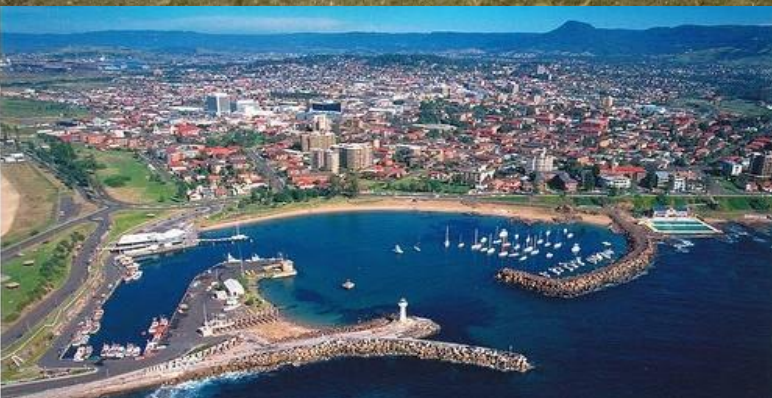


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## Head Road Captain's Report



Hi everyone,

I'd just like to say a big thank you to all the RC's involved in planning and organising our recent rides. All RCs have put considerable time and effort into organising great club rides which have been well enjoyed by the members.

I would especially like to congratulate Bollard on organising the Brighter Days trip and Sally for the Easter Long Weekend Run. These long trips take a serious amount of preparation. Well done and thanks.

Also a great Anzac Day Poker run with 50+ members involved. Fantastic work Smiddy and well backed up by Brian, Handbag and Sammy.

Finally and with great pleasure, congratulations and welcome to our newest Road Captains; Grahame (Grum), Glenn (GForce), Mick (Handbag) and Dave (Bollard).

Cheers,

*Shieldsy*

## Historian/Editor's Report



Hi all,

This newsletter is a snapshot of chapter activities from Oct'16 to now (May'17). My apologies for not providing the quarterly newsletters for Oct-Dec'16 and Jan-Mar'17.

It is simply amazing the number of rides and activities that have taken place over the past eight months and congratulations to those who have tirelessly organised and run these events. But equally important is to thank the large and diverse membership who have participated in these events which confirms the continued good shape the chapter is in.

One new member to our ranks who I would personally like to introduce to those who may not have already met him is Sergio Celotto. Sergio has provided ride reports for all rides he has been on with a fresh style and approach that makes his reports so interesting to read. Not only does Sergio cover the ride but goes out of his way to do a who's who of members on the ride complete with photos and a brief personal profile. Sergio's reports also contain complementary stories that are primarily historical and of course motorcycle related. This newsletter features extracts from all of Sergio's reports but hopefully we can make his full reports readily available to all members on a convenient website platform. I have introduced a new section in the newsletter entitled "Sergio's Corner" which will feature one or more of Sergio's complementary stories.



*Cappa*



# Sergio's Reports - NMR Kangaroo Pt

Hi There,

My name is Sergio Celotto and well its time again to biker-up and join the HOG (Harley Owners Group) official riding club of Harley-Davidson for a ride! The HOG frequently organise rides through its chapters of which the NSW HOG chapter is the second oldest in Australia and your participation is always welcome at NSW HOG.



**Saturday October 15, 2016** we met at the Harley-Davidson dealership at Concord (Fraser's) for a leisurely new members ride to Kangaroo Point, Brooklyn which would be a short 50 km ride if you went the direct route but that's not the way you do things on a bike. It's all about the journey rather than the destination so our route was more than twice that.



This is Kelly on her Fat Boy Lo. Now Kelly is only about 5 foot tall but she comfortably handles this big bike because it's a model specially made for the shorter rider and she absolutely loves it. The engine is not any smaller though being the standard 103 cubic inch as found on late model Fat Boys (1,690 cc). The frame and seat height are modified for a lower stance hence the name "Fat Boy Lo." That doesn't mean that you have to be short to ride this bike, taller people might like it for its lower stance too.



Our destination was very pleasant right on the Hawkesbury River with the old Brooklyn Bridge in the background. We were treated to a scrumptious morning tea at The Estuary café/restaurant .



Here's the members compulsory group photo and typical biker vest of our chapter displaying the club colours. Colours are the insignia or patches worn by motorcycle club members to identify membership of their club and territorial location. We are known as the "New South Wales, Australia Chapter". The wearing of chapter colours is optional. Patches and pins are worn by club members to express attitudes, display rank, show affiliation, commemorate events, or simply for decoration. This is Knock-Knock showing his affiliation with Jack Daniels.



Sergio



# Harley Days Wollongong



The inaugural Harley Days weekend event at Stuart Park Wollongong set down for **28-30 October 2016**. Lead rider was myself and Shotgun was Joe Shaw (Rodeo Joe). It was my first lead ride and I must say I was a bit nervous but Joe was a great side kick and it made it a bit more relaxing.



We set off from the Red Rooster Eastern Creek westbound at 9:00am. Weather forecast was for rain the whole weekend but we still had about 40 bikes turn up for a great ride heading west to Bargo via Picton. At Bargo we stopped for morning tea and enjoyed home made pies and coffee at the Bargo Pie Shop.



From Bargo we headed off to the Fairy Meadow Wollongong Fraser dealership for a quick stop to show the flag. Everyone seemed to enjoy the 50% off and a few parted with their dollars for various merchandise and accessories.



From Frasers we headed to Stuart Park for event registration and then off to the motel to check in and a few drinks in the courtyard. On Friday night the motel did a great dinner for us in the function room just off the courtyard. Once fed it was down to the park for a little entertainment.



Saturday we had a day ride to Berry led by Cracker and what a top ride it was. Thanks Cracker. Saturday night it was off to dinner in two groups with each group in separate locations. Separation wasn't too long as we were all back together at the motel for more partying.



Sunday morning was the Thunder Run and Show'n'Shine with the weekend coming to a close after these events. A special mention must go out to Mal Dundas for his Sportster custom trike conversion which is an absolute marvel - well done Mal.

I believe a good time was had by all and the best of all the rain held out for the whole weekend. Thanks to all for a great weekend and for making my first lead ride so good and a special thanks once again to Joe for all the help with the recci and the ride.

Bollard



# Sergio's Reports - NMR Glenorie



**Saturday 5 November, 2016** and another leisurely new members ride from Frasers (Concord) to Glenorie Bakery which is about a 45 km ride from Frasers if you went the direct route. But that's not the way you do things on a bike. It's about the journey as well as the destination so our route was much longer.

Glenorie is a rural suburb north-west of Sydney with a population of around 3,500 people. It is rural in character however it is close to the major suburbs of Castle Hill and Hornsby.



Being a crystal clear day it was a fantastic rollup, at least 50 bikes with some pillions. Although being a good clothes washing day the washing took second place and had to wait! After a ride briefing from our Road Captains we were off.



We arrived at our destination after some pleasant riding in a rural setting – long winding roads with minimal traffic. Fantastic! Girl power! Let's meet some of the female HOG members! Seen here on left are Bear, Wendy, Kay and Vanessa, all riders of Street 500's except Bear who rides a stunning 1690cc Deluxe model. Oh and then there's Cappa's daughter Hayley in front of the bakery truck who rides a white 1200XL Custom Sportster (photo taken on a Good Friday morning ride with her Dad).



The first woman to be issued a motorcycle license in the US was Sally Robinson seen here in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC aboard a Harley-Davidson of course! She received her license in September of 1937, but not without a fight from local authorities who argued she was too little (at 4 feet 11 inches) and too young at 27 years of age. Sally had actually been riding without a license since 1928, naughty girl!!

*Sergio*





# Christmas Party

The chapter Christmas Part was held **Saturday 19 November 2016** at the Mercure Hotel Parramatta with some members staying overnight at the hotel or nearby.



The theme was Rock'n'Roll and top marks to everyone for bringing to life the 1950/60's era with a wide variety of dress, make-up, wigs and whatever else they did to themselves. I've never seen so many Elvis's and Priscilla's apart from the annual Parkes festival. Well done all .



Highlight of the night was the "James Star" professional dancing duo who demonstrated rock'n'roll dance movements to everyone. After this it was everyone up for step-by-step lessons followed by a "best girl" and "best boy" dance competition.

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Sylvia won "best girl" with Louise a close 2nd. Tony (Brick) Bradford won "best boy" with Don (Hammer) Christou a distant 2nd. Cappa some how scored a free "Jailhouse Rock" dance lesson off the instructress. Great night had by all !

*Cappa*



# Sergio's Reports - 3 x Ferries



Ride - **Sunday December 11, 2016.**

It's that time again for the annual NSW HOG Memorial Ride in memory of Groovy.

This was a full day ride with the final destination being the Wisemans Ferry Inn for lunch. The ride took us across the Hawksbury River three times aboard ferries. The final leg of the ride along the River Road was challenging with the road surface poorly maintained with many unsealed sections and blind corners. Definitely not for the faint hearted but its simply a matter of slowing down and riding to the conditions.



Our meeting point was Gloria Jeans Café at North Strathfield with members starting the day with an enjoying coffee or two. Again our illustrious road captains were in force to assess and deliver the ride safely.



Let's meet some HOG members, chosen at random. This is Marcus, a long serving member and as is evident from his vest, he was a past director of the chapter, is one of the road captains and has been to both Sturgis and Daytona numerous times - Holy Grail destinations in the US for all bikers. Marcus presently rides a CVO Road Glide.



The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is held annually in Sturgis, South Dakota usually during the first full week of August. It began in 1938 and now has evolved into being a meeting for motorcycle enthusiasts from around the world. The next rally is

August 7 – 13, 2017. Events include bike shows, vendors, runs, racing, hill climbs, and much more. Just ask Marcus!

The Daytona Motorcycle Rally is also held annually along the central Florida coast around Daytona. The 10 day rally/festival is the largest gathering of motorcycle enthusiasts, manufacturers, and suppliers on the east coast of the US. The next rally is March 9 - 18, 2018.



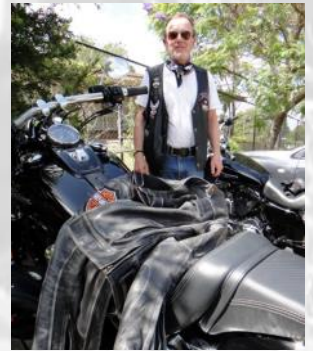
Typical river crossing aboard a ferry, this being yours truly on the Berowra Waters crossing on my 2016 Heritage Softail. Our bikes filled the ferries like sardines in a can.

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## Sergio's Reports - 3 x Ferries (Cont'd)

Lets meet another HOG member. This time it's Lindsay in front of his Fat Bob model (his second Harley). He previously owned a 1942 WLA back in the late 1960's when they were traded for a song and now obviously wishes he still had it. Like many bikers, he went for many years without a bike but the call to the fold finally had to be answered and he is now enjoying biking with renewed gusto.



Time to meet HOG NSW member Fast Phil (Phil) seen here in front of his stunning Deluxe model with a rarely seen paint option. This is Fast Phil's second Harley and he has been riding on and off since he was 17. Once a biker, always a biker!

Now let's meet HOG member Knock-Knock (Hugh) in front of his 3<sup>rd</sup> Harley, an Ultra. The beauty about biker vests is that they tell the story for you. As seen on his vest, he is currently the chapter webmaster, road captain and also our designated photographer. Knock-Knock is tireless in his commitment to the chapter and I think he shows up for every chapter event. Knock-Knock was christened such after failing to answer the door to his hotel room mate, Cappa, while on an extended ride to Cairns. Apparently he did not have his hearing aid turned on and was oblivious to all the frantic efforts to summon him. He had a cochlear implant in 1998 which returned 90% of his hearing.



It's now Warwick's (Cappa) turn to be introduced seen here in front of his 2<sup>nd</sup> Harley, a custom 2011 Road King. Cappa is presently the chapter editor and historian, is also a road captain and has owned countless bikes in his time both on and off road. In the background is Pat Vonny, one of Cappa's long time riding buddies.

Time to meet another HOG member, this time Michele next to her Dyna Switchback. Michele is seen here with her grandson Braydon who also came along for the ride. In fact Braydon's T-shirt reads "My GRANDMA is a biker! I'll ride one someday!" Hanging out with Grandma was never meant to be this much fun!



There seems to be an urban myth about big Harleys and female riders, that the two are an impossible match. Time and time again we have seen in our chapter that this myth is truly busted and that these girls can ride any Harley with the best of us. Our chapter girls are the best! Mind you, Michele did get a head start by being brought up on a farm with plenty of access to farm motorcycles as a kid. A good upbringing I would say! No doubt Braydon will also be pointed in the right direction!

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## Sergio's Reports - 3 x Ferries (Cont'd)



Now let's meet Ninja (Justin) with son Little Johnny (Jonathon) now 15 in front of their magnificent 1975 Electra Glide model. This bike (also referred to as a "shovelhead" because of the shovelled-out look of the middle section of the rocker covers) was previously Ninja's father's bike and has been restored.

Justin is assistant director of our chapter, and is also a road captain while son Little Johnny is an associate member who also attends the monthly meetings with his Dad.

Little Johnny now rides dirt bikes but we expect to see him on a Harley as soon as he is legally entitled to do so!

Note the kick-start lever on the side of the engine. All modern Harley's have electric start but a kick-start is more fun, don't you think?



Kick-starting a motorcycle takes a little knowhow and technique. The rider on left prefers the left foot. You basically need to flip the lever through about 90 degrees quickly and hopefully the motorcycle will start. And the rider on right prefers the right foot to kick-start.



Our final destination was the Wisemans Ferry Inn for lunch. This is a popular venue for motorcyclists on the weekend so when we arrived there were already plenty of motorcycles about.

*Sergio*





# NMR Peppercorn Cafe



## New Members Ride 7 January 2017

What a roll up for the first new members ride of the year!! With the ride briefing completed and the ride book filled in, we headed off west to the M4 through the back blocks of Erskine Park, Luddenham and The Northern Road for morning tea at the Peppercorn Cafe.

With a count of heads at the stop, we had 54 members and 46 bikes, great numbers for such a very warm day!

As usual they looked after us really well, with the snacks and drinks coming for the next hour until all were fed and of course there was plenty of chatting under the peppercorn trees!

Calling time, we mounted up for the run to Harley Heaven Western Sydney for the Annual Interchapter get together via Castlereagh Road, Cranebrook Road and The Northern Road for the run down Richmond Rd .

Arriving at Blacktown to a heap of members from all Sydney and other State Chapters (even Big Sky from Moree spruiking their Rally in September), we made ourselves at home in the dealership to see what was on offer and also in the food area, as well as mingling with the other HOGS.

Harley Heaven Western Sydney put on a great day, a credit to them with some of the things happening were:-

- Lucky door prizes
- Raffles for "What's in the box"
- Elite Tours trip to Sturgis
- Show and Shine
- Heaps of food
- Home made lemonade (hit the spot on such a hot day! )

==== A big thanks to BAM BAM Music next door to Harley Heaven for allowing us to park in their car park and nature strip which made life a lot easier ==



**Matthew and Alicia with their Sportster Super Low**



**Baa Baa (Mal) with his Custom Sportster Trike**

Baa Baa suffered a fall whilst trying to avoid stray sheep in country Queensland. This resulted in long term shoulder injuries which prompted Baa Baa to convert his Sportster to a Trike and hence his nickname.

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## NMR Peppercorn Café (Cont'd)



Time to introduce our new Chapter Director, this being GRUM (Graham) seen here with his glorious 2003 Springer. Grum also has a 2016 CVO Street Glide and has been to both Sturgis and Daytona, practically a pre-requisite for being Director I reckon! When off his bike, Grum is a full-time lecturer at the University of Western Sydney in the School of Computing, Engineering & Mathematics. HOGS are people from all walks of life, all welcome and all equal.

Road name derivation: Grum's wife is Chinese and when she says Graham it sounds like Grum!

Time to meet Sparkles (Mark) with wife Chris in front of their 2016 Ultra. This is their third Harley in 3 years after sorting out which Harley best suits their needs (Harley-Davidson have 28 different bikes available all offering something different). Sparkles is our current Treasurer and a Road Captain.

Road Name derivation: Sparkles was offering his services to a children's charity which involved taking kids on a short bike ride. Many kids wanted to ride on only his bike because his was the "sparkly one" (his previous bike had the candy custom paint option which is totally bling). Well that bike is now gone but the name stays!



We meet Vicky Pannaye with her nicely tricked-up Sportster 72. It has the candy custom paint job which is very sparkly! This is one of her bikes. Vicky also rides a Harley-Davidson Softail Deluxe. Vicky is our Membership officer.

Now let's meet Alyce with her Harley, a 2013 Switchback. Alyce was on her L's in 2011, had a Yamaha 650 for a while before progressing to her Harley. Some people can't wait till they're over 40 to get a Harley like many of us. Alyce's love for

motorcycles goes back to her childhood riding on the back of her Dad's bike.

Now they both own Harleys and are both HOG members. Alyce is also our Chapter activities officer. Alyce further enhances the strength of our chapter women's group proving once again they are the best! So here we have father & daughter members, we previously met father & son members, brother & sister members, a grandmother riding with her grandson, not to mention the typical couple riding together. What other lifestyle product could bring all of these people together in a shared passion? Alyce is also our Activities officer.



Thanks also to Sergio Celotto for his contribution to this report with all the in depth interviews and profiles of some of our members.

Cheers,

*Sparkles and Smiddy*





# Iron Butt Ride



Hi All,

We were due to leave McGraths Hill McDonalds at around 8.30am **Sat 14th Jan** after a brief announcement to the 20 attendees and despite the weather being hot we were all still keen to ride.

We did the usual trip towards the Hawkesbury River at Windsor up the Putty Road which is always a nice start when heading out for a great days riding adventure. After a virtually uninterrupted ride along the Putty Road (hardly a car in front of us for most of the ride and especially the 55/35km twister parts at the end of Putty Road) we pulled up for a quick 10min leg stretch at Wollombi Brook before we headed into Denman. We stopped at the Café Graze at Denman and had roughly a 40 minute break with a light breakfast, coffee, tea or already much needed rehydration and for those who needed it a refuel at the Shell Ogilvie St for the next leg.

When we set off for the next leg to Rylstone around 11:45am for another 128kms, it was getting very hot and in the high 20's, maybe even low 30's. The ride along The Golden Hwy and then the turn left to Bylong Valley Way was a really pleasant ride, most of the time we rode in single file, the country side is amazing in this area, and the heat had also picked up a little. We pushed on towards Rylstone and the Globe Hotel. Coming up out of the flat farmland area you get into some great turns and the rock ridge scenery and formation is spectacular.

We arrived in the main street of Rylstone around 2:00pm and pulled up just before the Globe Hotel. It was now really hot; we all filed into the pub for some much needed refreshments and a great choice of counter lunches. The HOGS were thirsty and hungry and although the staff had to wait for us to arrive (counter lunch closes at 2.00pm) they were pretty happy with our arrival and we no doubt kept them on their toes.

We all had a great time and when everyone was fed, watered and rested it was finally time to go. We left along Ilford Rd and went via Kandos, still very hot but we were on our bikes, riding and happy again. We picked up the pace along the Castlereagh Hwy heading towards Lithgow. There are some nice sweepers along this fast stretch of road.

Our last fuel stop was at the United servo on the Great Western Hwy just outside Lithgow. It was time to go so 5minutes was called and we left in a blur and headed for the famous Bells Line of Road.

We were on our way home, the temperature was still hot, had to be in the mid to high 30's but as we got to the highest point on the Bells the temp went down, just a bit and not for long, the riding was good and only light traffic was encountered, so we sat on a pretty good pace most of the time. The coolness from the altitude was short lived and when we started coming down the hill into Kurrajong the heat was hot, really hot.

We had decided earlier to say our goodbyes and end the ride at Richmond McDonalds and after 515km's we called it a day. All in all it was a fantastic day a little bit hot and the roads, the scenery and most importantly the riding with friends was worth every km we travelled. Some may say endured. Thanks to all the road captains for their time and support, thanks to Brook for being Shotgun and all your help, to Joe and Grum for looking after us all as Sweep and Tail End Charlie, also to Knock Knock for his photography, and a very big thankyou to all the attending members for making it such a memorable day.

Looking forward to the next Iron Butt Ride.

Robbo





# Tasmania Ride



The ride to Tasmania was from **1-15 February 2017** with the State Rally in Stanley which was highly interactive and enjoyable. Each day had an event. First day was a mystery ride & then gymkhana events. Congratulations to the two teams who won their events (Smiddy & Linny) in team one & (Dave, Chop, Linny, Louise & Hammer) in team two & let's not forget the winner of the major prize draw (Chop & Harley Bear) well done. Unfortunately we had to miss out on the Thunder Run Ride on day 2 because we had a big day ride to Strahan. I would like to compliment everyone involved in organising the Tassie State Rally, it was very well organized.



Next town was Strahan via Cradle Mountain, everybody was really comfortable beside the open fire at the Cradle Mountain Tavern and so the problem I had was getting everyone back on the bikes. Once we all arrived in Strahan some just enjoyed the lovely little town by resting & some did the Gordon River Cruise on the Lady Jane Franklin 11.



Our next stop was three days in Hobart which included two day rides, one to Port Arthur & the other to Willie Smiths Apple distillery.

Hobart to St Helens via Kate's Berry Farm & Devil's Corner Winery. Coffee stop at Kates Berry Farm was a very tasty stop (Yum Yum). Lunch stop at Devils Corner winery was a problem for all as the wine tasting & the food was great. We all got so relaxed we didn't want to leave. Again I had to round up everyone so we could get to our destination.



**Kate's Berry Farm**



## Tasmania Ride (Cont'd)



### *Devils Corner Winery*

Leaving St Helens heading off to Launceston & then to Devonport for the trip back to the mainland. The ride between St Helens to Launceston was such a beautiful windy ride through the mountains with great stops. Launceston was just an overnighter with a visit to Richardson's HD. Our last ride in Tasmania was heading towards Devonport. We had a very long and **cold** wait in the carpark to board the Spirit of Tasmania. Sylvia decided to get the girls dancing to her favourite song to try to shorten the wait. After a long wait we were finally on board, all relaxed & ready for the crossing which was a very smooth trip.



On behalf of Marcus, Smiddy and myself (Hammer) many thanks to all our great friends on the Tassie ride, it was great to see everyone enjoy themselves as much as we all did. I also would like to thank everyone who helped with this event & all the Rcs who led each ride & got as close as they could to the ride run (well done).

I would like to end by saying what a bloody great ride around Tassie it was.

From Marcus, Smiddy and myself (Hammer) until to next one.

Ride Safe & have fun.

Hammer

Marcus

Smiddy



# Sergio's Reports - Midnight/Dawn



Midnight to Dawn Ride, **Sunday 26 March 2017.**

This ride took us along Sydney's coastline firstly to the south and then northwards back through Sydney and then towards the northern beaches before returning to Kurnell back on the south side of Sydney for sunrise and brekkie.



This is a patched ride meaning those who attended received a cloth patch to sew onto their vest to celebrate the ride. This is a typical biker thing to do.

We met at McDonalds Five Dock from 11:00pm and watched the numbers grow. In total about 20 bikes took part with a couple of additional pillion passengers.

Before a ride it is always a good time to acquaint with new faces and introduce them to you. This time we met Peter, pictured here in front of his Ultra.



As departure time loomed the road captains gathered for their ride briefing. A ride is put together at the suggestion of a road captain who would have thoroughly researched the route before proposing it to the group.



Just enough time to introduce another member before the ride. Here is Victor (U-Leak) in front of his Switchback. U-Leak also has another Harley in his garage, a Road Glide.

Road name derivation: Well this time it's a combination of events that resulted in his road name. Firstly the "U" because of a remarkable U-turn he performed whilst undertaking advanced rider training (it was very wide!) and secondly because he fixed a tyre leak on another member's bike! Quite logical really!!



We finally headed out for the ride after so many previously scheduled rides were cancelled due to unfavourable and extreme weather. Even this ride was in question with heavy rain the whole week leading up. As it turns out, the weather was fine with minimum overnight temperatures only dropping to about 18 degrees. Opposite McDonalds was a Shell servo where we had the opportunity to fuel up for the ride. It's preferable to commence the ride with a full tank and an empty bladder!

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## Sergio's Reports - Midnight/Dawn (Cont'd)

We arrived at our first destination at 1:30am (Daylight Saving Time) at Cronulla, a beachside suburb south of Sydney. As we parked our bikes in the carpark we noticed the possums had come down from their trees to check out our bikes.



In the Ice Cream shop at Cronulla. Everybody loves ice cream and bikers are no exception.



Here's a chance to introduce another HOG member. We have Bones (Mick) here with his daughter Little Bec (Rebecca). Little Bec might look like she just left

school but in fact has recently completed her law studies. We hope to see her going to the office on her very own Harley soon!



We arrived at our second stop in Woolloomooloo for a snack at "Harry's Café de Wheels". We needed to keep our energy levels up for the all night ride. Prior to arriving at Woolloomooloo we travelled through Brighton-le-Sands, past the airport and eventually through Bondi, North Bondi, Rose Bay, Double Bay, Kings Cross. The bit from North Bondi to Double Bay with all the twisty bits was particularly pleasurable and especially so without the usual traffic.



Introducing Hammer (Don) next to his CVO Ultra model (CVO for "Custom Vehicle Operations", a tricked-up version of a Harley ex-factory). Hammer is also a Road Captain and Assistant Head Road Captain.

Road name derivation: Don is a carpenter so quite logical really, now you're got it!

Lets present siblings Rob (Gypo), Susie and Chris (Bear). All siblings should get on like this trio! Gypo is riding a Fatboy, Bear a Deluxe and today Susie is pillion. Both Gypo and Bear are also HOG Road Captains while Susie is still feeling her way into the biker culture.



Meet HOG couple Wayne (Chop) with wife Vicky. We are always kept guessing which bike these two will arrive on as they have a garage full of Harleys! Chop was on his 2011 Ultra and Vicki on her favourite Deluxe. I think this pair attends practically every HOG event and recently returned from a HOG Tasmania tour.

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## Sergio's Reports - Midnight/Dawn (Cont'd)

From Woolloomooloo we headed north across the Sydney Harbour Bridge, making our way to Sydney's northern beaches. On our way we stopped at a servo for the splash and dash (toilet stop). The solitary station attendant was most obliging and we were so thankful as there were no facilities back at Harry's. Perhaps the Lord Mayor of Sydney could look into this lack of public facilities at Woolloomooloo!!



Lets meet another HOG member, this time Tom next to his 2013 Road King model, his second Harley.

Our ride to the northern beaches ended at Avalon by which time we got to enjoy the many sweeping bends to get there. This roadway to the northern beaches is bumper to bumper traffic during normal hours. How sweet it was at 5:00am on a Sunday morning! We stopped at a 24 hour servo at Narrabeen on our way back to Sydney for more refreshments and a short break before going to our final destination at Kurnell for sunrise and brekkie.

We caught up with members familiar and unfamiliar. Time for Glenn (G-Force) next to his 2014 Street Bob Special, his first Harley.

Road name derivation: Glenn couldn't stop talking about the G-Forces he experienced while doing an advanced rider course.



On the ride again at 5:30am for our last leg from Narrabeen to Kurnell we encountered many bicycle groups heading out for their Sunday morning ride, doing their thing.

Before approaching Kurnell we regrouped so as to complete the ride together. It's impossible for the group not to be split up when travelling through countless sets of traffic lights. Also, travelling right across Sydney as we did makes you realise how Sydney roads are now infested with speed and red light cameras. We did our best to help each other out by pointing to the cameras.



We arrived at Kurnell at about 6.30am with sunrise on its way. It was a good feeling to have reached our destination with all our ride buddies. Total distance travelled was 210 kms. We then realised that Wendy was not with us. As it turned out, she became separated from the group at a set of lights near Neutral Bay and then got into the wrong lane approaching the Sydney Harbour Bridge. That meant she had to cross the bridge instead of going through the Harbour Tunnel because you can't change lanes past a certain point on the Harbour Bridge approach. Our tail end Charlie couldn't help in this instance as Wendy was committed to the bridge crossing. This is one of many possible scenarios where one can be separated from the group on our HOG rides. Little comfort to Wendy as she was devastated in missing out on the end point of the ride.

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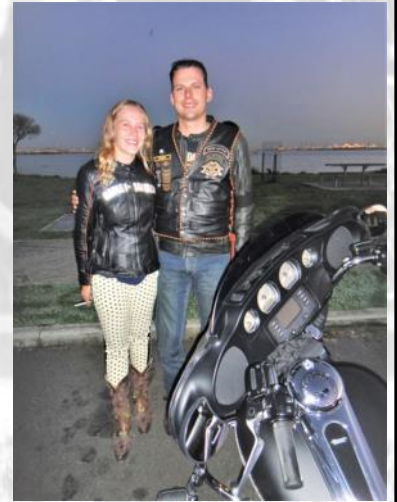


## Sergio's Reports - Midnight/Dawn (Cont'd)

Opportunity to introduce another HOG member Rob (Radar) with friend Courtney. Rob was riding his 2014 Street Glide which is his second Harley. Radar has been with the chapter for 6 years and is also a Road Captain.



Well we saw the sunrise followed by some brekkie at the nearby Endeavour Café.



Many thanks to the manager of the café, Helen, looking after us so early in the morning. Again, café staff were happy to partake in our boisterous festivities and take happy snaps for us.

I have to say this was a great experience, and not just for the fact that you get to rampage your way through Sydney streets with very little traffic, a very rare experience indeed! By 8:00am when we all went our separate ways I began to feel the effects of sleep deprivation so it was straight home for a rest before enjoying the rest of a lovely sunny Sunday.

*Sergio*



# Sergio's Reports - NMR Austinmer



## New Members Ride, **Saturday 1 April 2017.**

This ride was to Austinmer, a northern suburb of Wollongong with a population of about 2,500 located 75 kms south of Sydney. The biggest attraction here is the town's main beach, Austinmer Beach. The lead road captain was George Cozis.

The New Members Ride is a monthly ride where members both old and new can get acquainted participating in an easy ride. This monthly ride is well patronised because it is a fun way to catch up with ride buddies old and new and squeeze in a Saturday morning ride.



Lets meet some HOG members. This is Rocket (Rodney) with his 2014 Night Rod Special. He also has a 2016 CVO Street Glide in his garage. It's not unusual for HOG members to own more than one Harley.

Seen often on HOG rides is Lindsay, here with his Fat Bob model.



Time to meet Steve, a true bike aficionado. He has been riding basically his whole life, has owned a myriad of bikes in the past and is now on about his 10<sup>th</sup> Harley, a 2017 Heritage Softail Classic.

This is Joe with his 1996 Heritage Softail Classic, his first ever Harley.



Our route to Austinmer was via Bankstown and then through to Heathcote. We arrived at Austinmer and parked in the large beachside carpark.



Meet Mike (left) with his 2013 Dyna Super Glide, his 2nd Harley. Mike has been with this chapter for 18 years.

Meet Jonno (Jon) with his Road King, his 5<sup>th</sup> Harley. He has been with the chapter for 4 years.



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Here is George with friend Nicole. George was the Lead Road Captain on the ride and his bike is a 2007 Fat Boy. George has been a HOG member for 15 years.



Lets meet Don (Hammer) with wife Sylvia on their 2013 CVO Ultra model. Hammer has 2 other Harleys in the garage and couldn't resist getting this CVO but had problems justifying it to Sylvia. Solution, he bought it for Sylvia for Mother's Day! We Hoggies have unique and clever ways of resolving issues!!



This is Dave (Bollard) with his 2017 CVO Ultra model, his 5<sup>th</sup> Harley. This was possibly the newest bike on the ride sporting all the latest Harley-Davidson developments. For instance it has the new "Milwaukee 8" engine with a whopping 114 cubic inch displacement (1868cc). This engine now features 4 valves and 2 spark plugs per cylinder amongst other refinements. Bollard is most pleased with his latest acquisition!



Let's meet Dave with his 2015 Street Glide model, his 4<sup>th</sup> Harley. Dave has been with the chapter for 4 years.

What a great destination Austinmer is. There is a pleasant strip of green grass along the beach, ideal for picnics and barbeques. Austinmer was one of the many coastal mining villages which lay north of Wollongong. With the decline of coal in the area and the arrival of a regular electric train service to Sydney, Austinmer has quickly acquired a certain chic charm.



*Sergio*



# Anzac Day Poker Run



It seems like yesterday when we headed off on the 2016 ANZAC DAY RIDE but here we were, in 2017, with our poker run starting at Gloria Jeans Homebush.

As was last year our card dealers, Wacky Witch and Handbag, were both set up for our arriving members.

I had a call from one of our lead riders Ninja the day before advising he'd injured his back and was unable to ride. So I led the first section on Ninjas behalf with Hollywood as shotgun and our other road captains marking corners and being sweep and tail end charlie all helping to make an easy ride.

With the 1st cards dealt, we headed out to our first destination, Giulio's Corner Take Away at Kemps Creek for our 2nd card draw and a quick coffee break. After picking up a couple more members with numbers up from last year we totaled 50 members, 36 bikes and Deb Johnson in the back up car.

With a change of lead rider to Hollywood and myself to shotgun for the next two sections, we headed from Giulio's towards Bringelly, on through Greendale to Wallacia and into Mulgoa Reserve for our 3rd card draw,

Our dealers quickly sorted the punters out before heading off to the next destination with a 10 minute head start again. Lead rider Hollywood called time for the rest of the members to start gearing up for the run along Mulgoa Rd, west onto the M4 through Emu Plains and then into Weir Reserve at Penrith where we pulled up next to our dealers for the 4th card draw.

With the lead changing back to myself for the fourth section and Hollywood as shotgun, Wacky Witch and Handbag once again headed off before the pack. I put out a six minute leaving call to Alyce and shortly after a five minute call to the rest of the members to gear up for our run to the final destination, the Ori Cafe at Springwood via Castlereagh Rd to Yarramundi turning left onto Springwood Rd for the run along the river flats and the final windy climb up to Springwood.

On arrival at the Ori Cafe, we were greeted by Handbag who guided us into the hotel driveway where the security made way for the group to pass through the two up players to the carpark which the Ori had blocked off for us.

Once again the Ori Cafe team looked after us so well on such a busy day at the hotel. We sat at our reserved tables with the card dealers close at hand for the members to draw the 5th card.

Our poker run winners:

1st - members guest Mick Rimac with a straight

Others winners - Sylvia, Sammi and Dave

NSW hog announced that a donation off \$302 would be made to Legacy .

On behalf of Hollywood and myself thank you to the card dealers, our road captains, photographer and of course our members for making it a great day .

Cheers,

*Smiddy*



# Sergio's Reports - Poker Run



Annual Anzac Day Poker Run **25 April 2017.**

Every year, on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April, Australians are given the opportunity to pause, reflect and remember the incredibly brave ANZAC soldiers who lost their lives or were wounded at Gallipoli. ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. ANZAC Day is a national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand. While the battle itself was a crushing defeat, the Australian and New Zealand soldiers were relentless and displayed incredible courage and endurance, even despite the most horrible of circumstances. This is how the ANZAC legend was born. More than 11,000 ANZAC's died at Gallipoli and more than 23,500 were wounded. April 25, ANZAC Day, was the day the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula in 1915.

This annual ride involves 5 separate venues at which each participant draws a single card from a full pack of playing cards that is then recorded on a tally sheet by the card dealers. If a card is repeated, another choice is then made. Participation is not compulsory and its \$10 per person to play. At the end of the ride each player will have a full hand and cash prizes are given for the 3 highest hands.

We met at Gloria Jeans Café at North Strathfield. Many familiar faces appeared as well as some members not often seen to what was a nice friendly atmosphere.



Introducing Rod (on left) who also happens to work for our sponsoring dealer, Frasers. He rode a Frasers demo 2016 Road King but usually he is on his very own 2013 Street Bob which already has over 100,000 kms on it!

Another HOG member is Greg (on Right) who rides a 2011 Road King. He has been a HOG member for 3 years.

This is Phil with his wife Julz. They rode Phil's 2016 CVO Ultra model but Julz also has her very own Harley, a 2016 Fat Boy Low S.



2nd venue was Giulio's Corner Take Away Car Park at Kemps Creek some 50 kms from our starting point.



At Giulio's Corner we met Dave with partner Chrissy next to Dave's 2015 Street Glide Special.

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## Sergio's Reports - Poker Run (Cont'd)



Time to meet Patrick (Navin) next to his brand new 2017 Street Glide model. It now only has 632 kms on the clock! This is Patrick's 3<sup>rd</sup> Harley and he has been a HOG member for 18 months.

We previously met Hammer (Don) with wife Sylvia on their 2013 CVO Ultra model. This time they are on their 2009 Road King model. It's tough deciding which Harley to ride with 3 in the garage!!



Chop (Wayne) and Vicki never miss an opportunity to ride with the HOGS. On their ride they were both on Chop's 2011 CVO Ultra after Vicki had the misfortune of dropping her bike on the ride not far from home. She hit a diesel spill on the approach ramp to the M4 which basically left her with no options. Bruised but undaunted, Vicki rode her damaged bike back home and returned as a pillion on Chop's bike.

Next stop was Mulgoa Reserve car park at Mulgoa, some 30 kms from Giulio's Corner. This short dead-end street near the reserve allowed us to temporarily park all over the road. The reserve is off the dead-end street and has tennis courts and a covered area under which we did our 3<sup>rd</sup> card draw.



Whilst at the reserve we had time to meet Stephen Millgate with his 2017 Ultra. This is his 4<sup>th</sup> Harley and he has been a HOG member for 3 years. Let's check out Stephen's vest! Clearly he has been all over the United States (Utah, Colorado, South Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida) and has attended motorcycle rallies at Sturgis, Daytona and Arkansas.



Still at the Mulgoa Reserve we meet Mick with his 2003 Heritage Softail model. This is Mick's 3<sup>rd</sup> Harley which he obviously has highly modified to his own personal liking.



Our 4<sup>th</sup> card draw was at the Weir Reserve car park in Penrith adjacent to the Nepean river some 15 kms further on. Tables and chairs were available to facilitate the card draw with Handbag and Wacky Witch scrutinising.



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## Sergio's Reports - Poker Run (Cont'd)

Now we catch up with Bones (Mick) with wife Miss Lizzy (Elizabeth) beside their 2007 Fat Boy model.



Also with us was John with wife Julie. John also works for our sponsoring dealer (Fraser's) and has the privilege of riding various demonstrator bikes from Fraser's. On this ride he rode a demonstrator 2017 Fat Boy Low S. John has owned many bikes in his long riding career and has been riding continuously since the age of 18.



Our final destination was the Oriental Hotel at Springwood with the final leg being about 40 kms. Total distance we travelled to arrive here was about 140 kms. Springwood (elevation 371 m) is a town in the Blue Mountains area which meant our final leg from Penrith (elevation 25 m) involved a steep ascent. Along Springwood Road/Hawkesbury Road at Hawkesbury Heights there were a series of very tight hairpin bends on a steep part of the road which really tested our riding skills. All us Hoggies got through just fine but remember to throttle on, slip the clutch and feather the back brake if need be through tight corners.



Lunch



A great day and remember *"Put all your business aside, get on your Harley and ride!"*

Sergio



## Ladies of Harley Ride - Avoca



**Sunday 30th April** and a great morning when we all met up at McDonald's Thornleigh for the LOH Avoca ride. Sammi and I were the first to arrive followed by Hammer and shortly after Smiddy and Linny. Slowly members started rolling in one after another until we counted 30+ members. Great turn out.

We made our way to the Corrugated Cafe via the M1 and the Old Pacific Highway (love them bends and sweeping corners). After leaving the corrugated cafe we made our way up to Avoca through the back ways which made for more great riding and great scenery.

Arriving at the Avoca bowling club we were greeted by Sparkles and Chris, Roundy, Marcus and Leslie and not to be forgotten Helena and hubby.

Great food eastern and western served well and promptly and fun was had by all.

Special thanks to my shotgun Smiddy who went above and beyond in assisting me on my first Lead Road Captain role. Thanks also to Hammer for all his support and advice and all road captains who came and supported the ride.

P.S. My beautiful wife Sammi LOH

Cheers,

Handbag

## Up and Coming Members



**Joe Shaw Jr**



**Pat Vonny Jr**



**Phil Barlow Jr**



# Sergio's Reports - NMR Leura



## New Members Ride to Leura, **Saturday 6 May 2017**

This ride took us to Leura, a suburb of the Blue Mountains area located 100 kms west of Sydney. It is situated adjacent to Katoomba, the largest centre in the upper mountains with the two towns merging along Leura's western edge. It has a population of about 4,500 with an elevation of 985 m.

The New Members Ride is a monthly ride where members both old and new can get acquainted participating in an easy ride. This monthly ride is well patronised because it is a fun way to catch up with ride buddies old and new and squeeze in a Saturday morning ride.

Our usual meeting point for the New Members Ride is at the premises of our sponsoring Harley-Davidson dealer, Frasers at Concord. There is always time for a friendly chat before we get going. We see members familiar and unfamiliar arriving. Enjoying the pre-ride atmosphere is from left Kelly, Wendy and Elizabeth each with their own Harley. Elizabeth is in fact a new HOG member and this was her first ride with our chapter.



We had time to meet Ross pictured here in front of his 2015 Street Glide model, his 5<sup>th</sup> Harley. Seen on the back of Ross' vest is a signature by Billy Davidson, great grandson of William A. Davidson, the co-founder of the Harley-Davidson Company in 1903. He got this at the Perth Rally in 2011.

Before departure the Lead Road Captain addresses the members in relation to the ride covering such things as ride route, road captain's duties and safety. On this ride the Lead Road Captain was Mark (Sparkles) Baresic. Assisting Sparkles was Stuart (Roundy) Hulbert acting as Shotgun. In the foreground is Craig (white T-shirt) and Elizabeth (brown & black Jacket).



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## Sergio's Reports - NMR Leura



9:00am departure with exit from the carpark onto a very busy Parramatta Road then onto the M4 motorway. With all the new roadworks going on, the M4 is crawling and we come to a complete stop.



We then exited the M4 onto the Northern Road near Penrith for a more scenic trip up the mountains. We had to do a quick stop before reaching Springwood in order to regather so as to arrive in Leura in one cohesive group (the group had been split due to traffic and traffic lights).



Here is our Chapter Director Grum (Grahame) with pillion passenger Deborah. Deborah approached our Chapter wishing to experience a Harley Ride but she got much more than that, she got a HOG experience, riding in a pack of Harleys and enjoying the HOG comradery. I think she had a great time.



While we are waiting for the rest of the pack to arrive here we had Stuart (Roundy). Roundy rides the latest Harley, a 2017 Ultra Classic which is about his 10<sup>th</sup> Harley. He has been with the chapter for around 10 years and a HOG member for over 20 years. He has also owned many other bikes in his long riding career. Check out the rear of Roundy's vest. He too has the signatures of Willie G. and Billy Davidson, obtained while attending the Daytona Beach Bike Week rally in the U.S. in 2015. All us Hoggies would love to have such signatures on our vests!

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## Sergio's Reports - NMR Leura

This (downloaded image) is Willie G himself signing his autograph on a biker jacket, something he is very generous in doing while attending rallies all over the world.

Willie G. Davidson is the son of former Harley-Davidson president William Herbert Davidson, and the grandson of Harley-Davidson co-founder William A. Davidson. Willie G is widely recognised as the driving force behind the company's continual success. He stepped down from his positions as senior vice-president and chief styling officer of Harley-Davidson in 2012 and is currently serving as Chief Styling Officer Emeritus. He is now 84 years old.



We eventually arrived at the Leura village centre which is divided by a wide grassy median strip which is planted with flowering cherry trees. This tourist town is very busy on a Saturday, as expected. Leura is now as popular for visitors to the Blue Mountains as Katoomba itself. Our run was 112 kms to Leura. We headed straight for the Woolworths Car Park at the Leura Mall.

Here we meet Elkin with his 2016 Breakout model. This is his 2<sup>nd</sup> Harley and he has been a HOG member for 9 years.



Also in the carpark we meet Rich with his 2011 Street Bob model. This is his 6<sup>th</sup> Harley and he has been a HOG member for 6 years.

There are a substantial number of restaurants, cafes and coffee shops among the boutiques, gift and antique shops in Leura. We didn't book a restaurant so we all scattered independently to do as we pleased. After a lunch break we headed home to Sydney. Seen ahead of me is Elizabeth (in blue jeans), Wendy straight ahead and Roundy leading the way.



*Sergio*



# Kiama Blowhole Ride



**Sunday 21/5/2017**

Ride to Kiama Blowhole via Stanwell Park.

Lead - Glenn (G-Force), Shotgun - Ralph, TEC - Harry

Turn out: 26 bikes and 31 Hoggies.

Beautiful weather was offered for a great ride after a couple of rainy days prior.

Leaving Gloria Jeans just after 9:00am, the ride took us along the A6 from Silverwater along to Lucas Heights and on to Waterfall. Then down through the National Park, which was a fantastic section of the ride. We had morning tea at the Palm Cafe Stanwell Park, very nice place to stop. "Great coffee !!!" was heard said several times.

After MT we took the coast road taking in many seaside suburbs all the way down until we joined the highway at Wollongong. Then following the M1 until we reached Kiama and the Blowhole.

A medium swell was running so the Blowhole was putting on a bit of a show.



After some blowhole photos we headed along to the Grand Hotel for lunch. The meals were good and decent sized portions were offered.

A fun ride along a few different types of roads was enjoyed by all.

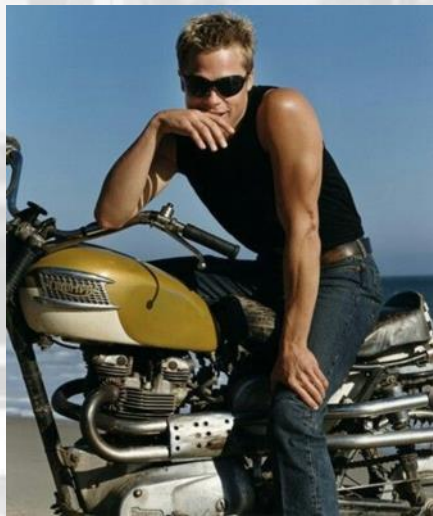


Cheers,

Glenn (G-Force)



## Sergio's Corner - Brad Pitt



Brad Pitt is an absolute motorcycle aficionado. It seems he will hop onto anything with 2 wheels regardless of make or model. Pitt is always ready to ride!

Here we see Brad on a classic old Vespa scooter. Brad is more closely associated with motorcycles than with scooters, but while he was filming "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" in Montreal, he couldn't resist the temptation to take this slightly dilapidated Vespa out for a ride. Vespa is probably the most loved scooter in the world and has substantial celebrity following.



Brad on an Indian Larry Legacy bike!!

Immediately noticeable on the bike is the

"Suicide Clutch" and the open primary belt drive. The open primary belt drive probably achieves the final custom touch on a bike project and looks totally badass! Never mind the fact that it could eat the legs off your jeans and maybe a bit of your leg too! But exposed belts spinning with their characteristic whine look totally badass and custom bikers love them. Man that's one sweet ride!!

A closer look at an open primary belt drive. With the motor running, the exposed belt spins at a great rate off the engine crankshaft which in turn drives the rear cogs in

conjunction with the gearbox which then drives the rear wheel via the final drive which in this case is the chain seen adjacent to the rear wheel. The bike has an open primary belt drive with a rear

final chain drive. Modern Harleys coming out of the factory are fitted with enclosed chain driven primary drives with belt final drives, the opposite of what is seen here. But that is what customisation is all about, making something different and preferably badass!

Brad Pitt with former wife Angelina Jolie on a scooter obviously in Asia somewhere.



*Sergio*



# Up and Coming Major Events & Activities

## **2017 NSW/ACT State Rally Moree NSW** Friday 08/09/2017 to Sunday 10/09/2017

Go to NSW HOG website to register and book your accommodation at

<http://www.nswhog.com.au/events-page>

Register your rally attendance on line at

<http://www.chog.org.au/M-attachments/Events/NSW-HOG-Rally2017-RegoForm.pdf>



## **2017 Harley Days Wollongong NSW**

Friday 27th October – Sunday 29th October 2017

Register your event attendance on line at

[online registration still to be established]

and for accommodation go to NSW HOG site at

<http://www.nswhog.com.au/events-page>

## **Brighter Days Festival 2018**

8th - 12th March, Bright VIC

Register your event attendance on line at

<http://www.brighterdays.org.au/register.html>

This will be a chapter ride from Fri 8th March to Tues 12th March 2018 with accommodation to be shortly made available at the NSW HOG site at

<http://www.nswhog.com.au/events-page>

or alternative contact Dave Allen (Bollard).





# Ride and Event Calendar 2017

Sat 20th May	Kiama Blow Hole	9:00am	Gloria Jeans
Sat 3rd Jun	New Members Ride, Surfside Café, Brookvale	9:00am	Fraser Motorcycles, an easy ride to get acquainted
Sat 10th Jun Mon 12th Jun	Long Weekend Ride, Darrawak	9:00pm	Gloria Jeans
Tues 13th Jun	Chapter Meeting	7:30pm	Dinner and catch up at Machine X Concord (Fraser Motorcycles)
Sat 17th Jun	NSWHOG Membership Renewal Day #1	9.00am 1:00pm	Fraser Motorcycles
Sat 24th Jun	NSWHOG Membership Renewal Day #2	9.00am 1:00pm	Fraser Motorcycles
Sun 25th Jun	Caves Beach	9:00am	Gloria Jeans
Sat 1 Jul	New Members Ride, Luddenham	9:00am	Fraser Motorcycles, an easy ride to get acquainted
Tues 11th Jul	Chapter Meeting	7:30pm	Dinner and catch up at Machine X Concord (Fraser Motorcycles)
Sat 15th Jul	Gosford (Short Day Ride) Gosford Car Museum	9:00am	Fraser Motorcycles
Sun 30th Jul	Bowral, Scottish Arms Hotel	9:00am	Gloria Jeans
Sat 5th Aug	New Members Ride, Glemore, Glenmore Bakery	9.00am	Fraser Motorcycles, an easy ride to get acquainted
Tues 8th Aug	Chapter Meeting	7:30pm	Dinner and catch up at Machine X Concord (Fraser Motorcycles)
Sun 20th Aug	Pool Comp SW Syd Chapter Liverpool	9:00am	Gloria Jeans
Sun 27th Aug	Geroa, Geroa Fishermans Club	9:00am	Gloria Jeans
Sat 2nd Sept	New Members Ride, Kangaroo Point	9:00am	Fraser Motorcycles, an easy ride to get acquainted
Sun 3rd Sept - Mon 11th Sept	Moree State Rally (Long Ride)	9:00am	TBA
Thur 7th Sept Mon 11th Sept	Moree State Rally (Optional Short Ride)	9:00am	Red Rooster Eastern Creek
Tues 12th Sept	Chapter Meeting	7:30pm	Dinner and catch up at Machine X Concord (Fraser Motorcycles)

## Additional Information

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# Ride and Event Calendar 2017 (Cont'd)

Sun 17th Sept	Mt Victoria (Short Day Ride) Mt Victoria Inn	9:00am	Gloria Jeans
Sat 30th Sept Mon 2nd Oct	Ladies of Harley Ride, Hunter Valley, Denman Hotel	9:00am	Red Rooster Eastern Creek
Sat 7th Oct	New Members Ride, Bayview Marina	9:00pm	Fraser Motorcycles, an easy ride to get acquainted
Tues 10th Oct	Chapter Meeting	7:30pm	Dinner and catch up at Machine X Concord (Fraser Motorcycles)
Sun 15th Oct	Tarana Tarana Hotel	9.00am	Red Rooster Eastern Creek
Fri 27th Oct Sun 29th Oct	Harley Days Wollongong	9.00am	Red Rooster Eastern Creek
Sat 4th Nov	New Members Ride, Ebenezer	9:00am	Fraser Motorcycles, an easy ride to get acquainted
Tues 14th Nov	Chapter Meeting	7:30pm	Dinner and catch up at Machine X Concord (Fraser Motorcycles)
Sat 18th Nov Sun 19th Nov	Rough Riders Weekend	9:00am	Red Rooster Eastern Creek
Sat 26th Nov Sun 27th Nov	Chapter Xmas Party 	TBA	TBA 
Sat 2nd Dec	New Members Ride, Springwood	9:00am	Fraser Motorcycles, an easy ride to get acquainted
Sun 10th Dec	Club Memorial Ride 3 x Ferries, Wisemans Ferry	9.00am	Gloria Jeans
Tues 12th Dec	Chapter Meeting	7:30pm	Dinner and catch up at Machine X Concord (Fraser Motorcycles)
Sat 16th Dec	Twilight Ride, Kurrajong	9:00am	Fraser Motorcycles, an easy ride to get acquainted

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# Midweek Social Ride Calendar 2017

Thur 18th May	Kangaroo Valley	9:00am 9:30am	Frasers Concord Caltex servo M4 Eastern Creek
Thur 25th May	Scarborough Hotel	9:00am 9:30am	Frasers Concord Caltex servo M4 Eastern Creek
Thur 1st June	Grey Gums	9:00am 9:30am	Frasers Concord Caltex servo M4 Eastern Creek
Thur 8th June	Wisemans Ferry via Springwood	9:00am 9:30am	9:00 Frasers Concord 9:30am Caltex servo M4 Eastern Creek
Thur 15th June	Lithgow	9:00am 9:30am	9:00 Frasers Concord 9:30am Caltex servo M4 Eastern Creek
Thur 22nd June	Catherine Hill Bay via M2 and Beecroft	9:00am 9:30am	9:00 Frasers Concord 9:30am Caltex servo M4 Eastern Creek
Thur 29th June	Robertson via Mulgoa Road	9:00am 9:30am	9:00 Frasers Concord 9:30am Caltex servo M4 Eastern Creek

*Note: Later this year a 3rd pick up at McDonalds McGraths Hill is to be introduced, date TBA.*

## Additional Information

First departure point is Frasers Concord at 9.00, then from the 9.30 departure point at the Caltex servo M4 Eastern Creek. We use the M4 to avoid morning traffic then head for a different route each week. If you want to be on the email contact list to receive weekly ride details (and previous ride report) for those days you can get away then please contact Allan Harrington on 0408 961 486 or email [harrington\\_allan@yahoo.com.au](mailto:harrington_allan@yahoo.com.au) or contact "Fast Phil" Barlow on 0400 815 060 or email [phil.barlow348@gmail.com](mailto:phil.barlow348@gmail.com). To check if a ride is on phone "Fast" Phil around 7.15am.



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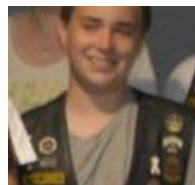
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Our first lady Road Captain



Road Captain  
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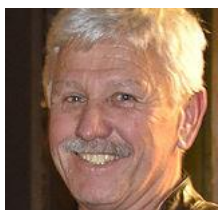
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(Marcus)



Road Captain  
**Derek Kruger**  
(Derek)



Road Captain  
**Rob Carlson**  
(Robbo)



Road Captain  
**Zorin Planinic**  
(Derek)



Road Captain  
**Harry Turner**  
(Hazza)



# Who's Who in NSW HOG (Cont'd)

## Road Captains (Cont'd)



Road Captain  
**Joe Shaw**  
(Joe)



Road Captain  
**Ralph Garcia**  
(Ralph)



Road Captain  
**Warwick Gibson**  
(Cappa)



Road Captain  
**Tony Politis**  
(Big T)



Road Captain  
**George Cozis**



Road Captain  
**Rob White**  
(Cracker or Radar)



Road Captain  
**Hugh McCourt**  
(Knock Knock)



Road Captain  
**Travis Wilson**  
(Travis)



Road Captain  
**Justin Goodall**  
(Ninja)



Road Captain  
**Wayne Pannaye**  
(Chop)



Road Captain  
**Dave Allan**  
(Bollard)



Road Captain  
**Stuart Hulbert**  
(Roundy)



Road Captain  
**Glenn Turnbull**  
(G Force)



Road Captain  
**Grahame Douglas**  
(Roundy)



Road Captain  
**Brian Austin**  
(Hollywood)



T/Road Captain  
**Rob Michaels**  
(Gypo)



# Who's Who in NSW HOG (Cont'd)

## Road Captains (Cont'd)



T/Road Captain  
**Vicky Pannaye**



T/Road Captain  
**Chris Michaels**  
(Bear)



# 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.

**So we can all have a good time.....**



## Know your HOG Riding Rules!

1. Arrive with a full tank of fuel and an empty bladder. Fuel stops will be made as required along the way.

2. Have appropriate riding gear for expected conditions.

3. 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.

5. We only use one lane of a multi lane highway. That is the lane the Road Captain is using.

6. 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.

9. When we do stop as a group, be sure to park well off the road.

10. **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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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

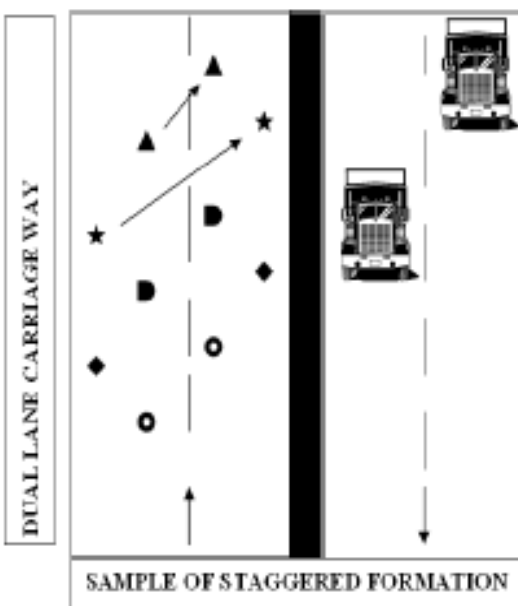
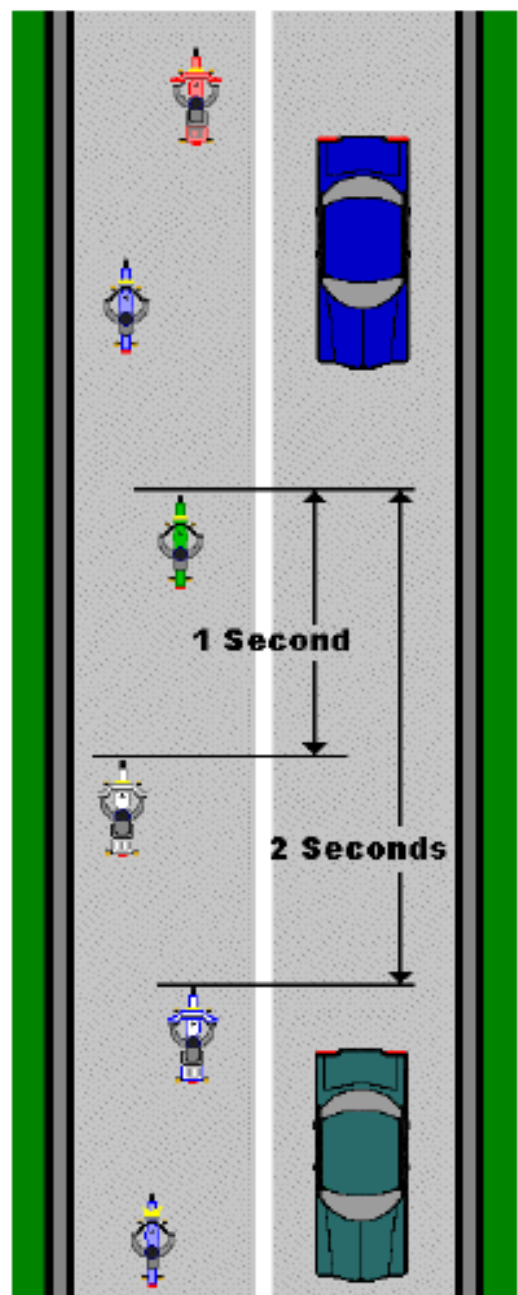
15. Novices or riders new to the group should ride towards the back until they are comfortable

16. If it isn't safe to pass, go through an intersection or turn: **DON'T.**

17. 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**