

## Scootaville.



This year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the Australian Air Force and the RAAF Radschool Association, a charity group that was formed back in 1999 to represent the men and women that were trained by the Air Force to maintain and operate its electronic equipment, plans to celebrate the occasion in September by riding a number of 50cc Sym motor scooters (provided) from the RAAF Base at Amberley to the RAAF base in Townsville, Queensland.

That's a journey of 2200kms and will take 13 days and as we'll be riding those 50cc scooters, you don't need a motor-cycle licence in Queensland – a car licence will suffice and anyone can come.

A total of 20 scooters, ridden in stages by 40 men and women, will head off on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> September and will travel via and overnight in Kilcoy, Kingaroy, Mundubbera, Biloela, Emerald, Barcardine, Longreach, Winton, Hughenden, Charters Towers then down to Townsville. There will be two riders to each scooter, one riding, the other following along in a bus, with change-overs every hour or so.



Kedron Wavell Sub-Branch and the Services Club are right behind the adventure, with the Sub-Branch providing a mini-bus, a ute to carry equipment and their chuck-wagon which will provide meals and “on the road” snacks for the adventurers. They are also sending along a cook and a bus driver. The Services Club is providing considerable administrative support as well as their large trailer which will transport all riders' personal equipment.



*Lyndon Broome, Services Club Manager, Trevor Benneworth, John Lunn and Peter Cairnes, Vice President, KWRSL Sub-Branch with the ute and chuck wagon.*

Along with those actually riding the scooters, there are a number of support staff travelling with the group as well as others (hangers-on) travelling with their vans and/or motor homes who just want to experience the event.

Trevor Benneworth, the organiser, says he's amazed at the amount of support he received when planning the event, he says Woolworths and IGA stores all up the track have generously offered food for breakfasts and on road snacks and local Councils have opened their show-ground pavilions to enable everyone to overnight. RSL Sub-Branched in every town through which we'll pass have thrown open their doors for us, some providing lunches, some organising events and all will make us feel most welcome.

Prior to setting forth on the Sunday morning, when a hearty breakfast will be provided for all those taking part as well as for their friends and families who will see them off and wish them well, Motorcycling Queensland will hold a training day on the Saturday where everyone will get to know and be proficient on the scooters.



Benneworth says there are still a few spots available for anyone interested in being part of this fabulous adventure, you don't have to be ex-Radschool, just young at heart and you can be either a rider or a supporter – more information is available here [www.radschool.org.au/Scootaville](http://www.radschool.org.au/Scootaville)