European bikies stopped at Perth Airport, banned from entering Australia

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Australian Border Force banned three European motorcycle gang members and two associates from entering the country after landing at Perth Airport earlier this week.

The men, apart of the Gypsy Joker Outlaw motorcycle club, held German, Spanish and Norwegian passports.

They were planning to attend an event celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Gypsy Jokers, which is expected to attract dozens of bikies and supporters from Australia and overseas to the gang's clubhouse in Maddington on Saturday night.

The two German men, aged 33 and 61, arrived in Perth on a flight from Hong Kong on Monday night, while the two Spanish nationals, aged 43 and 44, landed in Perth from Dubai on the same day.
The 34-year-old Norwegian arrived on a flight from Singapore on Wednesday.

All five men were questioned and their eVisitor 651 visas were cancelled on the basis that they presented a risk to the health, safety or good order of the Australian community under the Migration Act.

They were held in the Perth Immigration Detention Centre until they were removed from Australia.

The Spanish nationals were flown back to Spain on Tuesday night, while the Germans and Norwegian members were sent home on Thursday.

Australian Border Force WA Regional Commander Rod O’Donnell said the ABF maintained a strong focus on disrupting the activities of outlaw motorcycle gangs in a bid to protect the Australian community.

“These gangs pose a significant threat to our community and are known to be involved in serious criminal activity including drug trafficking and violent crime,” he said.

The five bikies planned to attend the 50th anniversary celebrations of the gang.

“Any non-citizen involved with a criminal organisation, including outlaw motorcycle gangs, can expect to have their Australian visa cancelled on arrival and be removed from the country.”

The Gypsy Joker Outlaw motorcycle club was founded in WA in 1971 and has chapters in Maddington and Boulder.
Homicide squad detectives suspect the gang’s Kalgoorlie clubhouse is close to where missing woman Lisa Govan was last seen in 1999.