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## FROM THE MESS ON THE EDITOR'S DESKTOP.

Exciting times, with a big change to our biggest event of the year.

From the day I was appointed as editor a little over two years ago, I heard the frequent comment that "AGM Event" did not identify what it was about with sufficient clarity.

Hearing those comments, our National Committee took them seriously and did something about it with a completely new name.

Ulysses Club National Rally – it clearly states exactly what it is.

As president Jen explains in her address, the National Rally still includes our AGM and Extended Nat Com meeting, so the new name will make no difference to what we expect from our annual gathering.

Making an immediate change was not possible, as too much preparation had already been completed, so Riverland South Australia will host the last AGM Event, with Mornington Victoria taking the new title for 2019.

A good change, a sensible change, and certainly exciting.

### I blame the Japanese tourists!

It has become a continuous saga, my misadventures with our front cover.

With the Christmas season approaching, we gave some thought to how we might celebrate it on our cover.

Dressing as many Ulysseans as possible in Santa hats and beards seemed a good idea, I was able to press some of my Geraldton Branch members into posing for the photograph at the start of our regular Sunday ride.

Problem 1: Getting everyone to the same corner of the carpark at the same time was about as easy as mustering cats.

With sufficient members finally in position (others wandered over five minutes or so after the shoot was finished), I finally began clicking my camera.

Problem 2: Some tourists, we think from Japan, were drawn by the sight of multiple Santas and started taking photos of us with the ever-present camera phones.

Pleas for 'my' Santas to "look at the camera" were ignored, their attention had been grabbed by the extra cameras.

End result – they are all looking in different directions, and this was the best of a bad bunch! A Christmas front cover? Bah! Humbug!

But seriously, our best wishes to all for a safe and happy Christmas!

*Gary Warner*

#65262



## National Presidents Report – Summer 2017

Being president of Ulysses Club Inc can be a bit demanding, but it also has its real highlights – like the privilege of making important announcements.

An exciting change has been made with the decision to rename our annual event as the Ulysses Club National Rally. This is what many of you had asked for,

along with a change to the format and we are making changes in response to those requests.

As the name change signifies, this is the premier gathering for the Club. It still includes the AGM, and we will still refer to the AGM. The Ulysses Club National Rally is just what the name suggests – a reason for all Ulysses Club members to get together annually.

More on that shortly.

Your National Committee members were very pleased that member numbers recently tipped over 16,000 in total, and while numbers are expected to dip again after 31 December 2017 when many members are due to renew, for now over 16,000 is a very pleasing result. An initiative from the National Administration Office saw letters sent to members without an email, who had been missed in last year's mail out; this provided an excellent result, and contributed to the increase in members. The club has had steady membership "around 16,000" for quite a while now.

The Member address sheet which is included with the Riding On magazine each edition will now include the member's renewal date for their membership. This will provide a simple reminder for members and assist in timely renewals received.

One of the factors for stable (I am reluctant to say "increased") member numbers is that some Branches are being proactive in promoting the club, holding membership drives in shopping centres etc and being welcoming and flexible towards new and younger members. The National Committee would like to encourage more Branches to do the same. The staff at the National Administration Office can provide Branches with printed Member applications and other material to put on display if required.

**Ulysses Club National Rally** is not just a new name – you'll see difference to the rally itself – options for different camping periods, integration of RVs and campers where possible, allowing people to camp in closer proximity together to

share the fun. We'll open the event to the public for a limited time, having trialled this in Wauchope. It will allow members who live in the area and who would not have attended, an opportunity to come and visit the traders' areas. Feedback from potential and regular traders has been very positive about the open days. There are essentially three main precincts to the National Rally – Camping, Commercial and Community.

These changes will be slightly different for each National Rally – some venues will suit some aspects more than others so we have the flexibility to adapt the framework of the rally to each venue. Of course it's not all change – the essential elements we love will be a part of the National Rally – the Extended NatCom, the Grand Parade, motorcycle manufacturers, the early morning coffee queue in the camp ground and the annual argument over the loudness of the band.

These changes have come about thanks to the hard work of our National AGM Event Co-ordinator (NAGMEC), Blue Knowles, as well as many others including Rob White and Allan Pratt who have been developing these ideas and working through the details and plans.

The 2018 AGM Event will retain the name, so it will be the last of its kind – from 2019 it is the Ulysses Club National Rally. Register to be there at Barmera, Riverland in May next year for the last AGM Event – that will be a big memory!

**Meanwhile;** President and Secretaries meetings being held regularly and promoting a sharing of ideas and a broader understanding of other Branches and how they are working. A recent example was the attendance at the meeting in Perth of the newest Branch, who were able to gain valuable information and advice from others there. The Show and Shine held recently in Sydney grew from the Presidents and Secretaries meetings held in the region.

Breakfast Clubs are another excellent initiative – started in NSW, we now have Breakfast Clubs in Queensland, NSW, Victoria and I hear there will soon be one in WA. There's a challenge for you SA and Tassie!

The October National Committee meeting allowed NatCom members to visit the Shearwaters Branch stand at the 2017 Cranbourne GP Run (soooo many bikes) and chat to members. Now that the National Committee has been meeting on one day and only been staying away for one night rather than two, in an effort to reduce costs, we don't always have an opportunity to be social at the local level so it was a treat to be able to do so.

National Committee has been cohesively working to deliver better financial results for the club, and all the members have appreciated the guidance of Treasurer John in this task. All members of the National Committee will reflect on their portfolios in their individual report – please take time to read them and appreciate that they are volunteering for the good of this great Club and delivering great results, and I for one am grateful.

## The Times they are a-Changing

In the words of the Bob Dylan song, "the times they are a-changing". I have reflected before on the large number of members who now use smart devices - this became apparent at the Alice Springs AGM Event when members were seen to use them to reach out to others – family and friends at home, to take photos and to post to social media. I admit that at the time I hadn't been expecting the rapid uptake – perhaps that was rather naive of me. This change underlined the need for us to engage more on social media and to ensure that information was available in a mobile friendly form.

It's a fact that people who are turning 40 now, were born in 1977 – these are the media savvy generation, almost born with a mobile phone in hand.

The increased flow of information from Branches and the National Committee, using social media has created a friendlier environment that becomes attractive to potential members. One of the side benefits (or change in behaviour) is that people don't simply ring the office or email to make an enquiry. Questions frequently now come via the Facebook page, also the Branch pages, via the website contacts, and from Twitter. I have received questions about joining from people who are on the RidingOn website and use the Contact Us button – they see and act. This means that we need to be adaptable and flexible in our responses.

The Riding Online website has the articles from the Riding On print copy, and the articles are also being shared over social

media. There are also some additional articles provided from Branches, to fill in the time between editions of Riding On. Editor Gary, our proof readers Bryan and Colin, and of course Amy who does all the artwork and presentation, form a very diligent and hardworking team to produce an excellent and professional magazine each quarter. They always welcome your input. Wayne and Michelle, our website Admins, spend a lot of their time ensuring that content is kept up to date on the websites.

By the time you receive this edition of Riding On, the bikes will be hung with tinsel and Toy Runs will be in full swing. Enjoy the Christmas break, especially those who still work, you'll have some time to be with your families, and also have some time on the roads. Enjoy, and happy Christmas, and we'll look forward to 2018.

Jen Woods

#21395  
**National President**

## Administration closed for Christmas

The National Administration Office will be closed for the Christmas break from Thursday 22nd December 2017 and will re-open on Monday 8th Jan 2018. Wishing you all our members a Happy and Safe Christmas and New Year.



Closed:  
22nd December 2017

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8th January 2018



The vibrant enthusiasm of the members of your National Committee is certainly being reflected in a number of important ways.

Our membership numbers seem to have stabilised after a protracted period of decline. An initiative of the staff at our National Admin Office has seen a huge improvement in the number of renewals

since last Christmas. And as National Secretary Henry has reported, there is a growing trend of past members enquiring about re-joining.

Our National Treasurer has used his experience to ensure a stable and viable sustainability to our finances. All other NatCom members are embracing their respective roles with vigour and initiative, as reflected in their reports.

In the coming months we can all expect to hear about a range of exciting decisions and changes, all in response to requests / suggestions from our broad membership, and all very capably managed by our National President – Jen Woods.

However, the National Committee is still made aware from time to time of dissension within branches. Invariably these issues involve disagreements and personality clashes that really are very damaging to Branch harmony and member enjoyment. They are invariably caused by disagreements over fairly minor issues that grow to become major. They may be over rides, with some members preferring shorter / slower rides, while others want longer / faster rides. They may be over social events, leadership styles, individual member behaviour, etc. A new trend has been the unacceptable use of Social Media to post unsavoury and unacceptable comments on Branch or personal Social Media pages. Most matters are initially relatively trivial, but in the absence of a quick and decisive common sense resolution, they can rapidly grow out of control. But whatever the cause, the effect and outcomes are sometimes very destructive for members and Branches.

It is therefore very timely to reflect on how we would like to be treated, and remind ourselves to treat others, at all times, with the same degree of decency, respect and courtesy.

Our Club's recently adopted "Code of Conduct" (below) is a great reference for ensuring that things don't start to go off the rails.

The Code applies to all Ulysses Club members, their proxies and nominated members of committees, employees, or groups formed to assist the Ulysses Club conduct its business.

The Code applies at all Ulysses Club meetings, official visits and events and any other official or social gatherings or meetings where individuals are representing the Ulysses Club

## Member Conduct

1 As a Ulysses Club Committee member, we will; act ethically and with integrity; make decisions fairly, impartially and promptly, considering all available information, legislation, policies and procedures; treat members of the public and colleagues with respect, courtesy, honesty and fairness, and have proper regard for their interests, rights, safety and welfare; not harass, bully or discriminate against colleagues, members of the public and employees; contribute to a harmonious, safe and productive work environment by our work habits, and professional workplace relationships; and fulfilling our purpose as Committee members.

2 Communication and official information – we will: not disclose official information or documents acquired through any Ulysses Committee, other than as required by law or where proper authorisation is given by The Committee. not misuse official information for personal or commercial gain for myself or another; adhere to legal requirements, policies and all other lawful directives regarding communication with members of the media and members of the public generally; and respect the confidentiality and privacy of all information as it pertains to individuals.

Fraudulent and corrupt behaviour – we will: not engage in fraud or corruption; report any fraudulent or corrupt behaviour; and be accountable for the decisions and input we provide.

With Christmas almost upon us, I take this opportunity to wish all Ulyssians and their extended families, a very happy Christmas and a healthy and productive New Year in 2081

*Peter Baulch*

**#27672**  
**National Vice President**



We have had a couple of interesting months since the last Riding On. I have been very busy with the usual round of correspondence, but I have noted an increase in membership enquiries, particularly from those interested in the Club Plate Scheme. There have also been some enquiries about the RV group.

The October NatCom meeting was held in Cranbourne, Victoria, and the meeting was scheduled to provide an opportunity to not only conduct our normal business, but to spend some time socialising with local members and attend the start of the annual MotoGP run from Cranbourne to Phillip Island. Some NatCom members have never had the opportunity to watch or take part in this event, which can be rather spectacular with anything between 5000 and 10,000 motorbikes taking part. The weekend was actually a great success all round and those members who took the opportunity to join the National Committee for dinner at the Settlement Hotel were able to enjoy themselves. This provided an opportunity to chat with NatCom members and ask any pertinent questions if desired. As for our meeting, we powered through a substantial number of items on our very full agenda.

Over the last couple of months, we have suffered the loss of several long standing members including Barbara Maggs #205 DM#19 and Ron Blomley #1543 DM#13.

Ron's obituary was published in Riding On 136, our summer edition. These members were very influential within not only their branch but the Ulysses Club. They gave their all to the Club and were an inspiration to many other members. I had the honour of being able to represent the National Committee

at their funeral services. If we had more members like these, the Club would be all the richer for it.

Overall membership numbers of the Ulysses Club have risen slightly, back over the 16,000 mark. There seems to be renewed interest by members who had previously left the Club, new members are joining and there was a superb effort by our NAO staff to follow up on late renewals. We encourage all members to keep an eye on their membership renewal date which is shown on your membership card. If you haven't looked at it for a while, **check it now**, and see when you are due to renew. We would also like to remind all members to keep their address and phone number and email details up to date so that we can contact you if the need arises. We often get complaints that members have not been receiving emails or even their Riding On, only to find that their details are out of date. If you think there is a problem, please don't leave it too late. Get in touch with me or the National Administration Office as soon as possible.

By the time you read this, the nominations for the next National Committee will be in place and it will be interesting to see where next year takes us.

In conclusion, I would like to wish all members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Please take care over the holiday season and come back in 2018, still happily riding with the rubber side very much down.

*Henry Rokx*  
**#28636 DM#45**

**National Secretary**

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Being my last report for 2017, I must convey to members the news that our latest accounting for our operations (up to end of October) shows we are still running a deficit of expenses over revenue. However, the deficit is a considerably reduced loss compared to our position this time last year. I am confident that your National Committee has stemmed the flow of losses. This year we will hit budget – a loss of \$51,000; still a deficit but less than half the loss for 2016 and we are working conscientiously on changes which need to be put in place to achieve a return to surplus in 2018.

We have recently reviewed the staffing in the National Administrative Office and made appropriate changes to staff numbers and duties. These changes will yield a saving in the order of \$70,000 per year.

There is significant concern about the economics surrounding the publication of Riding On as a substantial printed magazine together with the on-line version. When publication of Riding On was brought in-house there was initially expectation that advertising revenue would almost offset production costs. Our annual reports show that in 2014 the revenue from advertising was \$123k and member subscriptions were \$674k. In recent months the advertising has declined to \$20k per quarter (approx.). Cost of production is \$215k plus \$18k for Riding On website resulting in the magazine consuming 33% of member's subscriptions; only three years ago the comparable number was 20%.

What should we do?? Move Riding On exclusively to the on-line platform (as our colleagues in NZ have done)? This would save \$180k per year which would certainly see us operating in surplus. Or publish one printed, prestige year book with three (3) on-line editions. Or should we move to adjust our subscription upwards by say \$25 or more?? I would welcome members' comments on this aspect of our operations as a guide to our considerations next year.

NatCom has taken a fresh approach to the AGM Event with a name change, introduction of three day passes and reduction in registration fees. We are confident this will freshen member interest and attendance at the annual event and ensure the event makes a positive contribution to our surplus.

And, lastly we must recognise that our IT/web structures and delivery require a full review in light of changes in technology, member expectations and costs. This will be a challenging task for NatCom in the coming year.

I should like to wish all members and families a very enjoyable, happy holiday (Christmas) season. We trust that 2018 will be a memorable year for us all; that we enjoy the fellowship and fun that our Club offers and that we can all, as far as is possible, get out and enjoy the ride!!

John Osborne

#41785  
National Treasurer

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The response has so far been slow; however it is still early days as most businesses have allocated their advertising budget for this financial year. We will be resending a reminder to our advertisers list early in the New Year so that they can consider us in their advertising budget for next financial year.

However, we have managed to get a few new advertisers for future editions of Riding On and I would like to welcome them on board.

I am sure that of our over 16,000 members, many of you

own or run businesses that could benefit from advertising in our Riding On magazine. Consider advertising with us. Many members do already and I thank them for their support.

Advertising in Riding On does not necessarily have to be motorcycle related, as all of our members also shop for many varied products such as camping equipment, building products, home goods, the list is almost endless. The point is, please let me know of, or go and visit a business (with a copy of Riding On magazine in hand) that you think may be interested in having exposure to over 16,000 potential new customers. We are one club, we should and can all work together to help grow and strengthen our great club.

*Dave Wright*

**#51871  
Advertising Liaison**

Most of our back orders of stock are now on our shelves at the National Administration Office, which is good news with our thoughts turning to Christmas gifts for our family and friends.

We have Christmas specials on our website and summer specials for you in the Gear Shop section of this magazine, we have also introduced a couple of new items.

First is the new (and I must say very smart) denim long sleeved shirt, the other is our new style polo shirt, and we are now selling the very popular Ulysses Club beanies in a new colour (stone) which I think looks great (but I would, because I chose it).

Over the coming months, we will be selling some items of merchandise on our website and at our AGM in Barmera - at or near cost. This is stock that has been sitting on our shelves for some time, and we would like to make room for new items, so keep your eye on our website for these specials and those that will be sold at the AGM.

Now that summer is upon us and many of us will be out enjoying longer rides on hotter days, I would encourage all of our members to dress for the unexpected and wear protective but cooler clothing.

*Dave Wright*

**#51871  
Purchasing Officer**

We have our next meeting of the Ulysses Club Road Safety Committee scheduled for 20th January 2018 in Sydney.

A few of the issues raised by UCRSC members recently that will be discussed at our January meeting are –

The results from the mobile phone use survey and how it affects motorcycle riders.

Lobbying politicians for better safety and legislation for older motorcycle riders – do we need to do this better?

I attended the three day Australasian Road Safety Conference which was held in Perth this year, representing the Ulysses Club Inc. (my cost for this event was paid for by the WA Road Safety Commission and I would like to thank them for this) This year there were over 650 delegates from every state and territory as well as many from overseas. I have attended these for the past eight years in all Australian States and Territories and this was by far the best one I have attended because of the amount of motorcycle specific topics raised. These topics kept me busy for all three days and included a symposium on motorcycle training and licensing, which lasted for most of day 1. On day 2 there were 11 concurrent sessions on motorcycle topics including high risk roads, protective clothing star rating, and motorcycle friendly road design. Day 3 was mostly about safety barriers and road side hazards.

Many of these topics will be discussed at our UCRSC meeting.

So now we have lots of issues that the Road Safety Committee will discuss at our January meeting

I will be attending the Australian Motorcycle Council (AMC) Conference in Sydney on November 11th and will represent the Ulysses Club Inc. The AMC is the peak motorcycle body in Australia at the Federal level, representing the rights and safety of motorcycle riders, and has delegates from all Australian States and Territories and the Ulysses Club. Many of the regulations affecting us as riders originate at a Federal level before being adopted by the various state and territory Governments. This is why it is so important that we have a strong organisation that we are part of.

Remember to Ride Like Your Life Depends On It

Dave Wright

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negotiated as this report goes to print.

Early indications from our MAOTY National Adjudicator – Graham Moore # 62762, are that we can once again expect a healthy crop of nominations for this prestigious award. Zone Winners will be announced in the Autumn Edition of Riding On , and the National Winner will be presented with his award and prize at the Riverlands AGM Event in May 2018.

Planning to attract as many Motorcycle Manufacturers to our AGM Event in Riverlands in May of 2018 is well underway. Some Manufacturers have expressed eagerness to attend, while others are reluctant to commit at this stage. However, we remain confident that the evolving program for Riverlands will prove to be very attractive to the Motorcycle Manufacturers.

Early Registrations for our AGM Event in Riverlands S.A. (Barmera, Berri, Renmark region), will be eligible to win a fantastic "Early Bird" prize. Across Oz Trailers – an Adelaide based firm specialising in the manufacture of Motorcycle Trailers have kindly donated a "Wallaby" model from their range, as first prize – valued at \$6800-00. Second prize will

be an "Indian" leather jacket – valued at \$900-00, and third prize will be "complimentary" registration - valued at \$110-00.

Sydney's Troy Bayliss Moto Expo was held 24 – 26 November (2017) at the new Sydney International Convention Centre at Darling Harbour.

Our team of volunteers enlisted to assist at the event, all report it as a huge success with plenty of interest from new and "returning" members. Naturally all surrounding Branches participated in what was a good membership recruiting ground for Ulysses Club members. I had again negotiated a "contra" arrangement with Mark Petersen to promote the EXPO in Riding On , e-Newsletters, etc, in return for a complimentary shell space at the Expo.

Riding On articles featuring test rides and reports continue to be very popular with our members. The Summer edition of Riding On, will feature test ride / reports including the exciting new BMW K-series 1600 GT, one of the very best Sports Tourers ever produced. A huge thank you to our volunteer Test Riders / Reporters, for the excellent work they do for the benefit of our members. If there are any special requests for particular motorcycles – new or old - to feature, please let me know.

Best wishes to everyone for a very Happy Christmas and healthy New Year in 2018.

Peter Baulch

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We live in such a great country, as well as having a huge variety of roads and terrain to get around on, we also have year round riding weather – in most areas!

By the time this is printed, some of our overseas counterparts, especially those in Europe are now putting or have already put

their bikes into storage for winter. Hard to imagine such harsh weather conditions while we can still enjoy being outside in our winter!

It has been an eventful few months internationally with most overseas Club very active – as some only have a short summer to ride, they get out and about every chance they get!

I am sharing the online Riding On with my overseas counterparts and they all report enjoying the read.

Bennie Pieterse from Botswana sent me an email about their annual ride to welcome spring – a 200k loop that has a break in the middle where they enjoy a BBQ and a social beside the road in the middle of the bush. Well attended this year and the weather has been kind to them.

France, Germany, Namibia and Mozambique have been very quiet but I will endeavour to once again make contact.

Ulysses Club Great Britain continues to send me their magazines and I must admit to becoming increasingly interested in heading over there for the 2018 European Gathering! Information on the Gathering has been displayed on our website: 2018 AGM and European International Gathering - The plan is that members will arrive on the Friday and stay for three nights if possible. The AGM itself will be held at 18:00 on Saturday 7th July. Rides in the Pennines and Dales will be arranged on Saturday and Sunday. We have reserved 40 rooms at Cedar Court Hotel Harrogate from Friday 6th July to Monday 9th July 2018.

The hotel is a fine old 17th century building offering very pleasant accommodation with restaurant, bar and a number of beautiful function rooms. Special accommodation rates have been made available for Ulysses Club members. Please do not make a reservation through the hotel's website as you will not obtain the special rate. Contact the hotel directly by phone on 01423 858585 between 09:00 and 17:00; select 1 for Reservations; and quote ULYSSESGB Motorcycle Club booking for the nights of July 6th, 7th & 8th 2018.

Or email the hotel at bookings@cedarcourtharrogate.co.uk quoting ULYSSESGB Motorcycle Club booking for the nights of July 6th, 7th &-8th 2018.

Ulysses Club New Zealand now only uses an online format for their National magazine – "The Ulyssian" and so far it

seems to be working well. I received the latest copy from Tiny and enjoyed the read. As I do with our "Riding On" and local Branch newsletter, Tiny shares "The Ulyssian" with fellow International Clubs and the comments received by us both are very encouraging. The International Ulysses Clubs are helping to join the dots in making the Ulysses Club a Worldwide family!

Ulysses Club Norway is enjoying what is left of their summer and Knut wishes me to share the information that you can see the Club's activities on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/ulyssesclubnorway>

They attended the Ulysses Club Germany Euro Meet this summer and intend to go to England next summer. Exciting news - they are planning to hold the European Gathering in Norway in 2019!

Ulysses Club South Africa is extremely busy with ride reports coming in from Julian on a regular basis. Louwtjie Hoon, president of Ulysses Boland (South Africa) has shared the following info in a letter to Australian members – (letter shared to our website) : The annual National rally for ULYSSES South Africa will be held from the 18th to 20st of May 2018 at the ATKV Resort, Goudini. Ulysses Boland and Cape Town Chapters are hosting this rally.

It will be an absolute pleasure for us to assist any one of your club members in any way possible (accommodation, bike rentals etc.) if they are interested to join us on these dates. As this is a great opportunity for an extended holiday in the region, we will be willing to assist with arrangements to ensure a trip of a life time.

Another rally I am trying desperately to attend!

Ulysses Club Switzerland continues to send me ride reports and photos of their beautiful country and I am looking forward to catching up with Ivan when he comes to Brisbane in November – always good to put a face to a name.

I am extremely pleased to be able to report that Ulysses Club Thailand has sorted out their issues. The new committee have asked outgoing president Mick to continue on the new committee in an advisory capacity – an offer he was extremely pleased to accept. Mick asked me for a power point to help explain just what the Ulysses Club is about and to provide some history to the newer members. Jen has kindly worked extremely hard on providing Mick and I with this very informative tool. I foresee the powerpoint as being very useful to other clubs and also to new and ongoing Australian Branches and members.

Brian May in Zimbabwe continues to correspond, sharing information and rides with me. He collects patches and badges and I was happy to recently send him a very small assembly of patches to add to his collection.

Sadly Ulysses Club Vietnam is no longer, but I am in email contact with two riders over there, Glenn Nolan and John Cook, so if travelling to Vietnam, these gentlemen are happy to assist with information - accommodation, rides etc.

## South East Queensland President and Secretaries Group

The South East Queensland President and Secretaries will

meet again in November; the venue will be at Harrisville. At the last meeting we welcomed Linda Niacstri #59464 from the Tweed Border Branch; she was very receptive to attending further meetings and for the Tweed Border Branch becoming involved in SE QLD rides and events. We also hope, in the near future, to enjoy the company of members from the Lismore Branch and 2020 National Event committee.

Ian Kirkwood #60071 discussed the survey his university students were completing on Ulysses Club membership and all were very interested in knowing more.

Further discussion was held on the "Meet Up" website, with Roxanne Stone #43827 from Redlands demonstrating how this will work. The decision was made by those present to go ahead with the website – labelled "Rides of Ulysses". And that the cost would be shared amongst the branches. Since that decision, visits have been made to several branch social gatherings for further discussion. Although slow to take off, some branches have come on board and those that have, report success with gaining new members and interest in their listed branch rides. All in all, I think this will be a great tool for promotion of the Ulysses Club. As an aside, interest in the site showed 91 joining to have a look within a week!

I am pleased to be able to share that the Northern South East Queensland Branches - encompassing Gympie, Bundaberg, Sunshine Coast, Fraser Coast and Blackall Ranges plan to form a separate Presidents and Secretaries meeting! A great way for more Ulyssians to have an avenue to share ideas, vent about issues and plan rides/rallies together. Thank you to Ros Rees #44090 for organising this.

There is so much on over the next few months and I will be attempting to attend as many branch functions as possible with Glasshouse Mountains Silver anniversary party, Warwick's 10th anniversary party and the upcoming Toy Runs by Lockyer, Sunshine Coast and Mt Lindesay Branches, all on the list!

In October, I was proud to accept a cheque for over \$1000 for UCARF on behalf of Kim Kennerson #6929 LM #14 from the Northern Gateway Branch, being funds raised at their annual Halloween night.

### South East Queensland Expos and Shows

The Superbikes held in Warwick in August was not well attended – the Willowbank drags were on at the same time and numbers down on the previous year, but we were happy to talk with fellow riders and gave out approx. 15 membership forms over the weekend.

I continue to receive requests for the use of banners and display information I have at home from Branches holding events, please remember that the National Admin Office are always happy to help point you in the right direction if you require any paraphernalia like this!

I wish you and yours a Merry and Safe Christmas; hopefully you will be spending it with good friends and or family.

Always Look On The Bright Side Of Life

*Allan Pratt*  
#9186 DM #21

## SUMMER 2017

## Club Permit Scheme Report

Since the last Riding On became available, I have received phone calls and emails from members about the Club Plate Scheme – some wanting information on how to register their bikes, others on wanting clarification on specifics or to correct some of the information supplied. Thank you for all the enquiries, like some of you, I am still learning how it all works!

Those that wished to register have been forwarded to the relevant state representatives and I thank Kevin White #10667, Ross Atkinson #57470 and Phil Whitton #3431 for their assistance.

It seems that there have been some changes to legislation around log books in New South Wales that is not currently on our website.

Phil Whitton #3431, the scrutineer from NSW, has sent an article on the amendments; this article can be read further on in the Riding On. The amendments will also be published on the National Website.

Phil is happy to share that" Currently we have 265 members in NSW enjoying the availability and benefits of the system getting the classics and historic bikes out for the day's runs"

Kevin White #10667 writes from Victoria: "In Victoria we have 380 members at present, plus a few enquiries for Ulysses permits

It shows that there is a liking for the cheaper registration that allows restricted days' worth of riding which seems to suit most people.

Something to keep in mind when you have the permit is that

quite a few insurers give you a great deal due to the restricted usage of your motorcycle ,also a lot of the motorcycles are becoming harder to get thus the value is increasing as time moves on"

Ross Atkinson #57470 reports that he is receiving a lot of enquiries from Northern Queensland – I am waiting on some clarification from Ross regarding Queensland historic plate registration costs.

At the October NATCOM meeting the decision was made to list the Club Plate Scheme State contacts in a more prominent position on the National website – President Jen Woods #21395 will organise this and it should be available to all soon.

If you wish to make contact with any of the State representatives – you can do so either directly or through myself.

Their contact details are:

NSW: Phil Whitton #3431 – 0404 322 139

email: whittons@ozemail.com.au

QLD: Ross Atkinson #57470 – 0403 742 573

email: rcatkinson81@bigpond.com

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#9186 DM #21

Club Plate Coordinator

# Membership and Community Engagement Report



## Membership and Community Engagement Report Summer 2017

Hi All. Well Christmas is upon us and another year has flown by. I would like to wish all Ulysses Club members, their partners and families all the best for the festive season. "Merry Christmas", a Happy New Year and may 2018 bring you the happiness you deserve.

In my role as Membership Liaison I would like to encourage each and every one of you to look for opportunities to recruit new members to our great Club. Our numbers are steady, however we need more members to sustain the Club into the future. We especially need younger members, those in their 40s. I was fortunate to meet perhaps the youngest member of the Club (40, almost 41) in October, he showed me that a forty-year-old can bring some fresh ideas and new vitality to a Branch and to the Club.

Welcoming of visitors - I know my Branch always welcomes visitors to the social meetings and on the Wednesday and Sunday rides. This is an excellent way to recruit new members and I encourage your Branch to follow suit. Once you have these new or prospective members, please make them feel welcome in your Branch, and encourage them to participate on rides, don't ignore them at meetings, rides etc.

I visited the start of the MOTO GP Run at Cranbourne in October and was very pleased to see the display that Shearwaters Branch put on at the start of the Run. I understand they recruited a few new members at Cranbourne. The Albury Wodonga Branch recently held a similar activity in Albury where they also recruited a couple of new members. I know there are many other branches that conduct similar activities. It would be great if your branch could plan and conduct an activity explaining the virtues and benefits of the Ulysses Club. If you contact the National Administration Office staff, they can provide brochures etc to hand out. I also note that some branches help the local Services Clubs to conduct events like Bike Show and Shine, another good area for recruiting.

The National Committee receives a lot of correspondence from members throughout the year, some positive some negative, but don't worry we all have thick hides. One thing I must say is if you are going to make observations, can you also make suggestions on how we might rectify or improve the topic you are commenting on? Simply saying it's up to the National Committee to fix is not always that simple, your solution may be very appropriate.

I also had the opportunity recently to attend the Victorian Presidents and Secretaries Meeting held in conjunction with the Victorian Breakfast Club monthly breakfast. What a great initiative, getting a lot of the Victorian branches together to share ideas, rides, social activities and to promote the Ulysses Club. Lots of positive interaction and feedback to and from those branches in attendance.

I know that Breakfast Club works, it is a concept we should have operating everywhere.

International Clubs - I read with interest the closing paragraph of the International Liaison Officers Report in the 2016 Summer Edition of Riding On where Allan Stated "Australian Ulyssians often ask for Ulysses contact details to assist in their overseas travel. I am happy to help with names and contacts. Ulyssians are the same all over the world; always happy to help fellow riders!"

I thought I would try Allan out on this statement, so in May he provided me with the GB, German and Swiss contacts, I made contact with each country contact and was extremely happy with the response from each, Pete Bull from GB, Gernot Minig Germany and Ivan Hauri from Switzerland. They are the most hospitable people, as you would expect being fellow Ulyssians. Heather and I were welcomed by all Clubs. They advised on travel, bike availability, touring but more importantly local customs, culture, food and wine as well, as was the case in England meeting a large number of the GB Club membership at a social function. Fond memories..... Thank you, International Club members, and thank you Allan.

National AGM Event Coordinator (NAGMEC) report. Plenty has been said elsewhere about the change of name for the Annual AGM Event. It is great to see that after the 2018 AGM Event at Riverland, the Ulysses Club is changing the name of future events to Ulysses Club National Rally. The 2019 National Rally in Mornington, will be the first under the new name. This change will bring us into line with all National and International Ulysses Club Rallies, thanks in part to work being done on behalf of the Ulysses Club by Prof Ian Kirkwood of James Cook University.

Can I ask if you would like to Volunteer at the 2018 AGM Event Riverland, to please register as a volunteer asap. I find volunteering one of the most rewarding activities at an AGM event, as Volunteers make the event happen and it is great to sit back and say I assisted to make the Event the success it was.

## Blue Knowles

#33140  
Natcom Member

## WANTED

National Adjudicator for the Ulysses Club –  
Motorcycle Apprentice of the Year (MAOTY) Award.

### Preferred Requirements

Enthusiasm, Mechanical Qualifications  
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Communication Skills. Handover and orientation provided.

This is an Ex-Officio position, reporting to a member of the Ulysses Club National Committee.

### All enquiries to :

**Peter Baulch – National Vice President**  
**Mob: 0428 246 175**  
**Email: vicepresident@ulysses.org.au**



Jon Taylor #46773 is the lucky winner of a \$20,000 Indian Scout motorcycle, first prize in the UCARF Biennial National Raffle.

Generously sponsored by Polaris Australia and Ulysses Club Inc., Jon's new ride included on road costs and GST.

Second prize, an Indian leather jacket valued at \$595.00 from Polaris Australia was won by David Gittens #2991.

Third prize, trize, two general admission tickets to the 2017 Australian Moto GP worth \$99.00 each (inc GST), sponsored by Transport Accident Commission Victoria went to Mark Gale, # 23939.

The following donations have been received since the last recognition in spring edition of Riding On. In no particular order these most generous contributions were as follows –

Mid North Coast Branch \$575, Mid-Week Riders Group \$320, SE Qld Presidents Group \$1000, Mildura Branch \$1000, AJ Dennemosser \$50, Melbourne Branch \$505, Fremantle Group \$60, Central Deserts Branch \$100, Geelong Branch \$750, Wagga Wagga Branch \$710, Lockyer Branch \$500, NatCom dinner raffle \$155, Nepean Branch \$500, Fleurieu Branch \$531.50, Mandurah-Murray Branch \$300, Helen Connolly \$312, Hills Branch \$310.

The Mid-North Coast Branch donation was thanks to an AGM 2017 raffle, and SE Qld Presidents Group donation was due to the regional multi branch Cartwheel Ride.

The Mid-week Riders Group donation was due to a quarterly charity ride day and another is in the pipeline very soon.

Melbourne Branch's donation was in part due to donations from mourners attending the late Ron Blomley's funeral and a top up of \$200 from the branch itself.

In lieu of flowers at the funeral it was requested that donations be made to UCARF.

Like many I was saddened to learn of the passing of Ron #1543 DM #13. Ron was a distinguished former Melbourne Branch president and a great guy to boot.

Chris and Patrice Bell and Chris and Anne Sweet of Hills Branch organised a camping/ caravan weekend at Jimmy's Beach with 55 participants. After paying catering expenses the surplus was kindly donated to UCARF.

If donors would like to pen a few words to accompany donations we would be only too pleased to expand on the methods and efforts branches and individuals go to support our club's preferred charity.

The Sydney based Ulysses Club Show 'N' Shine was held on Sunday 17 September at Bunnings Warehouse carpark at Rydalmere.

The shared benefactors of raised funds are UCARF and Westmead Hospital Pulmonary Rehabilitation Exercise Program.

As the coordinator I spent the day representing UCARF, this included a presentation table with our UCARF banners on display, posters and handouts on arthritis research and the opportunity to thank organisers and supporters.

I wish to thank Hills, Hornsby, Northern Beaches and Sydney Branches for their grand efforts and the opportunity for UCARF to be involved. In particular I wish to mention and thank Tony Mearns for his able assistance.

An Invitation has been received from Louise Rose, president Northern Gateways Branch, to attend their second Halloween Trivia evening on Saturday 28 October. I travelled to Queensland to attend last year's inaugural event but this year the close proximity to my daughter's wedding and health issues prevented my attendance.

Similar reasons and the clash of dates also prevented my attendance at the "Two Wheels to Wellington" event.

Both impressive events support UCARF and for this the club is most grateful.

Currently I am researching options and communicating with relevant parties/individuals regarding a proposed restoration of a previously Stephen Dearnley owned Honda Forza Scooter. I will report with developments as they progress.

**Kim Kennerson,**

**UCARF Coordinator,**

**#6929 LM #14**

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# Candidates National Committee 2018

The National Committee of the Ulysses Club Inc. advises members that Nominations for all positions on the National Committee for 2018 have been received and are as follows:

**President**

Jen Woods #21395

**Vice President**

Peter Baulch #27672

**Secretary**

Henry Rokx #28636

**Treasurer**

John Osborne #41785

**Committee**

Blue Knowles #33140

Allan Pratt #9186

David Wright #51871

The Annual General Meeting will commence at 1pm on Saturday the 12th of May 2018, at the Chaffey Theatre, Country Arts S.A., Seventeenth Street, Renmark, S.A. 5341

**Henry Rokx**  
National Secretary  
#28636 DM#45



Peter Baulch  
National Vice President

Since first being elected to the National Committee of our Ulysses Club in 2014, I have been committed to ensuring that our club operates professionally at all times. My Ulysses Club activities, whilst at times challenging, continue to be a source of pleasure for me since I joined in 2001. The enduring friendships, camaraderie, social interaction and motorcycling fun are the trademarks of Ulysses membership that I value most.

My roles on NatCom continue to be both challenging and extremely rewarding, as our NatCom team continues to fulfil the responsibility of guiding our Club into a strong, sustainable and enjoyable future. Having been substantively involved in reviewing and amending our constitution, and more recently, introducing a policy for good governance, I'm proud that we now have a fully compliant constitution, and a governance policy that provides for transparency, due process and fairness.

This year, in addition to Vice President, I have had responsibility for numerous portfolios including our prestigious Motorcycle Apprentice of the Year Awards (MAOTY), Liaising and Overseeing AGM Event participation, Test Rides & Reports, and Advertising and Sponsorship with all the Motorcycle Manufacturers. Sponsorship of our Club and its activities has enjoyed significant growth this year, with many new sponsors joining our long-term supporters. UCARF has been the beneficiary of new sponsorship arrangements ensuring that the National

UCARF Raffle Prize is now substantially sponsored.

Much of this success has been achieved by working cooperatively with fellow NatCom members, Ex-Officios, Branches, our Administration staff, our Motorcycle manufacturers, and our Sponsors.

Today our Club faces new challenges including increasing costs and reducing revenues, requiring prudent management, transparent governance and strong leadership. I continue to embrace and enjoy these challenges and the commitment that comes with being a member of the united National Committee, providing management skills, leadership and working for the benefit of all members.

My role as part of the hard working and committed team of National Committee members hopefully continues, and I know that I still have a lot more guidance to offer our Club. I therefore seek your continued trust and support and I look forward enthusiastically to extending my responsibilities on NatCom, as we build cooperatively and responsibly for the future sustainability, strength and enjoyment of our great Ulysses Club.

Peter Baulch  
#27672

# Candidates National Committee 2018



Name: - John Osborne  
#41785  
Position Sought:  
- National Treasurer

It is surprising how quickly time has passed since I originally nominated for the position of Committeeman on the National Committee and was appointed at the 2015 AGM. My first position on National Committee was as Ad-

vertising Co-ordinator, predominantly involved with advertising for the Riding On magazine. This was a good apprenticeship in that it focused my attention on the delicate balance of cost of production and revenue associated with Riding On.

After service for 12 months in advertising I was elected to position of National Treasurer at the 2016 AGM. Regrettably, my first term finished in tears with governance issues in NatCom forcing me to step aside part way through the term. However, at Wauchope AGM 2017 I was again elected to the National Treasurer position and have picked up the issues which were identified during my first term as Treasurer. The Annual Report for 2016 saw the Club post a deficit in operations of \$124,835. Clearly this level of loss is unsustainable and provides strong motivation for the Treasurer (together with all NatCom) to

review and restructure operations to achieve a modest surplus whilst maintaining services to members.

The National Committee has adopted significant changes in governance practices and this has strengthened the decision making processes of the Committee. Operations for 2017 have been trimmed and we should report a deficit in the order of \$50,000. Given staffing changes in the National Administrative Office, and reductions in the cost of operation of the National Committee, I am quietly confident that we can achieve a surplus in operations for 2018.

In offering myself to continue in the treasury position I am confident that my career experience in management and accounting equip me well to perform the role. My strengths are in management accounting, budgeting, staffing and business cost control; I shall continue to apply these to the benefit of the Club.

The time required to attend to the duties of Treasurer is often a challenge, however, I continue active participation in local branch activities particularly the rides, odysseys and meetings at the PITTS. I intend to continue these activities as they are an important way to ensure one stays in touch with the concerns of grass roots members and that being a member of Ulysses Club is always fun.

John Osborne  
#41785



Hello fellow Ulyssians,

2017 has been a year of challenges and changes for the National Committee.

Having just completed my second year as a member of the National Committee, I find that I am enjoying the tasks that go with strengthening our great club.

During 2017 I have continued in my role as the Ulysses Club Australia's International Liaison, assisted Queensland Branches with Queensland Expos and shows and chaired the SE QLD President's and Secretaries meetings. I also picked up the Club Plate portfolio – something that has always intrigued me and that I have learnt a lot about during the last 12 months – still learning!

During 2017 I also developed a deeper interest in the National Rally (AGM events) and have enjoyed many discussions and meetings with the National AGM Event Coordinators and event committees.

This has given me a much better insight into the amount of work and planning that is needed to run one of these events. I raise my hat to all that have managed an event in the past and this participation has increased my interest and my wish to continue to be involved in our great club.

The 2017 National Committee has worked extraordinarily well together – our efforts always motivated on what is best for the Club and the members. Focus has been on raising the profile of the Ulysses Club, growing and retaining membership and lowering the costs to existing members – none of which have simple answers.

I have made some good contacts with my international counterparts and still enjoy sharing stories and photos with them. There have been many moments over the last year where the sharing of ideas has increased the enjoyment of Australian Ulyssians travelling overseas. I hope to continue with this portfolio and more into 2018.

I feel that I contribute positively as a member of the Ulysses Club National committee and welcome the opportunity to continue do so if elected in 2018. I welcome the chance to work on any portfolio assigned to me.

I have much more to offer our great club and hope that you the members, will honour me with another term on the Ulysses Club National Committee in 2018.

Thank you

Allan Pratt  
#9186 DM 22

# Candidates National Committee 2018



Henry Rokx Profile / National Secretary

It may only be six months since the AGM at Wauchope/Port Macquarie when I stepped into the role of National Secretary, but it's starting to feel like a lifetime. It has been a very busy time but I am enjoying the role immensely. There are of course good days and bad, but looking after the needs of our members is always first and foremost in the overall scheme of things.

It has been the aim of the current committee to look after the members, reduce costs and improve the services we (the Ulysses Club) provide and by providing better options for attendances at AGM's

Based on the requests and recommendations received from you – the members.

All improvements take time to implement, but we are making headway. As for the Secretary's role, I have endeavoured to speed up responses to emails and phone requests. Most standard requests are forwarded to the relevant staff member



Jen Woods – Nomination to the National Committee

Having been elected as National President at the 2017 AGM in Wauchope, I have accepted a nomination to stand again as President and I seek your continued trust and support to fulfil that role. I have enjoyed working with the team elected by the members in this past year while implementing important changes and I believe that together we have had a successful year and delivered

positive results for the club's future.

Decisions that National Committee have made on behalf of you, the members, are made after reasoned discussions and careful consideration of all the facts available, and always with the best interests of the Club in mind. I will continue the long established and proven ethos of the Club founders who treated members with respect and courtesy, and I will ensure that the Committee represents the members' wishes and aspirations.

My long experience on the National Committee has been vital as I continue this role, and listening to and engaging with members is the key. Guiding the National Committee as we work through the various issues has been a major focus and one that has been actively supported by the other National Committee members. We have focussed on the business and financial aspects of the Ulysses Club and will report a better outcome this year, while acknowledging there is still work to be done.

at the NAO, others to the appropriate National Committee member for action. Where I can provide a solution I will help as quickly as possible. The role of Secretary also depends on effective and close communication with the staff at the NAO, without whom the role of National Secretary would be very much harder, so I thank the girls for all their help.

To some the position of Secretary may to some seem a bit mundane, but it is actually quite interesting and challenging and it provides an opportunity to communicate with members, sort out problems and learn a significant amount of detail about the workings of the Ulysses Club, both in the past and the present. It also provides a good deal of pleasure when we get good news from branches, approve most of the requests for awards such as the Telemachus Medal, Dearnley Medal or Life Memberships. Of course not all are approved, but that is one of the difficult sides of being on the National Committee.

For me, it has been a pleasure and a privilege to have served on the National Committee since 2014. I hope that the members are happy to support my continuing role on the National Committee as National Secretary for another term.

Henry Rokx  
#28636 DM#45

The work undertaken by members and Branches to raise funds for, and awareness of, local charities in addition to our important contributions to UCARF is inspiring and through my communications roles I have been pleased to support their efforts in some small way. I strongly believe in the power of our community to connect people through a common love of motorcycles.

Working with the National Administration staff, volunteers from the AGM Events, ex-officio members and Branch Committees has been enjoyable, exciting and enlightening due to the breadth of experience they bring to the club.

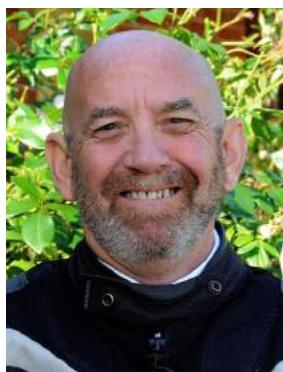
I value the opportunities that I have been afforded to interact with members from all over Australia. The many friendships that I've been able to develop with members from many branches has been an added extra to this role.

My excellent communication skills, willingness to learn and to listen, enthusiasm, passion and commitment for the club is shown by my track record. I believe I can make a difference and assist you, the members to continue to keep the Ulysses Club as a strong and relevant organisation into the future.

I firmly believe that any position on the National Committee should always be considered an honour and an opportunity to serve the Club members. I seek to serve the club for another year.

Jen Woods  
#21395

# Candidates National Committee 2018



Dave Wright #51871

Well, what a great first year it has been for me as a member of NatCom.

It has been an absolute pleasure working with your NatCom members. There has been a great deal of learning the ropes from the longer standing members of the team, who have been happy to guide me as to how my area of responsibility has been done in the past.

I have felt privileged to be part of your NatCom as it made some important decisions in regards to the future of our great Club, including the changes to our AGM arrangements and the Club finances. We are also working on future changes to our membership structure. These are all issues that you, the members, have been communicating to us and it is good to be part of a NatCom that is responding to our members' ideas and suggestions.

As well as participating in advancing the Ulysses Club in all areas including long term financial sustainability, recruiting new members and giving our members existing and new a

fantastic Ulysses experience, I was given the responsibility for Advertising, Merchandising /Purchasing and Chair of the Ulysses Club Road Safety Committee (UCRSC)

Advertising is a challenge as businesses only have a set amount to spend per year on this, however with the new Advertisers Package that we have developed we seem to be gaining ground and I have some new avenues to pursue.

Merchandising is another challenge, my target is to reduce the items we hold in stock that are not selling well and rationalise our stock on hand to a smaller quantity, and give you the best products at the best possible price.

Motorcycle Safety for me is something that I have always been passionate about through my involvement with the Australian Motorcycle Council, The Motorcycle Riders Association and being a member of our own Safety Committee for the past eight years. I will continue to work on your behalf in this area to make riding as safe and enjoyable as possible.

I have totally loved my first year serving the members of our Club and hope that you consider me at our AGM to continue this work into the future for you.

Dave Wright  
#51871



Blue Knowles #33140

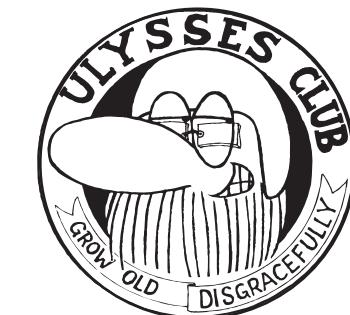
Position Sought:  
National Committee  
Member

Having been a member of the Ulysses Club for the past 14 years and being a committee member of the local branch for 13 of those years I thought it about time that I nominate for the National Committee

(NatCom), you may say hang on you are a current National Committee Member and you would be right however I was invited to fill a vacant position by NatCom after the resignation of the elected Vice President mid-year 2017.

As well as the committee positions within the branch I have been AGM Event Secretary and subsequent AGM Event Director for the 2015 Ulysses Club AGM Event – Wodonga, following the 2015 AGM Event I was joint Trader coordinator for the 2016 and 2017 AGM Events until again I was invited to be National AGM Event Coordinator (NAGMEC) by NatCom, I currently fill that position as well as a member of NatCom.

Although I have only been on the NatCom for 5 months (at the time of writing) I have found the experience both extremely busy and very rewarding, the support from and interaction with other members of this great Club has been fantastic opening my eyes wide open to the complexity of our Ulysses Club.



# NEWS



## MID WEEK RIDERS

These photos were taken on a Wednesday before members of the North West Coast Tasmania Branch set off from Otto's Grotto, Ulverstone, where we meet up at 11 am.

Mid week we have no designated destination so, after much prodding at smart phones and waving around weather maps (this is Tassie, after all) we wait...

Until someone makes a suggestion which will then make them Ride Captain for the day, so you can imagine most days after much mumbling it is well after 11 before we get going. But what the hell, none of us are working!

We then take the wonderful back roads that crisscross Tassie that mostly only locals would know.

So if any big island members are over here and would like to take a look get in touch you, are always more than welcome to join us.

Ian Grant #43027  
President, NW Coast Tasmania Branch.

## THE WOLLYS TURN 30!

### **Apology**

Yes, this is the story that went missing in our last edition. What can I say? I can only apologise to the Wollys, whose Branch turned 30 back in March!

### **Editor.**

On the weekend of 17th, 18th & 19th of March 2017 the Wollondilly Wanderers celebrated their 30th anniversary, and what a celebration it was.

With around 120 fellow Ulyssians braving the wet weather, we gathered at the Mittagong RSL for the festivities.

Friday evening started with many of our visiting branches registering and joining some of the Wollys old and new for a meal, a drink or two and a chat, of course.

On Saturday we did have some beautiful rides arranged to take in some of the wonderful twisty roads and amazing scenery the Southern Highlands has to offer, but unfortunately the weather gods did not get the memo. Despite the rain some committed souls did arrive looking for a ride, so a \big thank you to Phil Neal and John Bunter for taking the riders out, and also the Wollys who took some of the visitors around in their cars.

The real party started on Saturday evening with Ulyssians travelling from Northern Gateway, Hornsby, Macarthur, Nambucca Valley, Northern Rivers, Northern Beaches, Woy Woy and the Grampians branches, along with NATCOM Vice President Jen Woods to join the Wollys in celebrating this wonderful milestone.

But of course we were all there because of our special guests, our founding members, from left; Cam McDonald, Marilyn McDonald, Bruce Edwards, Des May, John French, Margaret French, Mary Dudley, Tom Dudley and John Bunter. Missing from our photo is Colleen Edwards.

Not only were these Ulyssians responsible for the formation of the Wollondilly Wanderers, many of them played a major role in the early years of the Ulysses Club National Committee.

Tom Dudley, President 1987 to 1994, Cam McDonald, Secretary 1992 to 1995, Bruce Edwards, Treasurer 1991 to 1994. Margaret French was the recipient of the 1st Dearnley Medal and Des May has been awarded a Telemachus Medal. They are a fairly illustrious bunch who are all still very passionate about this amazing club. We owe them a great deal of gratitude for their years of commitment and dedication into making the Wollondilly Wanderers the Branch it is today. It was a fantastic evening full of tall stories, great memories and the making of many new friends. The following morning, still under grey skies, a few of the party goers gathered for breakfast and more stories. We hope all our travellers had a safe journey home and thank you to everyone who helped in anyway big or small to make it a very successful weekend.  
Debbie Brookes #43584



# KATRINA'S RECOVERY

As most members will be aware, tragedy befell a Sunshine Coast Branch Harley-riding lady, Katrina Caw, as she rode home with several other members after the AGM at Port Macquarie.

Her partner Steve relates; "The P-plate driver of a car coming towards us veered across the white line to the opposite side of the road. Katrina, who had nowhere to go, tried to avoid the car but was collected on the right leg." It is believed that charges were laid against the P-plate driver, but will not be dealt with until the New Year.

Other members in the group had lucky escapes with minor injuries, but the Westpac NSW Ambulance helicopter was soon on the scene and flew Katrina to the Gold Coast hospital.

"Katrina lost her right leg below the knee and has done extremely well since then," said Steve.

"She is one very brave, lovely lady. She was there at the 'RACQ Life Flight' hangar (the Qld. Equivalent of N.S.W.'s Care Flight) at the Maroochydore airport, where our Wednesday ride on 21 September finished for morning tea.

"We had our morning tea provided by RACAQ Life Flight, which included interesting videos and talks by staff there, for a small donation. They need all the help they can get - these organisations are not totally funded by the government and rely on donations, and their rescue services are free!!



"Katrina has made amazing progress with her prosthetic right leg, and is learning to drive all over again, she wants her independence back."

#### From Katrina:

I would like to thank everyone in the Ulysses Sunshine Coast Branch for absolutely everything they have done for me in my hour of need. All this love and support has contributed enormously to my positive healing process and for this Steve and I are truly grateful.

A special thank you to Port Macquarie Mid North Coast Ulysses and the Wauchope Chamber of Commerce and Industry and all of my Ulyssian family.

Thank you, Katrina



## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN VISIT WITH PAST PRESIDENT

On a recent ride to South Australia, some members of the Yarra Ranges Branch, including National Secretary, Henry Rokx, caught up with past president Helena Gritton and husband "the handbag" David. We had a wonderful lunch at the MetroBakery and Café in Mt. Gambier.

Henry Rokx #28636 DM#45

## NATCOM VISIT TO CRANBOURNE AND MOTOGP RUN

The October NatCom meeting was held in Cranbourne, Victoria, and was scheduled over two half days to provide an opportunity to not only meet with local Ulysses Club members over dinner, but to attend the start of the annual MotoGP run from Cranbourne to Phillip Island. Members of 9 branches attended the dinner on Friday evening, as well as the executive of the 2019 AGM Event committee.

On Saturday morning the energetic members of the National Committee walked down to the GP Run start point. This is a major event on the MotoGP calendar and makes for a spectacular sight, watching anything from 5,000 to 10,000 motorbikes form up in the main street of Cranbourne, ready for the journey down the South Gippsland and Bass Highways to Phillip Island for a weekend of racing and social events.

The Shearwater Branch, as they have for many years, set up a small marquee where they handed out Ulysses Club, Shearwater Branch and general motorcycling information. The National Committee called in and visited the Shearwater Branch marquee and met with many of their members. This provides a great platform for recruitment of new members. The departure of the bikes at 10.00am is spectacular to watch and the noise and vibration of over 5,000 bikes starting up is amazing.

This may have to be an annual event for NatCom as well.

Henry Rokx #28636 DM#45

# NEWS

## TASMANIA'S MEMORIAL DAY RIDE -10TH SEPTEMBER 2017

We were blessed with superb spring weather for our Ulysses Club National Memorial Ride. No less than 70 riders from the south, east, north and north-west of Tasmania converged at the Bark Mill Bakery and Tavern in Swansea, to share our respect for past members who have passed on; a somewhat solemn but enjoyable social gathering.

There were 40 riders from the southern Hobart Branch, 12 from the N-W Branch and 20 from the Northern Tamar Tourers Branch.

The northern groups rode in from two directions for morning tea at Longford, whilst the southern contingent rode up the east coast to Orford for morning tea before proceeding on to Swansea for lunch.

There were enjoyable reunions with all riders as well as the consumption of bakery delights, before we were called to gather for our official memorial reading and 'Ode' presented by Greg Ellison, N-W Branch V.Pres.

Following the reading, there was time dedicated to reflect on the lives of those who had ridden with us in the past.

Following this memorable social event and catching up with 'old mates' and new riders, those who had gathered slowly

dispersed to commence their respective journeys home, returning via the south, north and north-west roads and highways.

**Betty Parssey #10640 DM #48  
Secretary, Hobart Branch**



## A MULTI-BRANCH BARBECUE

Fraser Coast Branch hosted a combined branch BBQ at Bjelke Petersen Dam on Sunday, 29 October.

We were joined by members from Bundaberg, Burnett, Gympie and Sunshine Coast branches.

It was a great opportunity to meet other Branch

members and share information about up-coming events. We decided it would be a great idea to continue these events on a quarterly basis, so Bundaberg Branch is going to host the next one in March.

We even managed to get everyone to stand still long enough for a group photograph at Bjelke Petersen Dam!

**Ros Rees #44090**

**President Fraser Coast Branch**



# Letters To The Editor

## Old Number One's Latin Lessons

### Dear Editor

Reading Peter Thoeming's piece in Issue No. 136 "Stephen Dearnley, Uncut", I was reminded of an incident I had with Old No. 1, back in the early 1980s.

Long before Stephen was a founding father of the Ulysses Club, he was also a founding father of the Moto-Guzzi Owners Association of NSW (MGOA) of which I later became a committee member.

A well-known motorcycling journalist of the time, when writing a piece about motorcycle clubs in Australia, issued a warning to his readers in relation to the MGOA thus, "Abandon hope all ye who enter here for this is the ragged fringe of decent society" (borrowed partly from Dante's "Divine Comedy").

The Committee of the Club was so impressed with this warning that they decided to adopt part of it as the Club motto and I was commissioned to translate it into Latin, having spent four years studying that language at High School.

Unfortunately, by that time I had forgotten more Latin than I had ever learned and came up with what I have to admit now

was a pretty poor translation.

Stephen did not suffer fools gladly, and when he got hold of my translation his reaction was not pretty.

"Which ignoramus came up with this piece of dog Latin?" or words to that effect, was his immediate response. I reluctantly put my hand up and was appropriately admonished by him.

Stephen had also studied Latin at school; albeit 30 years before I did and not surprisingly, he hadn't forgotten anything he learned and was able to provide a far more accurate translation: "Societas Honestae, Limbus Pannuceus".

This was adopted as the official MGOA motto and remains so to this day.

I had the honour of being Stephen's solicitor and friend for some 30 years before his passing and spent many weekends rallying and riding with him in the 1980s and 1990s when he was living the Ulyssean dream, although more often than not I was a distant image in his rear vision mirror as I tried to keep up with him.

Stephen is still sadly missed by all of us who knew him.

Lincoln Kelly #9133

### Dear Editor;

I'd like to acknowledge the wonderful idea of Old No 1, Stephen Dearnley, for creating our favoured charity for the Ulysses Club.

Also to Kim Kennerson for his dedicated work co-ordinating the funds for our desperately needed research into Rheumatoid Arthritis which is such a debilitating and painful disease.

I know it takes many years to arrive at a successful conclusion with such a nasty disease and it's great that we have a dedicated team of researchers like Dr Sarah Jones and others, looking at the GILZ protein which sounds interesting and hopefully promising.

The suffix 'itis' means inflammation as in Rheumatoid Arthritis. One of the many things functional doctors and researchers are looking at is what has initially caused the problem and removing it. Then maybe supplementing with certain things to rectify any deficiencies to help with the repair. This is getting to the root cause.

Pain is not a normal part of ageing, neither is wear and tear as all body parts are replaced at varying times. For bones I think it is every seven years but everything must be fed according to its requirements, without irritation which causes inflammation, nor clog with heavy metals and toxins etc and then be used as they are intended for.

This past year I have come across lots of valuable information about relieving pain. Several books come to mind; No Grain No Pain by Dr Peter Osborne and The Auto Immune Fix by Dr Tom O'Bryan. These are a must read for anyone suffering pain because after all, who is in charge of your body and its health but you. There is a saying something like "Humans won't change their ways till the pain becomes too great".

It has been discovered that certain so-called healthy foods irritate the gut and cause inflammation, as does mental stress, lack of sleep etc. I have read many times where all autoimmune diseases start in the gut, one of which is Rheumatoid Arthritis.

Because of a serious car/bike accident some years ago I have had to be very pro-active in looking after my damaged body so I can continue to do the things I'm accustomed to doing. What do you want to be doing in 10 years time? The advice from the above mentioned books and listening to many conferences and summits has helped me tremendously.

I intend to be at the next AGM Event and if anyone would like to have any information forwarded to them regarding relevant books or conferences please contact me. My mobile no is 0429 041 916.

Margie Bath

Member #590

# BMW 2017 K1600GT SPORTS



To start and then end the review with a positive, firstly the Shift Assistant Pro is just amazingly good and leaves all previous iterations in the museum. You can relegate the use of the clutch to moving off and stopping, so seamless is the ability to shift up or down at almost any throttle setting or bike speed. Previously there was always a need to have throttle opening parameters 'just right' to get a smooth shift in other models I have ridden but they now look very dated compared to this latest development.

The K1600 has been around for nearly seven years now and remains the best sports tourer (GT version) or tourer (GTL) on the market. A huge torque band from the 1649cc engine means that only 500rpm off idle you are getting the benefit of 70% of the available torque; with the electric/fly-by-wire throttle this is just a minor wrist movement. For a ~320kg bike to achieve a 3 second 0 – 100kph acceleration and then go on to equally rapid mid range numbers is a testimony to this magical Bavarian product.

The list of Australian-standard gizmos would fill a page of this magazine, but much of what was unique in 2010 is now found across the BMW Motorrad range: standard switch clusters started on the K16 and almost all Motorrad bikes have the ubiquitous 'wonder wheel' to control various functions. The ability to reset modes at the touch of a button started with the K16, as did the layout now common across the fleet.

One that is still unique to the K16 is the gyro-stabilised low beam headlamp, which maintains the beam horizontally when cornering and vertically when accelerating/decelerating. The first allows the beam to light up the road around a curve regardless of the bike lean angle, the latter prevents the low beam flickering up or down and dazzling other road users which meets ADRs for HID Xenon headlamps. Allied to the optional

BMW driving lights, night time riding is far better than most other models plus the LED 'Owl Eyes' can be set to super bright as a Daytime Running Light to give a better chance of being seen and avoided if the driving lights are not optioned.

Heated seats and grips are standard as is the adjustable screen (which auto parks when the ignition is off), keyless ignition, GPS ready (but not the GPS, Navigator VI is the latest model), panniers capable of taking your helmet when needed or enough gear for a week away, tyre pressure monitors, central locking at the touch of a button, two power sockets, etc etc. The alarm system is standard and armed via the keyless remote, activating both the electronic immobiliser and the audio alarm system. Tyre pressure monitor is also standard and has compensation for ambient temperature plus a warning should you lose pressure in the case of a puncture. As if all that isn't comprehensive enough; how about 'pullaway assistant'? The hill start assist enable via a pull on the front brake puts pressure into the rear brake to hold the bike until either another pull on the brake lever, or an increase in throttle to pull away from the stopped position; just the job when holding at the lights on a hill or moving off from a tricky spot.

The ABS is the bees knees; the very latest Bosch integral ABS includes sensors for pitch, roll and yaw giving one (if not the) best braking systems on the market today. It will even manage an emergency brake when leaned over in a corner, but don't expect it to overcome the laws of physics! A couple of random emergency stops, one on a damp road, gave quite impressive stops of about 21 metres from 80kph and 30 metres from 100kph, GPS speeds used and not the speedo. The ABS feedback was imperceptible from the handbrake and just a tad of pumping through the footbrake, but for normal use the linked brakes work extremely well with handbrake application only.

Linked (partially integral) braking works impeccably with application of just the front brake lever controlling front and rear brakes proportionally according to the Bosch IMU; you certainly get what you pay for on this bike. The brake lights have now matched the BMW car line with the light flashing under heavy braking plus setting on the hazard flashers when the bike is below 10kph in a panic stop.

Handling on the K16GT belies the actual size: listed as a massive 332kg on road with 90% fuel and more than 2.3 metres long you would expect to be mounted on a fairly staid steed. Far from it; this bike can not only lift its skirts and fly but will corner as if on rails, with impeccable manners. Having done some 225,000km to date on my various K16GTs I have had some fun times, none more so than on closed roads with big sports bikes disappearing in the rear view mirrors along demanding twisties. Conversely the bike will give mile after mile (OK, kilometre after kilometre) of comfortable, relaxing touring just eating up the distances leaving the rider refreshed and ache free at the end of thousand K plus days. I have an annual 1,000km day on Victoria's alpine roads mid winter through demanding turns that would challenge a litre sports bike, all without stress or strain. Much of this is due to the high specification Dynamic Traction Control (DTC), Electronic Suspension Adjustment (ESA), ABS and refined suspension design, all of which combine to make an average rider into a good rider, and a good rider into an excellent rider!

Reverse gear is a new option introduced for 2017, as the size and weight of the GT and GTL when fully loaded can be a challenge. Tacked on to the left side of the gearbox, this can readily be identified by the extra bulge of the gearbox cover, which unfortunately intrudes onto the rider's left foot in some circumstances. Operation of the reverse is reasonably simple having selected R (for reverse, strangely enough) on the left cluster the rider then presses the starter switch and waits for the RPM to increase to about 1900 at which stage the gear engages to get the bike going backwards. It will be an option that will certainly appeal to the larger GTL riders with passenger and lots of luggage, maybe not so much to a rider of this model as the GT Sports is less likely to be so heavy in normal use.

The new 2017 model has an increase in fuel capacity, up from 24lt to 26.5lt, which is a handy 50km extra range under normal riding. Usually a rider should expect about 5lt/100km, which has been my experience, one up without



panniers; that is my preference and a rider with panniers plus more weight could expect about a 10% increase in fuel burn to 5.5lt/100km. Recommended fuel is 95RON, and the bike is approved for E10 (10% Ethanol) if you can find 95RON with that spec. But why would you treat this magnificent specimen of 21<sup>st</sup> Century technology to anything but the very best fuel available? As a keyless model even the fuel cap has no key and various interlocks prevent it from being opened unless the bike is stationary with the ignition switched off; with a time out so that it cannot be opened after the bike is left parked.

The test bike has the lowest available screen in the K1600 range, all of which are adjustable while riding. The GT Sport (this test) has a quite low screen and at the highest setting it remains low enough to give almost a naked bike airflow. Going up the range the GT has a much higher screen capable of good weather protection, and the largest screen comes with the GTL and is one to be 'looked through' at the highest setting. All have a neat parking when the ignition is switched off which locks the access door to the GPS, then on start up and pull away the screen will raise to the last used height.

Another change introduced on this year's model is to the ESA damping choices. Whereas previous models have allowed Comfort, Normal or Sport the new 2017 choice is reduced to Road or Dynamic: spring preload remains the same with rider, rider plus luggage or two-up with luggage. Riders with experience of earlier models would only notice the small disadvantage of the reduction in damping choices, but on rough roads it used to be handy to be able to dial down to a Comfort (Soft) setting and smooth out the ride. This doesn't seem to be achievable with the new settings, but the sophistication of the overall setup never ceases to amaze me.

As mentioned at the start there is yet one more positive: BMW Motorrad has fitted dual horns to the 2017 K1600 range and you can forget about aftermarket replacements for the 'old' scooter horns. Well done for listening to the riders, hopefully this improvement will find its way across the Motorrad range.

A great bike which continues to lead the Motorrad range and sets a benchmark in sports tourers which remains unmatched after seven years of production.

**John Eacott #46350**



# Bali On Many Budgets

**DOING** things together is one thing, but you have to hand it to the Warnbro Sound Wanderers in WA. 24 members of one Ulysses Branch on holidays on Bali – at the same time??

Chris Glover takes up the story

It seemed like so long ago that we booked our flights (actually it was back in September last year), but before we knew it 24 of us were on the way to Bali. Most people arrived on Friday lunchtime, so we chose the Aussie Brazilian BBQ restaurant for dinner, because it was just a few kilometres away, and they offered free pick up. The food is cooked on a rotisserie, and sliced at the table, with diners able to eat as long as they were still hungry (or well after they were full if you are a true Ulyssean!). With a great selection of meats, salads, garlic bread and even barbequed pineapple, no one went hungry.



Early next morning it was straight into the action, with a crowded van ride up to the Telaga Waja river for a 20 km white water rafting trip. It was a great fun day, with lots of splashing between rafts, and some real competitive streaks coming out of normally meek and mild people. Some of our group opted for the walk through the muddy rice paddies, while the braver members did the 7 metre drop over the dam wall.

PIC: Gloves Bali 4

On the trip back home Dianna phoned the owner of the business and "negotiated" a refund for squeezing 13 people into a 12 seater van.

That night we all hobbled the short distance to the Nirvana restaurant, still sore from paddling all day, and crashing into the river bank and submerged rocks in the raft.

Next morning it was back into another (larger) van for the trip up to Tabanan for some quad biking on the beach.

The bikes were in good condition, with most of them Yamahas only a few months old. Last time we rode quad bikes, it was up in the jungle, where the bikes were very tired, with missing levers and broken brake cables. We had a short ride along the beach to get used to the controls, which reminded me of the opening scenes from "the banana Splits" kids show from the 70s, a dozen or so bikes zig zagging back and forth along the beach... 1 banana, 2 banana... la la la, la la la la . We then rode out through the local village and into the rolling rice paddies with spectacular views over the deep blue ocean.

It was then back to the beach for some spirited riding with Keith having trouble keeping the left side of his bike on the ground and the rest of us trying to splash each other as we rode through the creeks flowing out to the ocean. As the tide was fairly high, at one point we had to ride into the ocean around a rocky point with Paul and Sonya coming to a sudden stop when they hit a submerged rock. After a final mad half hour we headed back to the start point for a sausage sizzle and to clean the mud off our faces.

Dinner that night was a Frankenstein's Laboratory where there was a free show with dinner. The show was a little loud for some, but where we were at the back of the venue wasn't bad at all and we enjoyed the show and music. There were makeup artists that would apply scary makeup for a small fee.

Monday was a day of shopping taking in Geneva, Miss Debby's and Wayan Williams, all of which have set prices which gave everyone an idea of prices before heading down to Kuta.

Tuesday morning most of the group took the short trip to





DMZ , which is a collection of rooms with the walls painted with 3d scenes, not unlike the footpath chalk paintings we see in so many emails.

Tuesday night Dianna and I visited the dojo of the Nusa Dua Taekwondo Club and made a donation towards some training equipment. It was great to see kids as young as 4 years old being so enthusiastic about their sport.

The next couple of days people did their own thing shopping in the local markets and shopping centres.

Thursday night was Midget Boxing night. I didn't know what to expect and was pleasantly surprised as it was a well-choreographed comedy show, similar to the clowns in a circus show.

Friday we hired a 15 seater bus and headed to Tegenungan Waterfall. There were hundreds of steps down to the waterfall, but the view was worth it; a stunning waterfall that cascaded into a large pool below. There was a large gathering of tourists from all corners of the globe all jostling, or should that be jousting with selfie sticks held high, for the perfect selfie in front of the waterfall.

Next stop was one of the many restaurants at Kintamani. The waitress tried to encourage us to order the expensive buffet but after some haggling finally brought us the menu where the prices were more reasonable. The view from the restaurant was awesome, with trails of black lava that came from the 1994 eruption running from the peak of Mt Batur down to the lake below.

Last stop for the day was the monkey forest at Ubud. The park was a lot better set out than the one we went to 15 years ago. There were wide concrete paths with plenty of guides, and the monkeys were better fed, and not so intimidating. We spent a couple of hours leisurely wandering around the park and watching the baby monkeys playing on the pathways, but always keeping one eye on mum and screaming if they lost sight of her, not unlike those annoying whingeing kids in K mart at home.



That last couple of days saw most of us going back for those last-minute presents for the grandkids, or swimming in the pool, making the most of the sunny days before heading back to the chilly

Perth autumn mornings. Most of us had a great time, and enjoyed the quieter Seminyak area, with its good selection of restaurants, and more relaxed traders. The Ananda hotel was excellent value at \$54 a double room, including cooked breakfast. We had an exciting time exploring the island, and great fun on the white water rafting and quad biking adventures.

Some of us have already booked our next trip back to Bali, the island paradise.

**Chris Glover #25012**





# SYDNEY BRANCH 27TH ODYSSEY

By the reaction from so many, the 2017 Sydney Branch Odyssey held at West Wyalong in central west New South Wales was a raging success. In writing this summary, I've pondered on what exactly makes an event successful, when the format for these things is pretty much the same. After all, we've been doing these Sydney Branch Odysseys for 27 years!

Personally, this was my 18<sup>th</sup> Odyssey and definitely one of the most enjoyable. What made it so good? Firstly, the weather was superb with bright sunshine for three days, 25°C and clear blue skies.

We also had 92 registered for the event, including our fantastic National President, Jen Woods, and our National Treasurer, John Osborne. If that wasn't impressive enough, we also had Life Members Tom and Mary Dudley (attending their first Sydney Branch Odyssey in about 20 years), Ted Richards and his wife Colleen, Mike and Colleen Abberfield, and UCARF Co-ordinator, Kim Kennerson, as well as former Natcom members Ken Taylor and Rob Toshack. Add to that Ian Hurley (member #18) and Val Welsh (member #19), Lyn Lesslie (wife of Vic) and Jennifer Rosewood, all long-standing members, and it's easy to see just why this event was so remarkable.

And then we had the incredible support, encouragement and enthusiasm from Bland Shire Council. From the time our small organising group from Sydney Branch first visited West Wyalong, the shire has been on-board. General manager Ray Smith and community relations officer Craig Sutton could not have been more helpful. They introduced us to management and catering staff at the S. and C. Sports Club where we held the event and they looked after all that side of things. A BBQ on the Friday night followed by a two-course dinner on

Saturday night left no one hungry. The food was excellent and in abundant quantity.

Council also organised for us to gain special access to the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre and Gold Mine which included a sumptuous BBQ cooked by our fellow Ulyssean and local West Wyalong Wanderers co-ordinator "Chilly" Gillard, as well as a guided tour of the mine itself. Absolutely fascinating!! The mine is estimated to produce about 265,000 ounces of gold this year (at a price of about \$900 per ounce...do the math!!). Whilst 47 of our number visited the Gold Mine, most of the rest took a ride out to the Mirrool Silo Kick. The Silo Kick was officially first held in 1992 and was won by Geelong AFL star, Billy Brownless. Billy had previously called in to the pub for a drink and (after a few more) set the challenge of kicking a ball over the silos.

This year and

by all accounts, it was thoroughly enjoyed by our members.

To top off the show of support and





enthusiasm from Council, after our traditional street parade of bikes through the main "crooked" street of West Wyalong, deputy mayor Jan Wyse (whose late husband was a proud Ulyssean), alongside general manager Ray Smith, and community relations manager Craig Sutton, formally announced West

Wyalong as a "motorcycle friendly town". National president Jen Woods and Sydney Branch president, John Robertson, both responded with thanks to the Council.

Saturday night was presided over by our Branch president John Robertson (Robbo) who did a fabulous job. It was Robbo's privilege to announce the winner of the "Spirit of Ulysses" award; an award that goes to someone considered to have gone above and beyond and who has brought meritorious credit to the Branch and the Ulysses Club generally. This year, the award was presented to our quartermaster, Keith Greenland. Judging by the applause and the hoots and howls, we got it right. In awarding the honour, Robbo provided a snapshot of Keith's contribution to the Club despite continuing ill-health and an unfortunate accident only

a few months ago when a young P-driver pulled out in front of his bike. Keith told me afterwards that the shield will sit proudly on his mantle until he passes it on next year.

In all, no fewer than 17 individual branches were represented at the Odyssey, which was testimony to the high and enduring regard our great club has for this event. On reflection and given all the above, it's not hard to see why this event was so successful. This is not to say that we can't improve on a few things. They're easy .... it's sometimes a bit less easy to organise the weather. We'll do our best though for next year!!

We hope to see many more at our 28<sup>th</sup> annual Sydney Branch October Odyssey, so be alert for an announcement early next year.

**Dave Williams #13590**

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# Four Days To Coffin Bay

I woke up early on Friday 27 October, over the last few days I had packed my panniers. Now to load the bike up and head to Krispe Kreme at Bolivar to meet up with the other people heading to Coffin Bay for the four day ride organised by the Adelaide Branch. As always any Ulysses member from any branch is welcome. It is common to get people from Torrens Valley, Fleurieu branches and others.

As I was sipping on a coffee and eating a donut, other members began to arrive and on departure at 8:30 we had four bikes and a car. As we are getting older more people are starting to use cars for these events, which is great that they can still come. We headed to Port Wakefield for a coffee and to pick up another rider who was running late, leaving for Port Augusta for lunch about 10am.

It was now getting quite hot and very windy, we also had a bit of rain making riding a little uncomfortable. At Port Augusta we stopped at the new OTR for fuel and lunch, here we were met up with James and Heather Bart, we now had two cars and seven or maybe eight bikes.

Temp still rising somewhere between 38°C to 40°C and still very strong winds, fuel economy due to the head wind was well down. A 30 minute fuel and rest stop at Cowell was welcomed by all.

We arrived at the caravan park about 5pm and checked into our cabins. Other people had arrived earlier in the day and some even the day before, some in tents and camper trailers. Mike Green and Caroline told us how hard it was to erect their tent in the strong wind. We had a total of 18 people for the BBQ tea in the camp kitchen / gazebo area that night.

After a fabulous breakfast Saturday morning in the camp kitchen, we had a free morning so I went for a spin to Port Lincoln (45 kms away), I had a look around the town and visited a couple of OP shops but not finding anything of interest to buy. On my return I had heavy showers to contend with but they didn't last long. I got back in time to do an oyster tour for about one hour. We got to sample five fresh oysters while listening to a commentary about their history in the bay.

That afternoon a few of us again braved the weather and went to Port Lincoln to the Axel Stenross Maritime Museum, which has been collecting stuff for a very long time. Dinner that evening was held at the Coffin Bay Hotel, we were picked up by their courtesy bus for a nice meal shared with great company.

Sunday again after breakfast in cool and wet weather all the bikes and two cars did a great ride around the peninsula from Coffin Bay to Elliston via Mount Hope and Sheringa, where we stopped for fuel and coffee (140 kms). We left for a stop at Lock (92 kms) to find literally everything in the town to be closed.



## Moving

on, we stopped at Cummins (82 kms) about 2PM and had lunch at the hotel. The staff were amused when we rearranged the dining room to accommodate our large numbers, and pleased when we put it back the way we found it when we left.

Most of the ride back to Coffin Bay was in very wet, windy weather a distance of 55 kms. That evening some ventured out in the rain to go to the Coffin Bay Yacht Club just over 500 metres away. Me, I stayed dry in my cabin.... The evening ended with drinks in Ken and Michelle's cabin, we stayed till about 11pm before heading to bed. I had done most of my packing, just a few minutes in the morning and to load up the bike. I was planning on leaving about 8:30 after breakfast. I was due home about 4:30.

After breakfast Monday morning and saying goodbye to everyone I headed to Kimba at about 8:30. It was still very windy and I had a couple of clearing showers. At Kimba I fuelled the bike and went to see the new painted silo there, what a beauty, it is well worth a visit. The rest of the ride home was uneventful arriving about 5pm just in time for our weekly family tea at my daughter Jacqueline's home.

This was another great weekend away, I love these and I'm looking forward to more as I'm sure everyone else is, we have a lot of great people from all the branches that enjoy these getaways. At the end of Nov, Quorn here we come, another four dayer... ☺

**Guy Malpass #10680**





# TOURING SOUTH AFRICA ON TWO WHEELS

In March 2017 motorcycle touring enthusiasts, Marlene and I, participated in a 4000kms journey in South Africa. At times we had to pinch ourselves to believe we were really doing this amazing bike adventure.

Our tour of Africa started not on motorcycles, but with a microlight flight over the Victoria Falls in Zambia. It is also called Mosi- oa-Tunya (The Smoke That Thunders). Views from the microlight of one of the world's seven natural wonders were breathtaking. An earlier walking tour was very wet, but equally enjoyable.

We then flew back to South Africa to take part in a guided tour of fourteen motorcyclists, led by Darryl Berman of SAMA Tours. His faithful off sider, Julian Clarke, drove the backup van, and kept us informed with a depth of South African culture and amused us with his impersonations and ribald humour. There were four Brits, four Americans, and seven Australians. The bikes we rode were hired from SAMA Tours, and were all BMW GSs of various sizes. Road rules are similar to Australia, with a few minor additions, like the constant use of your hazard lights as a courtesy, and the use of the emergency lanes that slower vehicles would use to allow you to overtake. Sticking to the speed limit and not overtaking on double lines was encouraged at the beginning of the journey, but rarely adhered to by Darryl. So to keep up, when in Rome.

The tour of 17 days started at Pretoria, South Africa's capital

city, and travelled north. Our first stop was at Shabeen for lunch. We were treated to a traditional meal and native dancing. The first night was at the Dinokeng Game Reserve, where we were treated to our first encounter of African fauna in their natural habitat. Some travelled through the reserve on their bikes, others took the option of an open 'bus'. Jackals are rare to see, but we managed to see two. Quite cute!

Day 2 was a trip into the mountains north of Pretoria to a town called Magoebaskloof. The corner markers were new to the game, and parked themselves in not very obvious places. Thus Marlene and I took a little detour and missed our lodgings. I lost Marlene at this stage, and I think she nearly completed the whole journey on this day. We finally got together at the hotel. The scourge of some bug from our previous lodgings had started to move in and by the morning of Day 3 two-thirds of the party had broken down with diarrhoea. We renamed Dinokeng Game Reserve, Dysentery Lodge! Really though, it was just one of those unfortunate things that could have happened. No disservice to Dinokeng intended.

From Magoebaskloof we travelled through the Drakensberg Mountains to Hazyview to take in Kruger Wildlife Reserve. Our party witnessed wildlife in their natural habitat. A lion was seen chasing giraffe and zebras. He came off second best, losing one of his incisors to a zebra kick. From Kruger we proceeded into Swaziland, which is an independent country landlocked by South Africa and Mozambique. The group



witnessed glassblowing and candle making. The exquisite shapes made with both media were an education to the travellers.

The tour continued south west along the Drakensberg Range which is one of the largest mountain ranges in South Africa. The terrain we witnessed was just something to behold. There is a saying I once heard that 'God was showing off when He made Africa'. Too true. The arrival at Oribi Gorge gave us views reminiscent of the Grampians and the Blue Mountains, but sometimes much higher. In fact, you can see the similarities of the terrain between Australia and Africa, once joined as the supercontinent Gondwanaland. Tea, as always was fabulous, that night with plenty of beer, wine and spirits. Also we treated our fellow travellers to an unwanted playing of the Men at Work anthem, 'The Land Down Under'.

South Africa cannot be visited without acknowledging the contribution of Nelson Mandela to today's society. Mandela or 'Madiba' is still highly revered by both black and white people, and this was evident riding through his childhood home town of Qunu. The tour group also visited a museum dedicated to Mandela, not far from his home and burial site. His grave is not open to the public, and may never be.

The coastal spots on South Africa's Indian Ocean were spectacular, with bays and rock formation carved out by the wild, warm waters (25 °C) of the Eastern Cape. Boats that enter Knysna Bay cannot get insurance to go through its heads. The group also lunched at Jeffrey's Bay, the infamous surfing mecca where Mick Fanning was almost taken by a shark. As the riding group headed towards our next destination, we visited another spot of geographical significance, the limestone caves of the Cango. After the caves, we gathered to make our journey to the inland town of Oudtshoorn where we would be staying that night. Daryl gave us the choice of going straight to our lodgings or travelling an old gravel road called Swatberg Pass. I was especially pleased to be the only person to take the opportunity to go with Darryl over the renowned adventure tourer's gravel road. It was a spectacular ride of about 28 kilometres. That day I had been both inside the mountain, and on top of the mountain.

On our next day's journey, we travelled to Cape Agulhas which is the most southerly point of Africa, where the Indian Ocean and Atlantic Ocean officially meet. From there it was on to the coastal town of Hermanus. For tea that night, we took Darryl

to a restaurant called La Pentola. The chef, Shane Sauvage, is world-renowned and he looked after us like royalty. It helped that Darryl knew Shane, since he was a child. A real eye opener was riding past the massive shanty town of Khayelitsha, with a population of 400,000 people. It is one of many such towns throughout South Africa.

Before riding into our final destination of Cape Town, the motorcycle group got to ride down to the Cape of Good Hope and along the spectacular coastline up to the city. There are many spots that overlook the city, and Table Mountain. Darryl took the riders to Signal Hill giving the group a fantastic view of the city.

So the 17 day ride ended some 4000kms later in Cape Town. Everyone arrived safe and well except for an initial bout of diarrhoea at the start of the trip. Darryl Berman, lead rider, and Julian Clarke, backup vehicle, made sure everyone's health, safety, and fun were paramount. Thank you SAMA Tours, we will be back for another trip.

#### Stan Kluzek #60074



# Musings On Ulysses

A few words from Peter "The Bear" Thoeming, #675 and Editor Emeritus of Australian MOTORCYCLIST Magazine.

Have you heard this one? In the Northern Territory, a local and a visitor are discussing their hobbies. The local says, "In my spare time, I hunt salties with a club." – "Isn't that dangerous?" says the visitor. "Not really," says the other bloke. "There's twenty of us in the club and we all have big guns."

Clubs can make a hell of a difference. In the case of the Ulysses Club, both Australia's motorcycling community and the industry have benefited enormously. So, come to think of it, has the tourist industry.

Before the Ulysses Club became established, it was not common but also not unknown for riders to be turned away from pubs or campgrounds, even if they were tidily dressed and of, er, mature age. The club changed that, and often now you'll find that the publican or campground owner is actually a member. Not long after I joined, I was pulled up by the Highway Patrol. "I see you're a Ulyssian," said the cop. "I am too. You take it easy, all right?" Instead of booking me, he let me go – on the strength of the badge.

A woman rider I met on my way to the Narrandera AGM told me that her family had been in her hair for years about her motorcycling, calling her a "silly old bugger". "Now," she said to me, smiling broadly, "I can tell them – there's thousands of us silly old buggers out there!"

The club has made life a lot easier for nearly all motorcyclists, not just members, and often acts as a counterweight to the Bad Bikies, whom the papers and TV love so much. Have you ever noticed that the assets of the bad blokes almost always include "a Harley-Davidson motorcycle" or two? It was a bit of a relief to see that the son of a woman who had been ripping off the social services in Sydney apparently bought a Moto Guzzi with his mother's spoils!

Sad to say, the Ulysses Club is not always a positive influence. There are members who let the supposed power provided by the size of the club go to their heads. Unfortunately, I have heard of several incidents where Ulyssians have expected even more special treatment than we seem to get automatically anyway. They've made themselves pests, and have done significant damage to the club.

Stop it, you silly old buggers. Remember that we're all ambassadors for riders old and young, and for the club. And just think how wonderful it is that you can do a good deed just by going for a ride!



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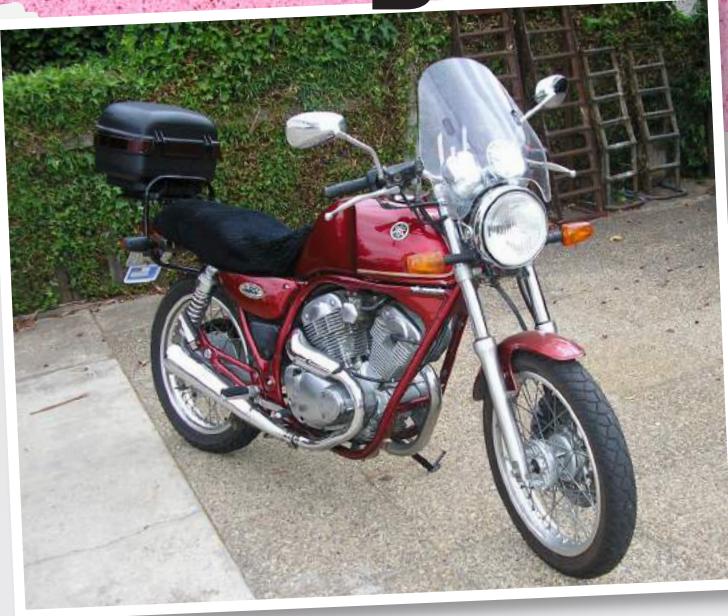
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# Ladies of Ulysses



We meet another proud Lady of Ulysses, Lyn Munday .

My husband, Alan, was introduced to the Ulysses Club by a work colleague back in 2010.

We both went along to a Canberra Branch meeting and joined up. Everyone was very welcoming and we soon made friends with a number of other members. They had already made plans for their trip to the Gold Coast for the 2011 AGM, so we decided we wouldn't go to that one, but we have not missed an AGM since.

Our first AGM was 2002 in Mt Gambier. As a result of the Ulysses Club AGMs we have been fortunate enough to have travelled all around Australia, from Tasmania (south) in 2006 & 2016, Coffs Harbour (east) in 2007, Townsville (north) in 2008, Albany (west) in 2010, and Alice Springs (centre) in 2014. We try not to ride the same way home as the way we go to an AGM, so when it came time to go to WA, we didn't want to ride the Nullarbor twice, so we spent a bit of extra time travelling up the west coast, across to Darwin and down the centre. What a great way to see and appreciate how expansive and diverse our country is?

Canberra Branch hosted the AGM in 2005 and what a wonderful experience that was. We had 4996 members enrolled for that one, which has only been topped by Coffs Harbour in 2007 with 6118 enrolments. I was happy to have been a part of the committee required to organise the Canberra AGM. It provided us with a greater

appreciation of what is involved in planning such an event as well as the chance to get to know the National Committee members more personally. That was something none of us will forget.

When we first started touring it hadn't occurred to me to get a bike licence, despite the fact that there were a lot of ladies in the Canberra Branch who had their own bikes and rode regularly.

After a few years however, one of our members arranged for a "trial learner's course" just for girls, to see if we had the potential ability to ride a bike. I thought I may as well give it a go. I got my licence just before I turned 50 and Alan bought me a Yamaha SRV250 and I enjoyed riding it. It was never a powerful enough bike to go on the rides with the big bikes, so I was happy to still sit on the back of Alan's when we went on Club rides or to an AGM. As the years have passed, I am still content to sit behind Alan, so I do not ride much anymore – but I still have my SRV. I ride it in the local Toy Runs and Vintage Club rallies – more my pace and distance.

I have been the Editor of the Canberra Branch newsletter since 2010. The task has its challenging moments from time to time but I am happy to contribute my time to the Branch. It is easier now that I have retired from work.

I look forward to many more AGMs and seeing more of this wonderful country we call home.

**Lyn Munday #21224**



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# WELCOME TO THE *Riverland* Ulysses Club Inc. AGM Event 2018

The Riverland Region Community in South Australia is thrilled to welcome all Ulysses Club members and their partners to the 2018 AGM Event. Your hosts are the local Mallee Branch and the Torrens Valley Branch with considerable help from the other South Australian Regional and Adelaide based Branches. This Event will take place from Monday, May 7th to Sunday, May 13th. The Riverland comprises the five main Towns of Renmark, Berri, Loxton, Barmera and Waikerie that are in close proximity to each other and 240 kms North East of Adelaide. The AGM Event will be centred at the Riverland Field Days Site which is 4 kms from the Town of Barmera, located on picturesque Lake Bonney. The Field Days Site comprises a fully fenced secure area of 12.5 hectares of green lawn. All campers, including RVs will be accommodated in the one area with plenty of space on offer. For additional information on the venue and the AGM Event in general, visit the official AGM Event National website at <https://agm2018.ulysesclub.org>. For those members not planning to camp onsite, there are a multitude of Caravan Parks, House Boats, Motels and B&B's to choose from in nearby locations, in fact there are up to 2,300 hard beds available across the Riverland.

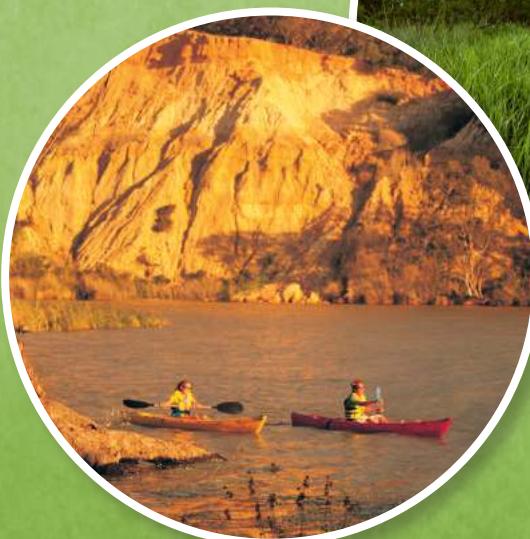
The Riverland is known as the fruit bowl of South Australia with its ample irrigation supply coming from the mighty River Murray that winds its way majestically through the Region. Oranges, wine grapes, vegetables, almonds and many exotic fruits are grown in the Riverland and shipped to all parts of the Country and internationally.

Tourism is a major industry in the Riverland and there are quaint coffee shops and tourist destinations to visit

including some iconic wineries, distilleries and a world heritage listed location. Do you know that the famous Stones Green Ginger wine is crafted at Renmark? Check out the Destination Riverland website for a raft of opportunities to savour during your stay in the Riverland during AGM Event week.

See [www.destinationriverland.org.au](http://www.destinationriverland.org.au)

From the Riverland, other iconic South Australian tourism destinations can be explored including the Barossa Valley and the majestic Flinders Ranges. Consider adding these destinations to your AGM Event itinerary before or after the Event week.



**ULYSSES CLUB INC. AGM EVENT 2018 - MONDAY 7TH MAY TO SUNDAY 13TH MAY**

# RIVERLAND - SOUTH AUSTRALIA

## **REGISTRATION – ONLINE:**

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**EVENT VENUE:** The Riverland Field Days Site is the main venue for the 2018 AGM Event. It is situated approximately 4 kms east of the township of Barmera, 240 kms from Adelaide and 150 kms west from the Victorian City of Mildura. The Field Days Site will host the Event Campground, Trade Show and all entertainment. The Extended NatCom Meeting will be held in the Barmera Recreation Centre on Friday May 11<sup>th</sup> and the Annual General Meeting will be held at the Chaffey Theatre at Renmark on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

## **REGISTRATION FEES:**

Everyone attending the Event must pay the applicable registration fee whether they are a member or a guest of a member, regardless of the amount of days they attend. Each member is allowed to register one paid guest.

Members who have not registered to attend the Event may participate in the Grand Parade and gain entry to the Annual General Meeting on the Saturday.

This year a special three day pass will be introduced. For a discounted sum, members and their guests can attend from the Friday to the Sunday (inclusive) of the Event with full benefits. An open day to members of the public, is planned for Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **CHECK IN:**

This year we will have a complete change to the normal Check In procedure. Each membership card will contain a unique Radio Frequency ID tag which will enable members and their guests to enter and exit the AGM Event venue, have meals, collect ordered merchandise etc. Those members attending the Event without pre-registering will be required to present themselves at Gate 7 at the Event Site for registration and fee payment procedures and collect their new RFID Card.

## **CANCELLATIONS:**

A cancellation fee of \$25 per person applies to Event registration cancellations received either verbally or in

writing at the National Administration Office after 5pm on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

After the AGM Event, refunds will only be made when notice is received within 30 days from the conclusion of the Event.

## **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FEE:**

Members whose registration form and payment is received at the National Administration Office before Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018 will pay a special reduced early-bird rate of only \$90.00, normally \$110.

## **PERSONS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE:**

Members' guests and other persons under 18 years of age will not be admitted to AGM Event venues. Site Trader Employees and dedicated volunteers aged 16 years and over may be admitted provided prior approval has been granted by the National Committee. No persons under the age of 16 years will be admitted including children of Traders.

## **ANIMALS:**

Companion animals must be registered to enter the AGM Event Site. A \$25 registration fee per animal is mandatory. Acceptance of companion animals is entirely at the discretion of the National Committee or the National Administration Office staff. Animals that are registered will be allowed within the campgrounds area only. Only bono fide Guide Dogs (not companion animals) will be permitted within the Trader and Food Service areas. Guide Dogs are exempt from the animal registration fee but prior advice of their attendance would be appreciated. Any animal which represents a danger or potential hazard to other registrants or themselves will not be permitted within any AGM Event venue. Registrants who choose to bring companion animals must:

- Pre-register their animal with the National Administration Office prior to entering any Event venue
- Agree in writing to comply with the Club's companion animal policy.

## **Exploring the Riverland Region:**

The 2018 AGM Event Organising Committee have been working hard to put together a range of interesting rides and tours for you to enjoy during your stay in the Riverland.

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# **RIVERLAND - SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

## **Destination Riverland Information Centre:**

We are proud of our liaison with 'Destination Riverland', the local arm of the South Australian Tourism Commission. They work alongside several Visitor Information Centres throughout the Riverland (in each town) who offer advice on tours and accommodation choices. Please visit them while in the Riverland to access their valued information on the region or check out [www.destinationriverland.org.au](http://www.destinationriverland.org.au)

## **RIDES:**

We have a selection of fully escorted rides for you to choose from if this is your preference. There are numerous short rides to local destinations and those wishing to visit the Barossa Valley and the National Motor Museum can access these longer more strenuous rides which will take most of the day. The Rides will be led by very experienced leaders with phone links to full break down facilities available if the worst happens. (Towing services will be advised but broken down motorcycles cannot be picked up by the Ulysses Club.) All Ride information will be displayed in detail at the Event HQ Rides Desk, located in the centre of the Field Days Site. If numbers are oversubscribed, more parallel rides can be organised. All rides will depart from the Field Days Site at a pre-determined location adjacent to the entrance gate. You will need to be at the departure point 30 minutes prior to the ride departure time with a full tank and empty bladder! The longer rides schedule will allow time for sightseeing as well as morning tea stops and lunches. We will also have maps and detailed ride sheets available for members who prefer to do their own thing. All rides will be subject to pre-registration at least the day before and be subject to minimum, maximum numbers.

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## **Riverland - South Australia**

## **EVENT CAMPGROUND:**

The Campground at the Riverland Field Days Site near Barmera is large in size comprising 12.5 hectares of mown irrigated lawn with ample room for all campers and RV's to be on the one site. The Event Campground will open on Monday May 7th at 7.00am. All camping rates and camping block sizes have been calculated to accommodate as many people on site as possible. Only rostered set-up volunteers who volunteer prior to set up week will be allowed access to the site prior to this time. A list of volunteers will be maintained – if you do not volunteer, you will be denied access to the campground before Monday 7th May.

We are aware of members gaining free early access to the Campground and do very little or no volunteering. The AGM Event Committee reserves the right to evict those that do not volunteer. Volunteer registration forms are available from the 2018 AGM Event website at, <http://agm2018.ulysesclub.org/>

## **CAMPGROUND RATES:**

Camping fees cover the period from 7.00am Monday 7th May 2018 until Sunday 13th May. All rates have been calculated to fairly cover the cost of hiring the campground, temporary toilets and showers, security, sewage and waste removal from the area. If a campsite is shared by two people, both must register on the same registration form. No more than 2 registrants (Member + guest or 2 Members) per site.

## **UNPOWERED CAMPSITES:**

Most camp sites will be unpowered. (see Medical Power Campsites for special conditions) All sites will be 6M X 6M in size and will be clearly line marked. There are a number of camping supply retailers in the Riverland towns for your convenience if you need or forgotten anything.

## **240 VOLT POWER and WATER AVAILABILITY:**

Power is not available for campsites or for RV sites other than for approved medical reasons. Water is not available for connecting to RV's but filtered potable drinking water is available on-site to be collected in containers. RV's are asked to enter the site with full water tanks and empty waste tanks. An RV waste dump site is available just off site.

## **RENT-A-TENT:**

Members can hire pre-constructed tents equipped with stretcher beds and mattresses for two people. Two chairs and battery LED lantern lighting. A variety of extras are available from Rent-A-Tent via their website after you have registered. Alternatively, members can elect to provide their own bedding, sleeping bags, pillows, chairs etc. and if required, may post their equipment to the Event Parcel Services at the address as listed elsewhere.

If two people are sharing a Rent-A-Tent structure and registered separately, the National Administration Office must be given both names and membership numbers. NOTE: bookings for Rent-A-Tent will close on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018. No other tents will be ordered from the supplier after this date.

## **MEDICAL POWER CAMPSITES:**

Powered campsites are available ONLY for people with MEDICAL CONDITIONS NECESSITATING ACCESS TO A POWER SOURCE TO OPERATE MACHINES USED IN THE TREATMENT OF A CERTIFIED MEDICAL CONDITION. Campers requiring medical power for CPAP or portable dialysis machines etc must attach (or have provided in the past 12 months) a medical certificate clearly indicating which machines will be used. If you have previously provided a medical certificate which lists this information, please note this on the registration form. Unfortunately, powered sites cannot be included in a group booking.



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# **RIVERLAND - SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

Any member found using domestic appliances connected to a medical site power circuit risks confiscation of that appliance and may be asked to vacate the event site.

#### **CARAVANS AND MOTOR HOMES:**

There is almost unlimited space for RV's within the campsite. Each site will be clearly line marked with a size of 9M X 6M. Tow vehicles must be parked in a designated secure parking area close to the RV sites. (All non-motorcycle vehicles also must be parked in this area away from the designated general campground.)

#### **WHATS NEW IN THE CAMP GROUND:**

For 2018, we will be having a trial where RV's will be permitted to join in with their friends in a group booking setting within the general camping area under strict safety conditions. We hope that this will bring about a greater experience for all as one happy family. Once the Campground Coordinators have your group booking details you will be sent additional information regarding coming on site.

#### **GROUP BOOKINGS:**

Members wishing to camp together may make a group booking for two or more campsites. These sites will be allocated by the Campground Coordinators. It is the responsibility of your group leader to follow up on the receipt and acceptance of the request. Please read group booking application procedures below.

#### **GROUP BOOKING APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

- Each member of the group must be registered to attend the AGM Event.
- After each member has received their confirmation documentation, the group's nominated leader must write a brief cover letter listing the groups preferred booking name and including a copy of each person's name and event registration number details.
- To make the process easier for everybody please attempt to have the group arrive at the venue together.
- **DO NOT post your group booking requests to the National Office.**

**All requests for group bookings must be received no later than 5pm Friday 27th April 2018.**

**Please Post Group Booking confirmation to:**

#### **Group Booking Coordinators**

**Rex and Jenny Meredith, PO Box 4, Glenbrook NSW 2773**

**or Email: [greenmeanstreak@hotmail.com](mailto:greenmeanstreak@hotmail.com)**

#### **Contacts:**

**0450 903 937 (Jenny) 0414 395 458 (Rex) or (02) 4739 3497 (Home)**

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#### **Riverland - South Australia**

#### **PARCEL SERVICE:**

There will be a dedicated parcel service operating for members to send their camping equipment to the main event site. Members may also send parcels to their home address at the conclusion of the event using Australia Posts COD service, or a local freight company at members cost.

Parcels must comply with Australia Post specifications. Australia Post have advised that that the maximum size allowed is 105cm X 105cm X 105cm with a maximum weight of 22 Kg. Please post to:

**<Your name> <Your registration No>**

**Ulysses Club Inc. – 2018 AGM Event**

**C/o Barmera Post Office**

**1 Barwell Avenue**

**Barmera SA 5345**

Parcels that DO NOT comply with Australia Post specifications: You can make alternative freight delivery arrangements if your packed gear exceeds Australia Post specifications. Please freight to:

**<Your name> <Your registration No>**

**Ulysses Club – 2018 AGM Event**

**Parcels and Laundry Coordinator**

**52 Field Day Drive**

**Barmera SA 5345**

Collection arrangements for member's parcels will be listed in the Event Information booklet.

#### **LAUNDRY FACILITES:**

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# RIVERLAND - SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Whilst there are no laundry facilities onsite, a pickup and delivery service by a local (Berri) laundry will be available from the Parcels & Laundry Office at the main site. Details for the drop off & collection times will be in the event booklet and on display at the Parcels & Laundry Office. There is one small coin-op laundrette at nearby Barmera 4 kms away from the Event site. Others are situated at Berri, Renmark and Loxton.

#### EQUIPMENT BATTERY CHARGING:

There will be free battery charging facilities throughout the camping site. Members are responsible for looking after their phone, tablets etc whilst charging.

#### MEALS AND ENTERTAINMENT:

Beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May, quality meals and snacks will be available from reputable vendors at the Food Court in the main event site. Top class bands/DJ will provide the entertainment every night, except Monday, in the main tent throughout the Event week.

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT AND MEALS:

On Wednesday evening, the Event will officially kick off with a gourmet BBQ style meal in the Main Tent prepared and catered for by a high quality caterer from Adelaide. It will be a casual affair when AGM Event virgins (first timers at an AGM Event) will be given their special welcome. The theme for the night will be '60's Rock and Roll' so dress accordingly. The menu consists of:

Grilled lemon & herb chicken thigh- boneless, spicy beef sausage, prime beef burger with a grilled bacon rasher. Salads are steamed baby potatoes, spring onion and egg mayonnaise with green leaf salad and honey mustard dressing with sourdough roll and butter portion. Dessert consists of tropical fruit salad topped with fresh double cream.

#### SATURDAYS NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT AND MEALS:

This is the big one for the week! The newly elected National Committee will be introduced to the assembled members. The theme for the night is 'Life on the River' and again this formal dinner will be held in the Main Tent. Swim into this fun filled night dressed in appropriate river gear. The menu will be:

Slow roast lamb shoulder with demi glaze gravy complete with roasted sautéed potato, honey carrots and mint peas. Includes roll and butter portion. For dessert we have lemon and lime curd tart with Italian meringue and fresh passion fruit sauce. Tea and coffee will be available with both formal meals.

Both Wednesday and Saturday night dinners must be pre-ordered on your event registration form. Members with special dietary requirements should note their preferences

on the registration form. Members who chose not to pre-order can purchase a quality meal from any of the on-site food vendors and come along and join in the celebrations in the Main Tent. Please note that orders for meals will close on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Buses will operate on both the Wednesday and Saturday nights. This year a 'user pays' system will be introduced and a fee of \$5 will be charged to each person per night to cover the costs of hiring the buses. This fee covers a return trip to and from the Main venue from your off-site accommodation place. The need to be picked up will be ticked on your registration form together with the appropriate fees. Campers will not be required to pay this fee. Please provide the address where you will be staying on your registration form. The most practical bus routes will be defined once we know all the address locations. If the final route does not go right past your door, you may have to make your way to the nearest pick up point. We will endeavour to transport the majority of members to and from the Main Site, but not everything is possible.

#### VOLUNTEERS LUNCH:

To show our appreciation of the Volunteers that perform countless hours of faithful duty during the AGM Event, there will be a free lunch provided on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> at mid-day. (Hours will be tallied up from the total number of hours per volunteer and invitations issued accordingly.)

#### ACCOMMODATION OTHER THAN CAMPING ON-SITE:

There are many different forms of accommodation available in the Riverland Region. For all bookings and information, contact the Destination Riverland Visitor Information Centres on 1300 768 582.

There are five Offices throughout the Riverland in various locations. Check out all locations at: [www.destinationriverland.org.au](http://www.destinationriverland.org.au)

Planning for the Riverland AGM Event has been in process for the past three years by a dedicated Organising Committee of, in excess of 100 members from all States of Australia. We are excited to be able to present this opportunity to you to visit the Riverland in May 2018.

See you in May 2018 at the Riverland.



# REGISTRATION FORM

Ulysses Club Inc. 2018 AGM Event – Riverland Monday  
7th May to Sunday 13th May, 2018. \$25 per person  
cancellation fee applies after 5pm Friday, 16th March  
2018

## PLEASE NOTE:

Registrations can be made online at [www.ulysesclub.org](http://www.ulysesclub.org) (You must log in first)

### MEMBER DETAILS

Surname:	Given Name:
Membership No:	Preferred Name:
Branch Name:	Contact Phone No:

Email for registration correspondence to be sent. (DO NOT LEAVE THIS SECTION BLANK. IF YOU DON'T HAVE AN EMAIL, PLEASE PUT YOUR POSTAL ADDRESS)

Note: Each financial member is entitled to register ONE non-member guest.

### GUEST DETAILS

Surname:	Given Name:
Membership No (if applicable):	Preferred Name:
Branch Name:	Contact Phone No:

### EVENT REGISTRATION

ITEM	PRICE	QTY.	TOTALS
EARLY BIRD <b>7 Day REGISTRATION</b> (Received at NAO* before 5PM, 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2018) Includes unlimited entry to Trade show & marquees, event welcome bag & lapel badge. Entries received on or before 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 will be entered for a Across Oz Camper Trailer valued at \$6,800.	\$90		\$
EARLY BIRD <b>3 Day REGISTRATION</b> Same conditions as for the 7 day registration but for Friday, Saturday and Sunday only. You will still be eligible for the Early Bird Prize.	\$70		\$
LATE REGISTRATION <b>7 Day</b> (Received at NAO* after 5PM, 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2018) Includes unlimited entry to Trade show & marquees, event welcome bag & lapel badge.	\$110		\$
LATE REGISTRATION <b>3 Day</b> (Received at NAO after 5PM, 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2018) Includes unlimited entry to Trade show & marquees, event welcome bag & lapel badge.	\$90		\$
COMPANION ANIMAL REGISTRATION (Please read 'ANIMALS' section) Animals Name/s:	\$25		\$

### CAMPGROUND REGISTRATION

What date do you intend to arrive on site? Arrival Date:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Please reserve 1 (one) UNPOWERED Campsite for me/us for <b>7 Days</b> .	\$120		\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Please reserve 1 (one) UNPOWERED Campsite for me/us for <b>3 Days</b> . (Friday, Saturday and Sunday only)	\$95		\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Please reserve 1 (one) MEDICAL POWER Campsite for me/us. <input type="checkbox"/> I have supplied a relevant medical certificate to the NAO within the past 12 months or <input type="checkbox"/> I have attached a current certificate issued by a medical practitioner, detailing the reasons why I require electrical power at my campsite	\$140		\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Please reserve 1 (one) RV Campsite for me/us.	\$140		

Potable water is available, but connections are NOT allowed.



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<input type="checkbox"/> Please reserve 1 (one) TENT CITY Campsite for me/us. A TENT CITY campsite includes the hire of a pre-erected tent equipped with two single beds, mattresses, a LED light and 2 chairs	\$380		\$
<input type="checkbox"/> My registered GUEST is camping on my site with me.	\$80		\$
<input type="checkbox"/> I/We require access to a disabled toilet or shower in the campground <input type="checkbox"/> I/We hold a current Disability Parking Permit issued by a government authority	Please attach proof to this form if a disabled vehicle permit is required.		
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>	\$		

DINING (See menu on page ??)	PRICE	QTY.	TOTALS
<input type="checkbox"/> I/We will be dining at the Wednesday night 'Meet and Greet' social	\$30		\$
<input type="checkbox"/> I/We require Bus pickup to the Wednesday night social evening	\$5		\$
<input type="checkbox"/> I/We will be dining at the Saturday night dinner	\$31		\$
<input type="checkbox"/> I/We require Bus pickup to the Saturday night dinner	\$5		\$

Special Dietary Requirements - Tick applicable box and make further notes if required

Coeliac     Diabetic     No Dairy     Nut Allergy     Vegetarian

Please indicate the following if you have ticked the Special Dietary Requirements –

For Registrant     For Guest     For Both

Please phone the National Administration Office on 1300 134 123 if you have special dietary requirements (not preferences!)

NOTE: Accommodation details are required to help us plan bus routes to the social evening and dinner. Unfortunately, buses cannot pick up from all accommodation addresses. (Please read DINNER SHUTTLE BUSES section). Campground registrants WILL NOT need this service. Refunds for non-attendance will only be issued within 30 days notice from the conclusion of the Event to the NAO.

My Accommodation name/address is:



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## COMMEMORATIVE MERCHANDISE

PLEASE follow size instructions BEFORE completing this section

No merchandise orders can be accepted after 16 February 2018 due to our supplier's delivery schedule.  
If merchandise is inadvertently ordered by members after 16 February 2018, a refund will be given.

			PRICE	QTY.	TOTALS
<input type="checkbox"/> MENS POLO SHIRT With pocket – Short sleeves	<input type="checkbox"/> 53cm <input type="checkbox"/> 55.5cm <input type="checkbox"/> 58cm <input type="checkbox"/> 60.5cm <input type="checkbox"/> 63cm <input type="checkbox"/> 68cm <input type="checkbox"/> 73cm		\$35		\$
<input type="checkbox"/> LADIES POLO SHIRT No Pocket - V Neck - Short Sleeve	<input type="checkbox"/> 42.5cm <input type="checkbox"/> 45cm <input type="checkbox"/> 47.5cm <input type="checkbox"/> 50cm <input type="checkbox"/> 52.5cm <input type="checkbox"/> 55cm <input type="checkbox"/> 57.5cm <input type="checkbox"/> 60cm <input type="checkbox"/> 64.5cm <input type="checkbox"/> 69.5cm <input type="checkbox"/> 74.5cm		\$35		\$
<input type="checkbox"/> UNISEX 3 WAY REVERSABLE POLO JACKET - Micro Fleece	<input type="checkbox"/> 49cm <input type="checkbox"/> 52.5cm <input type="checkbox"/> 56cm <input type="checkbox"/> 59.5cm <input type="checkbox"/> 63cm <input type="checkbox"/> 68cm		\$80		\$
<input type="checkbox"/> BROAD BRIMMED HAT <input type="checkbox"/> 55cm <input type="checkbox"/> 58cm <input type="checkbox"/> 61cm	<input type="checkbox"/> 55cm <input type="checkbox"/> 58cm <input type="checkbox"/> 61cm		\$16		
<input type="checkbox"/> CAPTAINS CAP (MILITARY STYLE) – One size fits all			\$10		\$
<input type="checkbox"/> AGM EVENT CLOTH PATCH			\$10		\$
<input type="checkbox"/> AGM EVENT STICKER			\$4		\$
<input type="checkbox"/> MICRO FIBRE TOWEL			\$10		\$
<input type="checkbox"/> AGM EVENT BUCKLE			\$50		\$
SUB-TOTAL (from previous page)					\$
<b>TOTAL</b>					\$

## CREDIT CARD DETAILS:

MASTER CARD / VISA

Note: No other credit cards accepted

CARD NO: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRY DATE \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

CVS: \_\_\_\_\_ (Last 3 digits on back of card)

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Post or Email all forms and payments to: National Administration Office, PO Box 3242, Narellan NSW 2567 or Fax: 02 4647 7740  
info@ulysses.org.au All cheques and money orders to be made payable to: Ulysses Club Inc.

Direct Deposit Payments MUST include Member's Surname AND Membership Number

**BSB: 062 813**

**ACC Number: 1020 1995**

**Account Name: Ulysses Club Inc.**



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## COMMEMORATIVE MERCHANDISE



Ladies Polo Shirt



Mens Polo Shirt



AGM Event Metal Badge



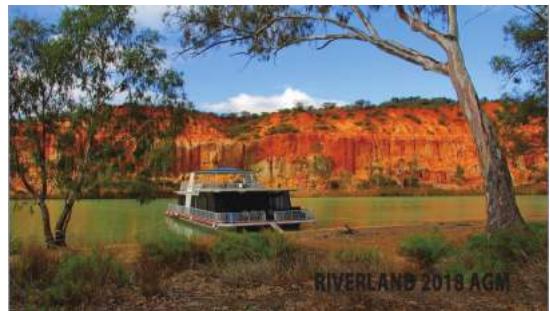
Broad Brim Hat



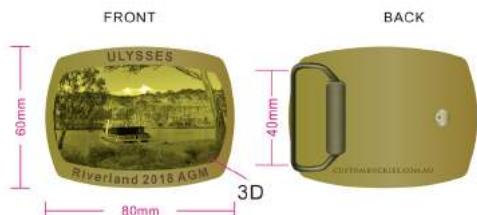
Captains Cap



AGM Event Cloth Patch



Riverland Micro Fibre Towel



AGM Event Belt Buckle



Unisex 3 Way Reversible Polo Jacket



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## **ULYSSES CLUB INCORPORATED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018**

Chaffey Theatre, Country Arts S.A.  
Seventeenth Street, Renmark, S.A. 5341  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 1pm

### **AGENDA**

1. Welcome to members
2. Introduction of the National Committee members
3. Apologies
4. Remembrance of members who have Ridden On
5. Recognition
6. Minutes of 2017 AGM meeting held at Wauchope  
(These minutes have been previously distributed and will not be read out)
7. Matters arising from the Minutes
8. Reports

Reports are as published in the Autumn 2018 edition of the "Riding On" and will not be read out.

- a) National President's Report
- b) National Vice President's Report
- c) National Secretary's Report
- d) National Treasurer's Report
- e) National Purchasing Officer's Report
- f) International Liaison's Report
- g) National Website Manager's Report
9. Presentations
10. UCARF Presentation
11. Announcement of AGM 2021
12. Introduction of Presiding Officer
13. Elections
20. General Business

No other matters may be raised for a resolution unless proper notice has been given.

- h) Close



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ARBN 116 090 101

### National Secretary

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### **PROCEDURE FOR ATTENDANCE AT ULYSSES CLUB AGM 12 MAY 2018**

**The 35th Annual General Meeting of the Ulysses Club Inc is to be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and will commence at 1pm sharp, after which time the doors will close.**

The AGM venue address is Chaffey Theatre, Country Arts S.A., Seventeenth St., Renmark, S.A. 5341

Financial members, who are not registered for the AGM Event, can still attend the meeting.

Due to the time constraints involved with processing the Annual General Meeting attendees and the necessary preparations that take place in readiness for the vote counting procedures, we ask that members who wish to attend the AGM please ensure an arrival that allows for adequate time to be registered and be seated in readiness for a prompt start.

Only financial members can attend the AGM, vote, and have speaking rights, so please check your membership expiry date prior to your arrival and if expired please renew your membership before lining up for entry into the Annual General Meeting.

In order not to be disappointed, please remember that the doors will close once the meeting commences and members who arrive late will be unable to gain access to the AGM, thus allowing the business of the day to continue uninterrupted.

The Civic Welcome will take place at the park adjacent to Murray Ave, Renmark, at 11 a.m. on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 at the conclusion of the Grand Parade.

The Grand Parade will start at the Lake Bonney Barmera foreshore, Dean Drive, Barmera, which is approximately 4 kilometres from the AGM Event venue and campsite and will finish at Murray Ave, Renmark.

**Henry Rokx**

**National Secretary**



# PHIL & LANIE'S NORTHERN EXPOSURE IN VIETNAM

**Seven months ago, Phil said to me he wanted to tour North Vietnam. He had toured South Vietnam four years earlier, so we got in touch with 'JJ', who was the tour guide last time. She told us about "The Mystery of the North Tour" and we booked.**

Seven months dragged on until finally, the day was here, and we caught the train to Sydney. We flew out the next day on Vietnam Airlines. We arrived in Hanoi and were picked up from the airport then taken to our motel in old Hanoi. This was my first overseas travelling experience. The sights I saw in our 30 minute drive to the motel, were simply overwhelming. Upon arriving at the motel and dropping off our bags, we headed off to explore the streets, at 10.00pm at night. It is just unbelievable how many scooters there are. The street food, shops and people on scooters everywhere – what can I say!

Night two, and we finally got to meet the rest of our group – JJ, Don, Robin, Russell, Gerard, Craig, Kerry, Stephanie, Jodie, Janelle plus Phil and myself of course. We were all Aussies, and hailed from NSW, SA and WA.

Day three, we were picked up by the back-up van. Our driver was called 'Hi'. He didn't speak a lot of English, but by the time the girls finished with him, he was doing very well. With luggage packed, we piled into the van. A thirty minute drive brought us to where the 'mighty' Honda XR150Ls were stored. A small briefing followed and then we were invited to choose our bikes. Phil had to have the loudest one, as he rides a Harley. With that, we launched into the 'washing machine' of traffic that is Hanoi. The girls – Kerry, Stephanie, Jodie and Janelle were in the safety of the van. I was the only lady rider on this trip. With only three years riding experience behind me, I was sh\*t\*#g myself! Since

becoming a rider, I have managed to do 34000kms, as Phil and I travel quite a bit on motorbikes.

We had a lead rider, who was called 'Ocean' and a 'tail-end Charlie' who was called 'So'. They both spoke good English. 'Ocean' and 'So' were also the medical team when required. We managed to ride out of Hanoi with everyone still in one piece. Don't ask me how the traffic flows, but it does! – no road rules, no-one waits for a green light, cars will do a U-turn in front of you and scooters will ride up on the wrong side of the road towards you. The traffic is mind boggling. When Phil rode South Vietnam four years ago, most of the roads were concrete, but in North Vietnam the road surface is tar of a very high quality, but, then some roads were just dirt (great for dirt riders). There is no straight longer than one kilometre. It is corner after corner, and, at the end of the day you were stuffed. Some of our 'bum stops' were simply amazing – the scenery, the traditional dress of the women and the happy faces of the kids made it all worthwhile. To see so many people (mostly women) in the fields was very humbling.

Phil's highlight was to stop at a village school and give the children pencils, sharpeners and paper. My highlight was to stop at a village and be invited into a local house to see how the family lived. Another highlight was the waterfall at Ban Gioc. This waterfall divides Vietnam and China, we were only 20 metres from the Chinese border.

Our accommodation during the tour was special. Toilets in Vietnam can be different from what we know (take toilet paper with you). Food was good, but different. If you are a poddy calf like me (love dairy), good luck, because there is no dairy in Vietnam. After 10 days and 1750kms, our amazing little Hondas were handed in. The next day we



drove to Halong Bay for an overnight stay on a boat. Halong Bay is simply beautiful.

Phil and I left the next day for home, but in the morning, the remaining group (that was eight of us), decided to hire a rickshaw for an hour's ride around Hanoi. Phil and I were picked up at 2.00pm by a coaster bus to take us to Hanoi Airport. Our trip was sadly over.

Those Honda XR150L motorcycles were simply amazing. They handled the sweeping and very tight corners brilliantly. You never quite knew what was around a blind corner. You may have a truck or bus in your lane, or, even water buffalos! But, we never had any trouble having to brake suddenly. Look in the lower left of this photograph for a taste of the roads.

On this trip, I have grown more confident in riding a bike. If you are "thrown in at the deep end" – you can either sink or swim. I swam.

Phil and I would like to thank "Lucky Bastard Motorcycle Tours" for giving us a once in a lifetime experience. Thank you to 'JJ', 'Hi', 'Ocean' and 'So' for looking after us. Thank you to Craig, Kerry, Stephanie, Janelle and Jodie for being 'party animals'. Also, thanks to Robin for keeping everyone well hydrated with 'happy water' (rice wine). Plus, Russell, Gerard and Don for being on this trip with us.

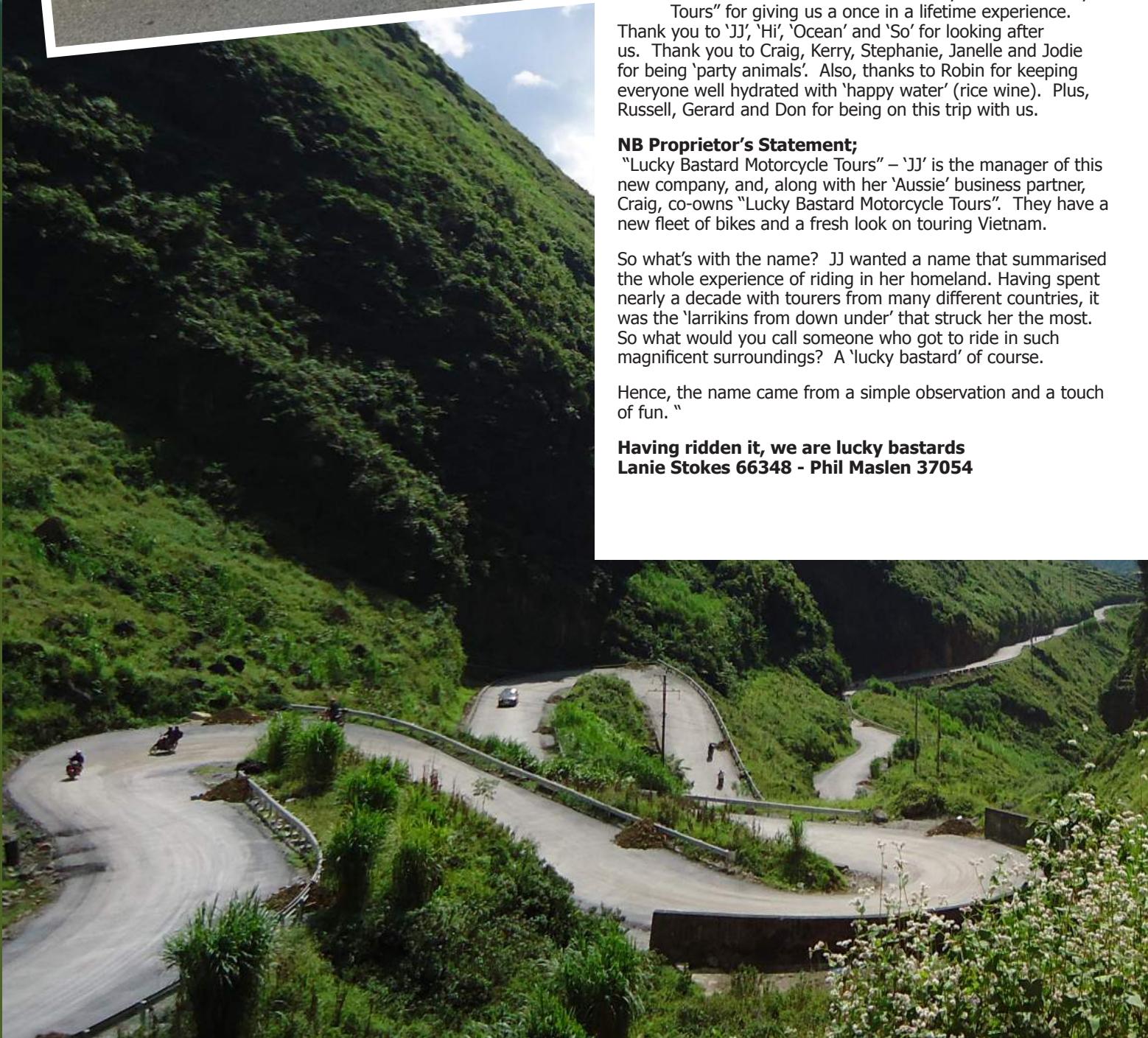
#### **NB Proprietor's Statement;**

"Lucky Bastard Motorcycle Tours" – 'JJ' is the manager of this new company, and, along with her 'Aussie' business partner, Craig, co-owns "Lucky Bastard Motorcycle Tours". They have a new fleet of bikes and a fresh look on touring Vietnam.

So what's with the name? JJ wanted a name that summarised the whole experience of riding in her homeland. Having spent nearly a decade with tourers from many different countries, it was the 'larrikins from down under' that struck her the most. So what would you call someone who got to ride in such magnificent surroundings? A 'lucky bastard' of course.

Hence, the name came from a simple observation and a touch of fun. "

**Having ridden it, we are lucky bastards  
Lanie Stokes 66348 - Phil Maslen 37054**





## Macarthur Branch Memorial Ride Report

The Macarthur Branch Memorial Ride was held in brilliant spring weather on Sunday 10th September. It was the kind of Sunday that would be wasted if at least some of it was not spent on a motorcycle.

This Memorial Ride has occurred annually since 1999 and always culminates with a Memorial Day service followed by a barbecue at the Cordeaux Dam on the Picton – Wollongong road. This dam has a pleasant, well maintained picnic area with sweeping views down a valley and across the dam.



The ride itself was 66 kilometres of good roads commencing from McDonald's Narellan, taking a circuitous route (more circuitous for some riders than for others) through countryside which to date has mostly escaped the ravages of developers.

The end of the ride saw 126 motorcycles in the dam carpark

with about 150 Ulyssians in attendance representing twelve Branches. Special guests of the day were National President Jen Woods and National Treasurer John Osborne.

The service commenced with an introduction and welcome by Macarthur Branch President Mark Shepherd. National President Jen addressed those present on the significance of Memorial Days for our Club and welcomed and thanked all members in attendance.

Macarthur Branch member and former lay pastor Gerrit Neef delivered a Remembrance Day prayer he composed for

the occasion. The coincidence of a couple of passing Harley Davidsons resulted in the Harley exhaust note resonating over the gathering, adding to the ambience of the prayer delivery.

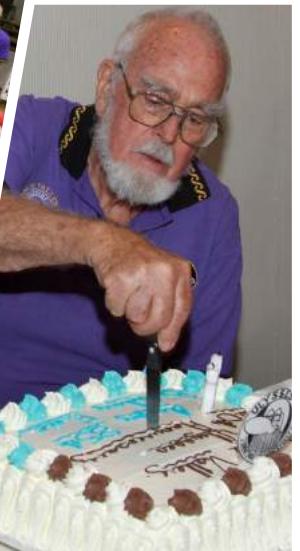
Macarthur Branch member Bernie Rogers then delivered the Ode. Bernie wrote this Ode some time ago and it has long been a feature of the Macarthur Branch service.

After a minutes silence to honour those who have passed, those present then moved to enjoying a sausage in a roll, relaxing and renewing or making new friendships.

Macarthur Branch thanks those Ulyssians who attended the day thereby contributing to a pleasant and special occasion.

P.S. If any members can help – Macarthur Branch is looking for photographs of the first Remembrance Day ride (1999) and details of participants. Any assistance greatly appreciated.





# CLARENCE VALLEY ULYSSES BRANCH 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

*And A Birthday Surprise For Our Oldest Member*

**Around 70 previous and current Ulysses members celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Clarence Valley Ulysses Branch on Friday 27 October.**

It was commemorated with a special dinner and photo slide show held at the South Grafton Bowling Club, organised by Lynne Cairns.

After dinner, Lynne gave a lovely speech recalling the very fond memories we all shared of some great fun times together over the years. I am sure none of us will ever forget the wonderful experiences, camaraderie and plain old good times. Often it was not the arriving at a destination it was the ride, the fun along the way and just being together.

It would be very difficult to repeat those times, they just happened. We are a group of people from different walks of life with a common interest of riding bikes and just having fun, and it was just good clean fun. – it's just what we did and some are still doing it. And I know some would still like to be doing it.

Unfortunately, a few of our members have ridden on which is really very sad. But we should always remember and be happy for the times we had with them and the contribution they made towards our enjoyment. There are also some of our previous and current members who are not doing so well at the moment either and were unable to attend the dinner due to ill health. In total there were about fifty people who sent their apologies.

In 1997 Clarrie Cullen, Sam Darke and Bob Lovell were the main instigators in forming the Clarence Valley Branch as a separate branch breaking away from the Coffs Harbour Branch. Unfortunately Clarrie and Sam were unable to attend however Bob Lovell attended on the night. A copy of a letter sent to Clarrie in December 1997 from the then Honorary Secretary of Ulysses Club Inc evidences the forming of our group.

On the night a memorabilia table displayed various items from over the years. A number of previous and current members contributed to the table with items such as badges from AGMs and places visited, vests, caps and hats, photos, stories of members' travels over the years, letters and minutes,

Minutes from the first meeting of Clarence Valley Ulysses in 1997 listed 29 people attended. Ten of those people attended the 20th anniversary dinner. Fantastic for 20 years later.

After dinner all those present raised their glasses as a toast was proposed to the founding members of the Ulysses Club, to the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Clarence Valley Ulysses Branch, to our ride coordinators and contacts along the way, also to past and present members wishing them all the very best.

Another occasion was being celebrated. Eric Eckert the oldest member of our branch, turns 85 on 1<sup>st</sup> November. A surprise birthday cake was sprung on Eric, who is such an active member of the club and has only just given up riding his beloved Ural side car bike. Eric wrote a story of every major Ulysses event he attended, all these stories were on the memorabilia table.

Thanks to all those who helped make this such a great anniversary night, for contacting people, for helping set up tables and decorations, for providing decorations, photos and memorabilia, collecting dinner money, making donations etc. Particular thanks to Reg Hampson our branch contact and also to Jim Summers for putting together a fantastic photo slide show movie of our branch events, AGM's and rides from over the years.

Also I wish to give thanks to the South Grafton Bowling Club ladies for providing a lovely meal. It is certainly a great venue to hold such an event overlooking the mighty Clarence River.

The anniversary night was really just like a walk down memory lane. It was a great night and a blast from the past.

Thanks to all those attending.

Cheers to the good years together and may there be many many more.

**Bob Cairns  
#3756**

Photos by Lynne Mowbray, Photographer/Journalist, Clarence Valley Independent Newspaper.

# EVENTS

## BREAKFAST CLUB SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### Bookings open for first breakfast

South Australia's Breakfast Club has decided on its breakfasting schedule.  
The SABC will eat at 9.30am, on the first Saturday of each month.

So; the inaugural breakfast will be held on the sixth of January, 2018.

The Hahndorf Old Mill will be the venue for the first breakfast, from 9.30am to 10.30am, the address is 98 Main Street, Hahndorf SA 5245.

For those coming a long way, they have queen-bed ensuite upstairs rooms for \$95, or motel rooms from \$160.  
Hahndorf Tourist Park is also nearby, and Hahndorf is not far from Adelaide, via the freeway.

A charming tourist town, Hahndorf has lots of shops and eateries, the main street is worth a stroll after breakfast, and the Adelaide Hills area is great for a bit of twisty motorcycling.

If you intend coming, it would be good to register your interest on the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ulysses-clubadelaide/>



## LOW NUMBERS, HIGH ENTHUSIASM

'Tis the season of Toy Runs, with Ulysses Club Branches around Australia doing their best to make Christmas a little brighter for those less fortunate.

Geraldton Branch, almost half way up the coast of WA, did its best despite realising at the last minute it was competing with a bigger Toy Run in Perth.

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Gary Warner #65262

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# Memorial Day in the Hunter Region

The Hunter Region's Memorial Day began with 70 bikes gathering at the Raymond Terrace 'Maccas' in preparation for the 37km ride to Tucker Park in Paterson NSW.

This year, Hunter Coalfields Branch took its turn in organising the day with representatives from Upper Hunter, Lake Macquarie, Newcastle, Lower Hunter and Port Stephens branches in attendance.

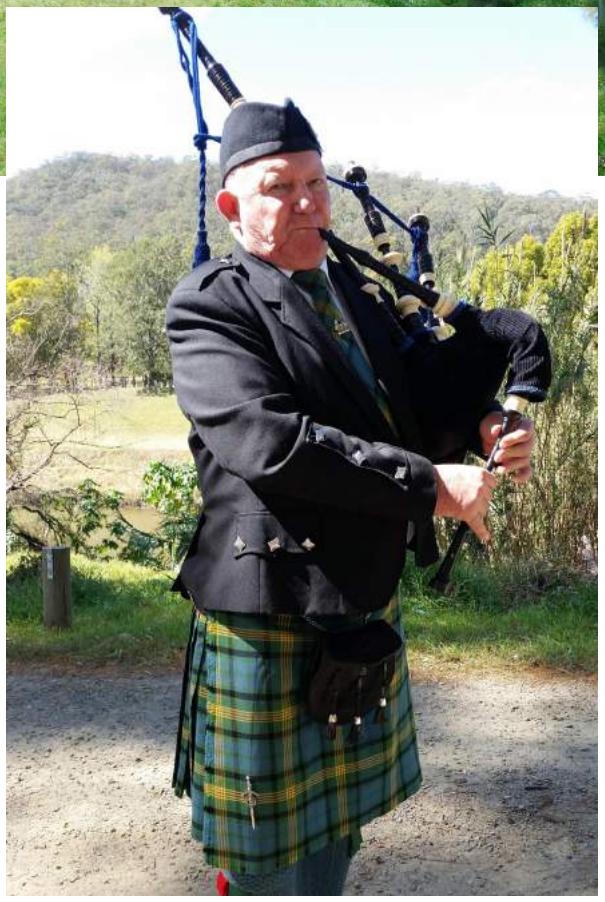
At 9.30 am the parade began, meandering through farm land which is normally lush green pastures but in the middle of a drought, colour is not high on natures list at the moment.

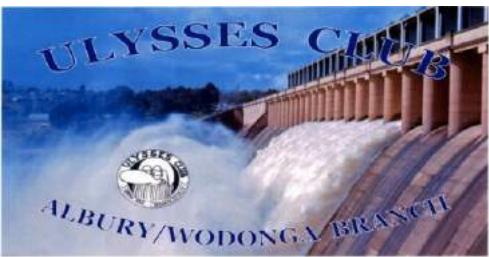
Arriving at Tucker Park, we were met by another 30 members and the sounds of a Scottish piper, who escorted the bikes into the park lands under the glorious sunshine.

All then settled in for a sausage sizzle and drinks before the Memorial Day service, which was conducted by Padre Matt Nichols from the Longriders Motorcycle Club.

Mike Abberfield read a message from Jen Woods, our National President, and was backed up by Branch members who all read the names of those Ulysses members, friends and relatives that have ridden on. A day of reflection that was, in one word - brilliant!

**Bill Ingall #21507**





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# NORTHERN GATEWAY BRANCH HALLOWEEN FOR UCARF

Northern Gateway Branch in Brisbane completed its sixth year of Halloween celebrations, with 2017 being the second signature Halloween event for the Branch, held to raise funds for our Club's preferred charity, UCARF.

A move to a new venue, the Aspley Leagues Club, solved the previous year's issues of concern. We were happy to have the local State Member for Aspley, Tracy Davis MP (the Shadow Member for Education) come along to our night and deeply appreciate her support for the event.

UCARF Coordinator Kim Kennerson was unable to attend this year, due to family commitments, but we were honoured to have Allan Pratt, from the National Committee, on hand to accept the proceeds on behalf of UCARF.

Although numbers were down on last year's event, it did nothing to dampen the creativity and effort put into the costumes that made the night so special. Judging of the costumes went to Richard Grayden and Robert Watson "86" from the Northern Gateway Branch. We were able to persuade our MP Tracy Davis to award the trophies for best costumes.

Best Couple Costume Award went to Gail Ramsey and Jim Ashdown from the Ipswich Branch, who were dressed as the Grandmother / Wolf and Little Red Riding Hood. Their costumes were absolute standouts, and I learned later that Gail had handmade both costumes, which made this popular win even more special. Congratulations Folks.

Best Male Costume Award went to John Moorcroft, Northern Gateway Branch, for his split "male/female" costume. He went so far as waxing half his body!! Now that's Dedication Plus.

Best Female Costume was somewhat harder to pick. The Judges selected four contenders, inviting them onto the stage to allow the audience to pick the Winner via a "Clap-A-Thon". Our Trivia Master Doug de Jong, confirmed our enthusiastic

crowd had voted Carol Jeffries, Northern Gateway Branch, the winner for her Ghost Rider Costume -which needed an internal fan for her to stay cool! Congratulations Carol.

Our major raffle - a half day Whale Watching Cruise, donated by Tasman Venture, plus 2 nights accommodation in Hervey Bay (donated by Air B&B - Owned by Fraser Coast President Ros Rees and Paul Dorey) was won by John Moorcroft - who must have rubbed against a Leprechaun to pull off two big wins on the night. Congratulations John.

Overall the night was a great success and an improvement on last year. The Leagues Club venue was excellent, with delicious food served quickly. The members present were outstanding in their costumes and made the night a fun and entertaining event.

Robert Watson "86" #48273 Northern Gateway Branch





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# A not-so-normal Thursday ride

(AN ALLEGEDLY TRUE REPORT FROM SYDNEY'S MID-WEEK RIDERS)

As a small boy, just after the really Big War, Serial No WWII, I lived a life of poverty in a small hessian lined box under a pear tree in Western Oxfordshire. A ferret lived next door, and I believe he was my uncle. He declared himself to be a socialist and taught me about Lenin, and leadership. I always wanted to be a leader. To have people follow, and to hang on to my every word. I always wanted to travel too, and had a fascination, from afar, with the village of Brewongle which I understood to be a perfect socialist society in the far-away Democratic Socialist Republic of Australia (DSRA), where naked ladies wandered around freely

Today was an especially beautiful day. I got to exercise leadership, of a kind, and I flashed (as it were) through Brewongle, twice. Brewongle is a special village. As far as I can tell, it has no speed limit and I believe that may be to avoid distraction by naked ladies.

We, us Ulyssians, gathered, as we do, at McGrath's Hill, in the DSRA. There is nothing peculiar about this, other than the complete absence of a hill. That notwithstanding, we each fought for the high ground on the political and social issues of the day. Paul Margerson won that, with his appointment to NASA as a consultant on climate change and its impact on Antarctica's ice. We were also joined by some new fellows from Ulysses Hills branch; excellent chaps, all called Peter. Wayne Rees volunteered, silly fellow, to be Tail End Charlie and looked resplendent in his orange day-glo jacket. The jacket perfectly offset the purple and red veins in his nose.

I received an SMS from Bill Van Ooi, apologising for his absence and advising the ride was a UCARF charity day and to collect money. I was able to extort \$320 before we took off and it now sits in a brown paper bag. Having spent years in Asia, I know precisely how to deal with brown paper bags containing cash.

The ride began, heading off across the grass farms. At the

start, I noted I was last, a curse that has epitomised my leadership style since those poverty stricken days in Western Oxfordshire, when I lacked a suit and tie. A principle of leadership is the ability to assert oneself. This I did, and the 17 followers fell into line behind me, at least for a little while. We punted up the Bell's Line of Road, noting the efforts of the provincial government of NSW in the DSRA to destroy any character the road may have. Cut out the bends, eliminate the risks, cut down those big fat trees whose names we do not know and hold up the traffic. We carefully observed the speed limit. What else can one do?

We arrived at Bowenfels for morning tea. I was 11<sup>th</sup>, at this point. Determined to be more assertive, and to demand respect as a leader, from Bowenfels, I led. I wouldn't exactly say we were lost, but our direction was a little unclear.

We were on the road that goes from Bowenfels, past Lake Lyell, via Sodwalls; Sodwalls – such a great name – Sydney should be renamed "Sodwalls", and the issues over real estate price affordability would be resolved in an instant. Who'd live in Sodwalls?

We boogied on through Tarana (pron: Tar – ann – aa), and to Brewongle. I love this road. It's beautiful, laden with whoops and dips and broken down single lane bridges in the middle of tight corners garnished with sand traps. It's narrow, and birds by the flock of excellent and varied colours swoop and cawk in front of you, nearly bringing you undone. It bumps and it bends and dear Auntie Daphne in her EH Holden station wagon presents an even greater risk than the ancient Albert Smithers in his old De Soto five tonner with eleven ton of sheep, as he occupies, at once because he is travelling slowly, an entire bridge, bend and escape route. Daphne and Albert are the only traffic. The scenery is lovely, old paddocks occupied by the solitary Angus bull. Green, undulating hills peppered with sheep, the wonderful smell of the eucalypts

alongside the road. Cow herds, sheep herds and the herds of naked ladies at Brewongle.

And then, off course through Bathurst for the feature of the day: Ash's Speedway Museum. Some people were still following me, which proved to be a significant mistake on their part. We made the wrong turning on Bradwardine Road, and my GPS, which has never liked me anyway, further misled me. The 14 of us milled on this expansive road. We circled in several different directions. TEC Wayne led for a while, but in completely the wrong direction. Residents came out and looked in horror, ordering their children indoors not because we seemed particularly fearsome, but because the milling was obviously not a good example and blood may soon be spilt. The local police of the DSRA sent up a helicopter, but it got into a spin whilst trying to determine which direction we were going and was soon lost.

The whole 21 of us made it to the museum, and Ash smiled as he contemplated the idiocy of the ride leader. This is a good museum. Rod May, who in his spare time works for the Russian security agency, the FSB, filmed the adventure on behalf of Donald Trump, who wants to join Ulysses soon because he's getting sick of his current job. People don't play fair. Donald will join Ulysses, as long as he can be President. Rod has told him of the forthcoming AGM, so expect a fun time with the tweets from the AGM this year and a more populist approach. Follow the link below to Rod's YouTube to get a furtive gander at Ash's museum, and admire the Hagen JAPS and all that, and the colours. Then go there and take a proper look:

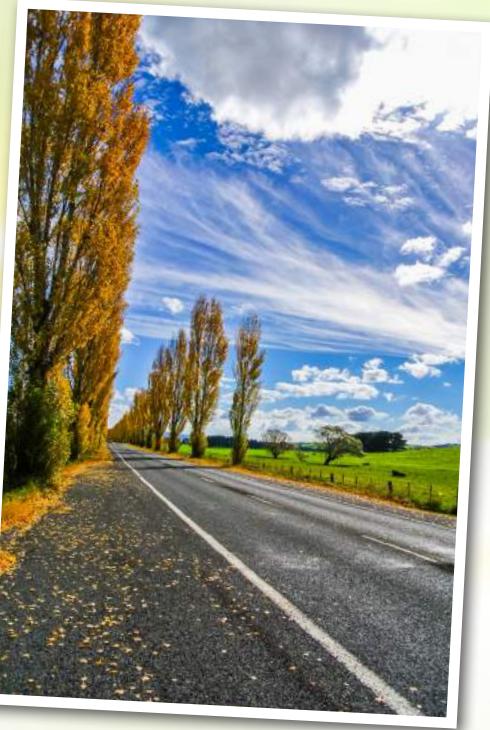
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Following the museum, we dashed up to Mount Panorama. I followed someone, and someone followed me and 18 made it as we milled about and eventually settled atop the great vista of the Western Slopes and Plains, under the purview of the DSRA Police. As usual, we talked politics and also discussed the sad scandal of the Financial Statements of Ulysses, as published in the latest Riding On. We ate delicate sandwiches prepared by our wives, who had heard that we citizens of the DSRA weren't eating enough fruit and vegetables. On this basis, lunch was soon over, and small birds feasted upon a fine diet of disposed of healthy foods.

The DSRA Police watched carefully, as we felons swooped down Mt Panorama. There had to be a victim, so Dave ("OK, throw ME under the bus then") was handed over as a sacrifice, given a beating and fined for riding down the hill slightly faster than required. Never, in the affairs of mankind, have there been so many Police about. Policing must be the main occupation of Bathurst, Lithgow and environs. Today, police were everywhere and I'm sure that any citizen of a country other than the DSRA would be convinced we are a police state.

The return journey was excellent, until the Windsor Road, along which every light was red and the traffic malign. Matters got even worse as we reached the Lane Cove Tunnel, which was locked down in a traffic jam for miles. This is no place for a motorcycle without its own air-conditioning. Where are the Police of the DSRA when you need them – we should have been given personal escorts in view of the money Dave ("OK, throw ME under the bus then") had to hand over!

**Stephen Davies #4771.**





# WA Odyssey Defies The Rain

Gathering clouds looked ready to make the WA Odyssey a wash-out.

Hosted by Fremantle Branch, it was held 200kms away at Collie, a southwest town known for coal, low temperatures and green fields.

Those verdant fields are thanks to the rain, and the forecasts from the Bureau of Meteorology were not looking good.

As the sun rose on the opening day of the Odyssey, at least 10 registered riders had cancelled and more cancellations were expected.

As often happens though, the forecasts began sounding more moderate and 10 late registrations arrived, taking the event back to its original 149 registered Ulysseans.

Among them was John Gawthorne, who rode from NSW on a 650cc bike on a trip around Australia, he reached Collie on day 45 of a 90 day trip and had specifically planned to be at the WA Odyssey

He received a fuel card and the acclamation of the members for the longest distance ridden.

On arrival, several reluctant campers were happy to find that they could unroll their swags on the floor of the community centre that was Event HQ. Rain? What rain?

There was sufficient rain to cut short the classic motorcycle festival with classic machines at the Collie Motorplex, but the town's main street was buzzing.

Weeks before the event, the Fremantle hosts appealed for donations of riding gear for a charity sale, and Ulysseans responded willingly.

A gazebo in the main street became a pop-up gear shop, which raised \$3008, and overall with raffles and donations the Odyssey & Collie Motorcycle Festival raised a total of \$5005.95 for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

**Colin Booth #61215**

**President - Fremantle Branch  
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**Photos by Gary Warner #65262**





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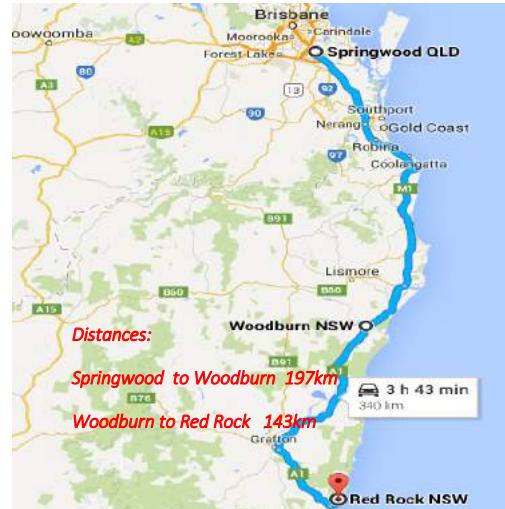
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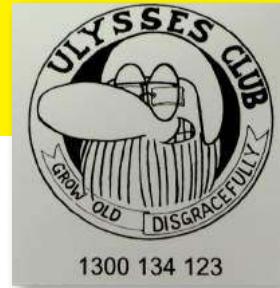
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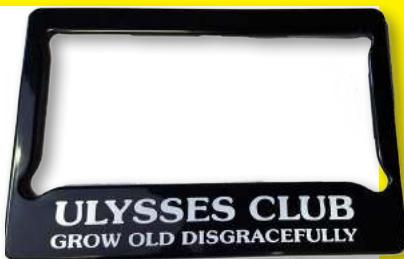


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ITEM	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
Ladies Butterfly Polo	41	43.5	46	48.5	51	53.5	56	58.5	61	
Ladies Butterfly Tee	39	41	43.5	45	47	51.5	54	56		
Ladies Black/White Polo	46	47	50	52.5	56	57.5	60	64.5	69.5	74.5
Ladies Black/Pink Polo	45	47.5	50	52.5	55	57.5	60	64.5		
Ladies Magenta Sleeveless Polo	44	46.5	49	51.5	54	57	60			
Soft Shell Jacket LADIES	8-10 48cm	12-4 52cm	16-18 59cm	20-22 64cm	24-26 66cm					

UNISEX AND MEN'S CLOTHING (cm)										
ITEM	XS	Sm	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	
Men's Polo Black/Ash		53	55.5	58	60.5	63	68	73		
Unisex Black Riding Shirt Long Sleeve	47	53.5	56	58.5	61	63.5	66	68.5		
Unisex Black Tee Long & Short Sleeve		53.5	56	58.5	61	63.5	66	68.5		
Sloppy Joe		57.5	60	62.5	65	67.5	70	72.5	75	
Reversible Vest		57	59.5	62	64.5	67	69.5	72		
Singlet		53.5	56.5	58.5	61	63.5	66	68.5		
Soft Shell Jacket MENS		56	58.5	61	635	66	68.5		74.5	
Rugby Top		57.5	60	62.5	65	67.5				
Hi-Vis Vest				65	68	71	74	77	80	

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**Barbara Maggs #205 DM#19**

**7/12/1933 – 16/09/2017**

Barbara Maggs was a long standing and very well respected member of the Ulysses Club. Barbara, and partner Tony Jenner #204 DM#20, joined the Ulysses Club through the Melbourne Branch in 1984, not long after the branch first started, when another well respected member, Henry Zlabeck #56, was Branch President.

Over the years Barbara and Tony attended many rallies and National AGM Events. In fact they only missed the 1<sup>st</sup> AGM and a handful of others over the last 30 years. Barbara, with Tony, took part in many Sunday rides and weekenders. In many respects her story is also Tony's, as they were into everything together. They were both awarded their Dearnley Medals in 2005 at the Canberra AGM.

In 1984, Barbara organised the first of her Ulysses Club Toy Runs, which over the last 30 years just got bigger and better. In 2004, after organising the 21<sup>st</sup> Toy Run, both Barbara and Tony were presented with service awards, on stage at the Commonwealth Reserve in Williamstown by Cathy Freeman.

Over the last few years the Toy Run was organised to start from Cranbourne and join in with the MRA Toy Run, finishing first at Williamstown's Commonwealth Reserve as noted above, and later at Calder Park Raceway. In 2015, the 30<sup>th</sup> Toy Run was to be Barbara's last, but after a request for assistance from another charity organisation, Barbara and Tony organised one more.

Barbara attracted many regular supporters of the Toy Runs, including local businesses around Cranbourne and Tooradin.

In recognition of her untiring efforts on Toy Runs, and for services to motorcycling in general, in 2011 Barbara and Tony were presented with a special award by local Parliamentary Member for Holt, Mr Anthony Byrne, after organising their 28<sup>th</sup> Toy Run. Further to this, in June 2015 Barbara was awarded the Medal of Order of Australia (OAM) for services to motorcycling.

Barbara was also a long-time supporter of the CISS (Cranbourne Information and Support Service) which helps less fortunate people in the community. Barbara with her best friend Tony, her partner of almost 50 years, enjoyed their motorcycle riding over many years. Barbara would have celebrated her 85th birthday on 7 December 2017. She will be missed by her family and her many Ulysses Club friends.

**Henry Rokx**

**#28636 DM#45**



**Bob Piecuch #15953**

**30/10/1949 – 1/8/2017**

Affectionately known as "little Bobbie", as he was slight in build, Bob joined Perth Branch of the Ulysses Club on 1st September 1998.

He leaves behind his loving wife Ro and his much-loved Honda Goldwing trike.

Bob was very quiet and never liked a fuss being made of him, whether it was his birthday, or being presented with a membership badge, he would rather have it given to him without all the "hoo-hah" as he put it.

Bob was also known as our "quiet achiever" hovering in the background and only coming forward with ideas and suggestions when asked for his thoughts. If we were doing collections for the victims of disasters or local charities he was always the first to give, his kind heart was made of gold.

His favourite ride was down through Dwellingup, Nanga Brook Rd to Waroona and then home along the estuary roads in South Mandurah on his trike. He occasionally joined us on rides and was always a regular at our Wednesday coffee morning at Pengo's Café in Shoalwater by the beach.

Bob will be missed by his many friends at Warnbro branch.

**Julie Wilcox #35151**

**Warnbro Sound Wanderers Secretary.**

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**Donald (Sheppy) Shepherd, #2859**

**3/12/1935 - 9/9/2017**

Donald passed away in the Flinders Medical Centre in Adelaide after a short illness.

He will not be known to many of you as he spent approximately fifty years living and working in the Tennant Creek district of the Northern Territory.

During his time there he was a founding member of the Tennant Creek Speedway, and provided up to three speedway bikes for young people to ride, providing they learned to repair and maintain them. Sheppy maintained the track, and was also a marshal.

In his retirement to Mt Gambier in South Australia, he maintained his interest in Speedway and would attend many meetings in his Ulysses gear.

He also maintained a great interest in all motorcycling and would be seen at McNamara Park whenever there was a meeting there, but his main interest was always the Speedway Solos.

Most of Donald's family were involved with trotting horses, which he maintained was "speedway for horses".

He is sadly missed by his nieces and nephews.

**John Shepherd #2499**



**William Henry 'Harry' Box #973**

**22/02/1926 – 13/07/2017**

Harry passed away peacefully in July, leaving three sons and a daughter, six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. A quiet mannered man who was respected by all who knew him, Harry had a passion for sailing but most of all he lived for motorcycling.

He was instrumental in forming the Eyre Peninsula Branch and was an active rider until he was 90.

He was known as the motor bike guru in Port Lincoln and was always willing to help with his knowledge of bikes. His first ride was a WLA Harley during his time in the Army in WW2. He loved Brit bikes, especially Nortons, but his last ride was his 750 GPZ Kwaka and he could outride most of us. Harry will be missed but not forgotten, especially by the Wednesday afternoon group, who gathered regularly at Harry's place for companionship, and to solve the world's problems with beer and bullshit.

**Ride hard old son.  
Jack Ash #7045**



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This farewell for Wayne and Donna Robinson was submitted back in February/March, but it was never seen to have arrived. I apologise for any distress.

Gary Warner – editor #65262

### **Donna Robinson #53022 and Wayne Robinson #53023**

It was with heavy hearts that the Mt Lindesay Ulysses Branch farewelled two of our friends, who left us under extremely sad and horrific circumstances.

Donna alias "Stop and Drop" and Wayne alias "Skippy", were on numerous occasions the life of any meeting, social event or rides. Wayne with his dry humour and Donna always ready to clout him round the ears or elbow his ribs, as most of this bantering was aimed at her. Both Donna and Wayne held the position of Regalia for a couple of years, but we know it was Donna who did all the work; she wouldn't have it any other way. Donna was a very organised woman, Wayne just took the accolades. Listening to some of the comments and stories told at their wake, she was no different at work. Donna and Wayne had a couple of scoots while in their short time with us. Wayne's was a Yamaha 1100, Donna first had a Kawasaki 800 Vulcan then a Yamaha 1100. These were sideliners for the new Spider.

These two folk, all they wanted for their future retirement, was a quiet life on their block near Tara west of Dalby, where it's so quiet, time to relax and unwind. So with the camper bus loaded up and the spider on the trailer behind them they were gone.

It was on this fateful day they were off to their place of solace when they were tragically taken from us. So if there's a big fella up there please take care of them both, let them ride free on cloud highway.

Goodbye friends, from all of us at Ulysses Mt Lindesay Branch.

**Debbie Battle #59318**

**Lindesay Branch Secretary**



### **Ken Irvine #47621**

**25/05/1948 -- 18/10/2017**

There should have been more years for Ken Irvine.

There should have been more days and months, more rides and more kilometres on his Triumph Commander, more laughs, more good times and beers with his mates.

Ken was an active member of the St George Sutherland branch for the last eight or nine years, Ride Captain for three years, and a good man for all of his 69 years.

He was the Hatman, the ukulele player, the prankster, the silver fox, the charmer. A generous friend with a warm and open heart, a character full of life.

There should have been more years. It wasn't yet time for us to be shedding tears for Ken.

Our hearts go out to Judy, BJ and Shannon.

Peter Simpson #45521

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**Michael (Mick) Donald McCall #50359**

**20/06/1955 – 19/08/2017**

It is with sadness that the Shearwaters Branch informs the Club of the passing of our friend Mick. Mick joined the Club 9/4/2008 and with his wife Kitty embraced the ideals of Ulysses.

He was always there to give a helping hand to our branch committee for cooking or even leading a ride. Mick was tireless in this regard when Kitty was our branch president and he was so surprised to be inducted into our Hall of Fame with Kitty.

He enjoyed every bike that he owned, but none more than his beloved 2010 Goldwing trike as the arthritis wasn't doing him any favours.

Mick loved attending extended rides and AGMs, making new friends and enjoying the rides to places he had never thought that he would see – and getting lost on Mystery rides. Sadly we lost Mick after a short battle with brain cancer.

There was a sea of orange and silver at his send off and we think that he would have had a big grin on his face.

He will be dearly missed by all that knew him. Ride on Mick

**Trevor Chapple #16717**

**Shearwaters Branch**



**Noel Leslie Lovell #57305  
11/04/1957 - 11/09/2017**

It is with much sadness that the Kalgoorlie Goldfields branch must advise of the passing of our great friend Noel Lovell. Noel leaves behind his wife Margret, three daughters and five grand children.

He was taken far too soon with brain tumours and will be sadly missed by all who knew him not only in our club, but also in the mining community where he worked for a number of years.

It's all about the journey  
It's the part that counts  
Even when he gets there  
He may just turn around  
He rides like an eagle  
Flying all along the stars  
It's all about the journey  
Safe now from harm  
Too soon he left to travel  
Beyond where we can't see  
But it's all about the journey  
Forever riding free  
Ride On Mate.

**Malcolm Pratt #10347**

# Ridden On



**Peter Craig #33478**

**09/04/1946 - 05/09/2017**

Every branch has one; a member who is truly the life and soul of the Branch.

At the Blackall Range/Nambour Branch it was Peter. You could never miss Peter, he was the tall bloke in the loud Mambo shirts. Boy, did he love those shirts!

One of the founding members when the Branch was formed in 2008, he served as President for three years, and was our ride co-ordinator who led most of our mid-week rides for many years.

I personally am grateful for the valuable time and sage advice he gave, mentoring me when I inherited the presidency from him several years ago. A lot of the rides ended at some of the best pie shops in the area. For Pete there were only two food groups, pies & mmmm bacon! He also arranged, and led, a Thursday coffee run ride to the Bellbird Creek Cafe, a well known local motorcyclist cafe, every week for over eighty years.

On the social side, he and his wife Christine would never miss our monthly breakfast get together. You could always tell he was there by his big booming laugh.

We're going to miss that laugh.

Vale Peter from everyone at the Branch, your friends and family. Cheers.

**"Rowdy" Rod Clifford #50058**

**President, Blackall Range/Nambour Branch**



**Sandra Anne (Sandi) Herring #34976**

**4/03/1946 - 9/09/2017**

It is with deep sadness that we advise of the passing of Sandi after an extremely courageous battle with leukaemia, and in the company of her loving family.

Sandi became a long term member of Perth Ulysses Branch after meeting Alf Bridle (who sadly passed away in January) through their mutual love of airplanes and running fly-in days for the aviation students at Kent St Senior High School .

She attended many AGMs , Odesseys and other Ulysses events as well as Charity rides with Alf, usually travelling on The Starship and towing their camper.

Sandi built up many friendships with fellow Ulyssians at those various AGMs and looked forward to each one to catch up with these friends from all over WA and Australia. She encompassed the camaraderie and friendship that is the Ulysses club.

She will be sorely missed. R.I.P Sandi

**Lionel #41078 & Cheryl #41198 Camm**



## Members Classifieds

### FOR SALE

2005 Oz Trike

Registered till January 2018, it is powered by a 1600cc VW engine. It comes equipped with a Starcom communication system and Garmin Zumo GPS.

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\$8.000.00

Contact Dave Wright #51871

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### FOR SALE

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Tow bar, RWC, Graphite Black

\$45.000.00  
David 0412664893



### FOR SALE

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# Info About Your Club

## Training Rebates

Ulysses Club Inc. offers rebates for Rider Training and First Aid Courses that are completed with a Registered Training Organisation. (Conditions apply).

1. Both rebates can be claimed only once within the three year membership period, to financial members only (not to those in the "grace period").
2. Rebates are up to 50% of the amount paid for the course, up to a maximum of \$80 for Rider Training and \$60 for First Aid course. If the 50% rebate is less than \$80 or \$60, the difference remains a credit until the member's next renewal date, when it is reset at \$80 or \$60. Credits do not accumulate.
3. The Rider Training Rebates are only available to licenced riders attending a road safety and/or skills based advanced training course. They are not available for training required to obtain a motorcycle licence.
4. The First Aid rebates are available on completion of a Senior First Aid certificate or Motorcycle First Responder endorsement.
5. The rebates are only available to members who successfully complete the course, not just for the booking. We are requiring a copy of the certificate of completion issued by the training provider, plus evidence of payment by the member (receipt).
6. In the case of block bookings (by groups or Branches), we are requiring individual copies of completion certificates or a formal listing on Company letterhead with confirmation of completion. We will pay each member directly.
7. All courses must be paid for by the member to be able to claim the rebate. (If a branch subsidises the course the member cannot claim the rebate. A Branch and the Club is one and the same therefore voiding the member from claiming twice).
8. These policies will be reviewed in the light of member

response and the financial health of the club.

Rebate claim forms are available on the National website under 'Documents' once logged in.

Rebates will only be issued if the criterion is met. It is the members' responsibility to provide all information required to the Administration Office. At time of booking your course, please advise your training organisation that you require a certificate or letter of completion in order to claim your rebate from Ulysses Club Inc.

## Age and Membership Badges

### 60 Age / 10, 15 Year Length of Membership Badges

These badges are available from Club Administration for \$5.50 each by phoning 1300 134 123 or email: [administration@ulysses.org.au](mailto:administration@ulysses.org.au)

Members can purchase these badges upon attaining the appropriate status and subject to confirmation of records held.

### 70 & 80 Age / 20, 25 & 30 Year Length of Membership Badges

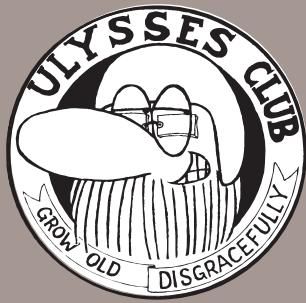
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## Club Constitution

Download a copy of the Club's Constitution from the footer of the National Website [www.ulyssesclub.org](http://www.ulyssesclub.org). or contact the National Administration Office.

The Three Principles of the Ulysses Club Inc are:-

- a) To provide ways in which older motorcyclists can get together for companionship and mutual support;
- b) To show by example that motor cycling can be an enjoyable and practical activity for riders of all ages;
- c) To draw the attention of public and private institutions to the needs and views of older riders.



## Club Contact Listing

Please call your local Branch contact for details on local rides, meetings and events or visit [www.ulysesclub.org](http://www.ulysesclub.org)

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