



Southern Cape riders make dreams come true

The e-mail spread amongst the local biking community like wildfire...

True to the spirit of brotherhood amongst bikers the turnout was great. When Didi arrived she was blown away by the number of bikes present. Little did she know at that stage that the numbers would still double. And she looked absolutely stunning! In the end over 100 bikes, even from surrounding towns, arrived to escort this special girl to her matric dance. They did a mass ride through George before riding to York High where Didi made her entrance to huge applause! A special entrance for a special girl on her special night!

"It was just amazing!" Didi said. "I don't know where to begin to thank everyone involved!! Each and every one of you made my night super special and totally unheard of in York High history! The rest of the grade and the school are buzzing with the excitement of my entrance. That's all a teenage girl wants, right? Being the centre of attention for a while was awesome!!!"

What a privilege it was to be part of Didi's special night. What a privilege it is to be part of the brotherhood of bikers. When the chips are down, we stand together.

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Every young girl has a dream... to steal the scene at her Matric Dance! In George a girl called Didi had such a dream.

Didi Coertze, a grade 12 learner at York High, is a special girl: good-looking and full of life, a blessing in the lives of those who know her. Sadly, on 5 February 2011 Didi was diagnosed with Cancer. As a result her lower leg had to be amputated and unfortunately she has cancer also spread to her lungs, but that did not hamper her Matric Dance dream.

Didi wanted to be escorted to her Matric Dance by bikers. She hoped to get as many as 12 bikers. She asked a friend, Johan Strydom, if he could organize some bikes. Bennie "House" Botha of Coded MCC heard about Didi's dream and decided to send out an e-mail (two days before the dance) requesting bikers to help out:

Hi All

We have an amazing girl celebrating her matric dance on Friday, 19 August. She has lost her foot due to cancer, and has now been diagnosed with cancer in her lungs.

Her wish is to be escorted to her matric dance by a group of bikers. We are getting together at 17:30 at York – McDonald's and will escort her to York High!

We ask all bikers who would like to make her smile, to join us to fulfil her dream!

Hope to see you all there

Love and Respect

House

