

Postie Bike CHALLENGE



Desert - Gulf of Carpentaria - Rainforest
Brisbane to Cairns - the long way

8 Sep - 19 Sep 2018

The 2018 event will be a trip with great variety - Heading north-west from Brisbane we will pass through the dry and arid regions of central Queensland, taking in towns like Barcaldine, Longreach and Winton. There will even be time to take in the Stockman's Hall of fame. Heading north towards Gulf country takes us through Normanton and Burketown before we veer east back toward the coast and the tropical north of Queensland. There will be a mix of long and short days, a taste of the outback, an overnight stay with natural hot springs, camping by a crystal clear river. Our finale will see us travel from Cooktown to Cairns along the famous Bloomfield track, a scenic 4wd track through World Heritage rainforest.

This is a true challenge on a small Honda 110cc motorcycle, on gazetted roads, which will include a mix of sealed bitumen and unsealed gravel, sand, and dirt roads. No special riding skills are necessary but a fair degree of general fitness is required to cope with some long days on the bike.

Looking to escape the mundane? Are you up for the challenge?



The Challenge

The Postie Bike Challenge is a truly unique experience. It is not a tour or a rally. There is nothing we can say that will ever prepare you for the way you'll feel travelling through the outback, sun in your face, awe-inspiring expansive landscape, having not seen another rider for the past hour, or riding in a pack of like-minded adventurers.

You will experience a mixture of nerves, trepidation, excitement and adrenaline on the morning of our departure. The only solution is to get on your bike and live the experience, joy and exhilaration of completing the Challenge.

And the friendships, you can't imagine the close mates you'll make. Friends you are likely to keep well beyond the completion of the Challenge.

And once you get your head around travelling at 75km/hr you'll be amazed at how your perception of life and the Australian landscape will have changed on completion of the event.

Nothing will fill you with more pride and satisfaction than knowing that we are supporting local community groups along the way and that a cash donation will be made to a worthy charity or community organisation.



You don't need to be an expert rider to take part in the Postie Bike Challenge. Riding on 110cc motorcycles is the great equaliser regardless of your skill level. But the event is a challenge and there will be times where the distances or road conditions will test your confidence and determination. You could be travelling 240km on a sandy desert road or 450km through the back roads to the next town. The only certainty is that each day could be both physically and mentally draining.

You can choose to ride alone or with others, but there is no mistaking the camaraderie that such an event inspires. You can enjoy the independence that the event affords though still be assured that one of our 3-4 support vehicles with mechanics, first aid, satellite telephones, water, and good humour are not far away as they move back and forth amongst the riders.

The event is a great mix of sealed bitumen and a variety of unsealed surfaces. Accommodation is generally camping in local showgrounds with clean basic amenities. Food is usually excellent and generally provided by the local community groups en-route.

Our event participants come from all walks of life but most importantly they all have a sense of humour, a helpful attitude, an ability to cope with the unexpected, are willing to work with and help others or make independent decisions when required. You should be mature enough to ride and travel independently but also be a source of support to others. A reasonable degree of fitness is important given you may be on the road for between 5-8 hrs per day. Some riding experience on unsealed surfaces would be helpful and will add to your confidence on dirt days.



Details

Cost:

\$4750 AUD including GST (currently discounted from \$5850 for early entries)

What is provided?

- A registered Honda motorcycle.
- Milk crate attached to the rear carrier of the motorcycle.
- A fluorescent vest to be worn when riding.
- 2 x pre-event newsletters
- Daily running sheets with distance and turn points.
- Event polo shirt.
- Event cap.
- Lunch box.
- 2-3 mechanics.
- Truck to carry luggage and spare parts.
- From departure day (day 2) lunch and dinner, then all breakfasts, lunches and dinners.
- Several support vehicles with water, first aid and satellite communications.
- Accommodation in a hotel (twin share) for one night at our destination and a celebration dinner.



What is not provided?

- All travel costs to the start point.
- All travel costs home at the end of the event.
- Fuel
- Accommodation and meals prior to the departure day (morning of day 2).
- Purchase of drinks, souvenirs and personal items.
- Motorcycle gear - We do not provide helmets, riding clothing or motorcycle accessories.
- Camping gear (tent, mattress and sleeping bag) which will need to fit into your 80L duffle bag along with your clothing and personal items.

How to Enter

There are 2 pages to the entry form. Please read the Terms and Conditions form carefully and complete the entry form and indemnity forms and send them to us by post or email. If you have any questions please contact our team.





EVENT ENTRY & PAYMENT FORM

PO Box 287, Spring Hill, Qld 4004, Australia;
 Ph (+61) 0411 090 891; info@postiebikechallenge.org

PERSONAL DETAILS			
Title:	First Name:	Prefer Name:	
Surname:		Age:	
Postal Address:		City/Suburb:	
State:	Postal Code:	Country:	
Phone:		Email:	
Polo Shirt size:			
Drivers Licence No:		Exp Date:	Country issued:
How did you hear about this event?			
EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS			
Name:		Relationship to you:	
Address:		City/Suburb:	
State:	Postal Code:	Country:	
Phone:		Email:	
TRAVEL INSURANCE DETAILS			
<i>You must provide details of your travel insurance as proof of coverage prior to the start of the event.</i>			
Name of Insurer:		Policy No:	

I declare that the above information submitted by me is complete and accurate. I further realize that any false or misleading declaration by me would render any claim whatsoever void and I could further be liable for prosecution by laws governing Australia.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

	Price (\$AUD)	Payment
Entry Fee		
Deposit – non refundable (paid on submission of entry form)	200	
First instalment (due 31 April 2018)	1400	
Balance of payment (due 15 July 2018)	3150	
Or Full Payment (early entry discount reduced from \$5850)	4750	
Optional Extras		
Accommodation in Cairns I want a room to myself &/or with my partner _____ (name)	100	
Final Dinner I wish to buy an additional ____ dinner tickets	65	
Polo Shirt Size I wish to buy an additional ____ (number) shirts in ____ (size)	35	
TOTAL		

Payment Options:

<p>By Cheque:</p> <p>A cheque or money order made out to Gridley Enterprises Pty Ltd</p> <p>and post to</p> <p>P.O Box 287 Spring Hill, Queensland, Australia 4004.</p>	<p>By Direct deposit:</p> <p>Bank: St George Bank Limited Address: Queen Street, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, 4000 BSB: 114 879 Account No: 473 510 051 Name: Gridley Enterprises Pty Ltd Reference: (use your surname)</p>
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TERMS & CONDITIONS

PAYMENT DETAILS

We have limited the number of entrants to allow for appropriate planning and resourcing of the trip. Only on receiving full payment and completed registration forms, and meeting entry criteria (e.g. motorcycle riders license and evidence of travel insurance) will your participation be guaranteed.

A non-refundable deposit of \$200 is required to initially reserve your position. The first instalment of \$1400 is due 31 April 2018. The balance of the entry fee \$3150 is due 15 July 2018. The organisers reserve the right to cancel reservations not paid in full by the due dates.

If you register after 31 April 2018 (\$200 + \$1400) is due, and after 15 July 2018 the payment must be in full with all the requested documents before giving you confirmation.

NOTE: The event organiser reserves the right to amend the payment schedule. Full GST is included in these costs and a Tax Invoice will be sent for all payments.

CANCELLATIONS, WITHDRAWALS AND REFUNDS

This cancellation and refund policy is not meant to be punitive, but reflects that once you register the Event Organisers make certain advance payments on your behalf that are not recoverable.

Notification of withdrawal from the Challenge must be received in writing. Refunds related to withdrawal from the event will be taken from the date of receiving the written notification. The following refund conditions apply for withdrawal from the event:

- \$200 deposit is non-refundable
- **Before 1 May 2018** a refund of any monies paid over the \$200 deposit.
- **After 1 May 2018**, a refund of 80% of your payments above and beyond the non-refundable deposit.
- **After 1 June 2018**, a refund of 50% of your payments above and beyond the non-refundable deposit.
- **After 20 July 2018**, a refund of 20% of your payments above and beyond the non-refundable deposit.
- The organisers reserve the right to cancel registrations not paid in full by the due dates with the abovementioned refund conditions to apply.
- **No refund after the event has started.**

The Event Organisers make no guarantee that any rider will reach the destination. A large amount of spares and our highly skilled mechanics should get everyone there mechanically, but there may come a time when nothing can be done for your bike. We are travelling in very remote regions and additional spare parts are often hard to come by. If this is the case we will endeavour to have you ride another bike to the destination.

If you are injured you will be taken to the nearest doctor or hospital, with your permission, and if this is not possible, emergency services will be contacted. You will need medical clearance from the treating doctor to continue in the event. If you are unable to continue in the event this is considered a withdrawal from the event. Once you receive medical clearance you can rejoin the event but will need to make your own travel arrangements to meet the event.

If you decide for any reason just to withdraw, you will be taken to the nearest town. Please refer to the Indemnity and Release Form for further details regarding availability of medical care, expenses, and liability.

The event does not carry passengers in a tour-like arrangement. Participants may be transported in event vehicles for medical care with the permission of the event participant or at the direction of emergency services. Outside of this, event participants may be transported in event vehicles at the discretion of the event director.

Cancellations and Dismissals by The Event Organisers

The Event Organisers (Gridley Enterprises Pty Ltd ACN 107 777 426) reserve the right to cancel the Challenge. In the event of the Challenge being cancelled for whatever reason (for example, the minimum number of people for the event is not met) the entrant will receive a full refund of all monies paid. The Event Organisers will seek to advise you not less than 28 days prior to the departure date. No further liability by the Postie Bike Challenge its organisers or companies to the entrant with regard to cancellation will arise.

During the event should a participant, in the sole opinion of the Event Organisers or their duly authorised representative, be considered unsuitable to continue, due to engaging in illegal activities (drink driving etc), behaving

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in a manner considered dangerous to themselves or others, causing inconvenience or annoyance to other participants, ill-health, or bringing disrepute on the Challenge, then the Event Organisers may disqualify the participant without recourse. In such circumstances, the participant will be taken to the nearest town and will need to find their own means of returning home.

Once the Challenge has started there will be no refunds of any description regardless of the cause of withdrawal. No further liability by the Postie Bike Challenge, its organisers or companies to the entrant with regard to cancellation will arise.

CHANGES

The Event Organisers do not accept liability arising out of changes to itineraries, or any other matters relating to a program, due to factors out of its control. These factors include weather, road conditions, delayed flights etc. Any expenses incurred by the participant arising out of these changes are for their own account. All information relating to the Event route is to be considered as a guide only and may be subject to change.

INSURANCE

As a result of the current litigious society in which we live, Event Liability Insurance takes a very large proportion of the entry fees. This covers the organisers and staff against claims during the Challenge. It does not cover riders. All bikes are fully registered and carry compulsory Third Party Insurance that covers the riders in the event of accident, as it would do in their day-to-day motoring activities at home. There is no accident insurance or cover for personal mishaps or injury provided by the organisers of the event. Every rider (Australian) has the same insurance cover they have at home for death or injury. Due to the risks and the increase in legal action we have made it a condition of entry to the event (i.e. **compulsory**) for all entrants to purchase personal travel insurance for the period of the event. As part of your registration process you will be required to provide proof of this insurance prior to the start of the event. You may also want to consider personal insurance should an injury prevent you from returning to employment after the event. We also strongly recommend Third Party Property Insurance to cover costs should you or your bike dent a new BMW or run into a farmer's award-winning bull. Third Party Property insurance will be available for purchase prior to the event start.

AIR FARES

Each rider is responsible for making their own arrangements and all costs associated with arrive at the event start point. Riders are also responsible for making their own travel arrangements and all costs associated with returning home at the end of the event.

RIDER HELMETS

Riders must wear a helmet with an integrated chin guard. This can be a regular road helmet or moto-cross helmet. If you use a flip-face helmet the chin guard must be engaged at all times when riding. **No open-face helmets will be accepted.** Our experience has highlighted that open-face helmets provide insufficient protection from severe facial injuries in an accident.

RISKS AND WARNING

Motorcycle riding is a potentially dangerous activity. During the past three Challenges some riders were injured when they fell from their bikes. While most of these riders' sustained bruises to body and ego, a few riders did suffer more serious injury such as a broken bones. All riders must hold a motorcycle licence. If you have not ridden for a long time, we **STRONGLY** recommend a Stay Upright, skills refresher course etc. in addition to unsealed-road riding practice and/or training. Of the 3,500km, approximately 30% of the trip covers dirt/sand/gravel road, and so riders should be confident that they have the skills to ride on these unpredictable surfaces. The unsealed roads will range from fast, well-graded surfaces to soft sandy soil roads with unpredictable road conditions.

PERSONAL SPONSORSHIP

The Postie Bike Challenge (Gridley Enterprises Pty Ltd) is not a charity organisation, but rather a motorcycle adventure company that makes donations to a benefactor each year. Some of the previous Challenge participants have sought sponsorship to cover part or all of their entry costs. Personal sponsorship arrangements are a contract between you and your sponsor. You should not represent yourself as being from the Postie Bike Challenge, and therefore should not use or modify the Postie Bike Challenge name or symbols to represent yourself or in formal correspondence. You can indicate to sponsors that you are taking part in the event and can use and reference information direct and unchanged from our website.

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INDEMNITY & RELEASE FORM

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT LEGAL DOCUMENT THAT AFFECTS YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS. READ IT CAREFULLY AND DO NOT SIGN UNLESS YOU ARE SATISFIED THAT YOU UNDERSTAND IT.

1. **This document cannot be amended.** If I do amend it my application will be null and void.

2. **Contract to participate in the Postie Bike Challenge (“event”)**

I (insert full name) _____ of

address _____

hereby agree with the event organisations, persons and corporate bodies (hereafter collectively called “the Organiser”) that I am by this agreement entitled to participate in the Postie Bike Challenge on the terms and conditions set out in both this document and the separate document entitled “ Terms and Conditions”.

1. **Acknowledgement of risk, dangers and obligations**

I know that motorcycle riding is a potentially hazardous activity and that I participate in the Postie Bike Challenge out of my free will and choice. I also acknowledge that by participating in the Postie Bike Challenge I take and am exposed to certain risk and dangers and am under certain obligations as follows:

- a) that I may be injured, physically or mentally, and may be killed;
- b) that my machinery or equipment may be damaged, lost or destroyed;
- c) that other participants may ride dangerously or with a lack of skill;
- d) that road or event conditions may be hazardous and may vary without warning or predictability;
- e) that Organisers, officials, volunteers, land/owners and any other agents or representatives of those in charge of the event are frequently obliged to make decisions under pressure of time/or events;
- f) that any policy of insurance of or in respect of my life or physical or mental health may be voided;
- g) that there may be no or inadequate facilities for treatment or transport for me if I am injured;
- h) that I have an obligation to myself and to others to participate safely and within the terms and conditions of the event.

In choosing to participate in the Postie Bike Challenge, I fully assume all risks, whether before, during, or after the Postie Bike Challenge and any related events. These include, without limitation, physical injury, mental injury, emotional distress, trauma, illness, death, contact with other participants, motorcycle failure, equipment failure, the effects of weather including extreme temperature or conditions, traffic, contact with motor vehicles of all types and descriptions, collisions with other riders or fixed objects, road conditions, camping, and participating in events along the route. All risks are known and appreciated by me. I waive any and all specific notice of the existence of risks. I consent to receiving any medical treatment that the event Organisers or their authorized representatives consider necessary or desirable during or after the event. I shall assume and pay my own medical and emergency expenses in the event of injury, illness, or other incapacity regardless of whether I authorise such expenses.

3. **Insurance** is in place that provides limited cover to me whilst I am participating in the event. I understand that this may not cover me for all injury, death, loss or damage sustained by me and I will, in my own interests, seek and obtain personal insurances over and above the cover provided by the Organisers.

4. **Fitness to participate:** I declare that I am and must continue to be medically and physically fit to be able to participate in the event. I am not and must not be a danger to myself or to the health and safety of others. I will immediately notify the organisers in writing of any change to my fitness and ability to participate. I understand and accept that the organisers will continue to rely upon this declaration as evidence of my ability to participate.

5. **Privacy:** I understand that the information I have provided is necessary for the conduct of the event and for the objectives of the Organisers. I acknowledge and agree that the information will only be used by the Organisers to facilitate the conduct of the event, and other events conducted by the organisers. I understand that I will be able to access my information through the Organisers. If the information is not provided my entry application may be rejected. I may advise the Organisers if I do not wish to receive from the Organiser or any of their sponsors or third parties’ promotional material.

6. **Copyright and right to use image:** I acknowledge and consent to photographs being taken of me during my participation in the event. I acknowledge that the organisers own the photographs and that they may use them for promotional or other purposes without my further consent being obtained.

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7. Indemnity given to Organisers

In consideration of the acceptance of me as a participant in the Postie Bike Challenge and related events, I **AGREE TO INDEMNIFY** the Organisers and each of them in the following manner:

- a) that I participate in the event at my sole risk and responsibility;
- b) that I accept the roads conditions, routes and venues as they stand with all or any defects hidden or exposed;
- c) that I indemnify and hold blameless the organisers, their companies, directors, respective servants, the owners and occupiers of land used in the event, event sponsors, event agents or officials against any actions or claims which may be made by me or to my machinery or equipment whether caused by negligence, breach of contract or in any other manner whatsoever.

In knowing these facts and having read and understood the separate document entitled "Terms and Conditions" for the event, and in consideration of my acceptance, admission, and or participation in the Postie Bike Challenge and related events, I for myself and anyone acting on my behalf, release, waive, discharge covenant not to sue, and agree to hold the Organisers, its companies, directors, respective servants, sponsors, the owners of land used in the event, heirs and executors harmless from all claims, demands, and actions of any and every kind I have, may have, or hereafter accrue against the released parties directly or indirectly arising out of or relating in any respect to my participating in the Postie Bike Challenge or its related events. My waiver and release of all claims, demands, actions, and liability shall include without limitation any injury damage or loss to my person or property which may be sustained by me before, during or after the Postie Bike Challenge and its related events. I further agree to indemnify and hold all parties mentioned above released and harmless from any and all losses, damages, claims and expenses including legal fees arising from or relating in any respect to my participation in this event and agree that this indemnity may be pleaded as a complete defence to any legal proceedings or any right the participant may claim against the Organisers, its companies, directors, respective servants, agents or occupier of land used in the proceedings.

I have read, understood, acknowledge and agree to the above declaration including risks, exclusion of liability, release and indemnity, and fully understand and accept these terms.

Signed: _____

Date: _____