



Ducati Owners Club of WA Inc  
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## **DOCWA TRACKDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY COLLIE MOTORPLEX**

We are pleased to announce that DOCWA is now officially affiliated with MWA. This paves the way for us to be able to get permits to run our own ride days at race tracks in WA. And on that note we are pleased to announce the first of these ride days is go!!! The date is Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> May at the Collie Motorplex. The cost of the day is \$125 for Members and \$150 for non members. Those who have a current up to date MWA racing license will save a further \$20 off the price. You must provide your license for verification on the day.

Places will be offered to club members only initially and if the places don't fill by mid April, they will be offered to people outside of the club. Places will be limited so please get your payment in and register your interest as soon as possible. Past track days I have run have all been fully subscribed and there always seems to be some people that leave it too late and miss out. Don't let it be you.

Payment can be made to the club account via **DOCWA EFT BSB: 306081 ACC 4156182** or paid to Peter Powell in person at club meetings or by post. If you are sending money by EFT be sure to include your surname and/or membership number and include "collie" in the description. Once payment is sent can you also email Peter Powell at [treasurer@docwa.com.au](mailto:treasurer@docwa.com.au) and also [blaiseparis@yahoo.com](mailto:blaiseparis@yahoo.com) and let us know what you will be riding on the day and give some indication of whether you would like to be in group one novice/ladies through to group 4 for experienced riders.

The day itself will run something like this. Gates open at 7.30am and scrutineering commences. You need to make sure you are there with your bike ready to be scrutineered by 8.30am at the latest. A riders briefing will be held at 8.45am and then on to the track at 9am. The format of the day will be to run four groups of 8-10 riders. Each group will have 15 minutes on the track every hour. For those new to ride days, trust me, 15 minutes lapping a track each hour is plenty of track time. Everyone will get more track time than they can handle by the days end. We will break for lunch at 12pm for an hour and enjoy a sausage sizzle provided by the club. Track time gets back underway at 1pm and finishes at 4pm.

Riders will be grouped based on experience and expected pace and you will be able to change groups during the day. We are also offering the opportunity for a ladies only group as one of the four groups. For this to happen we will need at least 8 of our fairer members to put their hands up so get behind it ladies and have the track to yourselves. On the day all riders will have access to the more experienced riders within the club to offer advice on lines around the track, riding technique and any other advice you may be chasing. We really want to make this the best opportunity out there for first timers to try out a track based ride day.

As far as bikes go, any bike is suitable to ride on the track. All you need is to do a basic check of the bike and make sure fluids are topped up and fresh, brake pads have some life in them, your tyres are not down to the wear indicators (this is not an opportunity to get that last bit out of that worn out rubber. Put some new rubber on and get the full benefit of it.) and that your chain is clean, lubed and adjusted. On the day itself you just need to tape up your indicators, headlight, brake light and speedo. Duct tape is ideal. You can also remove these items from the bike if you are keen.

As far as riders and equipment goes, we strongly encourage the use of full leathers for riding on the track. However we understand that not all riders have full leathers so as a minimum, boots past the ankle, protective jeans (draggin or similar) armoured jacket, (leather or textile) and gloves and helmet will get you out on the track.

With the new Forrest Highway I find you can get from the metro area to the track in under 2 hours. Turn off the Forrest Highway onto Raymond Road just short of Bunbury and follow it to the end. Then just a left onto the Southwest Highway and a quick right and you are on Coalfields road to Collie. You could do the



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morning dash down on the Saturday or make a weekend of it and stay in Collie on the Friday and Saturday night. There is a range of accommodation in town and there is also free camping at the track for the outdoors types. The Collie Ridge Motel has offered a 10% discount for DOCWA members to stay on the Friday night, this is an excellent facility.

We hope there will be a bit of a social gathering at the track on the Saturday afternoon and evening after the days events with plenty of tales of track based shenanigans washed down with your choice of beverage.

For those not riding on the track the intent is to arrange a day or overnight ride to the track so you can still be part of the action.

This is a great initiative by the club and it is hoped to be a regular fixture on the calendar so get behind it and make it the great event it has the potential to be.

Please feel free to contact me direct if you have any questions.

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