

Australia Day Weekend, Jindabyne

Friday 24th to Monday 27th January 2014



I am seeking expressions of interest – I need to know how many people to book for as accommodation fills fast in this idyllic location. *Don't pay anything yet!*

Below is a modified version (with 2014 correct dates) of the email I sent out last year – and we will follow the same format this time.

The Committee has booked accommodation at the NSW Sport and Recreation Centre in Jindabyne. This time we are situated in family units each with a two rooms, one with a double bed with bunk above, and the second with two bunks. Sleeps potentially 7 people per family unit but we will only put in 4 people. Each unit has bathroom facilities and a large kitchen/living area with a big screen TV.

See: http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/jindabyne/accom_options.asp

We have stayed six times before at the complex 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 Sunday 26th of January with the public holiday in lieu on Monday 27th. 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 Friday 24th, ride around the Snowy Mountains Saturday and Sunday, and return to Melbourne on Monday. This means three night's accommodation. You'll need to take annual leave for the Friday. Monday is a public holiday in lieu of Sunday.

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. **Members Only.** A full payment of \$185 (to be confirmed based on numbers) is required, payable in to the Club bank account. The deposit buys three night's accommodation and the first night's meal. 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 \$185 no matter how many nights you stay.

A BBQ pack is being offered for the first night which includes sausages, steaks and green salads. This allows us to eat as early or late as we wish on our own private back patio area – or if we get the units, then up on the hill using the magnificent covered communal BBQ.

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 on 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, 2012 and 2013 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 way we came - great roads, and relatively "safe".

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

*Ride will not suit inexperienced riders; it is for **Members only**.*

Places are limited to 16 people. (tbc – can be 30 or more at this point) First in best dressed. The cost is sensational value: 3 night's accommodation and a substantial meal for \$185. Email me your ebank transaction receipt to confirm your place. Note: if we get all 16 people the price will drop to \$145!

Cancellation Policy: as the Club has to pay upfront, the full and final amount (\$185) 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. If you have queries call any of the Committee to discuss.