

Welcome to the Gold
Coast Chapter of
the
Harley Owners Group



New Members Information kit



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The Gold Coast Chapter
(Chapter 9056)**



About the Gold Coast Chapter

The Gold Coast Chapter of HOG was formed in 1989 to bring members together for the common interest of the promotion of motorcycling activities in a family - oriented atmosphere.

The Gold Coast Chapter upholds the ideals as set by HOG International. We are a group of individuals united by our common link - a Harley-Davidson motorcycle. Our goal is to promote and enjoy responsible motorcycling activities for members and to encourage participation in other HOG events while maintaining a family oriented philosophy with family events and social activities.

Membership qualifications for the Gold Coast Chapter require that you are a fully paid member of HOG International. We are an independent Club affiliated with the Harley Owners Group International.

Sponsoring Dealer

Our Sponsoring Dealer is Gold Coast Harley-Davidson and they generously offer the Club their assistance in many ways:- typing and printing of the monthly newsletter, providing a back up vehicle when needed for rides, supply of raffle prizes - the list just goes on and on. They also offer a 10% discount on goods to all financial local chapter members.

Finances

Our Club is financed by the annual membership fee which is \$30.00 per year, club raffles, a ride register fee of \$2.00 per person and fund raising events.

Newsletter

The Club has its own monthly magazine (HOG News), so if you can't make it to the meetings you can stay informed of all Club activities and ride destinations, as well as the HOG State rallies, national rallies and other selected inter-chapter activities. HOG News is \$25 per year for a printed version which is mailed out monthly, or available to download for free from our website.

If there are any late changes to any rides or social activities, the latest news will be emailed out to registered HOG members email addresses, so be sure to register your email on the Gold Coast HOG website at <http://www.goldcoasthog.com>

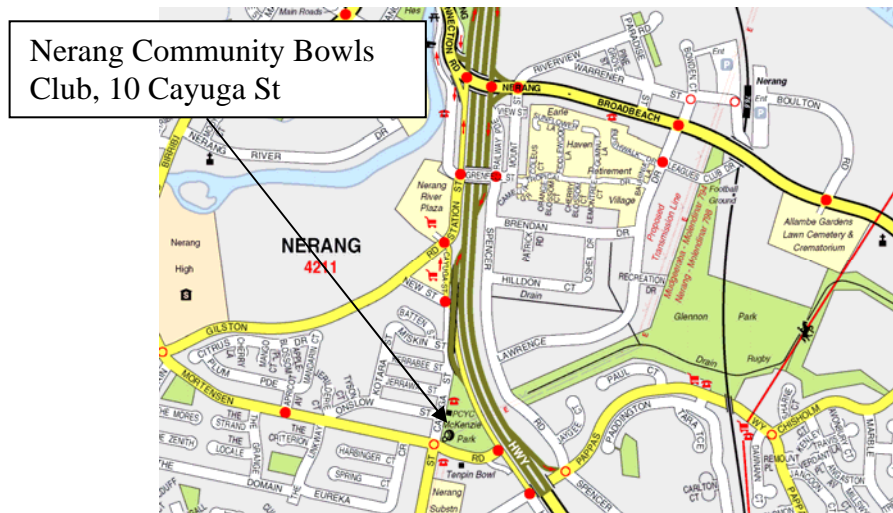
You can also keep up to date with all club activities through the Hogline on 07 3321 5187.

Activities

The Club organizes various events throughout the year including, Christmas party, Safety training courses, Dinner rides, weekends away and any other events or activities as requested by the members. So if you have any ideas for a ride or event, please let us know.

Meetings

The monthly social meetings are held on the third Monday of every month at Nerang Community Bowls Club. There are dining facilities at the Club and many members come early to enjoy a meal with their fellow members before the meeting commences at 7.00pm. We try to keep these meetings as informal as possible. Various items are discussed and members are informed of upcoming activities and rides. Every member is encouraged to participate in all Club activities and to share any ideas, proposals and suggestions for Club activities or ride destinations. There is a suggestion box on the committee table so feel free to drop in your ideas.



New Member Rides

New member rides are held after Hogs and Dogs departing Gold Coast Harley on the third Saturday of each month. The pre-ride briefing is at 11:30 am and the ride departs at 11:45am. These rides, while not compulsory are a relaxed way to ease a new member or new rider into group riding. New member rides are short rides approximately 1hr to the destination and 1 hr back with a friendly smaller group of members.

Club Rides

The Gold Coast Chapter Rides are generally held on the last Sunday of each month. We try to include a variety of destinations, sights to see and activities to do. They are organized with the members in mind and do provide a great day of riding and the spirit of good HOG fellowship.

Patches

Patches and pins are available for purchase at the monthly Social meetings, from the Quartermaster. Individual name patches have to be pre ordered and paid for in advance. Chapter patches help you look the part and feel like one of the family, name patches help everyone remember your name. There are a good variety of decorative and Harley-Davidson patches available.

Community Involvement

The Gold Coast Chapter has a strong commitment to the community. Each new committee selects 2 or 3 worthwhile charities to support for that year. We also support various charity rides throughout the year, such as the T.A.C.Q. (Teenage Adventure Camps Old), The Salvation Army Toy Run and The Leukaemia Foundation "Ride for a Cure".

Joining Procedure

You must be a member of HOG International. If you have purchased a new Harley-Davidson, your first year of membership to HOG International is free of charge and is processed automatically. If not, you must complete the HOG International membership form and submit it with the required fee to Gold Coast Harley Davidson, corner Ferry Road and Minnie Street Southport. Once you have joined HOG International you will receive a HOG International membership card, embroidered HOG patch, bronze HOG pin and regular issues of the magazine "HOG TALES" you also have access to the many HOG programs such as the ABC's of Touring, HOG Mileage, HOG Fly and Ride.

For an extra fee, relatives and friends may join HOG International as an Associate Member. An Associate Member will also receive an International Membership Card, HOG patch and pin. Your International Associate Member is eligible to join the Gold Coast Chapter with all the rights and privileges of a full member at the same membership fee of \$30.00.

Once you are a member of HOG International you are welcome to apply to join the Gold Coast Chapter. The current (2011) fee for new members is \$30.00 per annum.

On joining HOG International, as either a full or associate member, ladies may wish to join the Ladies of Harley (LOH). There is no extra charge to become a LOH member and you receive the LOH patch and pin.

Please NOTE

- * No reminder notices are sent out when local membership is due for renewal (although there are reminders in the newsletter).
- * Membership automatically lapses if a member is unfinancial for a period of two months.
- * You cannot vote at the A.G.M. if your renewal is not paid.
- * You no longer receive the 10% discount offered to club members by Gold Coast Harley-Davidson if your renewal has not been paid.
- * You will no longer receive the weekly email reports and activities if a member is unfinancial.

The aim of the Gold Coast Chapter of HOG is to ride and socialize with like minded Harley-Davidson riders and their families. We are open to all Harley riders and their families, but we are also individuals who have joined a group to share a common bond. We must respect each other as individuals and in turn respect the guidelines of the group. Please take the time to read through the HOG Charter available at <http://www.goldcoasthog.com>

If you have any queries about being a member of Gold Coast Chapter of the Harley Owners Group please feel free to contact any of the Committee members, contact details available in the monthly magazine "Hog News" and at <http://www.goldcoasthog.com>

Signed
The Committee (2011)