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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 128 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...

Hi All!

Welcome to the March issue of the Rockhampton HOG Newsletter.

Unfortunately ol' Mother Nature hasn't been real giving in the good weather department this month which saw our monthly ride cancelled. Fingers crossed we can all get some wind in our faces on the April monthly ride!

Brett and I are still eagerly awaiting the arrival of our new wheels. Now that it has been unloaded in Melbourne, poor Brett can't even track it on the shipping radar to pass the time!

A big thank you to all those Members who have sent in photos and written trip reports for us all to enjoy. After all, everyone loves photos!

To those travelling down to Melbourne for the Harley-Davidson 110th Anniversary Celebrations, ride safe and have fun!

Cheers,

Jill



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Daren White (Whitey)



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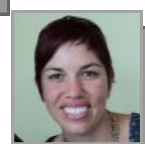
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Chantal Sommerfeld & Debbie Foster



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Director

Noel Guley (Mufti)



Hi Folks

Well the weather Gods haven't been too kind to Harley riders lately and we have had to cancel several rides. Even as I write this report another rain depression has arrived! Hopefully when this clears we can all look forward to some great riding weather over the Easter break and throughout the next couple of months.

While on the subject of riding – why not join us for our April ride to Comet for a BBQ lunch on Sunday 7 April. We will be meeting at Rocky Harley at 8.30am and departing 9.00 am sharp. This should be a great day so please join us if you can. To all members that are riding to Victoria for the 110th celebrations have a fantastic ride and a great time (lucky buggers).

This month has been a very sad one with the passing of Dave Doble. On Friday March 15 we celebrated Dave's life by escorting him on his final ride and reflecting on his life and the good times during his wake held at the Rumble Inn. Dave will be sadly missed but never forgotten. We also have several members battling serious illness. Laurie and Cliff, our thoughts and best wishes are with you both. Get well soon guys.

As I said in my last report I have only been keeping the Director's seat warm for Whitey. Darren will be chairing our April meeting and taking over the role of Director. I wish Whitey all the very best and I know that our Chapter will be in very safe hands. This change will leave the position of Assistant Director vacant. Whitey will need a good wingman/woman at his side. So if you think you have what it takes, please speak with Whitey or Geoff Trewin. However please give this careful consideration as the expectation is that whoever takes on this role will eventually become Director of our Chapter.

Lastly, if you are looking for a great way to lead into the Easter weekend, why not join us at the Rumble Inn on Thursday 28 March at 5pm for a great roast meal, drinks and laughs. Twenty four members from the Sunshine Coast chapter will be joining us for the evening so it should be a top night.

HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE – DON'T OVERDOSE ON THE CHOCOLATE!

Ride Safe and Ride Often.

Noel (Mufti)





Assistant Director

Daren White (Whitey)



Hi to All,

Well its Easter already, the year is slipping by pretty quick. Just a shame we haven't had a chance to ride too far due to our sunny one day, then flooded the next Queensland weather. We can only hope things get better soon so we can get on with the planned rides and events that have been arranged by Chief & Mo. Don't forget to make suggestions as to where you would like to ride to as well. Chief wont bitemuch.

As mentioned at our last meeting, we have some new members that have joined the Rockhampton Chapter. As we always do, please make them feel welcome, mingle in and have fun.

Don't forget we have the Sunny Coast Chapter coming through on the 28/03/13 (next Thursday night). We will require a little assistance from club members to help out here thanks for the carvery night that is planned. It would be great to show our visitors what we, the Rocky Chapter, have to offer.

On a final closing note, as you are all aware we sadly laid to rest a very good friend, mate to many and club member Dave Doble last week. R.I.P Dave, you will be missed by all. Thanks to everyone for the support and generosity shown.

See every again soon for a few sherbets, ride safe and watch out for the potholes which have now turned to sinkholes.

Happy Easter.

Cheers

Whitey





Secretary

Melissa Hill



ROCKHAMPTON HARLEY OWNERS GROUP

CHAPTER 9116

MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD AT RHD 16 MARCH 2013

Meeting Opened: 18:10

Apologies: Brett Alloway, Laurie and Pat Payne, Kerry Olive and Geoff Richardson, Al and Jenny Hayward.

I would like to thank everyone for coming along yesterday to show your support and I am proud of the turn up to see Dave off. Thanks Macca.

Director's Report:

- Dave's Funeral was yesterday, I would like to thank everyone for going along and showing their support to Tracey and the Family.
- Laurie will be home this week and let's hope that all is well with him.
- Cliff is here with us battling on and having a beer or two.
- Bowie has been given the all clear.
- The Chapter Badge's have arrived and are \$12.00 each.
- Meet here tomorrow for the impromptu ride - have a chat tonight and work out where you might be heading. I will be working and Whitey has plans.
- Whitey will be doing the next meeting, so let everyone know and come along to show him your support.

Secretary's Report: No correspondence this month.

Treasurer's Report: Richo is sick, so report given by Jayne Fry. See Report on-line: Moved by Chantal Sommerfeld and Seconded by Bernie Davies.

Assistant Director's Report:

- Thank you all again for yesterday.
- New Member's Rodney and Gavin, please everyone make them feel welcome.
- The weather has been a little shitty for riding, but let's hope we get out there soon.

Activities Officers' Report:

- Hodgo's ride is coming up on the 23rd of the month, the party they have afterwards is going to be big.
- The Comet Ride will be the April Ride, we will get in contact with the publican and organise a BBQ out there for the day.
- We will have a Men's night, I will make some arrangement's and let you all know soon.



LOH: We had a game's night here on Wednesday the 13th March. There was a little confusion with what kind of games. Mel wore pants in case there was twister and Carolyn wore lots of layers of clothes in case of strip poker but overall it was a good night. A few played games and the others sat around and talked. Thanks Deb.

We are thinking about having a Tupperware Party for the May LOH night. The April LOH ride, we were thinking of doing a Ladies Ride and the Men having a Ride and we meet up at a park and have a picnic lunch - we will have to organise an Esky to go in a car. Thanks Chantal.

Safety Officer's Report: See article in newsletter.

Dealer's Report: Geoff is away - he has been at the Miller's Brewery and would now be at Daytona. On his behalf I would like to thank everyone for their help today with Supa Saturday. I know he always appreciates all the help he gets from the club.

Rumble Inn Report: The Sea FM bike was given away today, a young man won. He was number 15 and they kept us waiting, waiting and some more waiting.

The Garage Party will be on the 25/05/2013 at RHD. And there will be a HD Boot Camp for the men, on the 15/06/2013. It is aimed at younger riders, for them to get to know their bikes. More details to follow.

The Rockhampton Special School Poker Run has been cancelled.

We had a sausage sizzle today and with the sale of drinks we raised \$314.00. The money is to be donated to Tracey Doble and Family.

We are having a Roast Night on the 28/03/2013, for the Sunshine Coast Chapter that are visiting. We will have to get in contact with Jayne and Kerry to organise.

The Seafood night to be held on the 20/04/2013 will cater for all, there will be steak for those that don't eat sea-food.

Tonight we are getting in Pizza, should be here at around 19:00.

Editor's Report: Can we please have all newsletter submissions in by Wednesday.

General Business: I would like to wish Graeme, Deb, Nev and Paul Lancaster all the best for their trip away to the 110th Rally. See Carolyn for your HD Passports, you stop into as many Dealerships as possible and get them stamped. And you can get prizes for collecting so many, the more stamps the more prizes. Five people from Emerald have there passports already.

There are more Chapter Rockers for sale at the Bar.

Can we please line up out the front of RHD for a group photo before we head off on a ride.

We might do up a wall for our past Members and have a toast to absent friends before a meeting.

The Trust Ride might be brought forward to raise a little money, life is good when the account is healthy.

Warren Williams is home, but not able to go out. His back is still bad, he is however looking at what kind of bike to get next.

Last month's Minutes moved by Noel Guely and seconded by Cedric Fry.

Fines Handed out.

Meeting Closed: 18:35.



Ladies of Harley (LOH)

Chantal Sommerfeld & Debbie Foster



Well, the LOH had a quiet but good night at the Rumble Inn for their "Games Night". Mel wore pants just in case we played twister, Caroline wore lots of layers in case we played strip jack naked so we foiled them both and played a board game instead! It was a sort of "connect five" type game that you play on a large board with cards, winners could use either a one-eyed Jack or a two-eyed Jack to help them win their hand. Then we also played a good, quick little game of cards called "in between". Some people just had a little liquid refreshment and we had had some nice little goodies to eat as well. It was a nice night....thank to all who came....the company was lovely.

Our next LOH day is on Saturday 16th April. We would like to invite the men to participate. The plan being that the ladies plan to ride one route, the men a different one, then meet up at the Emu Park picnic area near the Life Savers Club opposite the pub there and have a game or two of Boche Bowls. If we leave about 0200pm, we can enjoy some games and have some refreshments. There is the fish and chip shop or the pub across the road to get something to eat and then ride home early evening. Details to be finalised and we will advise you further with definite details.

Congratulation to Bernie Davies who got her open license recently!

Safe riding

Chantal

Hello to all,

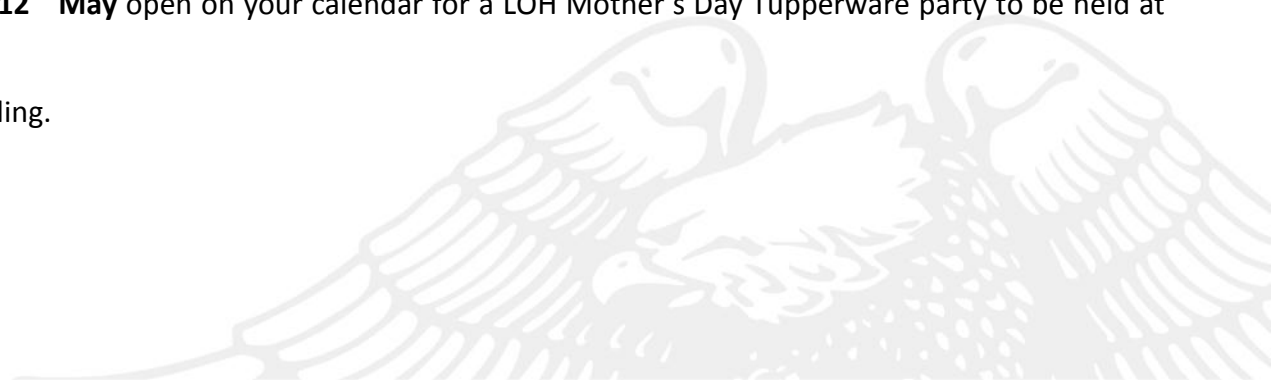
The LOH games night was held on the 13th of March with both the men and women who attended having a fun night. As we had not mentioned what sort of games we were playing, Melissa wore her long pants in case we played Twister, Carolyn wore layers of clothes for Strip Poker and Aunty Rae was prepared for balloon games. Our partners (and a few LOH) opted out of the interesting board game supplied by Chantal and spent the evening having a chat. It was excellent having our partners share our LOH evening. There will definitely be more to come.

Chantal will be organising the 13th of April LOH event, so keep an eye out for a text. I will be in Williamstown, Victoria for the Harley-Davidson 110th Anniversary Celebration after a long ride with Graeme and Nev. I am looking forward to the ride but not sure if I am ready for a numb bum.

Keep **Sunday the 12th May** open on your calendar for a LOH Mother's Day Tupperware party to be held at the Rumble Inn.

Happy and safe riding.

Debbie





Membership Officer

Carolyn Guley



Every month I will be giving you information about H.O.G Membership. This month:

Types of Membership

Anyone who meets the following requirements for H.O.G Membership may join the world's largest factory-sponsored club. These are four types of membership.

Full Membership: Members must be the owner of a new or used Harley-Davidson motorcycle and provide a Harley-Davidson vehicle identification number-entitles member to all the benefits and services of the Harley Owners Group.

Associate Member: Designed for the passenger or family member of a full member. Entitles the member to select member benefits. Every associate member must have an active sponsoring full member.

Full and Associate Life Memberships: All the benefits of full or associate membership, plus a special life member patch and pin. Every associate life member must have a sponsoring full life members.

Ride Often.

Carolyn





Safety Officer

Rick Bellert



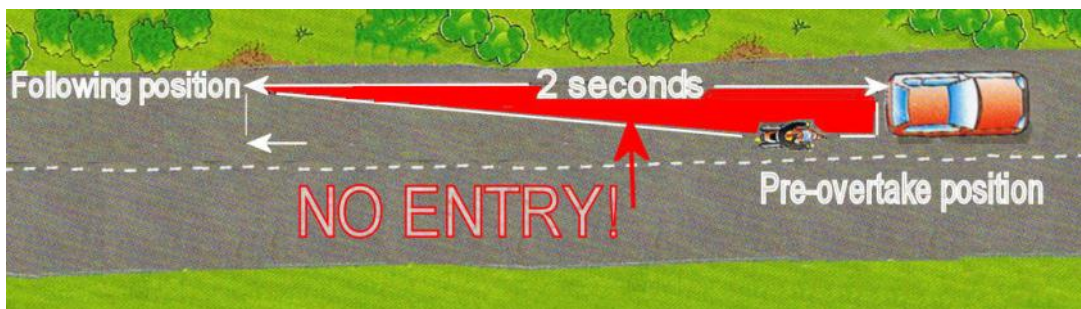
I am going to open by an admission; um I may have recently been busted for speeding a little bit. Hey, it was while overtaking. Give me a break, new bike and all that. There, that's out of the way.

Our first discussion topic to be raised relates to the practice of the Road Captain indicating a clear road ahead by staying out in the right lane with his / her right indicator on.

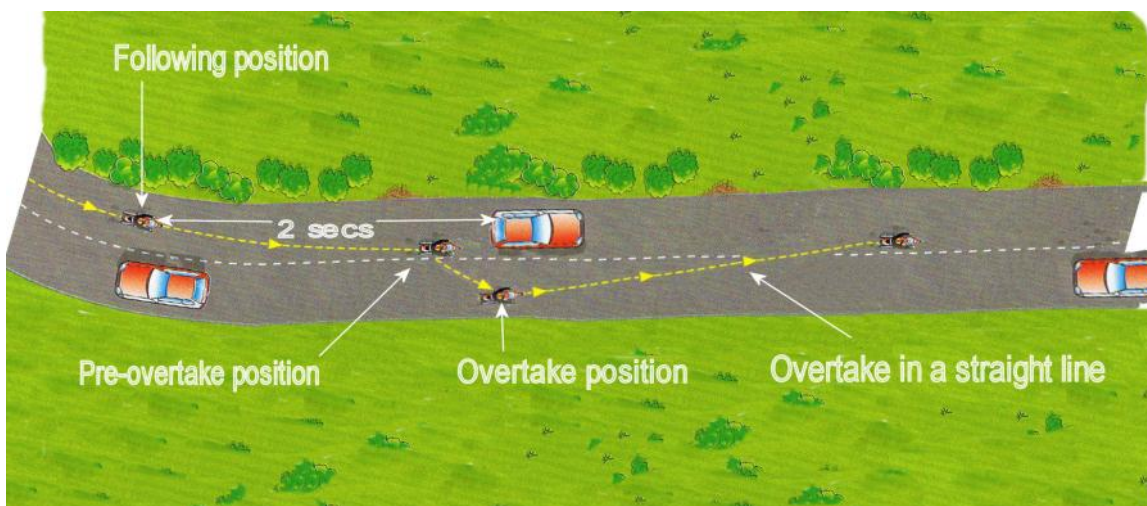
This activity is meant as an indication to those following that the road ahead is clear for overtaking. It is always up to the individual rider to decide if they are comfortable and feel safe to do so. Remember "If Safe to do so", rider confidence, and acceleration required and road conditions play a part. If it isn't safe, don't do it.

The duty of the Road Captain and that of the chapter column is to obey the regulatory state and federal road rules set out by government, and Police.

Today I am going to introduce you to the "Triangle of Death" This is the area behind the target vehicle where you are most at risk during the setting up phase of overtaking, check out the picture, this is will explain where you need to be.



The Overtaking manoeuvre should be quick and decisive and executed safely with consideration for the speed limits, (I had to say that). Make sure that the car or whatever you're overtaking isn't an unmarked cop.





Safety Officer

Rick Bellert



We ask a lot from our tyres with almost no second thought for what they have to put up with. They cop a lot of abuse - acceleration, braking, cornering, straight line cruising, burn outs and so on (Jonesy). The poor tyre has to cope with all the crap we throw at it and still then have to deal with the bloody abysmal road conditions as well. Pop quiz, what pressure is (or should be in yours)? Don't know? Best you find out eh! That's your home work for this month.

Unlike a cheap pair of sneakers that don't fit your feet, Harley tyres should fit and be fit for purpose.



So, What do you look for? Well tyre manufacturers are making it easier with wear indicators cast into the tread, usually little blocks somewhere in the grooves, when it gets down to this block, it's time to replace the tyre.



If you're not sure, go and talk to Wazza at the shop to see if your tyres are ok, and up for your next trip. Keep your lids skid free and watch your mate,

Slugg



" But Sir, I'm the Chapters Safety Officer! It's ok for me to ride at 120kph..."



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

March

- 28th Roast Night @ the Rumble Inn -> Hosting Sunshine Coast Chapter - commences 0500pm.
29-31st **Victorian HOG State Rally ****

April

- 7th **Official Club Ride Day ->** Ride to Comet for BBQ Lunch - meet @ RHD 0830am for 0900am departure.
12-14th **Harley Davidson 110th Anniversary Celebrations - Williamstown, VIC **** - departing RHD Tuesday 9th
- see Graeme Wall
13th **Ladies of Harley Event ->** depart RHD 0200pm - ladies ride one route, the men a different one, then
meet up at the Emu Park picnic area near the Life Savers Club opposite the pub and have a game or two
of Boche Bowls. Details TBC.
20th **April Meeting & Social Night ->** Meeting commences 05.30pm at RHD followed by a Seafood Night ->
details including cost per head TBC however will be approx. \$20/head at this stage. Non seafood eaters
also catered for.
21st **Impromptu Ride ->** Meet @ RHD at the time specified the night before (at the Monthly Meeting) and
depart for destination (also decided the night before).

May

- 4-6th **Official Club Ride Day ->** this is a long weekend. Good opportunity for an overnight stay - possibly two
nights. Woodgate has been mentioned however any other destination will be considered.
12th **Ladies of Harley Event ->** Mothers' Day Tupperware Party @ 0300pm @ Rumble Inn
18th **May Meeting & Social Night ->** Meeting commences 05.30pm at RHD
19th **Impromptu Ride ->** Meet @ RHD at the time specified the night before (at the Monthly Meeting) and
depart for destination (also decided the night before).
25th **Ladies Garage Party->** doors open 0400pm @ RHD - RSVP by 20th May**

June

- 2nd **Official Club Ride Day ->** details TBA
8-10th **Central Highlands HOG 20th Anniversary Celebrations ->** details TBA
13th **Ladies of Harley Event ->** details TBA
15th **HD Boot Camp ->** details TBA
18th **June Meeting & Social Night ->** Meeting commences 05.30pm at RHD
19th **Impromptu Ride ->** Meet @ RHD at the time specified the night before (at the Monthly Meeting) and
depart for destination (also decided the night before).

Future Rides & Events (Dates TBA)

- Dealer Ride to Magnetic Island
- Overnighter & Club Meeting to be held at another location (on maybe more than one occasion)
- Hard out run to Ravenshoe (for the dedicated riders who want to go hard and fast)

(Please see flyer or advertisement towards back of newsletter)**

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

MAVIS THE HOG BUS

At each Monthly Meeting, the Driver Roster for the Friday nights up until the next meeting is compiled. Please have a look at your schedule and nominate yourself for a Friday night that suits you to be designated driver. If everyone does it, each person will only have to drive the bus once every 100 weeks so please participate!

Thank you to this month's drivers:

22nd March:	Not yet organised
29th March:	Not yet organised
5th April:	Not yet organised
12th April:	Not yet organised
19th April:	Not yet organised

If you do use Mavis for a lift home, please remember to put a minimum \$5 fare into her money tin (bolted to the hand rail just inside the sliding door) to put towards keeping her fueled and maintained.

*"Once you Rumble Inn, we will help
you Stumble Out in Mavis..."*

*****PLEASE NOTE: Mavis will only take you home (not pick you up)*****

SHIRTS, SHIRTS AND MORE SHIRTS!



Check out the great range of Men's, Women's and Children's t-shirts now available in the Rocky Harley-Davidson Merchandise Department !!! Be sure to drop in and see Carolyn so that she can show you the full range!



22nd - 24th February - Agnes Blues & Roots Festival

Blues and Roots Festival 2013 held at Agnes Waters *by Debbie Foster*

About 12 bikes headed off on Friday to Agnes Waters led by Nasty. What a great ride except for the road works. Every time we came to one, we were the second at the "stop" sign, on what felt like the hottest day ever. Graeme was in the RHD van and got every "Slow" sign, beating us to Miriam Vale by about 1 hour.

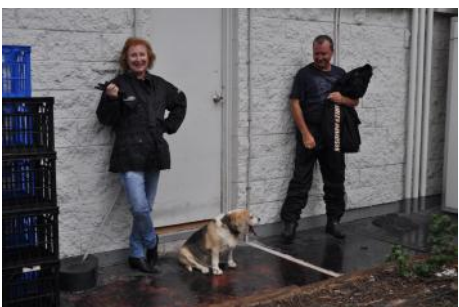
On arrival in Agnes, the whole town knew we were there driving around in the RHD Van. Hanno and crew found their accommodation and Graeme, Linda and I headed off to look for our "farm stay" with Rick's brother-in-law. After attempting to follow Graeme up a washed out road, I slipped into a small washout and needless to say, had to yell out to Graeme to come and ride my bike up the hill for me.

Friday night was Joe Camillieri and the Black Sorrows; it was a fantastic performance by a very talented artist. Saturday we all put our bikes on display in the Harley and Hot Rod Display while we relaxed and listened to a huge variety of artists. Nasty had an interview with a cameraman (I never found out which channel). We loved her get up and go, well done Nasty.

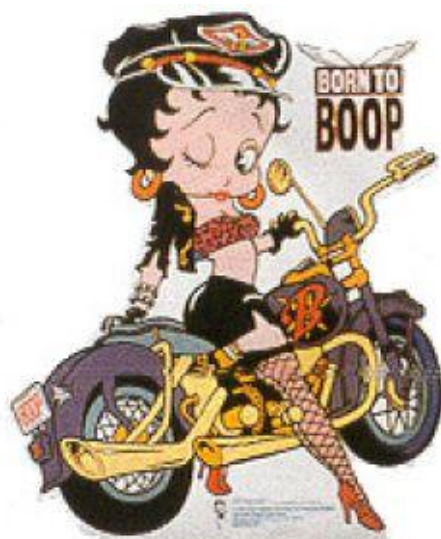
If you have never been to the Blues and Roots Festival, make sure you get the opportunity to attend next year.



22nd - 24th February - Agnes Blues & Roots Festival - photos by Anne Haines



13th March - LOH Games Night - photos by Anne Haines



Tracy, Ashleigh, Nathan, Tish and family would like to thank Rocky Hogs for the beautiful send off for David. We cannot thank you enough for your support and friendship in our time of sorrow. To everyone who assisted, I won't mention you by name as I would hate to leave someone out please accept this as a personal thank you from me. Thanks again Tracy Doble.



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.

Nymphomaniac Convention - sent in by Graeme Wall

A man boarded an aircraft at London 's Heathrow Airport for New York , and taking his seat as he settled in, he noticed a very beautiful woman boarding the plane.

He realised she was heading straight toward his seat and bingo - she took the seat right beside him. "Hello", he blurted out, "Business trip or vacation?" She turned, smiled enchantingly and said, "Business. I'm going to the annual Nymphomaniac convention in the United States ." He swallowed hard. Here was the most gorgeous woman he had ever seen sitting next to him, and she was going to a meeting for nymphomaniacs! Struggling to maintain his composure, he calmly asked, "What's your business role at this convention?" "Lecturer," she responded, " I use my experience to disprove some of the popular myths about sexuality." "Really", he smiled, "what myths are those?" "Well," she explained, "one popular myth is that African-American men are the most well-endowed when, in fact, it's the Native American Indian who is most likely to possess that trait.

Another popular myth is that French men are the best lovers, when actually it is the men of Greek descent.

We have also found that the best potential lovers in all categories are the Irish." Suddenly the woman became uncomfortable and blushed. "I'm sorry," she said. "I really shouldn't be discussing this with you, I don't even know your name!" "Tonto," the man said. "Tonto Papadopoulos, but my friends call me Paddy."

The Kiss - sent in by Graeme Wall

On January 9th, a group of Pekin, Illinois bikers were riding west on I-74 when they saw a girl about to jump off the Murray Baker Bridge . So they stopped. George, their leader, a big burly man of 53, gets off his Harley, walks through a group of gawkers, past the State Trooper, and says, "What are you doing?" She says, "I'm going to commit suicide." While he didn't want to appear "sensitive," he didn't want to miss a be-a-legend opportunity either so he asked ... "Well, before you jump, why don't you give me a kiss?" So, with no hesitation at all, she leaned back over the railing and did just that ... and it was a long, deep, lingering kiss followed immediately by another one. After they finished, George gets approval from his biker-buddies, the onlookers, and even the State Trooper, and says, "Wow! That was the best kiss I have ever had Honey! That's a real talent you're wasting Sugar Shorts. You could be famous if you rode with me. Why are you committing suicide?" "My parents don't like me dressing up like a girl." It's still unclear whether she jumped or was pushed.

To my Darling Husband,

Before you return from your overseas trip I just want to let you know about the small accident I had with The Ford F-150 when I turned into the driveway.

Fortunately not too bad and I really didn't get hurt, so please don't worry too much about me. I was coming home and when I turned into the driveway I accidentally pushed down on the accelerator instead of the brake.

The garage door is slightly bent but the Ford F-150 fortunately came to a halt when it bumped into your Ferrari.

I missed our bikes. I am really sorry, but I know with your kind-hearted personality you will forgive me. You know how much I love you and care for you my sweetheart.

I am enclosing a picture for you.

I cannot wait to hold you in my arms again.

Your loving wife. XX

P.S: Your girlfriend phoned.



Sent in by Graeme Wall

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



PUT WORDS IN THEIR MOUTH



Photos by Anne Haines

Each month I will choose a “Photo of the Month” from photos that have been sent in by Rockhampton HOG Members (you don’t have to be an official Chapter Photographer to send in photos). The photo must have been taken at a Rockhampton HOG Event that has occurred since the last issue of the Newsletter was published. Email your entries to editor@rockyhog.com. There will be a prize at the end of the year for the best “Photo of the Month”.

For “Put Words In Their Mouth”, email me (editor@rockyhog.com) what you think is being said between the people in the photo - the most creative entry will be published in the next issue of the Newsletter.

February’s “Put Words In Their Mouth” suggestion was emailed in by Carolyn Guley...



“Who is that listening to our conversation?! Wish he would hop along!”



The following is information for new Members about the Rockhampton HOG Chapter:

Monthly Meetings - As a Member of the Rockhampton HOG Chapter, you are encouraged to attend our Chapter meetings held on the third Saturday of each month. They are a great time to socialise and get together with old and new friends. We discuss Chapter business and convey information about up and coming events and activities. These meetings start at 0530pm at the back of Rocky Harley-Davidson (RHD) aka The Rumble Inn. There is usually an impromptu ride the day after the meeting (Sunday) with the nature and destination decided upon either at the meeting or on the Sunday morning just prior to departure from RHD (which is normally around 0900am).

Monthly Rides - As a Member of the Rockhampton HOG Chapter, you are encouraged to attend the monthly ride on the first Sunday of each month. They nearly always depart from the back of Rocky Harley-Davidson (RHD) aka The Rumble Inn at a pre-arranged time. They vary in length, nature and destination and are always a lot of fun. For those with partners and/or families who don't ride and/or prefer not to be a pillion, the Chapter has its own 11 seater bus (Mavis) which follows on all rides and is available to Members and their families. It is asked that those who use the bus make a reasonable monetary contribution towards fueling Mavis after returning from the ride.

The Rumble Inn - in 2009, just prior to the Rockhampton HOG Chapter holding the Queensland State Rally, the Rumble Inn was built at the back of RHD. This is the venue for the monthly meetings and is the starting point for most of our monthly rides. It is also open every Friday evening from 5pm to 10pm for Chapter Members and their guests to come and socialise at the end of the working week. Mavis (the Chapter bus) has a designated driver every Friday night and is available to take you home if required. It is asked that you pay a "fare" into Mavis's Money Tin (mounted in the bus) when you arrive at your destination to help fuel her up for next time.

Rockhampton HOG Chapter Website - is located at www.rockyhog.com. To access the Members Only section, you need to be a current Member of the Rockhampton HOG Chapter. Once you are, ask Carolyn at RHD for the password to sign up to the website. On the site you will find some Chapter history, ride rules, past newsletters, photos, classifieds, upcoming events and lots more. It also has a Forum where you can introduce yourself etc.

Rockhampton HOG Newsletter - Our newsletter is issued monthly and includes our ride calendar and other information for Members plus stories about what has happened in the Chapter during the previous month. Our newsletter only works if you contribute too so please don't forget to send in recollections of previous rides, photos and any other bits and pieces you think other Members may be interested in. Photos of the rides are always popular! Contributions can be emailed to editor@rockyhog.com. The newsletter is published on the Chapter website www.rockyhog.com. Each month's issue is normally uploaded no later than the Sunday after the monthly meeting. A limited number of printed copies are also available from the Rumble Inn (first in best dressed).

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.

Staggered Formation Riding

Below is the primary riding formation.

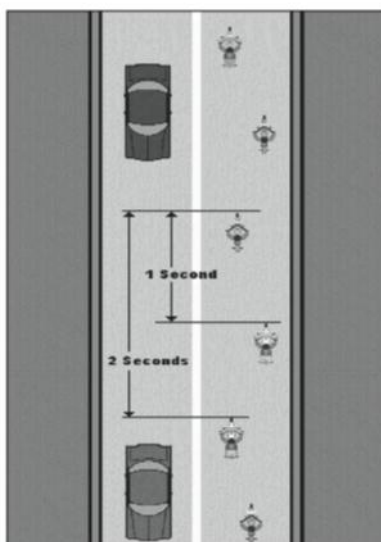
Single file is used when directed by the ride leader.

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.

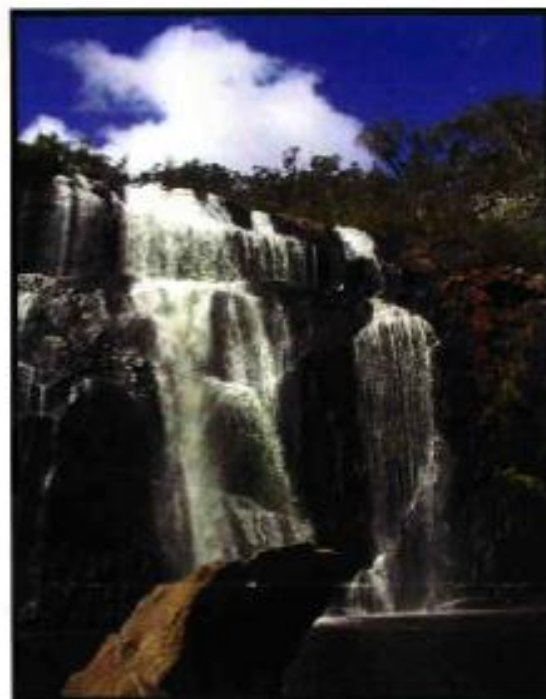
Four-second rule: Look ahead four seconds at your immediate path of travel to give yourself more time to react to a hazard.

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



- When overtaking, maintain your overtaking speed until those overtaking with you have enough room to pull in behind without having to break suddenly.
- 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"**



VICTORIAN RALLY 2013 HORSHAM

Hosted by - Horsham Chapter

EASTER WEEKEND

March 29-31, 2013

- Lots of free camping with powered sites
- Great meals & drinks at below bar prices
- Live entertainment
- Sensational guided rides in the picturesque Grampians region
- Thunder Ride and Show 'n' Shine ending in Horsham
- Chapter Challenge

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Horsham Tourist Information Centre

(03) 5382 1832

www.visithorsham.com.au

New Chapter Website: www.horshamhog.org.au



2013 VICTORIAN STATE H.O.G. RALLY

Friday 29th March to Monday 1st April - Wimmera Events Centre, Horsham

Hosted by Horsham Chapter www.horshamhog.org.au

WELCOME TO THE WIMMERA & GRAMPIANS

Horsham is a vibrant city, located on the banks of the Wimmera River; on the Western Highway, 3 hrs from Melbourne and 4hrs from Adelaide. The picturesque Grampians mountain range is in our backyard and the Horsham Chapter warmly invite H.O.G. Members, their partners and families from far and wide to experience our region and generous hospitality at the 2013 Vic State Rally.

RALLY SITE & ACCOMMODATION

The Rally will be held within the **secure venue** of Wimmera Events Centre, 37 Field Days Rd, Longerenong (13km from Horsham CBD. **Free Camping**, with powered sites and full amenities (inc hot showers) are available for everyone; all within 100m from the main venue. Not taking advantage of the free camping option? Many Horsham Motels are located within walking distance of the **Limited Courtesy Bus** pickup points. For more details go to www.horshamhog.org.au/rally. **As the Rally is on the EASTER LONG WEEKEND, it is strongly recommended you book early!**



REGISTRATION

Register online at www.horshamhog.org.au/rally or download the Registration Form to either Fax or Post with payment. Registration Fee: \$170 H.O.G. International Member or Adult guest, \$85 Children 7-17 and Children 0-6 are free. **Only pre-Registered Members & Guests will receive a Rally Pack). Pre-Registration Deadline is 31/01/13.** Day Passes will be available only at the Rally gate. Member/Adult Guest Reg. includes:

- Free Onsite Camping with full amenities & security
- 6 Generous Home-Style Meals
- 4-day Pass & Entry to all Rally Events
- Official Rally Pin & Stubby Cooler
- Beer & Spirits at below bar prices
- 3 Nights of Live Entertainment
- Access to Courtesy Bus for Non-campers

EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT

We have a long weekend crammed with everything you'd want at a Rally and more! You will enjoy three nights of Live Bands, excellent prizes, guided rides, taking in the magnificent Grampians and Arapiles regions, Saturday arvo Chapter Challenge (organised by Mallee Chapter), Sunday morning Thunder Ride and Show & Shine in May Park, Horsham where you'll be welcomed by the Horsham community.

CATERING & REFRESHMENTS

Six hearty cooked home-style meals are included in your Registration fee; Breakfast Saturday, Sunday and Monday as well as Dinner Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. Beer and Spirits will be served at the Rally at **Below-Bar Pricing!**

OFFICIAL RALLY MERCHANDISE

Official Rally T-Shirts and Patches must be ordered at pre-Registration, either online or by Registration form. Your ordered T-Shirt and Patch can be collected with your Rally Pack at the Registration Desk onsite. The Chapter are planning a sewing service to be available at the Rally if you wish to wear your new Rally Patch. Registrations received after 31/01/13 cannot be guaranteed supply of Rally T-Shirts or Patches.

SPONSORING DEALER

Despite being a small-scaled Dealership, it's been dedication, passion and vision that has seen Horsham Harley-Davidson's team grow to become a benchmark of best practice for dealers within the authorised Harley-Davidson dealership network in Australia. Horsham Harley is very proud to support the Horsham Chapter in hosting the 2013 Vic State Rally and welcome you all to their Store 84 McPherson Street, Horsham. **To pre-book a tyre change or service** to your Harley whilst in Horsham, either phone Michael (03) 5382 0220 or go to: http://www.horshamharley.com.au/service_enquiry.php

MORE INFO

Go www.horshamhog.org.au/rally or send an email to rally@horshamhog.org.au or phone Shane 0427 340 834 More about Horsham, Victoria: www.visithorsham.com.au





REGISTRATION FORM – 2013 VICTORIAN STATE HOG RALLY

Friday 29th to Monday 1st April 2013 - Wimmera Events Centre, Horsham
Pre-registration deadline: 31st Jan 2013 (Only pre-registered members will receive Rally Pack)

Price: \$170 Member or Guest, \$85 Child 7-17 (Child 0-6 free)

MEMBER 1 REGISTRATION:

H.O.G. Int'l Membership No: _____ Chapter: _____

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____ P/code _____

Phone/Mobile: _____

Email: _____

T-Shirt: ☐ Mens Size _____ ☐ Womens Size _____ (refer to fitting guide)

Please cross out not applicable:

Camping Onsite? Yes/No

Catering Friday to Sunday Morning/Friday to Monday Morning

Dietary Gluten free/Nuts Allergy/Vegetarian

MEMBER 2 REGISTRATION:

H.O.G. Int'l Membership No: _____ Chapter: _____

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____ P/code _____

Phone/Mobile: _____

Email: _____

T-Shirt: ☐ Mens Size _____ ☐ Womens Size _____ (refer to fitting guide)

Please cross out not applicable:

Camping Onsite? Yes/No

Catering Friday to Sunday Morning/Friday to Monday Morning

Dietary Gluten free/Nuts Allergy/Vegetarian

NON-MEMBER 1 REGISTRATION: ☐ Guest of Member ☐ Child 7-17

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____ P/code _____

Phone/Mobile: _____

Email: _____

T-Shirt: ☐ Mens Size _____ ☐ Womens Size _____ (refer to fitting guide)

Please cross out not applicable:

Camping Onsite? Yes/No

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NON-MEMBER 2 REGISTRATION: ☐ Guest of Member ☐ Child 7-17

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____ P/code _____

Phone/Mobile: _____

Email: _____

T-Shirt: ☐ Mens Size _____ ☐ Womens Size _____ (refer to fitting guide)

Please cross out not applicable:

Camping Onsite? Yes/No

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RALLY MERCHANDISE

Official 2013 Victorian HOG Rally T-Shirt: \$30

Official Rally T-Shirts must be ordered at Registration. Your selected T-Shirt can be collected with your Rally Pack at the Registration Desk onsite.

Mens Size:	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	Women Size:	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
Chest (cm)	92	102	112	122	132	142	Chest (cm)	92	96	100	105	110	115	120
Length (cm)	71	74	76	79	81	84	Length (cm)	60	62	64	66	68	69	70

Official 2013 Victorian HOG Rally Patch: \$15

Official Rally Patches must be ordered at Registration. The Chapter are planning a sewing service to be available at the Rally if you wish to wear your new Rally Patch.

PAYMENT SUMMARY

	Number	Amount \$
Members & Adult Guests @ \$170		
Children 7-17 @ \$85		
Official Rally T-Shirts @ \$30		
Official Rally Patches @ \$15		
Total\$		
Payment can be made by Credit Card below or sending both pages of this form with a Cheque or Money order payable to: Horsham Chapter Inc. DO NOT SEND CASH. Credit Card Payments incur 30 cents transaction fee for each Registered person, which is donated to a Registered Charity.		
Credit Card: <input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard <input type="checkbox"/> Visa		
Name on Card:		
Credit Card Number:		
Expiry:	/	CSC:
Signature:		

H.O.G. MEMBER DECLARATION AND INDEMNITY

I declare that I will be a fully financial member of H.O.G. International at the time of the 2013 Victorian State Rally, (The Rally) i.e. 29th – 1st April 2013. I also accept that no person registered on this form will hold Harley Owners Group Inc., members of Horsham Chapter Inc., Horsham Harley-Davidson, Wimmera Events Centre 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.

H.O.G. International Member Signature: _____

FAX: (03) 54 971 491 POST: Vic HOG Rally 2013, PO Box 198, DONALD, VIC 3480

This form becomes a tax invoice upon payment. All Prices include GST. Horsham Chapter Inc ABN 27 748 543 891
 Pre-registration Deadline Policy: Registrations received after 31/01/2013 cannot guarantee supply of Rally Pack, T-Shirt or Patch
 Cancellation Policy: All cancellations will incur a \$10 fee per person. No refunds will be issued for cancellations after 31/01/2013

OFFICE USE ONLY: Receipt Reference: _____



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In 2013, from Milwaukee to Rome and in dozens of other cities all across the globe, Harley-Davidson® is commemorating 110 years of classic motorcycles and classic good times. **But before Rome and before Milwaukee - there is Melbourne!**

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This will give you a three day pass where you and your fellow HOG members can enjoy live music, food, vintage Harley-Davidson motorcycles and much more. PLUS your entry will include 110th Year pin and patch and 30th Year HOG memorabilia.

Your VIP Package will also include access to a special "H.O.G.-only" event to be held on Friday evening 12th April 2013.

So come and join the party with us at Williamstown. After all an event like this only comes along every 110 years.

For more information, updates and ticket pricing, go to www.h-d110.com.au



WILLIAMSTOWN



YEARS OF FREEDOM

110TH ANNIVERSARY AUSTRALIA



110th Anniversary Celebration

In Australia we will have a weekend long celebration in Williamstown, Victoria from Friday the 12th to Sunday the 14th of April 2013. So start your planning - an event like this only comes along every 110 years.

[Click here to sign up for the H-D email to keep updated on event information.](#)

BREAKING NEWS

Jimmy Barnes to headline Saturday night entertainment!



[Click here to book your tickets.](#)

LOCATION

Australian celebrations will be held at the Seaworks Maritime Precinct on Nelson Place in Williamstown, Victoria.

DATE

12th April to 14th April, 2013

HOG Members

HOG members three day passes available: Friday evening, all day Saturday and all day Sunday.

General Public

All day Saturday and all day Sunday: ticket prices ANNOUNCED IN MARCH.

VIP Passes for HOG Members and Guests

Three day pass for AU\$110 (inc. GST)

HOG members will receive:

- 30th Anniversary HOG pin
- 110th Anniversary Australia patch
- 110th Bandana
- 110th Pin
- 110th Cap

Under 18s will not be allowed into the 110th event at Seaworks until Sunday. On Sunday under 18s will have free entry with a ticketed member/guest.

[Tickets on sale now. Click here for more information.](#)

SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

- Live music all weekend
- 2013 Model Bike Displays
- Tattoo Competition
- H-D1 Custom Shop
- Jump Start
- Show N' Shine
- Thunder Run
- Vendors

[Click here to download the 110th Anniversary Daily Schedule \(205kb PDF\)](#)

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Doors open at 4pm.

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