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DIRECTORS REPORT

I am pleased to see that the drama of the membership & newsletter is finally over and done with so we all can get on with the business of riding not B ____ Y discussion the same old stuff.

We will be taking up Murf's & Meg's offer to store all the gear from the storage shed at there home , I will take this opportunity to thank them for taking on the caretakers duties.

With the National Rally over I hope all arrived home safe and sound and look forward to catching up with those that went and listen to their stories and looking at their happy snaps . It was great to see so many Cape Yorkers at the Rally, I think we had 36 in total . I know a lot of those that went returned home considerably poorer , either from spending on the goodies available or giving Wackers some more in the service (repair) area of the Rally.

A special thanks to Wayne for providing the breakdown kit for the Rally.

I also would like to thank the crew that went down with us to the coast , you all made it another trip to remember it brings out the true colours of your friends . On a trip like we did you also find out all their good and bad habits and also I learnt all about Bundy Bears? just ask the Bundy babe J__e

We have received news this week that the Mackay Rally (state rally) has been postponed to next year due to entries being to low and all that had placed entries will be receiving a refund within 2 weeks , we should have a trip organized for you by the time you read this for the weekend in question .

Wayne will have had his second ride day and I would like to thank all those that helped .

We also have quite a few things coming up so please watch your ride calender or the web and also remember you can tell us at any time of a ride that you would like to do , you are welcome to any of the committee meetings .

Until next time

RIDE SAFE & RIDE FREE

AJ



FROM THE SECRETARY



Howdy y'all

The National rally has been and gone, but what's it all about? Well how bout standing in the pouring rain and freezing my butt off in Townsville at last years state rally yarning to a bloke from Central N.S.W about the good times in general, then standing in the brilliant sunshine at Sufferers Paradise wondering if that same bloke was there, and having him tap me on the shoulder and say G'day!!!

Or how about riding down with family and friends, sharing good times and new places, then enjoying the company of some 30 Cape York members for 4 days of partying, then riding home with more good friends, sharing an outback adventure, that ended with a close decision to turn north at Townsville and not south, and go back and do it all again.

We were really ready to front up again in June for Mackay, but unfortunately this seems to have been cancelled, maybe next year.

So speaking of rallies, enclosed are nomination forms for, Darwin 10-13th August, South Aus. 28/9 - 1/10. And National rally Perth 29/3-1/4 in 2002.

Well that's about it for this month: I've got a lot of new shiny things to install on the beast, after I've finished the 3rd wash down since returning home (damn but those cow pies stick).

But wait, here's some hints of the activities of Hogs on the road.

Jane, The Bundy two step, Them bears know how to have a good time.

Steve, Sleeping with local small furry animals.

Ralph A, Fresh as always, wrapped in plastic.

Don, "I'll find the softest spot to park in the paddock.

Val, "I knew I'd get wet on this damn boat ride".

QB "This is a nice swingOh S**T!!"

AJ, Dealing out small glad bags of produce, to be washed down with moonshine.

Ralph C, Doing the boom gate limbo.

Grub, "I know boats"

Sharryn, "Gee, Grub's bike can do 140kph over a bridge with my eyes closed."

So till next time

Keep you knees in the breeze

GT



HOG – CAPE YORK CHAPTER INC.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

11/03/01

Meeting held at Mourilyan and opened at 11.15am.

ATTENDANCE: As per attendance register – 31 members and 4 visitors present.

APOLOGIES: GT and Jane, Big Steve, Freddie, Bonds. Alan D, Kingingy, Wendy & Willo, Malcolm D.

MINUTES: Minutes of previous meeting as per newsletter
(Moved SANDRA –: Seconded – Maricia: Carried)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

National Rally: its now up to you when you are going

International membership: has any body not received their stuff
Names received, to be forwarded to Wackers.

CORRESPONDENCE: There were 20 items of inward and 24 items of outward correspondence as per respective registers.

Inwards accepted and outwards adopted
(Moved – Sandra: Seconded – Sandy)

GENERAL BUSINESS:

NEW MEMBER: Darryl welcomed to club. Together with Sue for braving the ride. Prospective member Steve also welcomed.

STATE RALLY in Mackay: Nominations must be in by April 20.

CLUB CHARITY Cystic Fibroses: Ralph will contact Pam Winfield regarding the Jeanerosity day ride to Port Douglas, and advise.

GBR TOUR: By Bris HOG should be here October 16/17/18 Club has agreed to possible ride for them Friday 18th with a social that nite or sausage sizzle on Sat at Leonard's with a ride along with them as they leave. GT is to follow up and will advise their time frames when dates are closer.

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL: Proposed by Ralph and seconded by Terry.

"All members residing within clubs designated Chapter area must attend 3 Chapter events, during our financial year, to retain their membership."

Voted on by club 30 for 1 against. Passed

Secretary to document change of constitution to attorney general office as per constitution.

NEWSLETTER: Editor proposed we remove back cover and replace with plain paper with Leonard's advert and construct ourselves. Passed

ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT: NIL

SAFETY OFFICERS' REPORT: Safety Officer advised all members, especially those going to National and State Rallies to Check Condition of Tyres, (will they make the distance) Drive belts tension fuel tanks, air cleaners lights and indicators etc.

Don't forget Leonard's still have their safety check available

ACTIVITY OFFICER'S REPORT: Quiz night was a success with thanks to those who attended; there is a write up in March newsletter. Overnighter to Cardwell, numbers received of who was going, for catering
Meeting closed 12.40

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ACTIVITIES OFFICERS REPORT : CARDWELL

Well everyone arrived home safely from the National Rally. No doubt there will be some stories to tell next time we all get together.

The overnigher at Cardwell was a great get together with good attendance by club members.

We welcomed new members Mike & Anne Willmott and Darrell Shepherd for their first overnigher. The ride down was very enjoyable and after unpacking we settled for a few coldies. Some a few more than others.

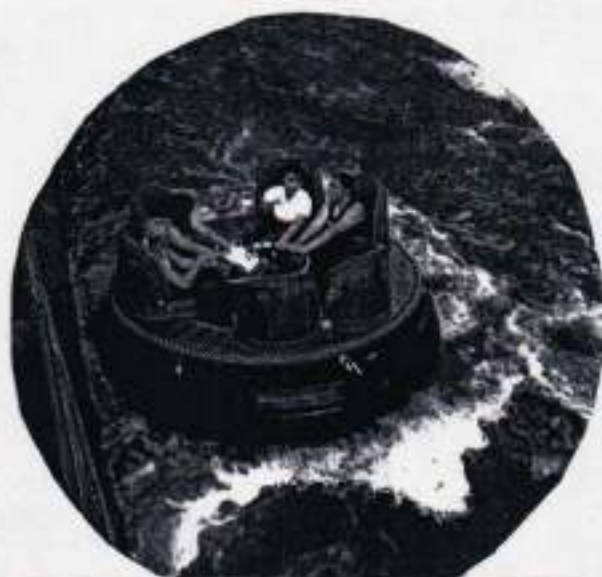
The park owners cooked a B.B.Q. tea, which was enjoyed by all. After tea we sat under the outdoor patio and continued the activities, with a couple of games, which all members joined in. The Celebrity heads created a welcome diversion from drinking and eating with all members participating in the fun. The card game donkey was played with zest and saw Darrell having to stand on the table when he lost. Eleanor also had to stand on the table for being a donkey. Well after four cans of Vodka and raspberry you could do almost anything couldn't you Ellie May ??? Even yodel in Technicolor! Next morning we woke to the sound of heavy rain. Who said Cardwell was in a rain shadow? By the time we had packed up the rain had gone and we traveled home relatively dry. It was pleasing to see a good roll up of members joining in the weekend fun as this makes my job easier. Thanks everybody for a good weekend.

See Ya at Mission Beach. Q.B.

DUCK STALKER TURNS TO PHEASANT PLUCKING!!

It seems well-known Duck Stalker and Harley pillion passenger has turned her hand to pheasant Plucking. Whilst traveling home from the National rally she met head on with a pheasant, hubby didn't get a chance to say Duck and our hapless hunter came face to face with the unlucky pheasant. Result was a slightly shocked pillion with a headache and a very shocked half plucked pheasant with a bruised wing. Fortunately both birds survived the ordeal.

One of the rides at Dreamworld



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THE NORMANTON ADVENTURE :

Finally the day arrived. Despite the weather being against us (a low in the Gulf with the possibility of a cyclone) we were determined to ride, to hit the road to the outback. Nothing was going to dampen our spirits.

We left Mareeba before dawn, travelling through Atherton and on to Herberton and Ravenshoe before we made our first pit stop at Mt Garnet. This is a quiet, friendly little community where the service attendant filled our tanks. After filling up we rode on, stopping at another small town, Mt Surprise, for a 'coke' thirst quencher.

As we rode through the wide-open outback, the sky began to close in. The threat of rain was ever present. We had no sooner left Georgetown than the heavens opened. The heavy downpour followed all the way to Croydon, where the fuel gauges indicated a need for petrol. A stop here would also give us the chance to dry out.

We arrived at Normanton around mid-afternoon, where we booked a room at the Central Hotel. Later, after freshening up, we made our way to the railway station where Fred introduced us to some of his friends. Then we got down to the serious business of cleaning the bikes. Anyone in town could have mistaken our Harley Davidson's for trail bikes after an enduro; such was the mud covering their once shiny bodies. The day finally ended at the Central with a delicious meal, some beers and a well-earned rest.

The following day it was decided that we should take a leisurely ride to Karumba. There to our delight, we met a local Harley rider. Afterwards, we lunched at the Point before returning to Normanton.

The ride home began under a steel grey sky. The very thought of getting drenched again didn't appeal to us. The only positive was that the clouds shaded our eyes from the sun. Travelling east and homeward bound the outback became alive with wildlife, making us aware of the potential danger lurking around any corner. The danger that we encountered was disguised innocence, hopping along, covered in fur, the Australian national emblem; the Kangaroo.

Barry was first to find out just how dangerous these lovable creatures could be. With

Barry cruising along, one decided to change it's mind. It suddenly stopped, fell over and almost ended up under Barry's Harley. This incident left Barry a little shaken and nervous for the rest of the haul into Croydon. Here we made a quick pit stop where the decision was made to travel slower because of the danger from the roos.

Gavin took the lead for the next leg of the journey, with Barry and Fred some 100 metres behind. However, little did we know what lay ahead. A short time out of Croydon the ever-vigilant Gavin, observing all sides of the road, still failed to spot a roo bouncing into his Harley. The two suddenly became one with the roo deciding to position itself between the back of the front wheel and the frame. As Gavin recalls, the "F" came out followed by "UCK", as he slid down the road, leaving a trail of skin before stopping 20 metres further on, while the Harley continued on before coming to a halt down an embankment.

As luck would have it rescue was a mere 15 minutes away in the shape of two NDC employees who had a satellite phone. Contact was immediately made to rescue the Harley, who's welfare was far more important than that of Gavin's. Help soon came in the form of the Georgetown RACQ. Meanwhile, Gavin, minus half his backside, got a lift in the back of the NDC truck.

On arrival at Georgetown hospital Gavin was given all the sympathy and assistance required. To top off his day he flew with the Royal Flying Doctor to Cairns where his wounds were scrubbed bandaged and his leg plastered. Much to Gavin's amazement, he came home with four legs instead of two. Meanwhile, back on the road, a shaken Barry and Fred took their time coming home, sighting many kangaroos but giving them the right of way.

Fred returned to Georgetown the following day in a Toyota 4x4 to collect the sad and sorry looking Harley for its journey to the Harley hospital; Wayne Leonard's Motorcycles.

Even though the journey did not go as planned, it was still great to feel free riding the Harley's in the wide-open spaces of the outback.

BY GAVIN, FRED, BARRY

THE JOURNEY HOME FROM THE RALLY BY THE RUSSELLS, ADAMS AND BATES

Monday morning saw most of us up early packing. Some of the Cape York group left early as they had to be home Mid-week. After we said goodbye to various groups, (Pat & Don who traveled down with us left via the inland road & Jane & Greg stayed in Brisbane with Greg's Mum)

We finished packing. Our trailer went to Yandina with custom Trailers to have the draw bar extended, and an icebox fitted. Eleanor kindly stacked her car with our extra gear we needed for the next week.

Arrived at the Nerang Caravan Park around 10am and could not get into our accommodation until midday, so we left the trailers at the Park and proceeded to Pacific Fair for a look around and stock up on supplies. Unpacked the bikes, trailers etc., had lunch and did a load of washing. Aaron (Ralph's son) who lives at Nerang invited us for tea so we piled into the car. Had a lovely B-B-cue and a few ales & headed home around 9pm. Tues the weather was beautiful & we went to Pacific Fair & Aust Fair to get our discount tickets for Dreamworld & Sea-World, and then to Harbour Town shopping!!!! Happy Hour ended the day before dinner. Wed headed off to Dreamworld at 8-30am thinking it opened at 9am instead of 9-30am. Arron & family joined us for the day. We all enjoyed various rides & shows, but I was not too keen on the first ride Q.B. decided to take me on. While we were waiting for everyone to go home, some "clown" dressed up as a baby, complete with nappy came along calling out Mummy. You guessed it, two people (I won't mention) behind me pointed to me. I wonder what he looked like under all his make-up. Dinner was at the Nerang Tavern.

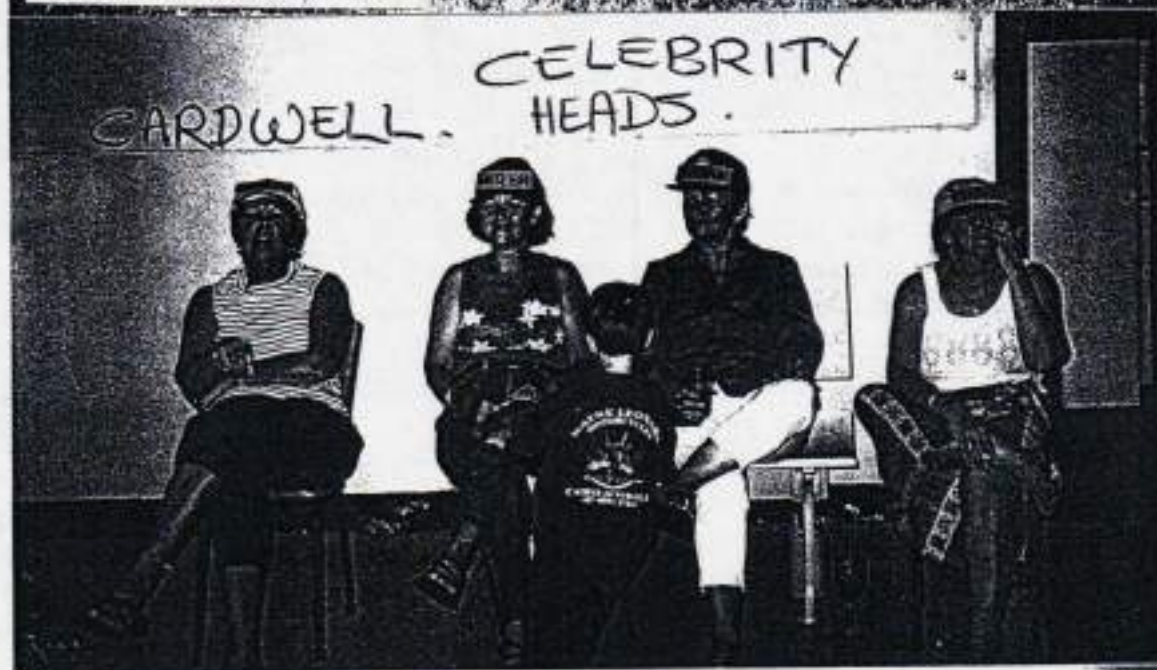
Thurs visited Surfers Paradise & saw a huge statue of David. Went back to Harbour Town—shopping! By this time Q.B. was "pissed" off with shopping. Friday met up with Greg & Jane at Sea-world. Saw the Bundy Bears, they certainly are graceful in the water, considering their size. Allen, Jane & Ryan went on the corkscrew ride. Sat Q.B. & I caught up with friends we met on one of our overseas trips with Mitsubishi & have kept in touch with. The others did various other things. When we arrived back at the Park the boys were fishing in the Nerang River which was behind the Park. Sunday we caught the train into Brisbane to the riverside markets & lunched at an Irish Pub.

Monday left Nerang and had an easy hassle free ride to Yandina to pick up our trailer & load our gear. Met up with a neighbour of ours when we lived in Cleve S.A., who now lives 1.6klm from Yandina and had a quick chat before heading to Childers to stay overnight. Tues had a trouble free run & lunched at a roadside spot outside of Rocky. By the time we reached Carmila we had had enough riding & stayed in some nice cabins. Wed headed for Townsville with lunch at Lions Park in Home Hill. Booked 2 nights at Big4 tourist Park in T/Ville on highway, which is a beautiful park & excellent units. Visited the Omnimax Theatre & had a look at the new foreshore area & was very impressed with what they have achieved. Plenty of grassed areas, walking tracks, kids water playground area, ½ basketball court, so there is something for everyone. Friday arrived home at 1pm after a wonderful 3 weeks.

Thanks to A.J. for getting us to the Rally & home safely, & to everyone for your company. Q.B. & Sandra.



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Jane's "Buddy" Bear



A Breakfast guest at Yepoon



POST – NATIONAL RALLY: THE RIDE HOME

Other Chapter Scribes will no doubt be writing about The Ride Down and the rally itself but seeing as we rode back alone and went inland, I'll write about the ride back.

The Grannyglide ran well although missing a bit at idle on the rear cylinder. Don was sure it wouldn't be a problem going home. (It has still to be diagnosed.

With five days to get back we didn't plan any big mileages. Easter Monday dawned fine' after leaving Parklands we had no dramas with holiday traffic as we headed for Kingaroy via the Logan Motorway. Plenty of coppers and speed cameras about. No nasty little letters when we got home' so we must have been good enough! Scenery a delight, but quite dry at Kingaroy. We looked for Joh but he must have been at home picking peanuts.

Next day we left in fog for Biloela, clearing to fine weather. Boy what a dump and the caravan park ditto (our cabin was clean and comfy though) It was right next to the railway yards where a shunter playing with some little wagons was the town's only activity. This was our coldest night on the whole trip and my early morning walk was pretty brisk. I seemed the only person awake.

We left for Sarina passing food crops, even cotton. Don hit a slow galah here – the only wildlife we decimated apart from the usual very adhesive insects. (Why can't they make glue out of them?) At Mt Morgan we called at Ed' brother's place – we hadn't been there before and Don was astonished at the extent of Gordon's collection. And I thought Don was a bowerbird!! Had lukewarm pies for lunch at Rocky before brewing coffee at Waverley Creek rest area, meeting up with some MacKay Chapter members also heading home. We all disappointed the honeyeaters here – the way they hung around for a handout, it reminded me of a cabbie expecting a tip!

With only two days of our ride left and the budget not quite in tatters we decided we had had enough of tents and cabins and booked into the very comfy Tramway Motel at Sarina. Here and also at the Ingham Motel we were made very welcome. Don woke up with a headache at Sarina but was O.K. by the time we reached Ingham after a handful of Mersyndols. We ran into a fair rainshower near Babinda – which was, I'm sure, the scene of a quick scramble into the wet's on the way down.

Everything was fine at home thanks to the efforts of our neighbours keeping an eye on the place. Just when my backside was well and truly used to long stretches in the Glide we were home!

Pat Roy



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Heavy Duty has a 2001 Sturgis Tour on leaving Sat August 5th 2001
More information available from Heavy-Duty magazine. Or phone them on 03 97709900
Costs start at \$3200 all-inclusive 8-day LA-Sturgis-LA package

Heavy Duty will also be organizing a 100th Anniversary trip in 2003.

THE 2002 NATIONAL HOG RALLY IS TO BE HELD IN PERTH
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Murf, Maria, Rebecca. At Lakeland drive



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2001 State Rally Cancelled
Replacement Run 9th, 10th & 11th of June
To be discussed at May 13th Meeting
Contact Murf 4067 1825 or Allan 4054 3938 or Terry 4065 6252

Day ride Sunday 24th of June
Tableland Run
Leaving BP South at 9.30am
Heading for Herberton/Ravenshoe
Contact Murf 40671825

Sunday 8th of July Meeting Ride
Mount Molloy Hotel 11.00am
Departs BP North at 9.30am
Contact Murf 4067 1825 or Allan 4054 3938 or Terry 4065 6252

Show Day long Weekend July 20th, 21st & 22nd
Any suggestions???
Contact Murf 4067 1825 or Allan 4054 3938 or Terry 4065 6252

Overnighter Mt Carbine/Mt Molloy/Port Douglas
1st & 2nd of September more details next issue!
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- 6 Have fun but remember the eyes of the public are on us, so conduct yourself in an appropriate manner.

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