Harley Owners Group (HOG) – New South Wales Chapter

HOGS - The Official riding club of Harley-Davidson - Established 1983

HOG NMR Ride – Saturday July 7, 2018 Monthly New Members Ride

Time again for the HOGS monthly New Members Ride!

As with all New Member Rides, we meet at the premises of our sponsoring Harley-Davidson dealer, Frasers, at Parramatta Road, Concord.

Our destination today is the Tractor 828 Café situated at 828 Sackville Road, Ebenezer, 75km from our start point.

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 by older members, however, because it is a fun way to catch up with ride buddies and squeeze in a Saturday morning ride. Sometimes we don't even have any new members to meet.

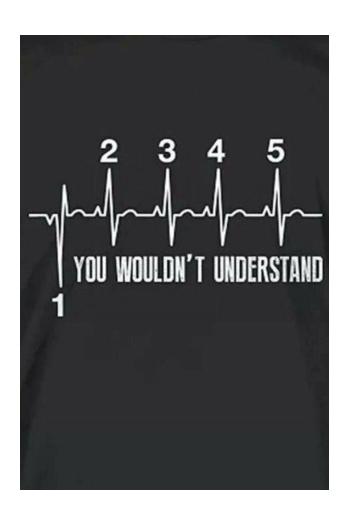
This newsletter contains images taken on the day of the ride as well as some fun memes downloaded from the website Pinterest.

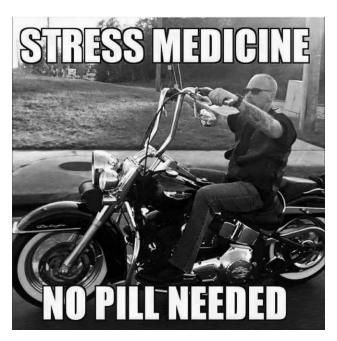


Our sponsoring dealer, Fraser Motorcycles was established in 1955 and is located at 153 – 165 Parramatta Road, Concord NSW 2137



 ${\sf HOG}$ Ride Image 1 – Having a warming coffee before our ride is from left Hazza (Harry), Jean, Paul and Geoff.

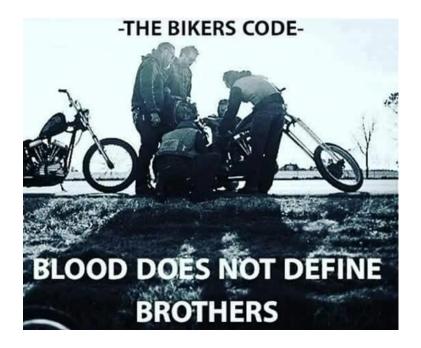






HOG Ride Image 2 – As usual, lets meet some Hoggies! Here from left is Julie, Jubby (Mike) and Mr.Con. Julie is a friend of Con's wife and while being an experienced pillion, had never been on a Harley before. Everybody wants to check out a Harley!

- some important things in life just require a deep breath & and a long ride with friends - bikersfirst





HOG Ride Image 3 – Here we have George, a HOG Life Member and Road Captain with his Fat Boy bike. With George is Brittany, the eldest of his 8 grandchildren and this is her first outing with the HOGS. What took you so long Brittany?

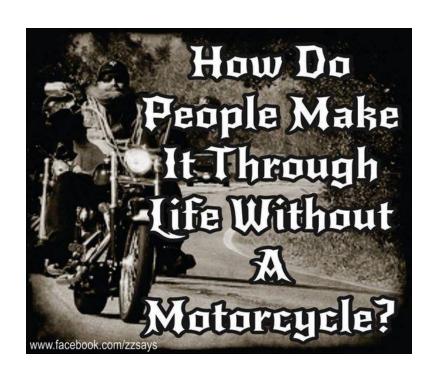


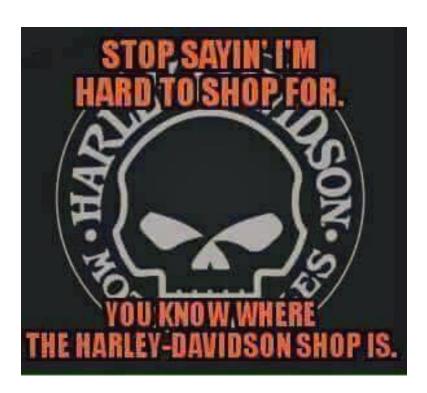




HOG Ride Image 4 – This is Choppa (Wayne) whom we all call "Chop". Chop is riding Shotgun today with Knock-Knock (Hugh) as Lead Road Captain. Chop is a HOG Life Member and a Road Captain.

Its winter right now in Australia and the mornings have a slight chill but the predicted temperature for today is in the mid 20's Celsius. Beautiful!

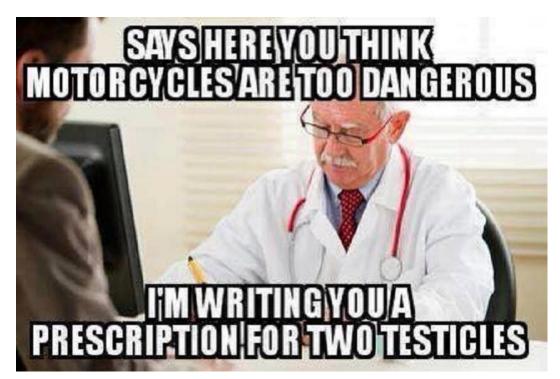






 ${\sf HOG}$ Ride Image 5 – We actually have new members for the New Members Ride! This is Lawrence with girlfriend Kristal beside their 2015 Ultra Glide.







 ${\sf HOG}$ Ride Image 6 – And visiting our Chapter from the Blacktown Chapter is Starrie (Dave) with his 2007 Wide Glide Harley.

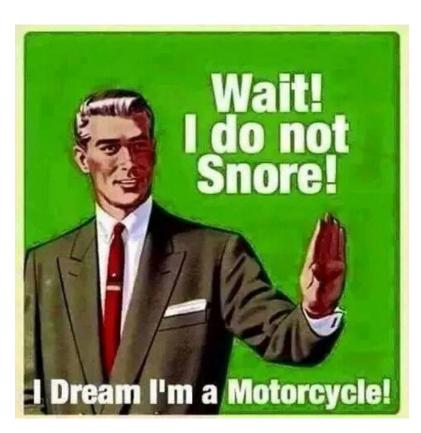


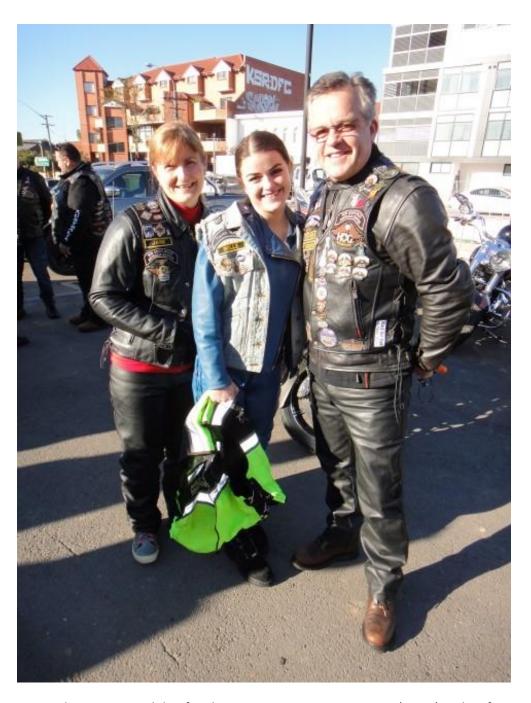




HOG Ride Image 7 – Also from the Blacktown Chapter is Jeff beside his 2014 CVO Road King Harley. Are Starrie and Jeff spies from the Blacktown Chapter? Regardless, we welcome all in our Chapter.

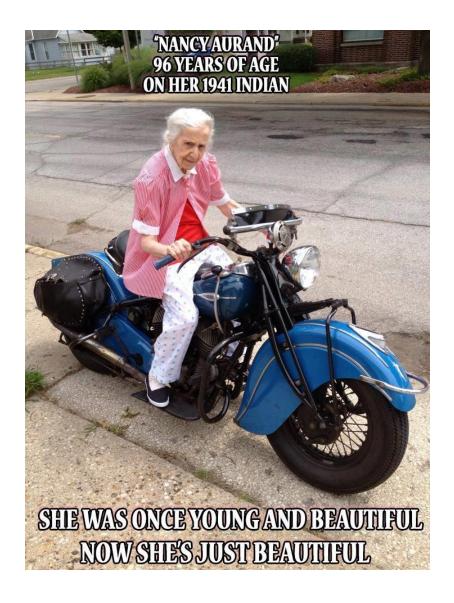






HOG Ride Image 8 – A biker family portrait. Here we see Tarzan (Steve) with wife Jane and daughter Belle often seen at HOG events. We like to take credit for Belle's prowess on the motorcycle suggesting she honed her skills whilst riding with us! She has the potential to take her riding skills to another level.



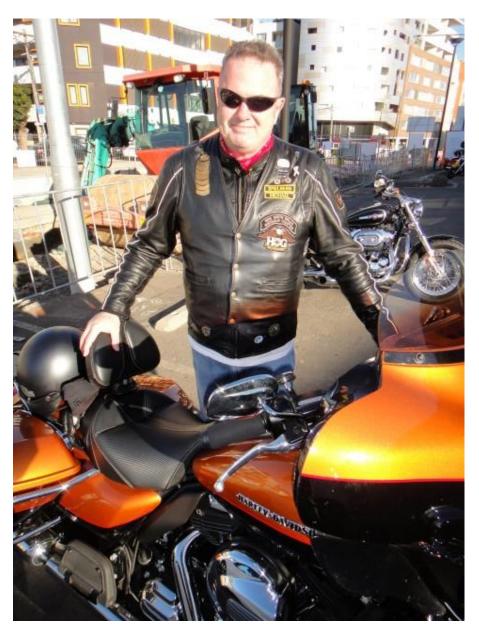




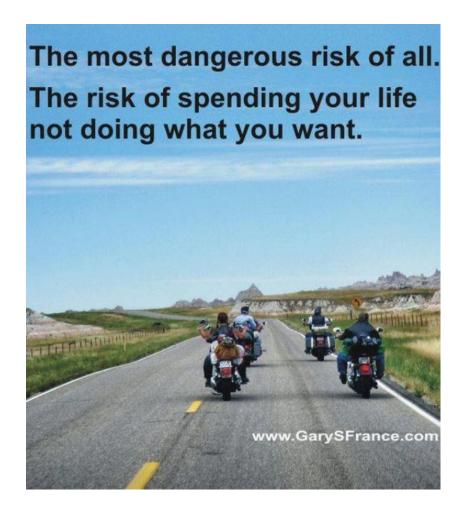
HOG Ride Image 9 – Another new member! Business is good today on the New Members Ride! This is Rakesh with his first Harley, a Street 500 model.







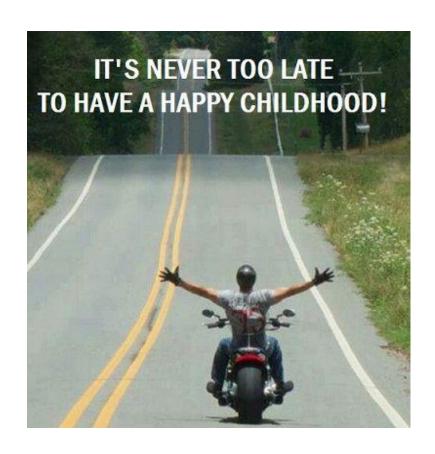
 ${\sf HOG}$ Ride Image 10 – Here is Spielberg (Michael) looking fitter than ever with his 2015 Ultra in the rare "Whiskey Amber" colour.







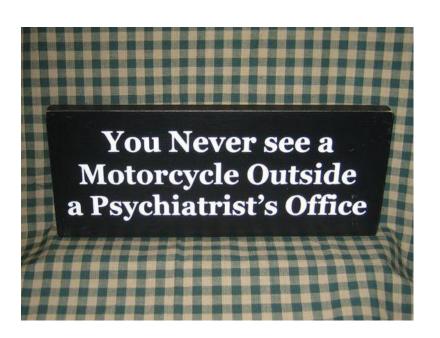
 ${\sf HOG}$ Ride Image 11 – Here we see Bob signing the attendance/Indemnity sheet which is mandatory for all before each ${\sf HOG}$ ride.







HOG Ride Image 12 – Its 8.45am and the Road Captains quickly gather to discuss the ride and their role in it. Assigned duties include corner marking, Tail End Charlie and Sweep positions.

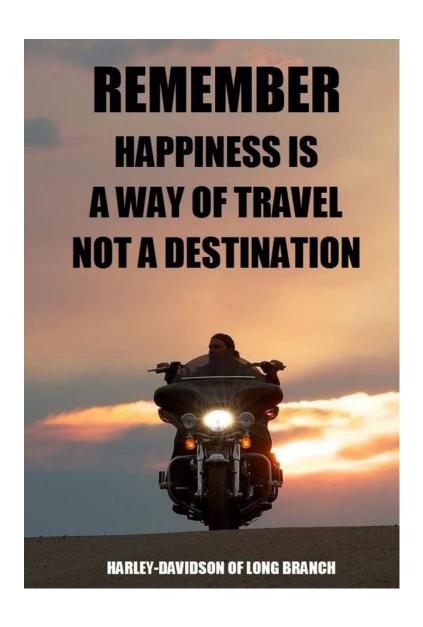


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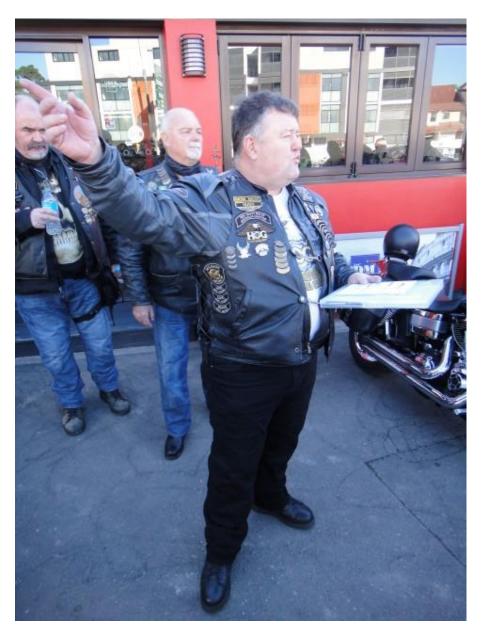




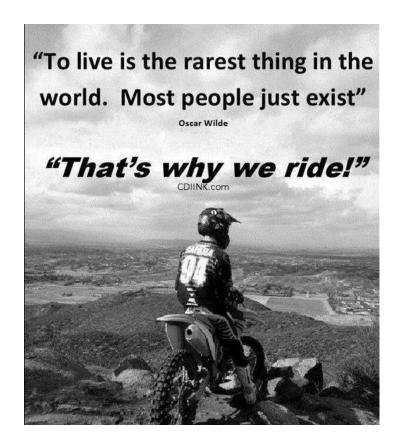
HOG Ride Image 13 - Its 9.00am and time to run over the day's proceedings with all present. It's a great roll up with 31 people in attendance including 3 new members.







 ${\sf HOG}$ Ride Image 14 – Lead Road Captain for today is Knock-Knock (Hugh) seen here delivering his briefing for the ride.







HOG Ride Image 15 – Present today are from left Marylou, Roundy (Stuart), Vicki, Dano (Danny) and Smiddy (Ian).

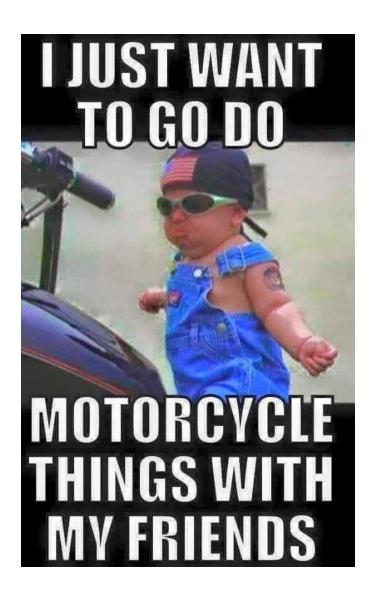






HOG Ride Image 16 – Here we see our Lead Road Captain for today, Knock-Knock (Hugh) with his brand new CVO Limited bike, the most expensive Harley in the range. It's got everything and is the ducks guts, bee's knees and cat's pyjamas of Harley's! The engine is a massive 117ci (1923cc) and it has a state-of-the-art infotainment system which even monitors tyre pressures.

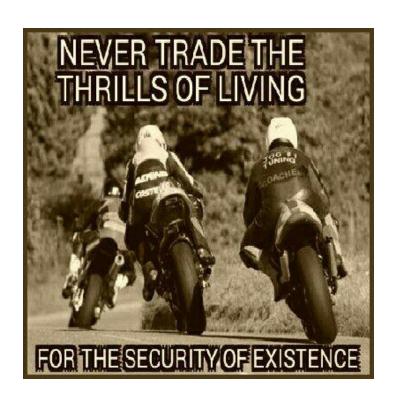
Knock-Knock waited an anxious 3 months for this bike to arrive in Australia after it was specially ordered. He got it from Fraser's of course!

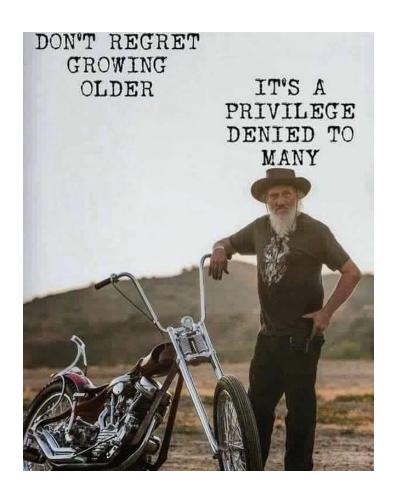






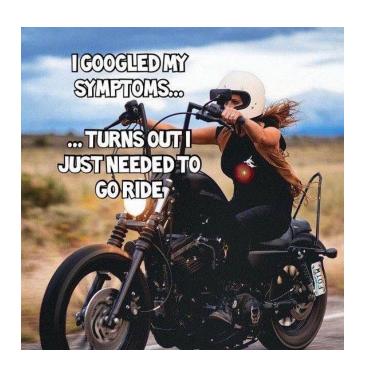
 ${\sf HOG}$ Ride Image 17 – Its 9.10am and the call to mount-up has been made. Here we see Starrie ready to roll.

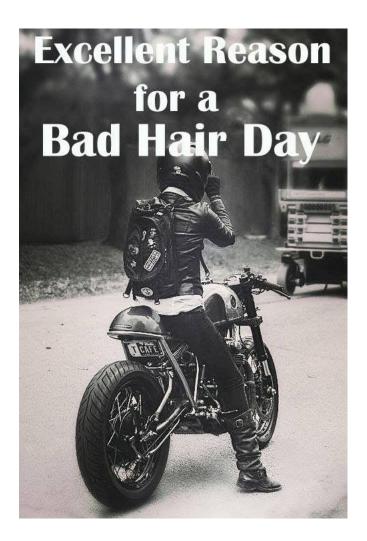


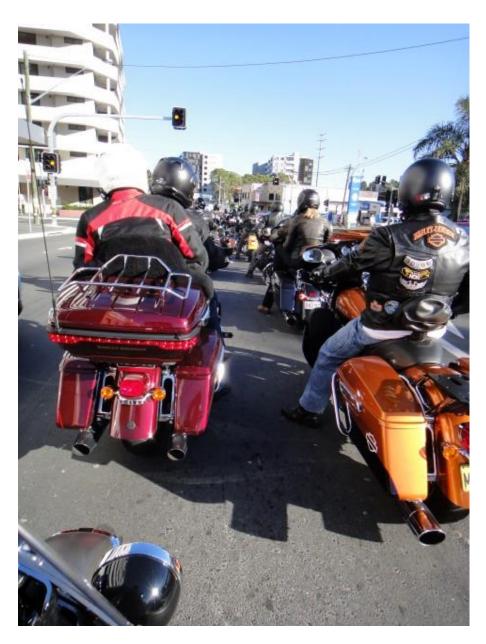




 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{HOG}}$ Ride Image 18 – Also on the move is Ashley with Sarma as pillion.

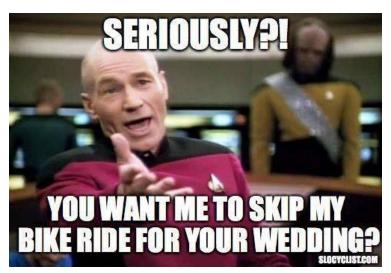






HOG Ride Image 19 – Saturday mornings on Sydney's roads is always hectic but who's complaining, we are on our bikes!

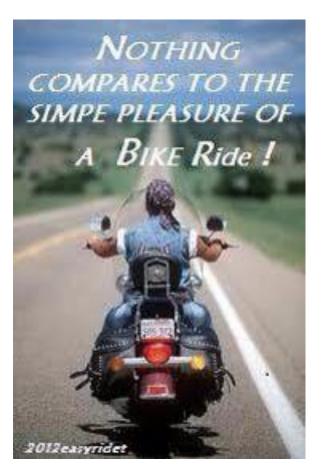






HOG Ride Image 20 – Completely at home on her bike is Belle who now is contemplating a bike upgrade.







HOG Ride Image 21 – Our route eventually takes us into rural areas through Dural, Glenorie and Maroota including National Park and Conservation areas. Obviously wild life hazards apply with kangaroos and wombats being the main concern. Neither was seen on this trip.

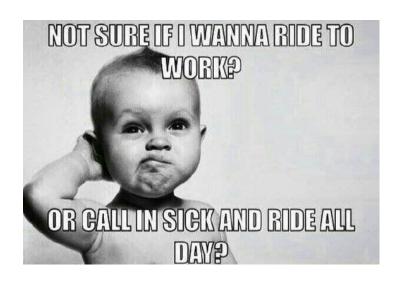
In the rural setting we can really appreciate our fine iron steeds.







HOG Ride Image 22 – We eventually make it to the Hawkesbury River at Sackville where we will need to cross by car ferry. Here we await the ferry for a few minutes to cross from the other side.



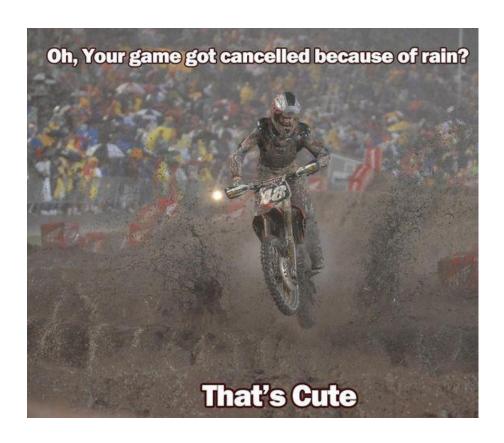


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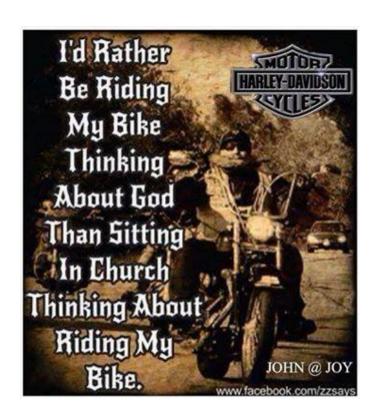
HOG Ride Image 23 – This short break gives us time to catch up with Paul and Jean, regulars on HOG rides. They are soon off to the US to do Route 66 on a Harley.



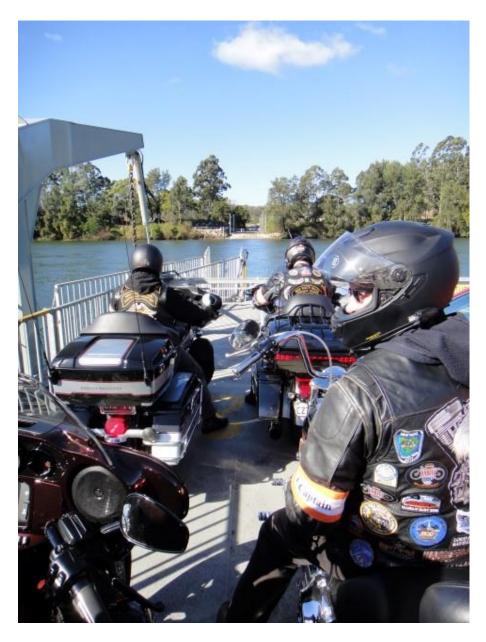




HOG Ride Image 24 – This is on board the car ferry during the river crossing. It accommodated all our bikes and some cars. There is no charge to use this service.







 $HOG\ Ride\ Image\ 25-It's\ a$ wide river and the crossing takes a few minutes.







HOG Ride Image 26 – Me on the ferry and on my new bike! I went to Frasers to service my old bike and left with a new bike! Don't know how that happened but this new bike is fantastic. It's a Heritage Classic 114ci (1868cc) in Two-Tone Industrial Grey Denim/Black Denim paint.

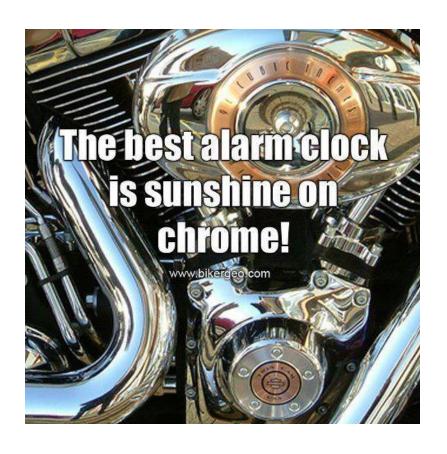
I bought that Bohemian hippie styled jacket in the early 80's for a hippie themed party and it still looks good!







HOG Ride Image 27 – We arrive at our destination for today, the Tractor 828 café situated at 828 Sackville Road, Ebenezer. The name of the café is in reference to a vintage tractor found on the premises when taken over by the new owners, and the street address number.







HOG Ride Image 28 – Here we see Roundy topping up his latest bike at the café pump, a CVO Ultra 117ci also purchased from Frasers. Only a couple of months old it is already on its second engine after a warranty claim which was promptly taken care of by Frasers. Our symbiotic relationship with Frasers works both ways.







HOG Ride Image 29 – Hoggies dismount upon arrival at the café.







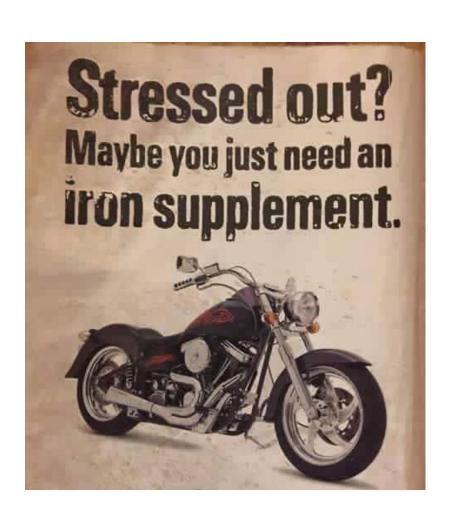
HOG Ride Image 30 - I think a bunch of Harleys always enhances the look of a place!

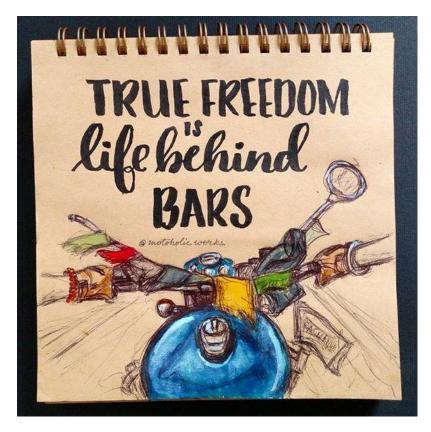


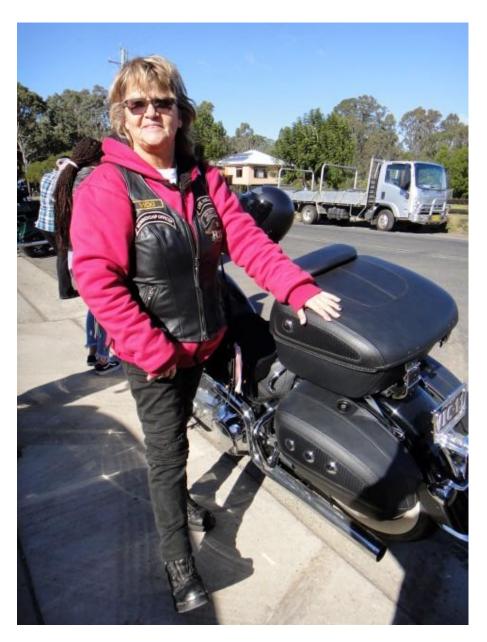




HOG Ride Image 31 – This is the tractor that the tractor café is named after. It was found abandoned on the property when they purchased it. It now sits near the front entrance for all to see. If anyone says "the place with the old tractor", you know what they mean.







 ${\sf HOG}$ Ride Image 32 – This is Vicki with her Harley. She is a ${\sf HOG}$ Life Member and the current membership Officer.







 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{HOG}}$ Ride Image 33 - U-Leak (Victor) and Velvet also join us today for brunch.







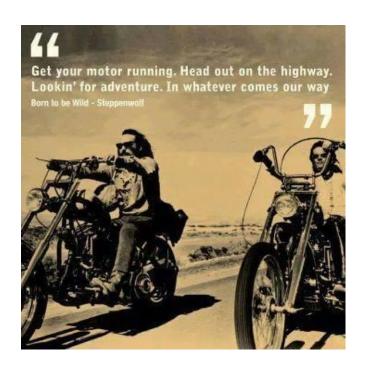
HOG Ride Image 34 – Inside the café is quite nice and there is plenty of food on display.







HOG Ride Image 35 – The café restroom has a bicycle themed fitout. An old motorcycle would have been much cooler!

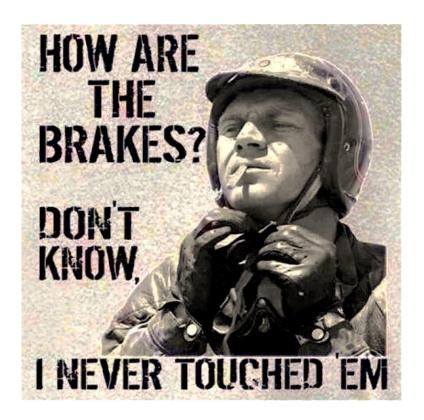






HOG Ride Image 36 – Well it's a brilliant day for mid-winter with temperatures hitting the mid 20's Celsius. We all sit outside in the warming sun enjoying the day and HOG company. I saw on the news that evening it was only a couple of degrees warmer in London where it's mid-summer! And Edinburgh in Scotland was about the same as us.

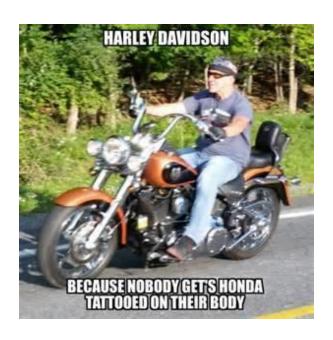






HOG Ride Image 37 – At this table we see from left Julie, Lawrence, Kristal, Jubby (Mike) and Mr. Con (we have to say Mister because he is big and scary!).

It's now noon and the low angle of the winter sun makes it a bit glary (Jubby and Mr. Con are shaded by an adjacent folded umbrella).







HOG Ride Image 38 – Happy vegemites from left are Marylou, Velvet, U-Leak (Victor), Dave and Roundy (Stuart).



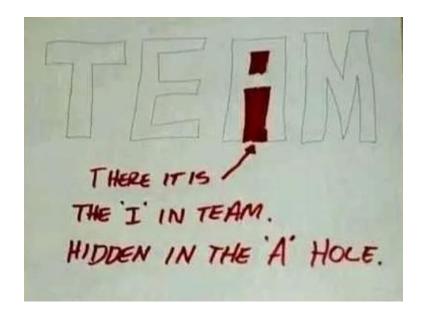




HOG Ride Image 39 – Roundy never resists the temptation to try a new bike. This one was parked near our tables unattended!

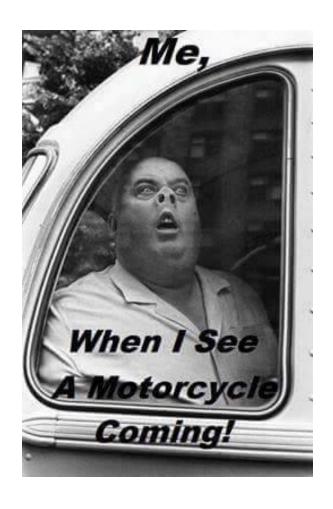








HOG Ride Image 40 – Well that was short and sweet! We now depart the café making our own way home. That's Jubby next to his very conspicuous blue Fat Boy bike. It's mid-winter with a bit of a chill in the air so Jubby dons his face shield.







 ${\sf HOG}$ Ride Image 41 – A small group of us decide to call in on a quaint little pub at Pitt Town on the way home.

Fun was had by all and you still got home early enough to attend to house chores!

