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A Club For People Who Tend Not To Join Clubs

Join your local H.O.G chapter & find other riders that share your deep passion for everything Harley

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From the Editor

Well this has been a long time to produce!! One must remember, committee members are all volunteers and balance their life with family, work commitments and of course our extended family 'HOGS'.

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Have you seen the latest Cape York HOG webpage?

<http://www.capeyork-hog.com.au/>

Squeak has waved his magic. Great job!

From the Director

Hi fellow Cape York HOG chapter members

I'm Joe (Casanova) Moretto, Director of our HOG chapter, and with your support I will continue in this position for 2018/2019.

Wow, what a year we have had. On reflection we have both hosted and participated in many events.

These have included our Chapter Challenge last July, monthly club rides, BBQ's and test ride days, and Jag the Joker,

Family-oriented events - such as our Christmas Party at Goombora Park, Brinsmead, and dinner at Rattle 'n' Hum.

Community events - Cairns Show, Muscular Dystrophy Ride, Cairns Swap Meet, Wayne's Motor Cycle Muster, GSL Ride, Carnivals on Collins Father's Day Show 'n' Shine, Australia Day, Black Dog Ride, ANZAC Day, and Care for Ciara "Biggest Display on Wheels".

Member sponsored events - HOT Training Rockhampton, and our First Aide Course.

Over nighters - State Rally, Townsville (35 members), 'Murder in Margaritaland" Cape Tribulation, Cardwell, and Innot Hot Springs.

This year will be another eventful year. There are already plans for numerous events so there is sure to be something for everyone.

If there are any activities, rides, or social functions you are interested in, please forward your ideas to any of your committee members.

Cape York is becoming a recognised group in the community and our presence is being felt.

Our monthly BBQ's are going well. Help is always required and appreciated. These are held on the last Saturday of the month. Harley Magic test rides are also extremely well received.

My personal thank you to all members for your participation and attendance throughout the year.

This year

A monster raffle is on the way. If you have any new unused / unwanted items you would like to donate, it would be greatly appreciated. This raffle is to raise funds to support the various charities that the club supports.

Speewah Tavern Bike Show

Swap Meet - Swap it Saturday night to baby sit the merchandise. Show 'n' Shine display at the Swap Meet.

Collins Avenue Father's Day Show 'n' Shine

Feel free to reach out to any of the committee members if you have something on your mind.



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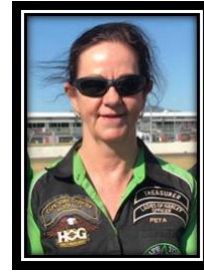
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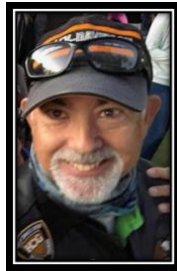
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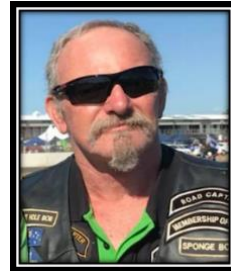
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Tem (Cougar) Elliott
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Shane (Squeak) Trimby
Paul (Blue) Scanlan

Key People on a Ride

Road Captain

- Plans the ride
- Reviews weather and road conditions before the ride
- Briefs everyone on the ride before heading off.
- Leads the ride.
- Makes 'on the day' decisions about the ride.
- Sets the pace of the ride.

Tail End Charlie

- Stays at the back headlight will be on full beam.
- Helps anyone who stops or breaks down.
- Works to keep the group together.
- Lets the road captain know when everyone is ready to proceed.
- Takes control at any accidents

*Tem "Cougar": Ghost Ride – Sunday 10
June 2018*

Road Captain's Ride Report -

It was a drizzly, cool morning when 18 brave Hogs rode to Garradunga via the scenic cane fields of Gordonvale. The ride objective was breakfast with Athol Johnson, the resident ghost. Athol did not make an appearance, but Ian the Publican did. Ian opened the Pub exclusively for the Cape York Hogs and put on a traditional hot breakfast.



Brave Hogs included: Casanova, Doc, Murph, Somebody, Geoffro, Chopper and Annie, Smithy, Speedy, Sponge Bob, Wayne Fisher, Michael Phillips, Rod and Lim (visitors) and Blue, tail end Charlie.

So, some background on the historic Garradunga Hotel. Originally known as the Cane



Cutters Hotel, the Garradunga Hotel is located north of Innisfail on the Garradunga Rd, Garradunga in Queensland far north. It was built in 1888 and rebuilt in 1935. The property is famous for its' resident ghost who is regularly seen. The hotel was voted by the ABC as 9th most well-known hotels in Australia.



Cape York Hogs proudly supported the fundraising venture

"Biggest display on Wheels" at the Cairns Showgrounds, Saturday 9th June.

**Biggest Display
of Wheels**

June 9th | 12pm - 5pm
Cairns Showgrounds, Scott St Entrance

Help support a little local girl with CP upgrade from wheels to dancing legs!
Come show Ciara your wheels

All money raised will help Ciara get to the USA for life changing surgery
that will allow her to walk independently



Ciara is 3 years and 9 months old. She is a bright and bubbly young girl who was born prematurely at 32weeks+5days at Cairns Base Hospital. She is strong of mind, heart and will, but Ciara has Cerebral Palsy - Spastic Diplegia which means her little legs are not so strong. Those close to Ciara and her family have watched her struggle over many hurdles in young life. Her leg and hip muscles are tight and stiff, so she needs the aid of a walker frame to get around. Since learning of Ciara's condition, her mother, Aishling Crehan has worked

tirelessly to give Ciara the best possible care and support. When Aishling learned of a life changing surgery that is being performed with a substantial success rate at The Centre for Cerebral Palsy, St Louis Children's Hospital, Missouri in USA, she knew she would go above and beyond to see that Ciara had the best chance to get the surgery that would change her life.

After many months of specialist visits for pre- surgery and rehabilitation assessments, both in Cairns Base Hospital and Lady Cilento Children's Hospital in Brisbane, an application was put in motion for Ciara to have Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy surgery. This surgery is performed by world renowned Neuro Surgeon, Dr T S Park, who has performed SDR surgery on over 3000 patients from around the world. It is recommended to have early surgery at the ages 2 to 4 years old, before children have developed deformities of the legs.

Ciara will be 4 1/2 at expected time of surgery. The surgery will permanently reduce spasticity, by cutting nerve rootlets in Ciara's spinal cord. SDR will eliminate pain associated with movements, as well as minimise future deterioration of her body ordinarily caused by spasticity, which would otherwise ultimately cause Ciara to lose her ability to walk and therefore be confined to using a wheelchair, by the time she is 40.... SDR will also greatly minimise the amount of future orthopaedic surgeries she will need throughout her life, as contractures will be minimised.

The Target of \$150K will enable Ciara to have SDR surgery + post operative 5 day hospital care, PERCS surgery + post operative 2 day hospital care, casts if needed, 3 week block of rehabilitation outpatient physiotherapy, ankle foot orthotics and mobility equipment

Update as at 27th June

Ciara is ready for the 2 surgeries ahead, and keeps asking me, "When can we go to America?" Love this girls happy, positive, and determined nature.

When asked what is happening in America, Ciara excitedly, and accurately, relays the info to all :)

To date \$86k has been donated via GoFundMe and FNQ Youth Assistance Fund, as well as Qantas points donated which covers 3/4 of our airfares.

I am continuing to fund raise for the internal American flights, accommodation, food, travel insurance etc as there is a further \$35k needed to reach the Target. You are welcome to follow Ciara's journey at Facebook Page, Care For Ciara

Xxx,
Aishling



After participating at the "Biggest Display of Wheels", Cape York Hog was given a bar fridge that was donated for raising donations. In return, we have decided to organise a raffle using the bar fridge as a prize. Proceeds will be given to "Care for Ciara".



MEMBERSHIP DAY

Saturday 30 June 2018

Many members took the advantage of renewing their memberships

before and on 30 June. Welcome new members.

If you missed the sign on day, to renew your membership, head to

<http://www.capeyork-hog.com.au/memberships/new-members/membership-renewal-form/>

Membership \$35.

Don't forget you need to be a financial member of HOG to be a member of Cape York HOG INC.

<https://members.hog.com/>

HARLEY MAGIC

A Club For People Who Tend Not To Join Clubs

Membership Day
Sat 30th June
Test Ride A New Harley
BBQ
@ Harley Magic

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Current Membership

Total members: 64

Male Members: 50

Female Members: 14

If you know someone that owns a Harley and should be a member, bring them on a introductory ride.



Welcome new members:

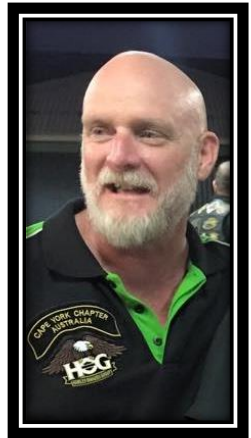
Terry and Barb Patmore

Sonia and Giles Bray

Grant Cawse

Richard Blackall

Welcome back Ando



Harley Davidson #07
(Harley Officers Training)

Rockhampton 30 June to 1 July 2018

H.O.G. OFFICER TRAINING (H.O.T.)

H.O.G. Officer Training (H.O.T.) was created in 1995 to help chapter officers excel at their duties. It is aimed at Sponsoring Dealers, Chapter Directors, Assistant Directors, Secretaries and Treasurers, as well as aspiring committee members, H.O.T. is H.O.G.'s one chance to get important, timely information directly to the local chapter leadership.

As a forum where chapter officers from all over the markets get together and receive



communication directly from H.O.G., H.O.T. includes both formal training and plenty of time for informal networking. H.O.G. Staff are present at the training to answer your questions and catch up on the news in your region.

Training topics have included Liability and Risk Management, Chapter Financial Management and Volunteer Management. As the needs and concerns of chapter officers evolve, so does the curriculum at H.O.T. Attending H.O.T.



H.O.T. is announced in Chapter Officer News® and by a direct mail invitation. Dates and registration information are printed and distributed in plenty of time for you to plan a trip to H.O.T. It's very important that committee members and aspiring committee members and dealer Chapter Managers attend this training if possible.



Squeak's Club Ride - Quick Squirt Up the Gilles

Sunday 16 September

Basic Safety ride rules for Cape York HOG INC.

- Make sure your bike is roadworthy.
- Make sure your bike is fuelled before departure.
- Pay attention to the start times - do not be late.

Before you plan to ride, have you done the necessary checks on your bike?

Fuel, tyre pressure, check that attachments are secure, battery!!!!

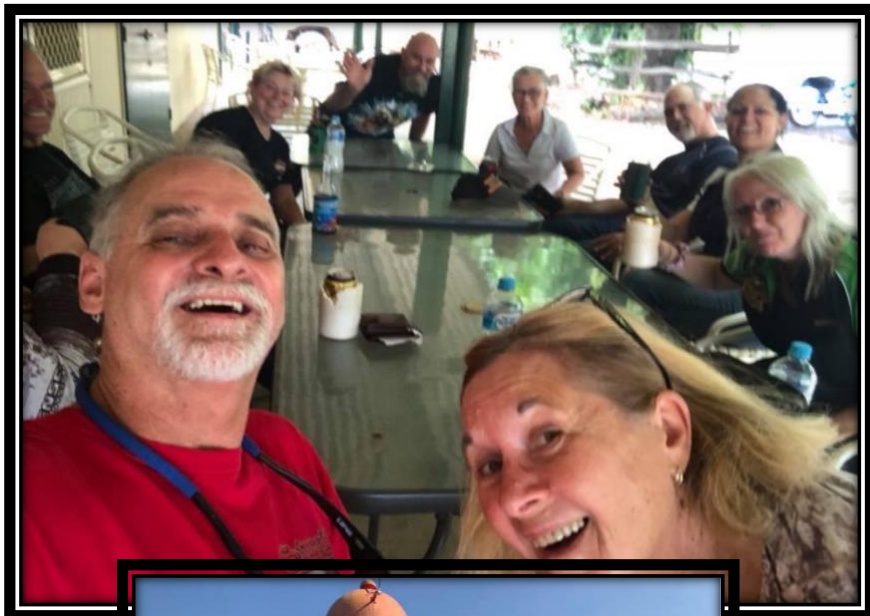
Poor Squeak, a flat battery. Everyone went on a ride, but not Squeak!

I'm sure a flat battery has happened to you at some time!!!



Choppers Cooktown Overnighter 7-8th October











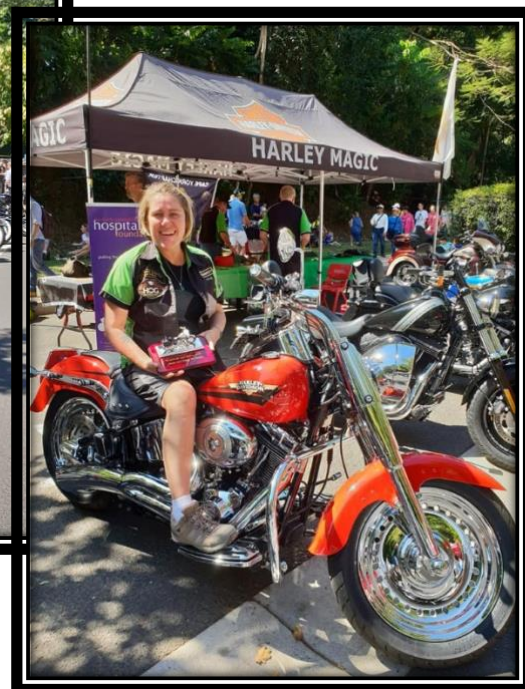
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Saturday, August 25







Carnival on Collins Sunday 2 September





Babinda Harvest Festival - Grand Parade

13th October





Club



BB2 and Demo Day Saturday 27th October



Cape York HOG's Helping at The Wangetti Sunday 4th November

Cape York HOGs participated in the Wangetti



Walk, donating and distributing water.

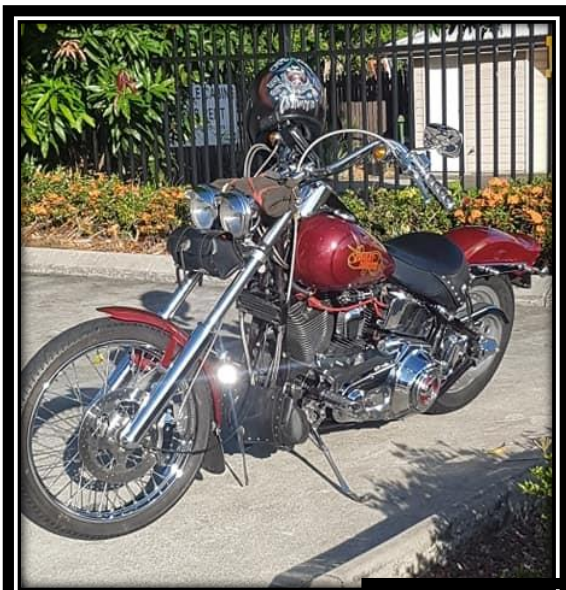
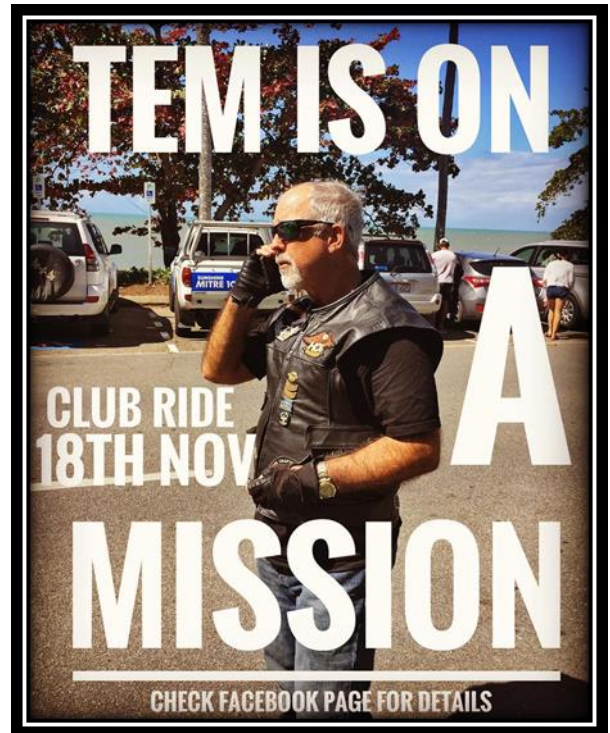


Doing it for Toyah, in memory of a beautiful person, our love and thoughts are with her family and friends. Cape York Hogs were honoured to help on the day by giving bottles of water and watermelon to Volunteers.



*Club Ride - Road Captain Tem Mission Beach Mena
Creek*

Sunday 18th November





Beware of Wet Riding Conditions

Reduced Traction

Wet roads can create dangerous situations for any motorcycle rider. Though it can appear perfectly clean, oftentimes wet roads consist of oils and other slippery residuals on the surface. Be wary and alert of the hazards that heavy rainfall can have on the road in order for you to navigate to your destination safely.



Hydroplaning

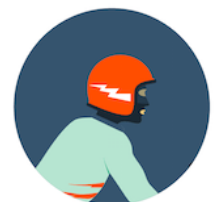


Rain unveils oils that create slippery, wet surfaces that reduces the traction on your tires. The first hour of a heavy rainstorm is the most dangerous time to ride, when the oils are raised to the surfaces of the road and has not yet been washed away. If it's possible to stop for a quick break, now is the time. Wait the storm out or until the rain has thoroughly washed the road surface clean

of oils and anything else that has been left behind prior to getting back on your bike. Once the rain has eased up, ride behind the vehicle's tire tracks, as they have already propelled some of the water away and allow you the gain better traction.

Decreased Visibility

A heavy volume of water can also cause you to hydroplane, despite how good or new your tire tread is. Hydroplaning occurs when a layer of water prevents direct contact between the tires and the road. To reduce your chances of hydroplaning, try to avoid riding on painted lines, manhole covers, tar snakes, rainbow-hued puddles, and metal crossings, as they contribute to reduced tire grip.



While riding, slow down as much as possible, squeeze your clutch, and coast through the puddle. At higher speed conditions, try to maintain your speed and avoid abrupt changes as it can reduce the traction of your motorcycle. Also take into consideration the type of tires you have on your motorcycle. All-weather tires are designed to handle water whereas summer sport tires may not be as resourceful.

Braking Distance



The surface presents many challenges, but sometimes what you can't see in the distance is the biggest obstacle. Visibility of the road and on the road is a big concern. Reflective and/or bright-colored high visibility gear should always be worn while riding in the rain. In dismal

conditions, they could be the discerning feature that keeps you visible to other vehicles as their wipers beat across the windshield.

Braking opportunity will be reduced in wet weather conditions in comparison to a dry riding condition. Braking distance should be increased on the wet road and cornering needs to be slow and steady. It's best to ride as vertical as possible so your tires have the best contact patch and can whisk away the most water through the treads in your tires. While braking, apply a lighter application to the front brakes. The reduced application of the front brake should be compensated by adding more stopping distance.

Lightning

If there is lightning accompanying the rain, get off the road immediately. Lightning may only seek out tall objects, but that electricity has to go somewhere in the ground. If everything is wet, including yourself, your tires aren't absolutely going to insulate you from electricity traveling along the ground. Don't take the chance.



Wrap Up

Sometimes you can plan ahead and avoid riding through the rain and wet conditions. If you are planning a long ride, perhaps a little weather should or can be expected. With simple preparation of a change of riding apparel and technique, danger can be avoided, and you can arrive dry and refreshed from a great ride. Good luck and ride safely!

Night riding

Riding at night is considerably more dangerous for motorcyclists. Take extra care when riding at night and apply safety measures, such as:

- Ensure you can be seen—check that your lights and indicators are working properly, and wear reflective or fluorescent clothing.
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- Maximise your vision—avoid wearing dark, tinted or scratched eye protection, travel on well-lit roads, and use high beam (except within 200m of another vehicle).
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- Give yourself time to respond — slow down to maintain at least 6 seconds of vision, and increase your crash avoidance space — you must be able to stop within the distance you can see

9 Tips for Summer Motorcycle Riding

AUGUST 2, 2018 IN ROAD SAFETY By Erin Verginia

Summer is upon us. there are some important tips to remember in order to stay safe on the road with your bike.

1. **Stay Hydrated** This may seem like it goes without saying, but it's essential that everyone, especially riders, stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water and other liquids that replenish the vitamins and minerals lost when sweating. And with all that gear on, you're going to be sweating.

Be sure to not only drink enough water before you set out for a ride, but that you have plenty with you for the ride as well. Do what works best for you, whether it's stashing some cold water and ice packs in your saddle bags, or picking up a hydration pack.

2. **Plan Frequent Stops** Heat stress is cumulative, meaning the longer you go without addressing it the worse it gets and the more time it takes to recover. It can be tempting to keep going and going, enjoying the views of wherever you're riding. It can also be dangerous.

If you're planning a long ride, try to stop at least once an hour, taking 10 or 15 minutes for every 45 minutes on the road just to relax and refresh. Convenience stores or restaurants always work to cool off and hydrate. Another trick is to wear a bandana to soak in cold water and wear on your head.

3. **Still Wear Your Gear** While those hitting the beach may be baring as much skin as local regulations allow, you're still riding a motorcycle and need to be safe. That means wearing your jacket, helmet, gloves and other gear. Not only will that keep you safe in the event of an accident, it also protects against the elements. Moving fast through hot air causes more heat to be pulled from the body, resulting in you sweating more. So, stick with long-sleeve shirts and other clothes that limit the amount of skin exposed to extreme heat.

4. Wear The Right Gear Dressing for riding in the summer heat isn't the same as dressing for riding in cooler weather. While you still need to wear clothes and equipment to keep you safe, there are specific items developed for warm weather riding.

A little research will help you find gloves, helmets and jackets that strike the right balance between protection and the increased ventilation to help you stay cool. Mesh textiles breathe more easily and will do the trick. In addition to hot-weather substitutes for your standard gear, consider adding athletic undershirts and other clothes that wick moisture away from the skin. Get summer gloves which have better air circulation.

5. Take a Midday Motorcycle Break You may want to put as many miles as possible behind you every day, but that midday period between 12 and 5 p.m. is when the sun beats down on the road most intensely. That means you're sweating more and are more prone to dehydration.

Rearrange your riding schedule to log more time in the early morning and early evening. Use the afternoon to cool down. Whatever you do, get off the bike for a few hours until the temperature cools down.

6. Prepare for Rain Summer is Australia's rainy season, when storms can pop up both unexpectedly and violently. You should be prepared to suddenly be riding through a torrential downpour.

That means you should have rain gear to keep you dry as well as visible at all times, even if it's just some cheap, thin rain pants and jacket rolled up in your saddle bags. And if it does rain, remember to look out for slippery roads, puddles that developed quickly, oil slicks and other hazards.

7. Perform Warm Weather Maintenance Keeping your bike in shape is a full-time job already. Hot summer weather adds its own complexities and items to address, including:

- **Tyre Pressure:** Make sure you're following manufacturer recommendations regarding the best air pressure for a variety of riding conditions.

- **Fluids, Filters and Lubricants:** An engine that can operate efficiently is less prone to breakdowns due to reduced airflow or mechanical problems. Check that fluids are at their proper levels and that the air filter is clean.

8. Beware Summer Hazards While motorcycle riders should always be aware of the conditions of the road and the presence of possible hazards, summer and its accompanying heat bring with them their own set of dangers to watch for and deal with to avoid a motorcycle injury.

Know how to deal with the tar snakes that can pop up unexpectedly when the material used to repair roads expands above the surface. Watch for construction zones changing traffic flow, or distributed debris around the surrounding area. And remember that animals are more active during the summer and may pop out of nowhere, especially at night.

9. Know the Signs of Heat Exhaustion Even if you take all the precautions you can to stay hydrated and increase airflow, you can still suffer from heat exhaustion. Especially if you're riding for long periods of time or over long distances by yourself, it's important to know the warning signs, including:

- Dizziness
- Muscle cramping
- Profuse sweating
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Confusion or disorientation
- Rapid heartbeat

If you notice any of these symptoms, stop and get hydrated and cool immediately. Not only do you need to keep yourself healthy, but any level of impaired driving puts you and those around you at risk.

Knowing how to keep both you and your motorcycle in peak condition during the summer will not only help you stay safe but enjoy the warm weather and the adventures it unlocks.

Club Ride - Road Captain
Blue Full Moon Ride
Saturday 22nd December

Blue led the club up to the Julatten Tavern for a yummy dinner, then down the Rex Range to stop at the Rex lookout to view the full moon rising over the sea. Great turn out for the last ride for this year.



Merry Christmas

Casanova and the committee would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas. This year has been fun and enjoyable. Hope to see you all at more rides and activities next year.

Ho Ho Ho Let's Ride

