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## XMAS WITH THE HOGS



Merry Christmas





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## Message From Our Director

**Hi Members,**

Apologies as I missed the Christmas party as I was away in Perth.

I know Ron organised a great party and entertainment.

Big shout out to Ron and his crew for hosting the breakfast BBQ for this year's charity Toy Run.

Cape York Harley Owners Group also made a cash donation on the day to the Red Shield Appeal - The Salvation Army.

Looking forward, we have a full calendar of rides and overnight rides planned for the new year. Still rooms available for Karumba but not many so if you would like to go, please get in touch with me.

Start thinking also what position you would like to take on the Committee next year. We will need members to put up their hands to cover all positions.

Speak with me or any of the other committee members.

Hope to see everyone on Choppers end of year Christmas ride.

Stay safe ride and enjoy.

Rob "Stone" Director



### Message from your Editor

Hi Everyone

Welcome to this month's edition of York Torque. Well, the rain has finally bugged off, now we are all saying we need the rain, but we are getting that beautiful tropical sun and heat which brings a fresh batch of insights, updates and stories to this edition.

I have added a new topic which I'm hoping you will all enjoy! I love listening to all the stories our members talk and laugh about when we are sitting down at one of our functions / club rides and thought, why not put them in the York Torque! So, look out for the very first "Back In The Days" on Page 5.

As you know, one of our lifetime members, Bec & Ed are leaving Cairns. I am so grateful to have met them both and the beautiful friendship we have made. You will be truly missed; we wish you all the best for your next adventure.

Merry Christmas to you all, be safe and see you in the New Year.

Be Safe - Sandie "Jandals"





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## Message From Your Activities Officer

Another year has almost passed, and Christmas is around the corner. It is a time we celebrate with friends and family.

We had our Xmas party at the Edgehill Bowls Club in November with a bit of fun with Barefoot bowls.

Most of us managed to get our bowls to travel in the right direction, however Amazon took out the ultimate prize of nearest to the Jack. Well, he was the nearest, but his bowl went wayward into the neighboring lane.

Deborah won the Bunnings Voucher, and the bottle of wine was won by Dom Sinopoli which was kindly donated by Wayne and Valmay. Thanks guys.

Overall, it was a great night. If I can give the Bowls Club a plug, the staff were very pleasant, food was great and the beer very cold. Thanks Nick (manager) for a great night.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Cairns Xmas Toy Run was a huge success with more than 150 motorcycles and more than \$4000 raised for charity.

Cape York HOG was proud to part of the event by putting on a spectacular breakfast. Peter and Michael were on the tongs with Deborah and Laura serving up the buns.

It was great to have Laura's granddaughter Sienna in the tent off siding to Murf (the bag man) handing out the drinks. Thanks Sienna, you did a great job and hope to see you at the next club BBQ.

To all who attended and supported the Club, a big thank you.

Coming up, we have Choppers Dawn Raid with an early start at 5.30am on the 8 December.

January, I have a ride to Cape Tribulation so don't forget to apply for your DOUGLAS CARD which gets you across the river free of charge.

With the Festive Season fast approaching, I would like to wish you and your families a very happy Xmas and follow your front wheel into the New Year.

Knees into the Breeze and Bum off the Bitumen. Reb and Activities Team



# YORK TORQUE DECEMBER 2024 – CLUB BBQ'S

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**Come along and support  
the Cape York HOGS.  
Grab a Bacon and Egg Bun  
or even a Snag.  
Or, just pop in and catch up  
with your club members  
and see  
what's new at  
Harley Magic!**





## *Back In the Day With Rebel*

Back in the day, I was mostly into dirt bikes and never, could I see myself on a street bike. Four tours to the tip of Cape York and many tracks in this beautiful back yard we call Far North Queensland. Well time changed all that and a '95 Heritage found its way into my carport.

Joined Cape York HOG never looked back.

Travelling to a rally was always great. There was Cairns, Townsville, Rockhampton, Gold Coast, Sydney, Canberra Walcha, and our latest was Darwin.



Talking about change with age, back then we loaded the bikes with tents, swags and chairs and camped on site. This all added to the fun, unexpected rain with holes in the roof of my tent and our swags floating out of the tent. These days our idea of roughing it is leaving the motel window open and running out of ice cubes.

I think the highlight of rally rides was the Thunder Run from Cairns to the Gold Coast. That was out of this world.

You often hear the phrase, “it’s not the destination, but the journey.” So very true. Cape York Hogs has introduced me a new world with an abundance of friends and friendships. For that I am truly grateful. Cape York Chapter – thank you.

Rebel





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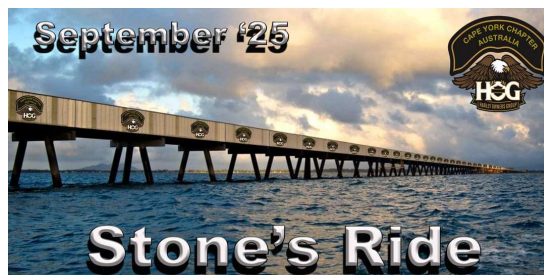
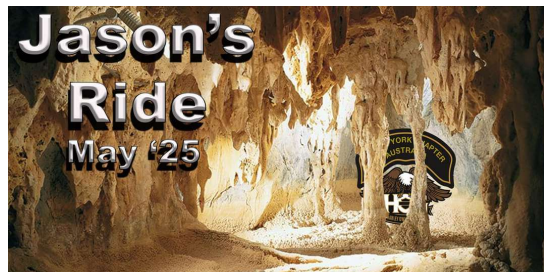
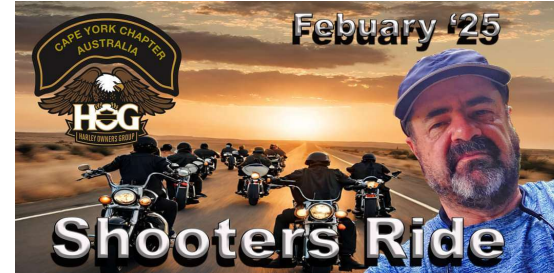
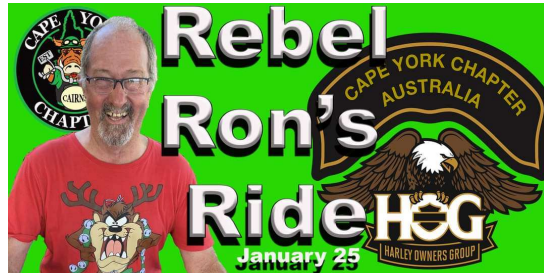


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## ROAD CAPTAIN CLUB RIDES 2024 – 2025



**OVERNIGHTERS**  
No Way - March - T.B.A  
Murph - June - Cooktown  
Stone - July - Normanton  
Stone - August - Lucinda





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## Words from Harley Magic General Manager

The team at Harley Magic would like to wish all the Cape York Chapter Members a festive Christmas and Happy New Year for 2025. We will have Christmas deals on lots of stuff leading up to the Christmas Break and deals on Bikes as well if anyone needs a new Sleigh for the Festive Season.

We have a new girl, Lilly, just started in Parts so say Hello next time you call into Dealership. Once again i would like to thank the Chapter for all there help this last year and the effort and donation put into the local Toy Run just gone.

Merry Christmas to all.

Regards Tim

## Dom's Ride to Cardell September

The weather wasn't looking to good, but a small group of riders jumped on their bikes and headed down to Cardwell to have lunch by the sea.

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR SAFETY OFFICER

Well, I was out on a ride the other day and a question popped up amongst a group of us. I was on my dirt bike the others on Harleys and the question was, if you got a flat tyre what are you going to do? Do you have a way of fixing it? Well, no was my reply not for this bike as I have not fitted my new tool kit to this bike yet, but if I was on my Harley (the rooster) as some mates call it, yes, I can. I have & carry a puncture repair kit for tubeless tyres and a pump to, plus I have roadside assist, but what if I had tube tyres? I would have to make that phone call, unless I had the tools to fix it. The dirt bikes easy but the Harley not so. So, this got me thinking, are you prepared for a flat tyre or a small mechanical problem? Do you carry a repair kit or some tools even just on a day ride? Would you know how to use a puncture repair kit or have some tools to fix a loose nut or bolt? Do you have roadside assist? What if you don't have mobile reception, do you have a "Plan B"? I know most times we just ride & nothing happens but, it can happen, and it will sometimes. So, this is just something to think about when you ride next. Ride safe, ride often and enjoy, and for some of you, time to blow the dust and cobwebs off that bike hey that's what you bought it for .

**Safety Officer "Rainman"**







## PERSONALITY PAGE - MURF

Meg and I moved to FNQ way back in 1993 along with a dog, cats and our sons Adam & Zac. I have been a motorcyclist (Biker) since 1970 when I was 19 years of age. I started off with a 650 Triumph Saint (ex-Police Bike), followed by a Norton Commando (72) and then a Triumph Trident (74). The Trident lasted as my daily commute until 1991 when I traded her in on my first Harley a '91 Heritage. When we moved from Melbourne (I grew up in Northcote) I rode the Heritage and Meg drove the car up with the dog and the boys, the cats came by 'plane.

We joined Cape York HOG in the first year of its operation in August 1993 not long after we arrive in the Far North. We attended the first AGM in September '93 and I was asked to chair the meeting to ensure things were fair and above board. The club started in Sept '92.

Meg my partner (Spouse) gave up the back seat on my bikes about 10 years ago, she decided it was getting too much for her back. Prior to that Meg was always keen to come along on rides. Back then we had done several rides to southern parts of Queensland for HOG rallies and the like as well as out west and up into the Gulf country.

These days I try to get out on the Harley at least once a week, but I must admit during the "wet" the rides might blow out to one a month or even longer. Lately on HOG rides I have adopted the policy of heading to the back of the pack, good advice that I got from Rebel Ron!







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## Farewell To Bec & Ed – All The Best Guys







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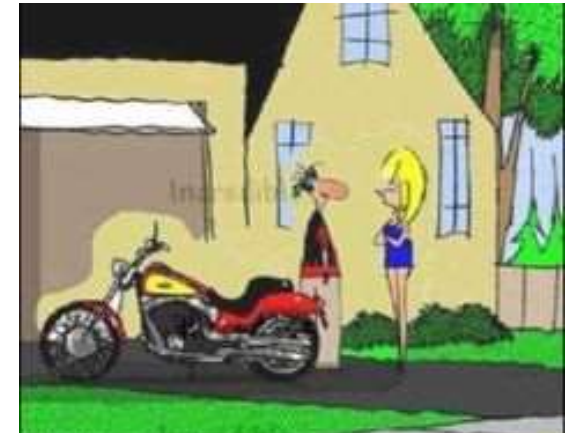


It's perfectly OK to talk to yourself  
and it's perfectly OK to answer  
yourself.  
BUT, it's totally sad that you have to  
repeat what you said because you  
weren't listening.



zebra199

"I couldn't find any carrots  
for the nose, so I grabbed this  
from my moms drawer..."



What do you mean you  
were having so much  
fun riding your new  
bike you lost track of  
time? You've been  
gone for over a Year!  
Incredible.

## Happy Birthday To:



- Pitstop ~ September
- Mustang Dave~ September
- Blue ~ September
- Klinger ~ October
- Geoffro ~ November
- Fossil~ November



### 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.