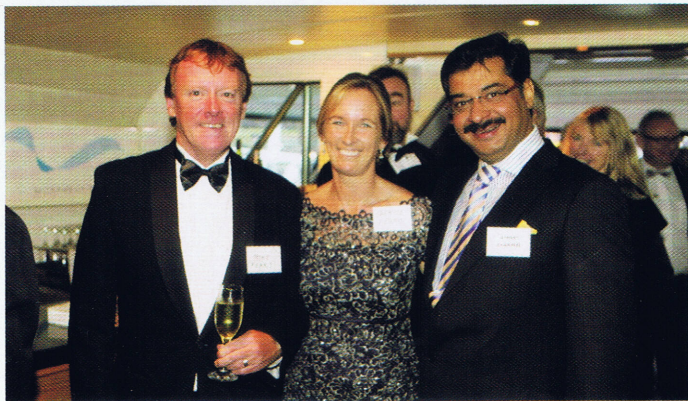


# TWENTY YEARS GOING ROUND



↑ Mike, Denise and their popular partner on the Indian tours, Amar

↑ High point: At 5600m in the Himalayas, where it all started 20 years ago

**F**erris Wheels Motorcycle Safaris celebrated its 20th anniversary recently with an afternoon's harbour cruise in Sydney — almost the opposite experience from the three-week motorcycle tours they normally lead in exotic foreign locations.

Mike Ferris kicked off the business with his now-famous Himalayan tour on Enfield Bullets at a time when few organisations were offering anything remotely like it, and Ferris Wheels quickly became world renowned. Denise Ferris joined Mike about 10 years later,

leading tours and allowing the company to expand further.

Ferris Wheels now tours the Himalayas, Turkey, Bhutan, the Andes, Morocco, the Dalmatians and Iceland. They've also done their own TV series, *World on Wheels*, which is available on DVD.

Mike and Denise both dumped professional careers to live life as motorcycle tour guides and neither has looked back. Between them they've ridden to the top of the highest motorable road in the world more than 50 times, and travelled beyond

the destinations they regularly take customers to. In the process they've endeared themselves to their customers, many of whom joined them on the celebratory harbour cruise.

ARR editor Mick Matheson has become one of the Ferris's "repeat offenders", but with only two tours under his belt he's a long way short of the number some have done — there are those with more than a dozen Ferris trips behind them. One has done 23 tours!

To find out more see the website [ferriswheels.com.au](http://ferriswheels.com.au) or call 02 9970 6370.

## SAFEGUARD YOUR MOTORCYCLE KEY

### They steal your key, then your bike

**A**worrying trend is occurring where thieves break into houses just to steal keys to a motorcycle or car. According to the Australian National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council (NMVTRC), vehicle keys are the only property stolen in up to one in four reported burglaries in which a vehicle is taken.

The trend is exacerbated by the design of modern houses, which have a locked garage attached to the house. Motorists tend to have a false sense of security and leave the keys in their vehicles. Offenders have been so

brazen they are even entering houses when the residents are home.

The NMVTRC has decided the trend is so worrying that it is creating a series of TV and cinema commercials to educate the community to safeguard their keys. The ads will screen in late September.

The ads will be produced by Melbourne-based NiceBike, which made the "I bought a Jeep" ads. They will use humour to get the point across and will recreate three famous "heist" scenes from popular movies, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *Mission Impossible* and *Entrapment*.

