

**THE UPPER HUNTER GROUP OF THE ULYSSES CLUB INC.**  
**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD**  
**AT THE AGRICULTURAL HOTEL MUNRO ST.**  
**SINGLETON.**

The meeting was declared open at 6:05 p.m. On the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2008.

**Present:-** Graeme Lothringer, Lucy Drew, Jim Simpson, Ross Morgan, Barry Fong, Ted Burley, Carol Burley, Louise Wordsworth, Steven Wordsworth, Bear, Mark Cook, Ray Addison, Barry Thomas, Mick Barnett, Raylie Barnett, Louise Watson, Margaret Loadsman, Neal Loadsman, Kevin George, Darrell Watson, Bill Muddle, Max & Lyn Cherrie, Rob Merrick, Jeny Merrick, Bill Tindale, Joan Tindale, Keith and Sylvia Smith, Wayne and Shireen Smith, Barbara and John Williams, Garry Knight, Kerry Solman.

**Apologies:-** David Stibbard, Maurie Cramer, Mick and Beth Mantle, John and Gai McGee, Trevor Harrison, Neil and Janet Jacobs, Carol Knight, Buzz and Valmai Pascoe.

**Welcome to new members & Guests.** Kevin George, Darrell and Louise Watson, Neal and Margaret Loadsman.

**Minutes of the previous meeting** held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2008 (there was no June meeting due to AGM) were read and accepted.

Moved by: John Williams

Seconded by: Bill Tindale

Carried: unanimously

**Business arising:**

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**Correspondence In:**

- Membership forms and contributions from Phillip Hedley
- Email from Chris Garrod (AGM Event Co-ordinator for Newcastle 2011) seeking expressions of interest for various committee positions. A copy of the list is attached.
- Letter from Upper Lachlan Tourist Association on the official opening of "The Tablelands Way" from Muswellbrook to Canberra scheduled for 29 November 2008. There will be an attempt to break the Australian record for the largest number of bikes from one club. They need to attract more than 2000 bikes. The event will be centred around Taralga. We need to show our expression of interest by 31 July 2008. Anyone interested contact Scott Pollock on 02 4832 1988 or [crookwellvisitor@bigpond.com](mailto:crookwellvisitor@bigpond.com). More information should be made available at [www.upperlachlantourism.com/events.htm](http://www.upperlachlantourism.com/events.htm).
- Newsletter from Glen Innes Branch promoting their Meet & Greet set for 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> November 2008. RSVP by 24<sup>th</sup> October. This will be held as part of their Beardies Festival and more information through their website [www.celticcruisers.auzzie.net](http://www.celticcruisers.auzzie.net)
- Newsletter from Tamworth Branch.
- Email from Mid North Coast Branch promoting their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations set for 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> October at Valla Beach. Cost is \$38.50 per person. Simmo has distributed this email to members.

- Email from Jan Bernard regarding 2009 AGM. They have appointed Tony Lauer as their security co-ordinator who is seeking expressions of interest from Ulyssians with security industry licences to assist in the 2009 AGM. Contact Tony on 4777 4319 (P), 4777 5064 (F) or [tony.lauer@bigpond.com](mailto:tony.lauer@bigpond.com)

**Correspondence out:**

- Jim Simpson's email to Mick Youll, Chris Garrod (Newcastle Branch) and Lofty (Coalfields Branch) inviting them to address our July meeting on the 2011 AGM and the status of the Coalfields Branch. This invitation was postponed due to problems getting suitable meeting space at the Agi Hotel.

**Treasurer's report:**

May opening balance	2,187.05
Incomings	1,406.00
Outgoings	3,593.00
June closing balance	2,563.05

Was read and accepted as correct for meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2008

Moved by: Max Cherrie

Seconded by Bear

Carried: unanimously

**Welfare Officer's report:**

- Since our last meeting there have been two unfortunate events occurred in the families of two of our members. Firstly Max Cherrie's mother passed away whilst he was at the AGM in Townsville. This necessitated an early and rushed trip home in the rain. Keith Smith's father has also passed away and he had to make a rushed trip home to the UK. The members of the club are sorry for their loss and their thoughts are with them.
- During the extended trip by several of our members after the AGM, Bear and his bike decided there was another way to Katherine in the NT, Bear in the back of an ambulance and the bike in a recovery trailer. Bear had managed to run off the road in Kakadu Park and end up in a roadside ditch. Luckily there were two nurses in the group who were able to clean him up and extract most of the stones from his arm (he was not wearing his jacket at the time). Bear was eventually transferred to Katherine hospital in the back of an ambulance where he was treated for a broken bone in his foot and given plenty of stitches in his arm. Many thanks need to go to Bear's brother-in-law, Howie, who lives in Katherine and was able to look after him during his enforced stay there. Bear is now well on the mend and looking for a new bike and arranging to have many of his arm tattoos repaired.

**General Business:**

- Chris Garrod and Mick Youll will now attend our August meeting to discuss arrangements for the 2011 AGM in the Lower Hunter. Chris will be looking for volunteers as per the attached list.
- A thankyou note has been received from Keith Smith for flowers sent as a result of his father's death.
- Max Cherrie also expressed thanks for flowers sent to his mother's funeral.
- At the AGM, Natcom raised two matters that affect how most clubs operate.

- Firstly, the monthly meetings are to be held separately from social nights. To comply with this requirements, in future all meetings will commence at 6:00pm and be attended by financial members. Following the close of the meeting (generally around 6:30pm) any social activities will commence.
- Secondly, there needs to be three committee members in addition to the executive. At tonight's meeting the following three members were proposed, seconded and elected:
  - Gary Knight      proposed Bear    Seconded Rob Merrick
  - Keith Smith     proposed Bear    Seconded Rob Merrick
  - Max Cherrie     proposed Bear    Seconded Rob Merrick
- For the August and September meetings of the Club, the main room at the Agriculture Hotel will not be available due to the Hotel having other functions organised for that room. It was moved (proposed John Williams, seconded Bill Tindale) that the August and September meetings be held at the Albion Hotel. After the September meetings there will be a further vote as to whether this move would be permanent. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Lyn Cherrie has been investigating accommodation options for the 2009 and 2010 AGM's.
  - For 2009 accommodation, Penrith Panthers offers a non-negotiable rate of \$165 per night (for one or two persons) including access to their facilities. Other accommodation in the area requires a minimum four nights stay and are in the order of \$140 per night.  
  
Lyn intends doing a group booking at Panthers and needs an indication of people going by the close of tonight's meeting. (Ring her no later than Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July morning).
  - For 2010 AGM we are looking at Holiday Apartment type accommodation for up to 15 apartments. These are located at Middleton Beach (in the centre of Albany) and will cost \$165 per night. Lyn's contact in Albany needs an indication of commitment by the end of this week so if you are interested contact Lyn as a matter of urgency. No money needs to change hands at this stage however a 30% deposit will need to be paid when the accommodation contract is signed which is expected to be in the not too distant future.
  - The club expressed their appreciation to Lyn for doing this work on the accommodation.
- On the matter of club donations to charities, the following matters were discussed:-
  - Money raised from the Christmas raffle (approximately \$500) has not yet been sent to the Arthritis Foundation. This matter to be addressed by Simmo, Solly and Lyn.
  - In addition to the above, there is support for the motion that some of our funds should be directed to other charities than the Arthritis Foundation. It was resolved that at the August meeting members will nominate suitable organizations and a vote will be taken to select the recipient for this year's donation.

**Newsletter:**

- Wayne got a good response to his email requesting articles from members.

**Ride Calendar:**

- As part of the March Mystery Ride, any surplus funds from the "running of the Bar" were to be given to the Gold Coin Fund. After much arithmetic (and a few drinks) the surplus funds were determined to be \$3.32.
- The 6<sup>th</sup> July ride (this Sunday) is to Cardiff RSL for lunch.

- 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July ride is to Moree. Need to book accommodation.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> July (Wednesday) is the visit to Elizabeth Gates Village. Meet at Allan Bull Reserve at 9:45am.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> August, ride to Gloucester.
- 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> August is Simmo's two day event. See the attached copy of his email for more details.
- September is the four day ride to the Southern Alps. Don't forget to book the accommodation early.
- Joan Tindale requested a vote of thanks to Lyn for organising the accommodation for the AGM trip. This was unanimously supported by the members present.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 7:05pm.

The next meeting will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the Albion Hotel, 2 John Street, Singleton.

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Jim Simpson  
President.

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Graeme Lothringer  
Secretary

**2008 AGM EVENT  
NEWCASTLE \***

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**PORTFOLIOS**

**AGM EVENT CO-ORDINATOR**

**Chris Garrod**

**CATERING**

**CAMP**

**TRADERS**

**PARADE**

**VOLUNTEERS**

**REGISTRATIONS**

**GEAR SHOP/LOGO  
AND DESIGN**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**SPONSORSHIP**

**MEDIA**

**Andrea Idstein**

**SECURITY**

**FINANCES.**

**Mike Abberfield**

\* Received from Chris Garrod 30 June 2008

## **Simmo's two day event (16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> August)**

### **This is a copy of his email of 8th May 2008**

Hi All,

This is the itinerary for the overnight ride on the 16th of August, those intending on going you need to book early. Leave Singo at 0900 approx, it takes about 3.5 hours to ride to the Gong.

Have lunch somewhere on the way, visit the Nan Tien Buddhist temple at Berkeley, in the afternoon, and also a visit to the Kiama blowhole.

We are staying at the YHA Hostel 75-79 Keira Street, Wollongong NSW 2500, 02 4229 9700 f 02 4229 1875. It is advised to book early, and mention that you are part of the Upper Hunter Ulysses.

Dinner on the Saturday night can be by way of BBQ at the hostel as can breakfast on Sunday] or we are within walking distance of many restaurants, hotels, or clubs.

Sunday we will come home via the New Ocean Road, Stanwell Tops, link up with the F3, have lunch at a point to be discussed with the group, possibly the entrance then head home. We have stayed at a Hostel in Collaroy some time ago and had an absolute ball, we will be able to show the young ones how to really party.

Below is a copy of the e-mail received from the YHA advising rooms available and costs.

Colleen and I have already booked.

Regards.

Simmo.

Dear Jim

Thankyou for your enquiry.

We have a variety of different rooms available for your stay.

We have Double Rooms at \$110.00 per night. The double rooms include a double bed, ensuite, kitchenette, air conditioning, linen, television, off street parking and tea and coffee making facilities.

We also have Family Rooms at \$120.00 per night. The family room has a double bed with either a set of bunks or double bed and double futon lounge/ bed.

Both of these rooms include an ensuite, kitchenette, television, air conditioning, linen, off-street parking, and tea and coffee making facilities.

We also have budget accommodation available. This includes:

\$29.00 per person per night in a shared 4 bed dorm with 2 sets of single bunk beds, all facilities including kitchen and bathroom are shared.

\$40.75 per person in a twin room with a set of single bunk beds with ensuite, only share kitchen facilities.

If you are a YHA member and can show us your card on arrival you will receive a further discount on your stay in this section.

If you would like to proceed with this booking we require contact details for the booking, credit card information, names of guests and confirmed dates. We will then proceed to make the booking for you. You can contact us either by email or phone on 02 4229 9700.

Regards

Liz

Thank you.

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