

Welcome back everyone for a ripper 2019

THE RIDERS REPORT

November & December Newsletter

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CLUB PATRON

Grahame Young (Foundation Member); Harry Lehnte.

The objectives of the Club shall be:

- To Foster the cause of motorcycling and preserve the history of all classes of motorcycling.
- To encourage the collection, restoration, and maintenance of motorcycles.
- To collaborate with authorities and other bodies to bring about a greater understanding of the Club and enable the Club to carry out its objectives.
- To have a good attitude, show and hold respect for and towards our Members, our Guests, the Club and to foster and further these relationships. To welcome riders & like-minded people to the Club and our events.

CLUB EVENTS, RIDES AND MEETINGS ARE ALL NSW (DST) TIME UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS:

*Are held on the **FIRST MONDAY** of the month Starting at 7:00 PM. (7:30 PM during DST) If this happens to align with a public holiday, the meeting shall be on the **FOLLOWING Monday**.*

Meetings are held at Mark Phippard Engineering from Entry Ducat Street next to Wyena pools.

Please Contact any committee member if unsure.

RAFFLES:

THURSDAY night Raffles are from 6:30 PM, QLD (7:30 PM DST) held at KIRRA SPORTS CLUB (Appel St Kirra)

SATURDAY afternoon Raffles From 1:00 PM QLD (2:00 DST) held at COOLANGATTA HOTEL (Marine Parade. Coolangatta)

RIDE RAFFLES:

Are held on the majority of organised rides, so get your tickets so you can be in it to **WIN** it and hold on to your tickets as they last all day.

All Members and their guests are invited to Raffles. As a bonus, each week there is a THMCEC members draw, and the only way to get the cash is **TO BE THERE!!** Kirra jackpots weekly, starting from \$50.00 until won, Coolangatta is \$50 every week.

Week 1 – Harry and Noel

Week 2 – Pete & Linda

Week 3 – Peter W & Darren

Week 4 – Bill & Matt

Week 5 – Tommy & Sandra

Back up – Gary Ross, Popeye & Grant

VINTAGE RUNS:

Please remember to contact **Harry Lente (0418 885 582) or text the club phone (0404423317) BEFORE** riding your Vintage / Historic registered bikes outside of club events **UNLESS** you are registered with the **RMS for the 60-day log book scheme.**

Raffles and meetings are CLUB EVENTS and Vintage bikes can be ridden to these venues. All events organised by the events committee have a backup trailer for breakdowns. Fingers crossed there will be no problems as we are all going to have a Ripper of a year bring on 2019.

ALL SUNDAYS are VINTAGE RUNS as per club rules. **2 or more current members MUST ride together,** so get them out there they won't break down on their own in the shed!!

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP:

All members must attend and complete 4 ride events to validate their yearly membership. No free ride to the Christmas party (pun intended)

THMCEC UPCOMMING EVENTS FOR 2019.

**DON'T FORGET ITS DAYLIGHT SAVINGS LEAVING FROM KIRRA
- 10am NSW / 9AM QLD**

Memorial Run - November 10

Lucky Last Run – December 1st

AGM - Brekkie from 8am NSW with meeting starting at 9am NSW

INFO FOR RIDERS.

1. All Runs are \$10.00 EACH for members, \$15.00 EACH for Non-Members, (not per bike). Kids are welcome and are free.
2. Runs LEAVE **Kirra Sports Club at 10:00 AM NSW (9:00 AM Qld) Time.** Runs will CONCLUDE officially at Kirra sports Club.
3. Unless otherwise stated, all rides are brilliantly catered for by Phil and sidekick, and included in the run fee.
4. A back up vehicle follows all runs to ensure we all arrive back to Kirra safely and not left beside the road.
5. Check the web for the latest on a ride. The mag will also have the newest info available at time of publishing.
6. Prior to events, a Text message is sent to members, if you are not receiving them, please contact Harry.

To help with sign on, please try and bring correct the money, smaller notes or coins

Back up Vehicle / THMCEC Mobile Number: 0404 423 317. Please save this number to your phone

RATTLE THE TIN: THE RAFFLE RAVE

THURSDAY NIGHT MEMBERS DRAW AS AT KIRRA SPORTS CLUB DRAW STARTS AT \$50 AND PROGRESS UNTILL THERE IS A LUCKY WINNER.
EVERY SATURDAY THE COOLANGATTA HOTEL DRAW IS \$50.00, SOMEONE, PLEASE WIN IT, WE NEED A BAR TAB!!!

Raffle Teams –

Week 1 –

***** TEAM WORK IS THE NUMBER ONE KEY TO A GREAT AND HAPPY CLUB**

WE GOT OUR KICKS ON ROUTE 66

(17 Harley's and 25 people - Chicago to Los Angeles on the famous and Iconic Route 66) Well we have now ticked a big one off the bucket list by riding from Chicago to L.A., which I have been itching to do for a few years now and just thought stuff it it's happening this year!. With Alison wanting to come along as well, the decision was made to do a organised tour through Eagle Rider U.S.A., the reason being that if something happened there would be a excellent back up system ie a spare bike and plenty of others to lend a hand in a emergency. And so on Friday the 6th September we boarded a Qantas plane for the long journey (around 20hrs) to Chicago Illinois. The weather in Chicago was surprisingly so much warmer than we anticipated and the city itself was far more interesting and beautiful than we thought it would be and we had 4 full days to explore it, even though Alison had come down with a nasty cold the very first day being the absolute trooper she is she wasn't going to miss out on anything and carried on like a champion. The motel we stayed in for those first few nights was only about 200mtrs from the motel where Eagle Rider was putting us up for our meet - greet and the handing over of the Eagle Rider jackets which were ours to keep for good and better than the one I wear at home!. We chose the multi lingual tour so we would have the chance to meet people from all around the world who enjoyed a common passion called motorcycling. It was a great mixture of nationalities including Spanish, Polish, German, Russian, Irish just to name a few and there were two other Aussies from Western Australia as well. Ken our tour leader and Alex the back up driver (who carted all our luggage and the spare bike) took us out for a great welcome dinner and celebration that night before we headed back to the motel to try to get some sleep before the big departure day. Well surprise surprise we walked out of the motel the next morning to a drizzle of rain but that last a matter of minutes and the weather turned to just about perfect riding conditions as we made our way (a very short walk) to Chicago Harley Davidson where our Iron Horses were all out the front and ready to be ridden across America. A short check in and bike familiarisation session and we rode out of there with big yeeha's and even bigger smiles on our faces. Alison and I were on a Harley Ultra Classic tourer as it was the closest thing to the Indian Roadmaster we ride at home and although in my opinion it lacks a bit in certain areas compared to the Indian it done a great job over the 4700klm we covered in 13 days or so. Not having the space here to cover all the highlights of our fantastic motorcycle journey along Route 66 we can certainly say that to learn the history of "THE MOTHER ROAD" and to ride so much of the original road seeing so many iconic towns, buildings and monuments was just an amazing experience, we also got to experience a helicopter flight over the Grand Canyon after sitting on the edge of it and watching the sun go down the evening before. So many people do it by car but if you are a motorcycle person then you MUST do this one on a motorcycle, and it's not just the road of course, the people you get to meet and the stories they have to tell along the way are just as great as the spectacular scenery and canyon riding that is all a part of the journey along America's Highway. I guess we will get to tell most of you a lot more about our Route 66 journey in person and most followed that journey through social media and seen a lot of our photo's etc but here are a few for those who have not seen any. Ride safe and enjoy the hell out of it. Jeff & Alison.

THE BOWRAVILLE OVERNIGHTER

And so the last THMCEC overnighiter for the year has been run, and what a great trip it was. 21 bikes and Marty in the mighty Ford left right on 8am on the Sunday with just



Paul on the Vincent (bike trouble) and Carol (running a little late) missing from the crew that made the final list for the overnighiter but just as we were heading away from the Kirra Sports Club Carol rode in and joined up with the crew so that worked out well. We rode down through Murwillumbah and headed out to Byangum Bridge on the way to Kyogle where \$Bill was waiting on his Indian to also join in the ride, our first stop was Casino for a fuel top up and a quick cup of coffee across the road at McDonalds, after all but Buzzard had saddled up and met across the road to head to Grafton for lunch at the Crown hotel I notice he was still in the McDonalds car park and appeared to be picking up the Harley Ultra, apparently just as he was about to take off a lady walked in front of him and just a touch of his front brake with the steering turned took him slowly and gently to the ground, anyway no damage and off we went to the Crown Hotel where most of us had a refreshment and lunch while others found a bakery with very nice pies, now the sad part, we had planned to ride up along the Nymboida River and out through Dorrigo down the Waterfall Way (great bike roads) however the road was closed due to the fires so we headed toward Coffs Harbour via Nana Glen which itself is a pretty good bike road anyway so all was good. We had made up a fair bit of time by going through Nana Glen so I decided we would stop for a refreshment at a pub in Coff's which would leave us around 60kml to our overnighiter at the Bowraville Hotel, a few of the crew who had never ridden the Waterfall Way decided to go for a run up and then back to Bowraville and by all accounts they really enjoyed the ride. Others slowly and intermittently left the pub and made their way out to our accommodation for the night at the Bowra Pub. What a great old pub with plenty of lock up garage space for all the bikes, rooms that all were very happy with as far as I heard, great country size meals and of course nice cold refreshments, after showers and dinner a band set up and played some really great music which was at a level where we could still have a conversation and Carol and I could run the raffle, the bottle of bourbon graciously donated by the hotel was won by a local so that was really good and we raise a good amount of money for our charities as well so thank you to all. A few of our girls as well as Tony, Dave Hamilton and a couple of locals hit the dance floor (and the table tops lol) with some pretty fancy moves which kept the rest of the crowd well entertained. Later on it was up to the verandah for a few more refreshments, a bit more music and a lot of conversation until once again we slowly splintered away and off to bed for a few (very few for some) hours sleep until breakfast at 7.30 am Sunday morning, then a few quick pics of all the bikes at the front of the pub and back on the road, once again with the sad

news that we could not ride the Nymboida due to fires so it was back up through Nana Glen and on to Grafton for fuel where Mat's bike pulled up running well but then would not fire so the decision was made to put it on the trailer and keep going up to Casino for lunch at the pub, it was great that Gavin saw the bikes out the front of the pub and came in to say hi as well. At the Casino Hotel most of us made the decision to come home via Lismore while a few of the others headed Kyogle way including the back up vehicle, Thankfully our crew all arrived home safe and sound as word quickly spread of a car running head on in to 4 motorcycles near Kyogle, with our crew being diverted up through Nimbin etc. And that was that for the THMCEC overnights until next year, a massive thank you to all who came along this year and made both of the overnights such fantastic fun, for those who have not been on one of these trips you truly should come along and join in the fun next year, we try to make them as scenic and easy riding as possible for all as well as trying to keep accommodation cost to a minimum (more refreshment money lol) so if anyone has any suggestions for places to stay that can accommodate around 30 people please let us know so we can look at all options. Catch you on the next club ride. Jeff.



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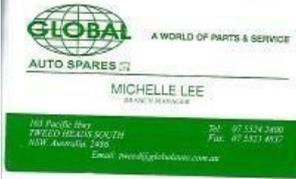


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