



Southern Cross Association newsletter

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Annual 5 Day poker Run UPDATE

By Helen Ivey

We have finished the logistics—6 thousand and a bit more kilometres and 7 days.

Thank you Macca and 1942 for the company. It was a joy.

All the roads are sealed, barring some road works. Some of the bitumen is a bit narrow and as always we need to watch out for wild life. The only thing we did not see this run was camels.

We need to also be aware that the road train is king in this part of the world and always pull up and stop so they have the bit of bitumen available. With that many wheels they can stir up a lot of dust and throw some big rocks if they have to go off the bitumen.

We have had to change the finish from Tamborine to Boonah. We found some great camping stops but when it came down to it the grounds wanted to

charge huge dollars per head to camp. We could not afford \$8.00 (\$4,000).

In your registration fee our budget is a \$1.00 per head per night and at the showgrounds that are run by councils they give a discount or waive the charges, which means more money to SBH Qld.

Unfortunately Scenic Rim Regional Council does not operate any of the grounds in the Tamborine area.

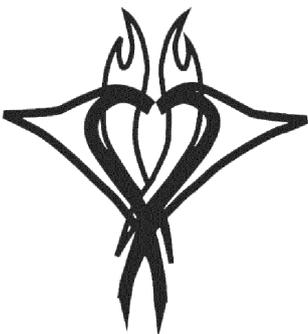
We have stayed several times at Boonah Showgrounds and it is a very short ride from Warwick. So we will take the long way round. We will have several trips across the border and will be seeing quite a bit of NSW.

Remember to get your registrations in by the end of July if you want long sleeved shirts and/or meals.

The starting point at the Noccundra Hotel is just a pub with great facilities in the middle of nowhere. The pub kitchen will not be open on the Sunday so if you do not register for meals you will need to be very self-sufficient here.

We have asked the caterers to be a bit flexible but we can't guarantee you a meal if you have not booked.

If you are asking what you can do for the Poker Run think about sponsors for the T-shirts. We are able to put anything on the back of the shirts – company logo and contacts— 20 shirts for \$250.00. If you are able to sponsor some shirts or know of any one that may be interested please contact Helen on 0417 649 907 or email hivey01@bigpond.net.au. We need to have the sponsors confirmed by the 21st July.



Central Highlands SCA Sub-committee June 2014 by Buff Staker

Over Easter a few of us headed south to Rockhampton for the SCA AGM. It was pleasing to see that the numbers were up on last year. After all the discussion there were a few parched throats that needed some lubrication so the re hydration therapy continued to late in to the evening.



On Sunday a few of us headed down and did the ocean ride from Emu Park thru to Byfield where we had a great meal at the Biker's retreat then headed back via the scenic Yeppoon bypass road.



Sunday night saw more re hydration therapy and story telling. On Monday we all headed our separate ways having enjoyed another SCA get together.

Belyando Crossing ride

For the Queen's birthday weekend we held our annual run up to Belyando Crossing to keep Mandy amused for a few hours.

We all convened at the BP at Clermont on Saturday with the plan of doing an overnight at Belyando Crossing (Did I tell you that there is a Pub there now which did not go to waste with most of our crew?) and then head down to Theresa Dam for the Sunday night.

At the half way mark between Clermont and the crossing we had to have the obligatory refreshment stop. It hasn't rained out there for a while so it is only normal for people to get thirsty.



At Belyando crossing we all made camp and settled into some more light

refreshments.



Being the hunter and gatherer that I am I took a few red claw pots and with the help of my young fella and the ever helpful Rob Williams I placed them in the Belyando. It would have been far more successful if I had kept an eye on Rob instead of assuming that someone who resides in Clermont would know that you have to set the Opera pots up before you heave them into the water.

We did OK in the pots that my 11 year old son put in and we did OK in the ones I put in but nothing in the ones Rob set. WHY? Because you can't catch redclaw in a flat opera house pot. That's why Rob said "Hmm yeah, I wondered how you caught them in a flat pack."



Anyway as the sun set over the Crossing the crew adjourned to the pub for a BBQ dinner and more re hydration and karaoke.



All the love songs and dancing must have got to Bruce's (The Central Highlands Chairperson) hormones as after copious quantities of vodka he wandered up and planted a big kiss right on Rob's mouth. For a while I thought Rob was going to tear his own tongue out. He reckons it was like being bitten on the mouth by a walrus.



The festivities went until late into the night and a couple were a bit slow to emerge for brekky the next morning. After brekky we packed up and headed back towards Clermont for the overnighter at Theresa dam with members Kim and Pete who run it. When the recipients of their well deserved hangovers reached Clermont it seems that they all remembered they had to work on the Monday public holiday or developed ear aches so only young Ben and myself wandered out to the dam for the overnighter and enjoyed a good night

drinking beer and swapping stories with a mob of grey (my hair's not grey. I dye it that colour) nomads who were camped near us. On Monday we packed up and headed for home, thankfully dodging all the rain that was hanging around. Looking forward to next years Crossing ride. Anyway that's about all for now so pack your gear and get ready for the big ride in September. It looks like it will be another good one.

Ride safe and be good to one another

Dysart grounds

Don't forget there are excellent facilities at our Dysart grounds. There's plenty of free camping room, with showers and toilets.

There are also cooking facilities and cooking utensils with fridge, microwave and BBQs available. We also have a pool table and dart board you can use to entertain yourself.

Why not bring your mates?

For more details contact Buff. richardstaker@bigpond.com or 0419 286 785

Tom's tidbits—Brisbane sub-committee news

Hi all,

Apologies again for not attending the AGM, but it was good to spend time with my aging mother. We haven't been up to much here in Brisbane, mainly attending rallies and fundraisers for various charities.

One big fundraiser coming up for Spina, is the Wheel n Walk in August, I usually send out an SOS to local members, so keep it mind if you have a few hours to spare On Sunday morning 10 August to help cook the BBQ.

Looking forward to the big poker run and going through a couple of towns we haven't seen before. I hope to see you all there, ride safe, till next time,

Cheers Tom

Members in the Capricornia area

Ok people in the Capricornia area.

We need people from Rocky, Gladstone, Moura and surrounding areas that are interested in going for day rides and days out together to ride

under the Southern Cross banner. For past members or current members living in this area I would like to hear from you. If enough people are interested we will get the sub committee back together in this area.

New members are welcome. Please call me on 0406 000460

Cheers,

John Taylor

Easter AGM

We had a great turnout at the AGM in Rocky over Easter. It was great to catch up with people from all over the state we hadn't seen since the last Poker Run. Most positions were filled by the same people and see the facing page for contact details.



Southern Cross Association (F.T.C.) Inc. Membership Application Form

Name: _____	Mem No.: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 New Membership (Including Badge) <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Renewal Membership <input type="checkbox"/> I give permission for my details to be on a contact for SCA Members only.	
Address: _____			
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Phone: _____	Fax: _____		Mobile: _____
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Your membership application will be tabled and voted on at a National Management Committee meeting. A membership acceptance notice will be a written notification via the National Newsletter and when you receive your badge and/or membership card.		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;">Office Use Only Rec No.: _____</div> All payments & correspondence to: Southern Cross Association (F.T.C.) Inc., PO Box 787, Aitkenvale Qld 4814 All memberships are due on the 1st February each year.	
Signature: _____		Date: _____	

For Sale

My name is Ted Bruton from Charleville and I have ridden on 3 Southern Cross Rides with the groups from here.

I have a Classic motorcycle trailer for sale as I can no longer ride because of my health. I am asking \$2500 neg 9 mths rego. Ph (07) 4654 3356 or 0428 429 774.



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