riding weather. I missed the boys ride but the foot is better and I look forward to riding with you guys again.

The coffee shop is progressing and it looks like we will be the first regional concept shop for a major brand of coffee. We want to make sure what we do is the right fit and not just a coffee machine stuck in a corner!

Don't forget our "Connect A Mate" program. You could win a Harley (someone will??)!

Our Open Day (Demo Day) is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November and it will be a big weekend.

Geoff









#### ROCKHAMPTON HARLEY OWNERS GROUP MONTHLY MEETING Held at the Rumble Inn Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Meeting Opened: 6pm

Apologies: Glen & Paula Rohl, Graham Wall, Jason, Geoff Trewin, Gordon & Cheryl Smith, Jeff Zornig.

**Keith**: Friday nights Bus roster to be put in to place.

Emerald Chapter Challenge went well. The bus was a hit with the other Chapters. Three trophies returned to Rockhampton. Norton Collins (new member with a Deuce) attended. Jayden won the count the jelly beans, 837 purple jelly beans. Mufti was the winner of the Barrel Run and Slow Run in one!

Secretary Report: Minutes tabled, Keith Patten moved, Brett Alloway seconded.

**Treasurer Report:** Moved that bill be paid, Moved Cate Witt, Seconded Pat.

**Assistant Director:** New Riders please speak to your Safety Officers (Chief and Richo), Mufti or Keith. Should you have any concerns regarding anything with the ride or your bike we are more than happy to assist you or point you in the right direction.

Ladies of Harley (Chantal): Sewing bee went very well. Ride to Gladstone – called in to Harbour City, lunch at the Marina, shopping, afternoon tea at the Coffee Club - saw the guys from the Patriot's on the trip home. Next ride will have to be a Saturday morning to Mt Morgan and/or Gracemere to shop at a couple of little boutiques. Material is available for members who were unable to attend on Wednesday night's sewing bee - if you would like chaps please speak to Chantal.

**Safety Officer:** Tick and flick sheets are being created for the bus and also will be available for your own bike. Please speak to Chief (Steve Cowley), Mufti ( Noel Guley) or Cam.

**Activity Officer:** Monthly ride for July will be a Brass Monkeys ride to Blackdown Tableland. Please speak to Nasty or Rick if you can assist with lunch preparation. The Club Bus (with out a name as yet) will be attending if you would like Children to attend please contact Carolyn and book them their seat.

Next month meeting will be Friday  $20^{\text{th}}$  7pm.

Townsville Chapter Challenge - Canefield Bash 21 & 22 $^{\text{nd}}$  July

 $\label{eq:August-Sth} \textbf{August-S}^{\text{th}} \, \textbf{Poker} \, \textbf{Run for the monthly ride}$ 

September – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monthly Ride, 8<sup>th</sup> Ride for lost Friends, 20-23<sup>rd</sup> State Rally - 19<sup>th</sup> will be a big night for the Rumble Inn as we will have the Northern & Western Chapters meeting up to ride through to Bundaberg on the Thursday.

October – 7<sup>th</sup> Monthly Ride, 19-21<sup>st</sup> National Rally Canberra

November-  $4^{th}$  Monthly Ride,  $10^{th}$  November Breast Cancer Ride,  $18^{th}$  Benevolent Ride,  $24^{th}$  Toy Run.

Monthly Raffles will now be conducted each month. Nasty gave us all a lesson on 1%......you had to be there.





#### Secretary

Bernadette Davies (Bernie)



**Membership Officer** (Mufti): Healthy Chapter. Happy Birthday Cate (Witt). Auditors report complete on both the Rumble Inn and the Harley Owners Group.

Rumble Tab no longer will be happening and will be finished by the end of the month, also if any purchases are made by you or donations are made they will be paid by Cheque - no cash transactions any more. We are all wiser from our Auditors experience.

**Rumble Inn** (Carolyn): Chapter shirts are now available to be purchased from the Rumble Inn \$45.00 each.

State of Origin 3<sup>rd</sup> Game 4<sup>th</sup> July 2012 will be on at the Rumble Inn for everyone, bring along your friends, prizes on the night and corporate seating up for auction.

Thanks everyone for bringing along a hot dish this evening, next meeting as it is going to be conducted on the Friday night, will be nibbles.

Editors Report: Please submit all information by Wednesday after our monthly meeting.

#### **General Business:**

**State Rally** - 19<sup>th</sup> September - Wednesday the Northern & Western chapters arrive at Rockhampton to travel through to Bundaberg then on to Brisbane on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> September for the State Rally. If you haven't thought about it as yet do so as you will get to meet some fantastic people.

**Mark Bull** – Thank you to everyone who attended and assisted with the Camp Quality ride the other weekend - went well - the kids enjoyed the day. Mufti won the Roll of the Dice, Cam and Bully also won some prizes, a great day for everyone who attended.

Next year starting to work on it to assist with Bully's Camp Quality Ride.

**Aunty Ray** – As our Aunty Ray is so nifty with her purchases for Friday night nibbles, it was agreed that when it warms up a Seafood Night will be held towards the end of the year

**Nasty** – take the residents of Benevolent Home on another ride. They have all been asking about when their biker boyfriends are coming back to see them and take them for another ride.

Mary-Jane's mum passed away it was moved that we purchase flowers.

**Membership** – If you have been a HOG member for 5 years, when renewing your membership have a look see at what the cost will be to become a life member.

**Safety** – Again, if you have any concerns at all please speak to Cam, Mufti or Chief.

Meeting Closed: 6.50pm

#### **Reports**





#### Treasurer

Kim Sommerfeld (Numbers)



Beginning bank balance 30th April \$11,103.50

PLUS: Membership Fees 19/5/12 \$360 and \$40 + badge money \$185 + fines \$85.80 +

Membership Fees 16/6/12 \$340 (banked 18/6)

LESS: Audit fees (& a/c still to be paid) \$1,870.00

CASH AVAILABLE: as at 16th June 2012 = \$10,244.30

The cash available of \$10,244.30 as at 16/6/12 is represented by:

Bank Statements Term Deposit 31/5/12 \$7,025.12 and Cheque account balance 31/5/12 \$4,749.18

ADD cash recorded 16/6/12 (& banked 18/6/12) \$340

LESS Audit fees still payable \$1870.00

BALANCE CASH AVAILABLE = \$10,244.30 (16/6/12)

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#### NEXT MONTH:

Nasty's raffle proceeds were receipted after the Financial Report and next month's financials will include Nasty's Raffle 16/6/12 \$194.10 (banked 18/6/12)

The club's financials are fully available for any members to examine: it's your club and you are always entitled to know the details

Cheers,

#### **Numbers**







#### **Safety Officers**

Steve Cowley (Chief) & Geoff Richardson (Richo)



Hi Guys & Gals,

I have two points to raise this month, which obviously are riding related, especially concerning new riders.

· RIDERS NOT YET ON FULL OPEN LICENCE

It is great that as a club, we are experiencing growth in our membership, even better with the growth being contributed to the purchasing of new bikes or the use of the learner bike.

For some new members, their current licence class allows them to be ride under direct supervision of a full licence holder, (while riding anything upwards of an 883 Sporty, apparently) which is usually or should be their partner.

Now with this being said, I think it only fair that respective partners RIDE with their partner. New or inexperienced riders generally take position to the rear of pack, but forward of Tail End Charlie, till they have gained relative experience and/or confidence with pack riding is achieved. The tail ender should not be held responsible for your partner's actions or licence. He/she their own to look after. Another valid reasoning is, if for any unforseen circumstance or mishap should occur, who will the unfortunate person turn to? Their partner of course. It is also a great way of spending quality time together and quelling accusations of..." you don't spend time with me anymore" or "we don't do anything together like we used to" (Imao).

So, let's think of the noobs and make their early riding experiences pleasantly memorable.

OVERTAKING

OK this one is a serious subject.

It has been observed, by members, that there have been a few instances of dangerous overtaking.

Examples of which are

- · Passing on double white lines
- · Passing on double white lines approaching a crest
- · Passing and not considering or allowing for the rider behind you, or approaching traffic.
- · Inexperienced riders following their partner in dangerous or what could be dangerous manoeuvres.

We need to address this issue, each and every one of us, seriously, when riding as a club.

We all ride the staggered formation when in the pack, usually with a Road Captain. The R/Captain determines when it is safe to allow the pack or the majority to pass. The R/Captain maintains his position and speed (on the opposite side of the road) while passing, to allow the pack to complete the pass, he/she will maintain this position and indicate and pull back into line when everyone has passed or inadequate road distance / blind spots or oncoming traffic is observed. Following riders should follow suit and pull back in when indicated.





#### **Safety Officers**

Steve Cowley (Chief) & Geoff Richardson (Richo)



While all this is going on upfront, the following riders SHOULD maintain their passing speed even when they have completed pass and are back on the right side of the road. This allows following riders to pull back into line. There is nothing worse when at speed, after passing you have to brake so you don't run up the rear of the rider who has slowed in front of you, or you are stranded in no-man's land with oncoming traffic.

If for example you are mid pack and the R/Captain has pulled back in, DON'T Pass. The R/Captain has pulled back in for a very good reason (see dot points above), pass only when safe to do so, it's YOUR life and the person next to you.

Normal cruising speed will resume after passing manoeuvre has been completed by all that is able to do so...

Back to the new riders. You experienced riders, with your partner beside you (see dot point above), please pass when safe to do so. You may think or know you can do it, but, remember the inexperience beside you. It is only natural that they will follow. You noobs, if you don't think it is safe and your partner has gone already, don't do it, wait until safe. Your partner showing all consideration will maintain a speed at which you are able to catch up with. Isn't that right guys?!

This is not intended to be a rant, but an issue that needs to be addressed. It is also not a lesson on the law, but is intended to make us all think of our next move on the road and how it will or may affect those following or those beside us, even others not of our group but are other road users.

If anyone has issues or problems with this, please by all means come and see me, Richo, the Road Captains, Keith or Cameron for clarification.

#### Chief & Richo

#### **Reports**





#### Ladies of Harley (LOH)

Chantal Sommerfeld



The Ladies enjoyed a very cold evening sewing their gorgeous "chaps", which we proudly wore on our "Ladies Ride" to Gladstone.

Thanks to Caroline and her instructions, some lovely creations were made. Their is more material available for anybody who would like to make a pair of chaps. Gladstone people were not quite sure what to make of us ......comments ranged from "here come the cowgirls!"....to oh, "you girls have made my day"!!!!!

Our Ladies ride to Gladstone started with much enthusiasm, with Annie and Jane sharing the ride on Graham. Michelle drove the bus so some non-rider ladies were able to come with us also. We visited Harbour City Harley, had a look around, went on to have a delicious lunch at the Sailing Club and then proceeded to spend quite a bit of time at Zetta boutique where we managed to find quite a few lovely outfits. By that time we needed a cup of coffee to help us on the ride home.

So thanks to all the ladies who participated, we hope to do something again soon.

Due to time constraints there are no photos of the LOH events in this Newsletter - they will be published on the Chapter Website www.rockyhog.com ASAP (should be up no later than 25/06/12) - Cheers, Jill



#### **Membership Officers**

Noel (Mufti) & Carolyn Guley





Hi Everyone

How good has this weather been lately? If you haven't been out on your bike you're missing the best part of the year! Air cooled Harleys run much better in this cooler weather so that should be all the excuse that you need to get out there and give it a fist full! (Safely and responsibly of course)

Well what an action packed couple of months since my last report. We have had the Garage Party, State of Origin night, monthly rides, impromptu rides, poker runs and the Emerald Chapter Challenge, and they're just the ones that I can remember. So if you couldn't find something to "float your boat" in that lot you must be very hard to please!

Memberships are still steadily rising and every week I continue seeing new members attending Friday night drinks at the Rumble Inn or attending meetings. Every time I enter RHD the number of new bikes with sold signs on the seat still amazes me. I wonder just how many Harleys must be sitting under houses and in garages around CQ – there must be bloody thousands of them!

Warmest congratulations must go to Laurie Payne who was awarded Life Membership at our May General Meeting. I cannot think of a more deserving member. Laurie has been through a great deal over the past few years and it was great seeing him smile again. As the weeks roll into months I see that look in Laurie's eyes and I wouldn't be surprised to see him park his bum back on a bike in the not too distant future. I must also give a special mention to Pat Payne who has stood beside her man throughout the whole ordeal – behind every great man there's an even greater woman!

I know I say it all the time, but here I go again! Become involved in your Chapter and participate whenever you can, you may be surprised just how much enjoyment and fulfilment it can bring to your life. It's your club, so make the most of it!

Remember if you have any questions about your local or international membership or HOG in general please don't hesitate in contacting Carolyn at RHD or alternatively you can speak to Keith Patten or me at any time and we'll do our best in addressing your questions or concerns.

Ride Safe & Ride Often

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#### Webmaster

**Brett Alloway** 



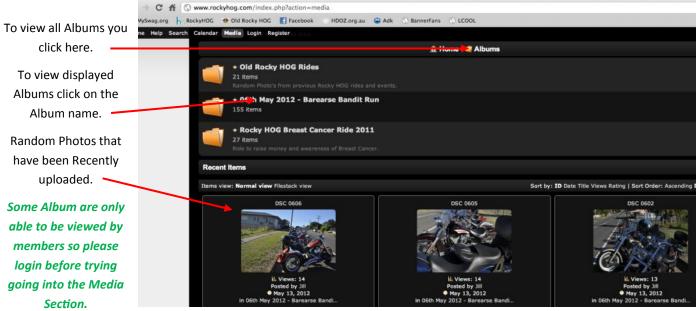
Well I hope everyone has had the opportunity to check out or even register with the Rockhampton HOG Chapter website - www.rockyhog.com. In the past two newsletters we covered how to register with the website to use the forum / interactive section of the site. This month I will show you how to view our Media section so if you missed a ride you can still see all the action from photos taken on the day. Also if you need help using the site please talk to me next time you see me at the Rumble Inn or email web@rockyhog.com and I will reply asap.

#### Cheers



Go to www.rockyhog.com

At the top left side of your screen you will see "Media" Click on it.





#### **Rides & Events Calendar**



OFFICIAL CLUB RIDES -> <u>1ST SUNDAY</u> EACH MONTH

CLUB MEETINGS -> <u>3RD SATURDAY</u> EACH MONTH

RUMBLE INN -> <u>EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT</u> -> 5PM TIL 10PM

#### **Rocky Harley-Davidson Opening Hours**

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

Saturday -> 9am til Midday

**JULY** 

1st Official Club Ride Day -> Brass Monkeys Ride to Blackdown Tableland for lunch

20th JulyMeeting & Social Night -> Meeting commences 7pm at RHD

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

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

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

August

5th Official Club Ride Day -> Poker Run - details TBA

18th August Meeting & Social Night -> Meeting commences 05.30pm at RHD

<u>September</u>

2nd Official Club Ride Day -> details TBA

3-7th Southern Cross 2012 Annual 5 Day Poker Run \*\*

8th Ride for Lost Friends -> details TBA

15th September Meeting & Social Night -> Meeting commences 05.30pm at RHD

19th Northern & Western HOG Chapters at Rumble Inn -> details TBA

20-23rd Qld State Rally - Brisbane - see Preacher (Keith) for details \*\*

28-2nd WLA Ride for Oncology \*\*

October

7th Official Club Ride Day -> details TBA

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

20th October Meeting & Social Night -> Meeting commences 05.30pm at RHD

(\*\* Please see Flyer at back/Advert)



# RIDER COMFORT SYSTEM

Integrated customizable layers.

The Rider Comfort System (RCS) is designed to be a three part system consisting of a base layer for moisture management, a mid-layer for extra insulation and an outer layer for protection. When complete, all three layers combine to provide a total Rider Comfort System.





Moisture management is the first step in creating a total system, and one many riders skip. Performance fabrics are designed to wick moisture away from the body so that it can evaporate quickly – something cotton tees can't do. Wicking fabrics keep your skin dry, which is important in maintaining a consistent body temperature. Base layers are designed to fit snugly to the body for maximum wicking ability. For a roomier fit, it's a good idea to size up.



Insulate with a MID-LAYER

The Mid-Layer helps insulate the body to retain heat by trapping air next to the skin. In cold weather, this layer keeps the body warm so that less energy is wasted on body temperature control and more energy can be spent focusing on the ride. Mid-Layers are designed to fit snugly to the body for the best heat management. For a roomier fit, it's a good idea to size up. Just be sure the mid-layer still fits comfortably beneath the outer layer and doesn't gap at the waist to ensure proper protection from the elements.



OUTER LAYER

The Outer Layer helps to further maintain a consistent body temperature and protect the rider from the elements. With options in mesh, nylon and polyester, the rider can add the right outer layer for the riding conditions that day. The outer layer should be roomy enough to fit easy over the other layers, and should not restrict any movement.

Be sure to speak to Carolyn or Tamara in the Rocky Harley Davidson (RHD) Merchandise Department about this great product!

#### **Workshop Wisdom**







#### HARLEY-DAVIDSON SUSPENSION PRODUCTS

Suspension is one of the most overlooked areas that can affect the overall motorcycle riding experience. Customers, rightly so, want their Harley-Davidson motorcycle suspension to deliver a smooth, supple ride while delivering an excellent road "feel". They expect exceptional durability as well as options to customize for fit, function and style.

Harley-Davidson suspension goes far beyond simple lowering kits. Harley-Davidson offers a wide range of suspension upgrade options that not only lower seat height for a better fit, but also improve performance and ride quality for better function, and complement the cosmetic appeal of a motor cycle, all at a price that customers will appreciate.

No one performs more testing and development then Harley-Davidson on its original equipment and genuine motor accessories products. Due to the critical nature of suspension components, Harley-Davidson takes extraordinary measures to ensure every components, functions flawlessly and delivers performance that is inline with customers exceptions.

#### **COMFORT FLEX REAR SHOCKS**

For most '11-later XL and '05-later Softail models are the perfect solution for cost-conscious riders who are looking to gain a noticeable improvement in ide quality at an attractive price, and don't mind a small increase in seat height [no more then 1 inch].

XL P/N 54000040

Softail P/N 54000041

#### PREMIUM RIDE, HAND-ADJUSTABLE REAR SHOCKS

Are for most 09-later Touring models and offer customers unparalleled ride quality and performance for a completive price.

These shocks utilize a single-tube, nitrogen-charged emulsion design for enhanced compression and rebound damping compared to the current OEM air shocks.

Hydraulic, hand adjustability means simple, spring preload adjustments when changing vehicle loading, without requiring an air pump.

A big advantage over the competition is that only one side needs to be adjusted.

Take comfort to the next level by using standard height shocks P/N 54000008 instead of the low shocks P/N 54680-10 for slightly more stroke and cushion.

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#### **Workshop Wisdom**







#### PREMIUM RIDE, DOUBLE CARTRIDGE FRONT FORK KIT

For most 09-later Touring models offer superior performance and ride quality with the same ride height and stroke as the OME front suspension.

Improved resistance to front brake dive improves cornering and enhances bottoming control.

This kit is designed to complement the premium ride hand-adjustable rear shocks, and it also works great with the OME rear shocks.

P/N 45500106.

Harley-Davidson suspension parts come with a one-year standard over the counter warranty or a two-year warranty if installed within 60 days of new vehicle purchase

These are only some of the great new products that Harley-Davidson have released.

#### Warren







#### 26th May - Garage Party

Once again the Garage Party proved to be a great success, but I must admit that there were a few nervous moments leading up to the big event. For instance, the memento bandanas that everyone received didn't arrive until the day before the event! However it all came together on the day and what a great day it was!

Seventy five ladies attended making the RHD Garage Party one of the biggest in Australia for the third year in a row! The feedback from this event has been very positive and appreciated as we are always looking for ways in which we can improve future events.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the ladies who modelled the Harley Davidson Motor Clothes so beautifully. Also a big thanks to our male HOG members who made sure that everyone was looked after throughout the entire evening.

Thanks again for making the evening such a huge success and let's make the 2013 Garage Party even bigger and better!

#### Carolyn

Merchandise Manager - Rocky Harley Davidson

















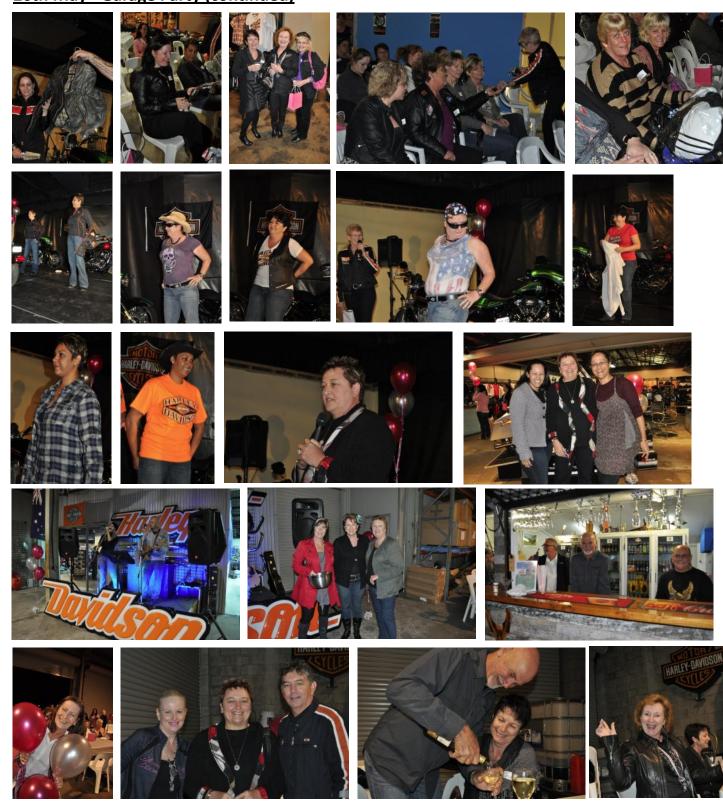




Should you wish to order any photos, please see Chapter Photographer Anne Haines or contact the Editor.



#### 26th May - Garage Party (continued)











#### 27th May - Camp Quality Fun on Wheels

Many thanks to all the riders that supported the Camp Quality Fun on Wheels Day. I thought the day was very well organised with the Roll the Dice and the Horse Races at the Westwood pub the main features. Congratulations to "Mufti" who won the Roll the Dice. There were also some other good prizes that some of our guys were lucky enough to win. I was a little disappointed that there weren't many kids along for the day. I spoke with the Camp Quality committee and they realised there needs to be more advertising and promotion of what could be a very good annual event. Next year there will be more emphasis on promotion to families. Once again the families of Camp Quality thank you for your participation.

Ride & Have Fun

#### **Bully**











#### 9-16th June - OKK West to Blackall, Bourke and Beyond

#### OKK 2012 Roser's Version

\*\*\*Warning: this is totally unedited! Cheers, Jill\*\*\*

Hi Rocky Hog Members. Just a quick brief on our 2012 OKK journey for those who are interested. My view not FRYS!

Day 1 Sat June 9 leave Rocky head west to Blackall beach boys hit rain on way up yes good start he he, yes all loaded heaps of gear on us & bikes/trikes about 4 stops fuel & food, monster snake on road outside Barkey arrive late afternoon fuel up "yes in trouble for not paying the correct amount\$\$" then book in, Hano's bike gained a cough from the cold weather Whitey tried to repair with help from Warren on phone that had to withdraw from trip last thing, pressed the buttons on bike they said go for a drink boys, cleaned up then went for dinner to a HIGHLEY recommended place in town I'm sure they play Bingo there not Bowls finished off with a few at the local Mick & Garry ripping off the Pokies then a night cap they always hurt also Jonesey letting the locals hear what a real bike sounds like @ midnight "Fry slept through it real good night cap hay".

Day 2 Sun Up heading south to Bourke, bodies ok but not so good bags shrunk over night hard to fit gear back in, Quick bite @ servo & off we go long run ahead fuel & quick ale @ Cunnamulla, notice my rear tire not great on one side must keep going, stop for photos @ the Border "Richo stopped in the middle of the road to stop people crossing it State of Origin thing" lucky a few tired bodies by then arrive before dark book in, Mick popular with locals at the local shop getting diet coke had a personal security guard while he went & bought it nice place if you have nothing worth stealing! Chinese at Bowls club not bad meal, early night because it was so hot outside not.

Day 3 Mon Fuel feed head south to Bathurst, fuel on way at Dubbo, Uncle Darryl from the Woorriee Cafeee got chatting to one of the local lasses in the Red dress must have known her from his past he he but she did like Micks trike the most, time to get out of there, get to motel unpack head to Mount Panorama for track work tuff track in the rain but we shit it in record time see Whitey for those photos. In Bathurst while we were sharing the park benches we befriended a homeless person goig through the bins. After a bit of talking Garry was kind enough to give him the spare bed in his room for the night cause it was cold. Done the Museum thing good shit back for drinks in the beer garden food drinks yes night cap again.

Day 4 Tues Fry leads us to fuel through at least 6 roundabouts some twice we fueled up 2 blocks away good on ya tom tom our friend, pull straight up for food after 10 min I took them to the Golden Arches my fav ate our gourmet breakfast then old mate said Raining where we are heading F\*#k have to put wet weather gear on so easy took off well wasn't that a fresh ride down the mountain with a slight breeze from our west, only for the tuff there were a few things backed down the tube by then didn't need a pit stop for a while except for Kenny & the Kernal he was still leaking from the day before the skid man, hit the Blue Mountains that high we were up with the Planes, a bloke Mark joined us up with his Harley, then we headed down the Putty yes a few tight turns nothing we couldn't handle, stopped @ the bottom pub was closed yes Fry laid his bike down for a sleep he he, on to Tamworth Harley shop after a few more roundabouts bloody Tom Tom, then almost back to Mussellbrook for our accom thanks again Whitey one of your best mate! Meal, then early night.



#### 9-16th June - OKK West to Blackall, Bourke and Beyond (continued)

Day **5** Wed up the Dorrigo mountain yes F#@\*...G wet & cool nice waterfalls hit Coffs Harbour, book in, Harley shop, pub set up ready for the Blues that night, Richo had the Maroon beanie & slippers what rippers hope someone got photos, after the loss the Bouncer mistook me for being Intoxicated and ask me to leave I said is it the jersey that didn't help, kebab then home.

Day 6 Thurs Easy run up the highway to Byron change of plan from Goondiwindi hard choice "Hano's bike still got a cough & my tire changing shape" book in lunch then a walk down town, Dfar "Uncle Darryl" & I went for a massage hit the small sauna together size of a shower, drops his guts straight up couldn't breath either of us had to laugh he was getting ready had to put on someone's grandmothers Satan robe on nice profile ha ha, top massage then Dfar thought I hid his cloths ?? But no the German lady had them, out to Dinner following GPS George Balls luvs that thing heading to another pub bloke BASHING shit out of another bloke not good yow, bloke @ pub said happens all the time Par keys leave alone, another pub with music home bed.

Day **7** Fri Head to Gasoline Ally Couldn't do Hano's bike or my tire bugger, they luved Dfar bought most of the shop, 5 headed up the coast with Hano to the Bundy Bear area then home the next day, 5 of us went to Chopper Works in Brisbane Upgrade my tire, feed then special shop!! Black torches no bulbs??

Head out west in the mountains Somerset Dam area & on to Nanango Where is the PREACHER? they ask, tried all the pubs watch the Dogs win listen to old mate singing top voice, bed.

Day 8 Sat head for home through the heavy fog, feed Bilo beer Home.

Thanks for the great week guys always a laugh somewhere.

PS WHAT TIME DOES THE CAFEEEE OPEN UNCLE DARRYL?

#### OKK 2012 Fry's Version

Well the OKK 2012 is over and what a ride!!

Eleven adventure seeking bikers headed off at 7.30am on Saturday 9th of June, a chilly winter's morning.

The destination for day one was Blackall, some 680 odd km West of Rocky. Only stopping for fuel and food, we made good time, and were keen for a shower and some refreshments on arrival.

Blackall's water supply is from artesian bores, hot (after a long wait) and smelly, a lot of Rexona was used.

Day two we headed south via Tambo and Augathella (Cosmos Meatant Country) to Bourke, travelling about 755 km that day. We crossed the border into New South Wales and stopped for a wee.

Lots of long straight roads with fog around Tambo. Pigs, Kangaroos, Emus and Foxes were among the wild-life and road kill on this leg of the journey.

The third morning was another frosty one. With about 567km ahead of us before reaching Bathurst, and not a bend in the road for the first 200 km, we again made good time. Arriving in Bathurst, we were all keen to do a few laps of Mount Panorama, and headed for the track.



#### 9-16th June - OKK West to Blackall, Bourke and Beyond (continued)

The raceway is a public road with a 60km speed limit. I gained a whole new respect race drivers and the speeds they do around Mount Panorama, coming down off the mountain, what a thrill.

Day four had us heading for Tamworth, via the Blue Mountains and Putty Road. This is a must do bit of road for all bike riders. I don't have much of the foot boards left, but a fantastic ride.

We had our first bit of wet weather in the Blue Mountains, and yes a tad cool. That night we stayed in North Muswellbrook (Tamworth) - nice rustic cabins thanks Whitey:). We saw the Golden Guitar and a few U turns thanks to Fry and Tom Tom.

Tamworth to Coffs Harbour via Dorrigo and the Waterfall Way came next. Again we had some wet, and according to Richo white stuff falling from the sky. Yes that was BLOODY COLD, but again a must do section of road. It was State of Origin number two that night, so some of us with QLD colours or QLD slippers ventured to a nearby venue to support our team. :(

After the long days we had up to now, we decided we would do a shorter one for day six, and as luck would have it Byron Bay was a short distance away. This is a great place to rest your tired bones, with nice beaches and some good shopping.

Next day we headed off one more time, with six deciding to head straight up the Bruce Highway to Bargara for there last night before going home. The remaining five travelled to Brisbane and took Tom Passaris's advice and once again headed for the hills, Mount Nebo and Mount Glorious and the Somerset Dam, then onto Nanango and stayed with our old mates at the Fitzroy Motel. They made us feel like long lost friends. The pieces of ply are still there to put under the bike stands from when we attended the Gathering there last year.

The final day had arrived and we headed out into the fog, which lasted until Eidsvold. We sat having breakfast / lunch and group of dirt bikers turn up - they were doing a similar thing to us. They were all farmers from the Darling Downs and do a couple of rides a year. We shared a few stories with them and then headed for home.

Although it was nice to be home, the feeling as I rode back into Rocky was not as joyous as it had been a week earlier.

Many thanks to the OKK crew of 2012, the memories will remain with me for a long time.

Fry



#### 9-16th June - OKK West to Blackall, Bourke and Beyond (continued)



























#### 9-11th June - Central Highlands HOG Chapter Challenge

From the weather looked like when we left Rocky on Saturday morning we all thought we were going to be in for a wet weekend and then the Biker Gods shon down on upon us with a top weekend, a weekend full of laughter, good riding, some very expensive auctions (for some) and good comradely with our fellow HOG members from the Central Highlands Chapter.

We had representation from 14 of our members and also 2 new members in Norton Collins and his son Jayden, and we were once again rewarded with several trophies.

- \* Hank (Sir Tosser) took out the Caber Toss.
- \* Mufti the Barrel race.
- \* Jayden Collins the Junior Postman's Drop.
- \* Jayden Collins the Guess How Many Jelly Beans in the Jar.
- \* Michelle the Poker Run on the Sunday.

It's a bit of a worry what we could do if we actually practiced. Make sure you put this on your list of things to

do next year.

Regards

#### Preacher



























#### 17th June - Impromptu Ride

Like all impromptu rides, the decision on where we go is generally made up when we arrive on Sunday mornings after the monthly meeting and this was no different.

With all the road works that are happening around the area it's hard to avoid them, so this time we decided on something a little different, with a more South Westerly direction taken.

We had a good number of bikes and more importantly we had a few learners, the speed was kept to suit the slower bikes and away we went to Mount Morgan, Goovigen for lunch, Wowan to say hello to Rossy and then down the range to Bouldercombe. Not a long ride by any means, but a ride which gave our learners some different types of roads. All had a good time riding and had fun.

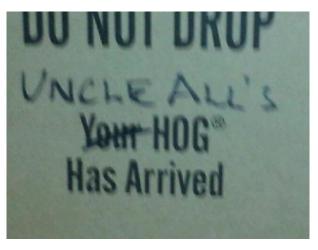
#### Preacher







#### Al Hayward checking out his new Wheels







Thanks to Bernie for supplying the photos...

#### **Member Profiles**





NAME: Moana Tioriori

**NICKNAME:** Mo

**PARTNER/PILLION:** Chief (Steve Cowley)

**CURRENT BIKE:** Super Low

**PREVIOUS WHEELS:** Jeep

**STARTED RIDING:** One year ago

**FAVOURITE BIKE:** Super Low

**YEAR JOINED HOG: 2009** 

**BEST RIDE:** All

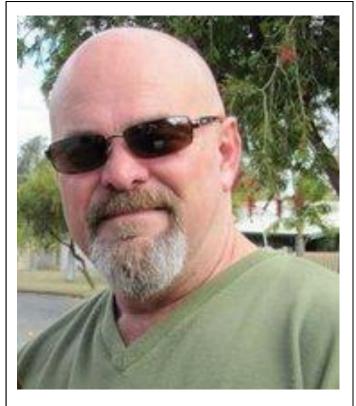
**WORST RIDE:** Never

**FAVOURITE DRINK:** Coke

**FAVOURITE MEAL:** Takeaways

LIKES: Don't

**DISLIKES:** None



NAME: Robbie Bond

NICKNAME: Bondy

PARTNER/PILLION: None

**CURRENT BIKE: 2012 Fat Bob** 

PREVIOUS WHEELS: VT 250 Honda

**STARTED RIDING:** As a kid on cattle properties

**FAVOURITE BIKE:** Customised Fat Bob

**YEAR JOINED HOG: 2012** 

**BEST RIDE:** All of them

WORST RIDE: Yet to happen

**FAVOURITE DRINK: Rum** 

**FAVOURITE MEAL:** Steak

LIKES: Life

**DISLIKES:** Arrogant and insensitive people









#### **NAME PATCHES**

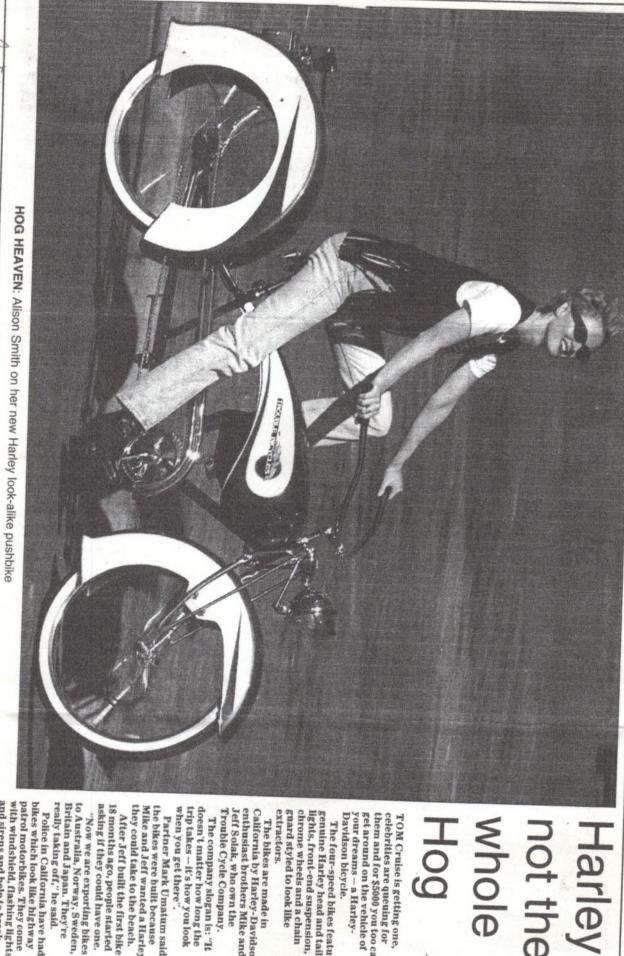
Please email <a href="mailto:editor@rockyhog.com">editor@rockyhog.com</a> or phone/text 0427 139 551 Jill if you would like an embroidered name patch (like the one above) with your name or nickname (or one of each). They will be less than \$10 each and will take about 3 weeks to arrive.

#### **Newsletter Deadline**

All Members are welcome to submit items for publication in the monthly newsletter. Please email them to <a href="mailto:editor@rockyhog.com">editor@rockyhog.com</a> no later than the Wednesday after the monthly meeting to make it into the next issue.







# Harley not the

TOM Cruise is getting one, celebrities are queuing for them and for \$5000 you too can

lights, front-end suspension, chrome wheels and a chain extractors. guard styled to look like genuine Harley head and tail The four-speed bikes feature

Trouble Cycle Company. enthusiast brothers Mike and Jeff Solak, who own the California by Harley-Davidson The bikes are made in

they could take to the beach. the bikes were built because Mike and Jeff wanted a Harley when you get there". trip takes - it's how you look The company slogan is: "It doesn't matter how long the Partner Mark Umatum said

bikes which look like highway patrol motorbikes. They come "Now we are exporting bikes to Australia, Norway, Sweden, Britain and Japan. They're really taking off," he said. with windshield, flashing lights asking if they could have one. Police in California have had

and sirens and help to break the ice with children.

#### LAUGH OUT LOUD





#### **Mouthy Parrot**

This big ugly biker walks into a bar with a parrot on his shoulder, orders a beer and a shot. The bartender sets him up and says, "That's really cool, where did you get him?"

"Sturgis." Replied the parrot, "They're all over the friggin place!"

#### STOPPED FOR SPEEDING

A rookie police officer pulled a biker over for speeding and had the following exchange:

Officer: May I see your driver's license?

Biker: I don't have one. I had it suspended when I got my 5th DUI.

Officer: May I see the owner's card for this vehicle?

Biker: It's not my bike. I stole it.

Officer: The motorcycle is stolen?

Biker: That's right. But come to think of it, I think I saw the owner's card in the tool bag when I was

putting my gun in there.

Officer: There's a gun in the tool bag?

Biker: Yes sir. That's where I put it after I shot and killed the dude who owns this bike and stuffed his

dope in the saddle bags.

Officer: There's drugs in the saddle bags too?!?!?

Biker: Yes, sir.

Hearing this, the rookie immediately called his captain. The biker was quickly surrounded by police, and

the captain approached the biker to handle the tense situation:

Captain: Sir, can I see your license? Biker: Sure. Here it is. It was valid. Captain: Who's motorcycle is this?

Biker: It's mine, officer. Here's the registration.

Captain: Could you slowly open your tool bag so I can see if there's a gun in it?

Biker: Yes, sir, but there's no gun in it. Sure enough, there was nothing in the tool bag.

Captain: Would you mind opening your saddle bags? I was told you said there's drugs in them.

Biker: No problem. The saddle bags were opened; no drugs.

Captain: I don't understand it. The officer who stopped you said you told him you didn't have a license,

stole this motorcycle, had a gun in the tool bag, and that there were drugs in the saddle bags.

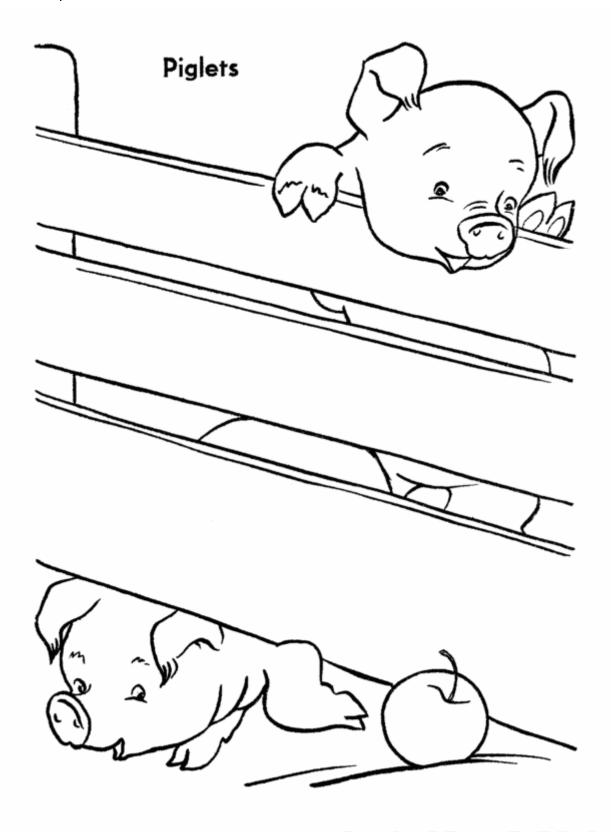
Biker: Yeah, I'll bet he told you I was speeding, too.

Don't forget to forward any humourous snippets to me at <a href="mailto:editor@rockyhog.com">editor@rockyhog.com</a>. Alternatively you can give them to me at the Rumble Inn. Jill



#### A little something for our future HOG members...

Colour in the picture.....



Attention Parents/Guardians - please let Mother Pig Michelle Patten know the birthdate/s of your Piglet/s so that we can publish a little shout-out to them in the Newsletter in the appropriate month.



#### **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.

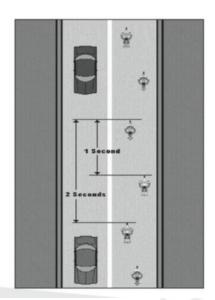
Single file is used when directed by the ride leader.

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"

# Mackay & District Harley Owners Group Canefield Bash

Brothers Football Club Leprecheun Park, Wilton Street

Saturday 21st July 2012

# \$70 per person

Children 6 - 14 years \$40

Late Registration \$80

# **Includes:**

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



# For Catering Purposes RSVP by Monday 2nd July

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



#### MOTORCYCLES MAGIKAY Proudly sponsored by Late Registration Monday 2nd July OFFICE USE ONLY: RSVP Receipt No: Paid \$ Total Mackay & District Harley Owners Group Cheque / Money Order Payable to: Mackay V Twin Motorcycle Club Post to: Secretary MAD HOG Total Cost \$ PO Box 4077 SOUTH MACKAY Q 4740 Adult \*Email completed Registration Form to madhogs@bigpond.com for processing or phone 0448 636516\* 6-14yrs \$40 0-5yrs Payment Options (please tick appropriate box) REGISTRATION FORM SATURDAY 21st JULY 2012 CANEFIELD BASH Details Direct Bank Deposit Account Name: Mackay V Twin Motorcycle Club Bank of Qld BSB: 124059 Account No: 11226746 Reference: Please use your name International Member No: International Member No: Contact Phone Number: Family Members/Guests HOG Member 2 HOG Member 1 Full Name: Full Name: Address: Address: Name: Name: Email:



Raising money for Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus

RED CLASS: Poker Hand, Dinners & Breakfasts - \$230.00

BLUE CLASS: Poker Hand & Dinners - \$180.00 GREEN CLASS: Poker Hand & Breakfasts - \$140.00 WHITE CLASS: Poker Hand only (no meals) - \$90.00 Registrations are due by 1st August. Registrations after 1st August will automatically default to WHITE CLASS and will include a \$10 late fee. No meals will be available after this date. Long Sleeve (\$10 extra) to be ordered by 30th June.

All classes include t-shirt, badge and camping fees.

For more information & Registration forms: www.southern-cross-association.org.au

Phone: 0438 906 877

#### **HOG CAPE YORK CHAPTER INC.**

## THE REEF TO THE RIVER CITY ROLLING RALLY

DEPARTING HARLEY MAGIC CAIRNS TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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









#### 2012 Queensland State Rally **Registration Form**



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

A When:	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> - Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	September, 2012
Where:	Eagle Farm Racecourse, J	Jackson Street, Eagle Farm QLD
Fees:	<u>Deluxe : \$175 per</u> <u>Adult</u>	Includes Rally T-shirt, 3 days entertainment, 2 meals (Friday & Saturday night) AND (if current financial International HOG Member) a Rally Pin .
	<u>Regular : \$150 per</u> <u>Adult</u>	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:	Earty Bird Closes: 31 <sup>st</sup> 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: 31 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> September 2012

#### NO DETS OR BALLOONS ON-SITE

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### 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

26<sup>th</sup> Sept Wednesday Leave Mackay Motorcycles (Make way to Cairns unofficially)

28<sup>th</sup> Sept Friday Official Welcome Dinner in Cairns

29<sup>th</sup> Sept Saturday Leave Cairns, Overnight at Innisfail

30<sup>th</sup> Sept Sunday Leave Innisfail, Overnight at Townsville

1st Oct Monday

Leave Townsville, Overnight at Bowen

2<sup>nd</sup> 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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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 26<sup>th</sup> September to 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The owner of the 1942 WLA Harley Davidson is Graham Omand (photo attached) who also sufferers 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 Hopsital 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 respondant. 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 parttake 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 <a href="madhogs@bigpond.com">madhogs@bigpond.com</a>. Updated progress on the ride will be emailed to those interested.

Thank you for your consideration of our ride.

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