



NSW/ACT Roundup

What a huge and very busy year it's been! Some of the biggest moments of the year were:

The 100th Ride from QLD to Victoria with Bill Davidson! An amazing week visiting dealerships and chapters all the way. A huge thankyou to all of our regions members who planned and hosted the vast part of the route. An event to truly remember.

An awesome N.S.W. State Rally in Moree. A rally that was all about the people, food, music, parties and fun. Screamin' Eagles rocked the house! The riding was awesome and Moree put on it's best hospitality and weather for a really awesome event. Great job by all that were involved and a huge thankyou to everyone who came and had a ball!

Fantastic H.O.T. The feedback from the H.O.T. training has been extremely positive. The content was totally redeveloped for Australia and it was a big success. Everyone worked hard over the two days and I know some have great plans for their chapters that are already being implemented!

The National Director's meeting, where issues were tabled and worked upon, experiences shared and decisions for future H.O.G. growth made.

Harley Days! It was promised to be bigger and better and it certainly delivered! Whilst an open event, H.O.G. certainly was in the limelight to be spoilt, with the H.O.G. only party, the free entry to the Saturday night, the games and the thunder ride just to name a few items. A very memorable event and once again a huge thank you to everyone who volunteered to assist, particularly the local NSW South Coast Chapter.

I want to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and a prosperous New Year filled with health and lots of riding!

Marie..... Regional Director, NSW/ACT

Key Dates—Details inside

30th December
Annual Combined XMAS party

2-4 Feb
Tasmania State H.O.G. Rally, Orford

17th February
Annual Ladies of Harley Weekend

3-4 March
W.A State H.O.G. Rally, Albany

23-25th March
Vic State H.O.G. Rally Bendigo

4-6 May
QLD State H.O.G. Rally, Townsville



News from Harley Davidson

Harley Days Information

Is Harley Days returning for 2018 and will it be held in Wollongong again?

Harley Days is a celebration of motorcycle culture in Australia, and after two successful years in Wollongong we would like to thank our partners Destination Wollongong and Destination NSW for supporting us in celebrating the bonds that recreational motorcycling creates in communities.

Whilst Harley Days has attracted thousands of motorcycle enthusiasts over the last two years, Harley-Davidson always endeavour to be a part of events that are meaningful to our riders, dealers and the wider motorcycle community. Therefore, in 2018 we will not be continuing with Harley Days but will have a greater focus on supporting grass roots events, increase our participation in the not for profit sector, along with a renewed focus on the Harley Owners Group State based rallies as these types of events allow us to reach enthusiasts all across Australia. We will always continue to assess new events like Harley Days to ensure we are investing and cultivating the type of community events that help riders across the board fulfill dreams of personal freedom.

Harley-Davidson will be releasing more information in due course regarding key motorcycle initiatives for 2018.

115TH Anniversary of Harley-Davidson 35th Anniversary of H.O.G.

Prague—Czech Republic—5-8th July 2018
MILWAUKEE WI 29 AUG—2 SEPT

Check out all the details at:

www.harley-davidson.com/us/en/115-anniversary-event.html



What's happening in H.O.G.

Licence Renewals Due

Part of our commitment that is made to H-D and H.O.G. is that each chapter subscribes to the Annual H.O.G. licence. This is basically the right to operate as a chapter and to have access to all the materials to do so. **The licence is due on the 31st December so please make sure this is done prior to this.** The form has been sent to all Directors and is different to the Officer Change Form that is usually filled in after an AGM or a change to the committee.

H.O.G. Membership Fees change

The annual membership fee for the Harley Owners Group will increase in 2018 from \$75 to \$85 and this increase will take effect for all renewals due on or after 1 January 2018.

This is the first increase in H.O.G.® fees in over 6 years and is well under CPI over this time. It was needed due to increased costs to run the business.

Even with this small increase, your H.O.G. membership is still extremely good value for money when you consider what you get:

- the world class HOG Magazine,
- access to joining a Chapter,
- access to rallies and events
- renewal pin & patch each year,
- ABCs of touring eligibility,
- mileage recognition,
- member services centre,
- touring handbook,
- H-D insurance services,
- discount on Best Western motels
- access to H.O.G. roadside assistance
- access to H.O.G. merchandise.

And this is only a few of the benefits, yes there is much more!

If you choose to sign up for the auto-renewal of your H.O.G. membership at your next renewal then the 2018 fees will remain at \$75!



What's happening in H.O.G.

Exciting news about H.O.T. 2018

I'm so very happy to announce that H.O.T. will be returning next year bigger and better. It was apparent this year, that, after such a long time between training that there was a huge need within the chapters. In addition, the majority of attendees were new and had never been before!

There are a lot of great things that we do in our chapters, but there are also a lot of things that are just not necessary nor are they prescribed by H.O.G. This includes a bunch of rules that are in fact driving a lot of new and existing members away. This was a huge point of discussion this year.

The success of H.O.T. this year not only highlighted the need for training, but also the accessibility of that training. It is difficult for many to come to a central location from all over Australia and New Zealand with work and family commitments, so the decision was made to take H.O.T. to the members! So next year H.O.T. is being conducted in the following regions! The full details are being worked on and will be announced early in the new year.

- Western Australia
- Far North Queensland & Northern Territory
- Eastern States
- New Zealand

A lot of officers also say that they have already been to H.O.T. and don't need it. It's not just about what you learn but what you share. The idea exchange is a vital part of H.O.T. is not an option, it's a necessity. I've heard many Directors say they don't need to attend which is incorrect. As leaders of your respective chapters you need to stay current and be reminded sometimes, why you stepped in the first place.

H.O.T. is not just for officers but for aspiring officers as well, however, at the very least ALL officers should attend.

Funding for H.O.T.

This is not a "jolly" ! Attendees are expected to work hard to learn what to do (and what not to do) and to take back ways to improve and grow respective chapters. They give up their personal time to do this.

This should be funded by each chapter, so I would suggest that you meet with your chapter dealer or manager early and decide on how to support the officers attending. This should be in your annual financial plan. Not sure what that is? That's what H.O.T. is about amongst many other things!



What's happening in H.O.G.

Key message from H.O.T. and National Dealer Conference

One of the big points that was made by Nigel Keough at H.O.T. training was the importance of the Chapter/Dealer relationship. Particular emphasis was made around supporting our dealers and being loyal. Clearly this is a two way relationship and responsibility. I was really happy to hear at the National Dealer Conference early this month that the exact same message went out to the dealer network. Working together to promote H-D, H.O.G. and our chapters is key to the successful growth of the brand and as a result each individual chapter. Work with your Dealer or Dealer Manager and have a plan to grow your chapters together.

State Rally staggered schedule

At the National Director's meeting, all Directors agreed on the plan to stagger the State Rallies, conducting 3 per year and commence in 2019.

This will allow more attention to go to each rally, promoting more attendees, with more notice to plan trips such as to WA and more support from the motor company.

The next NSW/ACT State Rally is going to be held in Ballina NSW towards the later part of 2019! Planning is under way and I'll be sending out details with a save the date early in the New Year.

NSW/ACT Region Director's meeting

Our next meeting is currently being planned. We agreed to have it in Tamworth again and details will be finalised and announced prior to the end of the year. I look forward to seeing all Directors and of course Assistant Directors are welcome as they were last meeting.



****SAVE THE DATE****
ANNUAL NSW/ACT H.O.G.
COMBINED CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PAR-
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30th December 2018
From 11.00am to 3.00pm

Come and enjoy the festivities and meet members for other HOG chapters at the combined Christmas get together hosted this year by Central Coast HOG on Saturday 30 December 2017 from 11am @ Central Coast Harley-Davidson.





Canberra Chapter Annual Ladies Of Harley weekend

from 10:00am Sat, 17 Feb 2018
to 2:00pm Sun, 18 Feb 2018

You're invited to the Ladies of Harley Overnighter in Batemans Bay. This annual event is now in its 7th year, and CHOG will play host to our good friends in neighbouring Chapters. Not just for the ladies, everyone is welcome!

ACCOMMODATION

Araluen Motel [0244726266](tel:0244726266)

Web: www.araluenmotorlodge.com.au

HOG RATE: Code word HOGS for 10% discount

Abel Tasman Motel [0244726511](tel:0244726511)

HOG RATE: \$95 per night

Kon Tiki Motel [0244722233](tel:0244722233)

Web: www.kontiki.com.au/

HOG RATE: \$135 for 2 bedroom

If you are staying 2 nights, book into:

BIG4 Batemans Bay Resort [0244724541](tel:0244724541)

Coachhouse Marina Resort [0244724392](tel:0244724392)

SCHEDULE

Saturday 17th February 2018

3pm Muster at Corrigan's Beach Reserve for games and win some fun prizes! We encourage all Ladies of Harley to enter their pride and joy in the LOH show and shine.

The public will be voting and a shiny trophy awaits the winner.

6:30pm Dinner at Catalina Country Club. Entertainment – our very own DJ followed by karaoke.

Contact Debbie LOH Officer (loh@chog.org.au)

Rallies

Attending events put on by Chapters other than your own is all part of the experience. H.O.G. is about all members not just our own chapters. State rallies are an intrinsic part of H.O.G. and I encourage all of you to attend as many as you can.



Tasmania Harley Owners Group
Invites you to the
2018 State Rally

'Get Hooked at Orford'



2nd - 4th February 2018

Eastcoaster Resort

1 Louisville Road, Orford on Tasmania's spectacular East Coast

Onsite registration Friday 2nd February 2018 between 2pm – 5pm

Registration:

Includes: Rally pin, patch and a surprise,
Gymkhana, Show "n" Shine and Thunder Run.

Breakfast: Saturday & Sunday.

Lunch: Saturday.

Dinner: Friday & Saturday.

Music: Friday & Saturday Night.

Lucky door prize.

**Online bookings unavailable:
You NEED to call the venue.**

*Orford has limited accommodations so
"PLEASE OPT" FOR SHARING
If you can, it would be appreciated.*

When booking at these places please mention that you're a HOG member.

Accommodation:

Eastcoaster Resort, Orford - Ph: (03) 6257 1172

Triabunna Cabin & Caravan Park - Ph (03) 6257 3575 or Mob: 0409 573 575

Orford Seabreeze Holiday Units - Ph (03) 6257 1375 or Mob: 0400 571 378

Orford Beachside Holiday Park - Ph: (03) 6257 1110

Orford Prosser Holiday Units - Ph: (03) 6257 1427 or Mob: 0400 054 884

You can find more information at www.eastcoasttasmania.com.au

Registrations: OPEN on the 1st of July 2017 - CLOSE on the 31st October 2017

General information:

- Spirit of Tasmania www.spiritoftasmania.com.au or call 1800 634 906.
- **Enquiries:**
Rally chairperson: Toni Webb, Ph 0407 487 217
Registration officer: Paul Kilby, Ph 0409 343 132
Email: state.rally@hogtasmania.org.au



TASMANIA CHAPTER
Harley Owners Group



Registrations Now Open.

WA State H.O.G. Rally

3rd & 4th March 2018

Registrations close 31st December 2017
Unless booked out earlier.

Download your Registration Forms from

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B2CNle4_-FfUOEpiCvZBWWp6bDQ

Or register your contact details via email to

hog@hogalbany.com.au and we can send them out

The Main Rally Venue is Centennial Stadium,
Cnr Lockyer Avenue & North Road, Albany.

The following links may help you, Accommodation

<http://www.rainbowcoast.com.au/guides/albany-accommodation-guide>

<http://www.amazingalbany.com.au>

Things to see on the way to Albany,

www.hiddentreasures.com.au

Or like our facebook page

www.facebook.com/HOGAlbany

For updates with the latest news.





See you in Bendigo

Central Vic HOG Rally

Victorian State Rally on 23 - 25 March 2018

Location: Prince of Wales Showgrounds
Holmes Road Bendigo

Starts: Friday 23 March from 12 noon
Finishes: Sunday 25 March at 4:00 pm

Register: www.centralvichog.com



Don't forget the Bendigo Visitor Centre can manage all your accommodation needs so contact the local experts on freecall **1800 813 153**
www.bendigotourism.com

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4TH 5TH AND 6TH MAY 2018
REID PARK PRECINCT TOWNSVILLE

Register online through the following link
<https://goo.gl/JellKC>

Live Entertainment Friday, Saturday and Sunday Night
Join in Townsville H.O.G 25th Anniversary Celebrations

Theme for Saturday Black Tie event HOG Style

Thunder Run Sunday the 6th followed by Show and Shine hosted at Strand Park

Join in Bike Games Saturday Afternoon

Onsite Retail and Food available

On-site Camping and Glamping available when booking



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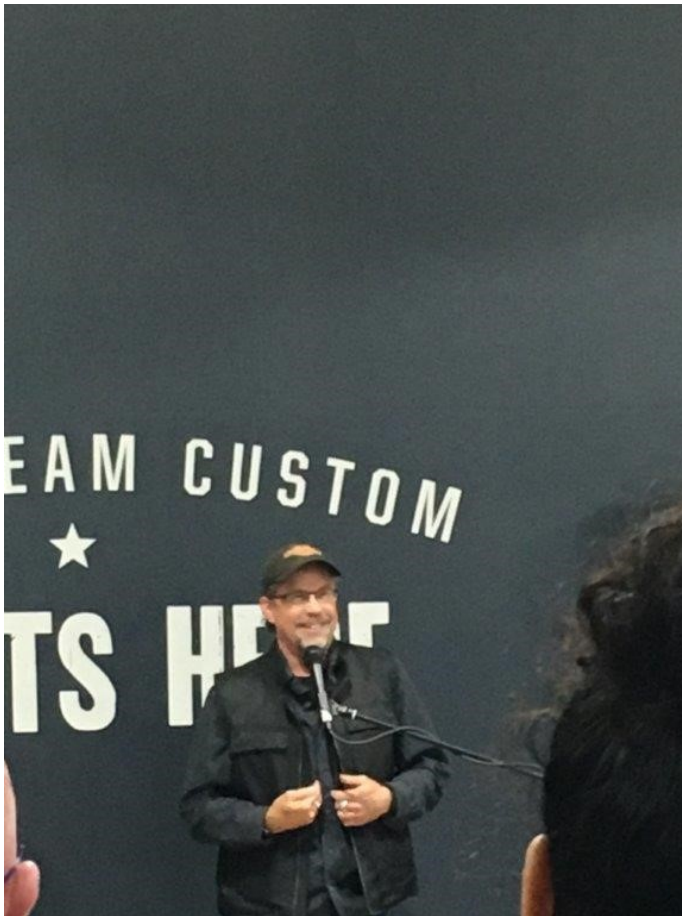
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100th Anniversary





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**NSW/ACT
Director
Meeting**

Tamworth



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XMAS in July



**New team at
Western
Sydney**



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Working hard at H.O.T.





“Family” Photos



Playing hard at H.O.T. After party..





“Family” Photos



Harley Days..

