

Good evening to all Waikato HOG Members,

I hope that that you are enjoying the great spell of weather we are having and where ever you have been riding I hope that you have all been safe. This email is to just let you know what has been happening in the Chapter and what is coming up for you to join in and enjoy.

There has been a lot of great rides over the last couple of months that a lot of our members have attended and have enjoyed, thanks to those that have come along and thanks to the Road Captains that have made these rides possible, not to forget the Tail End Charlies that have been doing a great job keeping us all in line.

I want to bring to your attention some recent happenings around Membership renewals. We have had quite a lot of members paying the \$30 directly into the Chapter's bank account but not completing a membership form. If you will be paying this way can you please let the Membership Officer, Janice Blaikie, jrbhog@outlook.com, or our Treasurer, David Yeo, dyeo79@gmail.com know you are renewing and paying directly into the Chapter's bank account. While we appreciate you renewing your membership this way please don't forget to inform us of this.

We have had a number off BBQs at Road and Sport, thanks to those that have offered to help out with this. They are always well received by all that are there.

On behalf of the Chapter and I would like to take this time to congratulate Road & Sport on their recent awards that they have been presented with. Harley-Davidson Australia and New Zealand 'Dealer of the year' (ANZ – Category – Small) and Harley-Davidson Australia and New Zealand 'Dealer of the Year' (Overall ANZ) Well done to you all and thanks for being a great support to the Waikato HOG Chapter over the last 31 years.



The Exec have been working on a few things that we think will be good for the Chapter moving forward.

We are in the midst of giving the Chapter's website a face lift. This isn't a small job by any means. A big thank you to our Website Officer, Steph Delaney and Treasurer Dave Yeo for all their work in the background for this to happen. There is still quite a bit to happen before it will be launched, but we will let you know when this will be. We say congratulations to Steph and Dave on the arrival of a dear wee girl, Pyper. Well done guys. New Chapter t-shirts are under way and there will be some new stock in store soon so keep an eye out in Road & Sport. We will let you know when they are available.

Upcoming events to mark on your calendar

27th March Hard Arse Ride

11th April Mystery ride, this will be a good day out so book in and enjoy

1st May **The Chapter's 30th Anniversary Celebrations.** Invites were emailed out a couple of weeks ago, thanks to those who have already replied. This is going to be the highlight of the year, get in quick so you don't miss out. The only way to make it a huge success is if you are there, so please plan to be there – mark it in your diaries and calendars and RSVP. There will be good food, great music and of course great company making it a great evening. Please pay at Road & Sport or by internet banking - but please put your name so we know who has paid, and don't forget to email myself with your details - thanks

8th May This will be lead by Nigel and will be a good day, the flyer with more info will follow shortly

15th May BBQ at Road & Sport, these are a good way to meet up at the shop and enjoy a good banger or two.... NOTE: anyone that would like to come and help with cooking please let myself know, it would be great to have some helpers

13th June Gazza has his hand up for this ride, it will be another great day (as they all are) flyer to follow

19th June **The Annual AGM**, come along and hear about the chapter and what has been happening and what is in store for the next year for the Chapter. NOTE: if you would like to show some interest in being on the Executive Committee please let myself know. We would love to have you join the committee. Closer to the date we will email out the appropriate forms for this.

HELP, WE NEED YOUR HELP. The Chapter is in need of more Road Captains and Tail End Charlies. If you think you would like to be involved or would like to know more of what this entails, please make contact with myself drjr@outlook.co.nz or with our Head Road Captain Lance Potaka, lancepotaka@orcon.net.nz We would be only too happy to chat with you about this. It is always good to have new ideas for rides so feel free to make contact with us.

Well that is it from me. Where ever you may be, please stay safe, we would love to see you out there on a ride soon.

PS: don't forget to register and pay for the 30th Anniversary – it's going to be a great night.

Thanks again

Deane Blaikie
Director



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