



Hello Sydney! The new Victory riders pause for a tourist snap.

Greg and Judith Forsyth check out their new Victory before setting off on a three-week journey from Melbourne to Mackay. PHOTOS: CONTRIBUTED

Bike ride was a grand Vision

Greg and Judith Forsyth take a long ride on their new Victory Vision Tour

FOR Greg and Judith Forsyth, travelling long distance on the back of a motorbike had been a long anticipated dream.

In October of this year, they set off on their exciting journey with nothing more than an overnight bag, riding jackets and helmets, travelling from Melbourne to Mackay on the back of a black Victory Vision Tour Premium.

Doing the ride in just over three weeks in rain, hail and shine here is their story:



Greg Forsyth rugged up in the Victorian countryside with his new Victory ride.

WE headed for Normanton on October 1st on our old bike, all geared up for the long endless roads, interesting town stopovers and a bit of camping underneath the stars.

At our first stop at the Burke & Wills Road House, 200km down the track, we encountered our first setback.

As we pulled up at Burke & Wills and fuelled the bike, our vehicle of choice for our long distance road trip wouldn't start.

After many calls to roadside assist we had no choice but to turn around and head back home. However, the story doesn't end here.

I had been following Victory Visions national impact through Australian bike magazines and every road tester could not speak more highly of these new tourers. If they were really that good, we were going to buy one!

Mick Hansen at Redline Mackay was more than helpful as soon as we stepped through the dealerships doors. He was confident he was going to sell me a Victory Vision Tour.

I was able to test ride a Vision Street to seal the deal - nice bike.

They are well engineered, well finished, great brakes, surprisingly well balanced and guts to go with it. It was easy to ride.

These bikes were awarded the 2008 American Cruiser of the Year and there is a huge amount of

competition in the States.

Our hearts were set on the Victory Vision Tour and it gave Judith and I the idea that we would purchase the bike off Mick but travel to Melbourne, pick it up and ride it back home. Arriving at midnight that night, we could hardly contain our excitement.

We eagerly arrived at the Victory Motorcycles showroom at 8.30 the next morning. The 3000 square foot multi-million dollar showroom was a rider's dream. Decked out with the entire Victory Motorbike range including the limited edition Ness Series and Victory apparel, you felt immediately at home with the personalised service from the helpful Victory team.

The bike is unreal - enormous torque, amazing comfort and easy to ride. Not at all what you would think at first glance. The unique style and originality are just another two of the attractive qualities of this beast.

After initially riding down to Princetown and the Twelve Apostles, we then travelled back through Melbourne the following day and headed off to Lakes Entrance, Batemans Bay, through to Sydney for a photo at the Opera House, up to Newcastle and then west out to Mackay, Airlie Beach, Townsville and then home to Tol-



The Victory attracts some attention in North Queensland.

ga on the Atherton Tablelands.

We loved all the coastal towns between Melbourne and Sydney and all the highways in between. There really was so much to see and enjoy and our biggest regret was to not take more time to explore. We became celebrities at all our pit stops, with people wanting to take photos and question us about the bike - we were more than happy to have a chin wag.

Judith will never forget the young boy at Caltex who commented on the bike as she paid for the fuel; "Wow, what an amazing bike. If you said you were from the future, I would have believed you!"

The Victory Vision Tour is an amazingly comfortable and capable long-range tourer.



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