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# NEWSLETTER

Greetings one and all. I hope that this finds everyone in good spirits, and gearing up for the festive season.

Speaking of which, our next get-to-gether is the New Year's Eve party at Theresa Creek Dam. Townsville Sub Committee will be catering on the Saturday evening for dinner and Sunday breakfast and dinner, with a bar operating both days/nights.

Just a reminder, Easter Weekend is our

#### President's Prattle

AGM, so if you need to take time off work, now is the time to apply. If you have business items for the agenda, please forward these to Doc as soon as possible. (form is included in the newsletter) All Memberships are due for renewal on 1st February 2012, and you need to be a member to have your say at the AGM.

The 2012 Poker Run is in the planning stages, and we should have a route organised by the

time the AGM rolls around. We are looking at maybe starting at Proserpine and ending in Bell, possibly zig zagging from the coast to out west for each stop. If you live, or have good contacts in any of the areas that might be within these guidelines, please don't hesitate to contact myself or Helen.

Looking forward to catching up with everyone at the AGM. Stay safe and upright. *Macca* 

## Tommy's Bit - Vice President

Hope everyone is well, not much to say as Vice, except it was a great honour to hand over the proceeds of 2011 poker-run to Bill at the Spina Xmas party. Parents and the children are grateful and curious as to why

a group of bikers do what we do. We get a lot of questions of how it all started, as well as the run. And how do we raise so much money, all up just under \$40,000. It makes you feel great to be a part of Southern Cross

on days like this.

Thats about it, wish everyone a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year, see you all next year.

Cheers Tom

#### Felix's Bit - Treasurer

Hi Everyone. Everything has been going well financially. I'd like to thank everyone for your input in helping to raise funds throughout the year.

A terrific effort to all of the sponsors, participants, and those involved with this year's Poker Run!

Hi All. Well the silly season's almost upon us. I would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy one.

Speaking of the silly season, just a reminder about the next big party/get-together/socialise event - the New Year's Eve Party at Theresa Creek Dam. I am sooo looking forward to catching up with everyone since I didn't get to go on the big Poker Run this year.

Getting into the festive season, I hope to catch up with as many of you who can make it to the New Year's Eve party at Theresa Creek Dam.

I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM in Rockhampton. Don't forget, if you require a cabin or powered site, you will need to book early. Hope all have a safe and Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Felix

### **Doc's Bit - Secretary**

After that, it's the AGM at Rockhampton. I will include the agenda in the next newsletter with some information on nominations, proxy votes and some other procedures etc.

I have included in *this* newsletter a form for agenda items in case you have something you would like to have discussed at the AGM. I hope to see you there.

Hopefully, we can get all of the serious stuff

over with, without too much fuss so we can get down to the enjoyable business of socialising.

Also, don't forget the information session for those of you who hold committee positions, or may be interested in holding positions in the future, or maybe those who just want to find out more about how the association is run and why. This will be held directly after the meeting and is open to everyone. Cheers Doc

#### **Macca's Bits - Townsville News**

G'day to every one. First off I would like to publicly thank the committee of 2011 for doing such a great job keeping Southern Cross Townsville Sub Committee running.

Our AGM will be held on Sunday 19 February 2012. Meeting will commence at 3pm, Committee meeting will be held at 1pm at the new Shed and all positions will be open for the vote.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, regarding our new premises...we have now secured the

building at Corcoran Park, and have started to get to work. It is shaping up to be an excellent place to call home. Thanks to everyone who has lent a hand and donated their time and resources. I would like to thank Wayne and Gail for allowing us to temporarily use the premises at W & W Kitchens, situated in Bain St. Townsville.

We will also be holding our local Xmas party on Saturday 17 Dec starting at 6pm I am pleased

to say that it will be at the new premises at Corcoran Park. Please bring a plate.

Well folks, that's about it from me, but to say, let's get on with what we do best - raise money for our charities and have fun. I look forward to seeing as many SCA members as possible at both the New Year's Eve Party at Theresa Creek Dam, and the AGM in Rockhampton at Easter.

Macca



# New Members

A huge welcome to all our new members.

Ivan Crofts

John O'Halloran

Marnie Crofts

Cass Jago

Mick Amiss

Marty Jago

Chris Van Dyk

Richard Roughley



# Southern Cross Association Facebook Page

http://www.facebook.com/groups/234460686584395

As some of you are aware, there are 2 Southern Cross Facebook pages. We are currently in the process of fazing the old one out.

Can you please use the above address to post your photos and keep in touch with other members?

HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR HOLIDAYS FOR THE 2012 POKER RUN YET?

#### **Tom's Bit - Brisbane News**

Hi all, we had our A.G.M at Morningside, Sat 12th Nov, all positions stayed the same. Thanks to all those who found the services club, and supported the meeting, good to catch up after the meeting.

We also had the Spina Xmas party under the story bridge on the 27th big thanks to those who helped with the bangers on the b.b.g and helped serve Robo for climbing into the red suit once again.

Mt. Alford Hotel on Sat 10 Dec. If you all can come please let me know so we can let Dave know, for catering purposes.

Holidays!!



This year's Xmas party was a small gathering of the regular people who love a yarn and a coldie.

Frank our caretaker has been doing an excellent job, with the Hutchenson lads using our facilities. They in return donated their time, labour and materials and we now have a brilliant new extension. There is promise of more to come, take a look at the pictures. We have a nice shade sail, grassy area as well as the newly concreted covered area.

Thank you to the Hutchenson lads and Frank for bringing this into fruition. The next project is to have a look at our stage area and make sure it is safe and functional.

Not long after we had arrived, Buff and his son Ben showed up, Ben was excited about being here and told us how it was his birthday yesterday, lucky we had some cheesecake for dessert tonight, so we could wish him happy birthday. Ben also gave us a hand in putting up the Christmas decorations and dressing the tree, thanks

# Central Highland News

Ben. Kevy Oliver soon arrived, after a long ride from Mullumbin beach to join us, he had a mighty thirst to quench. Blackie then joined us, helping to set up the xmas decorations and share in a coldie and a yarn.

Mark rode the long way around, picking up Rob from Clermont, stopping at the Cappella pub for a quick snappy one, Rob bragged about having had 4 schooners and how much beer they held, Rob just loves living on the edge.....lol......but didn't mind the cold budweisers on arrival either.

Not long before some more of our Central Highlands members started showing up for the xmas cheer and I had my camera out taking photos so I could share them with the rest of our SCA family. Mind you we had some great Kodak moments......take a look at these

Aren't we a good looking bunch, I am trying out the self timer on the camera, so as I can be in some pictures too. As the sun goes down we get merrier and merrier....

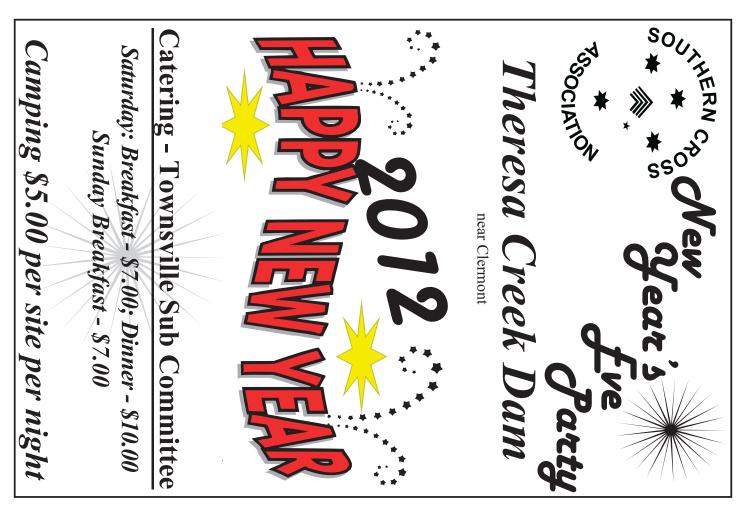
hohoho merry xmas....then some one yells out, something like show us your tatts....things can be quiet confusing when you go hunting rabbits. Gibbo show us....

It wasn't long before the BBQ was set up and Rob always cooks the BBQ, and it started to become very still and sticky, rain was coming, I can't remember how much it rained but it did. After dinner Mal showed us another meaning for passing the hat around .....

Stu Walker from Eton, has invited anyone from the SCA family, to stay over if you plan to come in for the Australia Day Poker Run organised by the Mackay Rebels sometime in January, (keep you posted on the date)he has a great place and an awsome view.

That is all from us here in the Central Highlands SCA. Merry Christmas everyone, hope to see you at the NYE party.





#### **National AGM**

I have included these 2 forms in this newsletter, so members can have an input towards the agenda, and also to think about nominations. The agenda and other information and forms will be printed in the next newsletter.

#### **New Agenda Items**

Please indicate any items you wish to be added to the agenda for the General Meeting prior to the AGM and forward form, and any pre-reading material you would like copied for meeting participants, to the secretary no later than 10 February, 2012. (for publishing in the next newsletter)

Name	Mem No	Agenda item

## Nomination Form - National AGM - 07 April, 2012

Nominee Please print name	Proposed by Please print name	Seconded by Please print name
Position	Signature	Signature
Signature		
Membership Number	Membership Number	Membership Number