

Monthly Newsletter

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Ultime notizie



- **Passing of Peter Yeend and Funeral Details**
- **Phil Goldacre Memorial Ride Report**

Il Presidente:

It is with a heavy heart that I wish you all a happy new year, and the start of new decade, the twenties. The country is suffering the worst bushfire season that I can recall and this is only the start of the fire season. I have managed to bunker down and try to avoid the smoke as much as possible over the not

so festive season, watching and hoping that friends and family in fire threatened areas are safe.

To date many have come close to losing everything, my son's in laws managed to get through the Mallacoota fire without lose, as did my sister in law at Batemans Bay. I am hoping that the small reprieve the weather is currently giving us is enough for the firefighters to get on top of many fires still burning before the weather turns again.

On another sad note, Peter (YBAF) Yeend suffered a very bad vehicle crash not long after the 2019 CDDC Christmas party that left him in a critical condition in hospital. I am told he had recovered sufficiently to be allowed home where the unthinkable occurred and Peter passed away. He will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Rest in peace Peter.

Also, with the CDDC NZ trip coming up shortly I have decided that the CDDC February Newsletter will not occur this year. I have made this decision as a number of key position holders will be absent on the trip; Mr Vice, Mr Treasurer and our lovely Ms Editor. We who are left will maintain a high level of communications via our Face Book and Web pages to fill the gap.

Sarge

<< VP Dribble #3 >>

Welcome to 2020 and the start of another year for the CDDC.

By now most of you will be aware of the passing of our good friend Peter Yeend. This is indeed devastating news and I am sure Pete will be remembered in many ways and discussions in the coming weeks, so enough said. Farewell old friend.

The real message (A Tale of 3 Maccas')

Over the so called break, my head went to sh*t and I decided that our workshop floor could do with a paint job. So the call was made and a concrete grinder was acquired and the job started. Much thanks to Alan Martinsen for assisting in the workshop clean up and the heavy lifting! Many hours were put in and eventually the floor was ready to have the magic two pack Epoxy applied. Now, for the uninformed, this stuff has a working life of about an hour at 25 degrees ambient temperature and quickly lessens the hotter the temperature, so it was decided that early starts were required (not normal for me!). So 5am alarm sounds and up we got, no shower, no breakfast, just give the choppers a brush, fill the water bottle and off we go. Now the first coat went on without any hiccups so all good but me had a rumbly in my tummy!

And this is where the story really starts. It was decided that McDonalds would be easy but the van needed diesel so Majura park is a short trip with the cheapest fuel and a Maccas next door so 2 birds, 1 stone. The van was filled and parked in the Maccas car park. Inside we marched, ready to devour anything that looked like bacon and eggs and coffee. So we approached the counter and were greeted by a very pleasant young man who took our order (some new muffin thing with bacon, egg and sausage on it that I had never tried before) in a meal form with hash brown and coffee. We both had the same order so it wasn't a tough order. He took the funds and gave us a number and said it would be brought out to us. So we found a seat, the tables were all clean so it was easy to decide where to sit and our order arrived very promptly and at this point may I say we were not the only people in the place. A short trip was made to the self-serve salt, pepper and sugar bar to get said items plus a couple of stirrers for the coffee. Breakfast was consumed and we were very happy and I was surprised that the new muffins actually tasted great!

The next morning was a repeat, so when we finished cleaning up brushes and rollers, it was decided that we would try the new Maccas at Jerrabomberra. Well this turned out to be quite the disappointment!! The first thing you will notice is that there is no counter service! Shock horror!! So you must order from a console that only a person under 20 or someone with a Master's Degree in Data Programming could decipher the contents of these stupid terminals. So it became very obvious to me that McDonalds doesn't want the middle aged, not great with technology, business!?!?!

Or do they? As I remember it was us that made them what they are today in this country! So after trying to place an order for some minutes we finally went to a table, most of which were unclean or covered in dead bugs that had suicided with the halogen lights above.

Then we went to find salt, pepper, sugar and a stirry thingy and what's this? None to be found! So we waited for our food and it was eventually brought out by a young girl who had clearly fallen out of the wrong side of the bed this morning because when we asked where the salt, pepper, sugar and stirry thingys are replied they should be out but they hadn't had time to put them out in a somewhat grumpy voice. She then asked how many we wanted, we told her and she went away and come back some minutes later and chucked them at the table. Now at this point I made the observation that staff outnumbered customers two to one and that meant there was no excuse for dirty tables and self-service bars not being stocked!

A short while later our Barista made coffee arrived. Now the stupid machine did ask us was it Take Away or Eat in or something like that so we told it via the correct touch option that we would be dining in. So how is the coffee served? In bloody paper cups! So after a brief exchange of words the young lass advised us that she would remake the coffee and redeliver them. Big mistake, the coffee was again brought out with no stirry thingys and to top it off it didn't matter whether you put salt and pepper or any amount of sugar, sauce or anything else you may dream up, this coffee was "vial". The kind that lingers in the back of your throat and just when you think you have managed to get rid of it, it resurfaces again and reminds you of the less than perfect experience you had several hours ago. Not to mention that my muffin thingy was burnt and not to the same standard as the one I had the day before. Moral of this day – never go back to Maccas at Jerra

Now the next visit to a Maccas I was to have would be on New Year's Day, as this was the meet point for our recovery ride and by the time I got there I could have used a coffee as my eyes were in some discomfort from the smoke that has blanketed us for some time, so a mild sedative like caffeine was required. To my disgust this Maccas is also without counter service – shock horror again!!

So this time my money stayed in my pocket. So the deduction is that I do not like the new Maccas Restaurant model and if I am going to do their job for them I want it faster, better and cheaper. I also had a look around and there was no facility for self-serve items the like of salt, pepper, sugar and of course the stirry thingys. I was never at any time asked if I would like any of the above and none were provided as a matter of course. So I was left to ponder how they thought I would stir my coffee. -with my finger? I think not!

If this is the way of the future then it SUX and I for one prefer to face another human being who needs a job, place my order and get a smile in return for a job well done.

So, great job at Maccas at Majura, total big thumbs down to Maccas at Jerrabomberra and Molonglo. I will not be attending your stores ever again and I would like to think that our members will do the same. And please Mr Ride Coordinator, don't use these places as start points for rides in the future.

Incidentally the ride was postponed but a good number of members (about 12) turned up for lunch at the George Harcourt Inn anyway. So thanks to them we had a great feed served by friendly real people. There is something to be said about old fashioned service!

Oh, and by the way, the workshop floor looks great, thanks for asking.

Well that's enough from me for this month. But I would like to sign off with a short piece of wisdom from our good friend Pete - "*Hands up if you have read the Newsletter?*"

And remember DUCATI ON DUDES!

AB the VP

Prossimi appuntamenti – Next Events

Here is the latest calendar of CDDC events. See list after the tables for other events. For further information, please contact our Ride Co-Ordinator Rhys Ban (contact details at end of Newsletter). Don't forget, on all club rides TUFU applies (turn up fueled up). If you turn up then realise you need fuel and are gonna duck off to get fuel, then tell the ride coordinator.

CDDC events in January 2020	
Mon 13th	CDDC Monthly Meeting 7:30pm @the Kingston Hotel, Canberra Ave Kingston. Meeting starts @ 7:30 – eats from 6:00 for those who want to grab a meal before the meeting & still be in time.
Wed 15th	Monthly Weekday Club Ride to Harden. Start point; Coronation Park in Yass, meeting at 10.00 for a 10.30 departure. Please see below for more details.
Fri 17th	Summertime Dining - 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm Brodburger Kingston, 11 Wentworth Avenue Kingston New year; new you! Meet up for a catch-up over dinner at Brodburger from 6.30 pm
Sun 19th	New Year's Recovery Ride: Third Time's the Charm? Well, here we are again. I'm determined to get this ride done in January, but I'm not confident in the fires staying away. Let's all hope that things get better over the coming weeks. Meet at the Molonglo McDonald's, just off the Tuggeranong Parkway, on Cotter Road for a short run up to Yass via Wee Jasper Road. Be there at 10am for a 10.30am departure. See you out there!

CDDC events in February 2020	
Sun 9th	A short ride on newly paved roads between Bungendore and Nerriga followed by an opportunity for food at Nerriga Hotel. Meet at the Gunna Doo Bakery at 10.30 for an 11 am departure.
Mon 10th	CDDC Monthly Meeting 7:30pm @the Kingston Hotel, Canberra Ave Kingston. Meeting starts @ 7:30 – eats from 6:00 for those who want to grab a meal before the meeting & still be in time.
Wed 19th	Dinner Debacle 2.0 For those who were present last time that I organised a Wednesday Dinner at Debacle, Trivia is on again! See you at Debacle for dinner and trivia from 6 pm.

Note: The event start times & venues are subject to change – make sure you confirm latest event info on the website @ <https://canberradistrictducaticlub.org.au/> The CDDC provides funds for a support vehicle & recovery trailer on sanctioned club rides like the Harrierville, Khancoban runs & Bevels to the Bay run each year. See other comments re the funding of support vehicles & trailer on CDDC club rides in this newsletter.

Ride/event ideas

If you would like to lead a ride of your choice or have a suggestion for a ride, please email ridesdcdc@gmail.com. Aside from these planned rides, I encourage everyone to start events via the club website or Facebook page for casual short rides.

Altre Notizie – other news

<<. CDDC SUPPORTERS .>>

These are the businesses that support the club through donations, discounts: **Belt & Bevel, Canberra Motorcycle Centre, MotoGarage, New Eagle Signs, St John Ambulance ACT & CanPrint**. Many thanks to them and show your appreciation by patronising these businesses.

!! IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP YOURSELF UP-TO-DATE !!

Have you moved? Changed your email address? Changed your contact number? Remember, if your contact details change, it's your responsibility to advise the CDDC of your new address. Don't complain if you are a financial member & you are not getting notices or newsletters – you'll find in 101% of cases you've not notified of your change. Also, if you update your member details through your DOC portal, you also need to advise membership. If you have any problems with receiving information, please contact secretarycddc@gmail.com

Weekly Rides – Grant Fuller

With the start of the New Year, monthly weekday club rides will commence again. The rides are primarily aimed at older model bikes that may be on historic/concessional registration, however anyone in the club is welcome to attend these rides. The starting point for all of the rides will be the same as last year, Coronation Park in Yass. This is located in the main street on the left hand side when entering from Canberra. The Visitor Information centre and public toilets are also located there. There will be a purpose to each ride, with either a place of interest or an event to attend, along with a lunch location for the day. I also intend to have a couple of overnight rides throughout the year to add to the interest.

VALE PETER YEEND

What a start to 2020 horrendous bush fires, the worst in the world air pollution levels for Canberra and to top it off the passing of our mate and long term member of our club, Peter Yeend. Like many others that I have spoken to I just cannot get my head around the fact that Yeendy has gone and that at club meetings and events he will not be present to listen to and give his very one eyed views about just about every subject.

His sledging style was world class, sometimes subtle but usually full on. His refusal to participate in certain rides and events because he had re organize his sock draw is well known to members as his question "*how long has the ABC been in colour*" or "*I can't afford to come as I live like a church mouse and that \$10 means I won't make my mortgage payment*" or "*how many have read the newsletter*" and after counting at least 80% of members with their hands up he would say " as I thought nobody, we don't need a newsletter" The list of his one liners goes on and on but there was not a better club man demonstrated by his willingness to help anyone requiring assistance due to a breakdown and a trailer to pick up their bike.

I personally know that on many occasions when Peter was too sick to participate on a ride he would receive a phone call requesting assistance and he would get out of his sick bed to go and help a member out. That's the type of person he was always willing to help club members and in the last 10 or 12 years it has been Peter's trailer that has been used in the majority of club rides as the backup vehicle trailer even when he wasn't on the ride.

I could go on and on about the virtues of Peter but as I am writing this article I am beginning to choke realising that I, his family and many friends have lost a great bloke and that our lives will never be the same without him.

RIP my best mate

Taso

Pete's Funeral will be held on Wednesday the 22nd of January at 1:30pm at Norwood Park Crematorium, 65 Sandford St, Mitchell ACT.

A wake will be held after the service at the Kingston Hotel. The Family would appreciate it if as many people who are able, could attend.

Dress code is yellow.



Phil Goldacre Memorial

By Nigel Rutley

Being only 5 riders plus the support vehicle at Hume departure we left on time, all was easy & steady through to Cooma, but, we could see evidence of the previous night's snowfall on the mountains and the chill on our limbs, only 15 k's in on the snowy mountain highway to Adaminaby the paddocks & trees were white & lot of the highway wet for me, personally fearing ice so the Cooma/Adaminaby drag race was off this time round!

The fantastic 5 were greeted by 4 more riders at the bakery in which we took our time to thaw out, the ride out of Adaminaby my favourite part early through the old goldfields was dry, but, interrupted by a convoy of concrete trucks in which disappointed me very much as the roads had thawed out, but, was a pleasant ride around Blowering reservoir into Tumut for lunch where we were met by another 2 riders taking our total to 11.

We opted to take the Forrest road a favourite amongst many riders, Taradale road into Tumberumba, there it seemed we weren't satisfied & decided to loop around the river through Jingellic, another favourite section of mine the last 60km's or so to Khancoban finding myself twisting my wrist leaving the pack for my last chance for Saturday fun on the 1198 Corse with only Jimmy (local from Khancoban who joined us at Adaminaby) on a very nice Aprilia RSV4 joining me, we were greeted by Sarge & Grant whom had ridden solo to our destination.

We woke up to a cloudy, but, warmer day Sunday for our venture home, George's experience is always welcomed to lead us up Alpine way in which can be a very hazardous road, to our surprise most of it was clean & dry until the climb to a higher elevation past Tom Groggin where the road became wet & icy as it hadn't yet thawed from Friday nights snowfall, disappointed as is another favourite stretch of road of mine, trying very hard not to tip my 1198, but, even on a straight stretch the bike was getting unstable if I leaned on the throttle too much!

We regrouped at Dead Horse gap in which it was very cold & windy standing around awaiting for our all-important support vehicle in which upon arrival needed the bonnet lifted for a quick minor repair that most riders were more than happy to stand around & assist me with not because of their kind nature I realised, but, because of the warmth from the engine bay! We all then enjoyed each other's company at the Wild Brumby distillery for lunch & was a wrap.

The Phil Goldacre memorial never disappoints! There's a section of road for all riders to thoroughly enjoy! It's apparent that some confusion occurred on this ride with those joining in at locations other than the Hume departure in which is welcomed, but, please be reminded that it is your responsibility to keep yourself up to date and advise the ride co-ordinator so you know where & when to find the group or we know to wait as it is also just as important to advise your departure from the ride so we don't start searching for you if you don't arrive or have departed the ride.

Articoli vari – Bits & Pieces

Esteemed readers,

This section is quite bare this month and this is directly linked with the passing of Peter Yeend. Every month I would log into the editor inbox and there would be no less than 20 emails from Pete with all of these interesting articles and snippets of news. He did this without fail and the below are the contents of his final email to me.

I know I'm beginning to sound like a broken record, but please remember that this newsletter is by members, for members. Pete was a very active contributor, and I will try to carry on with finding these articles, but anything you may have to contribute will always be welcome.

Thank you.

The most interesting & desirable motorcycles of 2019

See [HERE](#) for a list of the bikes that spiked interest in 2019. There's a 300hp Panigirlie. Take a look.

1260S Diavel – a proper, real rocket!!

See a comparison vid @ [THIS SITE](#) between the 1260 Diavel and Triumph's new Rocket 3. The Diavel is rated as a mental rocket ship in the vid. In my view it's a silly comparison – talk to any Diavel punter and they'll say their bike is a sportster, whereas the Triumph Pocket 3 is a cruiser with no valid sporting capabilities. So a chalk & cheese comparison. Without a doubt the Diavel 1260S is probably the fastest Ducati in the Ducati range – much, much faster than any Panigirlie pretenders!!



Are your Contis too loud??

Some bevel owners in the CDDC know their Contis are a tad too loud. For some it's a v/pleasant loud but for others any noise is too loud. See [HERE](#) what's being done in Paris RE: this issue. What happens overseas often come here so beware – it's on its way. Hyper riders with Zards need not fear – their noise will always be well regarded.

For Sale

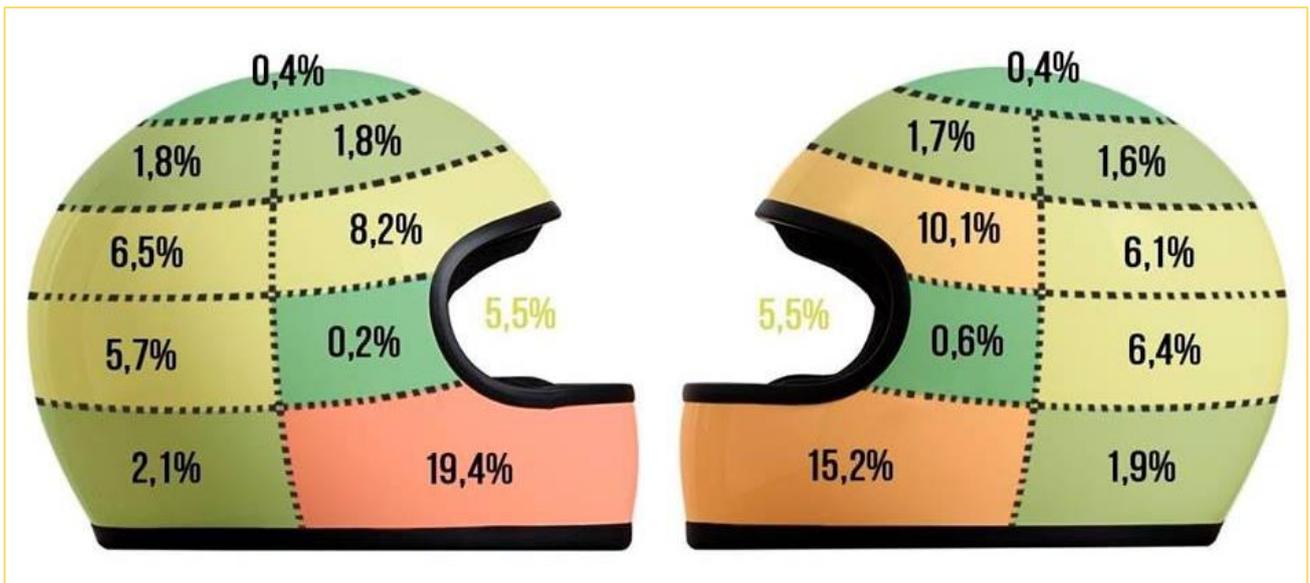
Ducati 999. Purchased new from Ducati Canberra in January 2005. Infrequent road use only, never dropped only 4,619 km. For details contact Bill Ratcliff on 0400 778 263.

Gallery



Above:

One for Mr Yeend. Something I spotted in Sydney not too long ago.



A very interesting Graphic, showing where on a helmet you are most likely to sustain serious injury. [SOURCE](#).

FROM AN 1897-1898 BRITISH AND IRISH GUIDE FOR CYCLISTS AND MOTORCYCLISTS

Advice on Touring Requisites.

1. Necessities:

Hat or cap	} Worn on person	Neckerchief	Dark glasses
Shoes		Prayer book	Pocket dictionary
Trousers		Maps	Passport
Flannel shirt		Spanners/tools	Conversation book
Flannel collar		Oilcan	Guide book
Necktie		Lamp	White collars
Pair stockings		Spare lampwick	White cuffs
Extra stockings		Riding gloves	Tape
1 flannel nightshirt		Cleaning cloths	Sponge
Hairbrush		Padlock and chain	Flannel
Comb		Pincers	Nailbrush
Tootbrush and paste		Shoelaces	Paper and envelopes
Loofah		Saddle cover	Postcards
Gloves		Wire	Stamps
Money		Knife	Pen
Matches	Field glasses	Address labels	
Notebook	Studs	Visiting cards	
Drinking cup or flask	Scarf and pin	Braces	
Waterproof cape	Towel	Belt	
Razor	Bathing draw.rs	Permanganate of potash	
Strop	Chocolate	French chalk	
Shaving brush	Sperm oil	Saddle and shoe lubricant	
Soap	Spare spokes	Cotton waste	
Fullers earth	Spare nuts		
Vaseline	String	Spare inner tubes if riding a machine with pneumatic tyres	
Sticking p'aster/bandages	Corkscrew		
Sulphate of quinine	Barometer	Spares applicable to your specific machine	
Carbonate of soda	Pipe and tobacco		
Extra hat or cap	Leather straps	Small silk flag	
Cardigan	Treadle pin		
Pugaree	Nail scissors		
Compass	Tyre clips		
Pocket lens	Watch		
2. Luxuries (can generally do without but very nice to have with oneself)			
Slippers	Spare gloves	Writing case	
Socks	Spare white collars	Spirit kettle	
Spare trousers	Spare neckties	Methylated spirit	
Coat	Various underclothing	Candle	
Vest	Extra pair of shoes	Pocket filter	
Supply of tea	Tow line	Waterproof sheet	

Note: If travelling abroad take your money in the form of gold coins.

A revolver is not considered necessary in the more civilised areas of Europe but if accosted by footpads or brigands inform them that you are British and display your Union flag.

And finally, in case you were headed over to the land of the long white cloud next month; I've taken the liberty of putting together a comprehensive packing list for you. Look no further.



DUCATI RESOURCES IN THE ACT/QUEANBEYAN/YASS AREA



So, you own, or are thinking of owning a Ducati in the ACT/Queanbeyan/Yass area. What resources/support can you access if you do own a Duck or you get a Duck? Set out below is a list of the main sources of bikes, parts, servicing, advice you can call upon.

Canberra Motorcycle Centre (CMC)

<http://www.canberramcc.com.au/>

30 Ipswich St Fyshwick – 6175 4444

CMC is the local Ducati dealership. So, for any warranty work it's the only resource. Obviously they also sell parts, official Ducati clothing as well as doing servicing. My experience is Steve in parts is really helpful.

Belt & Bevel (B&B)

<http://beltandbevel.com.au/>

Call **0408 223 069** to speak to **Michael Fuller**

B&B is the place for that hard to find part, both for new & old Dukes. B&B stocks many parts not found anywhere else. As a special exclusive for CDDC members a 10% discount can be accessed but you need to quote the discount code which is currently **CDDC19**.

Desmoharmonic

desmoharmonic@icloud.com

Fyshwick - 0408764374

Desmoharmonic as in desmodromic is a new service studio owned and operated by **Peter Giles** who many of you may know as he has been specialising in Ducati service here in Canberra since 2001 and has over 25 years' experience with Ducati working at many different dealerships including JHP Ducati Coventry UK. Desmoharmonic can cater for all your service needs on all models post warranty, a tyre service is also available. He too is offering a 10% discount on all parts to club members.

Moto Garage

<http://www.motogarage.com.au>

Unit 8, 91-93 Grimwade Street, Mitchell - 6162 2031

Desmo Tuning and Servicing of Ducati's.

■ ■ Arrivederci! ■ ■

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