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Hi All

## **\*SOCIAL MEETINGS NOW AT THE BEASCONSFIELD HOTEL\***

Another dynamic month which included a VERY wet ride to Wongan Hills for Christmas in July at Café of Note. Not quite according to plan for one pillion who took a helicopter ride to RPH instead of making it to Wongan... Absolute full credit to police, volunteer ambos, and the helicopter paramedics. Not to mention the amazing skills of the pilot to land on a winding road between large gumtrees in blustery conditions! But once we knew all was being appropriately managed, we could unwind – the party was a hoot with great food and great company. Thanks Pippa!

A nice dinner at the Dalmatinac Club again, and a good catch up with friends from other branches at Tides in San Remo for the Breakfast Club.

We have had some dodgy weather lately, so some shortened rides and a couple of breakfast catch ups instead of getting out. Well, it is winter, but fingers crossed for some reasonable days soon.

Hopefully you will have spotted that we are no longer meeting at Carrington's – they have become very successful under their new owners so there is no more quiet corner for us. We are now at the Beaconsfield in Wray Ave, South Fremantle. A separate area will be set aside just for us. Park out the back (can come up the back steps) or park in Wray Ave and come in through the main door on the level.

Don't forget that Tony C is constantly collecting second-hand gear for RFDS fundraising, so if you are looking for some kit or have something to donate, speak to Tony.

As always, a big thank you to our ride leaders whether planned or impromptu, for leading us astray around our beautiful countryside. Remember to **check the calendar** to see where we are going and if there is a change in starting point. We need to be sure where to be....

Also remember, if you or a member you know is going through a rough patch, please do not hesitate to let our Welfare Officer know if we can offer any support, or just someone to have a friendly chat with. Thoughts are with those on the sick list at present.

## Upcoming events

Keep an eye on the calendar for details:

- August 5 – 8: border run
- August 19: - cheap and cheerful (TBA)
- August 26 – 27: Balingup Medieval Festival
- September 23 – 26 Odyssey (Geraldton)
- We are hosting the 2023 Odyssey – ideas and volunteers welcome.
- National rally in Mandurah 2024. Start thinking ahead. Volunteers see Tony C.

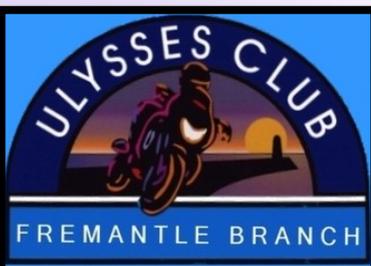
## Rides

As usual, we need ride leaders. There is plenty of support for new Ride Leaders with lots of (good) suggestions on where to go and how to get there.

## See you out there!

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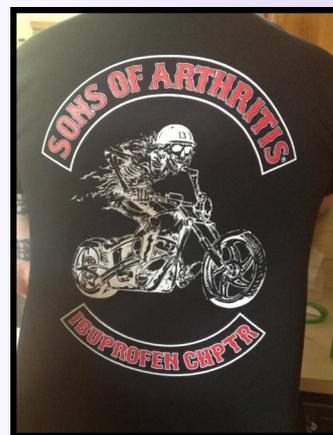
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Barry Webb has kindly sponsored Tony Collins with the supply of parts for his trailer that is to be used for raising money on an Australia-wide round trip to support the Royal Flying Doctor Service

**FREMANTLE BRANCH MEETING 7:30pm**  
**2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT THE**  
**BEACONSFIELD HOTEL, CORNER OF**  
**WRAY AVE AND HAMPTON RD FREMANTLE WA.**  
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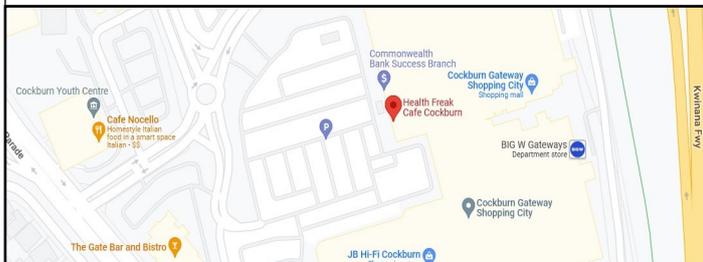
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**Note: Next July meeting,**  
**13th September 2022**

**Plods and Saturday morning coffee**

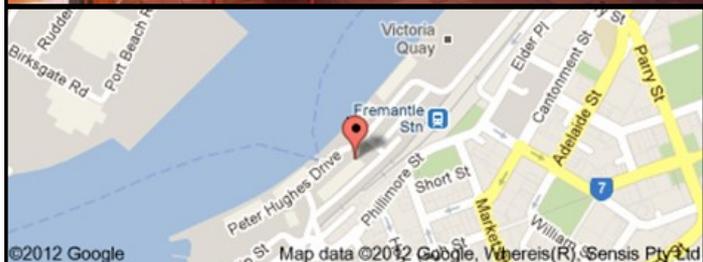
Wednesday morning Plods meet at The Health Freak Café, Cockburn Gateway Shopping City Shop G333/816 Beeliar Drive, Success Western Australia 6164 for a **9.00am** start.



Any enquiries regarding plods can be directed to any of the following:

- Will Duncan 0403014197
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The Saturday morning coffee get together takes place at the **ECafé** situated near the eastern end of the E-Shed Markets commencing from **9.00am**.



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## Some Oddities



Three seated Goldwing

Did you know ? we express ourselves with words, but never investigated them!

### NOT A COINCIDENCE

1. ADULT has 5 letters so does YOUTH.
2. PERMANENT has 9 letters, so does TEMPORARY.
3. GOOD has 4 letters, so does EVIL.
4. BLACK has 5 letters, so does WHITE.
6. LIFE has 4 letters, so does DEAD.
7. HATE has 4 letters, so does LOVE.
9. ENEMIES has 7 letters, so does FRIENDS.
10. LYING has 5 letters, so does TRUTH.
11. HURT has 4 letters, so does HEAL.
12. NEGATIVE has 8 letters, so does POSITIVE.
13. FAILURE has 7 letters, so does SUCCESS.
14. BELOW has 5 letters, so does ABOVE.
15. CRY has 3 letters, so does JOY.
16. ANGER has 5 letters, so does HAPPY.
17. Right has 5 letters, so does WRONG.
18. RICH has 4 letters, so does POOR.
19. FAIL has 4 letters, so does PASS.
20. KNOWLEDGE has 9 letters, so does IGNORANCE.

Are they all by Coincidence?

This means LIFE is like a double edged sword but the choices we make determines our futures.

For those attending the Balingup Medieval Festival, here are some shots from York last year







## Border Run Aug 2022

Nine bikes met at Puma Sawyers Valley at 7.30am on a very chilly Friday morning Tony had a special pillion passenger - but more about that later.

Everyone had rugged up because with wind chill factor it was around zero or slightly less – in short it was b.....y freezing.

Plan for the ride was four stages of about 180 km each – stopping for fuel in Kellerberrin, Southern Cross and Coolgardie before the final leg into Norseman for the night. We had a very slight shower that was classified as “fairy pee”, being hardly enough to wet the screen but enough to pee you off by misting the visor and windscreen.

The fun started at Southern cross where Julie’s bike went on strike and just refused to start. We left the bike to sulk a bit, and had our lunches while we thought of possible problems. Kill switch – no. Side stand switch – no, or possibly maybe – sticky, so half a can of WD40 later – No. Engine fuses – difficult buggers to access but again no. Much head scratching until Reg said does the clutch lever have to be pulled in to start – yes it does but we had been doing that anyway. Then Reg asked if the switch on the clutch lever might be stuck – more WD 40 and yay success – well done Reg. (Faulty or sticky clutch lever switch - file that in memory bank along with kill switch and side stand switch for future reference - because not all bikes require the clutch to be depressed to start)

Ready to go – but no because now Dean’s bike would not start. Eventually it started and off we went to Coolgardie for a fuel stop. Dean’s bike refused to start – out with jumper pack and success so we headed off expecting Dean to be close behind. No such luck – he stalled the bike and it would not start. Blissfully we rode to Norseman not being aware of the drama. He eventually got it going and arrived in Norseman but it would not start at the BP so he took the battery and left the bike overnight Great meal at the pub where we met up with other Pudding Riders heading to the border

Next morning the recharged battery was reinstalled – bike starts and yay off we go to Balladonia for fuel. Guess what, the bike refused to start. Dean gave up and the Roadhouse let him lock it in a shed out back. Julie lent Dean her Bandit and Queen Julie assumed her throne on the blue wing which was now designated Wing One. A few regal naps on the way saw time pass very quickly for her and before we knew it we at Caiguna and then Madura Pass for fuel stops, and then on to Border Village.

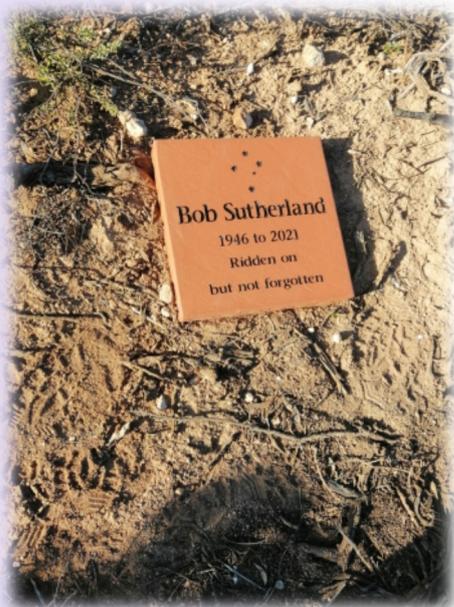
Drinks, dinner and the Pudding Virgins had their photos taken with said pudding. A few stayed up, but most of us crashed at about 8pm – real party animals we were not.



Sunday morning and we set off to fulfil the second reason for the ride.



At the base of Eucla pass next to the RFDS landing strip we decided on a suitable location for the pillion passenger who was on his last ride. A memorial stone to Bob Sutherland (aka Bob the Boatie) was placed, and with the cooperation of a good breeze his ashes were cast to the wind on his last Nullarbor ride.



At Balladonia Dean phoned his mate, (who had agreed to come and pick up the errant motorcycle) in order to find out where he was. After a phone discussion it was assumed that 150 km from Norseman meant he was almost at Balladonia so we waited for Grant to supposedly travel the last 50km. In fact the 150k from Norseman was in fact just out of Coolgardie, so he was at least three hours or more from Balladonia. Dean waited for 40 minutes and decided to ride to Norseman where he caught up with Grant and all was well.

Dinner, drinks and lots of talk – a great evening was had by all.

Monday morning off we set for home with the errant motorcycle travelling in shame in a trailer.

At Southern Cross a chap had a chat with us and told us he had come through torrential rain in Mundaring so we expected the worse. At Kellerberrin we wrapped up, rugged up and the heavens opened so it was a slower than normal trip home for the last 200km. With cautious riding and good roadcraft everyone arrived safely at their respective homes.

Oh, and the errant motorcycle – no prize for guessing the brand!

Tony Collins



**Great looking bunch**



**Border Town**



**Communal toast for Irene and Simon Beattie, Geoff Ball and Bob Sutherland**



**Royal wave from Wing One**

## Sayings - Now you know the genesis !

Early aircraft throttles had a ball on the end of it, in order to go full throttle the pilot had to push the throttle all the way forward into the wall of the instrument panel. Hence "balls to the wall" for going very fast. And now you know the rest of the story.

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During WWII, U.S. Airplanes were armed with belts of bullets which they would shoot during dogfights and on strafing runs. These belts were folded into the wing compartments that fed their machine guns. These belts measure 27 feet and contained hundreds of rounds of bullets. Often times, the pilots would return from their missions having expended all of their bullets on various targets. They would say, I gave them the whole nine yards, meaning they used up all of their ammunition.

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Did you know the saying "God willing and the creek don't rise" was in reference to the Creek Indians and not a body of water? It was written by Benjamin Hawkins in the late 18th century. He was a politician and Indian diplomat. While in the south, Hawkins was requested by the President of the U.S. To return to Washington . In his response, he was said to write, "God willing and the Creek don't rise." Because he capitalized the word "Creek" he was referring to the Creek Indian tribe and not a body of water.

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In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are 'limbs,' therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, 'Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg.' (Artists know hands and arms are more difficult to paint.)

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As incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year (May and October). Women kept their hair covered, while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool. They couldn't wash the wigs, so to clean them they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term 'big wig'. Today we often use the term 'here comes the Big Wig' because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.

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In the late 1700's, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board folded down from the wall, and was used for dining. The 'head of the household' always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the floor. Occasionally a guest, who was usually a man, would be invited to sit in this chair during a meal. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. They called the one sitting in the chair the 'chair man.' Today in business, we use the expression or title 'Chairman' or 'Chairman of the Board.'

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Personal hygiene left much room for improvement. As a result, many women and men had developed acne scars by adulthood. The women would spread bee's wax over their facial skin to smooth out their complexions. When they were speaking to each other, if a woman began to stare at another woman's face she was told, 'mind your own bee's wax.' Should the woman smile, the wax would crack, hence the term 'crack a smile'. In addition, when they sat too close to the fire, the wax would melt. Therefore, the expression 'losing face.'

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Ladies wore corsets, which would lace up in the front. A proper and dignified woman, as in 'straight laced' wore a tightly tied lace.

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Common entertainment included playing cards. However, there was a tax levied when purchasing playing cards but only applicable to the 'Ace of Spades.' To avoid paying the tax, people would purchase 51 cards instead. Yet, since most games require 52 cards, these people were thought to be stupid or dumb because they weren't 'playing with a full deck.'

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Early politicians required feedback from the public to determine what the people considered important. Since there were no telephones, TV's or radios, the politicians sent their assistants to local taverns, pubs, and bars. They were told to 'go sip some Ale and listen to people's conversations and political concerns. Many assistants were dispatched at different times. 'You go sip here' and 'You go sip there.' The two words 'go sip' were eventually combined when referring to the local opinion and, thus we have the term 'gossip.'

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At local taverns, pubs, and bars, people drank from pint and quart-sized containers. A bar maid's job was to keep an eye on the customers and keep the drinks coming. She had to pay close attention and remember who was drinking in 'pints' and who was drinking in 'quarts,' hence the phrase 'minding your 'P's and Q's'.

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One more: bet you didn't know this! In the heyday of sailing ships, all war ships and many freighters carried iron cannons. Those cannons fired round iron cannon balls. It was necessary to keep a good supply near the cannon. However, how to prevent them from rolling about the deck? The best storage method devised was a square-based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem....how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding or rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate called a 'Monkey' with 16 round indentations. However, if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make 'Brass Monkeys.' Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled.. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannonballs would come right off the monkey; Thus, it was quite literally, 'Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey.'

The Following is an excerpt from [www.yesterdays.nl](http://www.yesterdays.nl)

## HESKETH 1982 VAMPIRE 992CC 2 CYL OHC 3206



### Hesketh 1982 “Vampire” 992cc 8-valve OHC V-twin

Brainchild of wealthy aristocrat and Formula 1 team owner Alexander, Lord Hesketh, the Hesketh V1000 promised to be an all-new British superbike in the Vincent mould. The proposed design had all the right ingredients: 992cc 8-valve Weslake v-twin engine, nickel-plated Reynolds 531 frame, Brembo brakes, Marzocchi front forks, Dellorto carbs, Lucas Rita electronic ignition and Astralite wheels. In the spring of 1980 the firm had a running prototype but unfortunately it was rushed into production before all bugs had been ironed out. The resultant bad press combined with an underdeveloped bike, lack of cash and a collapsing market meant that after the production of 139 bikes, the company went into receivership in 1982.

Later on in 1982 Lord Hesketh decided to try again, he had bought the rights to the defunct Hesketh Motorcycle company and working with a small team he released the new Hesketh Vampire – an updated Hesketh V1000 with a large aerodynamic fairing designed by John Mockett.

Sadly many gremlins remained, sales suffered and only about 40 Vampires were built. Following the original company’s demise, small-scale production was restarted later by successor-company Hesleydon Ltd at the Hesketh family seat at Easton Neston where, over the years, development engineer Mick Broom managed to eradicate virtually all the V1000s shortcomings.

He consistently developed the engine into a reliable unit and production recommenced in very low numbers – it would stay in production like this for over 30 years. Existing Hesketh owners could ship their engines to Broom for rebuilding, he would then integrate the necessary updates and ship back the engine with it now running like a Swiss watch.

The Hesketh Vampire was designed with high-speed, long distance touring in mind. Its engine was capable of 82hp at 6,800 rpm, propelling the bike on to a top speed of more than 200km/h. For more detailed information it’s worthwhile to check out the website of the Hesketh Owners Club, [www.heskethownersclub.org.uk](http://www.heskethownersclub.org.uk) .

The Vampire's fairing is shaped from fibreglass, it was designed specifically to help cool the engine while the bike was underway, with rear intakes to send a cool stream of air to the rear cylinder heads. There's comfortable seating for two with grab rails under the pillion seat, and the windshield was designed to send airflow up over the rider's helmet. The fuel tank capacity was 25 litres.

This very rare Vampire was last used in 2019 and its odometer reads only 16,158 miles. The machine is in good condition throughout and should require only some minor check-ups before returning to the road.





**WHO AM I**



**LOST PERTH**

## SOME LIGHT HUMOUR

### SMOKING IN THE RAIN

*Jane and Arlene are outside their nursing home, having a drink and a smoke, when it starts to rain. Jane pulls out a condom, cuts off the end, puts it over her cigarette, and continues smoking.*

*Arlene: What in the hell is that?*

*Jane : A condom. This way my cigarette doesn't get wet.*

*Arlene: Where did you get it?*

*Jane : You can get them at any pharmacy.*

*The next day, Arlene hobbles herself into the local pharmacy and announces to the pharmacist that she wants a box of condoms.*

*The pharmacist, obviously embarrassed, looks at her kind of strangely (she is after all, over 80 years of age), but very delicately asks what brand of condom she prefers.*

*'Doesn't matter Sonny , as long as it fits on a Camel.'*





Imagine you live here  
and you come home drunk





"Officer, give the ticket to her. She does the driving. I just sit behind the wheel and do what I'm told."

Pre internet chat room using  
An old version of windows...

