

# Southern Cross Association newsletter

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## Presidents Prattle



Hi all,  
This news will get to you all as you slide rapidly into the silly season and I hope that you all stay safe.

I will let Doc let you all know the final tally of the Poker Run, which I think is up around the \$40,000 mark. This is a very good figure considering the lower numbers this year. Again I would like to thank Helly and Doc for their hard work.

It's great to see the turnout to the SCA

rides in the south east. Good work to those who have gotten involved and running the subcommittee in the south.

Well folks, that is about all I can think of for now, so again stay safe and enjoy the Silly Season.

Cheers,  
Macca

## Tommy's Tidbits

Hi all,

That's another poker run done and dusted. I hope everyone made it home alright. As most of you probably know, I didn't make it to the finish, but I hear the auction went off with a bang.

Hopefully the bike will be out of the shop soon bigger and better than ever, ready for another 10yrs. Thanks for everyone who helped at Dysart get the bike on

the trailer, and a big thank you to Rob for the loan of the trailer and Andrew who towed it home. Can't forget Aggie whose backseat we grabbed.

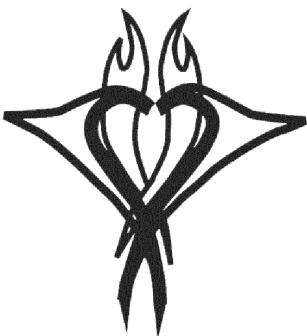
I haven't done a lot of riding, but I did catch up with some of the new Southeast Queensland group for lunch at Kandanga, a good time with great people. All the details of the new subcommittee will be up on the web page

soon.

Another big thank you to everyone who helped at the Spina Bifida Wheel and Walk to help make it a success. On that note the Spina Christmas party is just around the corner, on Sunday 29 November and volunteers will be required for that also.

That's about all for now,  
Cheers,

Tom



## Townsville News

Townsville has been busy planning for the Yknot Rally at Ravenshoe up on the Atherton Tableland. Thanks to all the local subcommittee for the planning and preparation, and to all those who helped setting up on the Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

The numbers were very disappointing and as I said last year we would make a decision after this year as to whether or not we keep the rally going. So

SCA Townsville will no longer be conducting the Yknot Rally, but we will be doing something at Archers Creek instead.

I would like to make a special mention of the Z Owners Nth QLD who have always supported the Yknot.

We have a Christmas Party planned for the 19 December and it would be great to see members there.

The calendar for the rest of the year is elsewhere in the newsletter so have a look to see what is on for the next few rides, especially Table Top Lunch, Kurrimine Beach overnighter. I hope we get a good attendance to these rides.

Well that's it for now hope to see you all at the Xmas Party.

Cheers,  
Macca

## Doc's doddle

Hi all,  
Just to let you all know the final results from the Poker Run.

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to Andrew from RACQ and Rob and Anya from Tyres For Bikes. These guys do a magnificent job every year to keep everyone on the road. A collection was taken for Rob and Andrew on Friday night to say thank you. The tally came to \$711.55. After a short discussion between them, they donated this back to the cause. Huge thanks guys.

We ran 3 bars over the course of the week raising a whopping \$5295.55. The sale of the ear-plugs netted \$349.15. Thank you to Petina Hall who brings them along each year.

Our multi raffle this year raised \$2025, while the total from the auctions on Friday night was \$1050. A big thank you to everyone who drummed up the prizes and auction items. The public donations totaled \$2296.35. Thank you to all who went about spreading the word and collected the donations.

Congratulations to David Skinner who took out the winning poker hand with 4 eights.

The raffle winners were: the Jacket - Gazza; Helinox Chair – Rhino; Helinox Chair - Mick A; Fuel Vouchers - Bradley Willett, Scotty and Andrew Kirk; Bunnings vouchers - Gazza, Moz, and Steve Gottke.

The total amount donated to Spina this year will be \$39, 975.94. Well done!!!

The next get together will be the AGM in Rocky at Easter.  
Cheers Doc

## Townsville Ride Calendar

### November

#### Sun 15th

Lunch ride to Hervey Range  
Tea Room  
Leaving SCA shed at  
10.00am  
Lunch at tearoom

#### Sat 28th - Sun 20th

Kurramine beach overnigher  
Leaving SCA shed at 8.00am  
Kelly van to cater

### December

#### Sat 12th

Private function at SCA shed  
Helpers required see Macca

### December

#### Sat 19th

SCA Xmas party  
All members and guests wel-  
come  
Starts 6.00pm  
Dinner Drinks and entertain-  
ment

## From the new South East Queensland chair—Blakey

Hi all,

A new branch of the Southern Cross Association with a new subcommittee is up and running in the South East.

In the last SCA news letter it was advised that there was to be a meeting of any interested members at Boreen Point to find out if there was interest in forming a new branch. There was a good showing of members and our inaugural meeting was held on the 1 August.



*South east SCA members enjoy the ride to Kandanga*

There was a swearing in of a subcommittee with yours truly Gary Blake (Blakey) as Chair, Kev DeCoursey (Flipper) as Vice Chair, Helen Weir as Secretary, Toni O'Brien as Treasurer. It was also voted on by members at this meeting to name this Branch as the South East Queensland Branch SCA.

Since this first meeting we have been active on rides, with our first ride to Maidenwell Pub for a weekender 15 August.

Members then took part in doing a sausage sizzle to help the Spina Bifida Association at the Wheel and Walk in Brisbane on 23<sup>rd</sup> August. And on 18<sup>th</sup> September we did a ride to Kandanga pub for lunch.

Some members also went on the Bras and Bikes ride on 25<sup>th</sup> October to show our support for this ride and to help raise funds and awareness for breast cancer. More runs are planned and there is a run calendar up to the end of January 2016.

The subcommittee aims to hold its first poker run in on the long weekend in May next year. That's it for my bit for now.

Safe riding to everyone and cheers for now, Blakey

## Secretary's section

Hi everyone,

My apologies for being late with the newsletter. I've had a few things going on. I've added a collage of photos from the Poker Run I've gleaned from a number of people and hope they bring back many great memories and whet your appetite for next year.

We wouldn't have had a poker run if it wasn't for the great work of Helen and others from the SCA in Townsville. Thank you very much for all of your hard work in organising this for us.

There's a few other people to thank for supporting the Poker Run: Rob Turton and Anja from Tyres 4 Bikes and Andrew Kirk from the RACQ, of course, who did a wonderful job supporting us on the road. Thank you also to the following for your sponsorship and support: CTC concreting, Gladstone Printing Services, Ingham Mowers, DLV Finance, Helinox, IOR Petroleum, and Balonne Regional Council.

**Next year's Poker Run** – If you would like to know where it is going, why not come along to the AGM at Rockhampton and be among the first to know. The AGM will be held at the North Rockhampton Bowls Club next to the caravan park on the banks of the Fitzroy. The AGM is on at 2 pm on Saturday 26 March. The AGM is held on the Easter long weekend to ensure that people have a chance to ride from anywhere in Queensland.

While I don't know where it will be I do know when. We will be gathering somewhere in Queensland on 4 September and finishing somewhere else on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup>. Unless we decide to go around in a big circle, in which case we will be finishing at the same place.

Elsewhere in the newsletter you will also see that the South East now has its own subcommittee who have already organised and run a number of rides. The next one on their calendar is the Imbil Rally on the weekend of 20 – 22 November. President Blakey will be setting out an area for the SCA so please let him know if you would like to come. Phone 0407 570 651 or email [blakey53@gmail.com](mailto:blakey53@gmail.com). I know there's quite a few who have done so already.

All the best and keep the rubber side to the road and I'll see you on the road sometime.  
Bill



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