

The Chatterbox

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Presidents Column

Well the year has started at a frenetic pace.

The January coffee morning saw a large turnout enjoying breaky and a coffee followed by some of the members going on a ride to Killarney, via Yangan. We had another coffee with Bex followed by a sedate ride home.

The adhoc ride the following weekend went via Omanama to Stanthorpe then onto the Carriage Stop Café near Ballandean for a great lunch followed by an enjoyable ride home. A worried member did stop at a flash for cash to check if a piccie had been taken on the way down. Apparently the report was good. However a \$2.00 fine could be appropriate. The following weekend members attended a meeting at the Leyburn Hotel to get things moving for the Bikes thru a Bar event in October. Thanks to those who could make it and to those who were apologies. Flyers will be printed in the next few days and ready for distribution to Branches within 500km or so. Next meeting will be the first weekend of April, and will be our adhoc ride. Hope you can come along.

Sunday saw a great turnout for the organised ride and thanks to the Butcher and BJ for a great day. Special mention to Bones (aka Ross Atkinson) who celebrated his 50th birthday on the day and had 6 members of the family all turn up to ride with us and celebrate his turning a senior member.


Don't forget it is not too late to plan to come to Newcastle for the AGM event. Around 8 or so members that I am aware of are attending and I am pretty sure a few others are also going. A group will be leaving so give me a call if you want to join us. Fox and I will represent the branch at the extended NatCom meeting on the Friday. We will be setting up a Warwick District Camp so come along and be part of it. A great time will be had and a fantastic opportunity to ride a few bikes you may or may never be interested in owning.

Granny and I will be away from Thursday 24th till Sunday 6th or Monday 7th March on a ride to Adelaide. Bex put up his hand to join us. It should be a great trip. A couple of days work in the middle for me but plenty of time to do some sightseeing as well. Bill will be officially calling for nominations for our Branch AGM in April. Please consider standing for a committee position.

Please support the garage sale this weekend at the Doran' residence with some donations of both goods and time. Thanks guys for allowing us to clutter your garage for so long. Also don't forget the raffle for the \$300 voucher of leather clothing and goods.

Keep the shiny side up

Fester

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EMMAVILLE RIDE Sunday 20th February saw a good rollup of riders at Hungry Jacks, fifteen bikes in all. Ross Atkinson's four brothers and his son turned up to have a birthday ride with him, this was the first time they had been together all on bikes. The four brothers rode as far as Stanthorpe with us. Rick and Rod joined Fox, Fester C, Fester K, Granny, Bex, Gruff, Bones, Bradley, Gordon, BJ and the Butcher at the Tenterfield pit stop. A keen eye had to be kept on the road as there were a lot of pot holes and bitumen damage. Fox donated \$2 as he overtook the ride leader something about blowing cobwebs out of his bike. Fester K also owes \$2 for leaving his blinker on for a number of ks. A hearty lunch was had at the Club Hotel, the locals are a friendly bunch and welcomed us. After about an hour of talking and eating we headed back to Tenterfield for fuel. Rick and Rod left us at Stanthorpe and the remaining eleven bikes headed for home. Apart from the traffic the only hiccup was a motorist in front of Fox who threw out a

cigarette and hit his bike, would have been nice down the shirt, admittedly the motorist copped an earfull. A good time was had by all and the Emmaville ride is recommended to all members and families. Cheers The Butcher



SPECIAL EDITORS NOTE:

WELL IT IS THAT TIME OF THE YEAR WHEN NOMINATIONS ARE BEING CALLED FOR POSITIONS ON OUR CLUB'S COMMITTEE. I WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO THE MIX HERE. YOUR CLUB NEEDS A NEW CHATTERBOX EDITOR. THERE ARE MANY REASONS FOR THIS. THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE IS I AM NO LONGER IN A POSITION TO COME ALONG AND SHARE IN THE FUN OF THE RIDES. A GOOD EDITOR SHOULD BE ALONG ON RIDES AND WRITE EDITORIALS REFERRING TO THOSE RIDES AND REFLECT ON SOME OF THE PEOPLE, PLACES EXPERIENCES AND SO FORTH ASSOCIATED WITH THE FUN OF GETTING TOGETHER ON A RIDE. A GOOD EDITOR SHOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO TAKE THE CHATTERBOX INTO THE FUTURE, WITH NEW FORMATS, NEW GRAPHICS AND WAYS TO MAKE A GREAT PUBLICATION. MY CURRENT COMPUTER AND COMPUTER SKILLS ARE LIMITED, SOME ONE WITH A NEWER MACHINE WITH ALL THE NEW BELLS AND WHISTLES COULD DO A MUCH BETTER JOB. ON TOP OF THAT, BECOMING A DAD TO A SON (HIS NAME IS JASPER) IS GOING TO

BE MY MAIN FOCUS. SO ALL YOU BUDDING EDITORS OUT THERE HAVE A GO AS I BELIEVE A NEW PERSON WOULD PUT SOME MUCH NEEDED NEW ENTHUSIASM INTO THE MAG. THE MARCH ISSUE WILL BE MY LAST. ANY ONE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT ME, DENIS OR BILL, CHEERS COL.





HIS IS BROOKESYS BIKE, AS FAR AS I KNOW IT IS FOR SALE BUT I LOST THE DETAILS. IF YOUR INTERESTED HIS DETAILS ARE STILL AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE.



FAREWELL FROM PAT AND STEVE

Happy Birthday to these members for the month of February. Les Aspery aka Bex Gary Fuller Mick Lambert aka Black Duck Les Wenham aka Spangles Ross Atkinson Wayne Page aka Kiwi Alice Crompton Dan Gale aka Shrek Also to anyone I have missed please let me know so records can be updated Cheers Bill

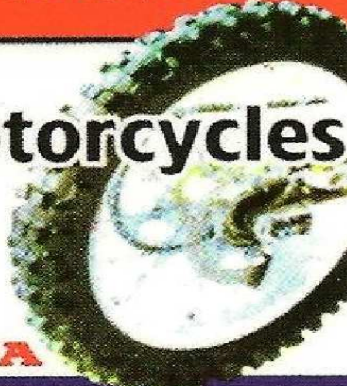
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Warwick Credit union has kindly donated the printing of our newsletters and I take this opportunity to thank them for doing so.
I urge members to speak with them for their financial needs.

Remember all correspondence to be received by the Editor by the 20th each month.



Ride & Social Calendar, Warwick Branch Ulysses Club Inc.

EDITORS NOTE, BEX HAS HAD TROUBLE WITH EMAIL OF LATE AND I AM AFRAID I DON'T HAVE AN UPDATED RIDE CALENDAR. THANKS TO OUR VERY EFFICIENT TREASURER BILL WE GET PLENTY OF REMINDERS OF UPCOMING RIDES. BEX WILL BE BACK SOON AND WE WILL ENDEAVOUR TO GET SOME THING BACK HERE. CHEERS COL.

**MINUTES OF THE WARWICK DISTRICT BRANCH
MEETING-WARWICK 27/01/2011**

**MEETING TYPE-COMMITTEE
TIME COMMENCED 5.30PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Fester, Angry, Bill, BJ, Bex, Fox, Brooksey

APOLOGIES

Nil

Minutes of the previous were read, accepted, Moved Angry,
Seconded Bex, Passed

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS

1. Received a parcel from Neville Gray who is the National Road Safety Co-ordinator. Enclosed was two booklets of importance to Qld motorcyclists. One is the Good Gear Guide for motorcyclists & the other is the Qld Motorcycle Riders Guide which has been produced by Qld Transport & Main Roads.
2. Received the Special Events cheque book from Credit Union, which was passed on to our treasurer.
3. Received the latest Branch Order Form from Admin, with some new items on offer.
4. Received an invitation to the Extended National Committee Meeting to be held on Friday 25th March, 2011. It goes to the Branch President & Secretary, should these people be unavailable, they encourage the delegation of at least one representative but no more than two. Fester & Fox to attend.
5. Received the Minutes of Nat Com's meeting which was held on December 4th 2010.
6. Received an e-mail from Gordon Neilson to forward his apologies for our branch meeting as he will be caravanning around NSW.
7. Received e-mail from Dennis King to pass on the regards from

Helena Gritton & the rest of Nat Com asking about members during the floods.

8. Received e-mail from Kenn Lewis saying they have rescheduled the Biker's Blessing which will now be on Sunday 15th May 2011.

9. Received e-mail from Bryan Stephens giving us an update on the next Roll the Dice Run which is being held on 4th-6th March 2011.

10. Received a small parcel from Keith & Kaye Mitchell of Ezy 2 Wheel. He has for sale the Ezy 2 Wheel Motorcycle Sidestand Mover, which is simple to use & is designed for one person to manoeuvre a motorcycle in confined spaces, while not having to hold the weight.

11. Received e-mail from Mike Hannan who is a member of Gold Coast Branch Ulysses Club. He would like to give a presentation of his tour overseas.

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS

1. E-mail sent out to members giving Helena Gritton & rest of Natcom's regards during recent floods.

2. Replied to Kenn Lewis regarding the Biker Blessing.
Accepted, Moved Bex, Seconded Fox, Passed

TREASURERS REPORT

A full report on our financial affairs was reported by Angry & is available from the Treasurer upon request. His report was Accepted, Moved Fox, Seconded BJ, Passed

RIDE CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

Bex reported the Ride Calender is up to date until the end of May 2011. He reported that he did not receive the e-mail on the cancellation of the Mt Warning ride. A small hiccup was found on the Secretary's e-mail list which has now been rectified.

WELFARE OFFICERS REPORT

1. Received an e-mail from Gordon Neilson saying he was in

hospital for 5 days over Xmas. He is now fine & with his wife travelling around NSW.

2. I have mentioned that it is hard to do anything for sick or injured members when not informed about these things until after the fact. If anyone hears of anyone in need of assistance or maybe just a visit please let me know via e-mail or phone call please.

3. Sent out an e-mail enquiring how all our members faired during the floods & if anyone needed assistance. Received an e-mail back from 2 members saying all was good & offering their help also. As I did not hear from anyone else I assumed that no-one was in need of help.

Accepted, Moved Bill, Seconded Angry, Passed

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Garage Sale has been decided to be held at Bill & BJ's on 26th February, 2011. An ad will be placed in the Free Times & Warwick Daily News. If anyone has items they wish to donate please drop them off the week before & larger items on the Friday 25th February. Many hands will be appreciated setting up & helping on the day of the garage sale.

2. Bikers Thru the Bar 7th-9th October, 2011. Dennis mentioned we needed to have a meeting out at Leyburn Hotel & get the ball rolling. Dennis called for someone to be Chairperson of the Committee but no hands came forward. A committee was formed with Dennis going on as Chairperson, Rick Goodsir as Secretary, Angry as Treasurer and Committee members being Bex, BJ, The Butcher (Bill) & Fox. A meeting will take place on the 13th February, 2011 leaving Hungry Jack's at 11am for Leyburn Hotel.

3. Rob Brookes said he would be resigning from his position on the committee & had let his & his wife's membership lapse. They will be missed by us all as they were active members in our activities. He also mentioned that his bike & trailer are up for sale. We accepted his resignation from the committee & Admin at Natcom will be notified. Mal Boswell (Worm) agreed to take on the role as caretaker Assist Treasurer until our AGM.

4. Next month we will be calling for nominations for our Branch AGM. All positions are up for grabs. Forms will be available from the Secretary at any time.

5. Fox brought up the subject of a change of venue for ride departures & Hungry Jack's was decided on because of their patronage of the Endeavour Ride. Natcom have been informed & Rick to inform the Website of the change.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 6.30pm