



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 Lamington Hotel, Ferry St, Maryborough Friday nights from 5pm or Thursday lunchtimes, for raffles (from 12 noon) at The Aussie Hotel

Until next time, stay safe... Independent Riders



Autumn 2014

We can be found each Friday afternoon / evening from around 5.00 PM at The Lamington Hotel, Ferry 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....

- 7-9th Mar Z Owners Conondale Rally
- 16th Mar Melany Motorcycle Swap
- 29th Mar – Independent Poker Run
- -10th Pigs Arse Rally

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.



- **March. Lots happening in here.** - Of course we have our POKER RUN Saturday March, 29th Starting at Maryborough South Servo (Matilda), Gunalda (taken inland route from Tiaro), Kin Kin, Kandanga then finishing at the Lamington Hotel, Maryborough with camping and accommodation available and music until late. Return journey from Kandanga will be via Widgee and Woolooga.
- 7-9 March is The Conondale Rally. Located Sunshine Coast Hinterlands
- Sunday 23 March is Black Dog Ride. Fighting men's depression (see our website for details)
- On Sunday 26th of Jan there is a protest ride to Brisbane. We can meet at either Maryborough South Servo (Matilda) at 6:30am and meet any interested Gympie riders at the “Duck Pond” just south of Chatsworth School at 7.30am (on the right side of Highway heading south). I hope people can make this ride. I'll e-mail more details shortly so if you don't have email my phone is: 0409 575284.
- **April** – Saturday 5th Twin Valley Charity Poker Run, don't forget the 10th Pigs Arse Poker Run starting at The Federal Hotel Childers.. Stradbroke at Easter, watch the next newsletter and website for details.
- **May** – 2nd -3rd Old Skool Bash, more details coming. 4th May. Second Annual Blessing of the Bikes.

BRASH MONKEY RUN . Proposed Brass Monkey in June/July Barambah Creek Bush Caravan Park. More details in this newsletter.

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

New Merchandise:

1. Hand Credit Card size emergency light. Folds away into your wallet. \$2.00ea (includes batteries)



**2. LIQUOR ALLOVER
Playing at the Poker
Run After Party**

March 29th



New Patches – Betty Boop

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

Poker Run Raffle 2014



The two first prizes for this year's 2014 Poker Run Raffle

1. Full Colour 2.5 x 1 metre vinyl banner (pictured immediately above).
2. Jameson Dart Board and accessories. (pictured above right)
3. 2nd and 3rd prizes \$75 and \$25 value

First winner chooses which prize they take.

OVER \$500 in Prizes ONLY \$2.00 PER TICKET



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Jameson Dart Board and Accessories

Can you sell tickets?.

POKER RUN RAFFLE 2014

- 2 x 1st Prizes
- 1 x Jameson Dart Board Set
- 2. 2.5 Metre Colour Bike Banner

2nd \$75.00

3rd \$25.00

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

CAN YOU HELP?

If you are able to help with this year's poker run 29/30 March, ie selling raffle tickets, Registration, Ride Marshall etc. 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.

Independent Poker Run – 29th February 2014

Registration is from 8.00AM and departing 9.30AM SHARP, from Matilda South Service Station. Meals are \$10 each, Lunch, Dinner and Breakfast.

Route: South to Tiaro, Left after Tiaro taking the inland route to Gunalda Hotel. From Gunalda, a brief 5-10 minutes on the highway turning off just before Curra, taking back roads into Kin Kin. From Kin Kin head to Kandanga, return to Maryborough via Widgee and Woolooga.

POKER RUN REGISTRATION AND MEALS CAN BE PRE-PAID. Phone Michael 0409575284 or e-mail at info@eatmyshorts.com.au for details.

Poker Run Details



POKER RUN MENU:

Lunch: Kin Kin. Bangers and Mash .\$.10.00, Burger and Chips \$12.00. This can be pre-paid on the morning and we'll phone ahead with order.

Dinner. Lamington Hotel. BBQ Dinner and salad, choice of sausage or steak. \$10.00 per person. This can also be pre-paid.

Breakfast 30 March Lamington Hotel. \$10.00 bacon and Eggs, Coffee.

CAMPING: This is FREE behind the pub at The Lamington Hotel. Air-conditioned rooms are available, \$33.00 per person if you wish to share \$95.00 if you want it for yourself. Phone Michael 0409 575284. **Rooms are limited.**

ENTERTAINMENT: Rock on at the After Party with Baz an Liquor Allover.

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 ☺



Independent Riders will be donating to the Black Dog Ride – Fraser Coast for a raffle; A Full Colour Vinyl Banner 2.5 x 1 Metre (Approx). Image is of The Bun Pub.
Estimated value approximately \$300.00



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.

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

BRASS MONKEY 2014

Barambah Creek Bush Caravan Park... Brass Monkey June/July 2014, or possibly Sept/Oct Long Weekend.
 Details/dates to be confirmed. 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



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FEBRUARY 2014 PICTURES WITH INDEPENDENT RIDERS

Fraser Coast



Stacey, Eleise & Dave Red Hot Summer Concert



The Angels – Red Hot Summer Concert



Out on the highway, short weekday ride



Howard Grand Hotel – “Beer Time”



Robyne (Centre) – Chronicle with Independent Riders



Dry Run – Bob and Fish



Dry Run – Gunalda Hotel



Poker Run – Dry Run – Maryborough South



Jimmy says “Welcome” Kin Kin



Dry Run – Kandanga (Chopper and Fish)



Ms Lizzie arrives at Kin Kin – Dry Run



Wazza, Cliff and Carol Dry Run 2014

BEER:
SO MUCH MORE
than just a
Breakfast Drink.

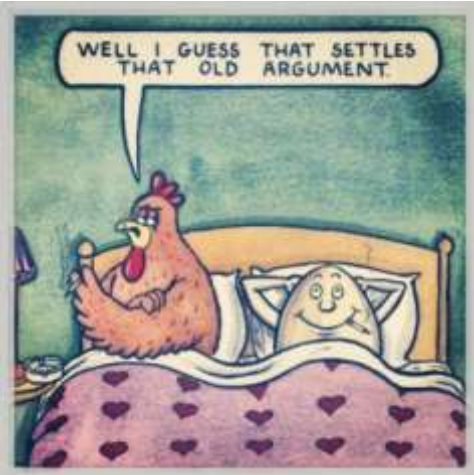
A friend
will calm you down
when you are angry,
but a BEST friend
will skip beside you with
a baseball bat singing
"someone's gonna get it"

Real Friends
**SHOW ME THEIR
BOOBS**

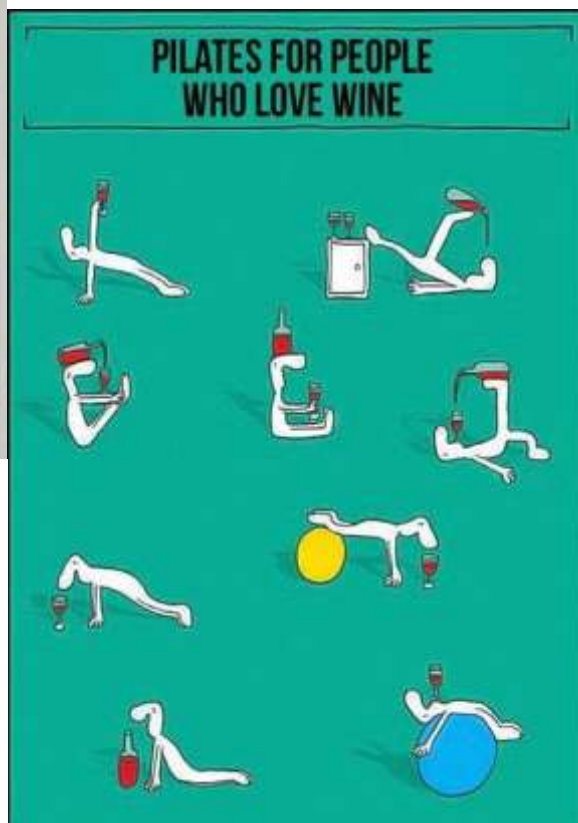


They say milk gives you strength so I drank 5 glasses and still couldn't move a wall, I tried 13 shots of vodka and saw the wall move by itself!

IF YOU'RE CRAZY
AND YOU KNOW IT
SHAKE YOUR MEDS!



A new study has found that women with large bums live longer than men who mention it



I CAME, I SAW,
I WAS POLITELY ASKED TO LEAVE

IF A MAN YELLS
"YOU LIAR"
IN A ROOM FULL OF POLITICIANS,
DO THEY KNOW WHO HE'S TALKING TO?

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Bruce Highway - Sth Maryborough

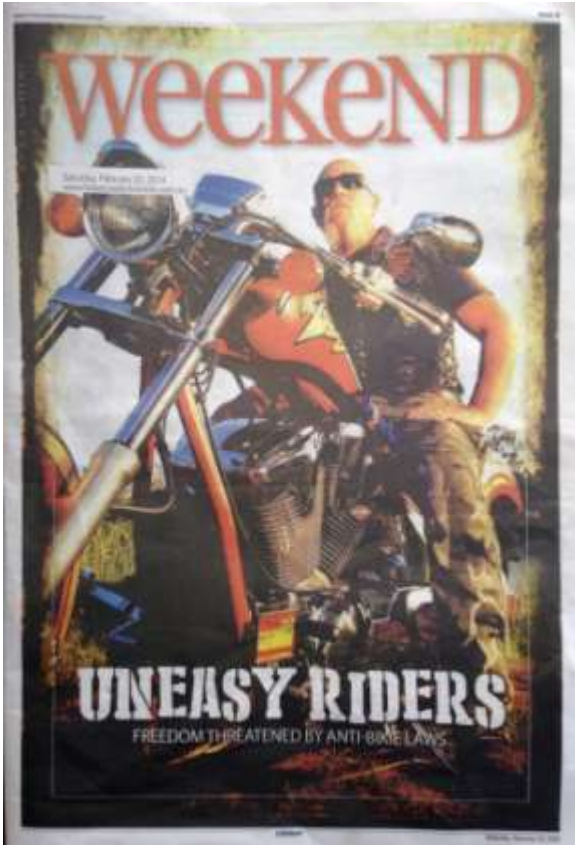


Lamington Hotel Motel – Ferry Street Maryborough. Web: www.lamingtonhotelmotel.com.au



The Aussie Hotel– Corner Alice & Adelaide Streets Maryborough





'A feeling of sideways glances'

ONE of the experiences on my bucket list was to go for a ride on the back of a Harley Davidson, and while researching this article I was given the opportunity.

Would donning a black open-faced helmet and riding pillion with a group of bikers change me?

How would the public perceive me?

There were six of us.

Pulling out of the carpark, engines piercing the air, we glide down the road something akin to a plane taxiing down a runway.

As we round a bend and onto the highway, excitement increases with the speed.

Exhilarating; extraordinary.

If a feeling could be delicious, for me, this was it.

On arrival in Howard, I was praised unanimously for having "helmet hair". A small price to pay for the opportunity of one of the joys of the motorcycle culture.

On the return trip into the "borough, I had the feeling of being conspicuous. Eyes on us, waiting at the lights. The pounding rhythm of the bikes attracting attention.

Sideways glances from motorists – or was that my wild imagination in overdrive fuelled by the adrenalin rush of experiencing a Harley ride for the first time?



ADRENALIN RUSH: Robyne Cuerei dons a helmet before heading out on her first ride on a Harley Davidson motorcycle.

"It's scaring a lot of people who once donated goods for our raffles and charities. When I ask businesses for sponsorship they back off and say 'no, the rules have changed now.'"

By this time of the year she usually had \$2000 in goods to raffle, but would be lucky if there was \$300 in the kitty.

Lizzie has been riding since before she was born.

Her mother, Irene, owned and rode an Indian motorcy-

cle while she was pregnant.

"It's freedom," says Lizzie.

Michael Tucker, 53, says the Independent Riders is about respect and independence of its fellow riders.

"Those that ride under this banner accept that people have varying abilities to contribute, respect the word of each person, that no one person is more important than the other.

"While there is no formal hierarchy, there is an owner-

ship, a feeling that they are part of something."

Michael says he enjoys the charity work, riding and the mateship which he likens to an extended family.

Independent rider Sean Fisher said the benefits of being a part of a biker community were many.

He only wishes that the public would not "judge a book by its cover".

"You go for a ride and all of your stresses and anxieties

“There is a big difference between a bike and a biker.

blow away in the wind.”

"Motorbikes are only one facet. We're mothers and fathers. We don't have anything to do with criminal elements yet we've been caught up in the same net and typecast as a lesser person.

"This isn't Sons of Anarchy (a TV show). This is your average bloke who likes riding a bike."

Accredited school bus driver Mark McKechnie has enjoyed the past seven years riding with three local social groups, being the president of one. He says he loves working with kids and being able to help the disadvantaged. Over the years they have raised a formidable amount for charities.

He believes that now bikies and bikers are all tarred with the same brush.

Officer-in-charge of the Maryborough District CIB, Detective Senior Sergeant Nikki Colfs, said the legislation was not aimed at people who liked to ride motorcycles or who rode for charity

organisations.

"The legislation (VLAD laws) is aimed at criminal motorcycle gangs and people affiliated with an organised crime network."

Detective Colfs said there were many rides conducted around the Fraser Coast which were not affiliated with outlaw gangs.

"People are intercepted all of the time as normal policing activities- random road tests, breath tests," she said. "If they aren't affiliated, they don't have anything to worry about. It doesn't matter what type of motorcycle they ride - I don't think a Harley Davidson identifies specifically with a criminal motorcycle gang."

Despite the current political and policing crackdown, the social motorcycle riders around the Fraser Coast, specifically the Independent Riders are ploughing on, maintaining their charity work, which includes an on-going relationship with Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus and, more recently, the Maryborough Animal Refuge.

"This year our aim is to donate \$6000 to \$7000 to Spina Bifida," Mr Tucker said.

"This is one of the things that keeps us going, knowing that we can make a difference."

PARTY ON WITH BAZ AND LIQUOR ALLOVER AT POKER RUN AFTER PARTY

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POKER RUN 2014



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WHEN: SATURDAY 29 MARCH 2014

1st, 2nd and 3rd Prizes

1st Prize

25% of Registration Maximum \$500

2nd Prize

15% of Registration Maximum \$150

3rd Prize

10% of Registration Maximum \$50

Live Band/Fully Catered/Licensed Premises
Free Camping

INDEPENDENT RIDERS - AUSTRALIA PRESENTS

1st Annual Independents
Poker Run

\$25 Entry

Entry Includes Cloth Patch / Sausage Sizzle

Catered meals include: Lunch, Dinner and Following
Day Breakfast all \$10.00 each. Purchase all three (3)
meals with your Poker Run Registration for \$55.00.

Prepayments accepted

Contact Lizzie or Michael 0413 722584/0409 575284 for more
details

ROUTE 300KM APPROX STARTING POINT MATILDA SOUTH SERVICE STATION – BRUCE
HIGHWAY MARYBOROUGH

Registration from 8:00AM Departing: 9:30AM SHARP

Start from Matilda 5th Servo

Bruce Highway Maryborough Qld

Around 1k past the Maryborough turnoff heading south

Stops: Gunalda, Kin Kin, Kandanga, after
party at the Lamington Hotel Maryborough.

REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT ALL STOPS.

Date: 29 March 2014

Depart 9.30 A.M. (Sharp)

For more information contact:

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- 2. Michael Tucker : 0409 575284
- 2. Mark McKechnie : 0450 940 169



29th March 2014

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Z Owners Qld

Host Conondale Rally
Green Park, Conondale
7th, 8th & 9th March

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All bikes Welcome

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Entry \$25
includes badge to the first
250 people

- Great Camping facilities including hot showers
- Great entertainment including motorized games
- Conondale P&C Catering all weekend
- Coffee Cart
- Cars welcome Please park in car park outside the camping grounds THANK YOU.
- No Glass
- No Dogs

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OF THE
BIKES RUN
Sunday, 4, of May 2014



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For more info. Pls call Rossy on 0425771963

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Everybody welcome