



## Newcastle Lower Hunter Branch

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**Branch Social Meeting: 2nd Saturday of the Month  
Edgeworth Bowling Club 6pm for Dinner & 7pm Meeting**

# Newsletter - July 2010

We're half way through the year already, where has it gone! The cooler weather is certainly here and with clear skies, it's been great to get out on the bike.



### **Branch 15th Anniversary**

Did you know that our Branch celebrates its 15th Anniversary in September this year?

We intend to commemorate the occasion at our September Social Meeting. If you would like to share your stories about some rides or events you have attended with the Branch at our September meeting, please let Lynne Fitzpatrick know so the meeting can be planned.

If you are in contact with any Branch members that don't regularly attend our meetings, particularly those members that were with the Branch from the beginning, please let them know about our anniversary and ask them to come along to our September meeting.

### **Rides and Start Times**

Don't forget, if you want to run or have a suggestion for a ride, email the details to the Branch email address so those details can be put in the ride calendar.

You may not have noticed from the Ride Calendar, but ride start times have been changed to 9.00 am. This will only be during the cooler months of the year. The ride start time will be 9.00 am for the months of July, August and September. The ride start time will revert to 8.30 am from October.

Keep an eye of the Branch website for updates on rides and upcoming events. If you would like to receive emails from the Branch, either fill in your email address in the sign on book or send an email to the Branch with your details.

### **Do you have any spare fabric or paint?**

The decorating committee for the Ulysses Club National 2011 AGM Event need supplies to decorate the Hoekker. If you can help, please contact Judy Booyse on 0414 663 818.

Thanks to Edgeworth Bowling Club  
Home of the Newcastle Lower  
Hunter Ulysses Branch



# July - August 2010 Ride Calendar:

10 July 2010	19:00	Edgeworth Bowling Club	Branch Social Meeting
11 July 2010	9:00	From Hexham McDonalds	Krambach via Forster
17 July 2010	18:30	Buttai Barn	Christmas in July (for those already booked)
18 July 2010	9:00 to 11:00	Chalmers St Brasserie at Swansea RSL	Breakfast/Coffee Morning
25 July 2010	8:30	From Hexham McDonalds	Wollombi, Broke, Gresford & Mystery Lunch Destination
8 August 2010	9:00	From Hexham McDonalds	Short ride with Branch funded member BBQ at Finnan Park, Raymond Terrace
14 August 2010	19:00	Edgeworth Bowling Club	Branch Social Meeting

**See the Branch Website for full ride details**

## Get Well Steve....

For those of you that may not know, one of our members, Steve Howarth has been involved in a serious motorbike accident and faces a long road to recovery. We all wish Steve well and our thoughts are with him and his family.

## Some interesting Triumph facts

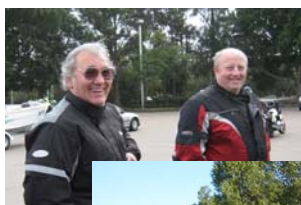
- was originally founded by a German Siegfried Bettmann in 1885
- first Triumph was a bicycle built in 1889
- first factory site was in Coventry
- first motor bike in 1902, a bicycle with a Minerva single cylinder Belgian motor
- built its first all in house motorbike in 1905
- in 1907 produced 1,000 bikes
- plant in Germany produced Triumphs but were called Oriol at first, then renamed TWN standing for Triumph Werke Numberg

1902 Triumph



## Recent Rides and Events:

Rides this month included a Mystery ride to Wiseman's Ferry for lunch on 13 June. Brian Fitzpatrick again started off the day as ride leader and yes, by the end of the day he was tail end Charlie! It was a long day but enjoyed by all. See the Branch website for full ride report and more photos.



On 27 June there was a ride to Wingham, via Dungog with a great turn out. Due to other commitments, members were joining and leaving the group throughout the day but the final count ended up around 23 bikes for the day. More details and photos from the ride are on the Branch website.



## A message from Jennifer Rosewood ...

The committee organising rides for the 2011 AGM Event have been chasing sponsorship for a re-run of the Motorcycling in the Hunter booklet, now in short supply. It is a great little book detailing local rides and safety tips and we hoped it would be available to put it in the registration bags. With a bit of help from our friends, primarily Brian Wood from the MCC (Motorcycle Council of NSW), the MAA (Motoring Accidents Authority) has agreed to pay for a third edition of the booklet. A request has been made, if we would like to demonstrate our gratitude, they would most appreciate assistance at their main fund raiser. This is the V8 Super Cars meet on 7th to 10th October 2010 at Bathurst. The club has been well represented with volunteers in the past, including Max and Carol Cameron. Any volunteers would be greatly appreciated. The work involves marking out the camping sites in the 3 weeks prior to the meet and camp ground marshalling from 2 October to 10 October.

If you are able to assist, please contact Jennifer Rosewood on 4959 2632. At the moment Jennifer is waiting for a full job description but will be able to advise volunteers in the next newsletter of what is involved. Facilities and a separate camping area are provided for the volunteers.

## Increase in Greenslip Prices

You may have already noticed, the price of Greenslips has increased. The following information is provided by Deb & Kevin at Monaland Pty Ltd and explains the reason for the increases.

Changes have been made by the Motor Accident Authority on rates increasing and more importantly, how they rate the bikes.

### What changes have been made?

#### 1. Increases across most vehicle classes

In order to ensure that CTP insurers are collecting sufficient premium to compensate victims of motor vehicle accidents, reassessments of claims costs are regularly performed by both individual insurers and by the Motor Accidents Authority. The most recent claims analysis has demonstrated a significant increase in costs resulting from both a higher number of claims being made and an increase in the cost of each claim through higher awards for economic loss, greater legal costs and inflation. To ensure these costs can be covered, CTP premiums will be increasing across the industry for most vehicle classes with effect 1 July 2010.

#### 2. New motorcycle classes

From 1 July 2010, the existing motorcycle classes (10a, 10b and 10c) will be replaced by five new classes (10d, 10e, 10f, 10g and 10h). These new classes are defined by new engine capacity ranges as shown below. As a result of this change, you will notice that the premium for some motorcycles will increase while others will decrease depending on the engine capacity of the vehicle.

**These increases are from ALL the Insurers.**

For the Newcastle/Central Coast region, bikes between 300cc and 725cc will experience the most significant saving of just over \$100 and bikes between 726cc & 1125cc are saving \$19 but all others are increasing between \$14 to \$100. The 250cc received the worst increase for the region.

If you would like a quote for your next greenslip, contact Deb and Kevin via their website, [www.monaland.com.au](http://www.monaland.com.au). Deb and Kevin are Ulyssians and can offer a discount to fellow Ulyssians on their insurance requirements.

### **After that message, it must be time for a joke.....**

A successful gynaecologist decides to fulfil his life's dream: give up medical practice and become a motorcycle mechanic. So he gets out of the medical business and enrolls at a mechanic's seminar with Harley Davidson.

After many weeks of training comes the final examination, taking apart and then re-assembling a randomly chosen Harley engine. He grabs his tools and sets to work, but soon he gets worried: while he is still working on the valve-covers, everybody else is already busy with removing the cylinder heads. He falls more and more behind, and as he is just starting to put it all back together, everybody else is already finished.

He manages to put the engine back together, barely in time before the exam ends. Because it took him so much longer than everybody else, he goes straight to the teacher to ask how he performed. "Well," the teacher says, "out of one hundred possible points you scored 150." "But how is that possible?" the ex-gynaecologist asks.

"Well, it breaks down to this: You get fifty points for correctly taking the engine apart. And you get another fifty points for putting it back together perfectly." "And what did I get those additional fifty points for?"

"For doing it all through the exhaust."

## **Members in Business:**

Chris Garrod - 0410 668 690	Moulded Ear Plugs (fitted)
Dave Brown - 0415 498773	Elders Real Estate
Kathy Parker - 4961 4616	Inside Window Furnishings
Peter - 4969 2466	Custom Cruiser Accessories
Greg Ford - 4954 6343	Cardiff Curtains
4957 9866	Newcastle Motorcycle Wholesales

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