

# Monthly Newsletter

- Novembre 2012 -



*Italian bikes in the ACT*

## Ultima Notizia

*2012-13 CDDC AGM report – new Committee elected*

*Khancoban Run coming up*

## Il Presedente



Well. Another changing of the guard has been completed. There are some fresh new faces on this committee. A list of who's who and how to contact them is at the end of this newsletter and on the club Web site. Don't be backward in contacting us to discuss issues on our areas of involvement or just to have a chat.

I haven't been in the club for very long, and some of you may not know me very well, so I will give you a quick intro as to why I am here. Probably the main reason I am in this position and writing this message is because of the welcoming nature of this club. I have already formed new friendships, which I am sure will be lasting ones, and renewed old ones. People with like interests – enjoying the pleasures of riding beautiful bikes through some of the best roads in Australia, people with a keen interest in developing and sharing their knowledge of all things Ducati, people who enjoy sharing a camaraderie built on a common passion and practised with good humour, and a heavy penchant for good hearted sledging. Enough about me. This is all about the club.

The committee is keen to get a few things sorted and the number one priority is membership. Something most of you have no visibility of, but the process is a bit cumbersome and is prone to error. We want to streamline it and make sure we don't lose people through administrative bungles or fail to keep all members informed of what their club is doing.

This time of year is when motorbike activities really step up. Some of us 'fair weather bikers' disconnect the battery charger and pull the bike out of the shed, or lounge room, and take to the roads. Those more committed are already out there. As for club activities, we have the Wakefield Park Track day coming up, the Christmas Party and the annual Khancoban weekend run (details elsewhere in this Newsletter). Hopefully many of you will take the time to enjoy these. You have heard of the work life balance – this is the life bit, so be in it.

The last couple of weeks have been full. We have just had the Phillip Island GP where some were fortunate enough to attend in person to farewell Casey Stoner. Not on a Ducati this time but a champion Australian that I am sure history will recognise as one of the greats. Last weekend was the Snowy Ride and the Turismo kicked off on Monday and we ran the sausage sizzle at registration day on Sunday. Thanks to those members who donned the aprons and manned the tables. I trust those who participated in any, or all of these events enjoyed the experience and will no doubt tell us about the interesting aspects.

Please feel free to corner me at any of our events or meetings, or contact me by phone or email (details at the end of this newsletter or on the club web site). Some say I don't mind a chat. This is your club. It will be as great as you want to make it.

Ciao

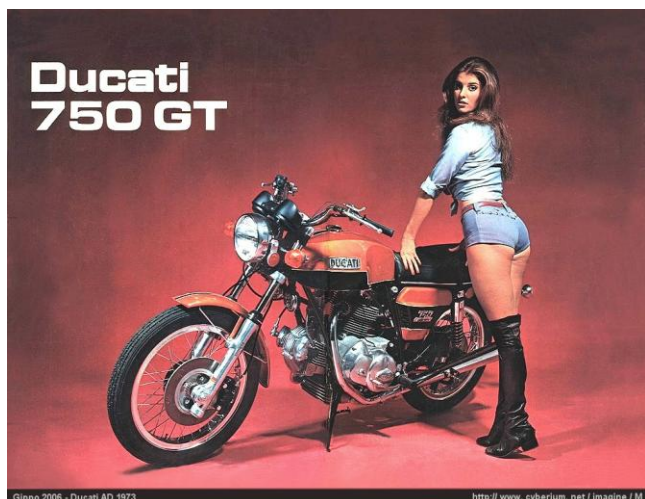
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## 🔥🔥🔥 VP RANT 🔥🔥🔥

As many know the Club held a BBQ at CMC on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November to service the 2012 Turismo Registration. We were told to expect 150 bikes but I doubt if anywhere near that number turned up. Maybe the Turismo is pricing itself out considering the tight economic market at the moment. We raised \$233 less \$98 expenses profit of \$135. Some might say not worth the effort but I say that's \$135 more the club has today than last Saturday! Thanks to Nigel, Ross, Ross, Michael, Dessie as well as Aksel and Yeendy who came along to offer a bit of sledging and Aksel taking about 5000 photos!!! NB. Moses (Chris Roberts) turned up late and proceeded to push me to buy the Tricolour Panigale as I was far too slow on the 749R. Nice to have mates?



NB. Breaking News – using my powers of Vice President (NIL!!), I am proposing to start up a club within a club called The Canberra District Ducati Yoga Club due to Doug telling me on Sunday that he and Moses are taking Yoga lessons to improve their flexibility and apparently after a couple of sessions Moses can now wrap his leg around his head and suck his big toe! I was dubious about this so I called him and he gave me a different answer but as this is a family Club I cannot repeat it. I am impressed with Doug's recommendation so I am going to give it a go. If any other "stiff members" want to give it a go approach Doug at next week's meeting.

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## Eventi #Uno - what's on

Here is the latest calendar of CDDC events. See list after the tables for other events. For further information, please contact our Social Secretary **Gaye McIntyre** (contact details at end of Newsletter).

### CDDC events in Novembre 2012

<b>Mon 12th</b>	<b>CDDC Monthly Meeting:</b> 7:30 @ the Italo-Australian Club in Forest. Meeting starts @ 7:30 – eats from 6:30 for those who want to grab a meal before the meeting. The meeting will feature the presentation of the annual Phil Goldacre CDDC Best Clubman award.
<b>Sat/Sun 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Phil Goldacre Memorial Ride.</b> Our annual overnight run to Khancoban. Make your own room booking at the Alpine Inn 02-6076 9471. Meet at Caltex Hume 8:00am for a 8:30am departure. Change of start venue this year as the servo @ Williamsdale is closed. Ride route will be discussed at Nov monthly meeting.
<b>Fri 23rd</b>	<b>Wakefield Park Track Day.</b> If you haven't booked in and want a day on the track get to it.

### CDDC events in Dicembre 2012

<b>Sun 9th</b>	<b>CDDC Christmas Party</b> (in lieu of monthly meeting) at the Senate Rose Garden in the grounds of Old Parliament House 11:30 – 2:30. We will be dining on spit roast again with a Taso special cake for desert. Financial members are free, guests are \$20 and kids aged 4-12 \$10. Tucker will be served at 12 so please arrive on time. After lunch will be secret Santa (bring a gift to the value of \$10 to receive one back) raffles and plenty of chatter. Club merchandise including next year's calendar will be on sale so bring your bucks. Please RSVP to <a href="mailto:events@cddc.org.au">events@cddc.org.au</a> by Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec
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### CDDC events in Gennaio 2013

<b>Tues 1st</b>	<b>Recovery Ride.</b> As Taso's cafe in Civic is no longer open, if anyone knows of somewhere that is open on New Year's Day please let me know.
<b>Sat 13th</b>	<b>Club Ride.</b> Full details will be circulated.

## 🔥 ~ THE PHIL GOLDACRE ANNUAL MEMORIAL RIDE – THE KHANCOBAN RUN ~ 🔥

It's on again – Sat November 17<sup>th</sup> & Sun 18<sup>th</sup> November is the now annual Phil Goldacre Memorial Ride. Why do we do it every year??? 1<sup>st</sup> it is in memorial to long-term and stalwart CDDC member Phil Goldacre, who passed away on 18/11/10. Phil loved the mountains and loved

punting his different Dukes, both old and new, on this ride every year. The other reason is cause it is on the best riding roads and looking at the best scenery in Australia. It is also the first run after the Winter hiatus and a chance to clear the cobwebs and stretch your Duck's legs. Do it yourself bookings with the Alpine Inn on 02-60769471. 1st in gets the best room!! Mention the CDDC reserved rooms as arranged by Pres Ken.

The Run starts with meeting at the Castrol Servo in Hume on the Monaro Hwy @ 8:00am for an 8:30am departure. 1<sup>st</sup> stop is the East End Cafe in Cooma on the right side of the road just before the 1<sup>st</sup> roundabout. Next stop and 1<sup>st</sup> fuel after coffee/breaky is the 1<sup>st</sup> servo on the right in Adaminaby. Why stop there and not fuel up in Cooma? Cause the Hyper riders will not readily do the 185ks from Cooma to Tumut on one tank. Next run is the Snowy Mtns Hwy via Kiandra, Talbingo to Tumut. Its fuel & lunch in Tumut.



*A pic from Khancoban Runs past to wet your appetite*

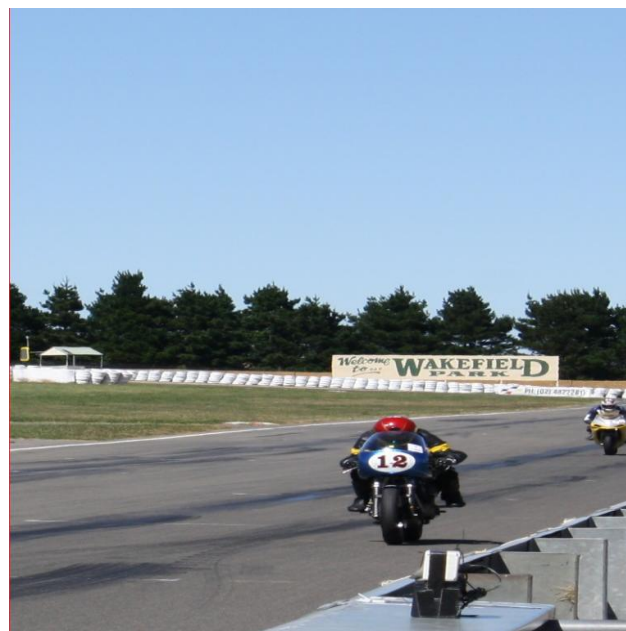
After Tumut it's towards Adelong then turning off left towards Batlow but taking some side forestry roads to end up @ Tumbarumba. Again its fuel for the Hypers only in Tumbarumba – other Ducks will not need fuel. From Tumbarumba it's to Jingellic on the Murray River then turning left after the bridge over the river eastwards to go on the Murray Valley Hwy following the Murray River to the pub @ Tintaldra for lemon/lime/bitters. After that last stop it's via Towong towards Corryong only to turn left to go to Khancoban.

On the Sun we have a choice of 3 rides back over the mtns to get to Cooma. There may also be some who live northside of Canberra etc who may choose to go home via Tumbarumba, Batlow, Tumut etc. One trip is via Geehi, Tom Groggin,

Dead Horse Gap, Thredbo, Berridale. The other route is via Cabramurra, Kiandra & Adaminaby. The 3<sup>rd</sup> mtn route is back towards Tumbarumba to then take the Elliot Way to then get to Kiandra then Adaminaby. The Sun route decisions will be made Sun morn.

**Ed**

## **~ CDDC TRACK DAY AT WAKEFIELD PARK ~**



*Pic of CDDC member Grant Fuller on the Blue Bevel Special at speed on main straight Wakefield Park. Look how aerodynamic Grants is. A lucky pic as normally no camera can capture Grant at full speed – at full speed time stands still*

**Got your attention? - Come and join other Ducati riders** for a fun filled day at Wakefield Park. Due to us not using the circuit to drive cars, we can't book the whole track to ourselves. The solution! We (Ducati riders) will all book track positions for November 23rd now, to hopefully take up most of the positions.

### **What do you need to do?**

Call Circuit Breakers on 02 4823 5744 to book your position in a group for November 23rd. After you have confirmed your booking, tell all the other Ducati riders you know to do the same! Get your club and friends involved and travel as a group, share accommodation and bike transport!

### **What will happen on the day?**

There will be the usual sessions for different skill and experience levels – novice, intermediate, advanced and race. The CDDC will also run a BBQ lunch.

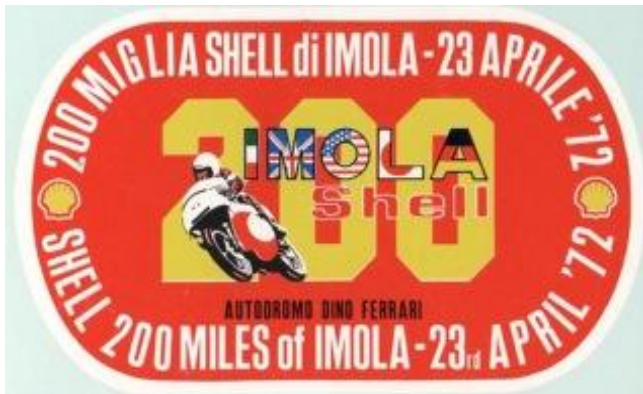


**Belt and Bevel Ducati Service** will be there to help with bike setup and attend to any issues on the day.

**What will it cost?**

A position on the day is \$169.00 and a further \$50.00 for the Wakefield club licence.

**Come and join other Ducati riders** for a fun filled track day at Wakefield Park. Due to different booking rules for bikes and cars, we can't book out the whole track as a group! The solution: We book all the individual track positions for November 23rd and make it a Ducati owner's day.



**🏍️ 2012 CDDC CHRISSIE PARTY 🏍️**

The CDDC Christmas is coming fast! See the calendar of events. Our party this year will be on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December in the Senate Rose Garden in the grounds of Old Parliament House again (the Senate side). We will be dining on spit roast again with a Taso special cake for desert. Financial members are free, guests are \$20 and kids aged 4-12 \$10. Tucker will be served at 12:00 so please arrive on time. After lunch it will be secret Santa (bring a gift to the value of \$10 to receive one back), raffles and plenty of chatter. Club merchandise including next year's calendar will be on sale so bring your bucks. Please RSVP to [events@cddc.org.au](mailto:events@cddc.org.au) by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec.

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**🏍️ XXX 2012 CDDC AGM REPORT AND  
NEW COMMITTEE ELECTED XXX**

As outlined in the Pres's report, the CDDC 2012 Annual General Meeting was held @ the Italo-

Australian Club on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of October and a new CDDC Committee was elected. For such a small club it was v/pleasing to see such a high turnout of 40+ members and guests @ the AGM. With the election of new Pres Ken we will be in safe/steady hands. If nothing else the new Pres with his 1,198 Corse certainly has one of the best looking Ducks in the CDDC. Whenever I see Ken on his 1,198 my first thought is about how can I mug him, pinch his bike and get away with it. Envy can be a powerful emotion at times.

Not that the departing Pres Doc now doesn't have a v/nice looking bike with is new red, white & blue 1,090 MV Brutale. BTW –I ask you how did the pic of ex-Pres's new Brutale end up in the new 2013 CDDC Calendar, esp 1<sup>st</sup> cab off the rank as the pic for Jan 2013? I certainly don't remember seeing it @ the photo shoot on the top of Mt Stromlo. It's a mysterious and unexplained appearance but I suppose it is far better than his v/ugly Diavel. I'm not sure the 1<sup>st</sup> month of the year of a CDDC calendar should kick off with an MV?? Perhaps it was the Parthian Shaft of the departing Pres having a bit of fun and exercising executive power as his last act. Maybe ICAC needs to be consulted to examine if he acted 'ultra vires', ie. beyond his powers? Mind you if I had my way every month in 2013 would have a pic of a Hypermotard and then everyone would be satisfied and there would be no need for any ICAC inquiry.

Details of the new CDDC Committee and the different office holders can be seen in the contact list at the end of this newsletter. There is a mixture of new and old blood. New blood is most welcome as a small community based social club like the CDDC does get energised by new people and new ideas. However, old blood is inevitable given we are a small club with only about 50-60 members.

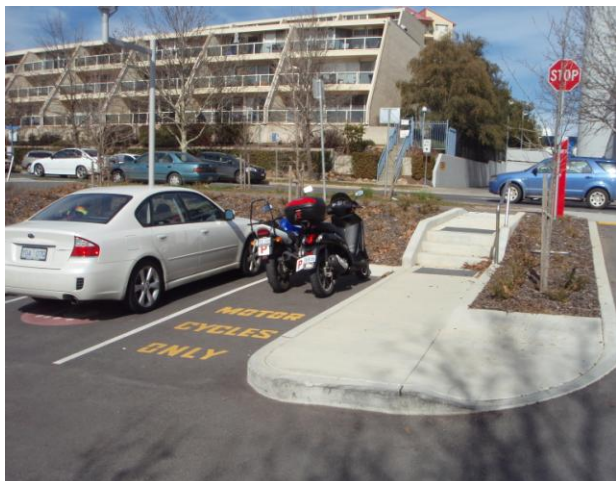
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**🏍️ == STAY DRY WHILE YOU FIND  
A PARK ON THE CANBERRA  
MOTORBIKE PARKING WEBSITE ==**

It was a cold, dark and stormy night at the Dickson Shopping Centre. I had just got my Ls, my visor was

spattered with rain and misting up on the inside, my hands were swathed, alien mitts and I needed to find a parking spot ... soon. People were running to and from their cars and zipping in and out of parking spaces and the reflections of the lights on the puddles and rain wet streets were dazzling. I suspected that there would be dedicated motorbike parking somewhere - but where? How much easier it would be if I knew where the parking was before I had even ventured out – particularly on a rather clichéd dark and stormy night like this one.



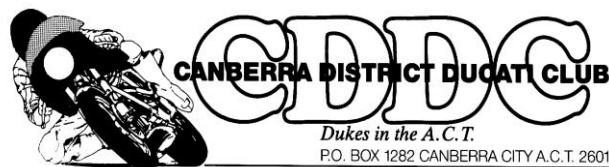
The idea came to me that what I needed was a website that showed me via a map where the parking was and maybe gave me a picture of it so I could recognise it when I saw it and look for a distinctive landmark. I discussed the idea with my partner (also a rider). We sketched out a basic plan for a website and started to take an inventory of all the motorbike parking available in the obvious locations such as Civic, Belconnen and Woden. As it turned out slow riding around car parks searching for parking areas was quite helpful for learning the fiddly manoeuvring required for the P's test. Eventually we had enough parking areas to justify populating a Google map and the web pages and the Canberra Motorbike Parking website was launched in early 2010. The website address is [www.canberramotorbikeparking.net](http://www.canberramotorbikeparking.net) - we hope you find it useful. And, yes, there are two parking areas in Dickson.

**Kate**



*Purple girl riding a purple Panigale*

*For those blokes who dream in colour here is a fantasy for your next dream – a purple girl riding a purple Panigale*



**Arrivederci**

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