

You Made a Difference!

On **Saturday 23 August 2025**, our Club members, local businesses, and the Sunshine Coast community came together for the **Cycle of Giving Charity Ride** – and what an incredible day it was!

From the 70km riders at sunrise to the 20km crew cruising off a little later, the smiles, laughter, and teamwork made this an event to remember. Michael and Helen eased our hunger pains with a great sausage sizzle and gingerbread treats!

Funds Raised

Together we raised over **\$8000** for heart and lung transplant research – every dollar going to *The Prince Charles Hospital Foundation 'The Common Good'*. This is a fantastic achievement and shows the power of our cycling community. The final amount will be posted on our website in a few weeks.

Every kilometer pedaled, donations and every raffle ticket purchased helps bring hope to families facing heart disease.

Huge thank you to all our wonderful community, members, families and friends for your generous donations.

Rides That Made a Difference

- **70km** – Led by Rob Herd
- **50km** – Led by Chris Hewitt & Paul Glass
- **30km** – Led by Joe Keily & Ian Jope
- **20km** – Led by Henryk Wojcik & Bill Wieland

A special thank you to our ride leaders, tail-end Charlies, and volunteers who kept every group safe and supported. We loved hearing your highlights!

 [Check out our photo gallery](#) and read about our rides.

Our Sponsors and Raffle Winners

A heartfelt thanks to our sponsors and community partners for backing this event. Special thanks to the **60 PLUS Playground** community and **The Common Good** for sponsoring the jerseys, social media and event support, and the generous donations from all our business sponsors.

Thank you to all our local businesses who donated prizes! Your generosity keeps the wheels turning. Please return the favour and let's continue to support their businesses.

 [See our 2025 COG business sponsors](#)

Congratulations to our 6 lucky prize winners!

1. **James Contarino** – \$50 voucher from **99 Bikes Kawana**
2. **Henryk Wojcik** – an hour massage \$95 value from **Golden Beach Massage and Chiropractic**
3. **Anne Sadlier** – \$100 gift voucher from **Haven Beauty and Wellness**
4. **John Ingram** – \$50 gift voucher from **House of Flowers**
5. **Daniel Bateman** – a Lazer bicycle helmet worth over \$200 from **Peddler Bikes**
6. **Mark Holzberger** – 1 hour massage valued at \$95 from **Pure Beauty Cotton Tree**

A Heartfelt Thank You from Mary

I sincerely extend my heartfelt gratitude for the overwhelming support and generosity that was given to the Cycle of Giving Charity Ride.

Your support has been given in many and varied ways. The success of the ride is attributable to the power of collective community spirit.

Yesterday, was a day of coming together in friendship, caring & support. I had the privilege of speaking with other Club members whose lives have been similarly touched. A special journey where a family member has donated through often tragic circumstances and has given the ultimate gift. A second chance for the recipient of renewed life through receiving that precious gift. It is a shared journey of heartbreak & hope.

One's life circumstances can change overnight. Value your health. Keep riding safely, laugh and be happy. All are essential ingredients to our quality of life.

With humble thanks
Mary - Queen of Hearts ♥



Five COG jerseys left

Room for one more jersey! Please help out and [buy a COG jersey](#).



COG feedback

Do you have ideas or ways to improve our Cycle of Giving. [Please share](#).



2025 AGM reminder

Sunday 21 September 2025 starting at 4:30pm, Kawana Surf Club Buddina. Financial members are invited to nominate for a position. [Read more](#).



Club name change

We believe this change is an exciting opportunity to refresh our image, grow our membership, and continue to build a welcoming and dynamic cycling community. [Read more](#).

Credos to our top COG fundraiser



🎉 Yokki (aka Joachim Rother)

Yokki raised over \$600 (and still counting)

83 years young, Yokki loves his cycling and rode with the 50k group.

Yokki sings in Oriana Choir - locally & internationally. He recently performed with the choir which required learning all lyrics in French. A challenge at any age when you don't know the language.

Yokki has a generous community spirit and is always willing to help others in numerous ways. To participate in the COG ride and support the COG Research Award has special meaning to him. Research that could have helped a close family member many years ago.

At this time of life, Yokki embraces living his life to the fullest - through friendship, helping others, cycling, singing & travelling with his lovely supportive wife Kendal.

Thank you Yokki for all your support over the years. You are truly wonderful.



To every rider, volunteer, business sponsor, and supporter – thank you for opening your hearts.

Together, we've proven what community spirit can achieve. Let's keep the wheels turning and the giving going! 🧡

Sunshine Coast Bicycle Touring Club

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