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The 2024 Bright Smiles Charity Ride



Bright Smiles Ride Overview			
Day	O/Night Location	Kms	Riding time
Thursday, 2 May 2024	Pokolbin Briefing, Drinks & Dinner		
Friday, 3 May 2024	Pokolbin - Dungog - Walcha	310	4:00
Saturday, 4 May 2024	Walcha - Waterfall Way - Urunga - Walcha	460	5:30
Sunday, 5 May 2024	Walcha - Oxley Highway - Forster	300	3:45
Monday, 6 May 2024	Forster - Gloucester - Dungog - Hinton - HOME	190	2:30

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Event overview: Each day of the BSCR is designed to be ridden in 2 or 3 (or more) sections and is designed to suit the mixed riding skills of our group. This enables the day to flow a little more easily for the early birds, and equally for those who decide to take a side trip and ride a few extra kms.

The recommended route has been loaded into the Google Maps App, simply copy & paste the link from each day's notes and you can follow the route on your phone...

You will make your own arrangements each day for breakfast & lunch, meaning we won't all leave town together. So, if you want to get up and get going early after just a cup of coffee you won't have to hang back at the lunch stop for those who decided to enjoy a more leisurely start to the day with a sleep in and a 3-course breakfast. The same goes for lunch - if you decide you want to keep going and just grab a snack, do just that and everybody will catch up at the **HAPPY HOUR**.

The social aspects of the BSCR are important, and every evening we will continue to host the **HAPPY HOUR** at the back of the luggage truck, and we will have our group dinner and daily awards at a nice restaurant, cafe, or pub every night.

The dinner and happy hour are included in your disbursements fee, and you pay for breakfast and lunch (and most drinks) yourself.

Thursday, 2 May 2024, Rider's Briefing & Registrations, Drinks & Dinner, at the Hunter Valley Resort & Farm.

Riders & volunteers will gather for pre-dinner drinks and briefing at the Hunter Valley Resort 5:00 pm, and then sit down for dinner at 6:30 pm



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Day 1, Friday, 3 May 2024, from the Hunter Valley Resort to Walcha

We stay at the Walcha Motel both tonight & tomorrow night – 2 nights in the one location.

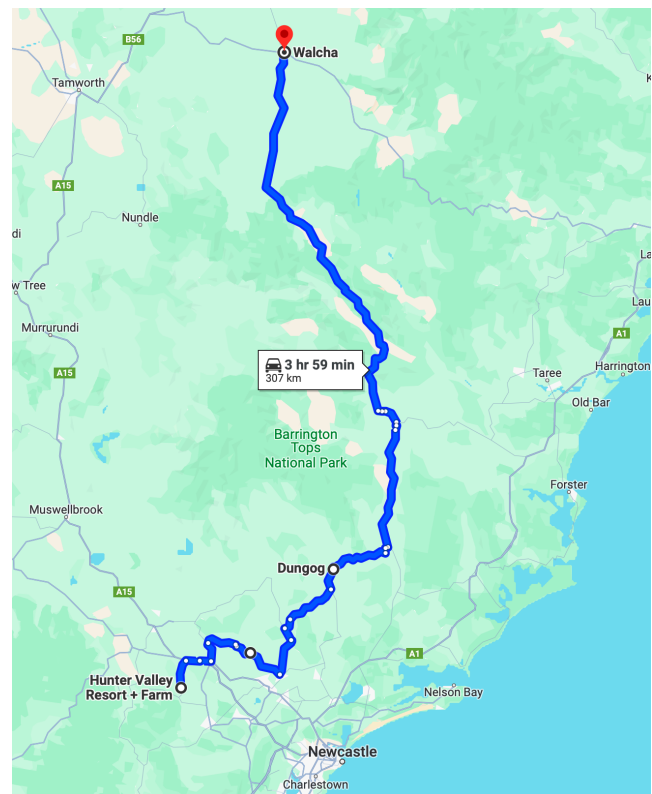
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Breakfast - your accommodation last night included a \$20 per person breakfast voucher at The Farm.

Riding today: there are a couple of options out of Pokolbin, and I suggest we ride via Maitland, Morpeth, Clarence Town, Dungog, and Gloucester up to Walcha. There are lots of options for coffee, fuel & food along this route. Another option is up the New England Highway to Bendemeer, and across to Walcha. There are lots of options for coffee, fuel & food along this route also.

For those on adventure style bikes, a further option could be to travel up the New England Hwy to Muswellbrook, and across via Gundy and Moonan Brook to Gloucester. This takes you on dirt across the top of the Great Dividing Range at 1,100 metres and drops down into Gloucester from the east. No fuel after Muswellbrook, but a couple of great spots for a coffee or a cold drink along the way.



HAPPY HOUR will be in the car park of the Walcha Motel from approx. 4:30 pm, and dinner tonight will be within easy walking distance of the Motel.

Tomorrow is a long day, so I suggest everybody fuel tonight.

Riding Distance Today (Approx.) 310 kms, Hours in the Saddle, 4:00

Accommodation tonight is at the Walcha Motel, next to the roundabout.

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Day 2, Saturday, 4 May 2024. Walcha to Urunga via the Waterfall Way and return to Walcha. We stay at the Walcha Motel again tonight.

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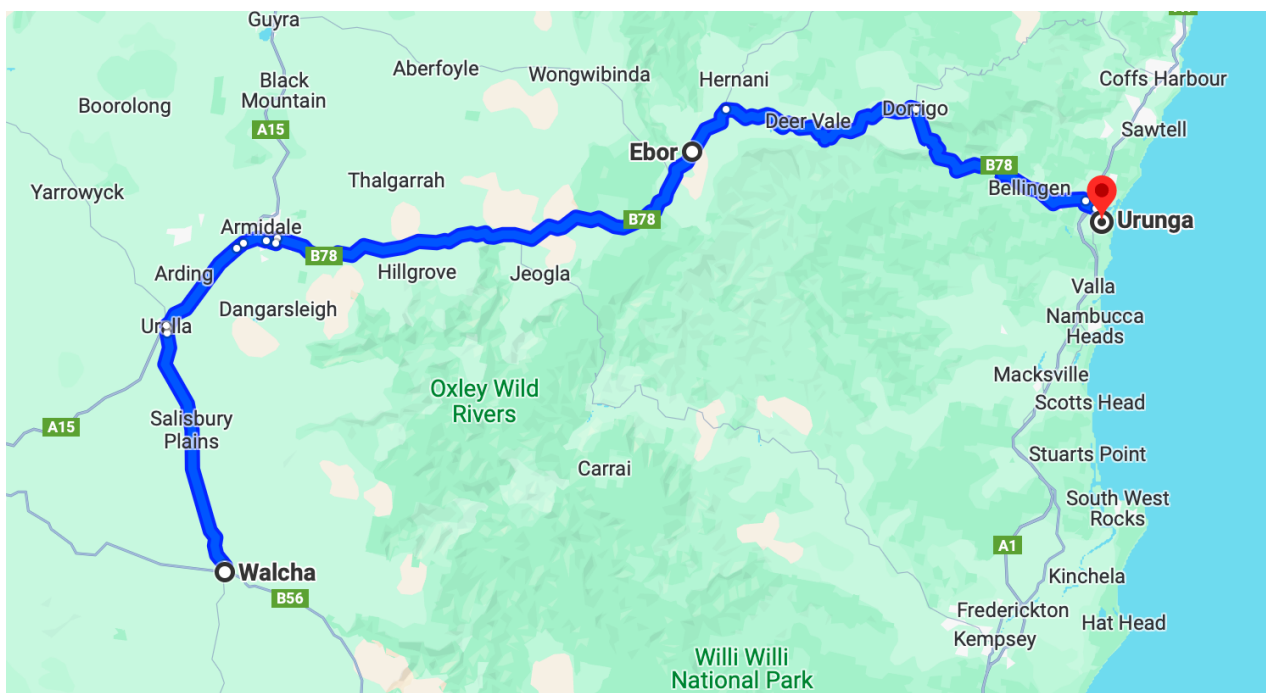
There are several options for breakfast in the main street, walking distance from the motel. I'd suggest an early start - it is a long way to the coast & back.

Today's objective is to ride the Waterfall Way, between Armidale & Raleigh, one of the great rides of Australian Motorcycling. This ride has it all - long undulating runs across the top of the Great Divide, with lots of twists and turns as you drop towards the coast, and the occasional - waterfall! When you get to Raleigh, I suggest you ride the extra 6 km to Urunga, and enjoy a stretch and a walk with your morning tea or an early lunch, fronting the Pacific Ocean.

The suggested way back to Walcha is to retrace your steps. The ride up the Great Dividing Range to Dorrigo takes on a whole new dimension, and there are several places for you to pull over and enjoy the long views to the coast.

HAPPY HOUR will be in the car park of the Walcha Motel from approx. 4:30 pm, and dinner tonight will be within easy walking distance of the Motel.

Riding Distance (Approx.) 460 kms. Hours in Saddle, 5:30



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Day 3, Sunday, 5 May 2024, Walcha to Forster via the Oxley Highway and Camden Haven.

Map Link (copy & paste into your browser):

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There are several options for breakfast in the main street, walking distance from the motel. Today is a fairly leisurely day - after the first 160 kms of twisties - so no need to get away too early.

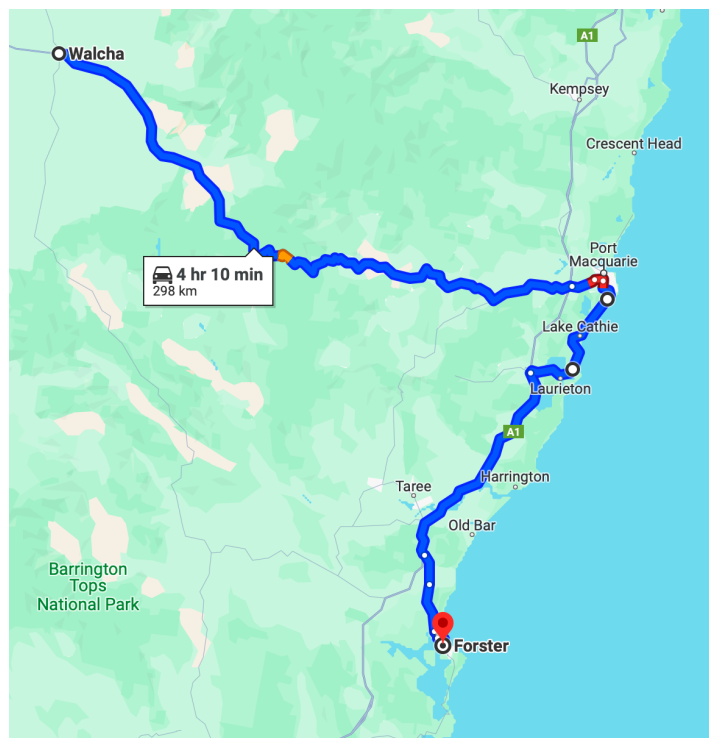
The Oxley Highway is a wonderful motorcycle ride, and like the Great Ocean Road and the Waterfall Way, it is up there with the best riding mainland Australia has to offer. It is 160 km of mostly unbroken centre lines to Wauchope and from there I recommend you take the coastal route via Port Macquarie and Camden Haven before you rejoin Highway 1 and head into Forster.

Adventure bike riders - an option well worth considering is to turn south after about 140 km, and head down through Comboyne to Wingham then on the Krumbach and Nabiac on your way to Forster. The roads from just south of Comboyne to Wingham are mostly dirt.

We are split between 2 Motels tonight - the Forster Motor Inn & the Forster-Wallis Lake Motel, both in Wallis St in the heart of town. The motel you are staying in is in your BSCR Handbook.

HAPPY HOUR will be in the car park of the Forster & Wallis Lake Motel from approx. 4:30 pm, and dinner tonight is within easy walking distance of the Motel.

Riding Distance (Approx.) 300 kms. Hours in Saddle, 3:45.



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Day 4, Monday, 6 May 2024

to Hinton (Morpeth) via Gloucester, Dungog & Clarence Town

Map Link (copy & paste into your browser):

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Forster is a beachside tourism hot spot and has many cafes to choose from for breakfast.

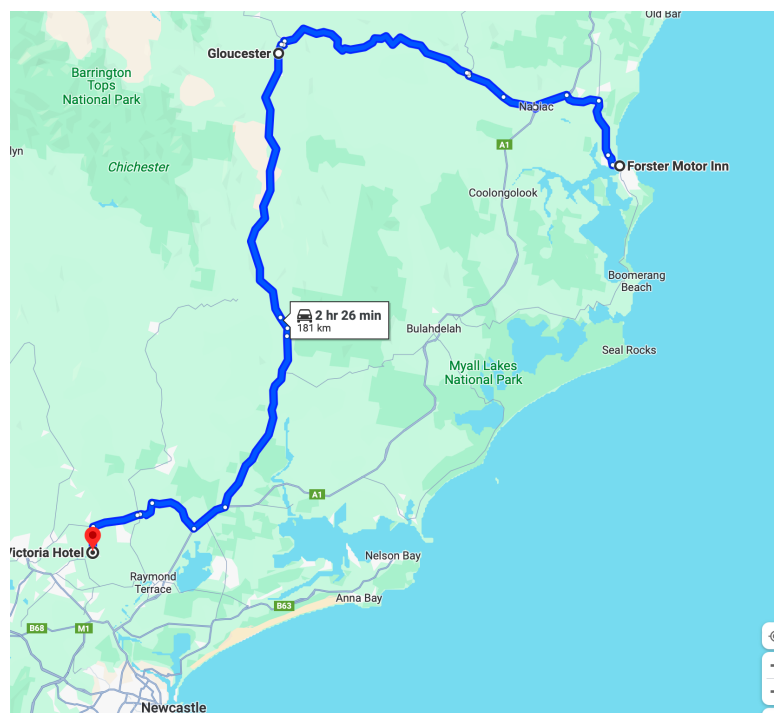
The suggested ride today is designed to keep us off Highway 1, by heading north through Tuncurry & Hallidays Point, and then west through Nabiac and Krambach to Gloucester. From Gloucester turn south to Dungog and Clarence Town and then Hinton. Plenty of places for coffee and fuel, and Hinton is approximately 2.5 hours from Forster using this route.

Lunch is at the Victoria Hotel next to the river at Hinton, just a few km from Morpeth.

To get you home in time for dinner, Hinton is an easy 40 minutes from the CBD of Newcastle, and 1.5 hours from Hornsby if you're Sydney based.

Riding Distance (Approx.) 190 kms. Hours in Saddle 2:30.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE BRIGHT SMILES CHARITY RIDE, AND THE ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE. THE FUNDS YOU HELPED RAISE THIS WEEKEND WILL BE PUT TO GOOD USE, HELPING THE RFDS PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED DENTAL CARE TO REMOTE NSW.



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