



# ULYSSES CLUB INC.

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Hello Port Stephens Ulyssians

Well do we know how to throw a party or what? About 270 people came to our Meet and Greet and not one of them complained about anything. On the contrary all we received was heaps of praise and questions of are we doing it again next year.

I won't name everyone in this report, but to Ken, Leo, MaryAnn, everyone on the committee, the marshals, the ride leaders, the people who helped set up the hall, the ticket collectors and sellers, to Rob Rosewarn and Elvis, I thank you all very much for your huge efforts towards making this weekend as great as it was.

There was one unfortunate incident on Friday when one of the Mudgee Mob, Leonie Smit, came off her bike at Greta. She sustained serious injuries and was flown to the John Hunter Hospital. I tried to talk to her on Monday, but she is in the high dependency ward and can not take calls. The only report I could get from the nurse is that she is stable.

This meeting is our AGM and all Committee positions are up for grabs.

To the outgoing Committee, I thank you for all your contributions in making this year the best yet for Port Stephens Branch.

There have been many highlights as well as some down times, but through good and bad you can always count on the members of this Branch pulling together to help, I thank you all.

One person who I think deserves a special thank you this year is John Beddoe who has done an amazing job as our webmaster. Our site is always up to date with news and photos and you may also have seen that we now have a new

and much fancier site. Many thanks John.

To the new Committee, I wish you all the best and I'm sure you will be able to count on the same support that this Committee has enjoyed, it sure makes the job easy!

During the week I had a call from Paul Mulvay who is away on his bike for about seven months. He was in Alice Springs, headed for Darwin and says Hi to you all.

Keep the Shiny Side Up and stay safe.

*John Evans*

## Secretary's Report,

Just a little note on the meet & greet; I would like to thank the girls & guy who helped me decorate the hall on Saturday morning ; Mari, Leonie, Jackie, Eve, Laraine & Katherine (Jack & Eve's daughter) & of course Denis who is great on the gas. (Sounds interesting!!!...ed)

A great time was had by everyone who attended. At breakfast on Sunday morning there where a lot of congratulation & "see you next year"

; The bike tour was enjoyed by all who took part, 33 bikes attended the tour; thanks to all the marshals for all their great effort.

ONE FOR THE GIRLS;

Carol Crooks is suggesting that the girls have a holiday together, maybe a cruise or a week away; if you are interested see Carol.

Lake Macquarie & Lower Hunter have invited us to a regional barbecue Sunday 29/5 at Rathmines Park BYO food & drinks. Lake Macquarie will be taking along their trailer BBQ. For more information see Ken Grant.

Memorial Ride is on 26th June. Departs Frasers at 10am for a 2 hour ride ; service at Mt Sugarloaf lookout 12.30pm. BBQ to follow with a gold coin donation.

Eric has made the plaque for Terry Devonshire to be placed on the Memorial board.

Vietnam Vets rally;  
20th August at Pearlbrook; for more info; contact Blackie Reid; 49825367; or website [www.vvmcns.org.au](http://www.vvmcns.org.au)

Birthdays for June

Dave Couch; Rob Lukanic; Pam Powers; Tony Mayers; Tom Waugh; Leanne Vasey; Vicky Ward.

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feel that he deserves it!**

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This is my last report for the newsletter as secretary thanks to all and to all a goodnight.

*MaryAnn.*

### RIDE CO-ORDINATOR REPORT

Well, what can one say? It has been a great month with plenty happening. Apart from the past two weeks of wet weather it has been good for riding.

Thirteen Ulyssian's went to Bendemeer Hotel on 7/8 May via Thunderbolts Way for the overnight stay at the Hotel. Fellowship and meals were excellent. All had a great time. (See ride reports on our Web Page)

Once again our Meet & Greet proved an outstanding success. (See Social Events on our New Web Page) On Saturday afternoon we conducted a guided Scenic Tour of our beautiful Blue Water Wonderland on the Tomaree Peninsula. Thirty three bikes and about 50 people turned up for the Tour which was a great success. My thanks must go to the Ride Leaders Brian McCallum & Dennis Mahony for a great job. Also the band of Marshall's who helped them out.

Thursday Rides are still good, however due to the wet weather only John Way, Des Hanrahan & Tony Crick turned up the Thursday before our Meet & Greet. They organised a ride amongst themselves. The previous week they went to the movies!!!

#### Ride Calendar

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June Half Way House (Putty Road)  
Depart Paul's Cnr 9am

Sunday 26th June Bulahdelah/Foster Depart  
Paul's Cnr 9am

Sunday 10th July The Entrance Depart Paul's  
Cnr 9am

Sat/Sun 30/31 July Xmas in July Depart Paul's  
Cnr 8am Ocean View Hotel, Urunga (Ph.  
6655.6221)

Book your own accommodation NOW

FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE OUR RIDE CALENDAR  
AND/OR OUR WEB PAGE 'COMING EVENTS'

*Ken Grant.* (Ride Admin)

#### **JUSTICES OF THE PEACES.**

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#### **From the Editor.**

Well, hasn't this been a great year.

We have had a lot of laughs, a lot of good rides and a lot of fun, which are the main reasons that we joined the Ulysses Group for anyway!

As this is the last newsletter for our year I would like to mention some of the people who have made 2004/5 as good as it was.

Firstly, Ken Grant. who has put an enormous amount of thought and planning into the ride calendar, I must say that the Bendemeer weekend which he organised was just perfect. Good company, great venue, good tucker and a few too many Baileys!

Having organised everything, he ensured that each ride was thoroughly enjoyable, and then took a stack of photos and wrote a report on it!

These he sent to John Beddoe who featured them, pretty well immediately, on our website. And is that a work of art!! The new one is fantastic, worth getting a computer for, if you have not one already! Well done John.

I feel that John Evans has been a great president, making everyone welcome and running a good meeting, pity he rides a Harley. Of course, without Leo, our treasurer, he would not be nearly as effective. Pity she rides one too!

MaryAnne has done a great job also, especially in making my job of co-ordinating this newsletter so enjoyable and easy.

As you all realise, I am basically a Thursday Rider, one of a very informal and happy group, we never quite know where we are going, or when we will get home, but we have a great time and enjoy each other's company. On really rainy days, we go to the movies!!!

I would like to thank you all for your company and recommend to some of you workers that you take a sickie or something and come with us one day.

I would like to stand aside this coming year and let someone else have a go at the newsletter, new blood is always a good thing and I am sure that we have many talented people in our group who would like to have a go.

Thanks for putting up with me.

*John Way*

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