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# CAPE YORK HARLEYS OWNERS GROUP COMMITTEE 2024 - 2025

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## Message From Our Director

**Hi Members,**

Very pleased with the support from the members who attended the AGM meeting thanks everyone. Thanks to Tim for his contribution and update.

Big thank you to the committee and thank you for all stepping up again for the next 12 months.

Ed has stepped down as Activities and this spot is still open if anyone who would like to join us on the committee.

Thank you again to Sandie and Joey for cooking the BBQ beautiful steak sandwiches.

Looking forward over the next 12 months the committee will be working hard to provide members with rides, away rides and activities.

It was great catching up with everyone and thank you for your support.

However, it will be extremely important over the next 12 months that members think seriously about standing up for a committee position.

Think about what you like and what you would be interested in and remember that there will always be plenty of help provided.

**Rob "Stone" Director**





## A MESSAGE FROM OUR SAFETY OFFICER

This safety tip is one we sometimes overlook when riding, especially up here on those hotter days and that's hydration. Keeping hydrated keeps you focused, alert and helps against fatigue while riding. Drinking plenty of water before during and after a ride helps, even better is to drink electrolytes. For myself, I like to carry the tablet type, it's easy to carry on you especially overnight or longer distance rides were we like to have a few alcoholic beverages and also, we don't realise how much we sweat under all the motorcycle gear we wear.

So, stay hydrated and ride safe.....sorry Joe & Blue rum & cola does not count as a hydration drink. **Safety Officer "Rainman"**

## Message From Your OLD Activities Officer

A great turnout at the AGM and a good result for the club, with a new Committee formed ready to take members into a new exciting year of activities, rides and having fun days.

I would like to thank the outgoing committee for their continued support over the last year, and in my case to Ron and Blue for their help in all things active. Thanks gents.

It is not an easy job being a committee member at times, so by keeping this in mind, remember it is your club, run by your committee, and they too, look for all your support in making sure that the club runs as smooth as possible over the coming year.

If you do have any ideas for rides, activities and other fun things you can bring them forward by either sending in your thoughts and ideas or attending the monthly committee meeting where you would be most welcome to present your ideas. The old saying many hands make light work still applies.

You will have the chance not only to put your thoughts forward, but to actually run the idea and watch the whole thing come to fruition - a great feeling.

Once again thanks to all for your support over the past year and I certainly look forward to being part of this great club for a long time, albeit minus a motorcycle.

**Ride Safe and HAVE FUN - FOSSIL**

## Message from your Editor

Hi Everyone

How can we forget the song, rain, rain, go away?

Well, I'm pretty sure most of our Cape York HOG members have had that song in their heads for quite some time now. What a wet and horrible last three months we have had.

But we did manage to get a club BBQ in, a few rides and even a fantastic over nighter.

It's the first time I have been to Lucinda and we will definitely be going back. The over night club rides are fantastic, keep an eye out for the next one.

Enjoy the photos and stories and check out our second edition of the "Personality Page"

Be Safe - Sandie "Jandals"





## Stone's July Overnighter Ride

Saturday 13th July and yes a clear sunny winters day.

The group met up at Gordonvale at 9am, 10 bikes departed at 9.30am. We also had two cars and one motorhome on route to Lucinda. A bit of a slow start up the Gillies still roadworks. Once at the top it was all great riding to Millaa Millaa then via waterfall way to Mena Creek and onto Kurrimine Beach for lunch.

That location is just beautiful right on the beach. Rebel Ron and Liz held a raffle to win a bottle of port and a beautiful jar of honey. The draw was to be held later at Lucinda. Ron and Liz donated the raffle money to the club a very nice gesture.

From Kurrimine to Cardwell quick fuel stop and onto Halifax for a quiet ale at the Halifax Hotel a great old pub well worth the look. Then the last few kms to the Lucinda Hotel and check into our rooms. Throw the bags in and time to check out the hotel bar and catch up with our friends in cars and motorhome.



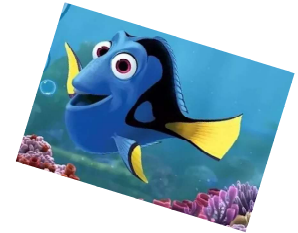
Raffle draw completed and two winners, Sandie the honey and Elfie the port. What was the name of that port ? Off to dinner alfresco style outside in the cool evening breeze.

Back then to our rooms and the outside veranda area for a great catch up and some photos. Sunday morning another great day. Off to Cardwell for breakfast. After breakfast, we said our goodbyes as we all took our own way back home. Thank you all for coming along on the ride it was just as much fun as the first year that we did the ride. I'm sure there will be a Lucinda 2025.  
Rob (Stone) Jones





## PERSONALITY PAGE - VALMAY



I had a 125 Honda when I was about 14 years old, this my mate and I rode back and forth from home to the station. I felt horses were easier to ride back then.

In 2018 we became empty nesters, Wayne brought a Fat Bob, 2019 we decided to join a ride to Tamworth. We went into HM to buy a bag for our gear, we came away with a Sport glide. I rode pillion down and Wayne rode back alone as I went on to work and flew home. Christmas arrived and so did my own little red Street 500 HD. I then had to redo my licence; this was to take my mind away from work. It did and I rode on various club rides and a small group of us for our breakie rides.

2020 Easter, HOG group were going to the Rocky Nats. Wayne, Blue, Joey, Sandie and I joined HOG group to Bowen then we turned back and headed west and ventured out to Hughenden to where it was dry. In Charters Towers, I tried to shelter under a shop awning, but they all rode past, Blue like throws arms in air WTF was I doing. Keeping dry I said.

Late 2021 we decided to ride to the Darwin Rally, Wayne said I could not ride my little Street 500, however it just so happens we walked into HM and there sat a Low Rider Soft Tail (and it was red too). I didn't want to part with my little S500 HD.

June 2022, I rode with the HOG club off to Darwin and back. It was lots of laughs and fast at times, bloody cold, and wet but was a whole lot of fun. The first road train we overtook, Wayne asked me "bet ya didn't think you would be doing a hundred mile an hour on a Harley" WELL, I looked at my speedo, to see I was doing > 165kph then looked up at the driver and I recon my eyes were as big a dinner plates 😊. It was great.



June 2023 Wayne, Campbell, Andrea and I rode down to Brisbane. We rode in rained most of the way down. Andrea flew home and Campbell rode back to work, Wayne and I visited family and the Cooly Rocks festival then rode back home.

My 2024 highlight must be a day ride with Wayne, Campbell and I, riding down to Rocky to meet up with the Eddie and the crew. We left home at 4:55am and meet Campbell at Fishery Falls, we arrived in Rocky at about 5:50pm, was a great ride about 1,087klm and then we rode back on Sunday in one day.

Our plan is to ride down to visit our grand kids in Buronga (near Mildura) next. Since I started, I have been on some beautiful rides and meet lots of wonderful people, and plan to do so for a while yet. Riding takes my thoughts from work. I am very blessed to have lots of support about as I am a bit of a Dory.

My moto is if the road is dry let's ride.



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## Words from Harley Magic General Manager

Congratulations to Cape York Chapter on the AGM and new Committee being accepted. We hope that your latest swap meet went well, and we are always happy to help out with the tent where we can.

We still have demos available for any member who is interested to update or just try a different model. Just check in with Tim to book.

We will be conducting a Dealer Ride on the 15<sup>th</sup> September for anyone to attend and HOG's are always welcome. Daintree Village and Julatten pub for lunch.

As Always, Thanks for your continued support and Ride Safe.

Regards Tim

**Don't Forget to  
Book In The Next  
Club Ride's**

**Sept – Two Cloud's**



**Oct - Amazon**

**Nov - Bugs**



## ON A VERY PERSONAL NOTE

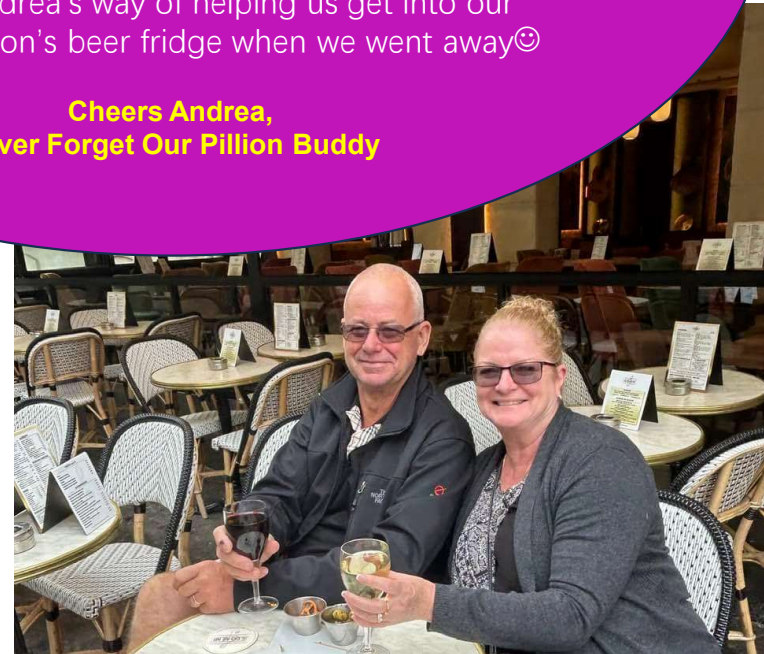
I write this with great sadness to send our condolences to one of our dear friends and club members Campbell Blackman and family.

Sadly, Andrea passed away very suddenly on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

We will always remember Andrea in so many ways, her giggle, her sense of humor and especially when we see a door ajar with a shoe in it.....

That was Andrea's way of helping us get into our accommodation's beer fridge when we went away 😊

**Cheers Andrea,  
Never Forget Our Pillion Buddy**





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## BLUE'S AUGUST RIDE







## When you visit Fossil !!



## AN END OF AN ERA FOR BEC

I joined the Cape York Chapter in 1993 as a Charter member.

It has been a most memorable 30+ years of riding my Harleys (95 FXD, 86 Softail Standard, 97 Road King and 2004 Softail Deuce), making lifelong friends along the way, visiting amazing places and attending numerous State, National Rallies and Chapter Challenges.

I held various positions on the committee over the years, LOH, Editor and Road Captain. These positions were never a chore as I was an enthusiastic club member and loved being a part of a successful and fun filled club.

I have not renewed my membership as mine and Eds lives will be going in a new direction though I am sure we will still be around for catch ups.

Ride safe my friends,

**Bec Porter**



Mini Car  
Rentals



and BIG cars too!



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**Why must I prove  
that I am me to pay my  
bills over the phone?  
Do strangers call to  
pay my Bills? And if  
they do, why don't  
you let them?**



**Paddy and Murphy  
were sipping their  
Starbucks when a  
truck went past loaded  
up with rolls of lawn.  
*Keep Calm And Oh Fuck It Enjoy Some Craic*  
"I'm going to do that  
when I win the lottery"  
said Paddy.  
  
"Do what?"  
asked Murphy.  
  
"Send my lawn out to  
be mowed."**

**Happy Birthday To:**

Phoneix, Chopper,  
Annie, Jandals,  
Dory, Rainman  
Amazon, Bugs,  
Ironman, Dazza,  
Jason, No Way, Cassanova



**One Mans Junk is  
Another Mans Treasure**  
*If you have something to sell and would like to  
put it in the next York Torque, please email me  
and let me know.*



Keep an eye out on social  
media for more ride details.