



# ULYSSES CLUB MACKAY BRANCH

GROW OLD DISGRACEFULLY

# Rev'd n Rollin'

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Spot draws!

## Where > Let's PARTY



Western Suburbs  
Rugby League  
Football Club

### When? 7:00pm 21st November

Christmas Style Buffet

RSVP Jim by 15/11/09

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How Much? \$28.50 p/p

Ham off the bone

Carved Turkey

Chicken Pieces

Roast Pork

Medley of Roasted Vegetables

Steamed Peas or Beans

Condiments

Christmas Cake

Fresh Mango and Fruit Salad

White Christmas Slice

Mackay Branch: Let's PARTY  
Free BUS!

Bring a Secret Santa Gift  
\$15 value max  
Guy 4 Guy  
Girl 4 Girl

First pick up @ Clark Rubber @ 6:00pm

Then Malcomson st, Gregory st and down Nebo rd



## PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

Hello all,

What a busy three months we have had. Rides and social events have filled most of my week-ends and it is pleasing to see that most rides are attracting between 10 and 30 members each time. The Rider and Ulysses Awareness day was highly successful. Thanks to all the Committee and others who pulled this campaign together. We had a strong presence at Caneland Shopping Centre on the day and we are just starting to hear positive feed-back from emerging new members.



The highlight this quarter was the Driver Reviver week-end at Waverley Creek with over 30 members participating. Due to an increase in volunteers, this year, members were only required to do 2 hrs shifts, proving that many hands really do make light work. A big thank you is extended to Jim & Denise MacDonald and Paul (Fluffy) and Maureen (Moo) Smith for the mega effort they all put into this week-end. A special thanks to Julie who delivered 50ltrs of milk to the suite even though she was not staying. Members were treated to Jim's traditional Bush Tucker on Saturday night and for the first time this year we also enjoyed Bush Pizzas. My thanks are extended also to Dave and Elizabeth for their contribution towards the Waverley Creek Pizza Parlour. I am pleased to write that, for our efforts, over \$1,000 was raised for donation to the CQ Rescue Helicopter Service. Well done everyone. Photos are on the web site for all to enjoy.

Chit chat nights are also proving to be well patronised. We have been able to secure a private room at the Buffalo Club and have held a couple of social nights there. 26 Members enjoyed Little Jon's Trivia and Celebrity Heads night at the Club on 28<sup>th</sup> August, and another discussion night attracted similar numbers. Thanks to the Buffalo Club for the use of their venue at no cost to us. The ride calendar is set for the remainder of the year and I am sure members will be pleased with the diversity that the Branch is offering. Camp-overs, mystery rides, Pizza lunches, a progressive dinner and barefoot bowls are just some of the activities listed. The Calendar can be viewed on the web site, or just ask one of the Committee if you would prefer a hard copy.

On a sad note, many of you would be already aware that member Joy Short is in ICU in the Royal Brisbane hospital following a bike accident in Rockhampton on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October. At the time of writing Joy is still in a serious condition and it is anticipated that she will be hospitalised at least until Christmas. Please keep Joy in your thoughts and prayers as she works towards a full and speedy recovery. I was reminded after hearing about Joy's accident that "once we are on the bikes our vulnerability trebles and we really can't afford to take any risks". With this in mind I urge you all to ride with care.

The Branch Christmas Party will be held at the West Tigers Leagues Club in Walkerston on 21

November this year. Watch the web site and advices for more information on this.

Our major fund raiser for this year will be the Christmas Toy Run and Food Drop which will take place on 6 December. There will be loads of information leading up to the big day. All members and friends are encouraged to come along and show their support as all the funds raised will be going to local charities. The Branch is calling for route marshals and volunteers to assist prior to and on the day. So please consider supporting this worthwhile cause and contact either Lyn Jones or Ron Waters-Marsh (Swampy) to lend a helping hand. The Magpies Sporting Club has been extremely generous in incorporating our Toy Run with their Christmas Charity Fun Day. Member Ian (Pilch) Pilcher will play Santa and will be leading bikes from the PCYC in his "Sleigh". Enough from me, until next time, ride safe and keep the rubber down.

Maritta Heiler  
Branch President

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## First Lady's Birthday Ride



### A view of the members one way

We all met at Ants Café for breakfast all that is except the first Lady who had to work so his fresh new wife entertained us in his absence. We had our usual big breakfast and those who didn't have something pink borrowed bought or stole.



Here's a good example of one hungry Ulyssian (note the pink ribbon).

All waited until Kill Bill returned to Slade Point to Swap the 110cc Posty Bike for the King of the Road VTX1800.

This achieved we set sail to Mobil Conningsby for fuel for the days outing  
From here we meandered our way up Deveraux Creek Road.

### Ride to Finch Hatton



and a view from the other



Jennifer and Pete



Lit'l John took out the photographers award for the most photogenic.

**GROWING OLD DRAG RACERS ONLY**

### GUTS OR BALLS

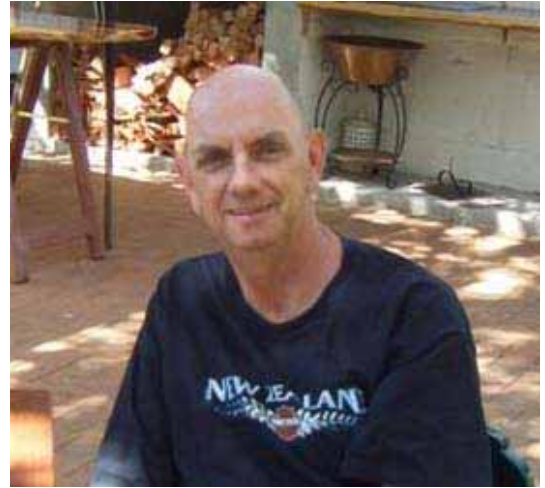
There is a medical distinction. We've all heard about people having guts or balls, but do you really know the difference between them? In an effort to keep you informed, the definitions are listed below. GUTS- is arriving home late after a night out with the boys, being met by your wife with a broom, and having the guts to ask: "Are you still cleaning, or are you flying somewhere?"

BALLS-is coming home late after a night out with the boys, smelling of perfume and beer, lipstick on your collar, slapping your wife on the arse and having the balls to say "You're next, fatty."

I hope this clears up any confusion on the definitions. Medically speaking, there is no difference in the outcome, Since both ultimately result in death.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED.

Steve Wilkins. # 55004



**Joy Short:** pictured above on her Drag Star was involved in a serious accident Rockhampton on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> of October and is in Royal Brisbane Hospital in a serious condition **Editor:-** Text from Pat Sunday Afternoon...  
**At the time of writing Joy is still in a serious condition but is talking and giving cheek.**

**A poem**  
**Oh, I Wish I'd Looked After Me Tits**  
*by Pam Ayres*

Oh, I wish I'd looked after me dear old knockers,  
 Not flashed them to boys behind the school lockers,  
 Or let them get fondled by randy old dockers,  
 Oh, I wish I'd looked after me tits.

'Cos now I'm much older and gravity's winning.  
 It's Nature's revenge for all that sinning,  
 And those dirty memories are rapidly dimming,  
 Oh, I wish I'd looked after me tits.

'Cos tits can be such troublesome things  
 When they no longer bounce, but dangle and swing.  
 And although they go well with my Bingo wings,  
 I wish I'd looked after me tits.

When they're both long enough to tie up in a bow,  
 When it's not the sweet chariot that swings low,  
 When they're less of a friend and more of a foe,  
 Then I wish I'd looked after me tits.

When I was young I got whistles and hoots,  
 From the men on the site to the men in the suits,  
 Now me nipples get stuck in the zips on me boots,  
 Oh, I wish I'd looked after me tits.

When I was younger I rode bikes and scooters,  
 Cruising around with my favourite suitors.  
 Now the wheels get entangled with my dangling  
 hooters,  
 I wish I'd looked after me tits.

When they follow behind and get trapped in the door,  
 When they're less in the air and more near the floor,  
 When people see less of them rather than more,  
 Oh, I wish I'd looked after me tits.

**GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY**



Camping area at Theresa Ck dam

**Team Safe**  
 SAFETY & TRAINING



Bev Relaxes



The winners and runner up in Show and Shine



Copperfield Chimney



Shop till you Drop @ Clermont markets.



Lake Elphinstone (Long Way Round Ride)



Pizza anyone?



Sonoma Mine (Long Way Round Ride)



Driver Reviver Weekend



A thirsty traveller



Maurice Price



Pinnacle Pub.

## TERESA CREEK DAM CAMP OVER

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October: Around 30 members representing Mackay, Whitsunday's and Townsville travelled out to Theresa Creek Dam (via Clermont) for a weekend camp over.

### Thursday

Paul and Maureen, Darryl and Mandy, Maurice, Joyce and Ingrid (Joyce's daughter from UK) set off from Mackay around 11am, arriving at the Clermont museum around 3pm for a catch up and cuppa with members of the Clermont Historical Society before heading into town for some provisions en-route to the dam.

Bob and Joy McDonald from Townsville were the first to arrive at the dam, shortly followed by John and Deb Van den Heuvel with their newly acquired camp trailer in tow.



**John and Deb with their Elite camper**



**Joyce and Ingrid enjoying some time together**

On arrival it was pleasing to see that the dam level wasn't too low and the camp site was nicely grassed. Peter and Kim (dam caretakers) had kept their promise and had been watering the camp site for us for a few weeks. In contrast to the country-side on the way out, the dam was like an oasis.

An after dinner chat on Thursday night was cut short when the temperature dropped quickly and not-so-hardy campers went looking for their doonas.

### Friday

Maurice, Joyce and Ingrid left early for a drive to the Information Centre in Clermont where they joined up on a bus tour of Blair Athol Mine and surrounding attractions. By Maurice's accounts, the tour was informative and enjoyable.

The Van den Heuvels and Shaws called in to have a look at the restored chimney and remnants of the old copper smelters at Copperfield. This impressive chimney was one of 22 when the copper mines were at their peak between 1862 and 1880. During this period the population of Copperfield, at over 3000, exceeded the current population of Clermont. There is always a sense of nostalgia when you visit these sites.



**Mandy and Deb at Copperfield Chimney**



**Some of the locals – just kidding!**

Jim and Denise MacDonald arrived Friday afternoon, shortly followed by the Whitsunday connection, Peter Roberts (Platter Pete) and Jo Bucher. Pete even brought along his peddle powered kayak and fishing rod hopeful of bagging a barra.

***Platter Pete with rig, including boat.***

Others to arrive on Friday included: Mark Coulon and Lyn Jones, Barry and Bev Smith, George and Bev Lenton, Phil and Janine Searles, Frank and Patricia Teske, Jeff and Maritta Heiler.

Malcolm Swanney and Donna Jones arrived just in time for dinner and demonstrated great skill erecting their tent in the dark.

Peter and Kim Bont (dam caretakers) put on a great BBQ dinner at their new kiosk which opened just 6 weeks ago. The steaks were tender and there was a good variety of fresh salads, followed by a delicious slice and tea and coffee. All those who attended agreed that for \$9 a head it was good value.



**Peter and Kim Bont**



**Pre-dinner chat**

**Saturday**

It was an early start on Saturday morning and the polishing cloths were put to work removing the road grime and dust for the gathering at the Clermont Museum. Riders assembled and rode as a group to the museum where we met up with the Clermont Motor Sport Club for a combined Show 'n' Shine.

The Clermont Historical Society, on being notified that we were coming to town, brought their 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary forward one week so that they could share their celebration with us. The people of Clermont are to be commended for the way in which they embraced our visit and really lived up to their claim as the 'Friendliest Town in Queensland', voted for the third year.



**Allan Wienert and his GT Falcon**



**Ben Wienert and his Ford XR6**

Neil and Meggs and Swampy and Lea, having attended the eisteddfod in Mackay Friday night, arrived in time to join in the fun at the museum before venturing out to set up camp at the dam.

Celebrations at the museum included live entertainment, rides for the children, markets, museum exhibits, bar, sausage sizzle and the Show 'n' Shine. A lot of hard work and effort had gone into making the day an enjoyable and memorable occasion.

On Saturday arvo a small group at the dam decided to cool off with a swim, however, the swim was cut short when Fluffy, then Moo were bitten by something lurking in the shallows. Apparently the culprit was a catfish, the size of this fish seemed to get bigger as the weekend went on and the bush telegraph went to work and latest news is that the good folk of Clermont have a rival to Nessie lurking in their local waterhole.



***Some of our bikes on display at the museum.***



***T Model Ford***

One of the locals brought along his T Model which was very popular with locals and Ulyssians alike. Before heading back to the dam a couple of groups visited the railway wagon murals in town for some photos.



***Swampy and Lea at Railway Mural***



***Railway Wagon Mural***

The railway wagon murals depict the industries within the shire and were painted by a talented artist, Glen Gillard.

The Clermont Motor Sport Club came out to the dam and put on a great BBQ on Saturday night. This group should also be commended for giving up their time and efforts to make our stay enjoyable.

Malcolm brought out a marquee which he and Swampy erected, with some words of advice from the crowd. The marquee provided a great under-cover seating area for our Saturday night dinner and for breakfast on Sunday morning.

A few good yarns were shared on Saturday night and Bushy kept us entertained with graphic re-count of his cross-country short cuts on the Road Star. Although the latest of these incidents included Maritta as a not so willing passenger.

## Sunday

The Clermont Motor Sport Club were up early Sunday morning and put on a great breakfast to get us all going. Some of their group had spent the night with us while others had got up early to be at the dam to feed us and see us on our way.

A large spider in the ladies toilet created a bit of a ruckus in the morning and Megs took the camera in for a close up shot of the intruder. Neil was sent in to investigate and came back shortly after with the creature attached to a stick much to the horror of some of the women, although most were relieved that they could now go to the toilet without fear of attack.



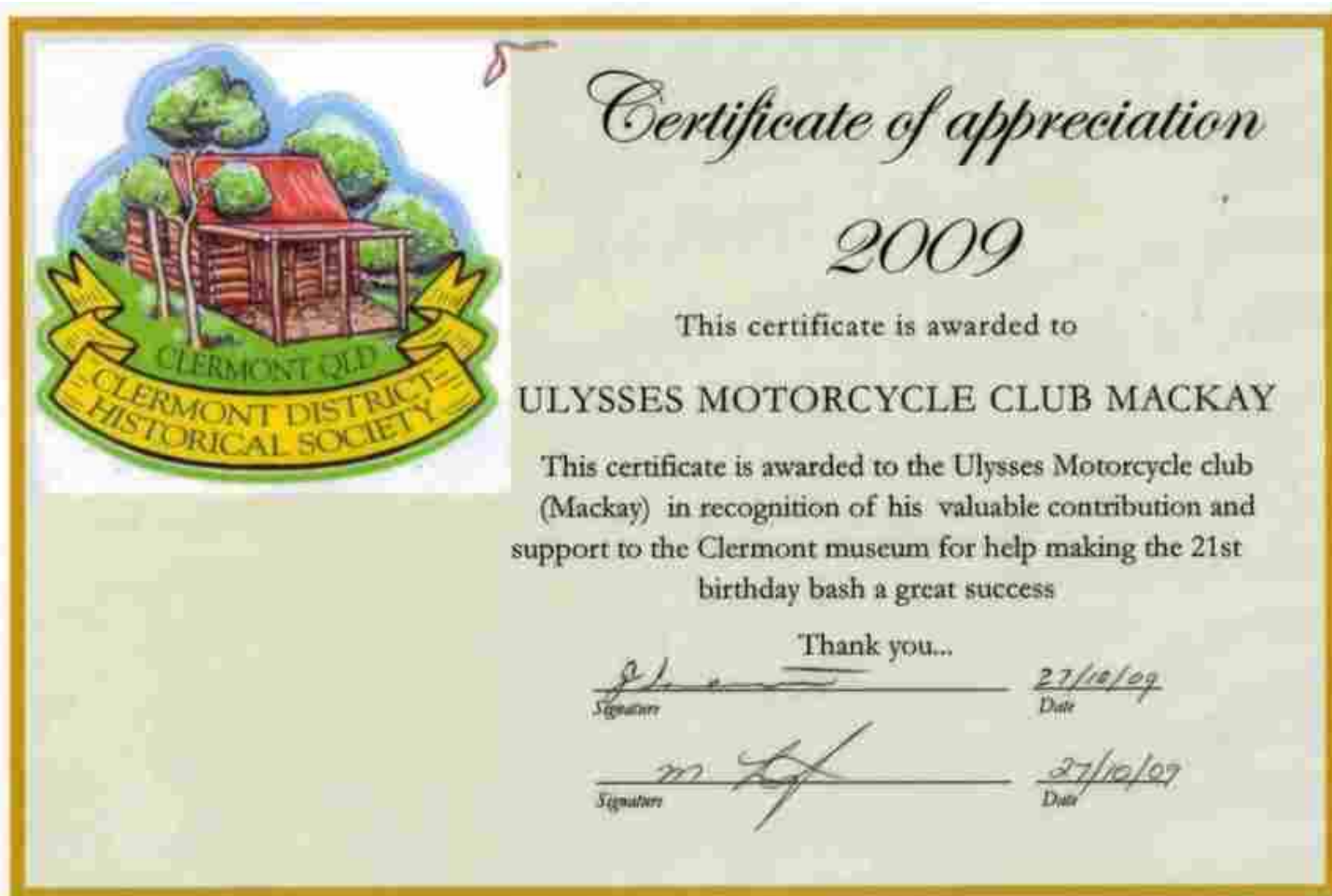
Some of the crew returned home via Moranbah where Mark Coulon took them for a tour of the power station. A group of about 16 then called in at the Nebo pub for lunch on the way home.

## Summary

For many of those who attended it was their first visit, or at least camp over at Theresa Creek Dam. For most of us this was the first time we were able to enjoy all the latest facilities and attractions that the dam has to offer.

Feedback so far has been favorable and perhaps, if there's enough interest, we should consider securing the Theresa Creek Dam Camp Over as an annual 'must-do' event on our calendar.

*Darryl Shaw*



**FOR SALE:**

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**Phone Lloyd on 49 593452.**



**Vive la difference.....**

**Diversity.....What a wonderful thing.**

I have been a member of the Ulysses club for about 15years and continue to marvel at number of different people I meet. People from very diverse backgrounds, but all with at least one common connection "Motor Cycles"

What a dull boring place it would be if we were all the same.....All dressed the same, all rode the same bike, and all had the same taste in women/men. Just think of it, 30000 "leather clad riders" on 30000 Goldwing's, 30000 K1200LT's, 30000 Roadkings, 30000 Harleys...I think you get the picture; the mind boggles. It is this very difference that makes our club so great. We may not see eye to eye with the next bloke but when he is down we do our best to help him up.

**So I say again Viva la difference.**

**Reminder** what ever you do.....

**DON'T FORGET THE TOY RUN:**

Held in conjunction with the Magpies Sporting Club Christmas Charity Fun Day  
Call Lyn Jones 0149844896 or Ron Waters-Marsh 0415762476 to offer you assistance...



**CHRISTMAS TOY RUN**  
SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2009

**THE ULYSSES CLUB Inc. MACKAY BRANCH INVITES YOU TO THE 2009 CHRISTMAS TOY RUN AND FOOD DROP**

- \* Held in conjunction with the Magpies Sporting Club Xmas Charity Fun Day
- \* Muster point - PCYC 9.30am Depart 10.30am
- \* Route Marshalls
- \* Show & Shine
- \* Food & Drink, Stalls
- \* Bar (responsible bar service only)
- \* Face Painting & Jumping Castle, Games, Santa
- \* All food donated to the Tribe of Judah - Proceeds & Toys to St Vincent De Paul

**REGISTRATION \$5 or \$10 with a badge**

**ALL PROCEEDS TO CHARITY**

**All Bike Riders & Clubs Invited Come & support a good cause**

Gates Open to The Public at 11am and the whole event will be promoted on Sea FM with a live telecast from Magpies from 11am

For more information phone Mackay Branch Ulysses Club Toy Run organisers  
Lyn Jones 0419 844 896 or Ron Waters-Marsh 0415 762 476

## Driver Reviver

Every year for four days in the Queensland September school holidays Mackay Branch members pack their Campers, Tents and Swags and travel 160km to an isolated rest area called Waverly Creek where, from 9.00am on Friday to 2.00pm on Monday we open up the Driver Reviver site and serve coffee, tea and biscuits to weary travellers. In fact we served about 1500 on them this year.



Twenty members from Mackay, two from the Burdekin, two from Townsville and a couple from Rockhampton fronted up for the weekend. Another 6 from Mackay rode down on Sunday to help as well.

First job of the day was to open up and the second was to hunt the 2mtr Taipan from the edge of the volunteer camping area and later that evening dispatch a smaller brown that was investigating one of

the tents.

Meals for the weekend were cooked in camp ovens and after dinner the story tellers and bush poets among us came to fore to entertain us all.

We raised a sizable donation for the local CQ Rescue Service and got to meet lots of interesting (some very tired) people including an Ulyssean from Albany half way through the big tour.



Throughout the weekend there was a steady stream of travellers including fellow bikers, overseas tourists in "Wicked Vans" to the whole spectrum of Aussie families on the move for the holidays.

Queensland Transport sponsor the site while Bushels and Arnott's supply the Tea and Coffee Dave cooked heaps of Pizza and Jim and Malcolm did beef stew and dumplings in the camp ovens.



Waverly Creek is open 24hrs a day and all the volunteers worked 2hr shifts throughout the day and night.

We placed a comments book on the table which was signed by several hundred people including one "Billy Joel" from New York USA. If it was the real gentlemen then I am very disappointed that I missed him. I would like to thank the Mackay Branch for their support of this worthy cause that no doubt saves countless lives during the school holidays.



Jim MacDonald  
Mackay Branch



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## Mackay Ulysses Branch Ride Calendar **Oct - Dec 2009**

**PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU ARE ATTENDING BY 12 NOON THE DAY PRIOR (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED) ESPECIALLY WHEN CATERING BOOKINGS ARE TO BE MADE.**

*NOTE: Important Dates:- Qld School Holidays 12 December - Aust Day Tues 26th Jan*

Date / Time	Event Description	Contact
Sun 11th Oct - Info Centre 09.30 for 10.00 Depart	Old Station Tea Rooms & Craft Gallery - Cape Hillsborough Road for Wood Fired Pizza Lunch	Dennis Nixon on 0749590335
Fri 16th - Sat 17th - Sun 18th Oct	Camp Over Theresa Creek Dam (via Clermont) - approx 320klm trip each way - bitumen road all the way.	Darryl on 0417637808 (Early expressions of interest sought)
Sun 25th Oct - Info Centre 10.00 for 10.30 Depart	General Gordon Hotel for Lunch	Paul Smith on 0407676654
Sat 31st Oct	Progressive Dinner - details to come	Malcolm Swanney - 0409648236
<b>Nov-09</b>		
Sun 08th Nov - Info Centre 09.00 for 09.30 Depart	Peter Faust Dam Ride (via Proserpine) BBQ and swim	<i>Volunteer to lead ride required</i>
Sat 14th - Sun 15th Nov - Info Centre 7am for 7.30 Depart on Saturday	Overnighter Waterpark Creek Byfield via Yeppoon (397klm trip each way) - more details to come	Bill Lucas on 0418185661
<i>Date Claimer: Sat 21st - Queens Beach Bowen</i>	<i>Bowen on Don Beach Races and Activities - Run by Crime Prevention Team Bowen to promote White Ribbon Day</i>	<i>Call Swampy for Info - Any volunteer to Lead a Ride??</i>
Sat 21st Nov - 6.30 for Pre-Dinner Drinks	Christmas Party - West Tigers Leagues Club at Walkerston	Jim Macdonald on 0431840460
Sat 28th Nov - City Bowls Club (06.30pm for 7.00pm)	Bare foot bowls / BBQ City Bowls Club	Darryl 0417637808
<b>Dec-09</b>		
Sun 6th Dec	Mackay Ulysses / Magpies Toy Run	Contact Lyn Jones or Swampy
Sun 13th Dec - Mackay Info Centre 9.30 for 10am	Club Secretary's Mystery Ride / Fun Day	Malcolm Swanney on 0409648236
Sun 20th Dec - Antz Café 09.00 for 10.00	Breakfast and Decide Ride on the Day	Just Turn Up

**THE RIDE COMMITTEE DON'T HAVE A MONOPOLY ON GOOD IDEAS. IF ANYONE HAS ANY WORTHWHILE SUGGESTIONS - PLEASE COME FORWARD**

**(Ride Committee: John Van den Heuvel - Dennis Nixon - Darryl Shaw)**