



Kaikoura – the calm before the storms

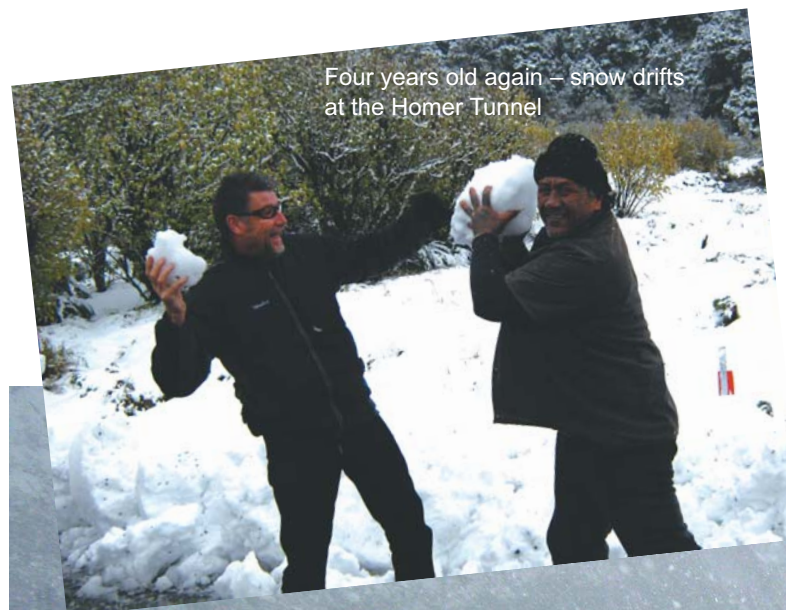
## Extreme Team Harley Davidson

The seemingly 'unlikely duo' of Peter Tabrum (Lewis' for Fashion) and Tuhoe Isaac (ex gangster) both share a passion for Harley Davidson motorcycles. They decided a serious ride around New Zealand would be a great idea.

Realising that the month of May is not the perfect month of the year for motorcycling, they decided to take up the challenge anyway and headed south. Leaving Wellington after Tuhoe had finished starring in yet another short film, the boys crossed the Cook Strait, never realising what the weather had in store for them.

From Picton, then on to Stoke, south of Nelson – all was good at this point. Next day they were heading for Greymouth, to be greeted by what was termed the 'BIG WET' – so christened by the West Coasters. The boys were thinking "forget about the 'h' in Wanganui. Let's take out the 's' in West Coast – it sure was one mighty Wet Coast." But this weather was only the beginning of the extreme-weather journey ahead for the two-wheeled intrepid travellers. Sleet, snow, rain, flooding, thunderstorms, high winds, frozen fingers, road slips, closed roads, hold-ups, power cuts – and rescues. It was so bad on the roads that a cyclist made front page news when he was cut off by the floods and had to be lifted out by rescue helicopter. Locals said it was the worst flooding for years – even by West Coast standards.

This was the journey the Franklin boys made down the West Coast to Stewart Island, before turning up the East Coast to Christchurch. "Our destination was Stewart Island and we were determined to get there" says Pete. "We boxed on and dug deep – there was no thought of quitting and we were glad we stuck it out. We enjoyed the hospitality of the Stewart Island locals and the hotel -which was more like a party - walked to Golden Bay and went out to Ulva Island, a sanctuary for native birds. Stewart Island was a fantastic experience."



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