

# Monthly Newsletter



Agosto 2023

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## Presidente Rezazione

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Hello Canberra Ducati Club, Winter is almost done and for those that don't ride in the colder months it is time to get your bikes out of hibernation. Apologise for the lack of a report last month but I was pre-occupied at the time.

For those in the know, back in April I managed to break the gear change return spring on the Diavel. Well, I finally got her into Doc's for repair. I was lucky, the spring had indeed broken and dropped down into the sump. By some fluke it had not done any damage on the way down and Doc was able to extract the broken piece easily. Whilst he had the bike, I had the ECU flashed with a Tune Boy setup giving me 3 new maps to choose from and cruise control capability. To say I am happy with the result is an understatement – I AM EXTATIC – she is smoother and has better power delivery. No figures on fuel economy as yet and I hope my licence lasts long enough to find out....TIC. I recommend this upgrade to all, it is not expensive and the improvements are good, Give Doc a call.

For all those that rag me for not doing club rides, I did the Gluhwein Run last weekend and was pleased to see the club turnout with about 12 bikes attending. Starting to worry about Grant though, second time this year I have seen him on the mighty 250 Jawa – he may be starting to slow down :-)



A reminder that the AGM is only just around the corner and all members should consider a stint on the committee of our club. Some of the current members have been holding office for more than a couple of years and it is always good to get a fresh perspective on a regular basis. The roles aren't hard and it feels good to give back to the club.

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A huge plea to those that take pic on our rides, please share your pics with the club, it's simple – send them to Micheal at [webmastercddc@gmail.com](mailto:webmastercddc@gmail.com) he will resize and put them on the web page, also consider putting them up on our Facebook page for all to share.

A big Happy Birthday to J9, Al, Rhys and all others who have made it to another year older. May we all ride on forever.

Hope to catch up with you all at the August meeting this Monday.

Ciao

Sarge

## 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 Coordinator (contact details at end of Newsletter). Don't forget, on all club rides TUFU applies (turn up fuelled up). If you turn up then realise you need fuel and are gonna duck off to get fuel, then tell the ride coordinator.

To stay in touch with club rides make sure you check the club website for the latest ride information.

Rides can change at short notice and the website is the source of truth for club rides. Set it up in your favourites and with one click you will have the latest info.

### Agosto (August) 2023

Monday 14th	<b>Monthly Club Meeting.</b>  7:30pm @Harmonie Club Narrabundah. This month we'll be in the Boardroom—that's through the auditorium, down the stairs and towards the back of the building.  <i>Meeting starts @ 7.30—eats from 6:30 for those who want to grab a meal before the meeting.</i>
Wednesday 16th	Mid Week Ride to Jugiong  <i>Meet at Coronation Park, Yass, 10.00 for a 10.30 start.</i>
Saturday 19th	Slow Ride and Basic Maintenance day  Basically due to a few slow spills on recent rides and some basic maintenance requirements we thought it timely to offer a bit of training and advice.  The plan is to make use of the marked out course at the Bruce CIT carpark.  <i>Meet at the Bruce CIT carpark, off Purdie St for a 9.30 start.</i>  All welcome, it will be an easy paced day and you will get something out of it regardless of your skill level.
Sunday 27th	George Harcourt  An easy ride to George Harcourt for lunch via Sutton, Carwoola and Bungendore.  <i>Meet at the Little Bakehouse in Sutton, 10 for a 10.30 start.</i>

### Settembre (September) 2023

Sunday 3rd	Pre 1994 Motorcycle Ride  Welcoming and encouraging everyone with a model that existed in 1994 to
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	<p>join the CDDC on a club ride out to the Loaded Dog pub, Tarago.</p> <p>We'll take the longer way to get there, out via Bungendore on the way to Braidwood and then turn off.</p> <p>Meet up and ride with like minded members.</p> <p>Comfortable pace, no pressure ride.</p> <p><i>Meet at Spotlight Queanbeyan carpark, 9.30 for a 10 am start.</i></p>
Monday 11th	<p><b>Monthly club meeting.</b></p> <p>7:30pm @Harmonie Club Narrabundah. This month we'll be in the Boardroom—that's through the auditorium, down the stairs and towards the back of the building.</p> <p><i>Meeting starts @ 7.30—eats from 6:30 for those who want to grab a meal before the meeting.</i></p>
Sunday 17th	<p>Duc's on the Pond</p> <p>An opportunity to meet up for a coffee and chat and a ride if people are up for it.</p> <p><i>Meet for 10am near the Jetty Café – Queen Elizabeth Terrace – near Commonwealth Place, Lake Burley Griffin (down behind Questacon and the High Court).</i></p>
Saturday 24th	<p>Woodstock Pub</p> <p>We did a ride out to Woodstock last year, with a bit of luck the roads may have improved – but it is still a good ride. It is a longish day, so come prepared.</p> <p><i>Meet at the Little Sutton Bakehouse 8.30 for a 9 am start</i></p>

**Note:** 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](mailto: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.

## Weekday Rides

The situation with the COVID Virus is changing on a daily basis, however at this stage it is still within the rules and guidelines to hold our monthly rides as long as social distancing requirements are complied with by members.

## MotoGP Tipping

*Jeff Piper*

Hello everyone,

Welcome back from the summer break.

Apologies for going AWOL. Out of action for 6 weeks and then spent last Thurs-Sunday at Canberra Hospital rejoining a tendon in my son's finger. Long story.

Looks like Silverstone was tough for everyone although we had a couple of people pick podiums in the previous 2 races.

Mark leads the group followed by Johnno and Phil. Sarge and Taso in hot pursuit.

	ALAN	PHIL	JULIAN	SARGE	THOMM O	ROSS	BILL	TASO	JOHNNO	SHERRY	GRAHA M	MARK	TIM
Portugal	1	4	5	4	4	4	1	4	4	0	4	5	0
Argentina	3	1	1	4	1	1	1	4	1	2	1	2	1
USA	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	6	0	0
Spain	9	9	1	5	9	2	4	2	4	0	0	7	5
France	3	0	1	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	4	1
Italy	4	5	4	4	4	7	1	6	4	4	1	7	5
German	2	9	2	7	2	2	2	3	7	1	2	3	2
Dutch	7	2	5	2	7	2	2	7	9	2	2	2	4
British	0	1	1	1	1	3	0	2	1	2	0	3	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>19</b>



## Ride reports

*Craig Evans*

### Rides Rant

Well not really a rant just a bit of a blurb for what we did over the last month. As far as rides go there wasn't much to report on for the month of July, but it's still worth a recap. Back at the start of the month there was the ride day out at Pheasant Wood, where only a few club members attended – hopefully we'll get more on track at the next one in November (check out the CDDC website for details).

Next up was a mid week ride to Gundagai and lunch at the Niagra Café. I think there should be a proper ride report on this elsewhere in this issue.

It was another fine sunny winter's day for the Ducs on the Pond coffee meet up and a pretty good turnout to boot. I think there was a group that went for a bit of a ride afterwards, which is really the thing to do on a sunny Sunday.

The last club ride of the month was a run down to Bateman's Bay for lunch and we had three riders front up for that one. Unfortunately I couldn't make that ride as I was off with a few other usual suspects on another Riddle Ride Spectacular, so hopefully there will be a write up of the Bay ride elsewhere – by someone who was actually there.

As we now make our way into August the weather is starting to pick up and the days are getting a little longer. It won't be long and we'll have spring and that means we get into the prime riding 'season' – not cold and not too hot. There will be plenty of rides coming up so keep an eye out for the blurb in the newsletter and the club website.

One ride in particular to start planning for is the annual 'KhanCorryong' ride in early November. Once again we are moving our traditional Phil Goldacre Memorial ride from Khancoban to Corryong. This is mainly down to availability of accommodation, but the ride itself pretty much covers the same great roads and well worth the effort. The plan is to stay at the same place/s as last year and the details will be up on the website as you read this.

Don't forget the Slow Riding Day the club is putting on – see the website for updated details. In case you were wondering about the merits of such a course – most of the incidents I've seen on club rides happen at less than walking speed and we also have a qualified riding instructor amongst our midst, so it makes sense.

Hopefully we'll have rides planned that will cater for everyone's taste and it will be great to see more of you out enjoying your riding.

### Phil Goldacre Memorial Ride

It's that time of year again and one of our feature rides of the year is not far off – the Phil Goldacre Memorial ride and once again we'll be heading to Corryong.



We'll meet up at Hume Ampol on the Monaro Highway. The usual route will be taken, stopping at Adaminaby for a coffee and picking up any additional passengers. Tumut for lunch and then on to Tumburumba, Jinjelic and probably a stop off at Timaldra before rolling into Corryong.



The return trip will be via Khancoban and the Alpine Way and possibly lunch at Wild Brumby Distillery.

As usual you'll need to look after your own accommodation for the Saturday night. Last year the two that were used were the Corryong Hotel Motel (02) 6076 1004 or the Mountain View Motel (02) 6076 1766. These two fine establishments are relatively close together on the approach to town.

I'm hoping we'll have a support vehicle for this ride, so if anyone is interested in doing this important role get in touch with me (either on a ride or at the monthly meeting, or email [secretarycddc@gmail.com](mailto:secretarycddc@gmail.com) )

The ride will be on the weekend of 11 th -12 th November.



# Batemans Bay Ride

*Rhys Ban*

This ride started a little earlier than the posted date of 29 July 2023; most of the usual suspects had disappeared with Terry on the Brass Monkey TT 2023.

With that in mind, I volunteered to lead. Knowing some of the membership has tendencies to forget when and where rides are meeting, texts were sent with EXPLICIT instructions. I'd say I had success in this endeavour. While there were only three of us, we left Bungendore at 10.30 and kept to one route!

The first leg was pretty uneventful and we made it through Braidwood and onto the mountain with no notable events. Then the fun started!

Once we got out from behind the slower vehicles, we had a great run all the way down the hill with limited interruptions to flow (though I was told that Waji's Waze app had a cop posted on almost every corner). From a starting temp of 9°, we saw 15° by the time we hit the bay.

After parking near the boatshed, we decided to hit up the Starfish Cafe for grub. While a little bit on the pricey side, it had good food (most notably more than seafood, which is important when you don't like the stuff). We were also graced with a drop in from Lloyd who'd gone to all the trouble of coming up the road on his MHR.

After grub, we democratically decided to head towards Nowra and return home via Nerriga. This was a little uneventful until Turpentine Rd, where the petrol ponies were allowed to get to a gallop. From this point, things went as you'd expect with long, sweeping corners and some more right and windy bits.

After a splash, slash and dash by Tarago, we broke up for the run home. After 450 km, it was safe to say there were some good smiles and more importantly no injuries (physical or financial).

If you want to know more, you should come on more rides!



## Weekday Ride to Gundagai

*Grant Fuller*

The weekday ride for July was from Coronation Park Yass, to the Niagara Café, Gundagai.

We had 4 starters for the ride:

- Leigh Campbell      76 750SS
- Jeff Riddle      Multistrada
- Craig Evans      Tiger Cub
- Grant Fuller      SS Darmah

The weather for the ride was looking good, with sunshine and a forecast maximum of 16.

The route was to leave Yass and ride down the Hume until we arrived at the turn off to Binalong, then onto Harden, and Wallendbeen. Here we headed towards Cootamundra, but turned off onto the Old Gundagai Road, which bypasses Cootamundra and brings you back out on the Coolac to Cootamundra Road just before Muttama.

At Coolac we once again joined the Hume Highway for the short run down to Gundagai, and the Niagara Café.

Most of the roads were in very good condition, until we reached Wallendbeen where we encountered roadworks, and Old Gundagai Road, had areas of potholes and again some roadworks. Overall, not too bad.

The Niagara Café has recently undergone an extensive renovation, but fortunately all of the original Art Deco features and styling have been retained. It is the oldest Greek Café and Milk bar in Australia, opened in 1902 by Strati Notaras, and was made famous in the 1940's when the Prime Minister, John Curtin was travelling back from Melbourne to Canberra, and stopped at the Niagara during the middle of the night for a meal.



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## Ducati Monster

*Leigh Campbell & Ducati*

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### Sporty

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## More information

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## Useful Products - Rain-X

*Grant Fuller*

The winter has once again received higher than average rainfall and this along with cold mornings has led to days with thick damp fog that has lasted for a number of hours.

I use Motul Helmet and Visor clean which does an excellent job of cleaning your visor, but I have found that on morning rides the mist in the air causes a lot of moisture to form on the outside of the visor, and it just seems to sit there.



You can turn your head from side to side, which allows the airflow to push the moisture off, but I was looking for a better solution.

In the past I used Rain-X on the windscreen of the car, and this was excellent. You hardly needed to use the wipers unless the rain was heavy. The Rain-X I use on the car is not suitable for use on plastics.

Luckily Rain-X now produce a plastic specific product suitable for use on all plastic types.

You spray it onto your clean visor and using a soft cotton cloth, apply it in a circular and overlapping motion. Using another clean cotton cloth you buff or polish it.



## Altre Notizie – Other news

### CDDC SUPPORTERS

These are the businesses that support the club through donations, discounts: **Belt & Bevel, TeamMoto Canberra, 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](mailto:secretarycddc@gmail.com)

## 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 Duke, or you get a Duke? Set out below is a list of the main sources of bikes, parts, servicing, advice you can call upon.

### 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 CDDC22.



### Desmoharmonic

[desmoharmonic@icloud.com](mailto: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.

### Canberra Motorcycle Doctor

<https://www.canberramotorcycledoctor.com/>

Doc has been working his Ducati magic for years

Fyshwick – 0477 366 082

Unit 3/100 Maryborough St Fyshwick 2906

### TeamMoto

<https://www.teammoto.com.au/canberra/>

30 Ipswich St Fyshwick – (02) 6280 4491 TeamMoto 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.



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