



INDEPENDENT

Our Aim

Provide a free newsletter to motorcycle enthusiasts on the Fraser Coast including current rides and events as well as ride and pub reviews and photos of recent rides/events. Poker run and other event flyers can be published in this newsletter at no charge upon request by e-mailing details to biteme@eatmyshorts.com.au

The advertising of your business or “for sale” items in this newsletter or on our website will attract a small charge to be donated to our main charity - Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Qld. For the website and newsletter to be a success, we will rely on news stories and contributions from other groups and individuals. Information including ride events, biker friendly businesses/pubs, camping and other useful information can be e-mailed or posted to us.

About us

Independent Riders is not a club. We are a group of individuals who believe in the enjoyment and freedom obtained through motorcycle riding without the restrictions and politics associated with membership and imposed by “committees” of clubs/associations. Independent Riders have a charitable focus but as true ‘Independents’ we have no President, Secretary or other similar position and the opinion of each person is considered equal. We do however have moderators on the website and facebook page and one person chosen to be our Public Relations Officer (Lizzy Walker). The role of this person is to promote our worthwhile and charitable causes and social events.

The wearing of an Independent Rider merchandise (cloth patch, sticker, banner etc) does not equate to membership but rather a statement to indicate the person/persons believe in the concept of “The Independent Rider”. Those who believe in the “Independent” concept are welcome to purchase and wear any of our patches or merchandise with our logo including our banners. While minimal amounts from sales are needed to help purchase new stock and cover basic administrative expenses, most money raised from merchandise sales go to various charitable organisations including: Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Qld.

Where possible, we will assist other groups/clubs by providing their promotional merchandise including banners and stickers.

E-mail us for details biteme@eatmyshorts.com.au

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Our Fraser Coast



So what area is The Fraser Coast?

The million dollar question. We see The Fraser Coast as north past Bundaberg, south around Gympie, east around Tin Can/Rainbow Beach and west until we get sick of riding. Others may have a different opinion but we organize rides all over this wide, brown land.

If you have a ride/event let us know and it will go in the next addition of this newsletter. If you know of good pubs, camping or have some great photos/stories, e-mail Michael at biteme@eatmyshorts.com.au for inclusion in the next monthly newsletter. Visit our website www.eatmyshorts.com.au for more information on what we get up to or to visit our on-line store. Lots of great merchandise for bikers and enthusiasts. The variety of apparel, jewelry and handy gadgets continues to grow. Money raised from these items go to charity so check it out.....It's all for a good cause.

Meet us for a drink and a laugh at the Aussie Hotel, Alice St, Maryborough Friday nights from 5pm or Thursday lunchtimes, for raffles (from 12 noon)

Until next time, stay safe... Independent Riders



Autum/Winter 2014

We can be found each Friday afternoon / evening from around 5.00 PM at The Aussie Hotel, Alice St, Maryborough. We are usually located out the back part of the pub. During winter, us softies will have the heaters on ☺

We usually have a few drinks, have a feed or head off somewhere else for dinner. We also discuss any future rides. If you feel like a chat, come down and see us.

Upcoming Rides for 2014 so far....

- 2nd – 3rd Old Skool Bash
- 4th May Blessing of The Bikes
- 17th BACA 100 Mile Run
- 24-25th Country Pub Run

Rides can sometimes be very "last-minute" and sometimes get finalised over a beer on a Friday night so please ask to join our facebook page: Independent Riders Fraser Coast.



- **May. Lots happening in here.** - Of course we have our Country Pub Run May-24-25th. Starting at Torbanlea BP heading to Wallaville, Mt Perry and The Waratah Hotel Mungungo. Earlier in the month we have Old Skool Bash at Maidenwell 2=3rd of May, then Biker Blessing on the 4th in Brisbane conducted by Saints..

Then there's June

- Gympie Historical Society Poker Run 1st June
- Maryborough Pub Crawl including our HUGE Alcohol Raffle (tickets also at the event).\
- Independent Riders – Foundation Ride (Yep 12 months ☺)
- 21st June Patriots Queensland Show and Shine.

July looks like quieter month however we are planning a Brass Monkey, details TBA, August will be our 5th Annual Garage Sale, selling both old and new goods this year. September Taylors Arms with Sons of Aus details TBA.

OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND. Barambah Bush Caravan Park Details TBA

Do you have ideas for rides? Email us E-mail: biteme@eatmyshorts.com.au

New Merchandise:

1. Independent Riders Anti VLAD law Protest Coffee Mugs \$9.00



2. STUBBIE COOLER Independent Riders Stubby Coolers \$6.00



New Patches – Betty Boop

This **new** cloth patch and others now available. **Cost \$6.00**

Independent Riders Vinyl Banners



Variety of full colour banners excellent for garage or entertainment area

1. Full Colour 2.5 x 1 metre (8 foot x 3 foot) vinyl banner
2. 20 ounce all weather vinyl
3. Variety of images, available using your images.

BANNERS FROM \$100.00

Poker Run 2014 Results

Despite the threat of wet weather The Independent Riders 2014 Poker Run netted \$2000, with this divided equally between Maryborough Animal Refuge and Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Qld This brings our fundraising total to over \$5500 since June 2013 and on target to reaching \$12000 by Christmas.



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\$350.00 Alcohol Prizes of your choice

Can you help sell tickets?.

Raffle Drawn at The Aussie Hotel Maryborough 8th June 2014 and advertised at www.eatmyshorts.com.au 9th June 2014.

PUB CRAWL ALCOHOL RAFFLE

1st Prize \$250.00

2nd \$75.00

3rd \$25.00

Tickets are available now \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00, 6 for \$10.00

Prizes are not transferable for cash; prize is for alcohol of your choice, available from The Aussie Hotel Maryborough

All profits from raffle go to Maryborough Animal Refuge and Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Qld

CAN YOU HELP?

If you are able to help with selling raffle tickets at this year's Maryborough Pub Crawl 8th June 2014, if you can spare an hour or two, please talk to, Chopper, Lizzie or myself.

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This cloth patch now available \$6.00

Information of concerns relating to the VLAD Laws

- Failure to comply with search and questioning can result in the rider being arrested, at which point the new VLAD laws come into play and could mean a stay in jail for the rider while awaiting bail.
- There is no definitive list of associates and once on it, there does not seem to be a way to get off it.

Things to remember

- YES you can record any conversation you are a part of.
- NO. You don't have to tell police you are recording anything.
- If you are accused of being part of a criminal association and are not, dispute and advise police
- Comply with police directions.

Country Pub Run – 24-25th May 2014

Departing Torbanlea Roadhouse (around 204km north of Maryborough at 9.30AM Saturday May 24. Route is Wallaville, Mt Perry (Lunch), then Waratah Hotel Mungungo in the evening.

We are expecting to pick up extra riders at Apple Tree Creek as we ride past as well as Wallaville. Lunch: \$12.00. This is a BBQ, Steak, Bread and Sausages, Homemade Salad. Evening meals at Mungungo range from \$10-25.00.

Need more info: 0409575284 or e-mail at info@eatmyshorts.com.au



Country Pub Run – Tee-Shirts \$25.00



CAMPING:

Camping is free at the rear of the pub. Showers are also available to campers (no charge), provided the purchase their breakfast at the pub.

The Waratah Hotel Mungungo will also make available to Independent Riders the dining room (after closing time), for riders to put out their swags and sleep.

Breakfast \$10.00 per person.

Country Pub Concept

The Support Pubs Run is not just about the country pubs, it's about supporting rural businesses including our farmers. While our small contribution won't solve the problems these businesses and farmers face it will highlight their plight and maybe get others on board. Independent Riders are quite passionate about this cause; we believe small rural businesses have suffered, be that from drought, economic downturn and current QLD VLAD laws.

The idea of the ride is to provide both riders and car drivers (both are more than welcome), with a simple event, with no registration and where any money spent on the ride will help in some way, the communities we visit

At each stop we will run a raffle, all money raised from these raffles will go the Buy a Bale scheme that supports our farmers and essential businesses that support them.

More details on this at: [http://www.buyabale.com.au/](http://www.buyabale.com.au) Note: Independent Riders are authorised to collect for this worth cause.

Thursday Raffles at The Aussie Hotel Maryborough

Raffles are each Thursday (Lunchtime)

Starting around 12.30pm for around an hour. We run two raffles with 2 meat package prizes. Tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

Are you in Maryborough Thursday? Want to support worthwhile causes. Then pop in and say hello ☺



Red writing (location) initially Fraser Coast or Australia.
 Option for Capricorn Coast or Brisbane
 Waiting on final pricing for fitted and long sleeve options
 Positioning of logo may alter slightly.

These shirts now available from this week \$25 short sleeve, \$30.00 Long Sleeve.

4- 6th OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND 2014

Barambah Creek Bush Caravan Park, originally we thought Brass Monkey, and then looked at the October long weekend.

Lots of places to ride to from there and people can decide on staying 1 or 2 or 3 nights, the main thing though is we will need to book ASAP. Dates are Friday 3rd October until Sunday 6th of October 2014. Some may wish to head down on the Friday other on Saturday morning, organized ride for the Sunday while out there still needs to be sorted out. .

If you are interested in going please confirm now, contact Michael on 0409 575284 or Eleise on 0407 1651216

The place has cabins as well, excellent amenities and close to a number of places worthy of a ride such as Bunyas.. Few good pubs, wineries for those so inclined. Details of what to see and do TBA.

First picture is from the top looking into dam, next two of undercover area at the top. Fireplaces all round, there are cabins (all air con).. First picture is the office area.. The next two give you an idea of amenities.. We spent the last two days here and is one worthy of consideration



APRIL 2014 PICTURES WITH INDEPENDENT RIDERS

Fraser Coast



Elise getting ready for Pigs Arse Rally



Registering Pigs Arse Rally Federal Hotel Childers



Pigs Arse Rally Childers



And they're off – Pigs Arse Rally



Daniel and Spinal – Borreen Point Run



Paul, Vanessa and Lea - Gunalda



Borreen Point with Shadow Riders



Paul showing a bit of leg Borreen Point!!!



New friends ANZAC Day Ride



No beer. ANZAC Day Ride ☹️



Gunalda - ANZAC Day Ride



Kevin trying out Goldwing - Theebine

PICTURES - INDEPENDENT RIDERS 2014 POKER RUN

Fraser Coast



Chef Jimmy and Smithy



Nel and pup start of Poker Run 2014



Indian and Drifter Poker Run 2014



Start of Independent Poker Run 2014



Registration, Tess, Bill, Goldie, Kerren and Michael



And.. They are off..



Gunalda Hotel



First stop Gunalda



Kin Kin Country Life Hotel



Second stop Kin Kin



Third stop Kandanga



A few shots and that was the end!!!



This Month's Humor and Quotes



Men use love to get sex.
Women use sex to get love.
I use coupons to get pizza.



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The Aussie Hotel– Corner Alice & Adelaide Streets Maryborough



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Generous riders raise thousands



GOOD CAUSE: The Independent Riders Fraser Coast held their annual Poker Run where \$1000 of funds raised went to Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Qld and \$1000 to the Maryborough Animal Refuge. The group has donated \$5500 since July 2013 and a planned further \$7000 from raffles by the end of the year. Keep the diary open for the Support Country Pubs Run on May 24 and 25 - no registration fee. Visit the Independent Riders website for more information.

PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

Picture taken at Matilda Service Station South Maryborough. Supporter Nel from Gladstone admiring one of the dogs from the Maryborough Animal Refuge

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Fraser Coast

Riders

Bikers in the Bush

Support Our Country Pubs Run

And Our Rural Businesses

OVERNIGHTER - MAY 24th -25th

Destination: Mungungo (Waratah Hotel)

265 km (approx) from Maryborough, 340 km Gympie, 146 km Gladstone

Route: Depart BP Road House Bruce Highway Torbanlea 9.30am

✚	Torbanlea – Wallaville Hotel	80km
✚	Wallaville – Mt Perry Hotel	63km
✚	Mt Perry – Waratah Hotel Mungungo	110km

The Plan: Motorbikes from Gympie, S/Shine Coast, Brisbane Fraser Coast/Bundaberg and Gladstone Riders to meet up either at Mt Perry for lunch or at Mungungo for a big night. It's a couple of months away so plenty of time to book some time. I will need to know by the 30th of April or sooner so I can organise accommodation. Details and pricing available soon and will include rooms, camping options etc. **NO REGISTRATION FEE - SPEND YOUR MONEY IN THE TOWNS**

An ideal opportunity to have an absolute ball while supporting some of the country pubs and small rural businesses that we enjoy as riders and who are suffering due to drought and the current VLAD laws.

Room and Food prices at Mungungo

Camping is free and showers are also no charge on the provision that campers purchase dinner with at the pub, meals range from \$10- \$25. We have 11 beds available (first come first serve basis) that weekend at this stage though they are shared rooms @ a cost of \$40 per head and includes hot breakfast. For those camping breakfast is @ a cost of \$10per person). Since the additional hall is booked that night the pub will allow swags to be rolled out in the dining room after closing. To book a room phone: Mark or Trish at The Waratah Hotel on (07) 4166 5166

Need more information? E-mail: info@eatmyshorts.com.au or Phone Michael 0409 575284

Where practical we will organise meeting points for southern and northern riders, so watch this space. If we have a list of different businesses on our route, this could be north or south, we can pass these details onto riders. Those on the ride will then have the option of using this list in their travels to the event. Please e-mail Independent Riders suggested business names.

Wallaville Hotel



Mt Perry Hotel



Waratah Hotel Mungungo



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For more details

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Sat Morn—Biker Cricket from 10:00am

Sat Midday—Ol Skool Bike Show n Shine

Sat 1pm—Ol Skool Rally Games

Sat 3pm —Blues & Soul with Steve Skinner

Sat 6 til 8pm —Pig On Spit Roast Dinner \$15

Sat 8pm til 12—Rockabilly with The BobKats

For all Rally details:

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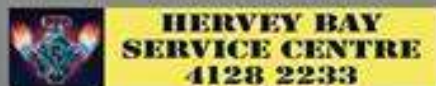
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