



# Port Stephens Ulysses

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Member of the Month

## Hello Port Stephens Ulyssians



*Its hard to believe that this months meeting is the last for 2008, the year sure has flown and as usual the weeks leading up to Christmas are flat out with lots of partying and celebration.*

*Our Branch has had another great year with lots of good times and good rides had by all.*

*This Branch would not run so well without the hard work of the people on the committee who are Eve Johnstone and Kerrie Skinner(committee people), Peter(no bike)Cragg and Dave(no license)Couch (ride leaders), John Beddoe (webmaster), and my lovely wife Leo(secretary/treasurer) who I know works her butt off for this club.*

*To these people I say thankyou for your hard work.*

*The other person to thank is Jack Johnstone who has done a great job with the newsletter for the last couple of years, well done mate.*

*Unfortunately Jack is suffering a bit of burnout and needs a break so we are on the lookout for a new editor, hopefully one who is more sympathetic towards Harley Riders.*

*I hope that I get to see you all before Christmas but in case I miss someone I would like to send you and all your loved ones best wishes for Christmas and the new year.*

*Please stay safe and keep the shiny side up*

*John Evans*



**Hi Everyone,**



Seeing there will be no Dec meeting,

**BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER / JANUARY are:**

Leo Evans, Dennis Mahoney, Jackie McCallum, Ross Allen, Col Williams, Ron Skinner.

Wanda Taylor, Yvonne Johnstone

**MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRING 31/12/2009** according to my list {a reminder incase you have forgotten as I did}

Brett Davis, Lester Lake, Rod Freeborn, Pete Dixon, Wanda Taylor, Chris McCarthy, Leonie McCarthy, Ross Allen, Warren Hofman, Warrick Lilly, MaryAnn Hendriks John Hendriks, Phil Consadine, Kerrie Skinner.

**DIARY DATES:**

Christmas Lights Ride; leaves Paul's Corner at 5.30pm. Thursday 4th Dec.

Dinner, buy your own choice of food at the Maitland Food Markets in the Mall followed by a Xmas lights ride.

Toy Run 7<sup>th</sup> Dec we will be leaving Paul's Corner at 8.30am sharp!!

Our Christmas Party, Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Dec at 11am in park behind Soldiers Point Bowling Club, BYO nibbles, comfortable chair, { if you want one } drinks including tea & coffee and a present to the value of \$10.00 { give one to receive one } The Club will be supplying steaks, sausages, bread rolls, salads and sweets.

I am looking for someone to organize the proposed Cross Dress night on 10<sup>th</sup> Jan. Anyone interested???

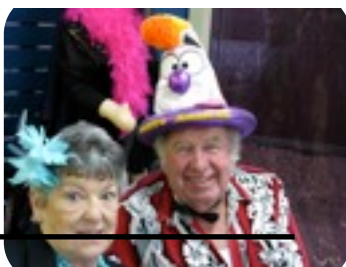
The Relay For Life is on Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> & Sun 8<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at the Tomaree Sports Complex. This is a really great event, if we want to enter we need a team leader and names at the Jan meeting. Give it some thought.

Our Meet & Greet on 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> May 2009 is powering ahead with 40 registered already and most of the accommodation at the Big 4 Soldiers Point already booked.

**NEXT MEETING** {our last for 2008} is on 28/11/08, 7.30pm at Soldiers Point Bowling Club.

Hope to see you all there, for those of you I don't see I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and hope to see you at the Jan. meeting.

**LEO**



# MINUTES OF MEETING

31/10/08

Opening time: 7.40pm

Apologies as per attendance sheet:

Presidents Report:

The next newsletter will be Jack's last newsletter so we are looking for a new newsletter editor!!!!

Meet & Great update.

Vinnie's Ball was a great success; we are looking at doing a X Dress night on 10<sup>th</sup> Jan, as there will be no Dec meeting so this will be a chance to get together.

Sue Ford was given the innocent Bystander award for putting up with Al.

The disabled day at Little Beach has been cancelled.

Brian & Carole Crooks are having a house warming BBQ on Sun 16th Nov. after a short club ride all welcome.

Secretaries /Treasures Report:

The New England Bush Rangers Bash {Meet & Greet} 31/1/09 –1/2/09. We are hoping to get a group from here to go, they are always very supportive of our Meet & Greet.

Birthdays:

Judy McTaggart 50, + others.

Christmas Lights Ride: leaving Paul's Corner at 5.30pm Thurs. 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. dinner at the food markets in Maitland Mall followed by a ride to see the lights.

We sold most of our Bandanas, Jan Broadfoot very kindly bought the remaining bandanas and offered to make them into a sheet to be donated back to Canteen, and most members then donated their Bandanas to add to her "creation".

Bank Balance: \$767.47

Ride Leaders Report:

Jack spoke about the Tablelands Way Ride.

Business arising from previous minutes:

Malu & Doreen have purchased the club BBQ

Bike Display at Old Salamander Shopping Center tomorrow anyone interested?

General Business:

Cathy Hofman asked if Sun. rides could start earlier during daylight saving. Jack spoke about the difficulty in doing this.

Raffle Prize Winners: Cheryl Mayers, Doreen.

Fines: Too many to mention.

Meeting Closed: 8.40pm.

## Jacks Last Soapbox

Well guys, this is it, my last newsletter. Its been fun, I hope someone else takes over, traditionally we don't have December issue so that gives you 2 months to get organized. I won't dwell on the reasons why I've had enough, I just have.

Highlights for me have been getting to read ride reports first, looking through photos searching for that embarrassing moment, taking the piss out of all things starting with H, reading all the jokes even though I've printed few, & just being involved in the club ( try it, you don't have to be on a committee to participate)

The only low points are disappointment in not getting promised articles & a general lack of feedback (good or bad ).

Eve & I just got back from the Gold Coast, where we attended the local branch meeting, boy do they have some issues, they are being administered by a Natcom nominated committee because of infighting between different cliques ( one group won't let you ride with them if you don't have a certain style of bike. WTF!! ) Nearly the whole committee resigned, they have been sledging each other on the net, threatened legal action. Just a nice friendly social club for old farts who enjoy bikes, maybe they should rock up at our meetings

OK guys its been great, have a great Christmas & a happy New Year, my resolutions for the new year are, ride more club rides, attend a rider training course, have a great time at the AGM & write some ride reports for the new editor. Ciao

Jack



**"If you aren't supposed to eat animals, why are they made of meat?"**

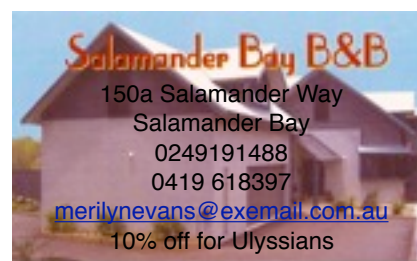
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after bagging the dealers in my soapbox, i did get 10% off at Grame Morris motorcycles just by asking for a ulysses discount

