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Southern Cross Association newsletter

Presidents Prattle



Hi one and all,
Hope this newsletter finds
you all in good health,

Well seems like only a
week ago I wrote the last
news article. There has not
been a lot to report on
since then, although the
SCA SGM is coming up fast
and it would be good to see
a lot more new faces.

We all need to remember
this is your association and
the AGM is your chance to
have your say. If you are
coming to Rockhampton
and are seeking
accommodation other than
camping you will need to
get in very quickly because
as I have said before Rocky
gets very busy around
Easter time.

Preplanning for the 2014
Poker Run has commenced
and the route will definitely
be announced at the AGM.
Well that's all for me to say,
except, I hope to see you all
at the AGM. So until then
keep riding and stay safe.
Macca

AGM & Memberships

Just to remind all of our readers: If you haven't rejoined as
a member this will be the last newsletter you receive and
the last reminder to join.

Memberships were due on 1 February. But they can still
be paid on-line by following the link from the SCA website
homepage. www.southern-cross-association.org.au

or by mailing the form on the back of this newsletter to
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While you are at it, why not register for the Poker Run.
There's a link to an on-line registration form for the
Poker Run on the home page too.

The AGM will be held at the North Rockhampton Bowls
Club at 2 pm on Saturday 19 April. It will be preceded and
followed by lots of fun and frolic.

All committee positions automatically become vacant at
the AGM each year and nominations are being sought for
all committee positions. If you would like to be more
involved in the running of the SCA then consider
nominating.

You can send your completed and signed nomination form
to the secretary at the above address or
or email a scanned copy to bshead@optusnet.com.au.
Please note that you can only be proposed and seconded
by current financial members.

National Poker Run

Don't forget to book the dates for the Poker Run. It runs
from the 1st to 5th September.

And if you want to be among the first to know where it is
going, come along to the AGM and you'll be one of the
first to know.



Ski's News from the North

Hi All,

Hope everyone had a great Xmas and new year.

The Townsville SCA Xmas party with the kids from SBH Townsville was a huge success. The families and kids had a wonderful time and big thanks go out to Susanne from SBH Queensland for organizing the jumping castle and games etc. All the kids thoroughly enjoyed the motorcycle rides around the block. And we hope to organize a lot more of these events for the SBH kids in the future.

We then partied on till late in the evening and a huge thank you to Doc and her music. A wonderful time was had by all. Big thanks go out to the committee for all their efforts in organizing such a great day.

The Shed

The work on the shed is continuously ongoing with many ideas put forward by our members. Main task for this year will be painting of the outside of the building, fixing the roof guttering and new flooring inside.

Sponsorship

We need to focus on gaining more sponsors, so if any members have a friend or family member in business who would like to come on board this year please do not hesitate to let us know.

Membership

We need to spread the word about SCA and the charities that we support. And the great times we have on Friday nights at the Shed. If any members have suggestions they would like to see happen on a Friday night please put them forward.

Townsville AGM

Now on a more serious note the Townsville AGM was held on the 15th February and at this stage I would like to thank my committee: Ray, Carol, Bev, Cheryl, Cass and Marty for their outstanding commitments and hard work over the past year. We would not have been able to achieve as much as we have, without their outstanding efforts. THANK YOU ALL.

The new committee was elected and as follows:

Chair Person:	John McCulkin (Macca)
Vice Chair:	Chris Scifleet (Ski)
Secretary:	Carol Voss
Treasurer:	Bev Quantrell
Ride Co-Coordinator:	Ray Cattal
Merchandise:	Cheryl McCulkin
Van Driver:	Vacant
Bar Person:	Vacant

FINAL SAY

Due to my work commitments I had to stand down as chairperson this year. I have enjoyed my past year immensely and would like to thank personally my committee, all members and our sponsors for the outstanding work that has been achieved on The Shed this year.

Even in 2014 we ride like in the good old days: "With Love, Honor, pride, loyalty and respect"

Central Highlands SCA News

On the Australia Day weekend, we held our AGM at the Dysart Grounds. We made a weekend get together out of it and 7 of the Townsville crew came down.



Prior to the election of a new committee, there was an informative discussion on the new rule for blue cards and how it applies to nominees for positions. The out-going treasurer (that's me) gave a report on this years finances. This year the Central Highlands generated approximately \$10,000.00, compared to \$16,000.00 for the previous year. The decrease can be attributed mainly to the closure of Norwich Park mine and the reduced number of people using our Dysart facilities. All in all, it was still an excellent outcome for the year.

Macca chaired the AGM while all positions were declared vacant and the following people were elected to the Sub-Committee for 2014-2015.

Chairperson	Vice Chair	Secretary	Treasurer
Bruce McGruer	Bishop Kake	Buff Staker	Carol McInnes
0429 849 416	0432 634 183	0419 2867 85	0450 071 366
Merchandise	Ride Coordinator	Caretaker	
Geoff Black	Peter White	Frank Oakley	
4958 1651	0438 004 926	0402 160 339	



Donations from 2 Wheels & Upright and the Saraji mining crews Christmas parties were received and Frank expressed his gratitude for the clean and tidy way the groups left the facilities.

Our annual overnight rides to Lotus Creek and Belyando Crossing were discussed and it was decided that we should continue with those as well as making the Australia Day weekend at Dysart grounds, an annual event. Whitey and Rob Williams were allocated the responsibility for arranging these events.

2 Wheels & Upright announced that they were in the process of organizing a bike tour of New Zealand and invited anyone interested to participate.



Thanks go out to Alecia for producing some excellent cheesecakes for dessert and to Mal for manning the BBQ all weekend to keep the hungry hordes fed and to Frank, for continually keeping up the supply of ice. (from sources unknown!)

The AGM and the weekend was a great success, with 25 in attendance and it all augers well for a successful 2014.

Note: if there is anyone who is a member of the Central Highlands group who does not currently get notified of our rides or events and wishes to, you can send your email address to richardstaker@bigpond.com and I will put you on the mailing list. Also, if there is anyone who is not a Central Highlands member, but wants to be kept informed of our rides or events, we are happy to do so if you send your email address.



Brisbane Tom's Bit

Hi all,
I hope everyone's had a safe and happy new year,. The main event in Brissie was the Xmas party, for Spina under the Story Bridge on Dec 1.

Thankfully Grunt took on the Santa position, and had a blast, He's looking forward to doing it all over again. Thanks Robbo for leaving the red suit. A big thankyou to those who helped

prepare and serve the B.B.Q. As well.

We have attended a couple of VLAD Rallies in Brisbane, great to see riders from all walks of life voicing the same opinion.

Hopefully everybody will be defiant and keep getting on their bikes and riding.

That's it for now,
Cheers Tom

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

Name: _____	Mem No.: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 New Membership (Including Badge) <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Renewal Membership <input type="checkbox"/> I give permission for my details to be on a contact for SCA Members only.	
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.		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;">Office Use Only Rec No.: _____</div> 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.	
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: _____	

Nomination Form - National AGM - 19 April, 2014

Nominee (please print name)	Proposed by (please print name)	Seconded by (please print name)
Position	Signature	Signature
Signature		
Membership no.	Membership no.	Membership no.

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