

The **Club Membership** is **93** after **five** months with **41** hardcopy and **52** e-copy subscriptions.

The **Club web site** at www.melbsportsbike.net.au accumulated **680** hits between November 1st and December 1st. Total site visits are **86,945** since April 1996. The counters on the other pages after another month show the 2013 Ride Calendar page took **583** hits (total **32,887** since 28th October 2008) and Great Roads **82** hits (total **7383**).

For **November** the official kilometers (sum of ride lengths) for the month is **3,242 km** (up 2,121 km on last month due to Towong) with four Sunday rides and one long weekend. The official Club kilometers for the month (people x ride length) is **63,323**, up 48,402 km on last month, Towong with 34 riders and 2,076km boosting the figures dramatically.

The average calendar **yearly kilometer** total is 346,862 since 2005. This year we are up to **381,282** after **11** months with **sixteen** minor crashes and **four** serious (broken bones) crashes. So far this year, our average Club kilometres between serious crashes is **95,321** km. Long term it is 106,727. Last month there was one minor crash (Rob Kolbeck), and one Rating 2 crash (John McGuinness cracked shoulder blade). Marc Marais also suffered a holed radiator (despite a guard) on the Jamieson ride.

Seen at the **Social Sip** (Il Gambero) on Thursday **3rd November**: Ben and Julie Warden, Ron and Julie Johnston, Ian Payne, Paul Southwell, Rob Langer, Andrew Newbury, Adrian MacGeraghty.

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.

After **five** months to the end of November the count is: **Ben Warden** (36), **Robert Langer** (31), **Ian Payne** (30), **Cliff Peters** (26), **Pina Garasi** (24), **Paul Southwell** (20), **Misho Zrakic** (19), **Jesvin George** (18), **Simon Wastney** (17), and **Stuart Hosking** (16). Rob and Ian swapped places and Paul Southwell jumped a couple of places.

Front Cover: Photo taken at the **Shoe Tree** near Carlisle River on Sunday 1st December. Back row: Rob Langer, Matt Bitagliano, Jason Wilson, Stuart Hosking, Paul Southwell, Michael Srb, Geoff Jones, Pina Garasi, Misho Zrakic, Andrew Newbury and Phil Hotschilt. Front row: Chrys Kioseoglou, Ian Payne, Tim Walker, Bill Simpson, Cliff Peters and Raphael Alikakos. Photo by Ben Warden and banner artwork by Leonie Barnett.

Back Cover: Photo taken at the **Icy Creek** intersection of the Hill End Road on Sunday 17th November. Back row: Nigel Oman, Ian Payne, Rob Kolbeck, Roman Biaroza, Michael Srb, Chris Pointon, Scott Bowden and Mark Copeland. Front row: Marc Marais, Neville Hoare, Pina Garasi, Rob Langer, Cliff Peters, Tony Stegmar, Geoff Shugg and Andrew Newbury. Everyone smiling and/or looking at the camera in the one shot! One in a hundred shot! Ben Warden behind the lens.

CityLink has advised that from 1 January 2014 it will begin tolling motorcycles that ride on CityLink. If you have a motorcycle and it's already registered on your Breeze account, from 1 January 2014 each trip on CityLink by that motorcycle will be charged to your Breeze account.

Another **tyre run** has been and gone, this time organised through **Steve Mudford** and his good relationship with Dunlop. We were able to secure the bulk discount once we passed the 20 units (10 sets) mark providing a price of \$375 a set of Dunlop Sportsmarts. And he secured delivery within two days of getting the go-ahead. Don't forget to collect them from his workshop in Kensington.

Congratulations to **John Willis** and **Lou Tickner** who are getting married and we are invited to the party on Sunday 15th December. If you are travelling directly to their home in Coldstream, call John on mobile **0419 538 100** for catering purposes. We wish them a long and happy life together.

Cindy Lee has retired from moderating the **Facebook** and Google groups due to work commitments. We thank her for her efforts over the period. In the interim, Ben Warden has stepped into the breach, already fast tracked into learning how to delete posts. Members are reminded to treat each other with respect and consider carefully what they post.