



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 belief 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.

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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



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.

Other upcoming Rides for 2014/15 so far....

- 31st Dec - New Years at Bribie
- 31st Dec - New Years with Jules and Ed
- 8th Feb - Sunrise Run
- 14th Mar – Independent Poker Run
- 6-8th 2nd Annual 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.



Summer 2014/2015

- Social nights at The Aussie Hotel return Friday January the 9th 2015. From 5PM

Events December

- **31/12 – 1/1/2015 New Years with Ed and Jules.** BYO Drinks and Bike, Free Camping. Phone Michael 0409 575284, for more details. Camping setup from early/mid afternoon. Come and party in the new-year with Independent Riders.

Events moving into 2015

- January 9th. Social nights return to The Aussie Hotel for Friday nights
- January 10-11th Wogs Memorial Run
- February 8th – Sunrise Run. **** Not to be missed event.**
- March 14th – Independents 2nd Annual Poker Run.
- May 3rd Ride for Awareness – Ipswich Ulysses
- 6-8th of June (Queens Birthday), Independents 2nd Annual Bikers in the Bush Pub Run
- July – Brass Monkey TBA
- November 7th 2nd Annual "Do it in your shorts" run
- December 6th - Toy Run 2015.

Watch this space for more rides and events moving into 2015.

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

Some social rides may occur between 27th Dec 2014 and 8th of January 2015. Check our website or Facebook page during these periods. Where possible these will be advertised.

New Merchandise:

1. Stainless Steel Independent Necklaces \$20.00



2. STUBBIE COOLER
Independent Riders
Also available in Black
Stubby Coolers \$6.00



Patches – Fraser Coast Independent

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 (**Other sizes**)
2. 20 ounce all weather vinyl
3. Variety of images, or available using your images.

BANNERS FROM \$100.00

Banner above is now a permanent fixture at Maryborough Animal Refuge

Our achievements to date

On the 14th of December 2013, Independent Riders Australia presented its first check to charity, \$1500 to Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Qld. On Saturday 20th December 2014 we signed our last cheque for 2014, bringing our total donation of cash, services and goods for the 12 month period to: **\$22,324.85**. Thank you again to our sponsors and supporters.



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RAFFLE

Independent Riders Dick Smith Raffle

**Supporting Australian
Business and Local Charities**



ABOUT DICKS RAFFLE

Raffle is run each Friday from around 5.30PM at our Social evening, Aussie Hotel. Maryborough

Proceeds of this raffle go to a variety of good causes including Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Qld as well as supporting other local causes.

Tickets are \$1.00 each

Prize consists of Dick Smith Products as well as other local or Australian owned/produced products. Value of the prize varies from week to week but ranges between \$45 and \$50.

Prize is purchased by Independent Riders Australia at normal retail price ensuring sale of products helps in some small way to both the manufacturer and local producers.

While a high percentage of products are currently Dick Smith, we will include other local/Australian products

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Junior supporter shirts also come in adult sizes (without Junior Support) from \$20.00 adults \$25.00

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.

Fair Haven Aged Care

On the 17th of December Independent Riders visited Fair Haven Aged Care in Urraween, providing residents with a few Christmas gifts as well as a look at bikes and for a lucky few a ride on Heather's trike. Thankyou for those who came along, a special thankyou to Heather, I am sure all who attended would agree that it was a special time for us all, especially for the residents who got involved.



Independent 2014 Fraser Coast Toy Run



THE RESULTS:

Weather was touch and go with this event however we lucked out outside of a few small shows we had a good day.

Numbers were pretty good considering some stayed away because of weather however a total of 160 bikes and around 200 people attended the event. Over \$5800 was raised for our three benefactors; Bikers Against Child Abuse, Fraser Coast Family Network and Maryborough Animal Refuge. With the success of our 2014 toy run, we have set a date for our 2015 event.

So mark your calendars in 2015 to include Sunday the 6th of December 2015. The event will have slightly different route, just to make it interesting but will continue to giving money to the same three worthwhile causes.

There was some discussion about next year's toy run starting in Hervey Bay however it was agreed that Maryborough is a more central location to start and while some parts of the route will differ The Esplanade will remain unchanged and possibility of starting at Westside Tinana, also encompassing Walker Street Maryborough as well as an additional pub stop.

Thank you to our sponsors and supporters of this event. Some people commented that they only did a little however that effort is so valuable for the continued success of such events and should not be under-valued. Any effort including supporting this event is appreciated.

Highlights of the day for me included the turnout, the people wanting to get involved, knowing that the toys donated went to Fraser Coast Family Network Respite and low income families, a special thank you to our volunteers and to The Grand Hotel Howard for their excellent service.

Looking forward to a bigger and better Toy Run 2015.

Sons of Bitches Tee –Shirts (Black or White) \$25.00



Thursday Raffles at The Aussie Hotel Maryborough

Raffles are each Thursday (Lunchtime). **Our Thursday Raffles:** Starting around 12.30pm for around and hour. We run two raffles with 2 meat package prizes. Tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Money raised goes to Spina Bifida Qld. **Thursday Raffles start again 8th of January 2014**



Front Back

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.

Shirts now available from this week \$25 short sleeve, \$30.00 Long Sleeve. Singlet's also available

From 2015 we are hoping to have all shirts produced for Independent Riders Australia to include our own label. These have been ordered and due sometime in January.



New Patches for 2015

We are planning a number of new patches for 2015 including the patch below which will be Australian produced.



If you are interested in coming along to any of our advertised events or need more info, please contact Michael at info@eatmyshorts.com.au or mobile 0409 575284.

NEW YEARS CELEBRATIONS –DON'T MISS OUT!

Toy Run Event Patch Only \$5.00

YES! We do have a limited number of 2014 Toy Run Patches still available. If you would like one speak to either Lizzie or myself.



NEWSPAPER ARTICLES DECEMBER 2014

22 THE MARYBOROUGH CHRONICLE December 18, 2014

Life

Independent Riders Out & About



On the left: Joining the procession of bikers along the Maryborough Harvey Bay Rd for the Independent Riders Fraser Coast Toy Run.



Lead rider Mark McKechnie with fellow rider Ruth Burtch ready to leave the Aussie Motel for the Independent Riders Fraser Coast Toy Run.



Kevin Charanis (left), Jay Man, Glenn Ford, Denise Morgan and Dave Langshaw register for the Toy Run at the Aussie Motel.



Carol Leader (left), David Martin and Sarah Ross ready to ride for the annual Toy run.



Blake Nibbelk (left), Brennan O'Leary and Liam Wicker about to join the procession for the Toy and Food Run.



Independent Riders head out of Maryborough for their annual toy and food run.



Darren De Brouil and 3-year-old Rylen Clam at the Aussie Motel.

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www.IndependentRiders.com.au/photos/



Paul Roghiva (left), Vanessa Lee and Robbin and Gillian Kay of the Aussie Motel for the start of the Toy Run.



Mayor Gerard O'Connell takes a ride on a motor bike for the Independent Riders Fraser Coast Toy Run.

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Out & About - Annual Fraser Coast Toy Run



Mike Brown and his son Elias from Harvey Bay.



BIKER Heather Ryan's front Harvey Bay was chuffing the motor on 5















Maryborough Animal Refuge president Vicki Nicholson enjoys the turnout for the Independent Riders Toy and Food Run.



Bernadette (left) and Clarissa Patterson, Kelly Hanson and Annie Ficksa-Scott from Maryborough.

DECEMBER 2014 PICTURES WITH INDEPENDENT RIDERS

Independent Fraser Coast Toy Run 2014

		
<p>Bikes gathering for Toy Run 2014</p>	<p>Smithy and Chopper – Chop look flash in “Hi Vis” ☺</p>	<p>Welcome from Shameless and Jack</p>
		
<p>Bikes regrouping Saltwater Creek Road</p>	<p>Bikes regrouping Saltwater Creek Road</p>	<p>Kerren and Eleise- Toy Run 2014</p>
		
<p>Bikes regroup in Hervey Bay</p>	<p>Beer stop – Grand Hotel Howard</p>	<p>Final stop Lamington Hotel</p>
		
<p>Santa's special friend ☺</p>	<p>Grand Hotel Supporters – Toy Run 2014</p>	<p>Jimmy James sings for Toy Run Riders</p>



Grand Hotel Howard – Independent Fraser Coast Toy Run 2014

PICTURES - INDEPENDENT RIDERS – DECEMBER EVENTS ATTENDED

Other Rides and Events



Cliff and Carole – Ulysses Charity Ride



Ulysses Charity Ride. Attendance around 70 bikes



Final stop Hervey Bay – Ulysses Charity Ride



Michael receives gift Independent Xmas Party



The Harley Shed - Independent Xmas Party



Fun times Independent Xmas Party



Bikes ready to head to Fair Haven Aged Care



A few of the crew at Fair Haven Aged Care



Julie and Michael – Fair Haven



Residents getting ride at Fair Haven



Residents getting ride at Fair Haven



Cars and bikes at Fair Haven



SEE NO EVIL, HEAR NO EVIL, AND SPEAK NO EVIL!!!

This Month's Humor and Quotes



Behind every great woman is her bum.



SOME MORNINGS IT'S BEST JUST TO FILL THE SINK WITH COFFEE, DUNK YOUR HEAD IN IT AND SUCK.



SORRY, I CAN'T GO TO WORK TOMORROW I FRACTURED MY MOTIVATION



If I Had A Dollar for every smart thing you've said I'd be poor



Relationship Status:
 Single
 In a relationship
 Married
 Engaged
 Divorced
 Waiting for a miracle



The police are looking for a suspect described as sexy, funny & great in bed. Your ugly ass is safe, but where should I hide?

~~SEX~~ IS NOT THE ANSWER
~~YES~~ IS THE ANSWER

Just because I give you advice, it doesn't mean I know more than you, it just means I've done more stupid shit.

Thank you to our sponsors



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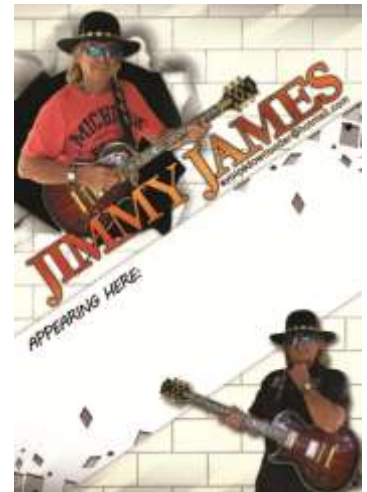
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Lamington Hotel Motel – Ferry Street Maryborough.



The Aussie Hotel– Corner Alice & Adelaide Streets Maryborough



RONNIES QUALITY MEATS - PH: 4121 4387



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Rides for 2015



10th Annual Sunrise Run Sunday 8th February 2015

Registration from 4.30am @ *three start points this year*

Westside – BP Blacksoil – cheffie 0410067647

Southside – Robina Railway Station – Cutter – 0402453495

Northside – 7/11 Bribie Island Road – Piddo – 0488430838

Starts 5am sharp \$10 Donation – Prize Draw (Recovery if Required)

Optional \$12.50 all you can eat breakfast at finish

PROUDLY SUPPORTING

  **variety**
the children's charity 

ROLL THE DICE RUN

FOR
CARS, TRUCKS AND MOTORBIKES!

SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

DEPARTING BIGGENDEN **SIGN UP FROM 9.30AM**

CASH PRIZES AVAILABLE

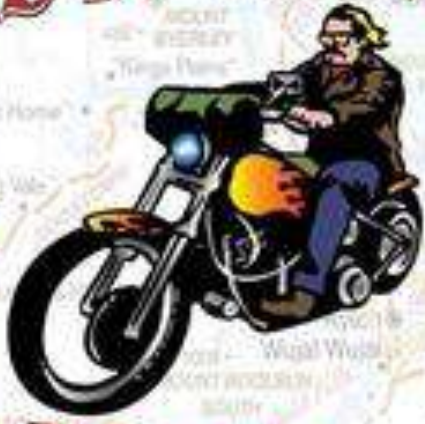
LIVE MUSIC AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE RUN

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS INCLUDES HOTELS/MOTELS OR FREE CAMPING!

CONTACT JOL CLARK FOR MORE INFO - 0419 746 097

LAKELAND
DOWNS
HOTEL

WOGS MEMORIAL RUN



PALMER RIVER
ROADHOUSE

LAKELAND DOWNS

JANUARY 10TH & 11TH 2015

OVERNIGHT CAMPING

MT. CARBINE HOTEL

MT CARBINE ROADHOUSE

HOT FOOD

MT. MOLLOY HOTEL

BAND

LEAVING SATURDAY

SMITHFIELD TAVERN: 11.30 AM

MAREEBA WORKERS CLUB: 1.00 PM

MT. MOLLOY PUB: 1.30 PM

SMITHFIELD

MAREEBA WORKERS CLUB

CAIRNS

Ph: 0419 715 285

Two wheels or four..... All Welcome!

INDEPENDENT RIDERS AUSTRALIA (FRASER COAST)

**LIVE MUSIC
RAFFLES
CASH PRIZES
LUCKY DOOR PRIZES**

Registration
\$20.00
Includes Club Dinner
Event Shirt Only
\$25.00

1ST PRIZE: 15% REGISTRATION TO A MAXIMUM OF 1500
2ND PRIZE: 10% REGISTRATION TO A MAXIMUM OF 1150
3RD PRIZE: 5% REGISTRATION TO A MAXIMUM OF 775

POKER RUN 2014
SATURDAY 14TH MARCH 2015

PROCEEDS GOING TO
Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Qld & Fraser Coast SES

FOR SALE



FOR SALE

Harley Davidson Wideglide -1993.
VGC 9 months rego, RWC \$12,990 ONO.

Phone Neil (Maryborough) 0414 703458

MOTORCYCLE TRAILER

Specifications: Overall Length about 2760, Width about 1320,
Main Carry Area about L 1490 x W 955 x H 410

Details

Dice Brakes, Independent Suspension
Rear Bumper Bar, Tie Rail & Rhino Tool Box
Polish Checker Plate Steel Construction and Spare Wheel

Used about 4 times in the last 3 and a bit years so time to let her go. Camping on the ground is just not on any more and really want another bike for my collection. How much: **\$4,800.00 ONO**, this includes Tow Bar and registration until July 2015. **BARGAIN**. Replacement cost for this trailer would be around \$7,000.00 now as it was purpose built by Peter Rice for me, who built components for another company until just a few years ago.

The gear in the trailer is not in the sale....unless you have another \$1000.00
Phone Drags: 0407 230009 or E-mail: obhwhitedragon@hotmail.com Located: Maryborough QLD



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Supporting Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Queensland and Maryborough Animal Refuge,
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WHERE DO RAFFLE AND MERCHANDISE PROCEEDS GO?

✚ Maryborough Rainbow Girls/Hear 4 Alana	\$ 790.00 (Approx)
✚ Hear 4 Alana	\$ 55.00
✚ Prostate Cancer Research	\$ 60.00
✚ Royal Flying Doctor Services	\$ 100.00
✚ Beyond Blue (Through Gunalda Hotel)	\$ 110.00 (Approx)
✚ Braxton's Fight	\$ 309.85
✚ Fraser Coast Family Network	\$2600.00 ** includes \$1500 in toys (approx)
✚ Kandanga State School	\$ 500.00
✚ B.A.C.A. Bikers Against Child Abuse	\$1100.00
✚ Parke State School P&C (Centenary)	\$ 200.00
✚ Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Qld	\$7500.00 ** \$1000 posted 21/12/14
✚ Maryborough Animal Refuge	\$2700.00
▪ New website – (Service value to date)	\$4300.00.. Additional \$1700 in services available
▪ New Computer for Front Office	\$1500.00 Includes pet food and new computer.
✚ Buy a Bale (helping Farmers)	<u>\$ 500.00</u>

Total Donated in cash and services from 1/07/2013 – 21/12/2014 \$22324.85

Other events/achievements for 2014/2015

- ✚ Provide Maryborough Animal Refuge with a more up-to-date website. Website went live 30 June 2014.
- ✚ Additional computer training will also be provided to staff to provide them with the necessary skills to maintain the new site. To occur by 30 June 2015.
- ✚ Raffle – Gunalda Hotel. Proceeds to Beyond Blue. Raffle tickets produced for hotel and goods donated for prizes
 - Support Parkes State School Tinana South – Centenary Celebrations. Donation of goods for school raffle, bike display and stall.
- ✚ Independent Riders to become a company in the 2014/15 Financial year
- ✚ Release own tee-shirt label. Proceeds to go to charitable causes 2014/15 Financial year - First labels expected January 2015.
- ✚ 8th of November 2014. Charity event – "Do it in your shorts ride", Kandanga (Money going to Kandanga School) \$500 Raised
- ✚ 7th December 2014 Toy Run/Food Run, proceeds to Maryborough Animal Refuge, Fraser Coast Family Network and Bikers Against Child Abuse Total proceeds for this event exceed \$5800.00 in cash and goods.
- ✚ March 2015. Mejar Fundraiser. Proceeds to Spina Bifida and local charity
- ✚ June (Queens Birthday Weekend) 2015. 2nd Annual Country Pub Run. Money raised going to the Buy a Bale scheme.
- ✚ December 2015. Annual Fraser Coast Toy Run

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