

## Information for new Ulysses Members in the ACT

### A brief Club history ...

The original suggestion for a social club for older motorcyclists was put forward in a letter by Stephen Dearnley published in the August 1983 issue of Bike Australia. (This was originally for members 50 years and older, but was later changed to include junior members of 40 years and older). This drew two significant responses: one from Rob Hall, a reader at Albion Park NSW, who suggested the present name and motto for the club and the other from Peter Thoeming, then the editor of Bike Australia, who sketched the logo and offered support from his magazine if Stephen could get the club off the ground. This was done at an inaugural meeting in Sydney on 6<sup>th</sup> December 1983 when the five people present approved a basic constitution and the Ulysses Club was duly formed.

### A brief Canberra Branch history...

The inaugural meeting of the Canberra Branch of the Ulysses Club was held at the Tradesman Club Woden on the **12 Feb 1986**. At this meeting the decision to form the Branch was made and a committee was elected.

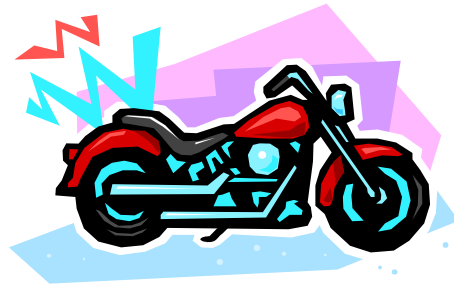
### Current information.....

Our current committee is:

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We meet at the Italo Australian Club on the corner of Franklin St and National Circuit, Forrest, on the third Tuesday of every month. The meeting starts at 7.30 pm, but most of us like to gather there earlier to have a meal in the bistro. Meetings are held in one of the meeting rooms upstairs.

Our very active ride team arrange rides regularly during each month; details can be found on the website (<http://www.ulyssesclub.org>) or in RO2. [Gordon White](#) is our ride coordinator, ably assisted by the members of the ride team.



[Flip Van Der Zwan](#) collates and distributes our newsletter, Riding On Too (RO2). If you'd like to receive RO2 electronically, email [Peter Gibbins](mailto:pgibbins@bigpond.com) at [pgibbins@bigpond.com](mailto:pgibbins@bigpond.com) and let him know to add you to the email list. Otherwise there are copies at each meeting which can be purchased for a gold coin donation to cover the cost of printing.

[Flip](#) is always looking for interesting articles to put into RO2, and is happy to receive items you might find with a motorcycling flavour. If you'd like to write something for RO2, even better!!

Likewise, [Peter Newark](#), our historian, is always on the lookout for photos or other memorabilia, so if you have anything to share, please give it to Peter.



And speaking of photos – and ride reports and other articles – [Gary McDonald](#) can put them up on our website for viewing. Gary also reminds us of safe ways to ride, keeping us to date with the latest info.

Each month we hold a BBQ at Canberra Motorcycle Centre in Fyshwick, with the funds being donated to a charity. Our BBQ volunteers take it in turns to man the BBQ – and they'd love a hand, so if you can help please see [Kim Gibbins](#).

This ACT branch of Ulysses is an associate member of the Motorcycle Riders Association in the ACT, and we have a Ulysses delegate attend their meetings as well. The MRA president keeps us up to date with what they are doing – many of the Ulysses members are also MRA members.

We have social functions for us to behave disgracefully at! If you have any ideas or you'd like to help, let our social secretary [Judy Perry](#) know.

We have a very fetching Ulysses shirt with our Canberra logo on it; you'll see many of us wearing it. If you'd like one, see [Jan Wills](#) and she'll organise to purchase one for you. And speaking of club gear, Jan stocks quite a lot of Ulysses brand gear and has a table loaded with it at each monthly meeting. She takes orders for most things too, so see her if you'd like to order something that's not in her stockpile.