



## **PARTICIPANT SAFETY BRIEFING**

**Safety is paramount! As part of our duty of care this briefing will also be read out prior to the Black Dog Ride to the Top End commencing.**

**As a participant in this year's Black Dog Ride to the Top End, you automatically become one of Black Dog Ride' family. This concept is important to us as riders and as an organisation. We all look after one another both on and off the road. The reputation of Black Dog Ride as a responsible mental health charity is also of extreme value to us. Please always ride in a manner that ensures we maintain this reputation and at no time behave in such a way that may bring Black Dog Ride into disrepute.**

1. Please ride safely and obey the Rules of the Road at all times.
2. Ride in staggered formation except on narrow roads where you should follow in Indian/single file.
3. Leave a safe distance to the bike in front. Look ahead to see what's happening in the group ahead and behind which might impact upon you. Check your mirrors regularly.
4. When overtaking slower riders please do so safely and with consideration for the other riders. Do not overtake on corners or double white lines.
5. To assist us in fulfilling our Duty of Care towards all riders please keep yourself positioned on the road between the Ride Leader and the Support Vehicle. If you have to make an unscheduled stop please make your bike or yourself easily visible from the road so in the event the Support Vehicle reaches you it can pull over and allow you to get back on the road in front of the Vehicle.
6. If you require any assistance from the Support Crew please wait safely by the side of the road and signal the Support Vehicle by waving your arms above your head.
7. **Optional Section when Corner Markers and a Tail End Charlie are utilised** - At the rear of the rider group there will be a Tail End Charlie. If you need to make an unscheduled stop, please give the thumbs up or thumbs down to the TEC to let them know you need assistance or that you are OK. Remember, the Support Vehicle will be following the TEC.
8. Corner markers are used throughout the ride to mark every corner where a turn is required. If you don't know the procedure to act in this capacity, please stay to the rear of the group (in front of the TEC) until you understand how it works.
9. Please endeavour to maintain reasonable contact with the rider group but it is not necessary to exceed the speed limit to catch bikes ahead of you. If you lose sight of the group in front there will be a corner marker to indicate where to turn and your itinerary contains details of your destination.
10. And lastly, please ride safely and have fun - but not to the detriment of your fellow riders or other road users. Take care of yourselves and your fellow Black Dog Riders.