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CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2023-2024

Nomination Fee	\$25.00
Single Member	\$55.00
Family Member	\$60.00
Due and payable by SEPTEMBER	30 th of each year

Club Magazine

Advertisements for inclusion in the club magazine will run for 2 issues **Only** unless prior arrangements are made. Articles/advertisements are to reach the editor via email editor@ihc.asn.au or post to The Editor Indian Harley Club (Bunbury) Inc, PO Box 317 Bunbury 6231.

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The opinions expressed in letters or articles are the authors own opinions and do not necessary express the policy or views of the Indian Harley Club (Bunbury) Inc.

Members Please Note

Monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Bunbury Motorcycle Club Rooms Shrubland Park, South Western Highway, Bunbury commencing at 7.30pm.

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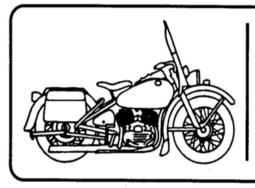
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INDIAN HARLEY CLUB (BUNBURY) INC.

Established 1971

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING Tuesday February 13, 2024.

Declared open at 7.30pm. **ATTENDANCE** As recorded in the attendance book. The attendance book is available for members to read at each General Meeting.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING.

As printed in the Classic Vibrations, February 2024 issue.

No business arising from the previous minutes.

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting are accepted as a true and accurate record, Moved: - Richard Clark, Seconded: -Neville Green. Carried.

NEW MEMBERS Introduced by Dan Talbot.

Jeff Andrews – Claremont. Craig Bussanich – Perth. Shane Karlsen – Bunbury. Brett Marnham – Gelorup.

Visitors were Mick McMilton from Tasmania and Doug Runciman from Donnybrook.

SECRETARYS REPORT.

Incoming Electronic Mail: -

- 1. Wimmera Mallee Historical Vehicle Society February Newsletter.
- **2.** Vintage Chatter VMCC.
- **3.** Received Liquor License for Two-Day Rally.

Outgoing Electronic Mail: -

1. Application for Liquor License for Two-Day Rally.

Correspondence In: -

1. Albany Vintage and Classic Motorcycle Club (Inc) February Newsletter.

Correspondence Out: -Nil Motion: That the Secretary's Report be accepted. Moved: - Michael Rock. Seconded: -Doug Baker. Carried.

TREASURERS REPORT.			
Opening Balance: -	\$15, 864.21		
Income:-	\$28, 686.68		
Expenditure:-	\$ 2,007.80		
Closing Balance:-	\$39, 982.71		
Term Deposit: -	\$80, 000.00		

Motion: That the Treasurers Report be accepted. **Moved: - Bill Pike. Seconded: -Bert Sykes. Carried.**

PRESIDENTS REPORT.

Unfortunately, the reticulation has not been installed and will not be prior to our Two-Day Rally. Luckily someone has been watering the lawn so hopefully we will have some green grass.

CAPTAINS REPORT

Tortoise Ride Bunbury. 12th January 2024.

20 Members attended the start of this event, with 17 bikes, 1 pillion and Ross and Charles in the backup vehicle. The course took us out along the road works at Waterloo, Henty Road, Pile Road, Wellington Mill, Ironstone/Crooked Brook Roads and then on to the Boyanup Bakery for our morning tea stop.

Pleasant, cool riding conditions, up in the forested areas of our ride, with everyone getting home by lunch time, before the forecast heat of the afternoon.

Thanks once again, to our event organiser, Ross and also Charles for again fulfilling the backup duties. Club Captain.

Bunbury Mid-Week. 24th January 2024.

There were 15 members on 14 bikes, in attendance for this event. Pat stepped up and put this ride together. Following the riders' briefing from our usual starting point, being the Eaton Hall, we set off through Australind and made our way over to Mornington Road and then on to Collie, for a short leg stretch.

Refreshed, we resumed the journey on to Mumballup and then over to Donnybrook for our morning tea stop and the conclusion of the ride. A big thank you to Pat, for his efforts in organising the course, as well as booking some cool/fine riding conditions, with the Man Upstairs. **Club Captain**.

Australia Day Breakfast & Ride. 26th January 2024.

The annual Australia Day Lions Club Breakfast at Fettlers Park, Boyanup, was well supported by the public this year. An excellent selection of Historic Cars were on display, together with 26 motorcycles from IHC Members, kept peoples' interest, throughout the morning.

"JC" had organised the 9.00am ride, which attracted 33 Club Members, inclusive of backup and navigator. The ride involved a short course up through Wellington Mill, Gnomesville, then along Henty Road to Burekup and then back to Dardanup, for some refreshments at the local bakery. Thanks to "JC" for organising the ride component of the event, as well as undertaking backup duties for the day. **Club Captain**.



Some of the participants and machines on our recent Australia Day Breakfast and Ride 2024

VICE CAPTAINS REPORT, Frank Barron.

We had a quiet February although the rides we had were well attended.

Australia Day Ride was organised by "JC". It was a well-supported event that ended in Dardanup for lunch.

The Manjimup Group have been organising rides down in Manjimup. Their rides are listed on the events page and the rides have usually between 6 and 8 riders.

We now have four groups with whom you can ride. Mandurah, Bunbury, Busselton, and Manjimup.

On Sunday the Annual Coastal Ride will be held. It is a trophy and scanned event. The start point is the carpark of the Capel Hotel. Morning tea stop in Busselton with a lunch stop in Donnybrook where the ride ends. It appears it will be a hot day so consider taking water along.

25th February is the next Pre 48 ride. Details are listed on the website.

The Apple Festival in Donnybrook this Easter is a one-day event. Please register on the events page. Set up is before 10 am and it is expected to finish at 4pm. Again, details on the webpage.

The Brass Monkey Ride has been changed to the 30th of June as the BMCC has a event on the day it was due so we had to change it. It is a member only event, so no guests.

Two Months' Upcoming Events.

Coastal Run. 18th February 2024. 9.00am TBA Pre 48 Wellsie's Wander. 25th February 2024. 3 Strachan Court, Gelorup 9:30 AM 50th Anniversary Two Day Rally. 9th-10th March 2024. BMCC 7.30am Pre 48 Ride. 24th March 2024. TBA Ladies' Lunch. 26th March 2024. The Green Jade, Parks Centre, 22 Brittain Road, Bunbury 12.00pm'

Glen Britza Run. 7th April 2024. Eaton Hall 9.00am.

Bumpers and Beats 2nd of March Long Weekend

Murray Rudler updated the members on the up-and-coming Bumpers and Beats which is being held on the 2nd and 3rd March 2024. We are looking at having about 30 bikes represent the 50's, 60's and 70's. The event is on Saturday and Sunday. We will be attending Sunday and setting up in Victoria Street. I will send out an email. Please advise me of your attendance so I can arrange a pass that will allow you in.

404 Licensing

Murray also requested that members, when selling a 404 Concessionally registered motorcycle, to please advise both Steve Turner and him of the machine's disposal. We are required to keep updated records.

Further he advised the meeting that he can only do inspection on imported bikes, imported 1975 or earlier. This is a directive from the Department of Transport.

Two Day Rally 2024

Bert Sykes updated the meeting on the Two-Day Rally. He stated that there was 268 people on bikes, riders and pillion passengers, 8 veteran bikes, 17 side cars and 30 first timers.

There are 30 volunteers. Cathy Turner made a request for volunteers to assist in the kitchen and requested anyone keen to assist to contact her. Glenda is also looking for bar staff so if anyone has a Responsible Service of Alcohol certificate their help will be appreciated.

We are a couple of BBQs short so if anyone can supply one it would be appreciated. We require another three.

Important dates are:-

Wednesday 6/3 – busy bee. Not only do we need rakes and trailers but also mops and bucket as we will have to clean the club rooms and toilets etc. Thursday 7/3 – Volunteers briefing. 6pm for a sausage sizzle and 6.30pm briefing.

Friday 8/3 – Set up day with 8am start.

Bill Pike then provided an overview of the set-up requirements. Marque 10metre x 18 Metres will be in place so tight squeeze for pits. Pits will be marked out in painted lines. Pit Marshalls will have to be in attendance early. Neville will require assistance to get the gear from the storage shed.

Tortoise Ride Bunbury 16/02/2024

Ross Eaton advised the meeting that this weeks Tortoise Ride will be cancelled owing to Jan McDermotts funeral.

LIBRARIANS REPORT.

Mike Reeve donated some books to the library.

PROPERTY OFFICER REPORT.

Neville thanked Ryan Loverock, Gen x Engineering, for the donation of degreaser and cleaner for the storage shed. It is all labelled and in the trailer.

LICENSING LIASSON OFFICERS REPORT

Nothing to report.

IT MANAGER REPORT

Trophy Winners have now been updated on Wild Apricot.

GENERAL BUSSINESS

Michael Rock presented an update of the Bunbury Motorsport Precinct.

We have had another meeting last week of the five clubs where each submitted their facilities requests. They were all of different formats and detail and once again all focussed on their own tracks, not the community at large.

Next step is to get them all in one format and look for overlaps/sharing opportunities. They all agreed to use the IHC facilities format, so Jeremy has now made ours LIVE for all clubs to add detail to. The Hon. Kyle McGinn is now pushing the schedule ahead. He is the Parliamentary Secretary to Hon. Don Punch, Minister for Regional Development; Disability Services; Fisheries; Seniors and Ageing; Volunteering. This is a good thing, and we have our next meeting in the week beginning 19th of February.

While I embrace the opportunity for our club to grow in this new facility, I am also aware that growing poses a threat to our clubs culture. I am also aware that there is some risk of us losing autonomy if we get wrapped up in a larger organisation so both of these are high on our list of things to protect. I have stated that we do not need to be part of the BMP, but the BMP could get benefit from including our numbers.

We, the IHC, are also representing the voice of other motoring clubs not presented by including potential desires of say Hot Rod Clubs and Veteran Car Clubs etc.

All congratulated and thanked Michael and Jeremy for the work they had put into the Indian Harley Club's strategic format that has been accepted by the other clubs.

Richard Clark informed the meeting that Eddie Lang, who is not all that well has some bikes that he needed to move out of his shed. They are a 4 stroke Suzuki GSX 250 Twin 2/8, a 4 stroke Suzuki GS450 twin 8/80 and a Yamaha 100cc 2 strokes. The bikes are not in good condition. If anyone can help, please contact Richard on 0432973837

Show and Tell

Dan Talbot present to the meeting a 1971 BSA Rocket 3 750cc. Dan gave an in-depth overview of how the bike came into his possession, stages of its rebuilt into its current outstanding presentation. Fully details are to be published in the Classic Vibrations.

AUCTION

Single down tube crash bar - \$5, Wheel rim - \$5. 130-amp welder - \$20.

At the conclusion of the meeting all present, held a one-minute silence following the recent passing of Jan McDermott.

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm Minutes complied by George Loverock. Reviewed by Dan Talbot. Dated: - February 13, 2024

NEXT MONTHS DEADLINE

The Deadline for inclusion in the April 2024 edition of this magazine is the 21st of March 2024.

Can you help?

To make your magazine more interesting. Please give some thought to submitting an article to Classic Vibrations to share your experiences riding, restoring or repairing your motorcycle.

Any photos would be appreciated. Also any hints or tips or advice or anything else that may be of interest to our readers. Please send via email to editor@ihc.asn.au or via snail mail to The Editor, Indian Harley Club (Bunbury) Inc PO Box 317, Bunbury WA 6231

MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS

The following people have applied for membership to our club. If any member believes it is undesirable for the applicants to be a member, they should make their objections known to the Secretary 5 clear days before the next ordinary meeting on 0417 914 096 or PO Box 317 Bunbury WA 6231. Dave **BROWNE** – Boyup Brook, Angelo & Dorothy **ORLOFF** - Leschenault, Ferdie **SARDINHA** and Colleen **MITCHELL**-Coogee, Dave **ROBERTS** – Donnybrook, Gregory **SLADDEN**-West Busselton & Doug **RUNCIMAN**- Donnybrook.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The next monthly General Meeting of the Indian Harley Club (Bunbury) Inc. will be held at the BMCC clubrooms, Shrubland Park, South Western Highway, Bunbury on Tuesday the **12th of March, 2024** commencing at 7:30 pm.

AGENDA

Welcome Confirmation of Previous months, Minutes Correspondence Reports General Business Close

LADIES LUNCHEON

The next ladies luncheon, will be held at 12midday on Tuesday the 26/03/2024 at the Green Jade Restaurant. Please contact Leith Presland on 0409 291 260 or leith49@hotmail.com for more information on this event.

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE

Dear Members,

It is with sadness that I have to inform you of the passing of one of our dearly loved members in Jan McDermott.

Jan has been a member with the IHC since 2014, alongside her husband John.

Our sincere condolences go out to John, family and friends.

Dan Talbot President Indian Harley Club (Bunbury) Inc.

For the uninitiated this is a barn find 1930 Rudge Ulster, confirmed by Colin Chappel. Imported into Aus November 1929, with correct 1930 Ulster tank, guards, alloy primary and chain guard the only year of this model.

Oil tight engine and riders' choice winner of 2020 Tassie Tour. Rego's back to 1953. Someone will jump on this so don't dilly dally.

Give Muzza a tingle on 0477 932 060 and Rudge It



FOR SALE

2012 Kawasaki KLR650 -20,000ks - Licensed, New knobby front tyre, full off-road kit, front, and rear crash bars, bark busters, top box, saddle bags, phone, and GPS connection, serviced regularly, All plastics as new. \$5,000.

John McDermott - 0429 977 531

(Image of the bike is similar to the For Sale item, image only posted for advertising purposes.)

FOR SALE

Brand new Torque leather jacket with armour, never been used and in as new condition.

Purchased from Aldi 2022 Size XXL chest 110-114 cm waist 100-104 cm 100% genuine leather

Price \$180.00 phone 0439 197 450 Neville



Matchless, 1955, 500cc Solo Compy. Concessionally licensed, Less than 100miles since full restoration. Nothing to spend, many new parts, swingarm, rebuilt forks front and rear, rebuilt engine, with many new parts, chains, rebuilt magneto and generator, wiring, gearbox rebuilt,

new battery, both wheels rebuilt using stainless steel spokes and new tires, etc. Asking \$13,000.

Contact Brian Cartwright on Ph 0407323748 or email briancar@tpg.com.au





LADIES LUNCH 2024 (12 noon) These are the proposed dates and venues for the upcoming Ladies Luncheon for 2024.

> March 26th 2024. The Green Jade May 28th 2024. The Lord Forrest July 30th 2024. Eaton Tavern September 24th 2024 Bunbury Chinese November 26th 2024 Rose Hotel (630pm)

FOR SALE

1956 Matchless G3LS350cc Single. Fully restored and on club 404 Rego. Ring Robert Edmonson on 0428351180 \$9K ono.



2018 Triumph Street Twin . One owner, Original condition, Less than 5000 kms, Ventura rack and bag, Genuine screen, Asking \$12850

(The image posted is not of the bike advertised for sale, but is being used for advertising purposes.) 0427423774



FOR SALE

Triumph/BSA Frames. We have some frame and swing arm combo's for sale. Perfect for the specials builders, got a bit of time before the next Albany Hillclimb.

A BSA 1959 A7-A10 frame, small repair needed 480 bucks.

A Triumph 1956 5T, 6T, T100 and T110 480 bucks.

Some one must have a spare JAP kicking around to whack in.

Give Darryl a hoy on 0419 048 923

FOR SALE

1982 Yamaha SR 500 cafe racer build. Regretfully selling my SR 500 which I've

owned for about 10 years. Bike starts well (once you get the hang of it!), sounds great and turns heads wherever she goes.

Engine has had some work done to it including: Wossner 10:1 piston, Head ported and polished, New valves and rockers hard faced, Mikuni VM36 carb kit, Megacycle 240 cam and HD valve springs, K&N filters, ETC, with many other custom parts. Still have some original parts which I will include as well.

The bike is currently on a club Rego so if you are a member of a historic club we should be able to transfer it straight over otherwise I'm happy to put it back onto a full rego. Based in Perth at the moment but can organise inspection in Bunbury if preferred. \$8,000.00 Vince - 0411445073



FOR SALE: 1926 AJS OHV Any enquiries please contact: Jim Robertson of Albany mob: 0418200992 asking price \$12,000



WANTED

BSA Rear Wheel M22.

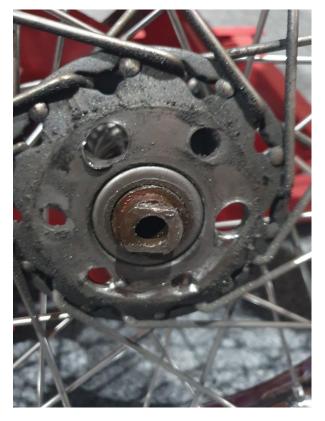
Whist travelling at a fairly low speed, my BSA M22 1939 detachable rear wheel decided to cease its intended functionality and locked up.

Upon inspection, it seems all but one driving studs which attached to the inner brake drum was holding the wheel on. I have attached a couple of pictures of the bike, on our web-site, wheel, hub and drum damage.

I am trying to obtain replacement parts for the repair. I thought I would reach out to fellow members if they had spare parts, or to point me in the right direction as I am inexperienced. I don't particularly like the prospect of pulling those spokes off the wheel, but if that's what is required then I will do it. Should I replace the spokes as well? Or a replacement wheel? I understand the parts required are:33-5520 Hub Shell. 33-5530 Brake Drum Bolts x3 15-7119 Brake Drum with Drive Studs. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Ben Romeril 0400136922 Halls Head





TALES FOR THE SHED - THE REAL ROCKET 3

By Dan Talbot

With Tales this month I had wanted to move to a new format in bringing you member stories, but there is a new frisson in the Shed, and it comes in the form of my BSA Rocket 3.

I can almost hear the chorus of "hang on, A Rocket 3 is a Triumph," coming from some of our younger members but the original Rocket 3 was in fact a BSA. Both machines share the same parents and about 90 percent of the engine, which, incidentally, was only ever built in the BSA factory. After that, the lines between BSA's Rocket 3 and Triumph's Trident become blurry and would lead from today's topic.

I am not sure when I last wrote about the Rocket, but it's been a five-year journey between restoration and hiatus. The restorative aspect played out in a nexus of time, money and inclination, hiatus occurred when one or more of these positions was challenged or lost. I don't think it's an exaggeration to say this has been an epic job - check out the 'before' photograph.

The bike was a basket case in the truest sense of the description. As soon as I saw it, I recognised the Rocket as the latter, American export version – there are various names used to describe the Mark 2 Rocket, laziness has me resorting to the 'export' designation. To my mind, the exports were the more handsome, if not slightly impractical, version of the Rocket.

The tiny petrol tank has limited range, there's so much chrome bouncing back at you riding on a sun-shiny day can be hazardous and the handlebars may hint at Easy Rider but when you're 6' 3" tall, they more hinderance than help. I have resorted to UK-style Bonneville bars, the likes of which were on my first ever road-bike – a '76 Bonny.

At the time of spotting the Rocket, I was in search of a Trident engine. Certainly, there were Tridents in the same shed, some of which were for sale, but my resources would only stretch to one project and I seized upon the Rocket for a very reasonable amount. As it would transpire, seized is a good choice of word. The engine had purportedly been rebuilt in the USA.

The certificate of title, issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, recorded the milage in June 1975 at 4161. The speedo that came with my bike had 5274 miles on it so one wonders what caused the need for a rebuild. As it turned out, the 'rebuild' was more of a rebore, and the pistons had been parked up in the bore for so long, the rings were rusted to the bore. In other words, the rebuild had set me back because the engine was in need of new liners. That was 2018.

The restoration crept along at glacial pace due to competing projects and financial resources.

The frame underwent repairs and paint, the tank was re-chromed and painted, wheels rebuilt etc, but the biggie was the engine. I was hearing all sorts of dross about how difficult BSA/ Triumph triples are to rebuild and resolved to err on the side of caution. I already had a good relationship with Ben at British Imports in Malaga so resolved to farm the engine rebuild out to them. It was a good, if not expensive, choice. It also took a while but eventually the engine was built. I made a special trip to Perth to collect a sparkling, better-than-new, 750cc triple engine which, incidentally, weighed a healthy 125 kilograms, or the equivalent of a good -sized poddy calf.

I use the calf analogy because getting a recalcitrant beast into a crush, and a BSA 750 engine into a frame, both require three adults, lots of heaving and shoving and can end up with shit all over the place. But we did it. After an hour of struggle the engine was in the frame and the two blokes helping me are still friends.

To backtrack slightly. Along with a complete rebuild, the engine was treated to a new 5-speed transmission, Tri-spark electronic ignition and brand-new Amal Premier carbs. Fuel, spark and compression are the essential elements required in the internal combustion engine, hence, electronic ignition and new carburettors are de rigueur whenever I rebuild a motorcycle.

In my experience, they are the best guarantee of easy starting and continued running. Ben also talked me into new camshafts and conrods. One night, with perhaps half a glass of shiraz too many, I clicked on an eBay listing for three new MAP Cycle, forged steel conrods and hit 'buy it now.' Instantly, I was \$1,000 poorer. Poorer still when Ben said I didn't want those conrods in my engine, so they remain boxed up in my shed (fortunately my wife seldom reads my missives).

With the engine back in the frame I hit the bike with new enthusiasm. By that time, most of the paint and chrome had been done. I lost a good deal of time attempting to replace the wheels before sending them off to a professional, only to learn I had purchased the wrong stainless rims from the UK and they were never going to lace up. It's probably just as well because I wouldn't want to ride a motorcycle at 120 mph on wheels laced by Dan Talbot.

The last job was the carbs. When Ben received some new stock in mid-23, I quickly loaded the bike up and returned to Malaga. The deal was already in train as Ben insisted on starting the engine and bedding the rings himself. Apparently, there's a deft science to it and clumsy, backyard mechanics can glaze the bores if they leave the engine idling in the shed for too long. Added to this, had I not taken the bike back to Ben for a start-up, no warrantee would be offered.

There was a litany of small gaffs and foibles on my behalf but, in my defence, this was my first multi-cylinder restoration. I was at the Albany Hill Climb last November when Ben called to list off all the items requiring attention. The worst was my fancy, three into three exhaust system copied from the Triumph Hurricane (another BSA in Triumph clothing). It was brandnew and had me confounded. Likewise, Ben could not make it fit either. We resolved to cut, weld and re-chrome the offending (middle) pipe, which was luckily only one of the three. The chroming alone cost \$450!

Eventually, early this month, I got a call saying the bike was running and ready to go. I dropped everything and headed to Perth. When I arrived, I was given starting instructions and kicked the bike into life on the second swing. She sounds absolutely sublime. Any thoughts of flipping the bike to turn a profit evaporated on the ether of a seductive triple bark exiting faux Hurricane. For now, this one's a keeper.



1971 BSA Rocket III 750cc restored by Dan Talbot



1912 Triumph, originally from Harold Braun's Collection. A wipe with a wet flannel and some air in the tires and your on the road. Veterans this complete do not come around too often, someone will jump straight on to it.

\$18K if your keen give Muzza a tingle on 0477 932 060



FOR SALE

Skewsys having a shed cleanout, he has some

Blue Star engine bits, C10/C11 Tinware in good/reasonable condition, M20 Engine parts and cases (start of a raid bike)

Ring or Text Dan on 0488 271 868





FOR SALE:

Honda Rebel CMX 500, 2019. A great low seat bike. Includes Puig screen, Scott chain oiler, centre stand, Givi top box, lambskin seat, gear indicator, Musari muffler, roo shoos and front fork protectors. New rear tire and service

history. 11803 km, \$ 6,900. ono Location Busselton Ph. 0447118086

(The Image attached is purely for advertising purposes and is not the actual bike offered for sale.)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024 The Calendar of Events is correct at the time of publication but maybe subject to change				
Wed 06/03	Two Day Rally Busy Bee	8.00am	Bunbury Motorcycle Clubrooms	
Wed 06/03	Busselton Mid-week Ride	9.00am	Caltex Service Station Causeway Road, Busselton	
Wed 06/03	Mandurah Mob Mid- week Ride	9.00am	Ampol Foodary, Oakleigh Drive, Erskine	
Wed 06/03	Committee Meeting	6.30pm	Bunbury Motorcycle Clubrooms	
Fri 08/03	Tortoise Ride Busselton	9.00am	Caltex Service Station Causeway Road, Busselton	
Sat 09/03	IHC Two Day Rally 50th Anniversary	7.30am	Bunbury Motorcycle Club next to the Bunbury Airport	
Tue 12/03	IHC Club Meeting	7.30pm	Bunbury Motorcycle Clubrooms	
Wed 13/03	Bunbury Mid-week Ride	9.00am	Little Theatre Carpark Pratt Road Eaton	
Wed 13/03	Mandurah Mob Mid- week Ride	9.00am	Ampol Foodary, Oakleigh Drive, Erskine	
Fri 15/03	Tortoise Ride Bunbury	9.00am	Dolphin Centre Carpark Bunbury	
Wed 20/03	Busselton Mid-week Ride	9.00am	Caltex Service Station Causeway Road, Busselton	
Wed 20/03	Mandurah Mob Mid- week Ride	9.00am	Ampol Foodary, Oakleigh Drive, Erskine	
Wed 20/03	Mandurah Mob Meeting	6.00pm	Dudley Park Bowling and Rec Club, Comet St Mandurah	
Fri 22/03	Tortoise Ride Busselton	9.00am	Caltex Service Station Causeway Road, Busselton	
Sun 24/03	Pre-48 Ricky Fraser's Ride	9.00am	Little Theatre Carpark Pratt Road Eaton	
Sun 24/03	Mandurah Mob Ride	9.00am	Council/Cicerellos Carpark, Man- durah	
Tue 26/03	Ladies Luncheon	12 Midday	The Green Jade, Parks Centre, Bunbury LP. 0409291260	
Wed 27/03	Bunbury Mid-week Ride	9.00am	Little Theatre Carpark Pratt Road Eaton	
Wed 27/03	Mandurah Mob Mid- week Ride	9.00am	Ampol Foodary, Oakleigh Drive, Erskine	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024 The Calendar of Events is correct at the time of publication but maybe subject to change				
Sat 30/03	70th Donnybrook Apple Festival & Grand Parade	10.00am- 3.00pm	Egan Park Oval Reserve Street, Donnybrook	
Wed 03/04	Busselton Mid-week Ride	9.00am	Caltex Service Station Causeway Road, Busselton	
Wed 03/04	Mandurah Mob Mid-week Ride	9.00am	Ampol Foodary, Oakleigh Drive, Erskine	
Wed 03/04	Committee Meeting	6.30pm	Bunbury Motorcycle Clubrooms	
Sun 07/04	Glen Britza Run	9.00am	Little Theatre (Eaton Hall), Pratt Road, Eaton	
Tue 09/04	IHC Club Meeting	7.30pm	Bunbury Motorcycle Clubrooms	
Wed 10/04	Bunbury Mid-week Ride	9.00am	Little Theatre (Eaton Hall), Pratt Road, Eaton	
Wed 10/04	Mandurah Mob Mid-week Ride	9.00am	Ampol Foodary, Oakleigh Drive, Erskine	
Fri 12/04	Tortoise Ride Bunbury	9.00am	Dolphin Centre Carpark Bunbury	
Fri 12/04	Tortoise Ride Busselton	9.00am	Caltex Service Station Causeway Road, Busselton	
Wed 17/04	Busselton Mid-week Ride	9.00am	Caltex Service Station Causeway Road, Busselton	
Wed 17/04	Mandurah Mob Mid-week Ride	9.00am	Ampol Foodary, Oakleigh Drive, Erskine	
Wed 17/04	Mandurah Mob Meeting	6.00pm	Dudley Park Bowling and Rec Club, Comet St Mandurah	
Sun 21/04	Don Collins Run	9.00am	Little Theatre (Eaton Hall), Pratt Road, Eaton	
Sun 21/04	Mandurah Mob Ride	9.00am	Council/Cicerellos Carpark, Mandurah	
Wed 24/04	Bunbury Mid-week Ride	9.00am	Little Theatre (Eaton Hall), Pratt Road, Eaton	
Wed 24/04	Mandurah Mob Mid-week Ride	9.00am	Ampol Foodary, Oakleigh Drive, Erskine	
Fri 26/04	Tortoise Ride Busselton	9.00am	Caltex Service Station Causeway Road, Busselton	

Black Dog Ride Raising Awareness of Depression and

Suicide Prevention

Sunday 17th **March 2024**

Departs Busselton 9.15am Breakfast starts at 7.30am

Ride some great scenic roads!

Morning tea at Nannup Finish with lunch at Dardanup 12.30pm

Mark it on the Ride Calendar and tell your mates – this will be a ride not to be missed!

To register for the ride www.blackdogride.org.au

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