



# ULYSSES CLUB INC.

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G'Day to you all . . . .

Hi to Everyone and a Happy and Healthy New Year from Eric and Mari.

Well, What a Great Christmas Party and what a great day we all had. Hope we have many more BBQ's like it. We had a good day at the Picnic for the Disabled Children as well, the kids just loved it and we had a great roll out of bikes, good on you guys.

The Meet and Greet preparations are well on track, will let Laraine tell you more about that.

Anybody have any ideas for upcoming things to do, please speak up.

Hope to see a good turnout on Friday Evening Meeting.

Say G'Day and tell a lot of lies and good stories.

Keep your Knees in the Breeze.

## *Eric (Unka)*

### Secretary's Report,

Another year older, another year wiser, hopefully.

We have a very big year ahead and your committee have been working very hard to come up with new and exciting ideas, rides, social events to keep you all happy and interested in our wonderful club.

We have enjoyed the hottest summer for a very long time, and therefore not a not of people have been out riding, although late afternoons have been brilliant to get out on the bike, now that the tourists are departing and leaving our roads a lot less congested.

The Meet & Greet looks like another resounding success with over 20 already sending in registrations, cheques and requests. To our members I urge you to take a form this Friday night and get your money in to avoid disappointment, as we get closer to the event, we will be asking for volunteers for the Saturday marshalling at the marina and to help out with the planned rides, Sat afternoon and Sunday.

Your committee is open to suggestions for Christmas in July, at the moment I am contacting the Hotel at South West Rocks for costings etc. but if anyone has any other suggestions, please advise us.

Also with a number of changes of addresses, phone nos. and email changes, please contact John Way so that we can update the database, also new members, please advise your details to John so that you are kept informed of what is happening and coming events. His email address is : realway@nelsonbay.com.

To all those people who turned up for Terry's Memorial Service at Boat Harbour Rock Pool , Thank You, your love and support has been very appreciated throughout the past year.

## *Laraine*

### RIDE CO-ORDINATOR REPORT

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There is not a lot to report during the Xmas period as a lot of members were on holidays or entertaining bludging relatives, cute Grandkids or friends. As a result ride numbers were down and in some cases rides did not happen.

Now that January is nearly over, things can hopefully start to get back to normal. Also the weather has been extremely hot and wet at times.

#### Thursday riders

The Thursday rides continued on with lesser riders than normal. Some of the places visited in (Dec/Jan) for Morning tea and/or lunch were Lake Macquarie Yacht Club, and Wyndham Estate Winery, Branxton etc.

Warning--- watch for Captain Roger Scumbag's return early this year 2006

#### Sunday rides and specials.

Note: The Sunday rides have been changed back to the 1st. and 3rd. Sunday of the month . 9.00 am start

#### Dec. 4.

Newcastle Salvos Toy run. We Met at Pauls corner as usual and we left at "8:45am sharp" which was more like 9:15 after we had Latte's and Capuchinos. At the end of the toy run we went to the Pub to regroup, eat finger food and went our various ways.

#### Dec. 5

Disabled Kids Day. About 8 bikes turned up at Little Beach and we took dozens of Kids with disabilities for

rides to Shoal bay and back. They thoroughly enjoyed the rides and then the Volunteer school kid carers decided it was their turn so off we went again. Very busy hot few hours but it was worth it.

### **Dec.15.Thursday evening.**

This was a twilight ride leaving Pauls corner at 6pm. We had in excess of thirty people attend which was a comfortable number. We had booked in at the Phoenix Club for Dinner at 7pm. And as usual it was very successful.

Some of us had a look at some Xmas lights on the way home in our own area down Port Stephens drive etc. They are getting better every year.

### **DEC. 18**

Last ride day of the year. Caves beach kiosk for Coffee or swim? Then around the lake to Wangi RSL for lunch. Not sure if anybody went on this one. WE had visitors.

**JAN 1st.** No ride this day, nobody would chance being breathalysed.

### **JAN 15th**

Holiday period and Double demerits. Terrigal for lunch. Only 2 or 3 turned up and after discussion, changed the destination to the Hunter Valley.

### **February rides.**

**Feb.5** Up Buckets way to Booral then to Buladelah, coffee at either stop, Tea gardens Pub for lunch.

**Feb 19.** We are considering asking club members to take turns and plan a ride on the third Sunday of the month ride for the rest of the club. This is so that members can have an input into where we go and put forward their favourite destinations. This day ride can be the first of these and we will call them mystery destination rides.

Remember these rides are suggestions and can be altered to suit weather/road conditions etc.

### **White board.**

Don't forget to write up the rides for latecomers. A new pen is now available.

*Brian McCallum (Ride Admin)*

#### **JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.**

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### **Editorial:**

Howdy!!

The hot weather, the attraction of fishing and a bit of sailing has seen the bike left in the garage for the last few weeks. Except for shopping in Nelson Bay that is. Definitely the shot while the terrorists are in town. Good place to park is in the lane that goes to the rear of Steve Harding's jewellers shop opposite Westpac. Steve is not using his bike at the moment for some reason or other!

Another good spot is near the rubbish bins behind the picture theatre up the lane opposite the Examiner office. also, under the stairs in the Magnus St end of the lower floor in the Donald St carpark is a good spot out of the rain.

I understand that motorbikes can park in the marina parking areas free also as we cannot display a ticket. Try at your own risk!

Near the loading dock on the east side of the Salamander Centre near Liquer Land is often good also, just keep well away from the dock itself. There are a couple of spots near the pathways also but mind the trolleys!

If anyone else has good spots email me and I will put them in a future newsletter. I suppose in a way they are like good fishing spots and kept secret, but then again, you cant use them all the time!!

Webmaster John Beddoe has changed his steed from the big black bike to an even bigger red one!!! A Triumph Rocket ! and we believe that Warren Hofman has taken delivery of his second new Triumph (cant remember the model but we hope that this one lasts longer than the last!)

I must say my pulsing headlight and deceleration warning light on my brake light have been very successful over the last few weeks, a lot of people think that you are a cop and keep out of my way and well back!! They are legal and, I think a vital safety accessory. I dont sell them either!!

Hope to organise a ride in March somewhere over a couple of nights, preferably during the week and in old pubs., lets talk about it. Manilla, near Tamworth is a good spot.

Be Safe

*John Way*  
**Editor.**

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