

2017 Annual Report for NSW HOG.

I want to start by thanking everyone who contributed so much of their time and effort to give back to the chapter in any way they could. Having all members continue to support the club, our rides, meetings and events is what makes this chapter a family. It's been an honour to watch and be a part of the NSW HOG Chapter.

Director Grahame

Attended two National and a State Director's meeting ensuring the club is informed of recent HD and HOG directions and sharing new ideas. I was involved in negotiating the return of the chapter meeting venue to Fraser's and making the challenging decisions in conjunction with Chapter Officers to ensure the best possible outcomes at events and for the club. I have tried to increase participation by other officers with meetings at Frasers and I thank them for their active engagement in the decisions at these meetings.

Assistant Director Justin

Provided a great deal of support and advice to the director as well as all the chapter officers. Raised awareness for various events and won a trophy or two for that beautiful shovel.

Treasurer Mark

Maintained all the club's finances and payments. Collected, organised, paid and banked monies, wrote cheques, introduced PayPal and kept his eye on the numbers.

Secretary Rob

Assisted with the introduction of TEAM app, created a chapter member only FB page made sure emails and communications were readily available and communication was readily available. Supported the chapter officers in various communication channels and the taking of the minutes.

Head Road Captain Brook

Hours of time ensuring our club has a magnitude of rides to get involved in. Ensuring the destinations are interesting and different, safe and enjoyable for all. Changed new members rides to not return to the dealership enabling a longer ride. Supported road captains and enabled different departure points on rides. Contributed greatly to ride plans and fantastic rides all while regularly practicing safety first.

Membership Vicki

Vicki, updated the Chapter membership form and maintained a current active members list. She also revised the new members welcome pack for Frasers. All new members were presented with their Chapter Rockers and name patch. The Chapter currently has 236 members, with 48 new members coming on board since July. Of these we have 57 Lady of Harley members.

Activities officer Alyce

Fantastic organisation of Motels, Hotels, Tents and restaurants, games, activities, Christmas party and all-round fun times for the members to know all is organised for them to enjoy the ride. Alyce also organised our inter-chapter Pool Comp with the South-West Sydney Chapter and we had a Barefoot Bowls Day with Sydney, Western Sydney and South-West Sydney Chapters at Gladesville Bowling Club. We also held our inter-chapter Xmas function at the Blacktown Dealership hosted by

Western Sydney Chapter. For the upcoming Xmas, the Central Coast Chapter have organised the inter-chapter Xmas/New Year function at Gosford.

Youth rep Belle

Introduced some fresh ideas into the club and contributed at rides encouraging others to have a go and brought a genuine positive attitude with her. In 2018, HD HO will be introducing the Young Bloods program throughout Australia which will bring new challenges and opportunities, making this role an important one going into the future.

LOH Sammi

Organised more rides for LOH with weekends away and fun activities. Arranged a fantastic LOH raising of the chapter banner ceremony at the Grey Gums Café on Putty Road.

Quartermasters Johnny and Mick

We had our youngest ever quartermaster Johnny and his evil handbag Mick see the introduction of new merchandise including Chapter belt buckle and bringing some merchandise to meetings and open days. We have tried to better meet the needs of members; however, an ongoing challenge will be to move stock to recover our investments.

Safety Officer Dave

Organised the first aid safety course for road captains and members to participate and arranged the H.A.R.T course. Made sure crash cards were available and has arranged for the purchase of the chapter defib machine and restocking our first aid kit.

Webmaster and Photographer Hugh

Created our chapter governance page on the web site, constantly updated website with rides, events and photos. Integral in assisting secretary with implementing and maintaining TEAM app as our new chapter communications app. Assisted the secretary with creating a new voting form for the AGM.

Welfare Officer Tony

Instrumental with arranging some flowers, chocolates, cards, gifts to those members who were a little down on their luck. Always contactable and always willing to lend an ear when you want to get something off your chest. It should also be noted that during the year, the chapter members attended numerous charity events on our behalf, including white ribbon, Santa support at Harrington Park (Hugh, Rob and Grum), school fundraiser (Rob and others), Ovarian Cancer Research (Rod and his wife), Pink Ribbon (Clancy, Victor and others), Insight of Dreams (Grum and Brick), and of course the Brighter Days event lead by Dave Allen. More recently Tony has been supported by Wendy as Assistant Welfare Officer.

Historian and Editor Warwick

Provided the members with a great past and present recap on what has been, what is current and what the future can look like. Published our Newsletter.

Dealership Frasers and the Team- John

Supporting NSW HOG and all our members, offering member discounts, donating raffle prizes, attending our meetings (thanks John and Rod) and putting on exclusive deals throughout the year for us. The chapter has supported the Dealership with charity events, recently leading the Dealership rides and helping out with demonstration days. It is also supporting the dealership's charity at

Brighter Days in 2018 in conjunction with other Fraser Chapters (Northern Beaches, Wollongong and Broadmeadow) with the support of Heavy Duty magazine and HD-TV. This will be a huge event.

Special Mentions –

Linny – Our BBQ Queen for shopping, organising, preparing and cooking all day to ensure our bellies are full and some funds are raised for the chapter. This is a huge effort.

Sergio – Introduced us to Sergio's Blog a fantastic blog on our rides, interviewing members and sharing some interesting HD trivia to boot.

Peter – Winning back the Trophy at the Pool Competition against South West Sydney

John – Machine Espresso and Bar opening his venue for us, donating raffle prizes and providing meals and drinks for us to enjoy. There are still teething problems but we are getting there and we thank all the staff for there good humour and service.

Thanks to Desal for the embroidery of name patches and donations of the funds to our defib unit and ongoing support to future charity events.

All the chapter Road Captains for supporting the chapter rides and riding to Neville and working together to put an annual program of rides and activities. Road Captains have also had training in Tyre to Travel (thanks Donnie), revised formations (using Rear Road Captain) and practicing road accident procedures.

Mid-week riders for providing an alternate riding experience and a safe riding environment for those wishing to get out during the week, rather than on the weekends.

During the year we have lost our dear friend Julie-Ann Morris whereas Richard spent many weeks in hospital and is still recovering from their accident. We welcome his return to the Chapter and its activities. Also Vicki Panne had a fall on the return trip from Denman and who we hope will have a speedy recovery. I thank the members who supported her during the wait for the ambulance and police. Others have had there ups and downs but we still support each other during these times. We remember supporting Steve Mawson and his family by providing a motorcycle escort for his father's funeral procession.

These are the things we do. Friends – we need to remember why we exist. We are a social club and our aim is to ride and have fun. I wish this for all our members, Executive Officers and Chapter Officers into the future.

Grahame Douglas (Director)

Justin Goodall (Assistant Director)

Rob Michaels (Secretary)

Mark Berasic (Treasurer)