

To all HOG Members,

I hope this email finds you well out there, and if you have been riding in these winter months that you have been keeping safe. This email is to keep you up to date with what is coming up for the Chapter and a little of what has been happening recently.

Since my last Director's letter we held the **Chapter's AGM** at the Hamilton Gardens. It was a good night, great food and a good number of members and partners attending. It was a good time to catch up with members and hear what's been going on over the last year. Each Executive committee member give a brief report on their role and what they have been up to. We had the presentation of Gongs and pins to the Exec in recognition of their services to the Chapter. I want to say thank you again to those that have served on the Exec over past years and to those who are currently serving.

The **exec for 2021/2022** are:

Road and Sport Harley-Davidson	Hannah Manssen
Director	Deane Blaikie
Activities	Gary Tucker
Head Road Captain	Lance Potaka
Membership	Janice Blaikie
Photographer	Kay Tucker
Safety	Nigel Hesford
Secretary	Kay Tucker
Treasurer	Dave Yeo
Webmaster	Stephanie Delaney

Thank you to all on the exec for making time to meet once a month and organising events and rides for our members, and for what you do behind the scenes. I do appreciate the personal time that you each put into being on the Exec.

What's been happening at Road and Sport?

By now you will be aware of the new Pan America launched at Road and Sport. This was a great day to catch up with members and be a part of seeing the new Harley. This bike is for those who like to do some off road riding, it will take you places that the traditional Harley wont go. (or shouldn't go lol). Now is time to get down to the store and chat with the sales team about being the owner of one of these bikes.

Once a month the Chapter mans the BBQ for Road and Sport, sausages and onions in bread, the good old NZ BBQ. Another great time to meet and mix with shoppers and Chapter members.

I have attached to this email the new rates for HOG members for the **Interislander**. Don't forget to use this if you are heading South. A good way to keep some coins in the pocket.

What's coming up?

We have been asked why the Chapter doesn't have a **HOGWASH** at present. Unfortunately this is a position on the Exec that is vacant. We would love to get this up and running again, it was always a great read with articles and write ups on rides, with the upcoming months calendar, plus packed with important information. If you would be interested in doing this or would like to more of what is involved, please let one of the exec know. We would love to get this going again and it would be warmly welcomed by our members. Attached is a write up that we would publish in the HOGWASH, giving you an idea of what you would be reading when we have the HOGWASH being published once again.

Our Safety Officer Nigel, has passed on the link for some upcoming **rider safety courses**. Click on the link below to choose the course that suits you. Please note some of these are free and are well worth attending, so please take some time to look into these. <https://prorider.co.nz/ride-forever/>

I would like to bring to your attention important information on renewing your **local Membership**. If you renew your membership via Member Jungle there is nothing else you need to do. BUT, if you are paying at Road and Sport or paying via your on-line banking PLEASE complete a membership form. This is to be completed

every time you renew. Road and Sport have the forms in the shop, or you can complete the on-line form on the Chapter's website, or, print out a copy. Without the membership form, the Membership Officer doesn't know you have paid your money into the Chapter's bank account and this makes the renewal process much longer and much more complicated.

Great news – we have finalised the new Ladies **T-shirts**. These will be on sale at Road and Sport soon as well as more supplies of the men's T-shirts. We will let you all know when these are available.

The Road Captains and Tail End Charlies held the coming years calendar meeting and we have put together the **calendar** ending **January 2022**. This is attached for you to save, download or print. Check it over and lock in the dates on your calendar.

The 18th September has been set aside for an event in conjunction with **ACC**. This is yet to be confirmed, however, I will let you know more information as soon as I receive it. We had a great turn out the last time this was held at Road and Sport earlier this year. There were give-aways, and a great BBQ, so keep an eye out for more information coming out shortly.

Don't forget to keep an eye on Member Jungle, the Chapter's Facebook page and the website for all updates.

So from myself, thanks for taking the time to read this. If you have any questions or need more information about anything please email myself or any members of the exec.

Take care and ride safe.

Regards

Deane Blaikie

Director

Waikato HOG Chapter