



Newcastle Lower Hunter Branch

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

July 2011

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

President's Report – July 2011

A warm welcome to all our new members who have come to our meetings and those brave enough to venture out on cold Sunday mornings to go on fantastic rides.

29 bikes left Hexham on our ride to Forster although I and a few others had to leave the ride early. I heard a good time was had by all, great day for a ride. I hope some of you made new friends on the day.

Also don't forget Christmas in July is coming up so make sure you book for a great weekend away. There is also a ride to the Central Coast on Sunday 10 July to Patonga where you can have fish and chips and watch the ferry go by. The ride committee is getting together some weekends away in the near future, so for now, come along to meetings or enjoy yourself on a ride with great company.

That's all for now. Brian



Editors note

Please feel to submit articles for our newsletter to :- wendycheers@gmail.com

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From the Editors desk

Well...here I am with my first newsletter.

Do you have any suggestions for our newsletter?

Please send me a ride report with a photo or two if you've been on an interesting ride.

If you have any articles, jokes, funny motorcycle related photos or if you have anything you would like to buy, swap or sell, shoot me an email at wendycheers@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JULY



Christmas in July



Come and join us on the weekend of 23 and 24 July 2011 to celebrate Christmas in July.

We're heading to North Haven, just a little way up the coast. For those wanting to ride as a group, we will leave Hexham McDonalds at 9.00am and take a leisurely ride to arrive at North Haven with time for relaxation before the evening meal which will be served 6.30pm at North Haven Bowling Club. Final numbers are required by 14 July 2011 for catering purposes.

You need to book your own accommodation direct with Haven Waters Motel (phone 6559 9303) or via their website www.havenwaters.com.au (make sure you put on your website booking that you are with Ulysses to get the special discounted rate).

Payment for the Saturday night meal and Sunday breakfast is required by Thursday 14 July 2011 at the latest. The cost is \$31.00 per person for dinner and breakfast. Payment can be made at our next Branch meeting or contact Lynne Fitzpatrick on 0419 200 232 to make other arrangements for payment.

Happy Birthday!

Birthdays:

Julie Clarke
 Laura West
 Craig Hughson
 Craig Fleming
 Laurance Evans
 Terry Shepherd
 Brian Fitzpatrick
 Steven Tapping



Anniversaries: Wally & Cheryl Thurgood

Ride Calendar - July 2011

10-Jul-2011	10-Jul-2011	From: Hexham McDonalds To: Patonga	Fish n Chips	View Ride Details
17-Jul-2011	17-Jul-2011	From: Make your own way from home To: Swansea RSL	Coffee Morning	View Ride Details
23-Jul-2011	24-Jul-2011	From: Hexham McDonalds To: North Haven	Christmas in July Weekend	www.havenwaters.com.au
13-Aug-2011	13-Aug-2011	From: Your Home To: Edgeworth Bowling Club	Branch Social Meeting	View Ride Details
14-Aug-2011	14-Aug-2011	From: Hexham McDonalds To: Denman	Heading West	View Ride Details

New members are very welcome to come along on our rides. Please don't be shy. Come along and introduce yourself and have a fantastic ride with like minded people. It doesn't matter what you ride. We have fast riders, slow riders and snail riders (sorry Brian and Lynne). Whatever your riding style is.....you will fit in.

Last month's rides



FORSTER (LAKES WAY) 26/6/11 RIDE

What a great turnout today of 29 bikes (Some two up) for our ride to Forster. After instructions from ride leader of the day Chris Parker we set off and rode to Booral for morning tea via Raymond Terrace, Seaham then through Dungog to Stroud and finally Booral Servo for a break where I noted a few purchased coffees in plastic cups, yummy and the odd pie. (Apparently we were supposed to stop at Stroud but Mr Ride leader didn't see his designated stop).snigger snigger

Here the group had diminished a little with some riders (Ian, Brian & Lynne, Garry & Bill) having to go home for other commitments. On leaving the servo we volunteered as tail end Charlie and our ride leader decided to tear off without his sunglasses on his head leaving them on his fuel tank, naturally they fell off but luckily Kathy his wife spotted them on the road and dismounted and ran back to get them. Asked later about his sunnies he said, he knew they fell off, but as he was ride leader he didn't want to turn around as he may have been followed by other riders, so he left them.
(Doh..)

The next piece of road was Booral to Bulahdelah which can be quite daunting but proved to be not too bad. The Lakes Way has been upgraded and is much better than last time we ventured along it.

Lunch was at Pacific Palms Rec Club where the menu is quite reasonable price wise and I didn't hear any complaints about quality or quantity. The view from the Rec Club is fabulous looking over Wallis Lake (I think) and there is plenty of room for large groups even with the local Fishing Club having lunch at the same time as we noted when a barman asked us to move from their table. (Which didn't have a reserved sign on it).

After lunch we rode into Forster for fuel and then onto the Pacific Hwy and home, (Some opted to return via the Lakes Way to go home). Well another perfect day for a great ride with lovely people and it was good to see a few new faces and a few others from neighbouring clubs.

Well done to our committee member Chris for a great job leading the ride and others that organised our day out. Hope to see everyone on the next ride and hope I at least got a shot of everyone there. Cheers guys

Photos & report by Sylv

We did have more rides scheduled for June, but due to bad weather conditions, some were cancelled.



The Complete Motorcycle Tool Guide

- **Eight-Foot Long 4x2** - used for levering a bike upright after using a hydraulic jack on the bike.
- **Hydraulic Bike Jack/Platform** - ingeniously-designed tool for flipping bikes onto their sides, usually when you're alone in the shop.
- **Wire Wheel** - cleans rust off old bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned guitar calluses in about the time it takes you to say, "Hand me another beer mate!"
- **Drill Press** - a tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, splattering it against the Elle Macpherson poster over the bench grinder.
- **Oxy Acetylene torch** - used almost entirely for lighting those stale garage cigarettes you keep hidden in the back of the Whitworth socket drawer (What wife would think to look in there?) because you can never remember to buy lighter fluid for the Zippo lighter you got for Xmas 5 years ago.
- **Vice-Grips** - used to round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.
- **Electric Hand Drill** - normally used for spinning steel pop-rivets in their holes until you die of old age, but it also works great for drilling roll-bar mounting holes in the floor of a sports car just above the brake line that goes to the rear axle.
- **Mechanic's Knife** - used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on boxes containing expensive leathers or bike covers.
- **Hammer** - originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate expensive chrome bike parts not far from the object we are trying to hit.
- **Tweezers** - a tool for removing wood splinters.
- **Phone** - tool for calling your neighbour Barry to see if he has another hydraulic floor jack.
- **Gasket Scraper** - theoretically useful as a sandwich tool for spreading mayonnaise; used mainly for getting dog-doo off your boot.
- **E-Z Out Bolt and Stud Extractor** - a tool that snaps off in bolt holes and is ten times harder than any known drill bit.
- **Two-Ton Hydraulic Engine Hoist** - a handy tool for testing the tensile strength of ground straps and hydraulic clutch lines you may have forgotten to disconnect. Almost capable of lifting a Gold Wing off the floor.
- **Stanley 1/2 x 16 Inch Screwdriver** - a large motor mount prying tool that inexplicably has an accurately machined screwdriver tip on the end without the handle.
- **Battery electrolyte Tester** - a handy tool for transferring sulfuric acid from bike battery to the inside of your toolbox after determining that your battery is dead as a doornail, just as you thought.
- **Hacksaw** - one of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.
- **Trouble Light** - the mechanic's own tanning booth. Sometimes called a drop light, it is a good source of vitamin D, "the sunshine vitamin", which is not otherwise found in garages at night. Health benefits aside, its main purpose is to consume 40-watt light bulbs at about the same rate that 105-mm howitzer shells might be used during, say, the first few hours of the Battle of the Bulge. More often dark than light, its name is somewhat misleading.
- **Air Compressor** - a machine that takes energy produced in a coal-burning power plant 200 miles away and transforms it into compressed air that travels by hose to a pneumatic impact wrench that grips rusty suspension bolts last tightened 40 years ago by someone in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and rounds them off.
- **Phillips Screwdriver** - normally used to stab the lids of old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splash oil on your shirt; can also be used, as the name implies, to round off Phillips screw heads.
- **Timing Light** - a stroboscopic instrument for illuminating grease build up on crankshaft pulleys.





Giggle time



Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One fish turns to the other and says 'dam'.

If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives. This will make you think twice before you cough!

Paddy was waiting at the bus stop with his mate when a lorry went past loaded up with rolls of turf. Paddy said to his mate 'I'm gunna do that when I win the lottery'. His mate replies 'whats that Paddy'. Paddy replies 'send me lawn away to be cut'.

What a retired husband does ...

After I retired, my wife insisted that I accompany her on her trips to Target. Unfortunately, like most men, I found shopping boring and preferred to get in and get out. Equally unfortunate, my wife is like most women - she loves to browse. Yesterday my dear wife received the following letter from the local Target.

Dear Mrs. Samuel,

Over the past six months, your husband has caused quite a commotion in our store. We cannot tolerate this behavior and have been forced to ban both of you from the store. Our complaints against your husband, Mr. Samuel, are listed below and are documented by our video surveillance cameras.

1. June 15: Took 24 boxes of condoms and randomly put them in other people's carts when they weren't looking.
 2. July 2: Set all the alarm clocks in Housewares to go off at 5-minute intervals.
 3. July 7: He made a trail of tomato juice on the floor leading to the women's restroom.
 4. July 19: Walked up to an employee and told her in an official voice, 'Code 3 in Housewares. Get on it right away'. This caused the employee to leave her assigned station and receive a reprimand from her Supervisor that in turn resulted with a union grievance, causing management to lose time and costing the company money.
 5. August 4: Went to the Service Desk and tried to put a bag of M&Ms on lay buy
 6. August 14: Moved a 'CAUTION - WET FLOOR' sign to a carpeted area.
 7. August 15: Set up a tent in the camping department and told the children shoppers he'd invite them in if they would bring pillows and blankets from the bedding department to which twenty children obliged.
 8. August 23: When a clerk asked if they could help him he began crying and screamed, 'Why can't you people just leave me alone?' EMTs were called.
 9. September 4: Looked right into the security camera and used it as a mirror while he picked his nose.
 10. September 10: While handling guns in the hunting department, he asked the clerk where the antidepressants were.
 11. October 3: Darted around the store suspiciously while loudly humming the 'Mission Impossible' theme.
 12. October 6: In the auto department, he practiced his 'Madonna look' by using different sizes of funnels.
 13. October 18: Hid in a clothing rack and when people browsed through, yelled 'PICK ME! PICK ME!'
 14. October 21: When an announcement came over the loud speaker, he assumed a fetal position and screamed 'OH NO! IT'S THOSE VOICES AGAIN!'
- And last, but certainly not least:
15. October 23: Went into a fitting room, shut the door, waited awhile, then yelled very loudly, 'Hey! There's no toilet paper in here.' One of the clerks passed out.

Sincerely,
Target Management

Members in Business:

Chris Garrod - 0410 668 690	Molded Ear Plugs (fitted)
Dave Brown - 0415 498773	Elders Real Estate
Kathy Parker - 4961 4616	Inside Window Furnishings
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Peter & Michelle Thurlow - 1300 322 708	Hunter Valley Landscaping
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Does anyone know who this man is about to
kiss the wheel of a BMW?
Its quite sad really....isn't it?

