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INDEPENDENT

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Our Aim

Provide a free newsletter to motorcycle enthusiasts on The Fraser Coast that includes current rides and events as well as ride/pub reviews and photos. Poker run flyers as well as other motorcycle events can be posted in this newsletter at no charge by e-mailing details to <u>biteme@eatmyshorts.com.au</u>

The advertising of your business in this newsletter or our website will attract a small charge of which all will be donated to Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Qld.

For the site and newsletter to be a success we will be reliant on the contributions from other groups and individuals. Information including ride events, biker friendly businesses/pubs, camping and other useful information can be e-mailed or posted to us.

About us

Independent Riders is not a club, but a group of people who believe in the enjoyment and freedom obtained through motorcycle riding; without the restrictions imposed on them through membership of clubs or associations. Independent Riders have a charitable focus, but as true 'Independents' we have no President, Secretary or other similar position. The opinion of each person is considered equal. We do however have one person who is chosen as Public Relations Officer, the role of this person is promote our worthwhile and charitable causes.

The wearing of an Independent Rider cloth patch, or flying of one of our banners, does not equate to membership of any club, or association; but rather an indication that this person, or persons, believes in our concept of "The Independent Rider". Those who believe in these concepts are welcome to purchase and wear any of our patches, or fly one of our banners. While minimal amounts from sales are kept to help purchase new stock and cover basic administrative expenses - most money raised from the sales go to various charitable organisations, including: Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Qld.

Where possible we will assist groups in providing merchandise, including banners and stickers that can be used to raise money for your charitable event. **E-mail us for details**

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So.. What area is The Fraser Coast?

The million dollar question.....We see The Fraser Coast as north past Bundaberg, south around Gympie and west until we get sick of riding. Others may have a different opinion!

If you have a ride/event - let us know and it will go in the next addition of this newsletter. If you know of good pubs, camping, or have some great photo's/stories - e-mail them to us for inclusion in our newsletter. Visit our website: www.eatmyshorts.com.au for more information, or visit our on-line store; which should be open for business late 2013. The variety of items in our merchandise list continues to grow. Money raised from these items go to charity, so check out the items we have - it's all for a good cause!

Until next time... Independent Riders



We can be found each Friday afternoon / evening from around 5.00 PM at The Lamington Hotel Maryborough. We are usually located out the back part of the pub during winter us softies will have the heaters on ©

We usually have a few drinks, have a feed, or head off somewhere else for dinner - we also discuss any future rides. If you feel like a chat, come down and see us.

Planned Rides for October/November

- 26th Oct The Lighthouse Festival
- 8/9th Nov Kandanga
- 16/17th Imbil Rally
- 29/30th Noosa North Shore



What's coming up??

We are nearly at the end of a busy October and gearing up for more events leading into November. We had a good ride last weekend heading to Mount Perry, via Wallaville and returning, via South Kolan. We did notice fewer bikes on the road in our travels and the pubs that we spoke to did comment on less trade since the new anti-biker laws had come into play.

October 26^{th} – is the Light House Festival at Burnett Heads. The event organisers have provided us (*at no* charge), a 20 x 8 metre place for a bike display and marquee; with Royal Flying Doctor Service loaning us the marquee for the event. This is an ideal opportunity to raise a few dollars for charity, see a great festival, talk some shit and show the general public the positive side of bikers. If you can put your bike in the display we are departing Torbanlea BP 7.30am **SHARP**. Hope you can make it.

On November 9th - come join us with an overnighter at Kandanga for live music and free camping, departing Matilda South Maryborough 9.30am. Next is Imbil, followed by two nights at Noosa North Shore over 29/30th November.

Handy Credit Card size emergency light, folds away into your wallet. \$2.00 each includes batteries. Profits go to Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus QLD Ph: 0409 574284 or E-mail: <u>biteme@eatmyshorts.com.au</u>

FRIENDLY CROWD AT THE LAMMY





Shameless & Independent Riders



The picture above is now an Independent sticker and is available. 100% of profits raised from the sale of this item will go to Sandra's chosen charity. Leukemia Foundation *Dimensions 9.2cm (approx)*

Cost \$3.00

Christmas Raffle – Supporting Spina Bifida

Tickets are still available for our 2013 Christmas Raffle with all proceeds going to Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Qld. We have supported this group for a number of years and it is a charity we feel very deeply about. One of their numerous programs includes the Babies at Home Program that provides a vitally important program for new babies with Spina Bifida and their families; unfortunately this program receives NO government funding! See: <u>http://spinabifida.org/</u> for more information.

This year's Christmas Raffle has over 500.00 in goods and services donated by various groups on the Fraser Coast. 1^{st} Prize is 300, 2^{nd} 150 and 3^{rd} 575.

Tickets are available and sold at The Lamington Hotel each Friday night. Tickets are also available by contacting Michael on 0409 575 284 or Lizzie, our PR person, on: 04231 44067. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 and will be drawn on Friday the 6th of December 2013. Winners will be notified - as well as advertised on our website.

Fourth Annual Monster Garage Sale 21 September 2013

This year's event was a little slower than most; however we still managed to bank over \$450 and with additional money coming in on a couple of items this will pass the \$500 mark. While this amount won't prevent world poverty a large portion will make it back to Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Queensland. Thank you to those who supported this event!





Tickets available now.

We are again running a Christmas Raffle, drawn 6th of December. All proceeds of this raffle will go to Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Qld.

Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 and are now available, either through Lizzie 0423 144067, or Michael on 0409 575284

The raffle will be drawn at The Lamington Hotel Maryborough on the 6th of December. In total over \$500 in goods and services will be in the draw. 1st Prize \$300, 2nd \$150 and 3rd \$75.

Depending on donated goods the prize value may increase. Tickets are now available

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Noosa North Shore 29/30 November

Powered site almost ON THE BEACH foreshore = Fantastic Views. **SPACES AVAILABLE**

If you want to come, we require a \$20 non-refundable payment (no more to pay). That's a cheap weekend people. We are hoping for a huge turnout for this weekend. We are departing 9am from Matilda South for a leisurely ride down with lunch on the way and get our drinks at Tewantin Pub - so it's nice and cold. Catch the ferry over (\$6 return) and enjoy sun, surf and good times!

Approximately 40 people have already booked!

Bookings through Eleise 0407 151 216 or E-mail: biteme@eatmyshorts.com.au

New Anti-Biker Laws (Queensland)

We are all aware if the Queensland Governments new anti-biker laws and no doubt have heard a variety of versions on what these new laws mean to us as social bikers. While I make no claims on being a legal expert, I have taken the time to read through the legislation and as a social rider I am concerned that this new legislation has a lot of grey areas and is open to interpretation!

One concern with these new laws is that the government has by-passed its normal checks, bringing back memories of corrupt officials and unfair laws common place during a previous conservative government.

I have added on our website copies of this legislation as well as links to a variety articles. I will also add more information that includes changes to the liquor act that may be directed towards outlaw biker groups; but appear to control anyone who wears an emblem, or symbol, that could be interpreted as from an outlawed motorcycle group.

While I personally do not believe these new laws are fair or for that matter legal; I <u>am not</u> an advocate for criminal activity. I am however, a believer that we should all be treated equally under the law.

I do urge you to look at this legislation, question your state member, who no doubt will say words like "This is not directed at social motorcycle riders", or similar words.

If you are not happy with what you hear and want to make a difference - there are on-line petitions; and we also have a hard copy of this, that we will forward on. Also, you can write or e-mail the premier registering your concerns.

Premiers E-mail: <u>The.Premier@premiers.qld.gov.au</u>

His electorate office address: Campbell Newman MP PO Box 3010 Ashgrove East Qld 4060

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I have no doubt what-so-ever, that these laws will not make it through a high court challenge; however, I am concerned that if common sense does not prevail we will see further reductions in our rights as Australians/Queenslanders.



Thursday Raffles at The Aussie Hotel Maryborough

This picture was taken on Thursday 17th October at The Aussie Hotel. Independent Riders, lead by Lizzie, started lunch time raffles with proceeds to go to a variety of charities; as well as assist the business in purchasing additional merchandise - that also helps support charitable causes.

Raffles are each Thursday (Lunchtime)

Starting around 12.30PM, for about an hour - we run two raffles, each with 2 meat package prizes. Tickets \$1.00 each, or 6 for \$5.00

Are you in Maryborough Thursday? Want to support worthwhile causes. **Then pop in and say hello**

OCTOBER 2013 PICTURES WITH INDEPENDENT RIDERS

Fraser Coast



This Month's Humor



(a) Do you pull up and offer her a ride to wherever she is going? (b) Say to yourself "wish I had time but I gotta wash my bike. and change the oil"

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The Lighthouse Festival 2013 Saturday 26th of October 2013

This year Independent Riders will have its own marquee at Bundaberg's Lighthouse Festival located at Burnett Heads. Thank you to the organisers and Bundaberg Council for allowing this and Thankyou to The Royal Flying Doctors Auxiliary Bundaberg for the use of a marquee.

There is lot to do at the festival including entertainment and a variety of stalls. Independent Riders will have a stall as well selling our merchandise, part of which will go to charity. We will also have a motorcycle display and need motorbikes for this. If you are able please phone Michael 0409 575284 and let him know you will be putting your bike in.

Bikes to be displayed to need to be at Burnett Heads no later than 8.30AM on the day. Those riding up from the south, need to be ready to leave at Torbanlea BP Roadhouse by 7.30AM. Torbanlea is approximately 20k north of Maryborough on The Bruce Highway. Ride to Burnett Heads around 100k.

Why is this important?

With all the negative publicity surrounding motorcyclist in recent weeks we have a unique opportunity to show the positive side of our passion. Apart from our merchandise on sale we will have a paper version of the petition, objecting to new bike laws as well as information on the legislation and social motorbike riding. Donatio

If you can't put your bike on display perhaps you can come in, look at the festival, talk with other bikers, sign the petition and show the general public why we are part of the biker community.

Maps/Direction are on the rear of this sheet. I hope we see you there.

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The Lighthouse Festival 2013 Saturday 26th of October 2013

Jack Norgate Oval, Zunker St Burnett Heads Qld

Directions

From Torbanlea Head North up the Bruce Highway turning RIGHT as you come up the hill to Childers onto Goodwood Road.

Travel approximately 49km's then turn RIGHT at Bundaberg Ring Road Travel 5.5km's turn LEFT onto side road the RIGHT onto Fe Walker Street Fee Walker Street will become Burnett Heads Road after around 2.5km's Follow the main road into Burnett Heads to the Festival site located on the RIGHT side of Zunker Road just past Brewer Street. Free parking is available for those not putting their bike on display

Note: Burnett Heads Road becomes Zunker Streeet and can also be known as Bundaberg Port Road







NOOSA NORTH SHORE 2 DAY WEEKEND

END OF NOVEMBER = BOOK NOW

Great news....See that picture re: the flat ground with the caravans parked on it that I have ringed in red? WeeeeIIIII, I asked the people at the camp ground if we could book more sites when I get more interest and they got back to me today via email and said they shuffled other campers around SO WE CAN HAVE THIS WHOLE AREA for just us! This is great news because I have filled my booking within 24 hours based on those who have contacted me already. I will bring the car this weekend so I can take a little bit of gear for people (not too much though - no big swags) plus I'll take some tarps and tressle tables so we can have a common area to cook and have lights. Michael will bring the Rear Projection TV, laptop and the screen for some Music clips so we can even have some boogy. Remember when we went to 1770? And what a fun time we had at Straddie this year at Easter - Lets make this even better.

Note: This is providing I pay the balance within the next few weeks so please let me know ASAP if you want to come. It's \$20 per person but that's all you have to pay for 2 NIGHTS! Yes...<u>two</u> nights. AND... we have the only powered sites on the beach. DID I MENTION THE VIEW?

Send an email to me at feeney9@hotmail.com or PM me on facebook (Eleise Feeney) OR see me at the Lamington Hotel Friday night and pay your \$20 to secure your place.



This is where we are camping. The Outline marks the spot ©

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Bruce Highway - Sth Maryborough





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The Aussie Hotel– Corner Alice & Adelaide Streets, Maryborough

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