



Southern Cross Association newsletter

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Presidents Prattle



Well Hi all,
For those of you who couldn't make it to the AGM there has been a few changes to the management committee, with the election of Bill Shead to secretary, Maree Schofield (Doc) taking on the treasurer's job and Jillian Sim (Pixie) to merchandise officer.

Thanks ladies and gents for putting up your hands. With that in mind I would also like to thank Felix for his hard work as treasurer in the past few years. Well done mate.

We did make some changes to the constitution, so once the changes are approved we will have them placed on the web site, so please keep an eye on the site so you can have a read to catch up on the changes.

Well with Cheryl and I cruising around in the Pacific for a week I'm not sure how the Poker run is going, I do know there has been a few small changes to the destinations i.e., Capella to Sapphire. This will not really have any changes to the distances.

Speaking of cruising the Pacific, what a small world departing from Brisvagus Saturday afternoon I just happened to look to the deck above me and who should I see but Bud and

Shelly from Brissy, we did speak to each other a couple of times during the week but never got to have that beer together, so I guess we will have to wait till the poker run Bud. I hope you and Shelly enjoyed the trip as much as Cheryl and I.

Well that's about all I can think of to talk about so I will sign off for now.

Cheers,
Macca

PS Don't forget to have your Poker Run registration in by 31 July if you want meals or a long sleeve shirt or a size 3XL or larger t-shirt.

Can you help

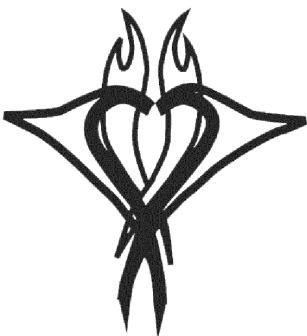
If anyone is able to help with sourcing donations for raffles or giveaways on the Poker Run, it would be really appreciated. Also if you have any contacts we could approach to sponsor t-shirts, please let Helen or one of the committee members know.

Poker Run

Don't forget to book your holidays. It's not long now. The Poker Run starts from Gayndah on 2 September and finishes in Sarina on 6 September. See the website for the flyer. A registration form is on the back page of this newsletter and there's a swish online one on the website too.

STOP PRESS

Registrations that require: long sleeve t-shirts, 3XL & larger t-shirts and/or meals must be in by 31 July. Registrations received after 1st August will automatically default to White Class, i.e. no meals and there will be a \$10 surcharge.



Some tips on what clothes to take on the Poker Run

From the SCA Facebook page

- I take a shirt, socks and jocks for each day and 2 pairs of kevlar for 4 riding and 2 pair of jeans for night time.
- I take two jeans and 5 days change of underwear and 5 shirts. If cold use your riding/wet weather gear and have a warm jumper. I find that by Tuesday I am looking for a laundry. This gets me from Friday getting to the event and home by Sunday. Don't forget Shampoo/ Conditioner and sun screen, lip balm and moisturiser. I pack them all in roll up vacuum packs
- I take 1 pair of jeans, 4 tops a couple of light weight ones that can be washed in the shower and I do the same with my 'finer things' and socks 3 sets/pairs of each the vacuum bags are great. When nights are cold wear your

bike jacket. If things don't dry overnight I strap them on the top of my luggage they are dry by the end of the days ride.

- Forget one pair of jeans - I always carry a spare pair of jeans - can't sit around in wet jeans if it's rained all day.
- It really depends on your carrying capacity. I normally take 3 pairs jeans and jocks, socks and shirts for every day. You can also find a laundromat on the run and do a load. Everyone is different but take a warm Jumper. I have seen some really cold runs
- Just take all your old undies and socks and throw them away each day that way there's room for new ones if needed.

- Buy special travel vacuum bags that you just roll up to push air out or you can just roll the air out of normal ones. You could just buy Glad Bags. Sit on them to get the air out.
- I did 16 days in NZ with this: 2 pair jeans - 1 kevlar and 1 for night, 4 t-shirts, (because you get a new one with your registration), enough knickers, thermals if going to cold places, long shirt, hat, and that's about it. And don't forget your thongs
- Vacuum bags help with bulky things like jumpers.

For more good tips and news of what's happening around the association Like us on Facebook.

You'll find us under -

Southern Cross Association Qld

Northern Exposure - News from the Townsville Subcommittee



If you haven't heard already SCA received a grant from the Gambling Machine Community Benefit Fund to purchase a new van and do some repairs to the Townsville shed.

The new van is up and running with sponsorship signage being added and it will be looking good for the Poker Run.

The shed is looking great but a few more repairs need to be done to the outside. These are being done as I write so will be finished soon.

We had a stall at the Fishing and Camping Expo over the weekend of 25 & 26 May where we raised \$800 in donations. We've been invited back next year too.

We went to Woodlands Tourist Park in Atherton over the weekend. It rained the whole weekend with just a few moments of

sunshine. We had a great weekend despite the weather.

We also had a great turn out for the Peter Kelly memorial poker run. 88 hands, that is great stuff. Well done all.

Our next big event is the Ynot Rally coming up on 5—7 October.

Finally a reminder for the national poker run. Make sure you have your registration in by 31 July if you want meals or a long sleeve shirt or a size 3XL or larger t-shirt.

Cheers from the Townsville Subcommittee



Tyres 4 Bikes to support Poker Run for third year

As many people discovered in previous rides most towns don't have stock of tyres to suit most modern bikes and

have the order paid for and packed into the truck ready to go. *(I had better check my tyres - ed.)* We will also have roadside assist for riders on the poker run who need flat tyres repaired along the way as well as at every overnight stop along the way.

If riders want to get the most out of their tyres for this years Southern Cross ride then Tyres For Bikes will be supporting the ride again and are advising riders to pre-order and purchase the required tyres for their bikes so they can be packed into the support truck and be available to have them fitted along the route whenever they are needed.

we hope to save the disappointment of riders missing out on days of riding as they wait for tyres to be shipped out and fitted.

Please order all necessary tyres from the Brisbane store on 07 3262 4377 or e-mail dave@tyres4bikes.com.au and

We will endeavour to carry oils and tubes as well as tubeless repair kits and some service tools and equipment.

Our contact numbers and sat phone details will be available for organizers before takeoff.

RACQ to support Poker Run again this year

Grant from the RACQ will be supporting us on the Run this year again.

On previous runs Grant has always been kept very busy helping people with breakdowns and other problems along the way.

A couple of years ago he helped the current secretary move his footplate back to the horizontal from the vertical where an altercation with a wild pig had moved it. He couldn't do much about the bacon smell from the

pipes and I still get the faintest whiff from time to time.



Take a bow SCA

A few blokes were heading through Dysart and asked Frank Oakley our caretaker and vice president what the SCA was and what did we do.

When Frank explained we raise

money for Spina Bifida, one of the chaps said "One of my kids has Spina Bifida. Come on you blokes cough up some money.

They raised \$850 right there and then. How good is that?

Thank you

Thank you for all the hard work you and the other committee members put in. Please know it is highly valued by us.

Di Sherman

Doc's Bit Treasurer

Hi all. It was so good to catch up with you all at the AGM.

I have already settled into my new position. I must say after being the secretary for so long, it felt a bit foreign to be the one writing the cheques. It also means that I'll now be harassing the subcommittee treas-

urers instead of the secretaries.

It is great to have Bill Shead on board as secretary. He has a wealth of experience and I know that our Association will benefit tremendously.

I have already received quite a few Poker Run registrations to date. It

looks like another great run. If you have any concerns regarding your registration, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I'm looking forward to catching up with everyone.

Cheers

Where the money raised by SCA Poker Run goes



Here a physiotherapist helps a young girl with spina bifida to learn how to walk with the aid of orthotics on her feet and ankles and parallel bars.

More than half of all children will be able to walk, mostly with the use of aids and other pieces of equipment but others will need to use a wheelchair for mobility.

As they grow older though, many kids will lose their ability to walk. They become heavier and the extra weight is harder to support and the constant stress on malformed joints (hips, knees, ankles) takes its toll.

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SCA Central Highlands AGM 2013 *by Buff Staker*

The Central highlands subcommittee AGM was held in March at the Dysart grounds. The meeting was well attended and all positions on the committee were filled.

Chair	Bear Schmidt
Vice Chair	Frank Oakley
Secretary	Carol Mc Innes
Treasurer	Buff Staker
Ride Coordinator	Peter White

We held a BBQ and had a few quiet refreshments to wet the head of the new committee.

Membership in the Highlands subcommittee has been slowly increasing over the last few months which is a promising sign for the future. A few options were discussed for future rides and consensus was that we should look at overnights to Belyando Cross-

ing, Lotus Creek and Theresa Dam. At the time of writing we are still looking at a ride to Belyando crossing for the June long weekend.

Unfortunately, by the time you read this the June long weekend has gone. The trip to Belyando went ahead and was very successful — editor

More news from SCA Central Highlands *by Buff Staker*

National AGM

Kung fu and I headed down to Rockhampton on the Easter long weekend for the national AGM. Congratulations to all those elected to the national committee.

It was a great w/e and the weather was kind to us although the forecast was for rain. Note for next year. Don't camp under the Poinciana trees as the grubs that were feeding on the trees built cocoons on everything and in every seam and crevice of my camper trailer.

Kung fu spent most of the weekend doing running repairs to his trailer hitch. These sorts of problems arise when you head off road chasing wild pigs on the old Bruce Highway. Anyway it was great to finally get to meet a few new SCA friends and to catch up with old acquaintances.



Kung fu and Ken Melbourne at the National AGM

Nebo lunch ride

On Sunday May 5th Bruce McGruer rode across from Capella and met up with Rob Williams in Clermont and rode into Nebo for lunch. I rode out from

Sarina to meet them and we joined the Mackay Ulysses over a meal and a couple of refreshments.

It was a good day and something we should keep in mind to do more often to keep interaction within the group alive.

Dysart grounds

If any members are travelling through the area, we have excellent facilities at our Dysart grounds. There's plenty of free camping room, with showers and toilets.

There are also cooking facilities and cooking utensils with fridge, microwave and BBQs available. We also have a pool table and dart board you can use to entertain yourself. If you are heading this way and want to camp just let us know.

Townsville ride calendar July—December 2013

All rides depart and end at **the Shed**, Sturges Street. The bar will be opened to purchase water and soft drinks before leaving. Please be ready, all fuelled up, to depart on time. For overnight trips please come and help to load the van 30 MIN before departure time, the more the merrier! Not to mention Many hands make light work!

JUNE

SUNDAY 23
Day ride via Woodstock to Giru.
Depart at 10AM.

(State of Origin Wed 26)

(Townsville Show long weekend 28-1)

SATURDAY 29—SUNDAY 30
Long weekend to COOKTOWN
and MALANDA Depart Sat 8am from
Yubula Servo

Or

Non SCA Event
Overnight to PINEVALE RALLY
(formally WOGS, Mackay area). No
BYO, fully catered, meals available.
\$25 entry/camp fee. DEPART SAT
8AM. (Rally does start Friday 28th if
you want to head down early, Mon-
day is Public Holiday for Townsville
however Rally ends Sunday) **This is
not a SCA event and the Kelly
Van will not be going.**

JULY

(Townsville 400 V8's Fri 5 –Sun 7)
SUNDAY 14
Day ride to FORREST BEACH. De-
part at 10AM.
SATURDAY 27—SUNDAY 28 Over-
night to FLETCHERS CREEK, Kelly

Van lunch, dinner & breakfast.
Depart at 9am. LOAD VAN
8.30AM

AUGUST

SATURDAY 10—SUNDAY 11
Overnight to BLACKS BEACH
(Mackay area). Kelly Van dinner
& breakfast. Depart at 8am.
LOAD VAN AT 7.30AM

SUNDAY 18
Day ride to ASHTON HOTEL.
Depart at 10AM

SATURDAY 31
Leave for Poker Run, heading to
starting point at Gayndah, depart
at 7am.

SEPTEMBER

MONDAY 1—FRIDAY 6
5 DAY POKER RUN . Leaving
from GAYNDAH MON 1

SATURDAY 14
BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE @
FAIRFIELD WATERS 7.30am start.
PLEASE COME SPEND A FEW
HOURS SHARING THE WORK
LOAD AND RAISING MONEY
FTC!!

SUNDAY 15
CAMP QUALITY CONVOY,
line up at Webb Drive, Bohle
between 8am and 9am for a
10am convoy departure. Time
TBC closer to date

SUNDAY 29
Day ride to RAVENSWOOD.
Depart at 10am.

OCTOBER

SATURDAY 5—SUNDAY 6 &

MONDAY 7

Long weekend YNOT RALLY Arch-
ers Creek Ravenshoe (some are
heading up on Friday 4 to start set
up). Depart at 8am SAT.

SUNDAY 13

Day ride to Ingham. Depart at
10.30AM.

(Phillip Island Moto GP 18 – 20)

SATURDAY 26—SUNDAY 27
Overnight to Burdekin Dam, Kelly
Van lunch, Dinner and Breakfast.
Depart at 9am. LOAD VAN AT
8.30AM

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY 10

Day ride to LUCINDA. Depart at
10.30AM.

SATURDAY 16—SUNDAY 17

Overnight trip to KURRAMINE
BEACH. Kelly Van dinner Sat and
breakfast Sun. Depart at 9am. LOAD
VAN AT 8.30AM

SATURDAY 23

MRA TOY RUN, details TBC closer
to date.

DECEMBER

SATURDAY 7

CHRISTMAS PARTY @ THE SHED
from 5.30PM. Dinner at 7pm.

SUNDAY 15

Day ride to MYSTERY
RIDE Depart at 10AM

For any queries you can phone Cass
on 0411 703 915.

QLD to scrap liquor permits red tape

Queensland not-for-profit organisations will be able to skip permit applications next time they serve alcohol at a small event under proposed legislation to cut red tape.

The proposed Bill will allow organisations to serve alcohol for up to eight hours at small events without applying for permits.

The Bill was tabled by Queensland Attorney-General Jarrod Bleijie, who said it aimed to introduce a “commonsense approach” to liquor regulations, and make life easier for schools and not-for-profits.

As a safety measure, organisations could lose their permit exemption if found to have irresponsibly served alcohol.

The Queensland Office of Liquor and

Gaming Regulation currently requires not-for-profit organisations to purchase a community liquor permit to sell alcohol. The permits cost \$57 per day and applications must be lodged 21 days prior to the event.

The Bill is currently being considered by the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee.

The secretary will, of course, advise you all when it becomes law.



Thanks for the picture Jill

Southern Cross Association (F.T.C.) Inc. Membership Application Form

Name: _____ Mem No.: _____

Address: _____

Pcode: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Your membership application will be tabled and voted on at a National Management Committee meeting. A membership acceptance notice will be a written notification via the National Newsletter and when you receive your badge and/or membership card.

SCA has a public liability insurance policy to \$20 000 000 which covers members and participants involved in an event held by the Southern Cross Association (F.T.C.) Inc.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Office Use Only
Rec No.: _____

- \$20 New Membership (Including Badge)
- \$10 Renewal Membership
- I give permission for my details to be on a contact for SCA Members only.

All payments & correspondence to:
Southern Cross Association (F.T.C.) Inc.,
PO Box 787, Aitkenvale Qld 4814

All memberships are due on the 1st February each year.

COMPLETE THIS FORM OR THE CONVENIENT ONLINE FORM ON THE WEBSITE

Southern Cross Association Annual 5 Day Poker Run Starts 1st Monday in September

Registrations after 1st August will automatically default to WHITE CLASS (+ \$10 surcharge). No meals will be available after this date.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL 5XL 6XL 7XL

Long sleeve (\$10 extra)

Long Sleeve and any sizes 4XL up must be ordered by 1 August.

RED CLASS: Poker Hand, Dinners & Breakfasts\$260.00

BLUE CLASS: Poker Hand & Dinners\$210.00

GREEN CLASS: Poker Hand & Breakfasts\$170.00

WHITE CLASS: Poker Hand only (no meals)\$100.00

All nominations include Poker Run t-shirt, badge & camping.

Payment: Cheque or money order made out to Southern Cross Association and sent to address below, or Direct Debit. **Acc Name:** Southern Cross Association (FTC) Inc.

BSB: 633108 **Acc No.:** 128514205 **YOUR REF:** SurnamePR.

This form must be submitted with payment, or proof of payment either by mail: Southern Cross Poker Run, PO Box 787, Aitkenvale Qld 4814 or email: concretemusic1@hotmail.

Transaction No.: _____ Total Amount: \$ _____

This section is optional. Note: Blue cards are required when giving rides or Marshalling, as per our Duty of Care Procedures

Blue Card Holder Willing to give rides at camping grounds / schools

Willing to be a Marshal for rides.

Office use only	
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