

Porepunkah Christmas Camp

Monday 26th December to Monday 2nd January 2012

Over the past 15 years the Club has camped for about a week at the Mt Buffalo Caravan Park. Situated on the fork of the Ovens and Buckland Rivers, it offers a fantastic range of activities including swimming, fishing and bush walking. Close by is the Smoko Trout Farm, the "Wandi Pub", the Hedge Maze, various berry, deer and nut farms, and an alpaca ranch. The Milawa wineries and cheese factory are nearby.

Great road and dirt riding country abounds. Mt Buffalo offers a sensational 25 km climb to the Chalet and scenic lookouts. Nearby are good half-day rides to Falls Creek, Mt Hotham and Dartmouth Dam or full day rides into the Snowy Mountains and some of the best roads in the world. Who can forget Tawonga and Granya Gaps? On the flip side there are lots of fire trails and mountain tracks offering spectacular views of the surrounding alps, most of which can only be reached by 4WD or dirt bike. So bring your road and dirt bikes, the missus and kids, the 4WD, pushbikes and swim shoes, ready for a great holiday.

Australia Day Weekend, Jindabyne

Thursday 26th to Sunday 29th January 2012

The Committee has booked accommodation at the NSW Sport and Recreation Centre in Jindabyne. This is lodge style accommodation with 2 beds per room (7 rooms) with shared bathroom facilities, and a large kitchen/living area with a big screen TV. We have stayed five times before and are so impressed with the cost, quality and food, we thought we had better come back, and back, and ...!

The Australia Day holiday falls on Thursday 26th of January. Given the distances involved (600 km on the first day and last days), a **four** day weekend allows us to take full advantage of the great location.

The plan is to ride up on Thursday 26th, ride around the Snowy Mountains Friday and Saturday, and return to Melbourne on Sunday. This means three nights' accommodation. You'll need to take annual leave for the Friday. Thursday is a public holiday. Typically temperatures are in the high 30's at this time of year, but at this altitude the temperatures will be around 5 degrees cooler making for ideal riding conditions.

As usual, this special event is offered on a strictly first come, first served basis. Preference will be given to members. A **\$200 full payment is required**, payable in to the Club bank account. The deposit buys three nights' accommodation and three night's meals. If you wish to stay less than three nights then you may choose to organise others to use the nights you are not using. It costs \$200 no matter how many nights you stay.

A BBQ pack is being offered for the first night and a three course meal on nights two and three. (First night is a public holiday and getting staff to work that night is expensive.) We'll have a two course BBQ (sausages, steaks, salads, chocolate cake) as early or late as we wish on our back patio area.

All you need is your toothbrush, a change of clothes and near new tyres. Street legal, race replica tyres will not last much more than two days so regular road tyres are a more sensible option, unless you are prepared to change them.

The route for Day 1 is via Orbost and Delegate via the Bonang Highway. They have completed the Nimmitabel bypass to Dalgety lopping off 30 km of highway. Brilliant roads for the whole weekend. Check out the Club Magazine for February 2011 in the Members area.

Shorter day rides will be organised for Days 2 and 3. A rest day is an option. Home will be via the Great Alpine Way down through Khancoban and around the Murray to Tallangatta via the Granya Gap.

If cars are going, then carrying of bags (1 per person) may be organised. This makes travelling a breeze, much like a Sunday ride.

Places are limited. First in best dressed. The cost is sensational value: 3 nights accommodation and three substantial meals for \$200. Email me your ebank transaction receipt to confirm your place.

Cancellation Policy: as the Club has to pay upfront, the full and final amount (\$200) is required. If you pull out, then you need to find a replacement to get your money back. Otherwise, no refunds.

Alternative Accommodation: there are two pubs in Jindabyne, a caravan park (cabins, on site vans, etc) and numerous motel options.