



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.

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



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 2015 so far....

- 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 2015

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

Events February

- 8th of February Annual Sunrise Run - Interested in going Ph: Michael 0409 575284
- 21st February Independent Riders Poker Run - Dry Run. This will depart 9.15am from The Aussie Hotel Maryborough

Events moving into 2015

- 21st Binnaway Poker Run **Flyer included with this newsletter**
- 1st March - Fraser Coast Biker Blessing **Flyer included with this newsletter**
- Sunday 29th March B.A.C.A Ride: **Details TBA**
- 4th of April Pigs Arse Poker Run **Flyer included with this newsletter**

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

New rides are added in weekly so keep checking our website: www.eatmyshorts.com. or visit us on Facebook. Some day rides will have short notice but 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

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

Until the end of February money raised from this raffle will go to a group called: CDH Australia. This organisation provided support to a young Maryborough couple

<https://www.facebook.com/KurtsPageCDH>

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.

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Carmel Roden RIP 18/01/2015

Independent Riders are sad to announce the passing of Carmel Roden the President of The Royal Flying Doctors Auxiliary, located in Bundaberg.

A number of us have enjoyed working with The RFDS (Aux) over the last few years and have some fond memories including a time when Carmel thought a bike group was donating money and was surprised to see people wearing leather instead of lycra. RIP Carmel you will be missed.



Independent 2015 Annual Poker Run



SUMMARY

The final route is almost finalised for this event. At this stage we will be leaving from The Aussie Hotel Maryborough, then Biggenden, Apple Tree Creek, Wallaville then Woodgate.

Final stop however may change to The Commercial Hotel Cadalba, this to be known in the next week as there is some uncertainty on camping.

If we do end up at Cadalba there is camping, rooms and a place off the road to park bikes. **Watch this space**

Start point for the poker run is definitely The Aussie Hotel, we have reduced the price of the event to \$20 which includes a cloth patch. This year however The SES will also run the sausage sizzle \$2.00, Independent Riders will provide sausages and bread and SES with all money for that going to The SES.

Proceeds of the event will be divided equally between Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Qld and State Emergency Service (SES)

Live music with Jimmy James will happen at the after party and we also have a raffle from Mile High Aviation \$2 per ticket and includes a flight for 2 adults and a child over Fraser Island. **Tickets for raffle available now.**

8th of February Annual Sunrise Run

This is an early morning ride with Easy Riders Australia, the plan is to make this an overnighter so head down on the Saturday, party on down there do an early ride and head back north in the afternoon. So I can organise a place to sleep please let me know if you are interested ASAP either by e-mail biteme@eatmyshorts.com.au or phone me on 0409 575284.

Michael

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 an 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

I've just been advised that our new Independent Labels are on their way. Once they arrive all new shirts printed will have Independent Riders Australia labels



New Patches for 2015

This patch is now available. Only \$6.00 See Lizzie or Michael



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.

MARCH 14 POKER RUN 2015 – COUNTING DOWN!

Independent Poker Run 2015 Reg: \$20.00

The 2015 Poker Run patches have been ordered and should be here shortly. Once they arrive we will be accepting early registration. Patch includes with your poker run payment.

WATCH THIS SPACE



NEWSPAPER ARTICLES JANUARY 2015

Fraser Coast Chronicle 17 January 2015

Fancy for Japanese motorbikes

By Sherelle Moody

MADE in Japan, loved on the Fraser Coast.

Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads data shows the region is home to 3401 motorbikes and Japanese badges rule the road.

Honda is the most common brand, with 651 on our streets.

Yamaha sits at number two with 609, Suzuki has 509, iconic US manufacturer Harley-Davidson has 480 and there are 348 Kawasakis.

Motorcycle Riders Association of Queensland president Chris Mearns said the experience of riding a motorbike was like no other.

"There is a feeling of release when riding that is just not present in an enclosed vehicle and unfortunately for those that have never known the experience it can be something that is hard to fathom," he said.

Mr Mearns said motorcycle ownership had a range of benefits.

"There is the obvious benefit that they are far less expensive to buy and operate, which for quite a growing number is the main reason for them choosing to ride," he said.

"Even when a motorcycle is



LOVE AFFAIR: Chris Williams, 67, with her beloved Honda Gold Wing she has named Nепенthe, which means Salve for all Wounds.

PHOTO: ROBYNE CUEREL

owned primarily for recreation purposes the cost of operation is the lowest of any of the motorised alternatives and hence the owner gets the maximum bang for their buck."

Jennifer Woods, of Australia-wide motorbike group Ulysses Club, said once you

owned one you never looked back.

"People enjoy the freedom that motorbikes provide," the club's national vice-president said.

"Once you are on the road, you can't think about much else.

"It's the best anti-depres-

sant ever."

RACQ technical and safety policy executive manager Steve Spalding said motorbike lovers were very loyal to their chosen brands.

"To some extent it really starts with those fond memories of having them when they were younger so they

ON YOUR BIKE	
■ Vehicle total numbers	- 71,300
■ Motorcycles, total	- 3401
■ Honda	- 651
■ Yamaha	- 609
■ Suzuki	- 509
■ Harley-Davidson	- 480
■ Kawasaki	- 348

Cheap and popular

THEY are cheap, cute and a popular form of transport in congested cities across the world. And almost 500 residents are reaping their benefits.

The region has 484 registered mopeds. As with the number of motorbikes, Honda is the most popular brand with 155 of its scooters on our streets.

Rounding out the top five badges in the region are Yamaha with 96, Kymco on 42, Taiwan Golden Bee on 32 and Vmoto has 30.

There are 26 Australian-made Bolwell mopeds registered in the region.

Mopeds are synonymous with Europe - where the economical and small form of transport boomed after WWII. - APN NEWSDESK

DECEMBER 2014 PICTURES WITH INDEPENDENT RIDERS

Rides/Events Attended Independents December 2014



Start of Saving Abel Ride - Late Dec 2014 #1



Start of Saving Abel Ride - Late Dec 2014 #2



Saving Abel Ride - Late Dec 2014



Michael & Ruth with around 20 others - Saving Abel



At Bargara - Saving Abel Ride



Ms Fish and Michael Bargara Hotel



Apple Tree Creek - Saving Abel Ride



Ed Leaving Apple Tree Creek - End of Saving Abel Ride



Bikes Arrive New Years with Independents



Keeping someone awake - New Years



It's not Funny!!! New Years - Independents



'YES' Stan - Got one of you!!! New Years



Bargara Hotel - Saving Abel Ride December 2014

JANUARY 2015 PICTURES WITH INDEPENDENT RIDERS

Rides Attended Independents January 2015



A few Independents off to Kingaroy



Lizzie tries out Daniels new Harley



At Torbanlea BP off to Woodgate



Parking up at Woodgate Hotel



Riders getting ready for Palmwood Ride - At Puma Sth



Getting ready to leave Puma South - Palmwoods



At Ricks Diner - Palmwoods



Parked up at Ricks Garage and Diner



Chow time at Ricks, Chopper, Greg and Carole



Commercial Hotel - Cudalba (Aust Day Weekend)



South Kolan Australia Day Weekend Ride

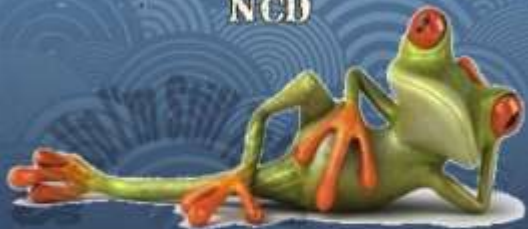


Smithy heading back from South Kolan



DAY RIDE - POMOMA PUB ON OUR WAY TO PALMWOODS

I JUST BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH
NCD



NO CAN DO!



Despite Eric's best efforts,
no-one guessed 'Bangkok'

I wonder if clouds
ever look down on us
and say "Wey
look.....that one is
shaped like an
idiot".

I PREFER NOT TO THINK
BEFORE SPEAKING

*I like being just as surprised as
everyone else by
what comes out of my mouth.*

IF ASKED,
"HOW DO I TAKE
MY COFFEE,"
I REPLY,
"SERIOUSLY,
VERY SERIOUSLY."

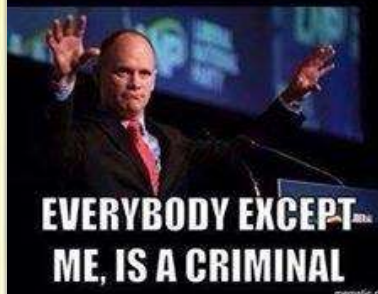
I've decided drinking isn't
the answer to my problems.
However, I'm not a quitter
so I'm going to give
it another chance. :)

Medical Definitions for Rednecks

- Barium - What the undertaker does to 'em
once the doctors are through with 'em.
- Benign - What a child be after they be eight.
- Cauterize - To have gotten noticed by a woman.
- Cyst - To give someone in need a helpin' hand.
- Dilate - It sure beats dyin' early.
- Impotent - Significant and distinguished.
- Node - To have been acquainted with
someone in the past.
- Pap Smear - To insult or belittle your
own father.
- Pathology - The study of trails.
- Rectum - Crashed 'em and
totaled 'em.
- Tumor - Not just one more.
- X-Rayed - For adult
audiences only.



OK. NEW RULE



EVERYBODY EXCEPT
ME, IS A CRIMINAL



HELLO? INTERNET POLICE?

I HAVE SAND IN MY VAGINA.....
AGAIN.

MORNING SEX

She was standing in the kitchen, preparing
our usual Soft-boiled eggs and toast for
breakfast, wearing only the "I" shirt that she
normally slept in. As I walked in, almost
awake, she turned to me and said softly,
"You've got to make love to me this very
moment!"

My eyes lit up as I thought, "I am either still
dreaming or this is going to be my lucky day!"
Not wanting to lose the moment, I embraced
her and then gave it my all; right there on the
kitchen table.

Afterwards she said, "Thanks," and returned
to the stove, her T-shirt still around her neck.

Happy, but a little puzzled, I asked, "What
was that all about?" She explained,
"The egg timer's broken."

Thank you to our sponsors



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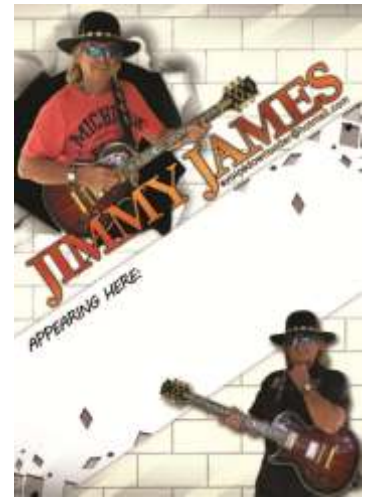
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Lamington Hotel Motel – Ferry Street Maryborough.



The Aussie Hotel– Corner Alice & Adelaide Streets Maryborough



RONNIES QUALITY MEATS - PH: 4121 4387



Galeforce Boats

Kazzan Cheap Bali Home

Hans The Paint Doctor

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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

INDEPENDENT RIDERS AUSTRALIA (FRASER COAST)

LIVE MUSIC
RAFFLES
CASH PRIZES
LUCKY DRAW PRIZES

Registration
\$20.00

Includes Cash Prizes
Event Dinner 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



**2015 FRASER COAST
BIKER
BLESSING**

SUNDAY, 1ST MARCH

DOOR OF HOPE
569 KEPT ST. MARYBOROUGH

8.30 AM FREE BBQ BREAKY
9.30 AM BIKER BLESSING
SOCIAL RIDE TO THEBINE TO FOLLOW

FOR CATERING PURPOSES OR MORE INFO
CONTACT DAVE WOODY 0409 219 921
DAVEWOODY55@GMAIL.COM



**8th Anniversary
Binnaway Poker
Run
Saturday 21 February**

**Winner takes ALL!!!!
ALL WELCOME as long as
you're good with Rule
Number 4**

WHERE - ROYAL "SHARPLEY" HOTEL BIRRAWAY NSW
WHY - YOU REALLY NEED A REASON
WHEN - SATURDAY 21 FEB 2015 RUN STARTS AT 11:00H
COST - 120 RIDER MUST BE AT ALL STOPS TO COLLECT THE ONE AND ONLY
PRIZE. NO EXCEPTIONS

MORE INFO - ADMIN@SONG-OF-AUS.COM WWW.SONG-OF-AUS.COM

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PIGS ARSE PIGS ARSE PIGS ARSE

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\$10.00 / hands any cash prizes

SATURDAY-4TH APRIL
APPLE TREE CREEK HOTEL

Sign on 9.00am -- Run leaves 11.00am
 Meet and Greet Friday Nite
 FREE CAMPING *LIVE ROCK BAND*
 INFO: 0439484666

FOR SALE

Selling 2014 Yamaha Bolt R Spec 3629 K's 6 months rego \$12899 will suite someone wanting a new bike. Running as a solo but is still registered as dual seat, (see standard photo) Contact Smithy for more info 0419706443.



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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