

**Club Membership** stands at a very healthy **92** after five months of renewals, up two this month. Welcome to new members **Glenn Aspden** on a Suzuki GSXR1000 and **Garry Boucher** on a Kawasaki ZX14, both keen and experienced riders. We wish them many safe and fun rides.

The **Club web site** at [www.melbsportsbike.net.au](http://www.melbsportsbike.net.au) accumulated **661** hits during **November**, up 70 on last month. Total site visits are **79,067** since April 1996. The counters on the other pages after another month indicate that the 2012 Ride Calendar page took **641** hits (total **26,117** since 28<sup>th</sup> October 2008) and Great Roads **119** hits (total **6360**). Status quo is maintained with the Home page taking slightly more hits than the Calendar page.

For November the official kilometres (sum of ride lengths) for the month is **3574 km** (up 2214 km on last month – Melb Cup 4 day epic massively distorted the figures). Official Club kilometres for the month (people x ride length) is **71,555**, up 48,104 km on last month, all of which can be attributed to the huge (33 people) on the Melb Cup Weekend ride to Corryong.

The average calendar yearly total is 336,393 km since 2005. This year we are up to **333,928** km with a total of twenty-three crashes (up five this month, 4 minor, 1 serious). Those five crashes made a mess of our figures with km per crash down to 14,519 km (long term 21,214) and 111,309 km between serious injuries, slightly better than the long term average of 102,381. Cheeky's two crashes on the Simpson ride hit all the buttons: first time rider, one minor crash, one major crash (broken collar bone).

Seen at the **Social Sip at Il Gambero** on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November: Ben and Julie Warden, Ron Johnston, Paul Southwell, Ian Payne, Tony Ripepi, John Willis, Simon Wastney, Dennis Lindemann, Rob Langer and Ken King. *11 people*

The **Club Participant of the Year** is based on aggregate points accumulated at 1 point per ride, an extra point for leading or being rear rider, and 1 point per magazine article (maximum 2 per magazine). Attending one or more days of a weekend event scores 3 points for leading, 3 for rear riding duties and 2 points for participating.

The 2012/13 count is up and running and after **five** months the top eleven positions are: **Ben Warden** (47), **Rob Langer** (28), **Pina Garasi** (27.5), **Ron Johnston** (26), **Cliff Peters** (24), **Paul Southwell** (23), **Tony Stegmar** (21), **Ian Payne** (20.5), **Simon Wastney** (19) and **Misho Zrakic** (19). Lots of movement this month with Rob jumping past Pina, Ron skipping past Cliff, Tony jumping a couple of places and Ian coming from outside the 10 to displace Dave Byrne and Andrew Newbury. Rob, Ron, Pina and Cliff are within a couple of points of each other.

**Front Cover:** Kinglake West, Jamieson Ride 2/12/2012. Back row: Rob Langer, Ian Payne, Ron Johnston, Tony Stegmar, Glenn Aspden, Nigel Oman, Jason Wilson, Geoff Shugg, Aiden Baker, Steve Mudford, Cindy Lee, Peter Jones. Front row; John Willis, Paul Southwell, Duane Rafferty, Pierre Ong, Pina Garasi, Cliff Peters. Ben Warden behind the lens. Fiona Warden banner artwork.

**Back Cover:** Mt Donna Buang, Reefton Ride, 25/11/12. Standing: Dave Williams, Dan Trewin, Paul Simonson, Mirko Strasser, John Willis, Steve Mudford, Cindy Lee, Mark Rigsby, Rod Merrett, Ken Goederee, Ian Payne, Sal Arceri, Garry Boucher, Pina Garasi, Aiden Baker, Geoff Dick, Tony Stegmar, Scott Bowden. Front row: Jason Duff, Rob Langer, Pierre Ong, Simon Wastney, Ron Johnston, Misho Zrakic, Paul Southwell, and Adam Ward. Photo by Ben Warden.

**Tyres.** Club members purchased 38 tyres in a quick fire transaction earlier in the month with Glen Cantwell at MotoGC offering a good price on Dunlop Sportsmarts. The deal was advertised via Google and Facebook and we needed 20 tyres to get the deal. Within a couple of days we were up to 38 and we closed it off so that they could be purchased. All the monies went into the Club bank account relatively quickly and were transferred to MotoGC and a few days later they started arriving in three shipments. **Steve Mudford** stored the sizeable stack for collection by members. All in all a fast and very successful transaction. Thanks to everyone for their cooperation.

Seen at the **Xmas Party:** Ben and Julie Warden, Marie Warden, John Willis, Ron and Julie Johnston, Willem and Jane Vandeveld, Craig Morley and Gaybrielle Hobbs, Rob Langer, Henry Dunne, Darrena, Tony Stegmar, Dennis Lindemann, Nigel Oman, Ian Payne, Tim Walker, Steve Mudford, Tim Emons and Mirko Strasser. *21 people*