



## Changing Gears 2005

Last year 20 young breast cancer survivors rode up the coast of California, raising more than US\$60,000 for breast cancer research. In 2005 they plan to do it again, but on a global scale with the first ride in the UK, then moving on to California before finishing off in Australia.

Any young breast cancer survivors who would like the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to ride the open road with fellow survivors to raise money for breast cancer can apply now. Online applications are via the changing gears website <[www.changinggears.org](http://www.changinggears.org)>

The selection criteria give priority to young survivors who are ideally also experienced riders.

To make this possible Harley-Davidson is lending 20 brand new motorcycles and riding gear for the United States and Australian legs of the event. Harley-Davidson dealers along the route will hold welcoming parties for the women along the way. The Australian leg of the adventure will be held during October breast cancer month, kicking off at the Pink Ribbon Ride in Sydney and finishing at the Pink Ribbon Ride in Brisbane the following week.

Amazon Heart, the group responsible for organising the rides, was brought together through their love of motorcycles and their passion to create a support community for young women suffering with breast cancer. Their global adventure will aim to raise awareness of the unique needs of young women living with breast cancer, challenge media stereotypes, raise funds for breast cancer causes and continue along their own personal path of growth and healing with their fellow survivors.

In Australia, last year, more than 11,300 women were diagnosed with breast cancer. Of those around 25 per cent were under the age of 50. The ride will take place on the following dates:

Changing Gears UK Ride August 20-27  
 Changing Gears US Ride Sept. 24-October 1  
 Changing Gears Australia Ride October 23-30

All donations will go to Breast Cancer Network Australia. To donate or to apply to take part in the ride, please go

<[www.changinggears.org/](http://www.changinggears.org/)>.

The applications are assessed on the strength of the information provided. Women who do not have a motorcycle licence, but intend to get one for the ride are welcome to apply.

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There are significant road repairs underway on Victoria's Great Ocean Road and on some roads in the surrounding area. This means that not only will there be the possibility of delays, but there will also be loose gravel and crap everywhere. Take it easy.

For a full report, call VicRoads Geelong Office on 03 5225 2525.

## Life begins at 38

The Over 38 Tourers Inc. was conceived by Bill Elliott, former President of Melbourne Ulysses Branch in October 2004, to not only offer a facility for motorcycle riders to attend and participate in organised rides around Victoria, but to help those who have just taken up motorcycle riding and would like to mix with experienced riders.

Another feature of the club is its commitment to the Deaf Children Australia (DCA) as a recipient of the club's service and charity work.

The club, apart from raising funds for the DCA, hopes to host a family 'ride and fun' day for the children and their families in October 2005. To apply for membership you need to be 38 years and over and possess a current motorcycle licence or learner permit. Application for a junior membership maybe considered if the applicant is aged between 32 and 37.

The fee of \$60 is for three years plus a \$20 joining fee.

For more info, get in touch with Bill Elliott by email at [b.elliott@yamoora.com.au](mailto:b.elliott@yamoora.com.au) or by phone on 03 9706 6007.

<[www.over38tourers.com](http://www.over38tourers.com)>

## Bloody good job

The winner of the 2004/5 Annual NSW/ACT Summer Blood Challenge is... us. Motorcyclists posted 817 donations, compared with the NSW Police Force's 718.

What a fantastic effort the motorcyclists have made in 2004/5! With every donation going to help save or improve the lives of 3 people, the NSW/ACT Motorcyclists have helped more than 2400 people in need.

A huge thank you to all those who participated, supported and spread the word of this great Challenge. But don't stop now. The Red Cross still needs more blood. Call 13 14 95 or visit <[www.donateblood.com.au](http://www.donateblood.com.au)>.

## Errata

Last month we listed Australian Motorcycle Tours' website as [www.australianmotorcyclingtours.com.au](http://www.australianmotorcyclingtours.com.au). The correct address is <[www.australianmotorcycletours.com](http://www.australianmotorcycletours.com)>.