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**Let Those who Ride Decide**

The Townsville & District Motorcycle Riders' Association aims to:

- promote road safety;
- promote a positive image for motorcycling;
- work for fair and sensible legislation pertaining to motorcycling; and
- participate in charitable and community service activities.

Would you like to be part of this? Then visit the web site shown to the left and get a membership form. Or you can email us (also to the left) or call Karina on 0401 497 517

We meet the first Tuesday of every month at the Centenary Hotel on French Street in Pimlico inside in the lounge. Meeting starts at 7.30pm. Come for dinner first if you like. Looking forward to seeing you there!!

[www.mratownsville.org.au](http://www.mratownsville.org.au)

## Useful Stuff—Scratch Removal

This is from Rapid Magazine so thanks guys....

Apparently is you have a standard drill with a hard cloth-polishing wheel fitted plus a block of metal polish that comes with the wheel and a grinder with a pad that takes Scotch-Brite discs (a read coarse one and a grey fine one) attached you have all the tools you need to get rid of scratches on your stainless steel pipe.

“First cover the rest of the bike to protect it from flying polish and the like. Attach the red disc to the grinder and work your way along the scratches—being mindful not to stay in the same place for long as this will further mark the pipe. Remember to keep the grinder at a slight angle so it doesn't grab, especially if the scratch is near any sharp edges.

Once the scratches have been removed with the coarse disc, fir the fine grey one which removes the deeper burnish marks.

With the scratches gone, you need to polish the marks left by the Scotch-Brite discs. For this process use the drill and cloth-polishing wheel.

Apply the polish by spinning the drill slowly—placing the polishing block against the cloth. With the polish on the cloth, set the drill to high speed and place it against the muffler. At this point you need to apply a lot of pressure, which generates heat so be careful. Work the polishing wheel up and down the pipe—pressing hard. Mark sure the wheel doesn't grab and run away through as this can lead to more scratches and tears—and probably some tantrums and more beer.... (that last bit was mine—ed). Once the burnish marks are fully removed, you need to remove the fine marks and polish that the wheel has left behind. For this Rapid recommend Blue Job metal polish, which is a dry dust that needs a bit of water to make into a paste but any quality metal polish will do. It's then just a matter of rub on and rub off (or wax on and wax off as in an time honoured movie—ed).

You may need to go back a few steps in the process if the scratch is not fully removed” but this method has apparently worked for others before so is worth a try.

Well good luck. Let us know how you go if you ever need this information.



**Very important that we keep our babies gleaming isn't it**

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# Twisty Bits

## Getting to Know You —the Treasurer



So who is the new Treasurer?

Well he has been with us for a while now actually as a member, working away in the website and offering assistance where ever and when ever he has time.

Yep that would be Kris Sinclair.

I love doing this bit of the newsletter—I learn so much about people and they never cease to amaze me.

Kris has a wife and two kids and he is obviously a very committed family man. He speaks very highly of his wife and counts himself a very lucky man to have found such a woman. Lucky family he has...

He riders as GSX1400 and dirt bikes (which hold a special place for him). He loves restoring old bikes as well and one of them is included in the pictures we have (note Kris didn't send in any that made him recognizable—but then I suppose I didn't either).

A beautiful 1981 XT500. Kris restored every nut and bolt himself so now you know where to go for advice on these old girls.

Kris lists his favourite music as Static-X, Rob Zombie, Disturbed and Metallica. As I am old I only know the last one but I know they are all metal bands because Kris told me so.

He is learning to play the acoustic guitar (which is kind of odd considering the music he listens to) and he

loves camping. Maybe that is where the acoustic guitar comes in—sitting around the campfires at night. Sounds good to me....

Kris joined the MRA to meet new like minded people but also to be an active part of keeping road rules real and to make sure there is a voice to ensure governments consult riders before they make decisions for us.

Finally Kris loves camping and the second picture we have is of him and a mate before they set off on a camping odyssey. He doesn't tell me where or when but motorcycles, long tours and camping are always fun—what more could a person want really?!!!!



## Social Ride to Mingela

Again this was a great day to enjoy with fellow riders and friends—though there appears to have been some misunderstanding as to the ride times etc. Sorry to those who felt disadvantaged or put out by this mistake. They really don't happen all that often.

The group met at the BP Aitkenvale and off to lunch at the Mingela Pub. Sounds like the day was good for everyone with just those couple of starting hiccoughs.

Lunch is always yummy at Mingela and no one was disappointed this time ei-

ther. Sorry I couldn't be there for this one but I am sure no one really missed me.

Apparently there were lots of bikes there that day. Excellent.

Ride photos are on the next page for those of you who want to check it out.

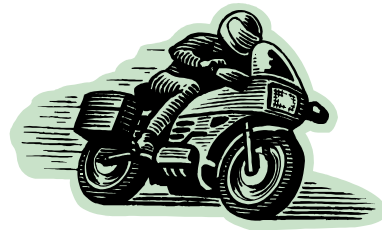
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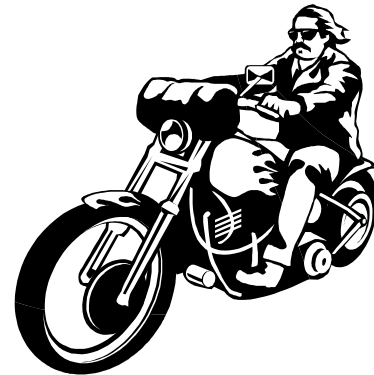
### Special points of interest:

- *Buell is back!! Under the banner of Eddie Buell Racing (EBR). Production of their new road bike can't commence until Feb 2011 thanks to some legal stuff but welcome back anyway....*

## Mingela Social Ride Photos



OK These aren't the pictures from the day—apparently no one remembered a camera. Oh well that happens. Thought I would fill the space with silly stuff then.



## 2010 Toy Run —11 December 2010

This is starting to look like it is going to be HUGE!!!!

Check out the website under links to see some of the prizes we have confirmed already and where we are up to. Thank you to everyone who is helping get this under way—especially one of our new members Dave Ross. Without his enormous amount of work little of this would be possible.

If you register early this year you will be

able to get a discount on your Toy Run Shirt. Shirts will be available to order on the day (we will have an EFTPOS machine on hand for all payments).

We will also have hotdogs and water for sale at Dean Street Carpark prior to the run (you can get these for \$2.00—that will cover the water and the hot dog) at registration so how excel-

*If you know anyone who wants to be a sponsor for the Toy Run please get them to contact us. The opportunities are growing daily.*

lent is that?

The Deputy Mayor will see us off and the Mayor will welcome us in. The police are happy as are Transport and Main Roads with all permits finalised.

Listen to Zinc and 106.3 for our Toy Run adds. I am already getting enquiries...

## 2010 Christmas Party—11 December 2010

The Christmas Party is also coming along swimmingly.

There will be prizes offered on the night and raffles for some pretty cool stuff.

If you want to camp please let us know as we need to let the RSL know what to expect.

Registrations for the Toy Run and Christmas party are due 26 November 2010. If you are camping and want breakfast on Sunday you will need to

mark that on your registration form.

Dinner at the Dinner will be \$15.00 for adults and \$8.50 for kids. Breakfast will be \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for kids.

This will be a great way to finish off the year for MRA and we would love you to be



**Party for Us!!!**

there to celebrate with us. It will also mean the police won't have much to do as we won't be going anywhere after the run—they do love to wait and find out if anyone is drinking or speeding out of there...

Please go to the website if you want more information or email us or call me.

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## What do you Want Next Year?

Interesting question that and one we would like some answers to.

If you have some ideas for what you would like the club to do next year please let the committee know. We would be only too pleased to include it in the next meeting.

Some ideas put forward at the November meeting include:

- A calendar (financial year) showing our riders in both their home/work lives and on their bikes—getting the message across that we are humans—really... Volunteers???
- Stinger Rally obviously but people would like to see games back on the agenda and some stuff like stubby coolers for purchase. A band has also been suggested.
- More interaction with other clubs so

we don't have to organize heaps of our own rides (and supporting them may mean they support us).

- Poker Run—was decided we still want one but NOT on Father's Day. Will run it as one of the other days we have.
- Social Rides (where would you like them to and would you like us to include at least one overnighter—the



last one was a hoot).

- Toy Run—grow it a bit more each year until it is one of the most recognized events in Queensland—now that will be cool
- MRA Queensland would like to hold a run with us where we all meet in Rockhampton. As they are based in Brisbane that is half way for everyone. We would like to encourage that.
- A for sale section in our newsletter—but I will need people to send stuff in. Bit difficult to sell stuff if no one lists anything...

## Social Rides

Coming to the end of the year there is not much more to do really. We only have a couple of things left and here they are:

**November**—Cruise for a Cause

We will be participating as a group this year in support of the Spinal Injuries Association. This event is the first of many for Spinal Week.. The ride commences at the Willows Shopping town Car Park, please be there at 8.30am so

we can gather. The ride will leave at 9.30am and go to the Strand where we will park up until 2.00pm.

**November**—Observation Rally

We will kick off at the Ross River Dam car park at 8.30am. Registration will be from then, leaving first people around 8.40am. You will need to complete a

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We always do....*

course and wind up at the Riverside Pub around lunch. The person who gets there by travelling closest to the allotted distance and with the most correct answers will win. Come, play, have some fun. We always do....

## What is on in Motorcycle World?

I do get asked what is on the world of motorcycling a bit so I thought I would put together a bit of an idea for you all of the upcoming major events around the country. If I have missed any please let me know and I will add to this as we go.

**November 2010**

**6 Nov 2010** TMCC Road Racing Club Championships—Townsville Go Kart Track

**13-21 Nov**—Motorcycling Australia's

first Annual Signature Tour (in Tassie). I didn't know about this one but will keep everyone posted next year because some of us just might like to attend....

**26-28 Nov** Australian Motorcycle Expo—Melbourne Convention Centre

**27 Nov**—Townsville 300—a 300km motorcycle race being held at the Townsville Go Kart track. This will be



interesting our very own endurance event!!

**26 March 2011**—Nitro Circus in Townsville at Dairy Farmers Stadium. Having seen this show in BrisVegas I can tell you it is one hell of a show. Well

worth the price of the tickets and a great night out.