

Ngawi what a place to have a Motorcycle Crash!

Just returned home from the NZ Distance Riders North Island 800km and 1600km and this time the event was run out of Ohakune.

Brilliantly run as usual, the facilities and especially the weather could not be faulted which set the weekends event up to be one of the best that we as Goldwing Club Riders could have attended.

As you can see from Brian's photos, the excited riders eagerly listening to the organisers explain the ride is not a race.

During Breakfast a couple of hours earlier, we had been discussing a previous motorcycle incident and how SpotWalla played its part in identifying where the rider was or is heading in the right or wrong direction.

As conversations digress, discussion reverted from my experience from being a Ministry of Transport Motorcycle Cop and Latterly NZ Police and how over the years out of all the crashes I attended, how amazed I was on how many Nurses, Doctors and other medical specialist always seemed to turn up either after I started dealing with injured motorists or were already dealing with the injured before I arrived.

Which leads me to "Ngawi what a place to have a Motorcycle Crash"

We had been travelling at a steady speed and already designated one of our riders to log on to SpotWalla while the rest of us (four in our group) were logged on to our own tracking systems which our own members were tracking our progress from various parts of New Zealand.

As habit we travel in the same formation, so a quick check of the rear vision mirror we intuitively know whose headlight is who as they all look alike especially at night, by the position they are in the line.

As we left Ngawi we got to the rough section of road works, and our third rider called up on the CB and said he could not see our fourth riders' headlights.

We headed back toward Ngawi and came across our mate at the first righthand corner coming out of Ngawi. What we first observe was his bike being stood up by a couple of people and 2-3 people giving assistance to Lyn as he was laying on the ground.

To be clear we still do not know what caused this incident and is not the point of this story.

We parked up, a couple of other bikes had stopped, a surfer in a wetsuit was holding Lyn's head steady, another was kneeling tending to Lyn's left side while Lyn was laying on his back with his legs towards the road and head in the direction towards the sea.

Two bystanders had stood Lyn's bike up and it had sustained reasonable damage and was removed from the scene.



You knew the people looking after Lyn knew exactly what they were doing from the fact that they did not remove his helmet and started to slowly investigate his limbs to determine his injuries.



As it turned out the person in the wetsuit was a doctor, the man on the left side was a Paramedic who lived across the road, and they must have been in attendance within seconds.

I noticed the person in the wetsuit standing by his van when I went past 30-45 seconds before the crash, he waved out.

There was nothing that we could do other than give support and Lyn a bit of stick as he was conscious, knowing that the best help was already available. Within 20 minutes the Westpac Helicopter landed with more doctors and medical machines and then an advanced Paramedic in a SUV also arrived.

Two NZ Police units took details had a look around and the New Zealand Fire Service provided road controlling duties.

From the Doctor, the paramedic who first dealt with Lyn to the medical crew from the Westpac helicopter, the Police, Fire service who would have thought that Lyn would have received such a Gold-plated service in a place like Ngawi.

The NZ Distance Riders contacted us through someone else's phone obviously having been notified of the crash. They must have checked their SpotWalla system to see where we were and offered any assistance that they could organise for us. Couldn't ask for better service.

Lyn is all good and now at home.

Although I am retired now, I am still amazed how many Doctors, Paramedics, Nurses, current or retired always nearly first on scene to help people like Lyn, even in a place like Ngawi.