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GET 'ON YOUR BIKE' FOR DOWN SYNDROME!

Love a good motorbike adventure? This inspiring Aussie dad is inviting you to join him on a ride you won't forget, and for a great cause too...

Let's face it: there's nothing better than the thrill of a great ride through the country.

Imagine cruising along winding dirt roads, the wind in your face, and the smell of clean air and fresh dirt engulfing your senses. There's no need for everyday stress out here - your worries are far behind you. It's just you, the trusty bike you've restored, and the majesty of Mother Nature all around...

Sound great? Read on!

Aussie dad Perry Gilsenan conceived the Scrapheap Adventure Ride two years ago. Despite losing both of his legs in a tragic train accident at age 12, this extraordinary chap has now clocked up more than half a million kilometres around Australia. Although many of these have been on his beloved old BMWs, this adventure will see Perry setting off on his 'NEW' Scrapheap Bike; a 1975 Honda XR460/Four named 'Yajyuu', with the noble purpose of raising thousands of dollars for a cause close to his heart; Down syndrome.

In 2003, Perry's daughter Grace was born with Down syndrome, a chromosomal condition that affects one in every 800 babies.

"She's the light of my life," he says, "and I don't want Grace to have a life with limitations."

A loving father to Grace, Molly and husband to wife Jane, Perry as always instilled this positive outlook in his family life.

"My life is without limits. I don't have legs. But there are so many things I can achieve. The only thing that limits me is my mind, my heart and my imagination. That's why I love motorcycling so much: there are no limits."

No limits indeed. And what could be better than ripping up the countryside with a few good mates for a great cause?

"Being on a motorbike is like being at one with your environment. You can smell the rivers, the soil, the aromas. It heightens your freedom and reality. We have the most amazing country which looks so beautiful right now with all of that rain; there's such peace and openness out there waiting for us to rip into it a bit!"

Participants from all over the country are encouraged to restore a 'scrapheap' motorbike (spending not more than \$1000 on the machine itself), and will test themselves and their wheels whilst supporting the mission of raising much-needed funds and awareness for Down syndrome.

Taking place over the Easter weekend, the Scrapheap Adventure Ride has no set starting point, which means you can leave from your own home if you wish! It will converge at Cameron Corner; the iconic intersection of the New South Wales-Queensland border (the 29th parallel) and New South Wales-South Australia border, where you can rest assured that BBQs, beer and a whole lot of merriment will be taking place!

Registrations can be made here: www.scrapheapadventureride.com.au.

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