



Rider Update #2

Hi Black Dog Rider,

With less than a month to go before we embark on our awareness raising adventure to the Top End, your preparations and planning for this great adventure should now be well underway. Have you had a chance to work your way through Rider Update 1? It contained a lot of important information to help you have a safe and enjoyable ride and it also forms part of your pre Ride check list. If you haven't received a copy please email your Ride Coordinator for a copy, their details are at the end of this update.. This one is Rider Update #2.

1. If you have to **leave the Ride unexpectedly** please advise your Ride Coordinator, Rider Liaison or Support Crew immediately so that they can note the details on your group list. Failure to do so means the Support Crew will be searching high and low for you at all hours of the day and night. Your wellbeing is important to us so please let us know if you need to depart from the ride for family, work or other reasons.
2. Your Welcome Letter and Patch have been posted out to you to ensure you have time to sew it onto your jacket for the Ride. Any Ride related merch you pre-purchased has been dispatched in the last week, and you will be able to pick up your Rider Kits at Ride Check-in.
3. If you would like to have the security of the Support Vehicle on your ride home after the ride, please liaise directly with your Ride Coordinator or Support Crew to confirm details of their route home and dates of travel.
4. Have you started your Top End 2018 Fundraising Page? Get started here: https://blackdogride.giveeasy.org/fundraising_event/topend2018/ If you don't feel like starting your own page, you can share the national campaign amongst your friends, family, club and colleagues. Find it here: <https://black-dog-ride.giveeasy.org/black-dog-ride-to-the-top-end-2018> Black Dog Ride is fundraising to build a funding pool from which local organisations and groups can utilise for grassroots mental health programs and projects. This is a change from the past when Black Dog Ride traditionally handed over a cheque to a third party, and it has evolved because Black Dog Ride believes our riders and community need to know where every dollar from their hard work in fundraising is going. This new funding model will ensure total transparency from the start to the finish of each project, ensure we can inform our



community of each project's successes and give opportunities for funding to smaller regional organisations where support is most needed. Our Top End Riders have so far organised lemonade stands, raffles, sausage sizzles and more! In some workplaces, employers have a donation matching scheme which can double your fundraising but usually, they require some documentation from the recipient charity (in this case Black Dog Ride Australia Limited) supporting their status as a Deductible Gift Recipient, before the employer can proceed. We can provide that if your employer offers such a scheme. Let us know by contacting us at registrations@blackdogride.com.au

5. Have you organised comprehensive **Roadside Assistance** yet? Support Crews will do their very best to help get every rider and their bike back on the road but the Support Crew must provide support to **all** riders. Should the situation require, they may need to take you and your bike to the nearest serviced town and continue on the ride to ensure every rider still has the security of a Support Crew and Trailer supporting them. This part of our support is non-negotiable and you need to understand that if you have a mechanical issue, we will move heaven and earth to get you safely to the next town, but your ride is effectively over at that time if you can't get the bike repaired and back on the road quickly. The support vehicle **has** to move on to provide continued support to the rest of the group; and we don't want you riding riskily – fast, in the dark, without support etc trying to catch up. Accordingly, in Rider Update #1, I stressed the need for both bike and rider to be ready for some long days in the saddle. We know that not everybody can afford to pay workshop rates for parts and labour, or perhaps simply choose to do their own maintenance. By whatever means possible, please ensure your machine is ready for the rigours of touring in this wide brown land. At the very least, fresh rubber, filters and oils are must-haves. We won't be doing scrutineering checks at check-in; it's not a track day and we assume you're all competent and thoughtful group riders. We will however be asking you at check-in to acknowledge that if your bike fails along the way; our obligation is to get you safely to the next township; but beyond that we *have* to move forward with the rest of the group.
6. Updates to Your Personal Details: If you have an illness, injury, require medication or your dietary requirements have changed, OR if you have obtained a Telstra SIM Card to ensure you have regular reception in outback Australia, please send your updated information to



registrations@blackdogride.com.au ASAP. Your wellbeing is our biggest priority!

7. Darwin Logistics: A reminder, if you're flying home, BikesOnly have put together a great deal for Black Dog Riders. Head to: <http://www.blackdogride.com.au/view/topend2018> Scroll to the bottom of the page to view the deals and get in touch with our friends at BikesOnly. Bikes can be dropped off at Darwin Motorcycles (Coconut Grove, Darwin) on the Saturday morning from 8am to 1pm, or will collect from your accommodation on the morning of Monday 20th August for pick up. Final bookings must be made ASAP! Speaking of Darwin Motorcycles, will your motorcycle need tyres or a service once you arrive in Darwin? Darwin Motorcycles services all brands except Victory and Indian, but you'll need to book services and tyre purchases in advance (tyres are shipped from Sydney and need at least a week's notice for purchases to arrive). Call Clive on (08) 8948 0995 to arrange it and let him know you're a Black Dog Rider. Alternatively, try Holeshoot Yamaha in Berrimah: (08) 8984 4388 or Cyclone Motorcycle in Winnellie on (08) 8984 4876
8. Due to a near miss last year, no children or youth will be allowed on Black Dog Rider motorbikes. If your leg of the ride is visiting a school, your Ride Coordinator has been briefed that all bikes must be parked, stands down and keys out, with teachers briefed that children cannot climb or sit on bikes. If you have any queries about this, please email CEO David Peach at ceo@blackdogride.com.au
9. Most of the planned meals en route to Darwin are organised by community groups, and your Ride Coordinator has informed them of catering numbers. You are expected to be there and pay for your meal (if there is a cost). Riders who don't do so risk the reputation of Black Dog Ride, as wrong catering numbers can drastically effect the cost of catering for these community groups. Thank you.
10. On Friday 17th in Katherine, riders will be gathering at the north side of the bridge, on the left (west) where there's a large layby, at around 10am. Please arrive fully fuelled up! Most legs of the ride will be encouraging DIY breakfast in town.



11. Everyday on the ride you will share in uplifting experiences which show the power of raise awareness and starting community conversations around depression and suicide prevention. It is important for Black Dog Ride to share the local interactions on a national scale to maximise the awareness raised and ensuring our community at in all corners of the country can be a part of the ride. Take photos of these community conversations and share the tidbits with **Fiona @ 0488-050-676** every day on ride, who will then put them in the spotlight on Black Dog Ride's national social media.
12. Remember if you have any queries, your Ride Coordinator is your first port of call:

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Take care and see you all soon!

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