

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.

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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.

Until next time, stay safe... Independent Riders



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....

- 25th Jan – Tribe of Judah Charity Ride
- 26th Jan – Protest Ride – Brisbane
- 2nd Feb (Sunday) Dry Run for Independent Poker 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.

Here's to 2014. Happy New Year!

- **January** - The Tribe of Judah MC have a Charity Poker Run in Gympie on Saturday the 25th. Poker hand - \$20.00 – see flyer attached. Independent Riders plan to meet at Maryborough South Servo (Matilda) leaving at 10:00am sharp to make it to the 11.30 start in Gympie.
- 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.
- **February** - there are several rides happening into NSW (details to follow or see webpage)
- **March** - of course we have our POKER RUN at the end of March, 29/30th. Route is finalised starting Maryborough South Servo (Matilda), Gunalda (not via highway), Kin Kin, Kandanga then finishing at the Lamington Hotel, Maryborough with camping and accommodation available. We will head back from Kandanga via Widgee and Woolooga.

EASTER at Stradbroke Island is on again. We had an excellent time there this year and hope a few people can make it next year. Details will follow.

There is some talk of an overnigher to Wallaville. Not far I know but this is just the end destination and there will be a day ride to or from that pub. Other suggestions have been a Rockhampton/Yeppoon run and we will be having some dry runs in the lead up to the poker run.

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. LIZZIE WITH NEW BEARD BEANIE





New Patches – Betty Boop

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

Scotts Army – Charity Event



The Scotts Army charity event was held on December 22nd to raise money for Childhood Cancer Support. I'm not sure what the official tally was but at a guess, around 150 bikes attended the short ride that ended at Sea-front Oval.

Independent Riders were there including Fish, Lea, Warren, Leanne, Lizzie, Drags, Cliff and myself. We were also able to catch up with friends from Childers and Gympie.

Overall, a good day and a good cause but it was bloody hot so after a short time at the oval we decided to head off seeking somewhere with air conditioning ☺



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Maryborough Herald January 2014 Pictures from the Maryborough Animal Refuge Event

POKER RUN RAFFLE 2014

This is yet to be finalised but we are hoping to have our traditional \$500 Alcohol Raffle again this year. This will be confirmed shortly.

- 1st \$350.00 Alcohol
- 2nd \$100.00
- 3rd \$50.00

If this goes ahead, tickets will be **\$2.00 each**
or **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 let myself, Chopper or Lizzie know.

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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 – Dry Run 2nd Feb

We've delayed this already as we needed to get paperwork to pubs. Now set to depart the Matilda South Servo (Maryborough) 9.30am. First stop is Gunalda. My bike will need a beer ☺

Second stop Kin Kin, via Harvey Siding Road, past the Victory Hotel and then back way into Kin Kin for lunch. From Kin Kin over the range turn off before (*Cooran I think*) then to Kandanga for an early afternoon beer. Return route through Widgee and Woolooga. I haven't got exact kilometres yet but around 300. This will be a good day, hope you can make it.

Independent Banner for The Aussie Hotel



We have had agreement with Sam (The Aussie Hotel) to put up an Independent Banner (*see image above*). This banner will be set up on the upper level of the Aussie Hotel facing Alice Street. Not only will it promote Independent Riders and our fundraising, but will clearly identify the pub as "Biker Friendly." The banner is around 2.4m wide x 1m tall and should arrive within the next 2 weeks.

Depending on finances, we may be able to offer banners to other biker- friendly businesses that contribute to our causes.

Raffles at The Aussie Hotel are held lunch times on Thursdays and have been going well. We have extended this to a single raffle on Friday evenings.

As we do have commitments to the Lamington Hotel, we are working on a flexible arrangement for the Aussie raffle with this to be held at 6.00pm Fridays.

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 ☺

DECEMBER 2013 - JANUARY 2014 PICTURES WITH INDEPENDENT RIDERS

Fraser Coast

		
<p>New friends from Patriotic Few</p>	<p>Cliff – Animal Refuge Event</p>	<p>Jules and hubby Maryborough Animal Refuge</p>
		
<p>Fish and Lizzie – Animal Refuge</p>	<p>Riding down Lennox St Maryborough</p>	<p>Starting point Scotts Army Run</p>
		
<p>Scotts Army Run 22 December 2013</p>	<p>Scotts Army Run – Hervey Bay</p>	<p>Lizzies new "Friend" Scotts Army Run</p>
		
<p>Kandanga Ride – January 2014</p>	<p>Kandanga Jan 2014. Chopper and Ruth say "Hi" ☺</p>	<p>One for the colour blind! Eleise, Angela & Claire – Brisbane 11 Jan 2014</p>

This Month's Humor and Quotes

**Scooters are for men
who want to ride
motorcycles, but prefer
to feel the wind on
their vaginas.**

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It's a scientific fact that
women with cleavage are
more interesting to listen to.
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I AM AN
ACQUIRED
TASTE.
DONT LIKE
ME?
ACQUIRE
SOME TASTE.



A Cop With A Drug Sniffing Dog Says To Me " This Dog Tells Me You're On DRUGS " I Said " IM ON DRUGS..... You're The One Talkin To A Dog



RIDE A MOTORCYCLE



THAT'S A PADDLIN'



GET SOME TATTOOS



THAT'S A PADDLIN'



DRINK AT THE PUB



THAT'S A PADDLIN'



WEAR BLACK CLOTHING



THAT'S A PADDLIN'

**ANARCHY
PIRATES**
SOCIETY IS LIKE A STEW
IF YOU DONT STIR IT UP
EVERY ONCE
IN A WHILE
A LAYER OF SCUM
FLOATS TO THE TOP
.....

The only people
I owe my
loyalty to are
those who
never made me
question theirs

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



The Aussie Hotel– Corner Alice & Adelaide Streets Maryborough



News

Easy on the riders

Bikers out to show they are the good guys

By ROBYNE CUEREL

THE thunder of Harley-Davidsons, Moto Guzzis and Triumphs rumbled through the Maryborough CBD on a Saturday morning as the Independent Fraser Coast Riders made their first major charity run after the group formed earlier this year.

One of the organisers and founders of the social group, Michael Tucker, said although they wanted to continue charity work previously provided by social motorcycle groups, they also wanted to educate the public to show them that not everyone who rides a motorcycle is an outlaw.

He said the group didn't hold a high opinion of the new laws regarding motorcycle riders.

"It's potentially destructive for events such as this one here," he said, "Politics kills a good thing.

"We're not out to cause trouble or mayhem.

"The idea behind the food drop to the Maryborough Animal Refuge was to have a simple, easy event that would include motorbikes and provide immediate good to a needy organisation within the area."

He said it was also for a whole lot of bikes to go on a short ride and show the public that not all



READY TO RIDE: Social bikers gather for the inaugural Animal Refuge Charity Run in the car park of the Lamington Hotel.

PHOTO: ROBYNE CUEREL

motorcycle riders are bad.

"Lately there has been such an emphasis on outlaw motorcycle groups, the government hasn't actually clearly identified what an outlaw motorcycle person looks like, so people like myself and Lizzie who ride motorbikes are now treated differently in the general community," Michael said.

He said he started riding motorbikes when he was 11 and has never been affiliated with an outlaw motorcycle gang.

"There is also a huge support network within the social motorbike fraternity that Queensland Health couldn't provide," he said.

The non-profit social bike group is planning on a

poker run in March, with the money raised going to spina bifida and the animal refuge.

The Independent Fraser Coast Riders have no hierarchy and value every member's opinion.

"People can do what they like, when they like. It's about enjoying the freedom and the social activities," Michael said.

"We did a bit of research over in the States to see if it was sustainable and it is – we find our biggest problem is when people say what your title is. We don't have one. There are bikies, bike riders and bike enthusiasts – we're all caught in the same net."

■ More photos on P36



CHARITY POKER RUN

25 JANUARY 2014

REGISTRATION FROM 10AM
RIDE LEAVES 11.30AM SHARP
REGISTRATION \$20

LEAVING FROM GYMPIE CONFERENCE CENTRE
FRASER RD, GYMPIE

1st PRIZE INCLUDES 3 NIGHTS ACCOMODATION
ON FRASER ISLAND, VALUED AT \$1 200.
PLUS RAFFLES ENROUTE AND OTHER CASH PRIZES

AFTER PARTY - LIVE BAND - COLD DRINKS

DAILY 0417 724 542 KEVDAILY@BIGPOND.COM BEAR 0407 650 786

EASYRIDER - IPSWICH

WHEN: Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd February 2014

DETAILS:

- Friday 21st Nimbin via Kyogle,
- Saturday 22nd Nymboida, (*home of Russel Crow Museum*)
- Sunday the 23rd Returning home on via Coast Old Coast Roads.



NOTE: DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED

An advertisement for a motorcycle poker run. The background features two motorcycles: a dark blue Harley-Davidson on the left and a black Harley-Davidson on the right. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top, in large red letters, it says "Winner Takes ALL Poker Run". Below that, in white, it says "IT IS WHAT IT IS". The event details are listed in a semi-transparent box: "When:- Saturday 21 February 2014", "Where:- Royal 'Shiralee' Hotel BINNAWAY NSW", and "What time:- 11am Start registration from 10am". At the bottom, it says "Come along for a ride, maybe win some cash and have a bloody good time. For more details contact: nsw@sons-of-aus.com". The website "www.postermywall.com" is at the bottom left, and a logo for "Sons of Aus" is at the bottom right.

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POKER RUN 2014

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Proceeds going to: Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Qld & Maryborough Animal Refuge

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 \$50.00 and
save \$5.00. 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 Sth Servo
Bruce Highway Maryborough Qld

Around 1k past the Maryborough turnoff heading south

**Stops: To be advised, 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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