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Hard Core Postie riders take on the world's steepest railway

Scenic World hosts riders as they set off on 650km charity run

When you think of postie bikes hard core is not the first word that comes to mind, but a group of 25 riders jumped in the saddle at Scenic World, taking their bikes to challenging destinations all in the name of charity.

Meeting at Blackheath and stopping at Scenic World to take in the beauty of the Blue Mountains and the excitement of the Scenic Railway, the Hard Core Postie riders set off on Friday, 23 October, on a ride not normally designed for the step-through motorcycles.

Ride coordinator, George Vergotis, from Blackheath Automotive Services, said the whole idea of the Hard Core Postie Run is to challenge the machines and the riders while collecting funds for charity.

"I first read about the ride in an adventure magazine in 2006 and I've been participating in it ever since," George said. "I've ridden in Queensland, out west and in the Victorian High Country, but we don't normally stop and look at things, we normally just ride by them."

"But since we're hosting the Run this year, I said to everyone they hadn't seen the best part of the world until they had seen the Blue Mountains and Scenic World has great views and access to the Mountains."

2015 sees the annual Hard Core Postie ride raising money for the Royal Flying Doctor Service – a goal that was given a boost with a \$500.00 donation from Scenic World.

Scenic World Joint Managing Director, David Hammon, said Scenic World was thrilled to host the group of riders who had travelled from as far as Queensland to take part in the event and was happy to contribute to raising funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

"George has said the group's aim is to raise about \$4,000.00 and our donation will kick things along so they can reach that goal," David said.

This year the Hard Core Postie Run features female riders for the first time while other locals taking part included Paul Beavis from Mount Victoria and Craig Mainprice from Katoomba.

Almost unrecognisable as postie bikes, the machines are kitted out to carry all the gear riders require for the trip including camping gear.

"We have big fuel tanks, LED lights and the mandatory lamb's wool seat cover to protect our backsides," George said.

Donations toward the 2015 Hard Core Postie Run can be directed to George at Blackheath Automotive Services, 216 Great Western Highway, Blackheath, phone 02 4787 8151.

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