

# CSBA

# Life



October 17

## WELCOME

Welcome to the first edition of the CSBA Life. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide members and friends of CSBA with information on what's happening in CSBA life.

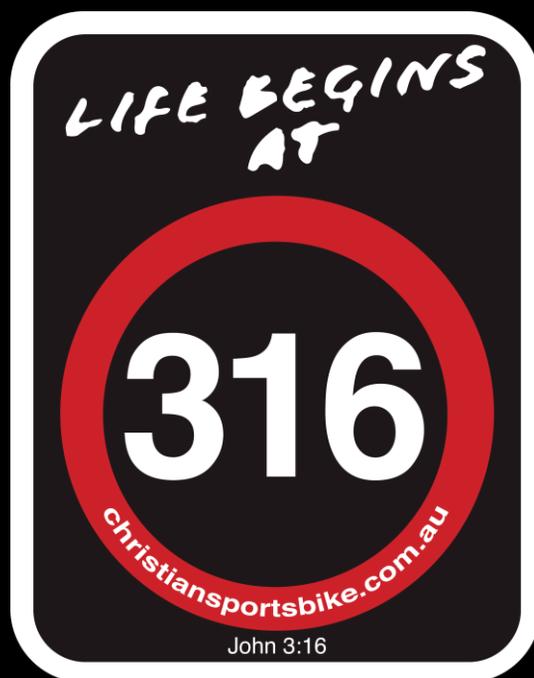
It will be a monthly issue and focus on the past months events, and give you a heads up on what's coming up.

You will also hear from the leadership team, and get to know them better through "Profile of the Month" where a member (or members) of the committee will share more about themselves, their interests, passions and why they choose to be an important part of CSBA.

There will also be a column called **Twistie Talk** where we will have a brief chat about life and the God stuff.

And a page called **Joke of the Month** as we all can do with a laugh.

Anyway, we hope you enjoy the newsletter, and feel free to give us some feedback.



John 3:16

# Annual General Meeting



On August 19' the CSBA held the AGM with the following committee voted in:

National President  
National Vice President  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Sydney President  
Sydney Vice President  
Sydney Chaplin  
Hunter President  
Hunter Vice President  
Hunter Chaplin  
Trackday Coordinator  
Members Representatives

Craig Humble  
Brett Taylor  
Phil Layton  
Steve Chance  
Tony Breedon  
Dave & Jess Mort  
Len Eagles  
Chris Barrett  
Phil Layton  
Allan Taylor  
David Mahaffey  
Kenny Strang  
Jeff Tilse  
Brendyn Williams  
David Mahaffey  
Allan Taylor  
Matt Bunt

# PROFILE of the MONTH

## Craig Humble

### NATIONAL PRESIDENT

It is only fitting that our first Profile of the month be on Craig Humble our illustrious leader.

Craig was born in Sydney, but grew up in the Hunter - his first motorbike was a Honda XR75 at the age of seven, then progressing to a Suzuki TS250ER and then on to the lightning quick Suzuki TS250X which he rode for the first three years of his licence.

Craig then had a 14 year break from bikes, but his love and desire for motorbikes was alive and well.

At 32, Craig bought a CBR250RR, which started his journey back in to the world of bikes and finally onto the seat of a Suzuki Hayabusa (his dream bike)



However, Craig's life was not without drama. He was working as a manager of a night club and at the same time struggling with some heavy personal issues. The pressure of it all was getting to him, and noticeable to those who knew him. To help deal with it all, his work mates offered him drugs, which seemed to work for a while, softening the pain of reality.

But now Craig had a bigger problem - he was hooked - and before long was selling to feed his habit. The dealing started off small, but increased over time to be a major drug operation. The thoughts of his young family weighed heavily on his mind, and he tried to get out a number of times, but he was in too deep.

Unknown to Craig, some of his clients were undercover specialist police, and his every move was now being watched. At a routine drop off at Kempsey on NSW's North Coast things went horribly wrong.

At the drop off point, during the deal, police rushed the car pointing automatic weapons at Craig from every direction. He was removed from the car and arrested. It was now over – or was it – Continued next page.

Craig appeared in court, was charged and sentenced to 4 years, 9 months imprisonment.

Feelings of relief that it was finally over, mixed with the reality that his young family were now to go it alone led Craig to think about life and the things that really matter.

After a few weeks, Craig gave his life to the Lord and his life has not been the same since.

Craig left prison after serving two and a half years, with a new start, new vision and a new heart for the lost.



Not long after leaving prison, Craig's passion and love for motorbikes was reignited, in particular sportsbikes. This combined with his love for God and people led to his search for a ministry in the sportbike scene.

In 2008, after a call to Bob Brown, USA President of CSBA, Craig was put in contact with Lou Clark who had just started up CSBA Australia. Lou welcomed Craig into leadership with Craig heading up the Hunter Chapter. Craig took over the National President's position in 2014, after the Lord led Lou and Shaz into the Chaplain ministry within the Australian motorcycle racing scene.

During Craig's stay in prison, Peter Gundry one of Craig's closest friends stood by him providing support and encouragement, and along with his wife Rachael, cared for Jodie Craig's wife and their young family. Tragically, in 2009 Peter was killed in a motorbike accident. Craig has dedicated the CSBA's annual run to Peter, calling it the GUNN Run.

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Today, Craig lives near Cessnock with his wife Jodie and three of his five children. His interests include sports and adventure bike riding, four wheel driving, hitting the gym and anything adventurous.



I asked Craig why he chooses to be a part of leadership with CSBA, his answer was simply – *I love God and I love Motorbikes BUT more importantly I have a heart for the lost and every motorbike rider could be only one corner away from either going to heaven or hell, so I want to be able to share the love and grace of God with those we ride with and meet while we are out on our bikes.* *Chancey*

# **GUNN RUN 2018**

**Oxley Highway - March 02 - 04**

**Dedicated to the memory of Peter - The Gunn - Gundry**

# SYDNEY Life

## SEPTEMBER IN REVIEW

Bathurst Ride led by Mark Sponberg - The pictures tell the story



# WHAT'S COMING UP

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct

Riding the 'Old Road' and Great North Rd to Mulla Villa Guest House for brekky

## Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct

Joining with our C3 Oxford Falls Bikers friends; riding through Yarramalong to Budgewoi and return

## CSBA MotoGP Tour – 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> Oct

The most epic trip of the year will kick off to see some amazing scenery, roads and world class motorcycle racing

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov

Riding Wisemans Ferry Rd via Spencer to Kulnura for lunch

## Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov

Riding the awesome Putty Rd via Grey Gums

# BIG THANKYOU

A big THANK YOU to those who have been stepping up to the plate lately!

- Rob Clark – for his continual support to CSBA and leading Saturday rides
- Mark Sponberg – for leading our Sunday ride in September
- Lenny Eagles – for leading our Sunday ride in October
- Brett Taylor – for leading the annual CSBA MotoGP Tour and our Sunday ride in November
- David and Jess Mort for operating in a support role for Mark and Lenny

*Thanks heaps,*

*Tony*



# IN MEMORY OF

*Malcolm Jenkins*



The morning of Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September there was a horrific accident on the Old Pacific Hwy just north of Pie in the Sky. Malcolm Jenkins was riding his loved motorcycle and tragically crashed and was killed on impact. The first time I met Mal (on the 'Old Road' of course) I knew he was a lovely guy, I could see that in his personality, just the kind way he would interact with you. Shortly after meeting Mal he joined us for one of our winter rides to Kulnura; some of you may remember him from that day on his black and gold Gixxer.

Mal and I would chat face to face when we rode the 'Old Road' together and through Messenger. He was reaching out asking to come to church and talk about the Lord. We had many chats about our personal experiences, who God is and of course motorcycles. Mal had just gone 12 months clean of drugs and was helping others also kick the habit through programs he was involved in. He had a heart for people and was working on his relationship with the Lord during this time.

As tragic as this event has been, I truly believe that Mal gave his life to God, as each time we chatted, I could see how the Lord was changing him through the actions he was taking in his life. I am saddened by his death, as many who knew him are. We will definitely see him in eternity. When you pass the black 'GIFT' cross on the 'Old Road', remember Mal our friend.

*Tony Breedon*



# HUNTERS Corner

## ROAD CORNER

### WHAT'S COMING UP

**Saturday 30th September and 1st October**

Overnight run to the Oxley staying at Mt. Seaview Resort

**Saturday 21st October**

Lithgow Screamer - This will be an awesome day riding the Bylong Valley Way, Bells Line of Road and the Putty Road.

**Sunday 5th November**

Gresford Dungog Sortie - This will be an easy run through some great country.

**Saturday 18th November**

Wootton Laps - After a great easy ride through the Lower Hunter Valley, we'll pay homage to the old Pacific Highway now called The Wootton Way and carve up some serious corners maybe 2 or 3 times!

### Hunter Bike Night

3rd Thursday of each month 7pm

Harry's De Wheels Newcastle

*Come along*



We have had 2 rides over the past few weeks that have been well attended with new younger riders enjoying the Hunter's roads. Going to Rylstone and then the Putty. Our monthly Bike night last Thursday was well attended with new faces and great fellowship.

Our rides are generally on the 1st Sunday and 3rd Saturday of each month meeting at 8am at the BP on John Renshaw Dr at the end of the M1.

Our members meeting is on the 2nd Monday of each Month at 6pm for tea and fellowship. Our Chaplain Dusty Taylor leads us in what has been some great meaningful evenings where we are able to share with each other and encourage each other.

# DUSTY'S CORNER

Here's What's been happening and what will be happening on Dusty's Corner!

## August

Saw us ride the famous Frozen Butt Adventure Ride (FBAR) where we took 28 riders over 1200klms through some of the most spectacular country side between Newcastle and Orange NSW. Staying at Hill End for 2 nights we climbed mountains, forded rivers, negotiated pagoda rock gardens and explored back country roads that seem to wind on forever through beautiful Central Tablelands. Even had to call in our first helicopter to rescue one of our fallen adventure riders who had an unexpected meeting with a gum tree and a 20 foot drop. **See full Article after Dusty's corner**

This close call with nature inspired a few of us to attend the local First Aid Course for motorcycle riders later that month! Another very worth while use of a Saturday!

## September

Saw us ride 2 separate events. The Sunday Day of Dirt where we took on the California trail, Hunter Main Trail and Yengo NP.

8hrs of non stop enduro riding through some pretty gutsy trails that resulted in the oil in Dusty's front forks failing at one stage as it over heated. Honda obviously figured that there will be some lunatics that ride the Africa Twin but those buggers can upgrade their own suspension if they want to push things that much! (Suspension upgrade in the works)

The second event was the Northern congregation where over 200 riders met at a camp facility near Tingha just south of Inverell. There was a couple of "bike skills" demonstrations by adventure riding gooroo Miles Davis and navigated enduro challenges that took us through some pretty knarly trails' log jumps and hill climbs that ended at a great look out on Bald Hill. The best thing by far was riding with the usual great friends/lunatics and sharing lots of stories around the campfire. Credit has to go to the 3 girls, (Jacquiline, Cathryn and Grace) that rode with us up there and back who proved that girls ROCK!





## WHAT'S COMING UP

### 21st of October

We will have a ride up through Stewarts Brook, Moonan Flats and around the back of the Barrington Tops to Gloucester. A moderate ride for average riders that will have a couple of small challenges over Stewarts Brook but overall a long cruisy ride through stunning country side. Watch out for the event post coming soon on facebook!



Don't forget about the Hunter Valley fellowship night coming up on the 9th of October at 6pm at Jay Gales place at Dunns Creek. Remember this is the place where we have freshly made woodfire pizzas \$5 per person. Let Dusty know if you're coming for that one!

If you want to know more about going on any of our dirty dusty rides each month just get in touch with Dusty 0401511547  
Facebook "Dusty Taylor"

Remember, it may not always be easy to ride in the dirt but it's always a lot of fun!



# FROZEN BUTT RIDE

In August about 60 riders participated in a 3 day charity ride to Hill End and back to raise funds for kids who suffer from Cystic Fibrosis called the Frozen Butt Ride 2017.

While Glenn Currington lead half of the riders on the tar route, Dusty Taylor lead the other half through almost 1200 kms of dirt tracks, trails, hill climbs, forests and river crossings.

For the Adventure bike riders day 1 started at Newcastle and wound its way through the Watagans, St Albans, Wisemans Ferry, Colo Heights, Bilpin, Newnes, Wolgan Valley, Capertee and over to Hill End via the Turon Gates and Sofala.

10 hours of solid riding through some of the most breathtaking scenery we have in the Blue Mountains!

Day 2 saw the Adventure riders take the iconic Bridle Track towards Bathurst and across some back roads to Mt Canobolas near Orange where they found the spectacular Federal Falls with its' under falls cave.

Lunch time both groups of tar and adventure riders meet at Dusty's mums place where they were all treated to some good ole' home cooking that included favourites like curried sausages, bolognese and apple slice just to name a few.

Dusty was heard to say more than once..."just like me mum used to make me when I was boy!" Even 60 hungry bike riders couldn't get through all the food, it was a weekend highlight for sure.

The return trip to Hill End for Dusty's group took them out through Mullion Creek and the ever challenging crossing of the Macquarie river at Dixons/Long Point.

The Macquarie river didn't disappoint kicking all our butts with it's fast flowing torrent and slippery rock bottom. After the first 3 bikes were dropped in the river, including Dusty's, and 1 bike was even drowned, the group decided that dry boots had to be sacrificed and a human chain created to physically assist each bike and rider to the other side.



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Even though it was a lot of work to get all the bikes through the slippery river it left us all feeling a lot more connected as a group, with a memory that no one will ever forget.

The hot shower that night was particularly good, as was another great meal, night time raffles and fun entertainment.

There's something therapeutic about sitting around laughing at the end of big ride day, with bunch of good friends, a few sherbets and an endless supply of stories both old and new.

Day 3 took us home to Newcastle via the Bylong Valley and Jerry's Plains. Taking as many dirt roads and trails as we could.

Other than having to helicopter one of the adventure riders out of Putty State Forest with the air ambulance, (after he hit a tree and went over an embankment) the ride home topped off one of the best events on our calendar for the year.

Overnight ride events like the FBAR have to be one of the most enjoyable ways to deepen old friendships and make new ones. Can't wait for the Gunn Run next year.

*Dusty*



***While the rescue crew were assisting a fallen rider – Dusty took the opportunity to try and get a ride in the chopper***

Click on the links below to watch a couple of entertaining videos on the Frozen But Adventure Ride 2017

**But! Be warned – don't take your helmet off!**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NqWjEGPVjUc>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xjTlwtalq\\_g&sns=em](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xjTlwtalq_g&sns=em)



# TRACK RECORD



*With - Dave Mahaffey*

## WHAT'S COMING UP

Ride Days are a regular feature of the CSBA calendar. CSBA is keen to develop this segment of the motorcycling experience. Riding your bike on a race track is certainly thrilling. For most of us, after a few ride days, we naturally want to ride better on track. It's not wanting to race, or even the urge to beat your mates, well not that much; it's more a natural desire to ride smoother, safer and, of course, faster.

The track is also a much safer place than the road to ride fast. Riding on track is not risk free, but if you come off, there are no trees, bus stops or 4 wheel drives towing caravans to run into. And there is an ambulance and medical crew right there, should something go wrong.

The CSBA track day calendar for the rest of 2017 includes the following dates.

<b>6 November</b>	Sydney Motorsport Park
<b>16 December</b>	Sydney Motorsport Park
<b>4 December</b>	Wakefield Park, just outside Goulburn
<b>27 November</b>	HART Trackmaster track rider training on the south circuit at Sydney Motorsport Park

The Wakefield Park date is the Kawasaki Team Green ride day. It is open to all bikes, but you get a hefty discount if you are on a Kawasaki.

A number of us did the HART training day earlier this year. It is an excellent introduction to track riding and is not intimidating for first timers. But it still caters for experienced track riders, with specialist training from Troy Herfoss, the current Australian Superbike champion. Check out the Facebook event for details.

And a heads up. We will be running our annual track day trip to Phillip Island in the early part of next year. Two days riding the world's greatest motorbike circuit. We will set the date as soon as the Phillip Island ride day calendar is released. But expect it to be from late January to mid March. I cannot tell you how great this track is. And the feeling you get as you ride out of the pits, knowing that you are following in the footsteps of some of the greatest riders of all time, is very special indeed.

If you are interested in track riding or training, contact David Mahaffey through the CSBA Facebook page.



## TRACK SMART - SEPTEMBER

Four CSBA members and a friend attended the Stay Upright Tracksmart-Rider Training Day on 18<sup>th</sup> September at Sydney Motorsport Park.

There is a common recognition that riding on the track makes you a more accomplished and safer road rider. Riding well on the track, after completing a quality training course, can only be even more beneficial. Sharing that experience with friends adds to the enjoyment.

There are two aspects of track riding that need to be addressed in any track-rider training. For riders contemplating track riding for the first time, there is overcoming the unknown. Not appearing ungainly or, heaven forbid, foolish. (There was a reasonable number of first-timers on the day; about 15% on a show of hands.) You will quickly learn the differences between road riding and the track. Therefore you will start track riding with good technique, before poor habits have the chance to form. You will learn that your bike is better than you thought. You will build a confidence for riding fast, which is something you can't properly do on the road. You will also find that no one thinks you are foolish; it's a great part of motorcycling, no judgements or different treatment.

For regular track riders, learning from track-rider training is twofold. There is riding skills and there is track knowledge. Most non-novice riders will have heard of the basics: vision, body position, braking techniques. The training sessions did however go a step further by giving direct and individual skills feedback. Trainers positioned themselves at various corners during some sessions and gave the group feedback on observations. Gaining specific track knowledge was more about the best lines, the bumps and cambers of the SMSP track itself.

I can report that all aspects of good track rider training were included in the program on 18<sup>th</sup> September. It was the first attempt for SU at training on the full circuit. They came across a few issues that they will do differently next time. However the staff are always very friendly and approachable. It was an enjoyable and fruitful day.

*Jeff Tilse*

# MOTO GP TRIP

## CSBA Annual MotoGP Tour Wed Oct 18<sup>th</sup> – Wed 25<sup>th</sup>

With the annual CSBA MotoGP Tour coming up soon, there are still some spots available.

Please join us as we ride through fantastic roads, enjoy amazing scenery and have a great time!

The world class racing at Phillip Island is not to be missed.

If you're interested, please email Tony for more info.

[CSBASydneyRides@hotmail.com](mailto:CSBASydneyRides@hotmail.com)



## SYDNEY MOTORCYCLE SHOW

**SYDNEY  
MOTORCYCLE  
SHOW 2017**

**FRIDAY 24 – SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2017**  
**SYDNEY ICC, DARLING HARBOUR**

**CSBA will have Stand 27 on Casey Stoner corner at the Sydney Motorcycle Show 2017 – See ya there**

## TWISTIE TALK

At the last SMSF track day I was asked what the best line was to take through turn 1 to avoid the bumps. But the reality is, that the best line through turn 1 is over the bumps, if you avoid them you will inevitably run wide. Life is a bit like that too, we all come across bumps of some sort, and sometimes we can't avoid them, we can't ride around them, we've got to go through them, and some of the bumps are that big that they almost throw us out of the seat.

The bible tells us to consider these bumps as pure joy, as they develop our character and perseverance in life, and make us complete. But often when I go through stuff (bumps) I don't like it, and pray for God to change my circumstances, but I've learnt that God does not want to change my circumstances, He wants to change me.

Sometimes it's not what's happening around us that's important, it's what's happening within us. So whatever bumps you are going through right now, relax, take the pressure off the bars, tip in knowing that you are not alone, you have a pillion and He's going through the bumps with you, and He knows where He's taking you.

*Chancey*



## JOKE OF THE MONTH

George Bush dies and goes to heaven. He gets to meet all the bible greats, King David, Noah, and all the prophets. One day he was out walking the streets of gold and sees Moses, goes over to say hello and Moses takes off, does the bolt, George thinks – that's a bit strange. The next day he sees Moses again, walks over and Moses does the bolt again! This goes on for quite a while – so George decides to sneak up on Moses and grab him. So he does just that – after a bit of a scuffle George gets the better of Moses and says – what's the go? I've tried to get to meet for ages now, and every time I get near you you take off and run, why? Moses says – well the last time I spoke to a bush I ended up 40 years in the wilderness.

