



# ULYSSES CLUB INC.

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## From the Leader

Hi Gang,

Here we are again, the end of another month, it just goes so quick.

I am starting to feel old.

Oh, Well. Damned if you do, damned if you don't, sorry about the barbecue, in future when we have one, it will be on come rain, hail, wind or shine. Brian Crooks wanted to come that was a good enough reason to cancel. (just kidding Brian. . . . I think).

It has been suggested we do away with this newsletter. We, the committee discussed this and decided No, in a lot of cases people do not have computers and others do not look at them and we feel it is a bit of a lifeline for others.

There has not been a lot happening but watch Brian's report for upcoming rides and events, also come and hear Carol's report at the meeting, she has spent our money !

All in all a short report from me this month, no one talking to me.

Hope to see a lot of you there on Friday night

Keep your knees in the breeze and ride safe.

*Eric (Unka)*

September – Spring has sprung- the grass is growing again.

I attended two funerals, one being John, my Mums partner, & Lynnette Peden from Medowie. Lyn's husband John was one of the founding members of the Lower Hunter Branch.

At the time of writing this newsletter, Judy McTaggerts Dad is still hanging in there – what an amazing man, he was riding his Bike on the beach only weeks before being struck down with his illness.

I have seen Warwick Lilley this past week and he is in the process of commencing chemotherapy for the next 26 weeks.

He seems very positive and is looking forward to catching up with everyone soon.

I know there have been others of our branch not in good health and I know everyone wishes you speedy recovery and back with us again soon.

BIRTHDAYS OCTOBER - Rick Archer, Carol Crooks, Leonie McCarthy, Judy McTaggart, Dianne Imber, Robyn Marlin

& , of course.....CAROL MAHONEY'S 50<sup>th</sup>

## COMING EVENTS

Merriwa River Rally – 21,22,23<sup>rd</sup> October,

NATIONAL BANDANNA DAY 28<sup>TH</sup> October

Wild Turkey Poker Run – Newcastle to Uralla 29<sup>th</sup> October 2005

Mansfield Odyssey over Melbourne Cup weekend

Glen Innes Meet & Greet coincides with the Beardies Festival 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> November

International Bike Show – Sydney Olympic Park 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> November

Lostock Campover Weekend – Lake Macquarie Branch invites everyone to attend their Christmas camp over 25,26,27<sup>th</sup> November

2005 Snowy Mountains Ride – Lake Crackenback Resort 25-26/11/05

NEWCASTLE TOY RUN SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DEC.

International Day of Disabilities BBQ at Little Beach 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am-2pm lunch provided, as many bikes as possible please.

OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY LITTLE BEACH Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec.

*Laraine*

## RIDE REPORTS.

For more comprehensive reports and photos, check out the [Port Stephens website](#) under [Photos](#), then go to [Thursday, Sunday Rides](#) or [Special events](#) etc..

### Thursdays:

The Thursday rides continue on and attract up to 12 bikes. Always 7-8 regulars attend and the destinations vary. This month some of the places visited for Morning tea/ lunch were, Pokolbin/Ellalong, Nabiac bike Museum, Rutherford/Wollombi.

Sundays:

**Note:** The Sunday rides have been changed back to the 1<sup>st</sup>. and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sunday of the month .In winter **9.30 am** start. **In summer during Daylight saving it will be 9am.**

**Sept.4** . As several of the regulars went to Taylors arms, there was no organised ride this day.

**Sept, 18**· 4 bikes and seven people turned up . After Coffee was finished we took off for The Entrance for lunch via Kurri Kurri and the back roads. Freeman's water hole for morning tea then on to Dora creek, Wyee and The Entrance.

October Sunday rides.

**Oct 2.** Lostock Dam. Long Weekend, double demerits, so stick to back roads, Morpeth, Largs, Bolwarra, Paterson for morning tea and East Gresford Pub for lunch after looking at the dam. Home via more back roads. Easy interesting run, good for pillions and beginners.

**Oct.16.** BBQ. Ride. Treasurer Carol Mahoney's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday BBQ at **Pearson's Park**, Cromarty St. Soldiers Point. We will have a short ride leaving from Paul,s corner 9:30am. as usual, maybe around the top of Lake Macquarie including a morning tea stop and back to the BBQ. It is BYO Food and Grog. We will have the Club Trailer/BBQ there for it's christening.

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

Other events of interest.

**Oct.21/23** Merriwa River rally. Copy of detail available at the meeting 30<sup>th</sup>. Sept.

**Oct. 23** Nelson bay RSL is having a shine and show for Car clubs and they have invited us to show off our bikes. Prizes for the best car and bike. Registration is from 8:30 am, There is an entry fee of \$10:00 but they give you a \$10:00 voucher for the bistro. R&R band the Retro rockets will play and the Nelson rock and roll club will be there, along with other rockers.

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**Oct.30.** Lake Macquarie are holding a BBQ get together. Port Stephens Uylsses are invited. More detail at next meeting.

**Nov.12/13.** Glen Innes branch are having their first meet and greet. Copy of detail available at the meeting 30<sup>th</sup>. Sept.

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**Dec. 4.** Newcastle Salvos Toy run.

Note. Day light saving starts on 30<sup>th</sup>. October. So all weekend rides in Nov. and onwards will be departing from Paul's corner at 9am.

**November. 5/6.** We have organised a weekend ride to the Blue Mountains on 5/6<sup>th</sup> November. Some may decide to add an extra day and look at the caves or other attractions The Mt. Victoria Motel is offering rooms at \$85.00 a couple for the night, which is cheap for the area. **Only 3 Rooms left.** The Imperial Hotel is next door for extra Accommodation, meals, cooked breakfast etc. and they have both cheaper and dearer rooms.

The Pub has a Piano Player on the Sat. night, and they are close to other restaurants. As the weather is warming up by then, the Accom. bookings tend to be heavier.

Future Rides.

We would still like some suggestions for both day rides and overnights, write them down and give them to any of the committee so we can incorporate them into the schedule for future rides in the coming months.

White board at Pauls Corner.

Don't forget to write up the rides for latecomers. A new pen will be available as soon as club funds allow it!! (just joking).

*Brian McCallum*

( Ride Admin.)

**Editorial:**

I might just add to Laraines comments about the long weekend and double demerits. Watch it on back roads too! I have seen a patrol car nearly every day this last week and most times they have been on the back roads!

Further to the board at Paul's Corner. Not only do they serve good coffee at the right price but they chuck in a few "freebies" to the Thursday Riders anyway. Last week we sampled curry and chicken pies and some fantastic sausages, so good that I called there on the way home and bought a kilo of the spicy lamb ones. Delicious, even after my barbecuing! So call in and give them some business. The meat there is great!

A great opportunity to help those who help us!

*John Way*  
**Editor.**

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