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G'Day to you all

I would like to start this newsletter by saying "Come back! . . . all is forgiven", we seem to have a few members not happy and some with a good reason to them.

Let me ask you this, What is a mate? I think a mate is male or female, someone who can pee you off one minute and you forget about it in a minute, someone who you can really pee off and they forget it in a minute because you look past that and look at the bigger picture and say all in all how much do your mates mean to you.

Don't sweat the small stuff. If we all think the same, how boring we would all be, you have your right to say and think what you like and so do they. We have a fantastic social club and we need you all to pull together and enjoy the benefits of each others in lots of social occasions and most of all rides, Thursday and Sunday. Please think and act.

Thinking of things to do, we are asking you to put your thinking caps on, write it down and hand it into the committee so we can look at and see if we can do anything with it.

I have decided after going out with Jack on a ride, we all need to be fitted with G.P.S. chips so we can all be located, you guessed it Jack got lost.

Hoping to get a favourable response from you all. Until then keep upright and your knees in the breeze.

Eric (Unka)

Secretary's Report,

Another month has gone by and still the sadness continues.

Bronwyn (SCUD) Hutchison, Phil Simpson's sister passed

away two weeks ago – to those that can remember her she always had a great sense of humour, Bronwyn rode with the Lake Macquarie Branch but was known to a lot of our members.

Bronwyn's funeral service was overflowing with people and at her request Lake Macquarie Branch escorted her to the Crematorium with Phil leading the bikes, such was the girl that two friends flew up from Victoria, both Ulyssians.

Our condolences to Phil, Maryanne and Bronwyn's family.

Another of our branch has been struck down with cancer, Warwick Lilley is in Newcastle Private Hospital, at this stage of writing the report, there is no word on the outcome, maybe we will know more by the meeting, but our thoughts are with Warwick and Chris at this trying time.

I attended Lake Macquarie's July meeting and will give a brief report on Friday night. Carol has been ordering new stock from head office and we have sourced some other exciting items for our raffles, may not be available until next meeting though. For the 30 heading up to Urunga for Christmas in July, please ride safely.

For the guys, don't forget the Vietnam Vets Rally 20th August

I am sure Col and Big Phil have everything underway for this.

The Ghost Town Rally at Broken Hill Racecourse is on from 9th September to 11th September, (usually a great rally) a brochure is available for those interested.

Coffs Harbour Branch has Coffs Capers on first weekend in November - you can download the registration off their web site or see me for a copy.

BIRTHDAYS AUGUST:

Eric Brooks, John Evans, Tom Furniss, Ken Grant, Mike Pearce.

Don't forget to put the Christmas Party in your diary, the date is Sunday 11th December, 2005 down at Little Beach where we have been for the past couple of years.

During my travels in the past month I came across Rocky Mountain Leather clothing & Accessories at 102 High St. East Maitland, for those interested in leather vests (from \$60 with pockets) Jackets, Pants and gift lines, very reasonable prices. (they even gave me a prize for our raffle)

Laraine

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RIDE CO-ORDINATOR REPORT

RIDE REPORTS

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Thursdays;

The Thursday rides remain popular with the usual 10-12 riders and one or two new faces turning up, good to see. 30th. June saw the mob (predicted) head for the snow that fell the day before near Gloucester, This did not work out too well as some of the roads were being repaired. 7th. July the ride was to Lake St. Clair and lunch at Lochinvar Pub. 14th July saw the mob head to Wollombi Pub for lunch via the scenic Yarralong valley. Some people stocked up on Dr. Jurds jungle juice for the future.

21st. July. The weather looked bad so a few went to see Monster in Law at the movies at Nelson Bay. Good movie thankfully most Mothers in law are not as devious as she was!

Sundays;

Note: The Sunday rides have been changed back to the 1st and 3rd. Sunday of the month. 9.30 am start except during Daylight saving when it will be 9am.

26th. June the Memorial ride went well with reasonable attendance, but we did get wet on the way home after lunch.

3rd. July. Only Jack and Unka turned up and even then they managed to get separated at Branxton where Unka did not see Jacks bike at the Pub. Unka insists Jack got lost. He (Unka) now has a GPS unit on his bike.

17th. July. Mystery ride. Big surprise, 12 bikes, 16 riders including 4 pillions and Leo riding had a great day ending up at Potters Brewery near Pokolbin for lunch.

30/31st July is our Xmas in July ride to the Ocean View Hotel in Urunga. Departs Pauls Corner at 8am.

August rides.

7th, Halfway house (Putty road)
21st. Foster/Tuncurry.

Remember these are suggestions and can be altered to suit weather/road conditions etc.

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Future Rides.

We would like some suggestions for both day rides and overnighters. Write them down and give them to any of the committee so we can incorporate them in future months.

New white board.

We have organised for a white board to be put in the window of G&N's butcher/takeaway shop at Pauls corner, so that anyone arriving late for that days ride can see the ride destination with the morning tea stop. As well we can leave a mob. Ph. Contact number that can be used to let the riders know that somebody is following. Ride leader can fill in the detail. Should be in operation by next week

Brian McCallum (Ride Admin)

Editorial:

Webmaster John Beddoe has been busy as usual and now has created a chat room - site-thing for our group, have a look at it, try it out, even write something, this could be a great communication tool for us all, full instructions were emailed out to us all last week. Lets see some contributions.

Jenny and I have been away in South West Queensland for the last few weeks and the only contact we have had with motorcycles is watching the cockies do a bit of mustering on them. Saw and stayed at some good spots though. We highly recommend the Gwydir Caravan Park at Moree, cheap, clean and has four spa pools fed by their own bore. They have cabins there which are very good and again, quite cheap. Ideal for a group ride venue, the pools are about 38 degrees and set in a tropical atmosphere (read Palm Trees!)

Moree is only about a 6 hour trip from here including rest breaks and the roads are good. Narrabri is also a good spot to stop at. Lightening Ridge definitely worth a visit but be sure to book at the Caravan Park if that is where you wish to stay. We generally bush camp.

Just a reminder for the Club Morning Tea on Saturday the 13th of August here at our home at No 20 Pacific Street Fishermans Bay commencing at 10.30 am. Everything supplied, you may even see a whale!!!

Come along and have a yarn and a look at the ocean.

Be Safe

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