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Director's Report

Directors Final Report.



Well this is the last time I will go in writing as Director of the Premier Chapter NSW HOG. Two years ago the club was in turmoil, people were unhappy, women in the club were few and far between and the club was on the edge of total collapse. The relationship with our sponsoring dealer was at an all-time low. Three men came to the rescue and stood with me, all with the correct frame of mind and a passion to make NSW HOG the premier Chapter. I believe NSW HOG is the premier Chapter and the ground rules have been set. It is up to you the club members to put the effort in and not accept second best in anything to do with our club.

We are not a huge club numbering 172 made up of 38 females and 134 males, but we are most certainly a happy and well ridden club. I look forward to riding and having fun for years to come as one of the clubs Photographers.

A busy lead up to Christmas with more things to do than time to do them.

Can't wait for the Christmas party, it sounds like it's going to be out there dress up party.

I just love our App and I am sure I am not the only one.

Thanks to all members, road captains and officers for continuing to drive the club forward.

Ride and have fun!

Marcus

Assistant Director's Report

As this is my last contribution to the newsletter, I would just like to thank all of the committee and officers who have made this club what it is now. You should all be very proud of yourselves and what we have achieved over the past two years.

However the most thanks goes to our membership who make every ride worthwhile and fun—you are all a great group of people.

I will still be around and I am looking forward to getting out on more rides (especially since I now have a license)midgets rule

See you on the next ride



The Groove Review



Harley-Davidson® Men's Brother's Ride Rain Suit

At the last meeting I had to ride home in the worst weather, strong winds sideways rain and plenty of thunder and lightning. Most of you thought I was nuts, several suggested that I push the bike inside and get a lift. But I persisted, what better way to test my new purchase, a Harley-Davidson® Men's Brother's Ride Rain Suit, I suited up, it's nice to finally have a rain suit that's comfortable and have the pants long enough to cover my legs. Mother nature was in fine form that nigh and through everything at me, in some places the road was pretty well flooded but I made it home safe and sound and you guessed it, I was dry! It's a bloody good suit and I highly recommend it.

Check them out at Frasers, I'm sure one of the sales guys will help you out.

It's a hard truth when you ride free: sometimes the weatherman is a buzz kill. But there's no need to pull over and wait it out if you pack the Brother's Ride Rain Suit. Waterproof 100% nylon defends against the rain while a mesh jacket lining adds some breathability. See the list below for other weather-tight features... Waterproof 100% nylon seam-sealed suit with a polyester mesh jacket lining. Bungee cord and toggle neck cinch includes a bungee cord and toggle hood that folds into the collar. Two-way zipper front with hook-and-loop storm flap. Elastic cuffs with adjustable tabs and a bungee cord and toggle waist. Two zipper hand-warmer pockets, two zipper chest pockets, and one zipper vertical interior pocket. Elastic waist and heat-resistant shields on lower inner legs. Stirrups and zipper leg with hook-and-loop storm flap. 3MTM ScotchliteTM Reflective Material piping and graphics for added visibility when you need it most.

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Ladies of Harley Report



As I write my last report as LOH officer I have been reflecting on our achievements over the past 2 years.

Two years ago we only had 2 lady riders – we can now very proudly say we have 6 regular riders together with 5 more ladies who ride with us. Our number of "Perfect Pillions" has grown too and we now have our own patch to let the world know how wonderful we are. What a dedicated, passionate and supportive group of ladies has grown. We have encouraged each other in our endeavours whether it be riding or as a pillion, given advise on the best clothing, the best rides or the most suitable bike. We have become a team, a family!

Our chapter can now proudly say we have 2 lady road captains. Jo, (our 1st mistress) and Sally (Desal) confidently and capably led our LOH ride to Jamberoo on a perfect riding day. Hopefully our next LOH ride will have all our lady riders join us.

The LOH also supported the MDA ride with strong organisational skills, delicious food and drinks.

It has been my privilege to be our LOH officer. I have enjoyed welcoming new members both male and female, advising these members about procedures, skills, clothing and most importantly about the social aspects of being a HOG. We have shared the happiness of new arrivals (both bikes and babies), grandchildren, engagements, birthdays and laughter. In fact we can laugh about anything!

It is time for me to hand my patch over to another to uphold the values of HOG and our Chapter and to embrace the opportunity of the LOH officer. I do so knowing that the ladies of our club are going from strength to strength.

In all our chats over the last 2 years my favourite quote that I heard was "he was following his dream – I decided to follow and share it." I think this epitomises what many of our ladies decided to do.

Happy and Safe riding, thank you for sharing your journey with me

Louise

Tugger & Mrs Tuggers Overseas Adventure

Part 2

Hi fellow HOGS,

Second stop Turkey (love Turkey). The main event here was jumping off a cliff at 6,000ft and for someone who doesn't like climbing ladders, quite an achievement. By the way I was strapped into a parachute with a local guide. The amusing part of this was the landing venue which was in the middle of town in the Corso scattering tourists in all directions.

Last stop Portugal and the beautiful town of Albufeira. While here watching the world cup, Australia v Holland, we were surrounded by Dutch supporters. When Tim Cahill scored that brilliant goal I was the only one amongst hundreds (or maybe thousands) screaming my nuts off, (I survived that one as well. Finishing off in Albufeira we had the best night in a restaurant and somehow the waiter liked us because after we eat our paella (a local dish), 3 bottles of wine and 4 pints of beer we were only charged for one bottle of wine and 1 beer (however he did get a good tip)

Holiday over and back to lovely Jervis Bay, but didn't have time to sit still as we joined the club ride to the Hunter Valley and was our first club ride in over 4 months. The ride was very well led by Big T and Robbie (with a very capable tail end" Charlotte"?). The weather was dry and we had a very good day out.

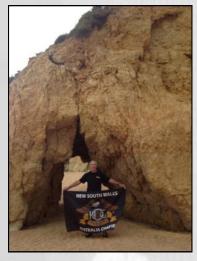
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Derek & Shirley













Don't miss our 2014 Chapter Christmas Party with lots of fun and prizes

This year's theme is Christmas, come dressed as Christmas. This is left to your imagination

SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2014

NSW CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Event Number 11/14

Cost

A club subsidized price of \$65 per head to members and their guests Only 90 tickets will be sold! So fill in the event form and get in quick.

This includes a traditional Christmas Buffet including seafood, DJ and Dancing, Lucky door prize and costume prizes, best of all share the Christmas spirit with you fellow Hoggies





Accommodation package has been arranged at the Hotel for \$149 including Breakfast for 2 please phone the Mecure quoting #HD291114 to book.

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RIDE THE WILD DOG



Lardner Park
Gate 4, 155 Burnt Store Road, Lardner



Registrations open June 1st-30th November

Enquiries: rally2015@ozhog.com.au or Gay Zazryn ph. 0414 268 155



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Ride and Event Calendar 2014–2015

Sat 1st Nov	New Members ride	9.00am	An easy ride to get aquainted
Tue 11th Nov	A.G.M	7.30pm	Dinner and Catch up at Torque/ info & prizes
Sun 23rd Nov	Sofala	9.00am	Oldest surviving gold-rush town
Sat 6th Dec	New Members Ride	9.00 am	An easy ride to get aquainted
Tues 9th Dec	Chapter Meeting	7.30pm	Dinner and Catch up at Torque/ info & prizes
Sun 14th Dec	Five Ferry Ride	9.00am	Bring your sea legs we are giong boating
Sat 3rd Jan	New Member Ride	9.00am	An easy ride to get aquainted
Tue 13th Jan	Chapter Meeting	7.30pm	Dinner and Catch up at Torque/ info & prizes
Sat 17th Jan	Patonga	4.00pm	Twilight Ride enjoy the evening
Sun 25th Jan	Australia day	9.00am	Australian Hotel Cowra
Mon 26th Jan	Australia day		Overnighter
Sat 7th Feb	New Member Ride	9.00am	An easy ride to get aquainted
Tue 10th Feb	Chapter Meeting	7.30pm	Dinner and Catch up at Torque/ info & prizes
Sat 28th Feb	Batemans bay	9.00am	Overnighter
Sun 1st Mar	Batemans bay		Enjoy a trip to the south coast region
Sat 7th Mar	New Member Ride	9.00am	An easy ride to get aquainted
Tue 10th Mar	Chapter Meeting	7.30pm	Dinner and Catch up at Torque/ info & prizes
Sat 14th Mar	Midnight To dawn	T.B.C	Test Yourself with this one!

Additional Information

All Rides depart 0900am from The Coffee Warehouse Café, 17-35 Parramatta Rd, Homebush NSW (500m west from Frasers), except New Members Rides which leave from FRASER'S CARPARK AT CONCORD

^{**} Please see ride flyer for ride departure information as event changes may be necessary due to unforseen circumstances

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Mark Baresic (Sparkles)



Don Christou (Hammer)



Brook Hatherley (Shieldsy)



Jo O'Sullivan-Politis (Road Mistress)

ROAD CAPTAINS





Tony Politis (Big T)



Roy Rogers (Trigger)



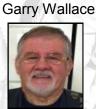
Ian Alderton (Sweepa)



Harry 'Turner (Hazza)



Brad O'Connor (Budgie)





Sally Zheng (Desal)



Derek Wade (Tugger)



Craig Pollard (Pasha)



Are you one of our next road captains?



Tony Esposito



NSW Chapter HOG Ride Rules

Group riding requires an extreme level of awareness & concentration. It is stressed that these guidelines are provided for your information to enhance overall safety & ride enjoyment. Ultimately you are responsible for your own judgment & decisions whilst riding your Harley.

- Know your limits & ride within them; never ride above your abilities: Mental, Physical, Motorcycle, Environment, Experience level
- Make sure your bike is mechanically ready for a run. If you are experiencing any problems sort them out before the run. No bald tyres.
- Fuel up before the meeting place.
- Arrive at least twenty minutes before the posted leaving time.
- When asked to form up for departure please do so immediately, so that we can depart on time.
- Never ever pass the front Road Captain. They have been given the responsibility to set the pace & get you to the final destination as a group.
- Maintain a constant speed. This helps prevent the "rubber band" effect.
- Novices or riders that are new should ride at the rear or near the back.
- Always ride in a tight but courteous staggered formation or single file on winding or narrow roads.
- Your eyes should be watching a few bikes up the road from you, not fixed on the bike in front of you. Always be looking at least four seconds ahead.
- Riding side by side is very dangerous. The only time bikes are to be side by side is when the group is stopped at an intersection.
- Never come up on the motorcycle in front of or beside you. The rider may need to swerve suddenly to avoid an obstacle in front.
- In a staggered or single line formation, do not pass the bike in front of you (see following page). If a rider leaves the group & a gap appears indicate then move forward & across to fill the position.
- When in a tight curve, the rider on the outside of the curve is required to give room to the rider on the inside & drop behind in single formation.
- If the group breaks up & you are the last bike in the front group that turns a corner, pull up safely at the intersection & direct the way to turn for the next group of bikes.
- Do not race to catch up as corners will be marked ahead for you.
- If you break down stay with your bike, in clear view of the back up vehicle or rear Road Captain.
- When stopping get off the road as soon as possible.

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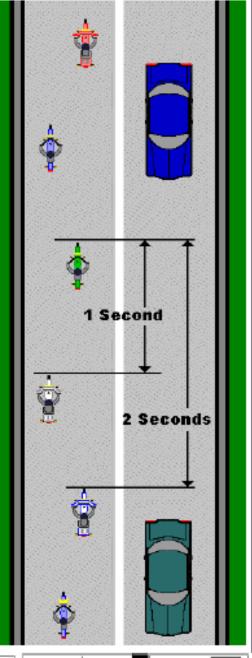
Know your HOG Riding Rules!

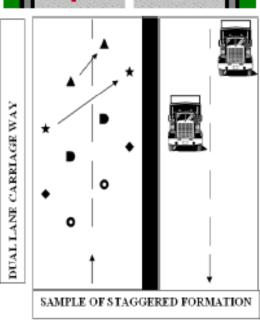
- Arrive with a full tank of fuel and an empty bladder. Fuel stops will be made as required along the way.
- Have appropriate riding gear for expected conditions.
- The nominated Ride Captain leads the group.
- DO NOT OVERTAKE him or her.
 4. A motor cycle requires a FULL
 LANE to operate safely. We
 ride in STAGGERED FORMATION
 and NOT SIDE BY SIDE.
 STAGGERED FORMATION:
- One second rule: The bike to the left or right of you should not be less than one second ahead of you.
- □ Two second rule: Maintain two seconds between you and the bike in front of you.
- ☐ Four second rule: Your eyes should be watching a few bikes ahead of you, not fixed on the bike in front of you.
- We only use one lane of a multi lane highway. That is the lane the Road Captain is using.
- Maintain a constant speed, this helps prevent the "Rubber Band" effect. Always adhere to the speed limits.
- 7. A rider will be nominated to ride at the rear of the group. It is his or her responsibility to ensure that the riders DO NOT GET LOST and to render assistance if necessary.
- 8. The group as a whole must NOT stop for an individual as it can be dangerous to have the whole group stop on the side of the road. The nominated Tail End rider will stop and render assistance.
- When we do stop as a group, be sure to park well off the road.
 ALWAYS signal your intention to change lanes. Keep a safe distance behind the rider in front, CHECK YOUR MIRRORS often and concentrate on your riding
- If every rider can see the rider behind him or her in the mirrors, the group should not get split up.

Adjust your speed to do so. We ride as a GROUP to and from our destination until we split up to go home, KEEP THE GROUP TOGETHER, TRY NOT TO LAG BEHIND. Rides will be listed as HOG or NON-HOG. On a HOG ride, only HARLEYS may be ridden but friends or visitors may meet us at the destination. On a NON-HOG ride. members friends or visitors may ride NON-HARLEYS but at the rear of the group. In both cases any friends or visitors will be the responsibility of the member who invited them.

- Riders in doubt about ANY aspect of the ride should ask the Road Captain or appointed Road Marshall for assistance.
- 14. Although it is a group, ride safety is a personal responsibility 15. Novices or riders new to the group should ride towards the back until they are comfortable 16. If it isn't safe to pass, go through an intersection or turn: DON'T.
- In spite of what the group does, pass as if you were riding alone (within formation).
- 18. Stay within the bounds of your skill level. Don't be influenced by the bike ahead of you diving into curves. Group riding is neither a race nor a competition.

 19. If you don't feel comfortable riding in a group, ride on your own.





HAND SIGNALS



Start your engines



Stop



Go ahead and pass me



Bikers ready



Hazards on the road



Don't pass me



Stop your engines



Turn off your turn signals



Single riding



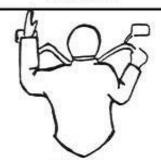
Left turn



Slow down



Staggered riding



Right turn



Speed up



Time for a pit stop