

## Who's News                      April 2013

Congratulations to **John Willis** and **Lou Tickner** who announced their engagement (via MSR Google Group) on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April and their intention to marry sometime in December. They have been together two years now and John proposed at the St Leonard's Lookout, just off Chum Creek Road. We wish them all the best on the big day, and a long and happy life together.

**Club Membership** jumped two last month and now stands at **101** after ten months of renewals. Michael Srb, currently riding a BMW S1000RR, forked over his hard earned cash at the Marysville stop last Sunday as did third time rider Rob Kolbeck on an Aprilia RSV1000 – the very colourful one. We wish them many happy and safe rides with the Club.

The **Club web site** at *www.melbsportsbike.net.au* accumulated **607** hits between April 1st and April 30<sup>th</sup>. Total site visits is **81,995** since April 1996. The counters on the other pages after another month indicate that the 2013 Ride Calendar page took **600** hits (total **28,901** since 28<sup>th</sup> October 2008) and Great Roads **92** hits (total **6845**). Status quo is maintained with the Home page taking slightly more hits than the Calendar page.

For **April** the official kilometres (sum of ride lengths) for the month is **1,909 km** (down 6,331 km on last month which was inflated with Tassy and Dargo), with 5 Sunday rides and the ANZAC Day ride. The official Club kilometres for the month (people x ride length) is **28,933**, down 75,018 km on last month. April was a long riding month with six standard rides.

The average calendar **yearly kilometer total** is 346,862 since 2005. This year we are up to **196,911** after 4 months with 8 minor crashes and three serious (broken bones) crashes. So far this year, our average Club kilometres between serious crashes is **65,637** km. Long term it is 106,727. Conclusion: 11 crashes in 4 months is not flash, and on record pace if this rate of crashing continues. And three serious crashes – now that Fred Stolk's sore leg proved to be broken – is also not good.

**Front Cover:** Mt Baw Baw, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April. Back row: Rod Merrett, Chris Pointon, Steve Mudford, Michael Srb, Tony Stegmar, Phil Hotschilt, Peter Fisher. Middle row: Travis Condon, Quinn Myers, Geoff Dick, Stuart Hosking, Simon Wastney, John Willis, Pina Garasi. Front row: Rob Kolbeck, Geoff Jones, Glenn Aspden, Rob Langer, Cliff Peters and Cindy Lee. Photo by Ben Warden and banner artwork by Fiona Warden.

**Back Cover:** Jamieson on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April. Back row: Steve Mudford, Aiden Baker, Ian Payne, Chris Pointon, Michael Srb. Middle row: Stuart Hosking, Glenn Aspden, Cliff Peters, Simon Wastney, Jesvin George, Ron Johnston. Front row: Rob Kolbeck, Geoff Jones, Pierre Ong and Paul Southwell. Yamaha? The past and the future! Photo by Ben Warden.

Seen at the **Social Sip** on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April: Ben and Julie Warden, Ron and Julie Johnston, Ian Payne, John Willis and Lou Tickner, Simon Wastney, Cindy Lee and Rob Langer. *10 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 after **ten** months sees the top ten positions as: **Ben Warden** (96), **Pina Garasi** (57.5), **Cliff Peters** (57), **Rob Langer** (56), **Ian Payne** (49.5), **Paul Southwell** (48), **Tony Stegmar** (47.5), **Misho Zrakic** (42), **Ron Johnston** (37) and **Simon Wastney** (37). Only change is Pina slipped past Cliff again and into outright second place as we move into the last two months. Only 1.5 points separate 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>. All other positions remained the same.

Email from **Ron Johnston** re Porepunkah Xmas Camp: Mt Buffalo Caravan Park changed hands on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013. Reminder emails and phone calls in September are a thing of the past. I spoke to Jan, the new owner, and she only requires your credit card details to secure a site. Those who have reserved a site using the old method should confirm no later than a month before visiting.