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1. Do not pass the Road Captain, and obey all rules of the road.
2. Ride in staggered formation not side by side.
3. Use one lane of a multi lane highway.
4. Ride as a group to and from our destination.
5. Bikes to be parked in an orderly formation and departure to be in singular formation after the Road Captain.
6. Have fun, but remember, the eyes of the public are on us, so conduct yourself in an appropriate manner.

Harley Owners Group®

CAPE YORK CHAPTER INC.

RUN CALENDAR

Sunday 9th May	General Meeting at the Anthill Hotel departing from BP Smithfield Captain Cook Highway at 9.30 pm. Meeting commences at 11 am.
Saturday 22nd May	Quiz Night at Memphis Hard Rock at the Pier commencing at 7pm. \$ 20 per person payment prior to the night.
Saturday 29th May	Evening Ride to be discussed at next meeting <i>Port Douglas - Hog's Back</i>
Friday 4th June	Committee Meeting - Lawrence & Vicky Calleja's residence commencing at 7.30pm
June 12th-14th	Overnighter at Mt Garnet and General Meeting on Sunday.(ring allan for details)
Sunday 27th June	Poker Run departing 9.00am sharp! full day ride (see flyer closer to event)
Friday 2nd July	Committee Meeting-Quentin & Sandra's residence commencing at 7.30pm
Sunday 4th July	Historian Observation Run.
Sunday 11th July	General meeting at Silkwood Hotel leaving BP south 9.30am
Saturday 31st July	Ten Pin Bowling Night and Overnighter at Innisfail.
August 28th-29th	River Run
December 4th-5th	Chapter Xmas Party

1999 QUEENSLAND STATE RALLY

**Howdy fellow HOG members.
The Darling Downs Harley Owners
Group invites y'all to hi-tail it
down to Crows Nest for the 1999
Queensland State Rally.**

LOCATION

This event will be held at the Crows Nest Showground located 40 minutes north of Toowoomba.

FACILITIES

The site can accommodate several hundred campers with powered sites available, ample toilets, hot showers, large modern pavilion with a fully licensed bar and containers outside with firewood.

SECURITY

There will be security on site, however we recommend all normal precautions be taken with your valuables during the rally.

NON CAMPERS

One motel and a caravan park are located in Crows Nest as well as the local Hotel.
Caravan Park - 07 4698 1269
Motel - 07 4698 1399
Grand Hotel - 07 4698 1108

CLIMATE

The winter temperatures vary from sunny mild days to cold nights. Average daytime temps. 14° to 17° and nights -1° to 3° C. Warm clothing and sleeping gear is essential but all efforts will be made to keep y'all comfortable.

RALLY PROGRAM

FRIDAY

12.00

onwards

Arrivals/Registrations
Snack foods available
Bar facilities
Live Entertainment
Service Centre & Seminar

SATURDAY

All day

Vendors
Demo Rides
Arrivals/Registrations
Children's video games
Snack food available
Road Captains meeting
Bar Facilities
Tours
Gymkhana
Service centre & seminars
Dinner
Official opening
Live Entertainment.

SUNDAY

All day

Demo rides
Children's video games
Breakfast
Thunder ride
Fashion parade/entertainment
On Site entertainment
Directors meeting
Bar Facilities
Show 'n Shine
Chapter Challenge
Dinner
Presentation of Trophies
Live Entertainment.

MONDAY

Breakfast
Vacate Site

REGISTRATION

Please complete this form

CLOSING DATE: 14th May 1999

Surname _____
Christian name _____
Address _____

Phone _____
Chapter _____
International No _____
Exp date _____ Bike Reg No _____

T SHIRT REQUIRED:

Short sleeve	Small	Medium	Large	XL	XXL
Black					
Navy					
Long sleeve	Small	Medium	Large	XL	XXL
Black					
Navy					

PAYMENT

Adults @ \$70.00 each _____
Children 6-15yrs @ \$40.00 each _____
Under 6 yrs _____ free
Vegetarian meal/s _____
Short sleeve T shirt @ \$20.00 each _____
Long sleeve T shirt @ \$25.00 each _____

TOTAL

Payment by cheque or money order.
Payable to:

Darling Downs HOG Chapter



WANTED

HOG members for the

1999 10th Annual QUEENSLAND STATE RALLY

Crows Nest

June 11th ~ 14th

no frills no whiners

ONLY

Long Days & Good Times

REGISTRATION FORM



MAIL YOUR ENTRY TO:

Queensland State Hog Rally
Darling Downs HOG
PO Box 3426
Village Fair
TOOWOOMBA 4350

For any queries regarding this
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REGISTRATION FEE ENTITLEMENTS

- Admission to the 1999 State Rally
- Camping facilities for 3 nights (Friday/Saturday/Sunday)
- Security of the area
- Entertainment
- Children's activities
- Catering:
Saturday - dinner
Sunday - breakfast/dinner
Monday - breakfast
- 24 hour tea and coffee
- Gymkhana
- Show and Shine
- Rally Badge

Closing date for pre-paid
entries:

14th May 1999

Entries received after this date will NOT receive meals, Rally badges and T-shirts may not be available. Payments received for T-shirts after this date will be refunded. \$10.00 additional fee applies for late registration.

ROAD CAPTAINS REPORT

With the fine weather returning I hope we start seeing everyone back on to there bikes and joining in , we have a few overnigheters coming up and I hope we can get some great roll up's to make the organising worth while. I will be organising another poker run different route to last time but it will be a full day ride. We have some new up and coming Harley riders that will be joining in with us soon (250) riders and have told them that I will be riding with them and not the pack so I hope our other road captains can take a turn out the front.

AJ

TBA RIDE PORT DOUGLAS/DAINTREE

Weather did not look great for the first ride back from the rally but 7 bikes left BP north for Port Douglas, with the weather easing the day got better by the hour calling in to the marina for breakfast / coffee found Rob & Donna already there (sporty owner) some had to go home early but the rest of us continued on up to Daintree township and return with Steve leading the way home. It was good to see three new prospective members on this ride hope we see them in up & coming rides

AJ



CANBERRA 99

Well were do you start with a ride like this, it's so hard to find the right place. I would like to start with thanking the people that made all the long hours firstly with my motor bike and secondly with the building of the trailers top section just that little bit easier, also to all the people who organised our fuel stops, food we ate, places we stayed and gear we borrowed for the 3 weeks round trip, you all know who you are once again special thanks.

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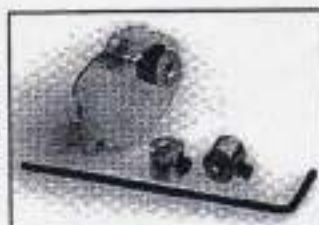
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IT'S NOT THE DESTINATION - IT'S THE JOURNEY. Someone once wrote,
'getting there is half the fun.'

There will be a wealth of items, anecdotes and articles spoken and written about the 10th HOG rally in Canberra. But what is not written is the emotions we all shared on our individual travels to the nation's capital to enjoy a memorable rally of fellow Harley Davidson riders. HOG members came from all corners of Australia as well as representations from many overseas countries. Each one will have his or her own stories of their journey. The highs and lows of long distance touring; the road conditions; the weather encountered; the friends met; new acquaintances made; old friendships renewed.

Do you ever see two Holden owners chatting and making friends like you see two Harley owner meeting at a country service station? By the way. Why do they call them service stations? Where's the service?

We meet as strangers, leave as friends. The spirit of the road, the spirit of Harley Davidson has bonded us.

People ask us why we ride these long distances on a motor-cycle? If they have to ask I guess they'll never know the answer. I know I can't give it. Do you remember the 75 year old German visitor? I know I won't forget him. Yes, that's right 75 years of age. He started his travel in Frankfurt, flew to the USA where he bought his Harley. Toured the United States and now touring Australia. Ten he intends to travel New Zealand and then South Africa. Despite warning to the contrary, his aim is to travel from the bottom of Africa to the top. On his Harley Davidson. 75 years old? I think not. I'd say 75 years young, and good luck, you have the support of every Harley Davidson rider in the world.

Malcolm Douglas.

FOR SALE

Malcolm Douglas has his 1992 Electra-Glide up for sale. Around 70,000 clicks and always regularly serviced by Harley-Davidson dealers. He's a finicky sort of bloke who insists on everything being done right by the book. Just ask the guys down at McGregors!

Malcolm's asking \$18,000 but, as we found out, he's got a new "Glider" from McGregor Motors, so we reckon he'll listen to any reasonable offer.

Why not give him a call now on 4055 7258, or if you can't catch him there, try him on his mobile, 0412-7774392 for more information.

It's a good buy.

Trust me

The group (less Ed, Rebecca and Lawrie) travelled on to Dubbo. We had fuel stops at Narrabri and Coonabarabran, then through Gilgandra to Dubbo. Arrive at sunset, and what a beautiful sunset it was. Fuelled up at the service station where Bob King entertained us with truckies' comments via live CB radio. The Harley's were a big hit with the kids upon arriving at the caravan park in Dubbo. Once settled in to cabins, a sumptuous BBQ was enjoyed. Little did we know what was in store for us – the *hanging Judge* Vicki was to preside over court that night, and the "Scrags" would have their revenge again.

Wednesday, 31st March 1999

Dubbo (Wellington – Orange 160 kms)

A day off in Dubbo to catch up with washing etc, and to visit the Great Plains Zoo. Bikes were washed, photo opportunities for local children, and kids given a ride around the caravan park. Caught up again with Dave and Kate from Gladstone. They have now been reunited with Dave Campbell, and we are introduced to him. Dave unfortunately lost his left leg a week before the Queensland State Rally in Cairns 1997, and was happy to catch up with the Cape York Chapter members who had been so kind to him during that time.

We (Ralph and Sharryn) left Dubbo at 9.15 am and ride on to Orange to catch up with an old engine reconditioning friend of Ralphs. An enjoyable ride through Wellington and Melong on the Mitchell Highway. Stayed overnight in Orange (very cold) and arranged with Paul and Sue to meet in the morning to rejoin the group at Young.

Thursday, 1st April 1999

Orange – Cowra – Young – Wombat – Harden – Yass – Canberra (336 kms)

Ralph, Sharryn, Paul and Sue leave Mobil Service Station at Orange approximately 8.30 am. We cruise down through winding country roads to Cargo (Paul reminisces about his early bike riding days). Beautiful scenery through wine growing areas. On to Canowindra then Cowra. We warm ourselves with hot coffee at Cowra and still have some time before meeting up with the rest of the group at Young. We decide to visit the Japanese Gardens at Cowra – very *oriental*. These gardens were impressive and worth the tour.

We set off for Young down the Olympic Way and meet up with the group at the BP service station on the northern side of Young. (They have come from Grenfell). All fuelled up, we travel to Harden via Wombat, once again through some scenic country roads, then on to Yass for lunch. Yass is cold and windy, and some even find time to purchase some extra warm clothing. Quentin and Sandra Bates, Don and Pat Roy have phoned to say they have already arrived safely at the Rally Site in Canberra (via their extended central/southern tour through Alice Springs and Adelaide).

We travel the last 60 kms from Yass and finally arrive in Canberra at the Rally site. The NSW Hog Chapter have done an excellent job in organising everything, and making us all feel very welcome.

Details of our stay in Canberra and the ride home will be covered in the next newsletter.

Ralph and Sharryn CREMER

Have lunch at the park in Miles, while Eleanor and Alan topped up food supplies. Terry and Maria catch up with relatives, and bikes were lined up for a photo for the local newspaper. Saddled up and then on to Moonie for petrol and refreshment stop.

At Moonie, we meet up with Dave and Kate from Gladstone Hog Chapter who are also on their way to Canberra, and are waiting for their mate, Dave who was to join up with a couple of friends. When we all roll in, Dave is heard to exclaim "Gee, I didn't realise Dave had so many friends!". Head off towards Goondiwindi on the worst highway we have travelled. All arrive saddle weary and jarred from suspensions bottoming out on the flood damaged highway.

Book in to Goondiwindi Caravan Park and Ralph Cremer meets up with his old mate, Jim – the owner of the caravan park! Jim's not sure where he remembers Ralph from, if at all! Camp is quickly set up as everyone is looking for a cleansing ale! It seems some more than others! Terry Obst created a feast fit for a king, which everyone enjoyed immensely. It was at this camp site that the "Scrags" plotted their revenge against Marshall Minty – and revenge they did have! It was apparent he was not wearing his Y-Fronts at the time!!! Kangaroo Court was convened with Judge Ralph Cremer presiding. Of particular note was Lawrie being charged with scaring the living daylights out of the Russell brothers (aka "The Breaker Brothers") in their own tent. Some thought Lawrie looked a lot better in his disguise.

A reasonably early night was had by all, except for Marshall Minty and company. Marshall Minty maintained a vigilant eye on the camp site during his spontaneous night patrols, ensuring full security was maintained at the camp site. He particularly paid close attention to the Cremer's tent – amazing how fibreglass poles stand up to such a heavy weight!

Tuesday, 30th March 1999

Goondiwindi – Moree – Narrabri – Coonabarabran – Gilgandra – Dubbo (502 kms)

Pack up tents and depart at 8.00 am saying goodbye to Queensland. Weather is cloudy but fine. Temperatures starting to drop. Some were having trouble leaving Queensland, going around in circles at the round-about before the border. We all regrouped and rode into New South Wales expecting bigger and better roads. How disappointed we were, as our dirt-bike riding skills were soon tested. We thought we saw a sign that said "Boggabilla" but it must have said "Boggakingi". Bob King and Christine encountered problems navigating the hazardous, boggy detour south of Boggabilla on the Newell Highway. It is reported that Ed had some not too kind words to say via the CB to the "helpful gentlemen" of the NSW Main Roads Department, which were echoed by passing truckies.

On to Moree for a fuel stop and for the local dealer (Thomas-Lee Motorcycles) to check Rebecca's bike. We all enjoyed the opportunity to spend some time at the Dealers - the longer we stayed, the more we spent. Paul and Sue left us here at 11.00 am to travel to Orange. We had lunch in the central park where Ralph

Sunday, 28th March 1999

(Mackay – Rockhampton - Mt Morgan - Biloela) 477 kms

Everybody up at sparrows for 8.00 am departure. Real bikers chamoised down their iron horses for the ride across the Marlborough Plains. Weather – perfect. First fuel stop at Carmila – what a great ride, it doesn't get any better than this. Next fuel stop at Marlborough – Ed tried to apply for the job of hosing the gravel off the driveway with the water blaster, and we all observed how high speed roadside slashing is done in dusty conditions.

On to Rockhampton where Rebecca experiences difficulty with her bike again. All fuelled up at Rocky for a short run over the range to Mount Morgan. We have lunch at Gordon Porter's acreage (Ed's brother) and were then entertained by Gordon and the numerous working models of internal combustion engines, from stationary pumps and generators, to 2 wheels, to 4 wheels. Some of us went for a ride on Gordon's T-Model ford. Gordon's collection not only included engines - there were telephones, horns, fuel bowsers, fire extinguishers, typewriters, hot rods, even the latest model Ducati superbike with low kilometers and in show room condition. You name it, it was there! Has to be the best private collection we have seen. Sharryn had trouble coaxing Ralph back on to his Fat Boy – he wanted to stay with Gordon and the toys!

A short, hot ride past cotton fields and on to Biloela to set up our tents for the night. Father Ralph Adams recites the "Lager Prayer" before a few relaxing drinks were had around the back of the mighty trailer, as dinner was prepared by some smart looking chefs. The night is cool so the boys prepare a fire, and Kangaroo Court is in session for the first time with Judge 'Marshall Minty' presiding – the most feared Judge in the West. Severe penalties were handed down during the night, with the guilty parties having to do a range of chores the following day, e.g. prepare morning coffee, wash up, and pack the trailer. Marshall Minty did not endear himself to certain ladies, referring to them as "Scrags". This reference may see his undoing before the trip is ended.

Monday, 29th March 1999

Biloela – Banana – Theodore – Taroom – Miles – Moonie – Goondiwindi (542 kms)

Everyone is up early with the chooks (because we're camped in the back paddock next to the chook house). Weather is still clear and crisp and perfect for riding. All ready for an 8.00 am departure (except for those in the more luxurious cabin accommodation – thus leaving themselves vulnerable for charges to be brought against them that evening in the Kangaroo Court). We head south-west towards Banana then on to Theodore and briefly stop at Isla Gorge for a few photos. Marshall Minty experienced minor oil breather problems, then we continue on to Taroom for petrol, morning tea and some poetry/jokes.

DIARY

CANBERRA NATIONAL HOG RALLY April 1999

Saturday, 27th March 1999

Cairns – Townsville – Mackay (742 kms)

7 bikes left BP Earlville at 5.30 am (Bike 1) Allan Russell (2) Ralph and Val Adams (3) Ron & Liz Clarke (4) Ralph and Sharryn Cremer (5) Malcolm Douglas (6) Gavern Harm and Stephanie (7) Paul Grundy and Sue, Eleanor, Kurt and Ryan Russell are in the back-up vehicle towing Allan's purpose built trailer. The weather is overcast, but at least it's not raining. First incident is Gavern Harm's shockies lose air at the service station before we leave. Paul and Sue's rear tail/brake light fails to work. Ron & Liz lose all power at Edmonton but catch up with the pack when we stop to put wet weather gear on at Fig Tree Creek just south of Fishery Falls.

We meet the rest of the pack at Liverpool Creek (Bike 8) Lawrence Calleja (9) Vicky Calleja (10) Bob King and Christine (11) Ed Porter (12) Rebecca Porter (13) Viktor Stremouchiw and Arlec (14) Maria Obst (15) Terry Obst.

First petrol stop is at Cardwell, then on to Townsville for fuel and breakfast. Catch up with Jenny and her Great Dane (Lawrie & Vicky's puppy). As usual no rain in Townsville, but a few kms down the road we had to stop and put on our wet weather gear. Rebecca's bike refused to shut down, and was idling at about 3000 rpm, and Lawrie's bike refused to restart, supposedly with a flat battery. Got a new battery from supplies in the back up vehicle, but discovered it was just a loose starter motor terminal.

Rode on to the Mobil service station at the Delta, north of Bowen (still raining), where Vicky's tyre went off with a bang. Back up vehicle was called upon for more spares. Fault was found to be an unsuccessful patch applied (by Lawrie) to Vicky's tube. This resulted in both Callejas receiving fines in the Kangaroo Court – Vicky for gloating, and Lawrie for being negligent!

Finally it was lunch time and we stopped south of Bowen for sandwiches. At last a chance to take off our wet weather gear. This is where we had our first lesson (from a farmer) why we shouldn't eat the skin of an apple.

On to Mackay where we all booked into cabins for the night, and finally the last repairs were carried out to some of the bikes, including non-standard modifications to Ed's gear lever. We're all hoping for a trouble-free day with the bikes tomorrow.

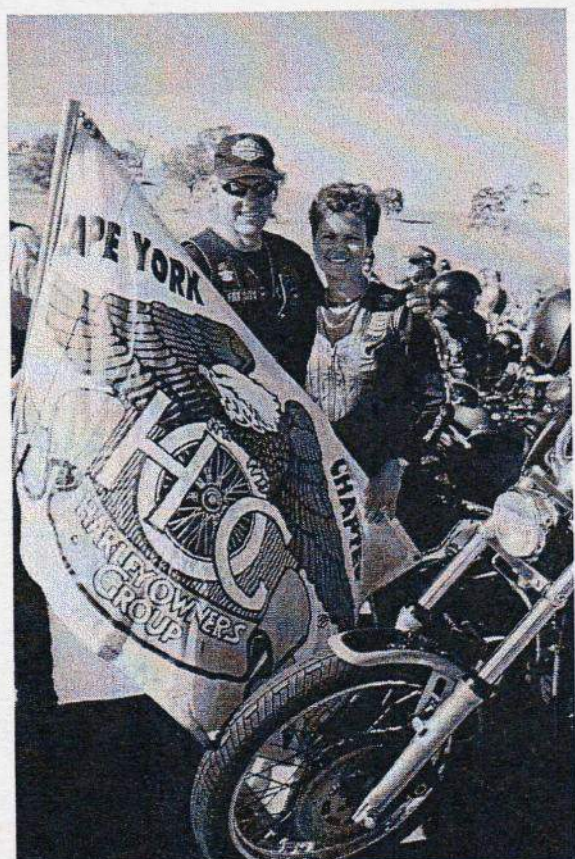
We all enjoyed a BBQ dinner with a cleansing drink and early to bed. Weather is already noticeably much cooler than Cairns.



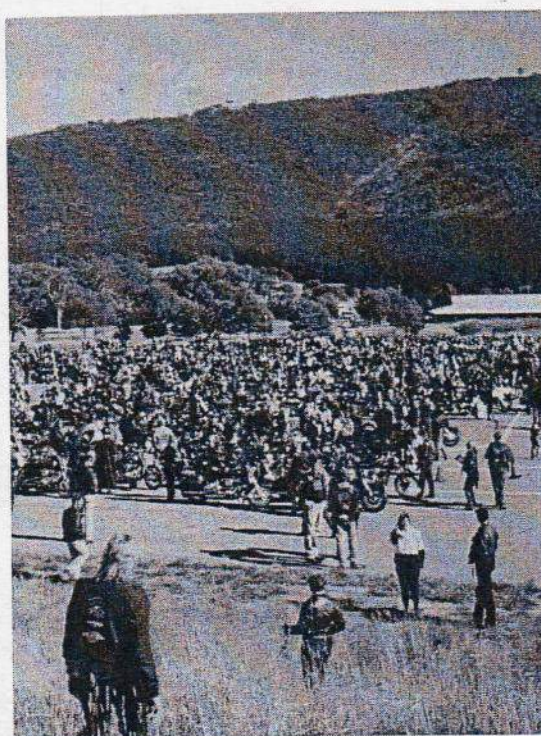
***CLUB PHOTO ON THE GROUNDS
IN FRONT OF NEW
PARLIAMENT HOUSE.***



***LUNCH AT YASS - ONE OF
THE COLDEST DAYS WE HAD.***



***RALPH & SHARYN CREMER,
HOLDING THE FLAG FOR CAPE
YORK.***



***VIEW FROM THE HILL,
THE MUSTER POINT FOR THE
THUNDER RIDE.***



*PAUL GRUNDY.....JEEZ, THE
CONTINUOUS POLISHING TAKES
IT OUT OF YOU....*



*CLUB LINE UP FOR THE
THUNDER RIDE.*



*RALPH ADAMS, VICTOR
STREMOUCHW, & MARSHALL
OUTSIDE OUR UNIT IN
CANBERRA.*



*ANGELA CLARKE, PAUL GRUNDY,
MARSHALL MINTIE & DON ROY...
DISCUSSING TACTICS FOR COURT!!*



*DON & PAT ROY.....
IN A MORE TENDER MOMENT!!*



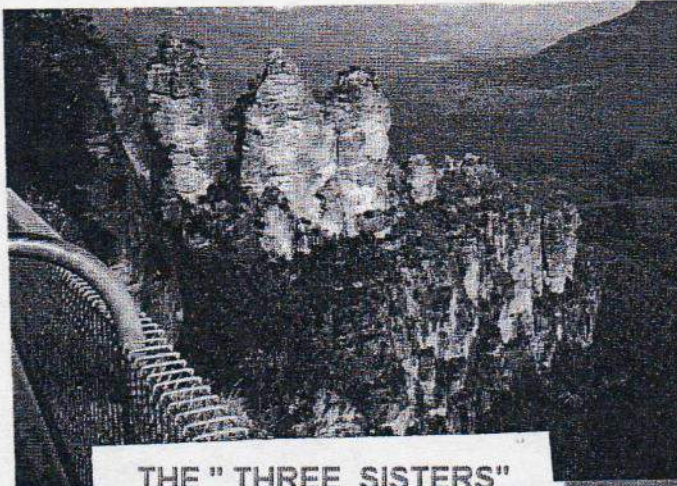
*FRIDAY NIGHT PARTY WITH
THE WOLVERINES.*

A RIDE OF A LIFETIME.

FOR MONTHS I HAD BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR RIDE TO THE NATIONAL RALLY IN CANBERRA. FINALLY THE DAY ARRIVED AND NOW I LOOK BACK ON FOUR WEEKS OF OUR TRAVELS AND TRY AND DECIDE WHICH PART OF MY TRIP I ENJOYED THE MOST.

WE TRAVELLED THRU SOME OF AUSTRALIA'S GREATEST COUNTRY SIDE, WIDE OPEN SPACES & TWISTY GREEN MOUNTAINS, CAUGHT UP WITH FRIENDS IN ALICE SPRINGS, FAMILY IN PORT AUGUSTA & ADELAIDE, ALL IN GOOD WEATHER, EXCEPT WHEN WE REACHED QLD.

THE MOST FRIGHTENING WAS WHEN WE HIT THE "PIG", AS I WASN'T SURE WHERE IT WOULD HIT THE BIKE. IT DID HAVE NICE "SPOTS" ON HIS BACK, AND IT WAS QUITE COMICAL TO LOOK BACK & SEE IT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD ALL FOURS IN THE AIR & SQUEALING LIKE MAD.



THE "THREE SISTERS"



SUNSET AT ULURU WAS HIGH ON THE LIST OF HIGHLIGHTS, AS WAS THE RIDE BACK TO CURTIN SPRINGS THAT NIGHT. IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL BALMY NIGHT & WE STOPPED HALFWAY TO GAZE AT THE STARS.

AT COOPER PEDY WE HAD A TOUR SHOWING US OF A TYPICAL HOUSE UNDERGROUND, & LEARNT ABOUT HOW THEY DUG FOR OPALS BY HAND, TO THE MODERN MACHINERY THEY USE TODAY. 70% OF COOPER PEDY RESIDENTS LIVE UNDERGROUND. THEY ALL HAVE MODERN HOUSEHOLD ITEMS & ELECTRICITY.

THE SCENERY THRU THE BLUE MOUNTAINS WAS THE BEST, & THE TRAIN RIDE TO SYDNEY FROM KATOOMBA WAS BREATHTAKING. WE WALKED TWO BLOCKS FROM OUR MOTEL IN KATOOMBA TO SEE THE "THREE SISTERS" & THAT WAS AWESOME. THIS REALLY IS WORTH SEEING. Q.B. & I WALKED DOWN MANY STEEP STEPS TO THE WALKWAY TO CROSS TO THE "THREE SISTERS", COMING BACK UP WAS THE HARDEST.

THIS WAS TRULY A MAGNIFICENT HOLIDAY, COMBINED WITH GOOD COMPANY & RIDING FROM FELLOW MEMBERS DON & PAT ROY. NEXT IS THE N.T., SO I HOPE IT WON'T BE TOO LONG. SANDRA.

GODS OWN COUNTRY.

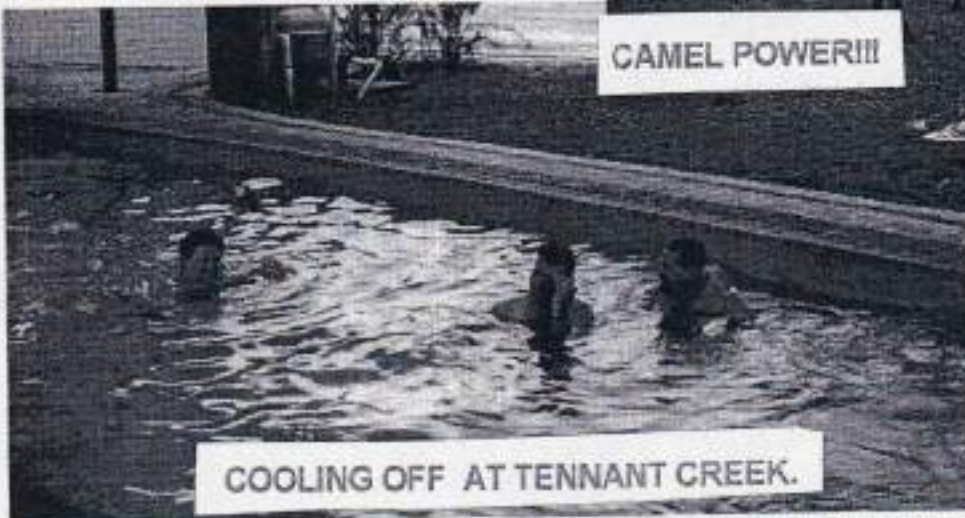
OFTEN WE HAVE HEARD THE ABOVE SAYING! AND AFTER SPENDING FOUR WEEKS IN THE SADDLE AND TRAVELLING SOME 9500 KILOMETERS ON THE HARLEY I WHOLE HEARTEDLY AGREE.

DURING OUR TRIP WE TRAVELLED FROM THE WETTEST PART OF AUSTRALIA TO SOME OF THE DRIEST, AT COOPER PEDY. WE COVERED SOME OF THE LOWEST AREAS IN THE COUNTRY HERE, AND WE RODE THRU SOME OF THE HIGHEST COUNTRY IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS AROUND KATOOMBA. WE ALSO TRAVELLED IN SOME OF THE HOTTEST, AND SOME OF THE COLDEST (IN WINTER) ZONES.

WE COVERED 5 STATES. WE TRAVELLED DOWN HIGHWAYS WITH ONLY THE SLIGHTEST BENDS IN HUNDREDS OF KILOMETERS AND WE RODE DOWN TWISTY MOUNTAIN ROADS. FROM THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BORDER TO ADELAIDE WE ENCOUNTERED THE TAIL END OF CYCLONE GWENDA SO WE RODE IN JUST ABOUT EVERY POSSIBLE CONDITION OTHER THAN ICE OR SNOW, WHAT A LAND OF CONTRASTS COLOURS AND CHARACTERS.



CAMEL POWER!!!

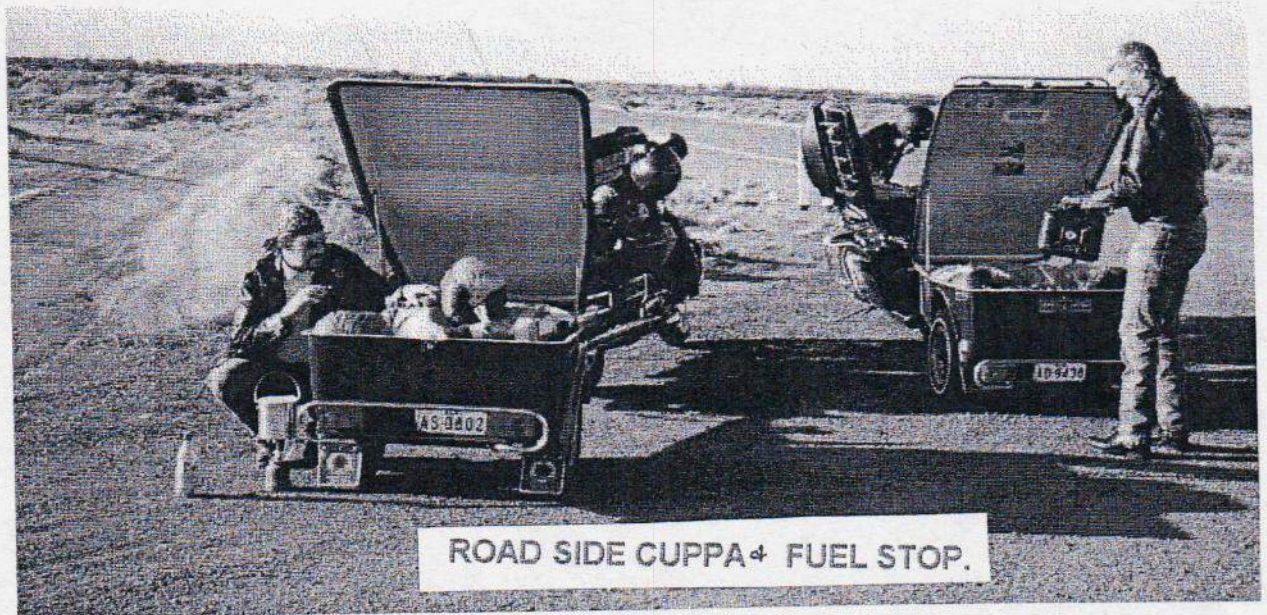


COOLING OFF AT TENNANT CREEK.

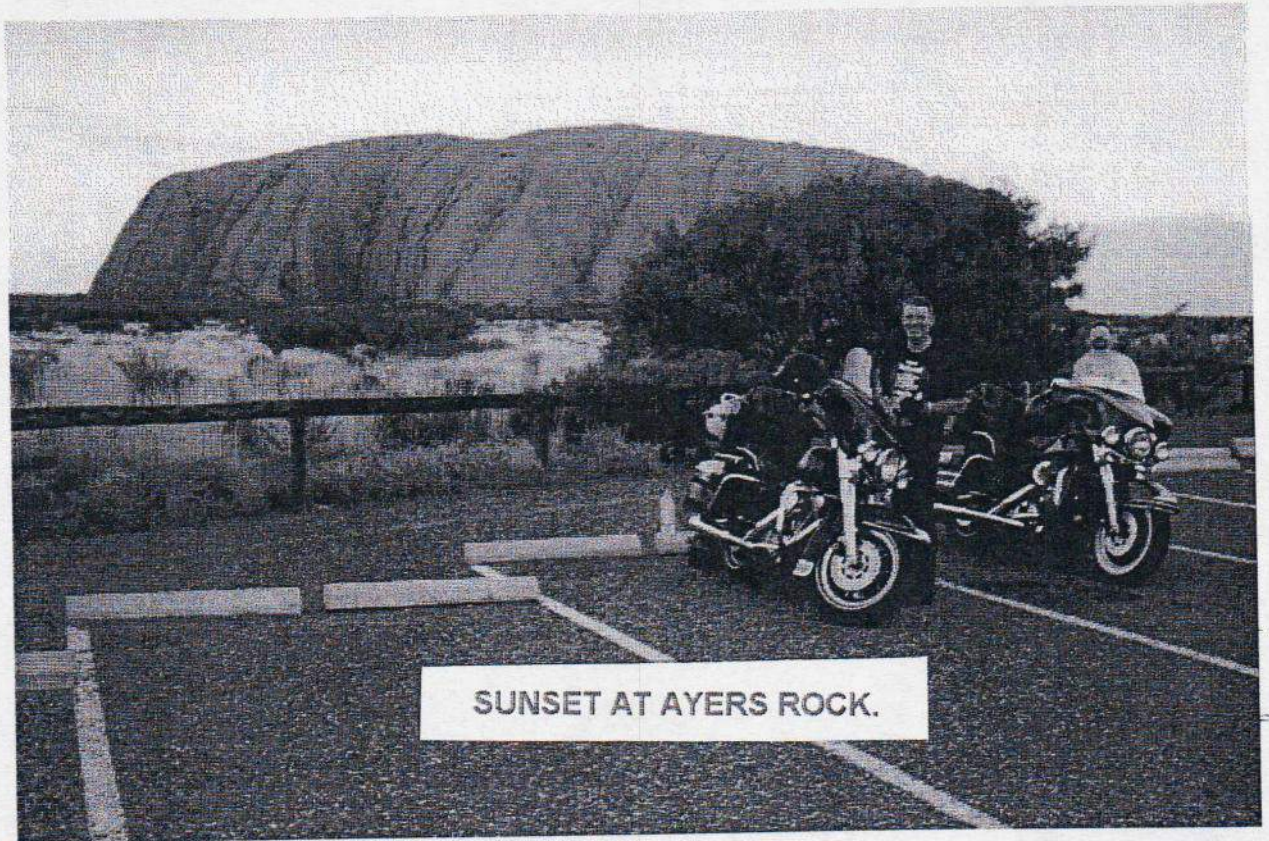
THERE WERE NUMEROUS HIGHLIGHTS ON THE TRIP BUT THE RUN FROM THREE WAYS ROAD HOUSE TO PORT AUGUSTA, PROBABLY WAS THE MOST OUTSTANDING, ESPECIALLY THE RUN INTO ALICE SPRINGS THRU THE MACDONALD RANGES, REMINDED ME OF THE OLD WESTERN MOVIES, OR PERHAPS AN ALBERT NAMAJIRA PAINTING. THE RIDE OUT TO YULARA TO WATCH THE SUNSET, AND THEN BACK TO CURTIN SPRINGS IN THE WARMTH OF THE NIGHT, ALSO HIGH ON THE LIST. THE RIDE INTO COOPER PEDY WAS LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF A SPACE ODDESY THE COUNTRYSIDE COVERED IN MOUNDS OF EARTH FROM THE OPAL DIGGINGS. FROM ADELAIDE WE FOLLOWED THE MIGHTY MURRAY TO ALBURY THEN ON TO CANBERRA.

THE WHOLE CONTRY AT THE MOMENT IS IN PRETTY GOOD HEART, AND THERE WAS LITTLE LIVE STOCK ON THE ROADS, EXCEPT FOR THE ODD PIG, A COUPLE OF PIDGEONS, A GALLAH AND SMALL SPARROW, NOT MUCH TO WORRY US.

WHEN DO WE GO AGAIN????????? Q.B.



ROAD SIDE CUPPA & FUEL STOP.



SUNSET AT AYERS ROCK.

Continuing along the Murray Valley Highway, we stayed in a super caravan park at Swan Hill, right on the Murray itself, and saw the Pioneer Settlement and the National Holden Museum (at Echuca) in the same day. Wodonga was our last stop before reaching Canberra, where we actually had our best pub meal, close to our caravan park.

Next day (Day 13) was a cold but enjoyable run to Canberra, where we rolled in mid-afternoon with nearly 6000 k's on the clock.

Incidentally, we covered a total of 9713 km. We wore out a back tyre and collected an incredible array of insects - and the Grannyglide ran like a Swiss watch throughout!

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