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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 <u>biteme@eatmyshorts.com.au</u>

The advertising of your <u>business</u> 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 <u>www.eatmyshorts.com.au</u> 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.

Upcoming Rides for 2014 so far....

- 17th BACA 100 Mile Run
- 24-25th Country Pub Run
- 8th Jun Pub Fest Maryborough
- July King of the Mountain Run
- Christmas in July

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.



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Autum/Winter 2014

 May/June. There are a couple of events remaining for the month. - Of course we have our Country Pub Run May-24-25th. Starting at Torbanlea BP heading to Wallaville, Mt Perry and The Waratah Hotel Mungungo. This weekend BACA are also holding their first 100 Mile Run.

Then there's June

- Gympie Historical Society Poker Run 1st June
- Maryborough Pub Crawl including our HUGE Alcohol Raffle (tickets also at the event).\
- Independent Riders Foundation Ride (Yep 12 months [©])
- 21st June Patriots Queensland Show and Shine.
- Later in the year once we have a date "Do it in your shorts run". Could be interesting!!!

August is now looks like quieter month with Christmas in July event and our Annual Garage sale being combined with Christmas in July. Later in the year we have The 10^{th} Annual Frogs Hollow show, 6^{th} of September. One not to be missed ©. On the 18^{th} of October Taylors Arms with Sons of Aus. These flyers are on our website and we will promote them further in next month's newsletter. Sons of Aus are also having a Brass Monkey later in July, flyer below.

JULY 25/26 Christmas in July, 5th Annual Garage sale/ Mini Market. Flyer out soon

Do you have ideas for rides? Email us E-mail: biteme@

New Merchandise:

1. Independent Riders Anti VLAD law Protest Coffee Mugs \$9.00





2. STUBBIE COOLER Independent Riders Stubby Coolers \$6.00



New Patches – Betty Boop This **new** cloth patch and others now available. **Cost \$6.00**

Independent Riders Donate Banner



Article Maryborough Herald 1st May 2014

Gunalda Hotel will use the banner donated to raise money for "Beyond Blue.", this group provides assistance for people suffering anxiety and depression. Tickets for the banner are available from The Gunalda Hotel for \$2.00 a ticket and should be available from this week. Banner will be on display at the hotel with raffle drawn in approximately six weeks. So pop on down to The Gunalda Hotel, support a good cause and get in the running to win a really cool banner.



\$350.00 Alcohol Prizes of your choice

Can you help sell tickets?.

Raffle Drawn at The Aussie Hotel Maryborough 8th June 2014 and advertised at <u>www.eatmyshorts.com.a</u> 9th June 2014.

PUB CRAWL ALCOHOL RAFFLE

1st Prize \$250.00

2nd \$75.00 3rd \$25.00

Tickets are available now \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00, 6 for \$10.00 **Also available at the Maryborough Animal Refuge ***

Prizes are not transferable for cash; prize is for alcohol of your choice, available from The Aussie Hotel Maryborough

All profits from raffle go to Maryborough Animal Refuge and Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Qld

CAN YOU HELP?

If you are able to help with selling raffle tickets at this year's Maryborough Pub Crawl 8th June 2014, if you can spare an hour or two, please talk to, Chopper, Lizzie or myself.

Ph: 0409 575 284 or

E-mail: info@eatmyshorts.com.au



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.

Country Pub Run – 24-25th May 2014

Departing Torbanlea Roadhouse (around 204km north of Maryborough at 9.30AM Saturday May 24. Route is Wallaville, Mt Perry (Lunch), then Waratah Hotel Mungungo in the evening.

We are expecting to pick up extra riders at Apple Tree Creek as we ride past as well as Wallaville. Lunch: \$12.00. This is a BBQ, Steak, Bread and Sausages, Homemade Salad. Evening meals at Mungungo range from \$10-25.00.

Need more info: 0409575284 or e-mail at info@eatmyshorts.com.au

Country Pub Run – Tee-Shirts \$25.00

CAMPING:

Camping is free at the rear of the pub. Showers are also available to campers (no charge), provided the purchase their breakfast at the pub.

The Waratah Hotel Mungungo will also make available to Independent Riders the dining room (after closing time), for riders to put out their swags and sleep.

Breakfast \$10.00 per person.

LEFT Johnno sporting the long sleeve variety of our Country Pub Run shirt.

Country Pub Concept

The Support Pubs Run is not just about the country pubs, it's about supporting rural businesses including our farmers. While our small contribution won't solve the problems these businesses and farmers face it will highlight their plight and maybe get others on board. Independent Riders are quite passionate about this cause; we believe small rural businesses have suffered, be that from drought, economic downturn and current QLD VLAD laws.

The idea of the ride is to provide both riders and car drivers (both are more than welcome), with a simple event, with no registration and where any money spent on the ride will help in some way, the communities we visit

At each stop we will run a raffle, all money raised from these raffles will go the Buy a Bale scheme that supports our farmers and essential businesses that support them.

More details on this at: <u>http://www.buyabale.com.au/</u> Note: Independent Riders are authorised to collect for this worth cause.

Thursday Raffles at The Aussie Hotel Maryborough

Raffles are each Thursday (Lunchtime)

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

Are you in Maryborough Thursday? Want to support worthwhile causes. Then pop in and say hello $\textcircled{\sc op}$





Positioning of logo may alter slightly.

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

4- 6th OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND 2014

Barambah Creek Bush Caravan Park, originally we thought Brass Monkey, and then looked at the October long weekend.

Lots of places to ride to from there and people can decide on staying 1 or 2 or 3 nights, the main thing though is we will need to book ASAP. Dates are Friday 3rd October until Sunday 6th of October 2014. Some may wish to head down on the Friday other on Saturday morning, organized ride for the Sunday while out there still needs to be sorted out.

If you are interested in going please confirm now, contact Michael on 0409 575284 or Eleise on 0407 1651216

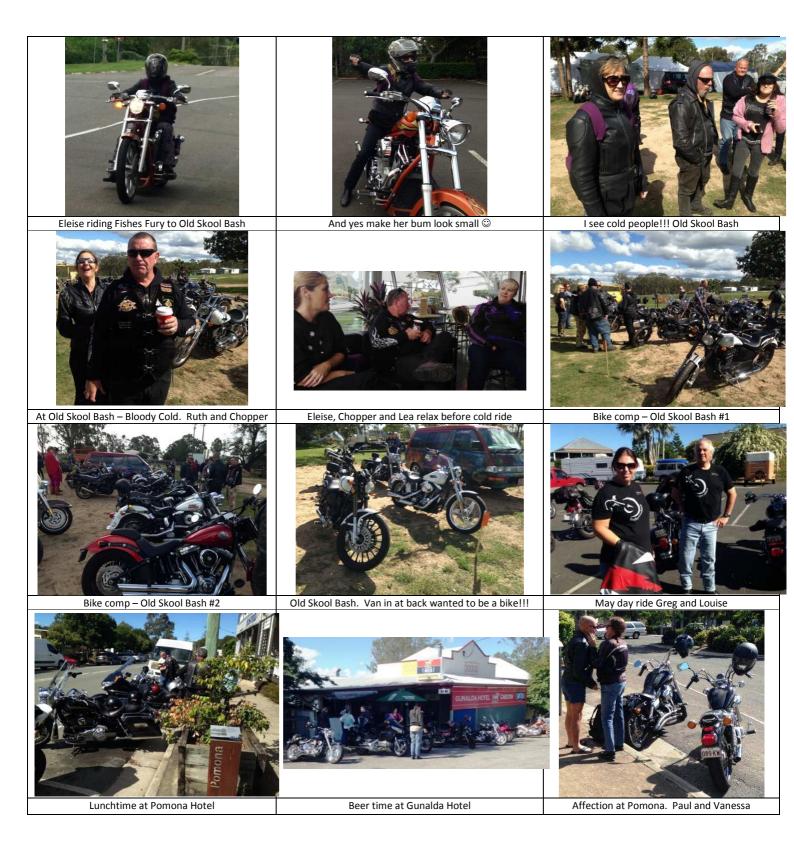
The place has cabins as well, excellent amenities and close to a number of places worthy of a ride such as Bunyas.. Few good pubs, wineries for those so inclined. Details of what to see and do TBA.

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

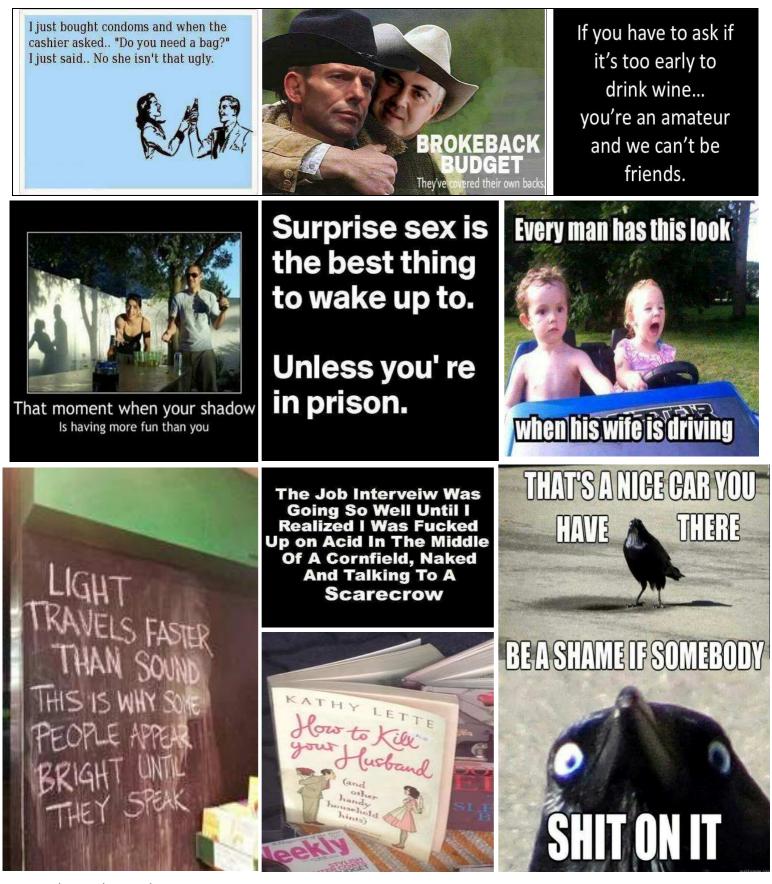


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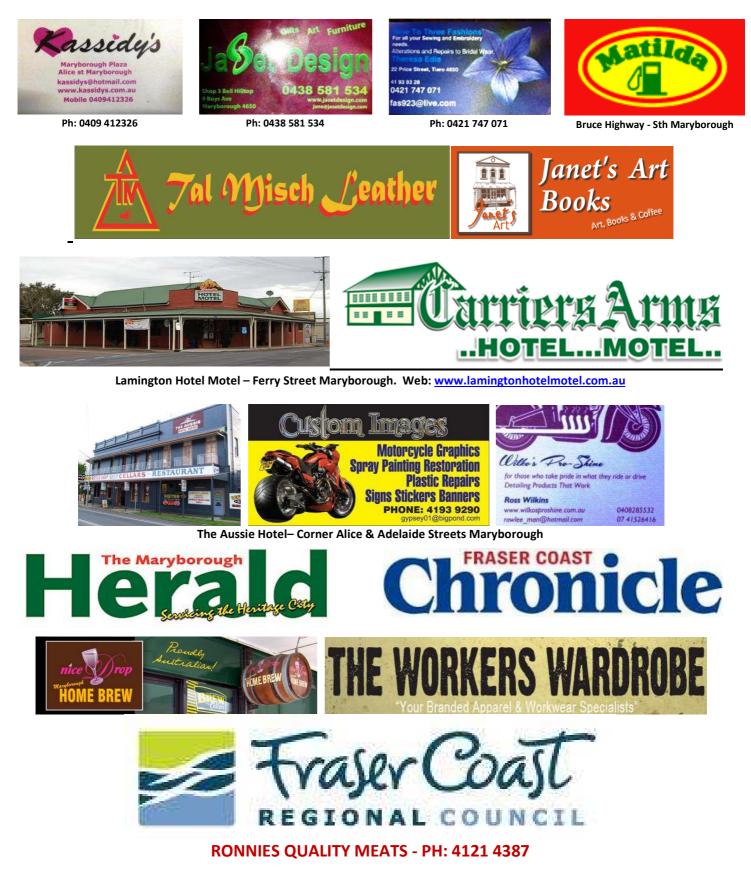
MAY 2014 PICTURES WITH INDEPENDENT RIDERS Fraser Coast



This Month's Humor and Quotes



Thank you to our sponsors



Maryborough Herald – 1st May 2014

Support rural businesses

Ride helps small stores

AS small rural business struggle from the elements, the Fraser Coast branch of the Independent Riders Australia is passionate about helping the cause.

Spokesperson Michael Tucker said if they highlighted the plight, perhaps other will also contribute in some small way.

The Independent Riders are encouraging everyone to join their Bikers in the Bush – Support Our Country Pubs Run – and our Rural Businesses on May 24 and 25.

The ride is to provide riders and drivers (cars are welcome) a no-registration event where any money spent on the ride will help the Wallaville, Mt Perry and Mungungo communities.

"The Support Pubs Run is not just about the country pubs, it's about supporting rural businesses including farmers," Michael said.

"We understand that our small contribution won't solve the problems these bustnesses and farmers face but a one-hour visit to the Wallaville Hotel will give at least two-to-three days

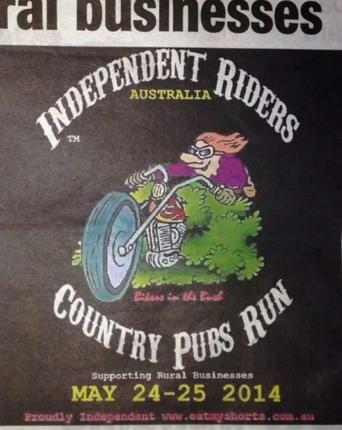
FAST FACTS

Support Our Country Pubs Run route is from Torbanlea to Wallaville Hotel (80km), Wallaville to Mt Perry Hotel (63km) and Mt Perry to Waratah Hotel Mungungo (110km). For more information email info@eatmyshorts.

com.au or phone Michael 0409 575 284.

worth of income to each, and the Waratah Hotel Mungungo will benefit with all rooms booked as well as additional income from meals; all flowing back to local suppliers."

The ride starts at 9.30am at Torbanlea BP on May 24. At each stop there will be a raffle where all money raised will go the Buy a Bale scheme. "As social bike riders we enjoy traveling to many rural areas and this event is a small thank-you to those that in someway have provided a lot of pleasure to us," Michael



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SUPPORT: Ride shirts for the Country Pubs Run are available for purchase with 100% of all profits going to the Buy a Bale scheme. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED



Independent Riders Fraser Coast visited Gunalda Hotel on April 25 and presented hotel publican Emma (right) with a 2.5 metre full colour banner of their hotel. This banner will be raffled at Gunalda Hotel with the hotel and its patrons deciding where the money would be best needed. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

Article provides detail of our Country Pubs Run

INDEPENDENT



Bikers in the Bush

Support Our Country Pubs Run

And Our Rural Businesses

OVERNIGHTER - MAY 24th -25th

Destination: Mungungo (Waratah Hotel)

265 km (approx) from Maryborough, 340 km Gympie, 146 km Gladstone

Route: Depart BP Road House Bruce Highway Torbanlea 9.30am

- Torbanlea Wallaville Hotel
- Wallaville Mt Perry Hotel
- Mt Perry Waratah Hotel Mungungo

The Plan: Motorbikes from Gympie, S/Shine Coast, Brisbane Fraser Coast/Bundaberg and Gladstone Riders to meet up either at Mt Perry for lunch or at Mungungo for a big night. It's a couple of months away so plenty of time to book some time. I will need to know by the 30th of April or sooner so I can organise accommodation. Details and pricing available soon and will include rooms, camping options etc. NO REGISTRATION FEE - SPEND YOUR MONEY IN THE TOWNS.

An ideal opportunity to have an absolute ball while supporting some of the country pubs and small rural businesses that we enjoy as riders and who are suffering due to drought and the current VLAD laws.

Room and Food prices at Mungungo

Camping is free and showers are also no charge on the provision that campers purchase dinner with at the pub, meals range from \$10-\$25. We have 11 beds available (first come first serve basis) that weekend at this stage though they are shared rooms @ a cost of \$40 per head and includes hot breakfast. For those camping breakfast is @ a cost of \$10per person). Since the additional hall is booked that night the pub will allow swags to be rolled out in the dining room after closing. To book a room phone: Mark or Trish at The Waratah Hotel on (07) 4166 5166

Need more information? E-mail: info@eatmyshorts.com.au or Phone Michael 0409 575284

 Where practical we will organise meeting points for southern and northern riders, so watch this space. If we have a list of different businesses on our route, this could be north or south, we can pass these details onto riders. Those on the ride will then have the option of using this list in their travels to the event. Please e-mail Independent Riders suggested business names.

 Wallaville Hotel
 Mt Perry Hotel
 Waratah Hotel Mungungo



ANTER BOOM

80km

63km

110km

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Diggers Military MC Lowood: Full House Run and Party

Everyone Welcome Bar Facilities Food Camping OK Bands: Black Light & Rusty Buckets

\$25.00 per head



SatJune14th

Sign on 0900, run leaves 1100 return 1500

Entertainment starts at 1500

335 Watsons Road Mt Tarampa, 4311

more info call Willie 0418 690766

Phoenix Hotel after run



Date: Sunday 6 July 2014 Cost \$15 per rider Cost: \$5 per pillion passenger

Enjoy a ride through the picturesque Sunshine Coast Hinterland.

Theme of the ride will be a Dam to Dam run. Delicious Home Cooked Morning Tea Provided

Ride ends at Pomona Hotel with a sausage sizzle followed by presentations.

Registration Starts at 8am at Stan Topper Park, Pomona Ride will start at 9am

Breakfast available - Bacon & Egg Roll with Tea/Coffee Contact: Peter 54460211 / Stephen 0419 712 235

> Web: www.kingofthemountain.com.au Major fundraising event for the Wimmers King of the Mountain Festival

Project of the Cooroy/Pomona Lions Club Supported by Gympie Historical Motorcycle

Southern Cross 2014 Annual 5 Day Poker Run 1 - 5 September Winning Hand \$1200 \$1200 RACQ Give skaftes and more and TYRES CRIKES

Come join the fun and experience the Longest Poker Run throughout rural Queensland!

Meet at Nuccundra Hotel Sun 31 Aug Mon: Charleville Tues: St George Wed: Texas Thurs: Warwick Fri: Tamborine

No Glass Please

Raising money for Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus

All classes include t-shirt, badge and camping fees. For more information & registration forms: www.southern-cross-association.org.au Phone: 0438 906 877

Wimmers



BRASS BALLS 2014

What can we say about the Brass Balls ride?? Best said by Dak from Qld "Fuck that I left NZ to get away from the cold" So is it really that cold? well it ain't called Brass Balls for nothing If you want to know anything about this "Xmas in July" run contact admin@sons-of-aus.com We can tell you it culminates in Mullaley NSW for a Poker run with our friends the Warrumbungle Riders



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