

Club Membership stands at a very healthy **99** after seven months of renewals, up three this month. Welcome to new member Ronny (Kawasaki ZX6), and renewals from Ray Weston (KTM 990) and Bart Hutchinson (Suzuki GSXR1000). We wish them many long, safe and fun rides with the MSR.

The **Club web site** at www.melbsportsbike.net.au accumulated **609** hits during **January**, down 32 on last month. Total site visits are **80,307** since April 1996. The counters on the other pages after another month indicate that the 2012 Ride Calendar page took **584** hits (total **27,326** since 28th October 2008) and Great Roads **100** hits (total **6584**). Status quo is maintained with the Home page taking slightly more hits than the Calendar page.

For **January** the official kilometres (sum of ride lengths) for the month is **4,010 km** (down 951 km on last month – Xmas Camp distorting December figures). Official Club kilometres for the month (people x ride length) is **42,320**, down 22,890 km on last month which was huge with Dargo weekend and the Porepukah Xmas camp.

The average calendar **yearly total** is 346,862km since 2005. This year we are up to **43,320km** after 1 month with 1 minor crash.

Seen at the **Social Sip at Il Gambero** on Thursday 10th January: Ben and Julie Warden, Ron and Julie Johnston, Paul Southwell, Ian Payne, Tony Stegmar, John Willis and Lou Tickner, Tim Emons, Marc Marais, Glenn Aspden and Kurn Bridgeman. *13 people*

The following **Special Resolution** is proposed by the Committee:

“**Twelve (12)** members personally present (being members entitled under these rules to vote at a General Meeting) constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a General Meeting. A minimum of four (4) members of the Committee must be included in the quorum.”

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 after **seven** months sees the top ten positions as: **Ben Warden** (68), **Rob Langer** (41), **Pina Garasi** (39.5), **Cliff Peters** (39), **Paul Southwell** (34), **Ian Payne** (33.5), **Ron Johnston** (31), **Tony Stegmar** (29), **Misho Zrakic** (28) and **Jesvin George, Simon Wastney** and **John Willis** all on 24.

Front Cover: Jindabyne long weekend, Eden, 27/1/2013. Front row: Nigel Oman, Bart Hutchinson, Rob Jones, Cliff Peters, Rob Langer and Geoff Dick. Back row: Pina Garasi, Misho Zrakic, Peter Feistl and Ben Warden. Photo by Ben Warden. Fiona Warden banner artwork.

Back Cover: Yea, 20/1/2013. Back row: Ed Simonis, Nigel Oman, Damian Jones, Rod Merrett, Pina Garasi, Dave Chisma, Glenn Aspden, Geoff Jones, Stuart Hosking, Andrew Cleaver and Geoff Dick. Middle row: Paul Milo, Tony Stegmar, Paul Southwell, Phill Hotschilt, Rob Langer. Front row: Cliff Peters, Pierre Ong, Kurn Bridgeman and Ian Payne. Photo by Ben Warden.

Tyres: In case you don't read email (Google Group) or entertain Facebook, the Club has just gone through the process of ordering another batch of Dunlop Sportsmart tyres in bulk from MotoGC. From start to finish the process takes about a week so email is really the only mode of communication – so get on board if you want to get the benefits of being an MSR member! The price was the same as last time (eg \$375 a set) and good for one week only with a minimum order of 20 tyres, which we just managed to achieve. If you are reading this before 10 pm Friday 8th February you might just get in. Call Ben on 040 900 1618.

The Tasmanian trip is looming and now is the time to pay your outstanding accommodation costs so that the Club can finalise any outstanding monies with the providers. I expect to complete these transactions in the next few days so that there are no accommodation issues when we get there.

Another **Dargo** trip is planned for late March. See the itinerary page and pay \$60 to confirm your bed.

We desperately need **leaders** for a couple of rides while we are in Tasmania. If you can help, please advise.