



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, Founding members 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. The role of this person is to promote our worthwhile and charitable causes and social events.

The wearing of 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. 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 provide experience and support with fundraising events for other groups/clubs by assisting with co-ordination, promotion or organising/designing promotional material including banners, patches etc. We believe a united co-op of bikers not only has greater buying power but also the ability to provide positive direction within our community.

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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 goes to charity so check it out.....It is all for a good cause.

Meet us for a drink and a laugh at the Aussie Hotel, Alice St, Maryborough Friday nights from 5pm and sometimes Thursday lunchtimes, for raffles/beer (from 12 noon) Not working come down for a chat

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, we 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 2016....

- 30th Jan - Day Ride Hivesville
- 7th Feb - Fraser Coast Biker Blessing
- 27th Feb Biloela Poker Run
- 20th Mar - Blackdog

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 2016

- Social nights at The Aussie Hotel each Friday evening from 5PM, Raffle Thursdays from Midday

January 2016:

- 24th Jan (Sunday) Avondale ride via Bucca depart 9.30am Torbanlea BP
- 26th Jan Veterans MCX Lonsdale
- 30th Jan - Hivesville Day Ride.. Returning via Biggenden

February 2016:

- 7th Feb ERA Sunrise Run (*Flyer with this newsletter*)
- 7th Feb Fraser Coast Biker Blessing (*Flyer with this newsletter*)

March and beyond 2016:

- 12th Mar Independent Riders Annual Poker Run (*Flyer Attached*)
- 20th Mar - One Day Black Dog Ride (*Flyer Attached*)
- 30th Apr - 2nd May - Independent Riders 3 Day Pub Run
- 16th May MND Show N Shine - To be confirmed
- 4th Dec (Sunday) Annual Independent Fraser Coast Toy Run 2016 (*Flyer Attached*)

Watch this space for more rides and events moving into 2016

Do you have ideas for rides? Email us E-mail: miket60@bigpond.net.au

New rides are added in weekly so keep checking our website: www.eatmyshorts.com. Or visit us on Facebook. Some day rides will

New Merchandise:

1. Stainless Steel Independent Necklaces \$20.00 IN STOCK NOW!



2. STUBBIE COOLER
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Also available in Black
Stubby Coolers \$7.00



Patches – Fraser Coast Independent

This new cloth patch and others now available. **Cost \$7.00**

Design your Vinyl Banner!



.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 design or have us design yours.

BANNERS FROM \$50.00

Our achievements to date

On the 27th 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**. As of Dec 2015 this amount is over \$50,000.



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BLACK DOG 1 DAYER 2016

This year Jol Clarke and his wife will be co-ordinating both Bundaberg and Fraser Coast. Big effort there, so lets show them our support.



RAFFLES

Our 2016 Poker Run is now only 2 months away, in the next 2-3 weeks we will start a raffle that will be drawn at this event.

1st prize will be a \$250 Visa Debit Card, usable pretty much anywhere

**2nd Prize
\$50 Visa Debit Card**

3rd prize \$25 Visa Debit Card

Tickets will be \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

Raffle will be drawn at the last stop at Biggenden on March 12th 2016. Details of where proceeds will be going will be advertised shortly.

Help us help others. Need more info?

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Toy Run 2015 Tee-shirts are still available in both men and women sizes. Only \$25.00

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



Independent Riders 2016 Fraser Coast Toy Run

The 2015 Fraser Coast Toy Run, exceeded our expectations as well as showed us where we can improve. The 2016 Fraser Coast Toy Run is scheduled for Sunday December the 4th 2016.

To improve on raffles and prizes our 2016 Toy Run will draw the raffles sold at Station Square on Friday 2nd December. Raffles on the day of the Toy Run will include cash and Visa (pre-paid cards), tickets for these will only be available on the day, to those who attend the event and will be drawn during our lunch stop.

In 2016 our lunch stop will also include live music being available during this period. As in previous years we will make changes to the route, to make it a little more interesting.

Independent Riders Annual Poker Run 2016

- **WHEN:** Saturday March 12th 2016
- **TIME:** Registration from 7.00AM departing 9.30AM (Sharp)

This year's poker run will depart from Puma Service Station (South Maryborough) on the Bruce Highway, just south of Maryborough. The SES will be having a sausage sizzle there on the morning which will also include coffee.

This year's event is \$20.00 which includes your poker hand and an embroidered cloth patch. First prize (best hand), is 15% of registration proceeds to a maximum of \$500.00, 2nd is 10% to a maximum of \$150.00 and third 5% to a maximum of \$75.00

We will have giveaways as well as alcohol raffles at each pub stop

Route still needs to be confirmed 1st stop Gundiah, 2nd Goomeri, 3rd (Lunch) just out of Murgon at Tingoor Hotel, Last stop (Overnighter), Biggenden, with live music at the end with Jimmy James.

Meal prices, recipients, final details as well as mud maps will be available shortly.

Three Day Pub Run 2016

This will be the third year we have run this event, with all proceeds going to The Buy a Bale Scheme, (supporting our farmers and the rural community)

This year's route is almost finalised with and will be advertised at the end of January. Like last year's event, Jimmy James will be coming along, providing entertainment for both nights.

This year we are asking for a \$10.00 registration fee which will include event embroidered patch with the balance going towards fuel for the support vehicle.

The event is three days with a total distance travelled, over that period around 1000 km and around 3-400km per day.. Camping, accommodation and meals will be organised for the event and prices detailed shortly.

If you require any information please contact Michael on 0409 575 284 or e-mail miket60@bigpond.net.au **Mud maps will be available in February**

Pictures below from our 2015 Three (3) Day Pub Run



Review of current merchandise suppliers

Independent Riders is striving to provide supporters with quality merchandise at a reasonable price. In early 2016 we will look at all of our merchandise suppliers including embroidery, jewelry and screen printing. If you are aware of suppliers, (*preference to local or Australian*), that may be able to provide Independent Riders, with quality merchandise, then please e-mail details me at miket60@bigpond.net.au Thank you.



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



NAVY



BLACK



Embroidered Dress Shirts AND Hoodies available - By order only Enquiries 0409 575284

New Patches for 2016

Some of our embroidered patches. From \$6.00 to \$7.00 per piece 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 miket60@bigpond.net.au or mobile 0409 575284.

SATURDAY 12TH OF MARCH - THIRD ANUAL POKER RUN FOR 2016

EACH FRIDAY 5.00PM - RAFFLES ABOUT 6.00PM - AUSSIE HOTEL MARYBOROUGH

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JANUARY 2016

Other Rides and Pictures in January



JANUARY PICTURES WITH INDEPENDENT RIDERS

First Ride for 2016 (New Year's Day)



Good turnout for 1st Day Ride of 2016



Kay and Julie at Puma South



Almost ready to leave – Puma South



Bruce and Ed definitely ready to go!!!



Yes.. Julie at Gunalda ☺



Fishes bike resting up at Gunalda



Bikes lines up at Gunalda



One last bike shot at Gunalda



Julie, Bruce and Ed – Tin Can Bay



Parking up at Tin Can Bay Hotel



Lunch stop – Tin Can Bay



Finding shade – Tin Can Bay



Ready to Ride – First ride for 2016 – Puma South Service Station

JANUARY PICTURES WITH INDEPENDENT RIDERS

Melany Day Ride

		
Stan and Smithy having a moment New Years Eve	Waiting – Jones's Hill – Melany Ride	Bull and Les - Kenilworth
		
Julie and her Sporty - Kenilworth	Coming in at Melany	Parked up for lunch - Melany
		
Lunch stop - Melany	McCarthy's Lookout – Just out of Melany	ERA friends – Mrs C and Batman
		
Last beer stop - Landsborough	Last stop – Homeward bound - Gympie	Fish and Leanne at Melany lookout



Picture 1: Top of the hill - Melany Picture 2: Welcome from Bull, Les and Fish – Puma South Picture 3: New Independent Banner

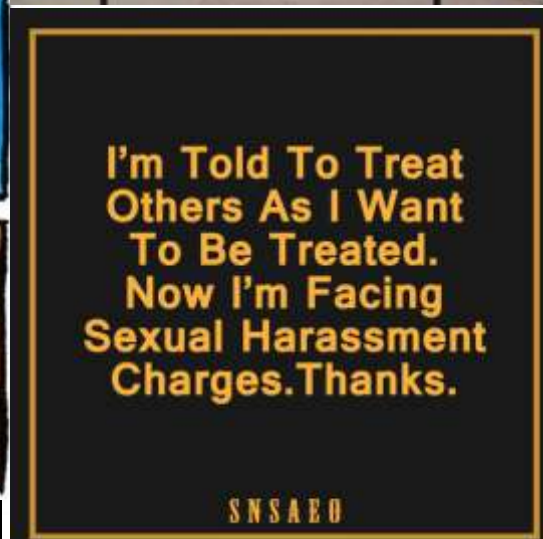
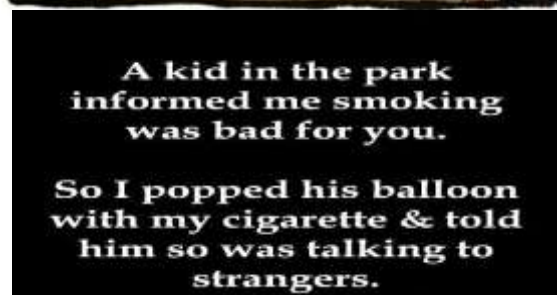
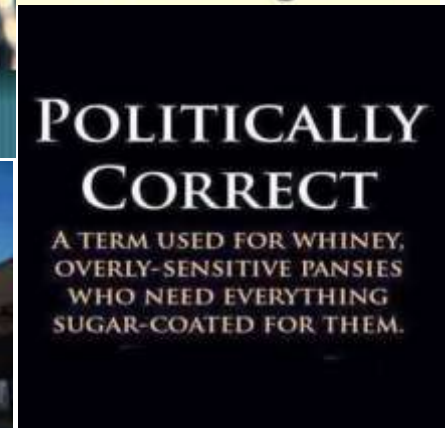
JANUARY PICTURES WITH INDEPENDENT RIDERS

Kandanga/Pomona Day Ride

		
Chopper welcomes riders - Puma South	Les trying to avoid the camera - Puma South	New riders - Puma South
		
Smithy, Julie, Les and Bruce - Kandanga	First stop Kandanga Hotel	Arriving at Kandanga
		
Chilling out at temporary Kandanga Hotel	Remains of the old hotel	Julie and Dallas - Kandanga
		
Lunch stop - Pomona	Parked up at Pomona	Jack and Paul's bikes - Pomona



Picture 1: Departing Pomona for Kin Kln Picture 2: Racing for a beer - Kandanga Hotel



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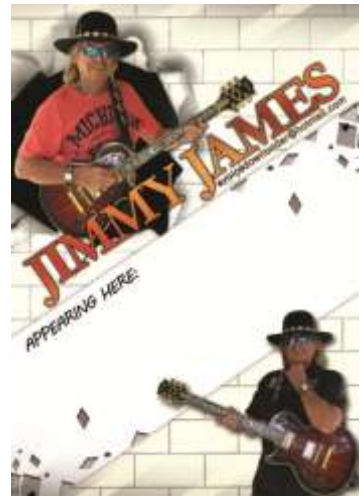
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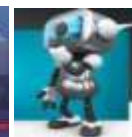
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Rides for 2016

Indepeneent Riders Australia (Fraser Coast)
Third Annual

2016 Three Day Pub Run

SATURDAY 30TH APRIL - MONDAY 2ND MAY 2016

DEPART PUMPHOUSE SERVICE STATION 9.00AM

\$10.00 Registration (includes cloth patch)

- ✦ All proceeds to Buy a Bale (Helping our farmers)
- ✦ Support vehicle available
- ✦ Rooms and camping available
- ✦ Raffles and prizes
- ✦ Cars welcome

**MORE INFORMATION SHORTLY, INCLUDING: ROUTE
CAMPING/ACCOMODATION, MERCHANDISE,
LIVE MUSIC WITH JIMMY JAMES**

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Sunrise Run

Easyriders Social Motorcycle Club .

Sunday 7th of February 2016

5am kickstands up @220kms run to finish

3 convenient starting points

⇒ WESTSIDE BP Blacksoil outbound

⇒ Southside BP Stapleton

⇒ Northside BP North Caboolture

⇒ \$10 donation get you into prize draw

⇒ Recovery if needed

Optional extras All you can eat brekky at end pay venue +\$15

New look Run patch +\$10



FRASER COAST BIKER BLESSING

SUNDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2016

8³⁰ AM FREE BREKKY
9³⁰ AM BIKER BLESSING
FOLLOWED BY SOCIAL LUNCH RIDE

GUEST ARTIST **FLAME**
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OF ALL RIDERS

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David Hood Tompkins
Just now •

Ok So My OL Lady **Linda McIntosh** (Minxy) and Myself (Hood) Have set a Date to get Married on the 27/2/2016... I Have an Idea of Having 10 - 20 Harley's Lined up Diagonally in Two Lines to Make the Aisle She Walks Thru to Me, can You contact Me if Your Willing to put Your Harley in to Make this Happen for My Wife to Be, We Live in Maryborough Qld Keeping that in Mind..... Thank You from Hood 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏.....

Like Comment Share

David Hood Tompkins and his partner Linda McIntosh are getting married early next year, details in image Wedding are to the left.

David and Linda would like to have a bike wedding and are asking for bikes to be there on the day.

The event is on the 27th February 2016, however closer to the day we will try and o-ordinate a few bikes for their happy occasion. If you think you can help out please let me know. Email me at miket60@bigpond.net.au or mobile 0409 575284.

David has been a real supporter of our causes and we would love to help make their day special.

INDEPENDENT RIDERS 3RD ANNUAL POKER RUN – SATURDAY 12TH MARCH 2016

Indepenent Riders Australia (Fraser Coast)

3rd Annual Poker Run 2016

SATURDAY 12TH MARCH 2016 - DEPART 9.30AM

\$20.00 Registration (includes cloth patch)

- ✦ 1st Prize 15% of registration to maximum of \$500
- ✦ 2nd Prize 10% registration to maximum of \$150
- ✦ 3rd Prize 5% to a maximum of \$75

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FRASER COAST TOY RUN 2016 – SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2016



INDEPENDENT RIDERS AUST (FRASER COAST)
PRESENTS
THE FRASER COAST TOY RUN 2016

CARRIERS ARMS HOTEL
START POINT TO BE CONFIRMED

STARTING AT 7.00AM DEPARTING 9.00AM

WHEN: SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2016

FOR SALE

Motorbike trailer for sale. Internal length 1.5, overall 2.5 metres. Includes camping gear displayed in photos \$3000 ONO Trailer is good condition and easy to tow. **Contact Bull 4122 3269**



For sale.. **2004 Honda VTR1000**. Registered, RWC, 110,000km, motor in great shape, regular services. \$3500 ONO. See pictures below More photo's or information phone Michael 0409 575284



SOFTAIL FOR SALE

Andrew (Mechanic) from Ipswich Easy riders has got Softail for sale,

99 carby belt drive full engine reconditioned has receipts rego RWC \$13000.00

Phone 0447329696 for more details



INDEPENDENT RIDERS AUSTRALIA - WHERE OUR MONEY GOES. LAST UPDATE 22 DECEMBER 2015

KEY

Maryborough Rainbow Girls/Hear 4 Alana	MRG/H4A	\$ 790.00
Hear 4 Alana	H4A	\$ 55.00
Prostate Cancer Research	PCR	\$ 60.00
Leukaemia Foundation (Ugly Bar Tender)	LF	\$ 80.00
Royal Flying Doctor Service	RFDS	\$ 100.00
Beyond Blue (Throungh Gunalda Hotel)	BB	\$ 110.00
Braxtons Fight	BF	\$ 309.85
CDH Australia (Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia)	CDH	\$ 200.00
Black Dog Ride (both Bundaberg & Fraser Coast)	BDR	\$ 400.00
Fraser Coast Family Network	FCFN	\$ 7,040.00
Kandanga State School	KSS	\$ 500.00
B.A.C.A. Bikers Against Child Abuse	BACA	\$ 3,200.00
Parke State School P&C (Centenary)	PSS	\$ 200.00
Jaie's Journey	JJ	\$ 4,200.00
Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Qld	SBH	\$ 10,500.00
State Emergency Service (SES) Fraser Coast	SES	\$ 1,530.00
Maryborough Animal Refuge	MAR	\$ 10,250.00
M.A.C.E Wide Bay	MWB	\$ 4,500.00
Miscellaneous donations	MISC	\$ 1,400.00
Maryborough Animal Refuge - Additional (web)	MAR1	\$ 1,700.00
Buy a Bale (helping farmers)	BAB	\$ 1,660.00
Motor Neurone Disease Assoc Qld	MND	\$ 1,350.00
		\$50,134.85

Aussie Hotel Maryborough

* approx

* includes Cash and Banner (Raffle)

* includes \$4300 in toys (approx), Toy Run 2014,15

* includes Banner (Raffle), 2014, 2015 Toy Run

Includes cash (\$200) and website dev/maintenance

* Includes: Cheque to be posted \$1000 - 24/12/2015

* Includes (approx) amounts made through sausage sizzles

* Includes, Cash, animal food, new website

* Includes website registration/website, suppor Bikes throug a Bar2015

* Includes laptop for Autistic teenager, other donations

* Not used for Refyge on-line store, online 30/6/2015

* Includes 2014 and 15 contributions

* includes pay,ment of entertainment, trophy's and cas

Notes

Maryborough Animal Refuge (Breakdown)

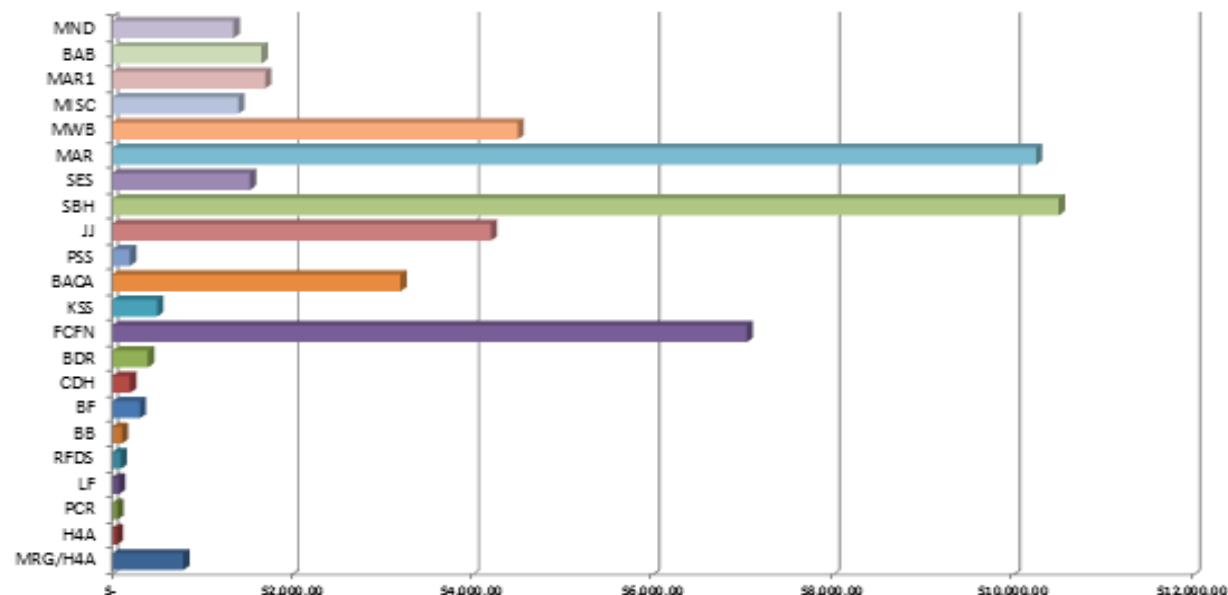
Cash	\$ 3,250.00	
Web	\$ 4,300.00	
Food, Bones, PC	\$ 2,700.00	
Addition Online Sto	\$ 1,700.00	Not spent
	\$ 11,950.00	

Rider Contributions - Buy a Bale 2015

\$ spent by riders in rural communities	\$ 10,000.00	approx
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Casual staff employed due to bike event
5

* banner and t-shirt sponsorship. Charity Ride



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ALL BIKERS FUNCTIONS CATERED FOR. GIGS 4-6 HOURS

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With over 4000 songs Jimmy has the music to suit ANY function, from Weddings through to Motorcycle Events and other Charitable Functions. From Bee Gees to Pink Floyd, from Black Sabbath to Deep Purple, all the Aussie hits, all 60's and 70's, dinner music or heavy rock.

After playing our type of music, almost non stop for 3 1/2 hours at a recent charity event, we knew we had found the ideal entertainer for future events. It is not often that one finds an entertainer who has the experience, versatility, integrity and energy of Jimmy James. As a social group we rely heavily on our entertainment to help make our events a success, with this in mind we recommend Jimmy James.

Independent Riders Australia (Fraser Coast)



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