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We are over half way through the year. Before we know it we will be looking at our Christmas in December. Our Christmas in July was great. Kayleen has done the honours for this write up and had done an excellent job.

Also Gadget has been working on the web site making some improvements. I thought the site was great to start with but some changes are making it more user friendly for the novice. Thank you Gadget for the time and effort you have put in..

I believe one of our members has a new bike at last. Well done Sak looking forward to seeing the new ride.

The sausage sizzle is making a hit with the local boys in Moss Street. So it good to know we have a bit of a following must have something to do with the food. I have found the sausage sizzle is a great way to promote our club and also to meet such an array of people.

I think a special thanks should go to Les and also the helpers who have been helping out each month. Also to the members who have been coming to support us by their presence and of course buying a snag.

I am looking forward to trivia night. Our aim to win the Horse's Ass Trophy to match the other one we won two years ago.

We need ten people to make up the table not sure if we have that or not. \$10 per person. I guess we will find that out tonight.

So remember to send any thing of interest. All articles are put into files to be used at a future date.

I can open up PDF files now thanks to Shakesbeer due to his expertise on computers. Thank you once again he just knows which button to push.

I think that is all from me this month.

Vibes

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PRESIDENTS REPORT



Well what a month this turned out be, just when you thought you can get to relax it all seems to happen so more on that a bit later.

Where to start 5/7/2009 saw us head out to Nimbin and the day was full of surprises from an unexpected morning tea provided by Cathy and Diesel. To an eye opener of a

town called Nimbin. Thank you to Diesel for a great ride.

I also attended the monthly meeting of Mt. Lindsay it was good to catch up with some old friends and make new ones. I had a great meal there and walked away with one of their raffle prizes.

The month was topped off by the birth of our first grand child on Saturday 25/7/2009 at 11.16am a beautiful little girl called Anahera.

I have said from the word go after finding out I'm going to be a grand father that I wasn't ready for it. The thought of it was making me feel old.

That all changed on the 26th of July when I got to see and hold my granddaughter, and it is all true the birth of the first grandchild is special.

It made me reflect back to when our children were born and I even said to Kayleen that it felt like yesterday that we were married (and she had a go at me as she thought I was being nasty about it).

It has certainly made me sit back reflect on where life has gone and look to the future.

Gadget.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Friday morning saw Gadget, myself, Rowdy and Bobcat head off from Macca's. Gadget was ride leader and Bobcat (in the 4WD) tail end Charlie. We headed down the motorway toward Aratula where we stopped for a fuel stop and warm food. It was about 15 degrees!! At the top of the range it was only 8 degrees so Rowdy informed us later!

We arrived at the campground about 11am and got stuck into setting up camp. We had a fire started by about 12noon (more smoke than flame). We had Stef and Shaz arrive to visit with us all and help put up tents. The first of the caravans to arrive was Rusty and Lorraine. Brian and Margaret arrived a couple of hours later with their caravan that was on its maiden trip with them.

Once camp was set up we sat on our camp chairs having a Friday afternoon drink and absorbing some of the heat from the fire. It was so cold I never put a drink in the esky all weekend and they were cold like they had come out of a fridge!!

By about 7pm it was down to about 5 degrees and we just kept feeding the fire but with firewood at \$12.00 a bag we were very glad that Brian and Margaret arrived with a ute half full of wood!!! Margaret disappeared into the warmth of the caravan with the reverse cycle air con going while the rest of us huddled around the fire. Rusty and Lorraine wandered off about 7.30pm to their caravan with Brian heading into the warmth of his caravan not long after, leaving Gadget, Rowdy and myself braving the cold till about 9pm. I was certainly glad I had packed the electric blanket!!

Bobcat was first up Saturday morning, going for a shower at 5.30am – insane!! Gadget and Rowdy were up about 6.30am and it was -2 degrees. Our tent was frozen and the top of our trailer was white! I had more sense and stayed in my 2 sleeping bags with the electric blanket till about 8.30am when it had warmed back up to about 5 degrees and the fire had been stoked back up!

Sitting around the fire with breakfast we made some news friends with the not so wild birds. None of us are sure who got the most surprise when Gadget turned around to see a bird sitting on his knee and eyeing off his toasted sandwich! We all thought it was hilarious. They were so tame they ate out of your hand.

Sue arrived about 10am Saturday and proceeded to put her tent up with an audience!! Caroline, Ian, Don and Glenda (from the Brisbane branch) arrived about 12noon. Once they started to set up we all moved our chairs into a semi-circle around them to watch and “supervise”. They did well though our “level inspectors” (Gadget and Rowdy) declared it wasn't very level at all!! Holler replied in a manner that is not fit to report in this newsletter.

Rob and Del arrived soon after and set up camp in the bunkhouse.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

After a lunch of nibbles we had a game of pass the balloon with 2 teams of 5. My team won!! We were rewarded with chocolate. Thanks Sue! As the sun moved over us into the afternoon we moved our chairs to stay in it. Again we all ended up around the fire.

Gadget broke his camp chair but continued to sit on it saying he was fine. And he was until it broke completely, dumping him backwards down the hill towards the creek.

We had a lovely dinner of roast beef and veggies followed by dessert of Christmas pudding and custard. We did our thieving secret Santa with a folding camping chair and pocket knife being a favourite steal. Don eventually ended up with the chair and Rob with the knife. Don took pity on Gadget and swapped him the chair.

We retired to the huge fire pit that had been lit for us. Ian took great pleasure in giving Don a hard time about anything and everything. During one of Ian's rants he said that cooking was for girls, until the camp owner who is much bigger than Ian (and had been our cook for the night), said "Excuse me?" Ian did a really quick backtrack with the rest of us laughing at him. People started to head back to camp as it got later and retired for the night.

Sunday morning breakfast was a feast of bacon, eggs, bubble & squeak, savoury mince, toast and cornflakes. Brian slept through it and Bobcat had already left saying he wanted to get home early and kill a tree.

After breakfast while we all waited around for our gear to dry we all sat around the fire again and relaxed.

Gadget and I were quite proud of ourselves, we managed to get the tent back into the bag it came in for the first time since we bought it!!

Time to head for home. Ian was ride leader for our group of Gadget, myself, Rowdy, Glenda and Don bringing up the rear. We stopped at Aratula for a fuel stop and headed for home. We left Don and Glenda going along the highway as we headed home the back way.

A great weekend was had by all! Looking forward to the next one.

Kayleen

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ROLL THE DICE RUN WARWICK 19TH-21ST MARCH 2010

JULY NEWSLETTER

Well here we are just eight months out from our third annual rally and planning is well under way.

Our biggest announcement for this years event is the **WIN A HARLEY RAFFLE**. That's right we are giving away a 2010 Harley Davidson Soft Tail Standard including on road and dealer costs (Total prize is \$28,000). The bike is being supplied by Boyd Yung Motorcycles of Toowoomba. The tickets are \$50 and only 2,000 are being sold.

But wait there is more.

You do not have to be present to win the Harley, but if the winner is present they will also receive a \$5,000 voucher from Boyd Yung Motorcycles. The raffle is being drawn on Saturday 20th march 2010 at 7.30 pm during the Roll the Dice Run at Warwick show grounds.

Tickets are available through the web site www.rollthedicerun.com.au where a mail order form can be downloaded.

We will also have a shopping cart page up and running shortly with our shirts, caps, stubby holders and raffle tickets being available for purchase using paypal.

Tickets can be purchased from the following businesses.

MOONLIGHT LEATHER- 8 DEXTER STREET, TOOWOOMBA

DIRT SQUIRTS-25A ALBION STREET, WRWICK

B&K-12 ALBION STREET, WARWICK

O'DEA FLOOR COVERING-57 GRAFTON STREET, WARWICK

TOTAL COOL SOLUTIONS- 14A DIERY STREET, WARWICK

So get in fast before you miss out.

The 2010 event will be benefiting the Oak's Aged Facility and the Domestic Violence Shelter House as well as other local groups in the Southern Downs Regional Shire.

Looking forward to catching up with some of you at upcoming rallies.

Bryan Stephens
Rotary Club of Warwick.

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LIFE IN THE FIFTY'S

THE NEXT TIME YOU ARE WASHING YOUR HANDS AND COMPLAIN THE WATER TEMPERATURE ISN'T JUST HOW YOU LIKE IT, THINK ABOUT HOW THINGS USED TO BE. HERE ARE SOME FACTS ABOUT THE 1950'S

MOST PEOOPLE GOT MARRIED IN THE JUNE BECAUSE THEY TOOK THEIR YEARLY BATH IN MAY, AND STILL SMELLED PRETTY GOOD BY JUNE. HOWEVER , THEY WERE STARTING TO SMELL, SO THE BRIDES CARRIED A BOUQUET OF FLOWERS TO HIDE THE BODY ODOUR. HENCE THE CUSTOM TODAY OF CARRYING A BOUQUET WHEN GETTING MARRIED.

HOUSES HAD THATCHED ROOFS THICK STRAW-PILED HIGH, WITH NO WOOD UNDERNEATH. IT WAS THE ONLY PLACE FOR ANIMALS TO GET WARM. SO ALL THE CATS AND OTHER SMALL ANIMALS (MICE, BUGS LIVED IN THE ROOF.)WHEN IT RAINED IT BECAME SLIPPERY AND SOMETIMES THE ANIMALS WOULD SLIP AND FALL OFF THE ROOF. HENCE THE SAYING ITS RAINING CATS AND DOGS.

THERE WAS NOTHING TO STOP THINGS FROM FALLING INTO THE HOUSE . THIS POSED A REAL PROBLEM IN THE BEDROOM WHERE BUGS AND OTHER DROPPINGS COULD MESS UP YOUR NICE CLEAN BED. HENCE, A BED WITH BIG POSTS AND A SHEET HUNG OVER THE TOP AFFORDED SOME PROTECTION. THAT'S HOW CANOPY BEDS CAME INTO EXISTANCE.

THOSE WITH MONEY HAD PLATES OF PEWTER. FOOD WITH HIGH ACID CONTENT CAUSED SOME OF THE LEAD TO LEACH ONTO THE FOOD, CAUSING LEAD POISONING DEATH. THIS HAPPENED MOST OFTEN WITH TOMATOES, SO FOR THE NEXT 400 YEARS OR SO TOMATOES WERE CONSIDERED POISONOUS

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GOOD JOKE PAGE

The nun teaching Sunday School was speaking to her class one morning and she asked the question, 'When you die and go to Heaven...which part of your body goes first?'
Suzy raised her hand and said, 'I think it's your hands.'

'Why do you think it's your hands, Suzy?'
Suzy replied, 'Because when you pray, you hold your hands together in front of you and God just takes your hands first.'

'What a wonderful answer!' the nun said.
Little Johnny raised his hand and said, 'Sister, I think it's your feet.'

The nun looked at him with the strangest look on her face.. 'Now, Little Johnny, why do you think it would be your feet?'
Little Johnny said, 'Well, I walked into Mommy and Daddy's bedroom the other night Mommy had her legs straight up in the air and she was saying, 'Oh ! God, I'm coming!'

'If Dad hadn't pinned her down, we'd have lost her..'
The Nun fainted



A Bottle of Merlot

A man asked a waiter to take a bottle of Merlot to an unusually attractive woman sitting alone at a table in a cozy little restaurant.

So the waiter took the Merlot to the woman and said, 'This is from the gentleman who is seated over there.' and indicated the sender with a nod of his head.

She stared at the wine coolly for a few seconds, not looking at the man, then decided to send a reply to him by a note.

The waiter, who was lingering nearby for a response, took the note from her and conveyed it to the gentleman.

The note read: 'For me to accept this bottle, you need to have a Mercedes in your garage

A million dollars in the bank and 7 inches in your pants.

After reading the note, the man decided to compose one of his own in return. He folded the note, handed it to the waiter and instructed him to deliver it to the lady.

It read: 'Just to let you know things aren't always what they appear to be, I have a

Ferrari Maranello, BMW Z8, Mercedes CL600, and a Porsche Turbo in my several garages; I have beautiful homes in Aspen, Miami and A 10,000 acre ranch in Louisiana. Over twenty million dollars in the bank account

But, not even for a woman as beautiful as you are, would I cut off three inches.? Just send the bottle back.'

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Ride Etiquette

Ride Leaders

1. Before leaving, advise riders of the destination and where designated stops are to be.
2. Be aware that you are leading a convoy of many bikes and stay in one lane as much as possible.
3. Minimise lane changes
4. When at rest stops, give 10 minutes notice of leaving to riders.

Riders

1. Keep at least 2 bikes in view of your mirrors
2. Notify tail end Charlie if you are leaving the ride
3. NO overtaking on corners/ bends
4. Bikes to be fully fuelled before start of ride
5. Remember – Always ride safety and within the law

Ride Leaders are advised to restrict their pre-ride instructions to the job specification

i.e. timings, directions, distance, coffee or lunch stops etc. Any further advice would be outside the limit of a ride leader's authority and should not include advising members on how they should ride their bikes.

There is a statutory requirement that each rider be licensed to operate a motorcycle

and do so in accordance with the rules of the road and in a safe manner. This would imply that a rider must rely on his/her own abilities and senses, under all conditions and not rely on the comments and judgement of others, such as a ride leader.

RIDE CALANDER



AUGUST

2nd Clarrie Hall Dam
8th Brisbane Trivia Night
16th Sue's Breakfast Ride
22nd/23rd Jandowae Bowls
30th Samford

SEPTEMBER

13TH Kingaroy
19th Sausage Sizzle
26th/27th Blue's Rally