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**From:** Shepparton Harley [mailto:sheppharley@iinet.net.au]

**Sent:** Friday, 19 September 2008 11:06 AM

**To:** Undisclosed-Recipient;

**Cc:** laura brown; jamie morrison; Miller, Jolynn

**Subject:** SHEPPARTON HARLEY OWNERS GROUP CHAPTER

Dear Shepparton HOG Chapter Officer members,

We wish to inform you that we believe that it is in our best interest to close the Shepparton Harley Owners Group Chapter as we do not feel it is a positive addition to our business at this time. We are currently in the process of liaising with Laura Brown, Harley Owners Group Executive at Harley-Davidson and have her complete support with our decision.

Therefore this is your official 30 days written notification of termination of the Chapter Affiliation. Please be aware that no further reason for termination is required to be given as per your HOG Chapter Charter Application.

Any left over club funds or assets will be donated (In accordance with HOG International) to The Zaidee Foundation. Please forward a list of assets and bank balance details to us and we will liaison with Laura Brown.

There will be no HOG Rally in Shepparton in 2009 and Laura Brown will contact Dave Temple to discuss winding up those proceedings.

All club business will be dealt with in accordance with HOG International guidelines and instruction from Laura Brown and we trust all officers needed to be involved in carrying out this closure will do everything in their power to make this termination as smooth as possible.

We will forward a letter to all Chapter members to officially inform them of this decision and thank those members who have supported us over the years. We also trust that those members who do now grace us with their presence will continue to do so in the future and reiterate that HOG or EX-HOG members will always be welcome in our establishment.

Yours sincerely,  
Michelle Morrison/Jamie Morrison,  
Dealer Principals,  
Shepparton Harley-Davidson.



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On Friday 19 Sept. 2008 **Shepparton Harley Davidson** advised Shepparton Chapter committee members by email that they were no longer sponsoring a local HOG Chapter stating that “ they believe it to be in their best interest to close the Shepparton Chapter as they do not feel that it is a positive addition to their business.” They do not believe any further reasons for termination need be given. They are one of two dealers in Australia who do not sponsor a local chapter. Further, they have stated that “there will be no HOG Rally in Shepparton in 2009.”

Since HOG International rules state that all Chapters must be sponsored by a local dealer I must regretfully inform you that our rally can not go ahead. This is out of our control and we have no alternatives at this time.

We can only apologise to those people who have been assisting with the rally and also to those individuals and businesses that have, or will be adversely affected by this cancellation.

Over the years our Chapter has been heavily involved in community activities and in fund raising for many local charities and we are very disappointed that this will not be able to continue.

We will be in touch individually to discuss sponsorship and financial matters as they apply in each situation and with members to look to the future.

Regards

Gary Shadbolt  
Chapter Director

Dave Temple  
Rally Co-ordinator