

Ten years ago to the day I rode my first dirt bike in PNG....

It was mid July, I'd brought a good condition used Suzuki RMX 250 the night before and the next afternoon I was up and running.

The fact that we went into the bush totally unprepared (thanks Terry) and had to walk out (finally getting out at 1.30 am) didn't dampen my spirits and I've been hooked on riding in this beautiful country ever since that day.

Some stats & highlights:

Over 400 Trail riding days in 10 years. Approx 6000 cans of SP Lager consumed after those rides

Been through 6 bikes (RMX 250, CRF 250, KTM 300, Yamaha WRF 450, KTM 300, KTM 350), to now, where I have a choice of a dozen bikes to ride from my hire fleet

3 Dislocated Shoulders, two torn rotator cuff muscles (neither operated on yet), one hit & run with a 15-seater bus when the bus hit me from behind as turning (half a metre away from certain death).

Team Member of the victorious Team NZ twice (out of 3 attempts) for the prestigious PNG Nations Enduro Cup

Five times finished riding after midnight due to mechanical or rider issue

One of first group of 3 riders to circumnavigate stunning Lake Wanum in Morobe Province (leaving bikes in the bush in the process and walking for 3 hours to recovery vehicle)

One hour spent in Croc infested Lake at the same time (freshwater or salt water – they are all killers to a Kiwi)

One of 3 riders to complete previously untried Lae to Finschaven ride in 26 hours in 2017

Set up Niugini Dirt Tours in July 2015 to cater for interest in riding in PNG.

Spent two weeks riding on the 'Wild Coast' of South Africa in 2012 (the worlds 2nd best riding destination after PNG) with Chris Davies and Daniel Hargreaves, two guys who you want with you when the going gets tough.

Coordinated a visit & 3 day ride to PNG for Charlie Boorman, and a BBC Film crew (Boorman was the co-star of the BBC bike doco, Long Way Down & Long way round, with Ewan McGregor) for the making of their latest documentary and book 'Sydney to Tokyo By Any Means'.

This just two days after the birth of my daughter Jade. People still ask me what would you have done if Jade had not arrived prior to the ride starting.

I tell them 'what do you think!'

Participated at the 2016 Australian Motorcycle Show with thousands of visitors seeing the Niugini Dirt Stall & PNG artifacts

Taken a group of world class Freestyle riders to the hills around Lake Wanum two times and photographed a stunning display of freeriding

When I wasn't riding I had the greatest pleasure to raise with my wife (who has been very supportive and put up with my riding since I started and now has her own Yamaha 125) our daughter Jade, who has taken after her Papa and loves her Little blue bike.

Geno one day asked me, "Who are you riding with". I replied 'Chris'. "Where are you riding". "The Igam to Yalu track I responded". "Is that where I rescued you at 1am six years ago", "Yes" was my reply. "Is that where you left your bikes and walked out 2 years ago and I rescued you at 2am". "Yes" I replied

Her reply was subtle "In that case I will put your dinner in the oven...."

A bit later in life I will convince her that Yamahas are fine for little girls but KTM's are for grownups.

So while not the fittest, or fastest Dirt Bike rider in Papua New Guinea I can safely say I'm without a doubt the keenest, and the person who's probably had the most impact on Trail riding in PNG.

I NEED YOUR SUPPORT HOWEVER.

Tour Bookings are abysmal; the negative press from the likes of ABC etc., puts off 9 out of 10 people who enquire about coming here.

Unbelievably the PNG Tourism Promotion Authority believes Morobe Province has no tourism potential, and have several times rejected requests for assistance

They should check out my website and see what potential this place really has

Share this with your friends and riding buddies, or harden the fuck up and book a tour yourself.

I look forward to another 400 days riding (and the 6000 cans that goes with it!!)

I've posted ten of my favourite photos

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Get up there gang - Tossa loves a chat and Mal and Young looked after us perfectly on ride days. You won't be disappointed. Pete / WA

To anyone who is thinking about a PNG trip , stop thinking a a take some mates on the best offroad trip you could ever have. We WA boys (old farts) did and it was the ducks nutsJOHN / WA

Quite surprised by the low injury count - you must have very strong bones! Not so much surprised by the SP count and feel proud to have been a contributing Kiwi from the Buai Boys Tour of 2016. Have to agree with [Andrew Langford](#) though - never felt unsafe once. Queenstown on a Friday night scares me more! Keep up the great posts/stories. Simon / NZ

Without a doubt the best overseas trip ive ever had AND WE GOT TO RIDE DIRT BIKES! we were treated like superstars everywhere we went, the accommodation was way better than expected, air con, great food, unlimited SP lager! Special memory was having a flat tyre in a small jungle village and spending an hr entertaining the locals, within half hr a boy turned up with a bike pump! No idea how far he had to run to get it!.. Perrin / NZ

Tossa well said, mate only been riding with you for a year but loved every minute of it and would the riding have to be the best most scenic and sometime extremely challenging riding I've ever done. And value for money if Tossa says it an easy ride and we will be back in 2-3 hours plan for 9 -10 and bring a torch. If you love riding then Tossa gives you riding heaven! --- NEIL / LAE PNG

Well said Tossa..... your an absolute legend mate i honestly don't know how you back it up every time..... clearly not the fittest chap getting around but under those big fat man titties is big fuck off heart.....

THE place for a truly great Adventure. ED / WA