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HOG Ride – Breakfast Ride to Settlers Restaurant, Mulgoa Saturday February 29, 2020

For today there is scheduled a “Breakfast Ride” which means a much earlier start than usual. Our destination is “Settlers Restaurant” in Mulgoa which is an easy ride approximately 75 km from Frasers along our preferred route. We will travel through Horsley Park, Capitol Hill, Badgery’s Creek, Bringelly, Wallacia and finally to Mulgoa.

This newsletter contains 32 images taken on the day of the ride as well as 6 downloaded images.

Image 1 –
sunrise is
(Dave).
am with
6.17 am.
before
Sun
first
sky).

I just love
be up



Arriving after dawn and before
Hazza (at left) with Bollard
Official sunrise for today is 6.43
morning civil twilight (dawn) at
(Technically, dawn occurs
sunrise, before the top of the
reaches the horizon. It is the
appearance of light in the night

the early starts. It's really nice to
early and to see the sunrise.



Image 2 – Also arriving
before sunrise is
Smiddy (Ian) with wife
Linny.

Image 3 –
new HOG
2019



Arriving in quick succession is
member Trevor aboard his
Sport Glide.



Image 4 – Another new member is Ronnie with his year 2000 Harley-Davidson Softail Deuce, his very first Harley-Davidson.



Image 5 – Here we see prospective new member Joe with his 2019 Road King Special, also his first Harley.

It's now 6.41 am with the official sunrise being 6.43 am and you can see the difference in the sunlight from the previous images.



Image 6 – Speaking of sunrise, let’s see some beautiful sunrise photos (downloaded).

And what about some great sunrise quotes!

“We can only appreciate the miracle of a sunrise if we have waited in the darkness”Sapna Reddy

“There is a sunrise and a sunset every single day, and they’re absolutely free. Don’t miss so many of them!”Jo Walton



Image 7 – Another beautiful sunrise photo (downloaded) with some more great sunrise quotes:

“Each time I see a beautiful sunset or sunrise, I have to pinch myself because I cannot believe that I’m awake and not dreaming”Anthony T. Hincks

“Rest but never quit. Even the sun has a sinking spell each evening. But it always rises the next morning. At sunrise, every soul is born again”Mohammad Ali



Image 8 – I hope these images inspire you to catch a sunrise soon.

And what about some astronomical fun facts!

The Earth rotates once every 23 hrs, 56 minutes and 4.09053 seconds and it has a circumference of roughly 40,075 kms at the equator. So that means the surface of the earth at the equator has to move at a speed of approximately 1,700 km/hr! That's over 1,000mph! But somebody standing on the earth won't feel this motion because this speed is absolutely constant. You can only feel motion if your speed changes.

And what about this! The Earth revolves around the Sun every 365.2422 days and covers a distance of approximately 942 million kilometres. That means the Earth is moving around the Sun at a speed of 107,000 Km/hr!!!

And check this out! Our whole Solar System orbits around the centre of the Milky Way at an average velocity of 828,000 km/hr, and even at that high rate, it still takes the Earth about 230 million years to make one complete orbit around the Milky Way!

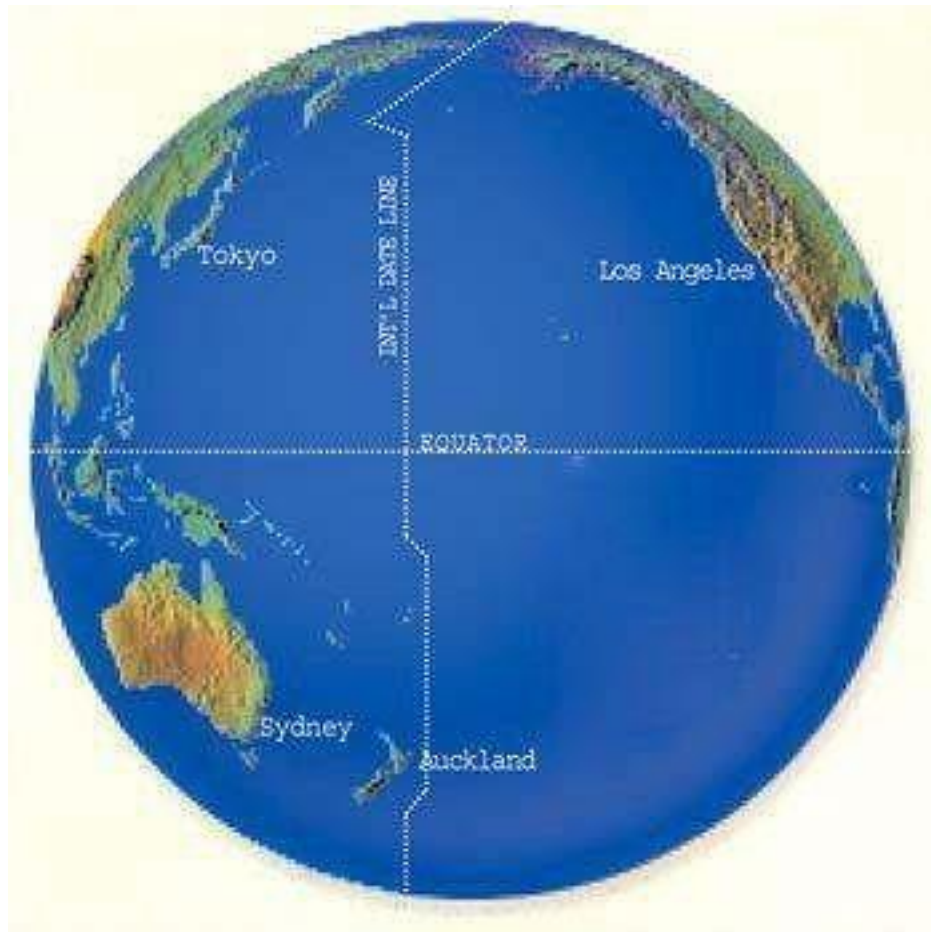


Image 9 (Downloaded) – The location of the International Date Line.

The International Date Line (IDL) is an imaginary line on the surface of the Earth that runs from the North Pole to the South Pole which demarcates the change of one calendar day to the next. Immediately to the left of the IDL, the date is always one day ahead of the date immediately to the right of the IDL so the IDL separates one day from the next.

Gisborne on the North Island of New Zealand is the closest city to the IDL and so it sees in the new day before any other city in the world.



Image 10 – The magical period between dawn and sunrise is only about 30 minutes. Just as quickly we see a good turnout of riders arrive for the Brekkie Ride, 26 people in all. The ride briefing is set for 6.50am with stands up at 7.00am. Before the ride briefing is always a good time to catch up for a chat with your ride buddies.



Image 11 – Yeah, this is cool, just hanging out before the ride.



Image 12 – 6.50 am and time for the ride briefing where we are informed on all aspects of the forthcoming ride. No one is left wondering about any detail of the proposed ride.



Image 13 – Unlike our school days where we did not pay attention in class, everyone present wants to hear the ride briefing! In the foreground is Rav (Tony) at left with Johnny.

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with



14 – Also with us today is Vinnie
his 2013 Harley-Davidson Fat Boy.

Image
and we



15 – We always run on schedule
depart Fraser's carpark right on
7.00am.



Image 16 – Niiice! A bunch of Harleys on the road. Sounds good too!



Image 17 – I grab a photo opportunity at a set of traffic lights just as the lights go green.



Image 18 – We are now not far from our destination. It was a very pleasant ride through rural parts of outer Sydney with sunny skies and temperatures in the mid 20's Celsius.

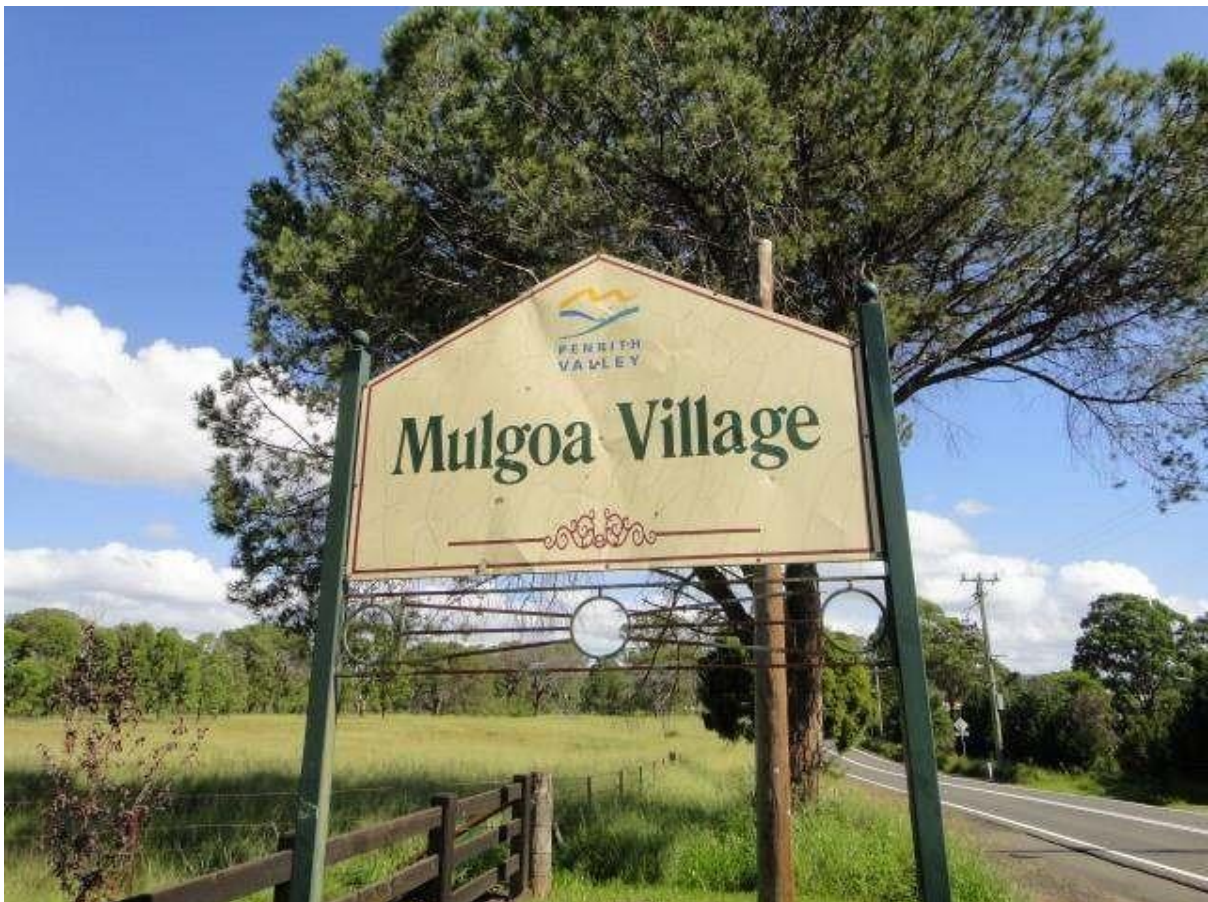


Image 19 – We arrive at our destination, Mulgoa Village at 8.15 am.

Mulgoa Village is a region of Western Sydney located approximately 66 kms west of the Sydney Central Business District.

Mulgoa takes its name from the Mulgoa people who were the indigenous inhabitants of this area. They lived a hunter-gatherer lifestyle governed by traditional laws and lived in bark huts. They hunted kangaroos and emus for meat, and gathered yams, berries and other native plants.

These days, Mulgoa is still primarily a rural area. The recorded population of Mulgoa in the 2016 census was 1,898 persons.



Image 20 – Downloaded image of the Settlers Restaurant, our destination for today. This is a heritage building dating back to the year 1890.



Image 21 – Some of our bikes parked right in front of the restaurant.

We arrive at our destination at around 8.15 am after a very pleasant 75 km ride. Unlike city venues there are plenty of parking spaces available to us here.



Image 22 – We gather around the entrance before heading in and exchange notes on our ride experience.

Image 23 –
prospective
with his 2015



Also with us is another
new member, this being Ian
Fat Boy, his first Harley.



Image 24 –
Just for fun I
sit on the
restaurants
bicycle on
their front
porch.

Image 25 – Our
Knock (Hugh) is



HOG Chapter Webmaster Knock-
seen here with friend Dudeth.



Image 26 – Hoggies
always have plenty to
talk about when they
catch up for a ride!



Image 27 – The interior of Settlers Restaurant is in a pleasant farmhouse style. I love the big exposed beams and the soft earthy tones.



Image 28 – There is some Police memorabilia inside the restaurant. That's because this building served as the Mulgoa Police Station from the early 1900's to 1934.



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Image 29 - If the walls could
I'm sure there would be some
interesting stories to tell from
early Police Station days.

Image 30 - Way back then it
necessary to provide
instruction on how to use a
phone. Now they are attached
people's heads 24/7!



Image 31 – We line up to place our Brekkie orders. There is plenty on offer.



Image 32 – Downloaded image of the rear of Settlers restaurant.



Image 33 – By 8.45 am we are all settled on the outside tables at the rear of the restaurant eating our breakfast orders. Food was quite good and the staff were friendly and courteous. We visit this venue at least once per year.



Image 34 – Hoggies chilling out! We all get along like a house on fire!

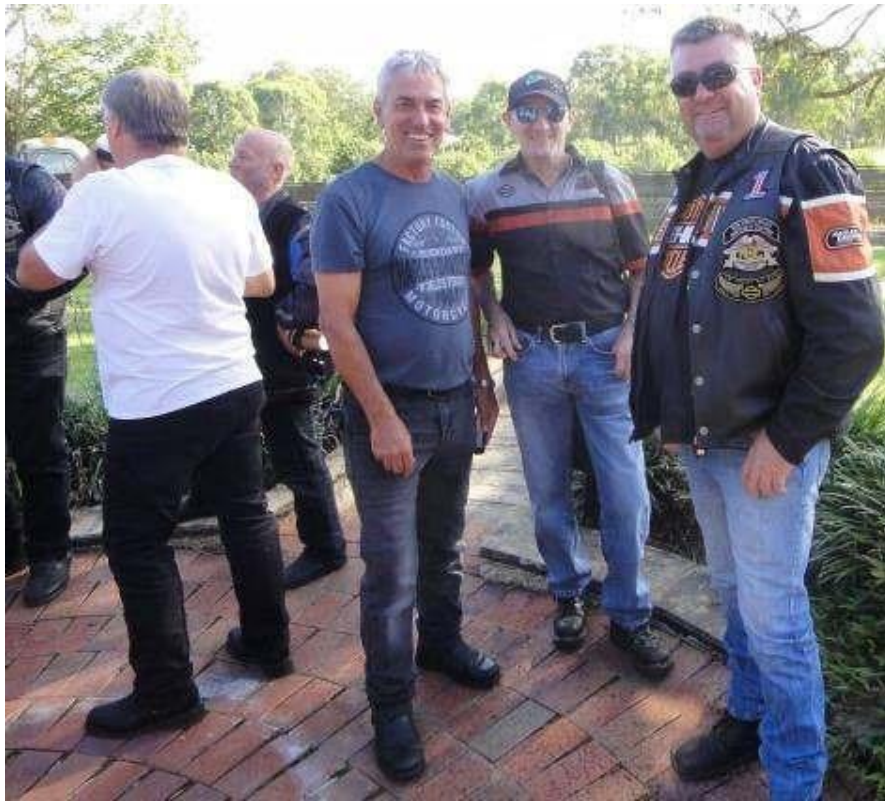


Image 35 – Bad Biker Buddies (from left) are Hammer (Don), our Chapter Director with Ronnie and Dave.

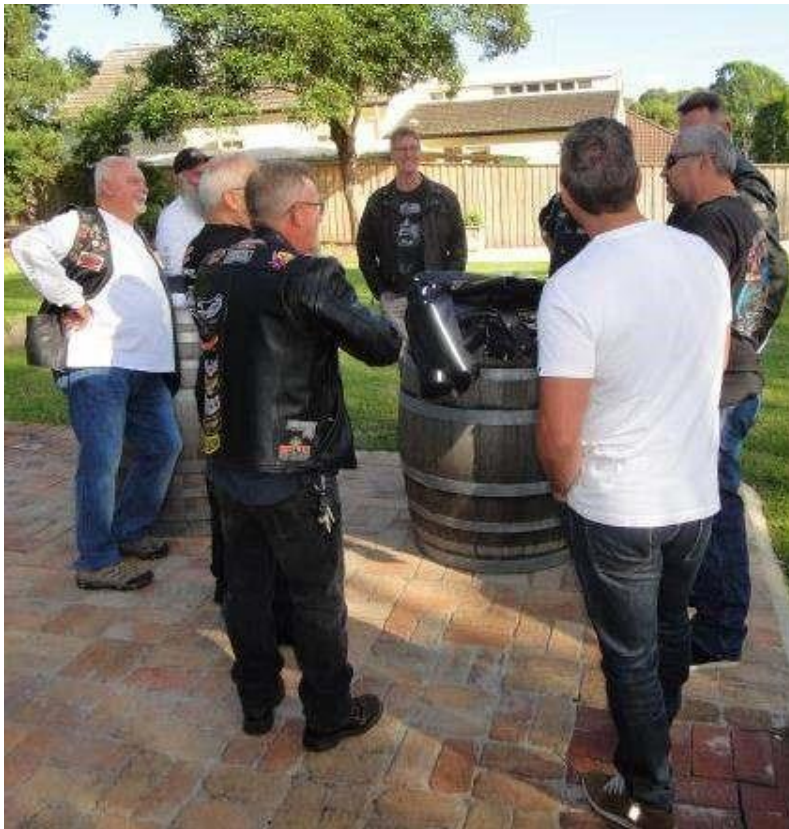


Image 36 – Even the weather played its part in making for a terrific morning ride and brekkie get together.



Image 37 – Myself (Sergio) at left with Bollard (Dave).



Image 38 - I like checking out biker vests and here we see the back of Knock-Knock's vest. A HOG vest can show a great variety of pins and patches and are assembled however the wearer wishes. These adornments can express attitudes, display role, show affiliation, commemorate events, or can be simply for decoration. There are very many options but the vest does tell a story about its owner.

Here we see by that green patch that Knock-Knock is First-Aid accredited, as are all our Road Captains. He is also HART Trained (HART is an organisation who provide rider training at all levels and their courses help contribute to improved roadcraft techniques). Also shown are Rally patches he attended and patches for annual HOG membership. Apparently he also enjoys Jack Daniel's old No.7 Tennessee Whiskey!

Anyhow, by 10.30 am we all had finished our breakfast and socialising and were on our way home with plenty of time to do other things. That's what I call a great start to the day! Everybody thought the early ride was a great idea and a fun way to start the day.

Ride Safe,

Sergio Editor / Historian, NSW Chapter