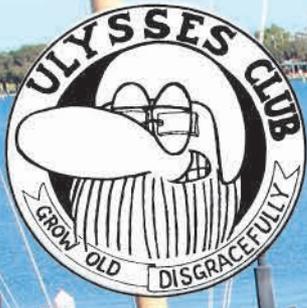


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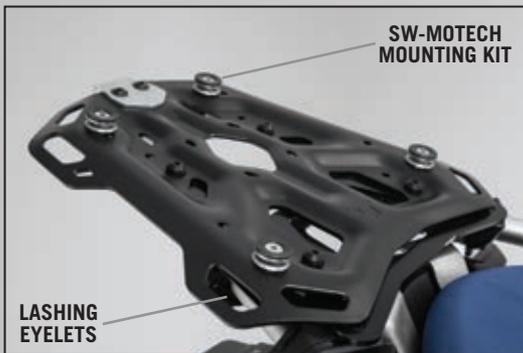


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FROM THE MESS ON THE EDITOR'S DESKTOP.

If there was one AGM Event I wanted to attend, it was the recently concluded 2018 Event in South Australia.

It was, after all, the last to bear the name of AGM Event, it is henceforth known as the Ulysses Club National Rally, so this was a page of history.

However, like the others in my relatively short history with Ulysses Club Inc, my budget would not allow me to attend.

A pity, because all reports indicate that it was a fantastic final Event, thanks to the hard work of the many volunteering members who made it all happen.

Food for thought

One of those volunteers is our National AGM Event Coordinator (NAGMEC) Blue Knowles #33140, whose report in this edition makes a sobering read.

Blue recounts in some detail the many costs involved in mounting a show like ours, with the budget for an AGM Event/Rally approaching \$500,000.

From rubbish collection and grey water disposal to onsite toilets, from machinery hire to bus charters, everything has to be paid for and those costs are unlikely to ever get lower.

Which only makes the achievement of those volunteers all the more worthy of our appreciation for their hard work.

As Blue says in his report; "there are a lot of expenses and I haven't listed all, please take this into account when you are booking for the next National Rally."

Sound advice, which I'm sure everyone will take on board.

On a lighter note

Thanks to the "tyranny of distance", it is often a safe bet that the Longest Distance Ridden Award will go to a member from Western Australia, but those tables will be turned in 2021, when the Ulysses Club National Rally will be held in WA.

It will be located at Mandurah, though the move for it to happen was originated by Tony Collins of the Fremantle Branch.

That puts it in the lap of the Mandurah – Murray Branch, but like most such events it will be a cooperative effort by surrounding Branches.

If the turnout of riders from those Branches for our cover photo is any indication, enthusiasm is already sky high!

Gary Warner

#65262



National President's Report Winter 2018

I write this report just prior to setting off on another journey to an AGM Event.

My first journey to an AGM Event was in 2003, to Mudgee – I had a ball and that started my annual migration to wherever the event is held. Thankfully we move the AGM Event week

around every year and that has offered me the opportunity to visit many places in our wonderful country. What a compelling reason to saddle up and move on out, away from work and to seek the company of fellow Ulysses Club members! I certainly try to live up to the catch-cry of "Enjoy the Journey" as many others of you do.

My sincerest appreciation goes to the co-directors of the 2018 AGM Event in Barmera in South Australia's Riverland area. Neville Gray, Life Member, and Graeme Rule led a team of coordinators and volunteers who have worked diligently to create and present another wonderful event. Blue Knowles in the role of National AGM Event Coordinator, has worked tirelessly and has dedicated an enormous amount of his time since the 2017 AGM Event, to guide and support the team for the current AGM Event. Mike Abberfield, Life Member, volunteered as the event Treasurer and spent many hours poring over the books. A minimum of three years go into making an event like this happen – hard work but a lot of fun and opportunity to learn along the way.

Let's make the last AGM Event a memorable time – I know it will be.

I'm looking forward to catching up with those of you who I see every year at these events, and will make new friends – how good is that? The towns in the Riverland area will make us welcome and we'll enjoy the new scenery and experiences. My fellow NatCom members and I will enjoy spending time with you there.

If you haven't been to one of these annual trips, make sure you don't miss out on travelling to the 2019 National Rally at Mornington Peninsula, a beautiful part of Australia with some fantastic roads to travel. The 2019 National Rally will be held in February so you can start planning now! New members are probably wondering why we want to head to an event built around an AGM – I can only assure them that the National Rally as it now known is so much more than an AGM. Plan to come along and enjoy the experience – put in your leave application now for February and make plans to be there in Mornington. Soon you'll see the website for the 2019 National Rally and in a few months we'll start to let you know about the Rally via e-newsletters and updates – there's a lot to look forward to. The 2019 National Rally team is making sure it'll be an event to remember.

I'll see you there.

Jen Woods

**#21395
National President**

Well done, one and all.

As I rode home from the 2018 AGM Event, I found myself reflecting on what a fantastic AGM Event it has been.

The Riverland area has a lot of amazing places to visit. Towns and communities in the Riverland made us very welcome and most members took the opportunity to explore as many places as possible. Our heart-felt thanks go to the hard-working AGM Event Directors, Neville Gray and Graeme Rule, and all the event coordinators – what a fantastic job you all did.

The councils of Berri Barmera, Renmark Paringa and Loxton Waikerie provided invaluable support, and their willingness to provide expertise and advice was very welcome.

The Branches of Mallee and Torrens Valley as the lead, as well as Fleurieu and Adelaide, worked hard over many years to produce this event. Thanks to the Branch President of Mallee Branch, Scott Crockett and John Robinson, President of the Torrens Valley Branch for your management of the Branches while the AGM Event was such a focus, and for your hard work.

The sponsors provided much needed funding and support and the management of the Riverland Field Day Site who have

been exceptionally professional and most accommodating to us. To the wonderful volunteers, thank you for all you have done, for all the work you have done and I know you will have had fun along the way and met friends you didn't know before. To NAGMEC Blue Knowles, our most sincere appreciation, you are tireless in your efforts and I know everyone appreciates all that you do. Thanks to Rob White for his early work in the development of this event.

At the Closing Ceremony on Sunday morning, the Peter Reynolds Perpetual Shield was passed from the 2018 AGM Event team to the 2019 Ulysses Club National Rally team, officially transitioning from one event to the next. Volunteers stayed behind to clean and do the final pack up as well as supervise the take down of the tent, and hand the site back.

We look now to next year's AGM and our first with our great new name.

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I have just completed a very timely re-reading of the "Ulysses Story" authored by our founding father – "Ole Number 1" - Stephen Dearnley.

My first reading of this relatively short, but inspiring book was almost 15 years ago, so it was refreshing and enlightening to read it again within the context of how

our great Club has grown from humble beginnings, to its rapid expansion and to its consolidation as a recognised and respected organisation for older folk who enjoy motorcycles, motorcycling and socialising with each other.

Apart from the numerous fascinating and sometimes humorous anecdotes, it was most interesting to note and reflect on the fact that at the end of the day, the key to the success of Ulysses as a single Club to which we all belong lies in an adherence to our three very simple aims, laid down at the time of our inauguration – "To provide ways in which older motorcyclists can get together for companionship and mutual support, to show by example that motorcycling can be an enjoyable and practical activity for riders of all ages; to draw the attention of public and private institutions to the needs and views of older riders". Those three aims are as relevant today as they were 35 long years ago.

Perhaps this is best reflected in the preparedness of your current National Committee to not only listen, but to act upon the wishes and suggestions of our members. Numerous

recent changes which have been advised either via the Minutes, or in Riding On or in e-News or Inter-Comms, are a direct result of taking on board what our members want. These include a significant change in membership fee payments to include 1 year as well as 3 years, and the name change of our major annual get-together from "AGM Event" to "National Rally"..... Shades of "back to the future".....!!!

It is reasonable to expect further changes in response to the varying needs of our members and our evolving circumstances as a single entity club.

In 1987, Stephen Dearnley noted that ... "some of the branches had suffered from growing (or shrinking) pains as occasional ambitious members sought opportunities for personal power, but fortunately common sense and our three simple aims prevailed. The stirrers either succumbed to peer pressure and fell into line, or they got out altogether". Unfortunately, some evidence of this has reappeared in recent years with unsatisfactory outcomes for some individual members and some branches. It is the responsibility of us all, to ensure that being a Ulyssian is an enjoyable and enduring experience, not just for ourselves, but for all those with whom we interact.

And as an older Ulyssian once said to me at the time of my joining "Ulysses is a 3-letter word spelt F-U-N, and please don't forget it!!!!"

Let's all ensure that every Ulysses experience is fun time for everyone.

Peter Baulch

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It doesn't actually seem that long since I wrote a report for the last Riding On and we can only wonder about where the time has gone. Much of the last couple of months has been spent preparing for the 2018 AGM Event at Riverlands. By the time this edition of the Riding On magazine is published, the AGM Event will have

been and gone. But at the time of writing this report, this was my first AGM as National Secretary and there were many things to consider, documents to write and distribute, awards to prepare, attendance lists and invitations to issue, to name but a few. But it all goes with the territory. Add to this the work done by the AGM Event Committees and volunteers, and it all adds up to a massive amount of work to put together an event to remember, an event for our members to enjoy. It is of course disappointing that the numbers are dropping each year. But this is in line (on a percentage basis) with overall member numbers, which are down a bit too. We are of course always hopeful that as well as our older members, our newer members will take up the challenge and make the journey to an AGM Event, or as it will be from next year, the National Rally. It is a perfect opportunity to meet with Ulysses Club members from all over Australia, make new friends and meet up with old ones. Many members enjoy the comradery of the campground, be in their own tents and campers, in the "rentals" in tent city, or in their RV's and caravans. Others enjoy living out at local accommodation. But the bottom line is it's about members coming together to have fun.

Over the years the event has grown from a simple rally weekend, incorporating the AGM, to the massive weeklong event it is today. But times "are a changing" and each year the outcome of the event has to be reviewed to help with the planning for the next one. Often members will make suggestions and these are taken on board and considered. As a result of some of our members' suggestions, we have now incorporated the three day registrations. More changes to the event may be in the wind depending on the participation rates and needs of our motorcycle manufacturers and traders.

But no-matter what is going on, the Contact Us enquiries keep rolling in, and we endeavour to deal with them all. If there is any member that does not get a response in a reasonable time, please contact me. Members must also remember that the staff at the National Administration Office are there to help, but sometimes have to refer to a National Committee member for assistance or a decision.

As the winter months are now upon us, we hope that members ride safely, to whatever conditions they find themselves in, and get home safely.

Henry Rokx

National Secretary

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some momentum with staff absences in Barmera with the AGM Event but I am confident we will be able to iron out our difficulties in time to be fully operational with MYOB by end June 2018.

Meanwhile, monitoring our membership numbers shows we are ahead of our estimates to end May. Our financial members at end May totalled 14,874 almost 300 ahead of our budget estimate. Operational cash holdings at 31st May 2018 are \$123,077 higher than the balance at the close of financial year 2017. This balance includes a relatively small commitment for final invoiced expenses for the AGM Event, whilst all outstanding expenses have been cleared by end May.

Our UCARF accounts are in good order. UCARF balance at end May18 is some \$40,114 less than the balance at close of financial year 2017. However, we have paid all sponsorship commitments for 2018 and given the current level of funds we are hopeful Kim Kennerson will be able to negotiate a suitable special project related to arthritis research, worthy of our support in the latter part of this year.

Our AGM Event held at Barmera South Australia was very successful (even if the weather was threatening for a couple of days). We have finalised the registration numbers with total registrations of 1,893; this comprised 283 people who registered for 3-days and 1,610 people took full 7-day registration. As a point of interest there were 25 companion animals registered, each paying \$25 each to attend. Early indications are that the 2018 Event has been a financial success and will show a modest surplus after all expenses and refund commitments have been met.

The "Annual Summary of Financial Affairs - Tier 1" has been submitted to Registry Services in the NSW Fair Trading within the time limits imposed relating to the date of our AGM.

Recently I attended a Seminar arranged by the ASI, the suppliers of our member registration system, iMIS. I came away confident we can better utilise the iMIS System with significant cost savings on Rally Event registration processes.

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I am writing this report on my way to Barmera for our AGM from Perth, although I am in my ute this time due to an injury (bugger)

However, I have travelled across the Nullarbor plain over 20 times on my motorcycle and I just love it. Those who say it is boring are I think missing the point of the trip and yes, the scenery. If you have never done this trip before then you need to put it on your

bucket list, but try to do it on your motorcycle if possible.

Now down to business.

Our merchandising is ticking along as usual, with no great increases or decreases in sales, although I do expect a lift in sales during our AGM.

We will be changing some of our merchandising items once our current stock requires a reorder, we have received several welcomed requests from members to have a change from our standard black and pink colours for our clothing range and I completely agree that we have to have more choices. So keep an eye on the Gear Shop for the new styles and colours.

We have received some welcome enquiries from new advertisers for both our print and online options, these have come from both Ulysses Club members and motorcycle related businesses. We have also received requests for inclusion to

our Member's Benefits from businesses who are willing to offer us a special deal for being Ulysses members.

Membership is steady at the moment but we all need to encourage non Ulysses Club riders that we meet on our rides to consider our great club and come on one of our rides or social outing, for a taste of the Ulysses Club experience. The one year membership option seems to be gaining a few new members who just perhaps want to test the club before committing and we need to make these people welcome and include them in the group. The buddy system is a great way to ease new members or guests into the club.

Our members' safety is paramount for your NatCom and we would like to encourage you to take advantage of the rebates that are on offer for approved advanced riding courses and first aid courses. Yes I know we are all great riders but why not become an even greater, more competent and safer rider, or have the skills to help an injured mate if the unthinkable happens. A recent survey of several hundred riders who were asked to rate their riding ability, resulted in 71% rated themselves as above average, 18% rated themselves as average, only 11% who thought they were below average. Now I am not great at maths, but I believe this is not mathematically possible, the point is we are not always as good as we think, please get some extra rider training.

Dave Wright

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National AGM Event Coordinator & Minutes Secretary



Ladies and gentlemen, I am writing this report whilst assisting with the Set Up for the last AGM Event that the Ulysses Club will run, the 2018 Ulysses Club AGM Event Riverland.

As of next year we are changing the name of the event to 2019 - Ulysses Club National Rally – Mornington, which is being conducted on the Mornington Peninsular at the

Mornington Race Course between Monday 25th Feb and Sunday 3rd March. See you there.

Whilst I am on the AGM Event/Rally band wagon I would like to point out a couple of relevant statistics that go into the running of an AGM Event/Rally. In these days of user pays the running of an event the size of an AGM Event has to be passed onto those members who come to an AGM Event. It would be fantastic if the Ulysses Club had its own money tree and an AGM Event could be put on for little or no contribution by those attending. However we don't have such a tree.

Budget for an AGM Event/Rally is approaching \$500,000, some but not all of the items of expenses are Site hire which ranges from \$40,000 to \$140,000, toilet and shower hire expenses and figures range from \$10,000 per 16 showers block, Tent Hire ranges from \$40,000 to \$60,000 depending on the size required, rubbish collection \$3,000 - \$5,000,

black and grey water disposal again \$3,000 to \$5,000 location dependant. As well, Traffic Management Plans to allow the running of the Grand Parade up to \$15,000, stage setup, lighting, sound, tables and chairs account for another \$30,000 then there is fork lift and machinery hire add another \$5,000, entertainment is another \$10,000, then of course there are the buses to get the members to the dinners come in around \$8,000.

As you can see there are a lot of expenses and I haven't listed all, please take this into account when you are booking for the next National Rally.

Thank you to all those members who paid their \$5 for a bus to the dinners, as this was the first year we have charged for the buses. I was very pleased with the uptake, after all \$5 for a return bus from Renmark to Barmera is exceptional value about 9 cents a kilometre, the fee charged for the buses does not cover the hire of Buses and drivers simply contributes to the costs of the service.

Another name change as of 1st June is that the National AGM Event Coordinator position will be come known as National Rally Organiser in line with the change of name for the AGM Event.

Blue Knowles

#33140
National AGM Event Coordinator
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(20 years experience travelling in Vietnam)
Vietnamese tour guide / interpreter.

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Hello everyone, welcome to the winter edition of the Riding On.

Last edition I was happy to share with you that we had received an enquiry regarding the forming of a Ulysses Club in Cuba – I am pleased to be able to tell you that this is now a reality! The instigator and President, Wolfgang Thomasitz was extremely thrilled when informed of the decision and is

offering Ulysses members discounted tours of Cuba. For more information, please check out their website: <https://ulysses-club-cuba.wixsite.com/meinewebsite>

Most of the International Clubs were quick to congratulate Cuba on joining such a great organisation and I think the words of Hannes Wentzle of South Africa covers it all: 'Greetings from a sunny South Africa and our best wishes accompany you for the future. If you and your members experience the same brotherhood and friendship than us here in South Africa, you are on a road that always ends in a joyful time'.

France: John Cook in France tells me that the snows are finally clearing from the French Alps and their first few rides have included trips to check out the latest motorbikes at a Motorbike Expo just over the border in Switzerland, and a trip to a veteran car rally in the ski resort of Samoens. Like a lot of Clubs and Branches (including mine) because their President Enzo had an encounter with a deer on a ride, as well as looking at rides and events for 2018, they are also promoting rider safety and training.

Great Britain: I recently passed on contact information for the Great Britain Ulysses Club to a gentleman living in Leyland in Lancashire, in England's north-west. He wants to get back into riding with a group now that he is living once again in England. He wishes me to say hi to his ex father-in-law (who he says is a top bloke) - Des Malone from Wodonga, so if you see Des, tell him Jon said hello!

The Great Britain Club: Pete Bull reports that: "The 10 day Spain/Portugal trip is the first of our continental trips this year and will be a great ride through some fabulous mountain scenery. There are about 20 club members involved in all and we are pleased to be joined by visitors from other countries. Weather forecasts for the notorious Bay of Biscay aren't too bad fortunately but we expect to encounter snow in the Picos Mountains tomorrow before hopefully heading into warmer weather further south.

Any Aussie ulyssesans who have ridden in Portugal will know about the fantastic roads and scenery. Our Guests from Perth; Fran and Ross, intend to return to the UK via France and Jersey and hopefully we will see more of them back in England before they return down under.

Our main efforts this year are being put into planning our international meeting at Harrogate on 6th-9th July. We are expecting Ulyssesans from France, Germany, Norway and Australia to join British members in a beautiful part of the English countryside called the Yorkshire Dales. We have some great rides planned and it promises to be a wonderful weekend.

In between times there are regular meet ups in various pubs and cafes in different parts of England and more weekend events planned as the weather improves and makes biking more enjoyable.

All the best for a great AGM in Australia. It looks like your roads will be busy with travelling Ulyssesans!"

New Zealand: Tiny keeps me updated with the happenings in New Zealand and as usual, stories and photos are shared for placement on the National Website. Ulysses Club New Zealand have just held their 2018 National Rally and the photos on their website show the usual Ulysses shenanigans taking place. These guys know how to party! The 2019 National Rally will be hosted by the Hawkes Bay Branch in Hastings on the 29 – 31 March 2019.

Norway: Knut Sveen communicates through Facebook and the Norway Ulysses Club website. Like Switzerland, their Facebook pages are full of the Ulysses Club happenings, rides and plans. Worth a look if you have a moment.

South Africa: Ulysses South Africa is currently busy preparing for their annual rally, which will take place near Worcester, Western Cape, South Africa, during the third week-end in May this year.

"As we will commemorate our 20th year, some special regalia will be handed to qualifying members. We do have some members who attended all 20 rallies, and there are also members who will receive regalia indicating them as "founder" members. Simon Fourie, who brought Ulysses to South Africa, will enlign a flame to celebrate the 20th year. A banner, or colours, was transported from the most northern branch to the most southern branch, with the idea that all the branches, if put together, form Ulysses South Africa. The distance travelled was about 2200kms.

There are currently 30 Ulysses chapters in South Africa and we are already busy to open branch number 31 in one of our rural areas".

Switzerland: David Mellows shares photos that show lovely scenery and now, nice weather in Switzerland.

Thailand: Ulysses Club Thailand is doing well. They have had a few internal conflicts, but all appears to be settling down.

As usual, this all makes me want to travel overseas! If you want more information or contacts for the overseas Clubs, please drop me an email and I will be in touch.

Allan Pratt
#9186 DM #21
International Liaison

South East Queensland President and Secretaries Group:

The South East Queensland President and Secretaries met again on the 29th of April.

Most SE QLD Branches have held their AGMs and there were new faces welcomed at this meeting. Attendees tell me they enjoy the meetings as they find it helps them to understand more about the work that goes on behind the scenes of a Ulysses Club.

A lot of usual attendees were absent from the meeting – some were already on their way to Barmera and the National Rally (AGM).

We are looking forward to the annual Cartwheel Ride, to be held on Saturday the 16th of June this year. This ride is organised by all the branches and is a chance for members to get to know one another in greater detail.

The calendar is filling with planned Branch events and we were pleased to get confirmation that the 15th of July is the date of the 2018 Laverda Concours at Cleveland. As usual a Ulysses stand will be on site to promote the Ulysses Club.

The SE QLD Presidents also agreed to host a Ulysses stand at the Australian Superbikes in Warwick on the 17-19 of August.

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Winter 2018

Club Permit Scheme Report

Club Plate Scheme

Although the Club Plate scheme has been very quiet recently, there are members very busy with plans to try to include the Ulysses Club Plate Scheme in the South Australia Historic registration Scheme. **"A 90 day conditional registration scheme For Historic, Left Hand Drive and Street Rod vehicles"** as per..... <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/driving-and-transport/vehicles-and-registration/conditional-registration/historic-left-hand-drive-and-street-rod-vehicles>

If granted status in the scheme, the Ulysses Club can then accept cars as well as bikes to enter the scheme as they are all classed as 'Motor Vehicles' with no prejudice against bikes.

The next process is relatively simple – we need a champion to place an application into the DPTI and be prepared to administer the scheme, keep the Log Book system up and running and examine the bike in the first instance. I would recommend that more than one person do this as the need to actually view the bike (or car) is part of the initial process and we have members scattered across SA. Thank you to Neville Gray for sourcing this information.

I look forward to seeing where this goes.

Allan Pratt #9186 DM #21

Club Plate Scheme

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I have previously made mention of a pre-owned Stephen Dearnley Honda Forza scooter, that was kindly donated to the club's preferred charity of rheumatoid arthritis (RA) research. The intent of the UCARF donation is to raise funds for RA research and I thank the Purvis family for their kind gesture. Stephen would be very pleased to know his pre-loved scooter was heading in the charitable direction that he created. The family liaison is club member Alex Purvis, Stephen's son-in-law and the last owner of the scooter was Stephen's granddaughter, Bronwyn. The scooter has not been used or registered for a few years and therefore required restoration to be roadworthy for re-registration.

That restoration is complete, the vehicle was worked on at Vecey Moto Services at Minto in south west Sydney. I picked up the scooter at the admin office a few weeks ago and delivered it to the mechanic who is highly regarded and recommended by Macarthur Branch members. Prior to delivery I travelled to the Vecey workshop to not only check it out, but to explain the background and the charitable purpose of the pre-owned Dearnley scooter. Young Steve, the owner of the business, showed interest and I was hopeful of a good outcome. The locals tell me Vecey Moto Services have the best service costs value around the district.

The following donations have been gratefully received since the last published recognitions in the Autumn 2018 edition of Riding On. In no particular order these most generous contributions are as follows :

Albury Wodonga Branch \$555.00, Sunshine Coast Branch \$500.00,

Capricornia Branch \$500.00, Sydney Branch \$1,500.00, Orange Branch \$1,100.00,

Redcliffe Branch \$1,000.00, Upper Hunter Branch \$250.00, Sydney mid-week Riders Group \$280.00, Ulysses RV Group Victoria \$140.00, Torrens Valley Branch \$360.65, Fraser Coast Branch \$1,000.00, Central Highlands Branch \$300.00, Newcastle Lower Hunter Branch \$2,200.00, Hills Branch \$3,282.43, Nepean Branch \$300.00.

Fraser Coast Branch and the Wide Bay Rodders conducted a Christmas Party Charity Ride on the 10th December 2017. There was a huge turnout of 110 motorcycles, 50 cars and many more people. The ride was led from Maryborough to Hervey Bay by the local head of the Traffic Branch, Snr. Sgt. Terry Parker. Money was raised through a monster raffle for which there were 47 prizes, all donated by local businesses. The prizes ranged from a set of glasses to bar stools, whale watching tours and accommodation. Bay Central Tavern hosted the end of the ride and provided excellent support with advertising and a great band for entertainment. Funds raised on the day amounted to \$3,800.00 and the branch topped it off with another \$200.00. This allowed the four charities identified as recipients, QCWA Rural Crisis Fund, Children's Hospital Charity, Policy Legacy and UCARF with \$1000.00 each

Former national president, Rick Bedford, who is the coordinator of the Ulysses Members RV Group, made contact regarding a UCARF donation. The Victorian branch of the RV Group

donated \$140.00 as a result of their Hamilton rally in February. The courtesy is from Marilyn and Richard Flinders and the direct deposit was made by Rick. I have made personal contact to thank the Victorian RV Group.

The monthly social meeting of the Sydney Branch took place on Tuesday 6th February where I was invited, once again, to chair the branch AGM election. This request I considered to be an honour. On completion of the election and very much to my surprise I was called back to the front of the meeting and presented with a very generous donation of \$1,500.00 for UCARF. I thank returning branch president John Robertson, the branch committee and the members for their funding and moral support of UCARF.

At the social meeting of Nepean Branch on Tuesday 20th March I was pleasantly surprised to be presented with another donation cheque for UCARF. What made the experience more meaningful for me is that Nepean is my original home branch at which I started in the Ulysses Club 25 years ago. It is most comforting knowing how much Nepean support this research.

The next evening, Wednesday 21st March, on an invitation as the UCARF coordinator, I was presented with a handsome donation cheque for \$3,282.43 at the social meeting of the Hills Branch. The Sydney-based Hills Branch has a long history of UCARF support for which the club is most grateful. The funds raised are due to the annual 2017 Show and Shine event held on the 17th September at Bunnings Warehouse at Rydalmere in Sydney. Supporting Hills were Northern Beaches, Hornsby and Sydney Branches, an acknowledgement most worthy.

National President Jen Woods accepted a cheque for \$2,200.00 on behalf of UCARF whilst on a visit at the most recent Newcastle Lower Hunter Branch social meeting.

A very good donation indeed and thanks Jen.

The club has honoured its 2018 financial sponsorship commitment to research institutes at Monash University and Sutton Laboratories IBJR. Monash University received \$40,000.00 for the sponsorship of researcher Dr. Sarah Jones and Sutton Laboratories received \$30,000.00 for the sponsorship of Dr. Haiyan Lin.

Professor Chris Jackson, Head of Sutton Laboratories, has been approached to possibly identify a rheumatoid arthritis research project that the Ulysses Club may consider for sponsorship.

Planning for the Ulysses Club 2019 National Biennial Raffle will commence immediately after this year's AGM event.

Kim Kennerson

**# 6929 LM # 14
UCARF Coordinator**

2004 HONDA FORZA NSS250 X Expression of interest sale

Members are invited to make an offer for the purchase of a Honda Forza motor scooter, previously owned by Ulysses Club founding member Stephen Dearnley, Old Number One.

The scooter was donated to the Ulysses Club by the Purvis family for the sole purpose of raising funds for the Ulysses Club Arthritis Research Fund (UCARF).

Bronwyn Purvis, Stephen's granddaughter, was the last registered owner of the scooter.

Ulysses Club (UCARF) has mechanically restored the Honda Forza scooter and all proceeds of the sale will go directly to rheumatoid arthritis research.

Also known as a Honda Reflex, the Forza is a 250cc liquid cooled single cylinder engine scooter that was manufactured between 2001 to 2008. It has a continuously variable automatic transmission, front and back disc brakes, weighs 170 kg and has a 12-litre fuel tank. The Forza is capable of a top speed of 115 kph.

The scooter in question has travelled a low 37,793 kilometres.

Restoration of the scooter was performed by Vecey Moto Services at Minto NSW and included the following items –

Repsol Moto Sport 4T 10W-40 quality synthetic engine oil. and drain bolt sealing washer replacement. # Motul high perfor-

mance Inugel coolant # Motul brake fluid replacement. # New Ferodo brake pads. # New Motobatt battery. # NGK spark plug replacement. # New genuine Honda air filter. # New genuine Honda fuel filter. # New genuine Honda fuel pump. # New Michelin City Grip front tyre replacement.

All work has been done according to manufacturer's specifications, the scooter has had a full mechanical check over and has been road tested.

Conditions of sale.

Offers over \$1,950.00 will be considered. The sale will go to the highest offer; however, the Ulysses Club reserves the right to withdraw the sale. The scooter will include the close residual of 12 months NSW registration.

Pick up / delivery is the responsibility of the purchaser from NAO Smeaton Grange NSW. Inspection may be arranged (NAO). Closing date of sale is Tuesday 31st July.

Expressions of interest should be sent to Administration@ulysses.org.au including name, member number and offer amount.

For more information contact:

Kim Kennerson,

UCARF Coordinator. 0429 040 027.



MORE HITS THAN MISSES

Grampians Branch hosted its inaugural Hit & Miss Rally on the weekend of 16-18 March at the Stawell Gun Club facility.

It was held in conjunction with the Stawell Collectors Restorers & Hobby Show, which included vintage engines, antique farm machinery, motorcycles, cars, vintage tractors, model railways, hobby collectables, trucks and a tractor pull – using vintage tractors of course!

With so much on offer to see, our local guided ride through the Grampians only consisted of local Branch members, with all of the Ulysses Club members from other Branches staying on site to check out all the other activities on offer, which were many and varied.

Many thanks to the Central Highlands, Central Victoria and Geelong Branches for their support and also to Sharryn Nankervis (Ballarat) and Ron Gentle Howell (Geelong) for the assistance they provided. Look out for it again next year!

John Harkin #26230 Grampians Branch Secretary

Editor's note: Sadly, the images provided of this event were corrupted and could not be used.



START YOUR DAY WITH A ULYSSES BREAKFAST

Breakfast clubs have enjoyed a rapid ride to popularity.

Western Australia joined the party on April 28, when the very busy Mandurah Murray Branch hosted the first WA Breakfast Club event.

Held in Cafe Coast at the Port Bouvard Marina at 9.30am, it was attended by Ulysseans from branches throughout the metro area, and some rode in from outlying areas.

NEW MEMBER PROFILE - JACK LEWIN WELCOME



Marc 'Chooka' Pollett #68065

Marc had no chance of escaping this, as he has joined my own Geraldton Branch!

Born in NSW, Marc's family moved in 1978 to Geraldton, where he married Geraldton-born Margaret. Now semi-retired, he runs a metal polishing service from his back shed!

Are you a new or returning motorcyclist?

I have been involved and riding for over 45 years and have owned and ridden since I was 17 years old, here in Geraldton

Who or what helped you decide to join the club?

My uncle has been a long-time member in Queensland, so I heard some stories from him, I'm sure I'll fit in.

What are you most looking forward to as a Ulysses Club member?

I'm looking forward to some big rides and good companionship with the Ulysses Club.

What is your most memorable ride experience?

Taking my 78year old friend on his first bike ride, for a three day cruise on the King, down through the south west forrest area of WA this year.

What is your current motorcycle?

2005 Harley Davidson Road King Classic and a 1982 T140e Triumph Bonneville.

What is your age?

I'm currently a young 54 year old Chooka!



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Letters To The Editor

Hi Guys, I think you are doing a great job in helping to hold the club together.

As a motorcyclist of over 50 years continuous riding experience, including over 20 years as a Ulysses member, I have been to countless motorcycle rallies, and continue to do so.

I know I might be a dinosaur, but motorcycle rallies used to be for motorcycles; "no cars, no glass, no attitudes", and you earned the badge by riding a bike to the rally.

I think the Ulysses AGM badges have become meaningless as you can arrive in your RV, collect your badge, and even buy badges from past rallies, and end up with a vest full of them.

Next year I will be attending the fiftieth anniversary of the Alpine Rally, and as I still have the badge from my attendance at the first rally, plus many Alpine rallies since, I will be an honoured guest, as these badges actually mean something.

I am sure that when Old Number One established the Ulysses Club, "for older MOTORCYCLISTS to socialise and share a

common interest", he and the four other motorcyclists who formed the Club were not thinking of RVs with bikes on the back.

To me it's like attending a kayak rally in a speedboat, or a bicycle rally on a moped.

It seems that in later years the various committees have latched onto the word "socialise" instead of "motorcycle".

These are not only my views, but also a number of older motorcyclists I have talked to, and it seems we are getting an image of an oldies social club, and so they join other motorcycle clubs, myself included.

I have heard the view "what about when you get too old to ride" and my answer is that I would join a bowling club.

Anyway, I think we have lost our way a bit, and this is contributing to the drop in membership.

Gary Higgins #5032.

Taking a chance opportunity

What could be more natural than to welcome other riders; "G'day mate, nice bike!" Everyone has their story and I like a good story.

Last weekend, on a ride with a couple of mates to Stanley Chasm just out of Alice Springs; a bus driver leading a tour group stopped me to ask which bike was mine. After a short

conversation I learned he was new in town with his Goldwing and hadn't met any other riders.

He noticed the Old Man on my jacket so we exchanged email addresses. Of course, now I have sent him a ride calendar and passed his email address to other committee members, maybe he'll join us soon.

Raymond Jones #29736

Looking ahead to 2019 Ulysses Club National Rally

I would like to take the opportunity to respond to an article written by Mr Ken Graham recently published in the Ulysses Members RV Group newsletter. In it, Mr Graham has raised a number of concerns borne out of poor or incomplete information, specifically surrounding the location and associated management plans for the 2019 Ulysses Club National Rally at Mornington Racecourse. My understanding is that whilst Mr Graham did confer with one of the Rally team coordinators, the information he received was not corroborated with any member of the Rally Executive Team prior to publication.

As we hope you appreciate, planning and organising such a large event over a protracted period of time presents numerous challenges which requires flexibility, tenacity and good cooperation to operate in a constantly evolving environment. The 2019 Rally Team are working extremely hard to ensure that facilities are available for all members, making the event a safe and inclusive environment. Whilst the 2019 event is in the final stages of planning, there still adjustments and negotiations to be finalised. Some of these areas do involve the grounds management and layout to which I'll now refer to below.

1. Ground. RV sites are not on curved ground. We have identified an area that is in the main flat, well drained and large enough to manoeuvre and accommodate RVs. Some areas within the tent-related campsite will require refurbishment, and we are in negotiation with Mornington Racecourse management to have the area levelled prior to the event.

2. Dump Point. Mr Graham is correct in stating that there is no dump on site, however, please remain mindful this is a racecourse not a normal camp ground. Further, contrary to Mr Graham stating that the best dump site is at Rosebud, a dump site is located at the Mornington Gardens Holiday Village located behind the racecourse itself. There will be a requirement to pay a fee to use their facility as you are not residing on their site. In relation to water, no plans have been finalised as yet and we are considering options which will benefit all campers.

3. Ablutions. Toilet and shower facilities will be sited at the most appropriate location to ensure best accessibility for all users and not breach environmental standards.

4. Arrival and Entry. In relation to the arrival of RVs, we will be requesting that where possible RV owners arrive with empty

sullage and full water tanks on arrival. We will be actively working to position and setup vehicles safely as soon as possible after arrival. The safety of everyone on site is a major focus.

5. Car Parking. Cars being removed from the camping area after decoupling have been a common practice at past AGMs. This practice is conducted to reduce noise and dust, utilise tentage space and reduce safety hazard risk. An internal shuttle service will be available to assist anyone with mobility concerns between points.

The 2019 Ulysses Club National Rally Committee is committed to ensuring that the Rally is organised for the benefit of all members, regardless of location on site. No site is perfect and depending on individual sites, the likelihood is that most will

only have a short walk to facilities as the site is very compact compared with previous events.

Should you have any concerns or would like clarification on any points, please do not hesitate to contact me, or any member of the Executive Team.

I look forward to personally welcoming you to the 2019 National Rally, where I am sure you will enjoy great times with members and friends.

Robert Hunt #51563

Director, 2019 Ulysses Club National Rally
Tel: 0400 867 302 Email: agm2019eventdirector@gmail.com

Ode to Riding On

There is in its genesis a magazine well written
Riding On by name, a tome for the truly smitten
It has been our lot for many a year this day
A journal of delight and surely here to stay
It has long been abroad and is held so dear
Where rides and tales bring laughter and good cheer
Of a Club and its members bitten by need
To mount up and give throttle to the steed
A Saturday morning coffee, a ride through hill and dale
A ribbon of tar that beckons while running for the Grail
Heading for the rising sun, all warm and so bright

Aura'd are the polished rides, all gleaming to the sight
A cavalcade to rendezvous in reach of destiny
The hinterland does call, a joy for much and many
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2017 MAOTY GOES TO QLD



Michael Morgan, 2017 MAOTY, is seen flanked by MAOTY Adjudicator Graham Moore, along with National President Jen Woods and National Vice President Peter Baulch.

Michael Morgan of Queensland is the 2017 Motorcycle Apprentice of the Year.

His win was announced at the Ulysses Club AGM Event held in Riverlands S.A.

MAOTY National Adjudicator - Graham Moore # 62762 had the great pleasure of announcing the young Queensland as the National winner of our Ulysses Club Motorcycle Apprentice of the Year.

Michael, aged 24, was one of four Zone Winners from around Australia, the national winner was ultimately selected from those four.

Michael, who has just completed the final year of his apprenticeship, was absolutely thrilled to be declared the winner.

At the presentation of his award, during the Civic Reception at Renmark, Michael thanked the Ulysses Club and Suzuki Australia for his award, a Suzuki Motorcycle, and Certificate to go with his Zone Award... a \$1000 Gift Voucher from Supercheap Auto, which was also won by all the finalists.

Michael concluded his thank you speech with the desire to enjoy the next 16 years so that he can then join the Ulysses Club. That received a very enthusiastic response from the hundreds of Ulysseans gathered for the announcement of one of the Club's most popular initiatives!

An important aspect of the AGM is of course the election of National Committee officers and the key word this year was 'stability'.

There were no challenging nominations and the retiring National Committee members were elected: unopposed.

President Jen Woods #21395
Vice President Peter Baulch #27672
Secretary Henry Rokx #28636

Treasurer John Osborne #41785
Committee Member David Wright #51871
Committee Member Blue Knowles #33140
Committee Member Allan Pratt #9186

MAOTY winner Michael Morgan was not the only winner of course, as there were also awards to some of the over 1900 registered Ulysses Club members who made the various journeys that took them to Riverlands in South Australia.

Longest Distance Rider - Garry and Paula Cripps from Geraldton, WA. This was a dual win as the husband and wife rode across on a motorcycle and a trike.

Longest Distance Pillion - Gae Armstrong, Bouvard W.A.

Longest Distance on a 250cc - Shaen Thelander from Russell Lea in Sydney

Oldest Rider - Ivan Collins, born 1927 - 90 years young

Oldest Rider and Motorcycle Combination - Bruce Reid. BSA 1948 - 70 Years old, and Bruce was born in 1927 and is 90 years young.

Presidents award - Triumph Legend with VIC plate FT092 (not yet claimed - please contact President Jen if you are the owner)

Special mention to "Chloe", the Maltese poodle as the littlest pillion passenger. It was Chloe's 8th AGM Event, while raising funds for Dementia Research. Chloe came with her owner, Ken Eaton from Joondalup Branch, W.A.

This was of course the last time the AGM Event title would be used, as it is now to be known as the Ulysses Club National Rally.

A new name, but it still includes our AGM and will still be the same week of fun for everyone that it has always been.

Our new MAOTY National Adjudicator, Jim Brooks, has commenced duties. Jim's contact details are:
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P.O. Box 92
Bourke, NSW. 2840
Mob: 0402 103 489 Email: MAOTY@ulysses.org.au

President Jen, National Committee and fellow members.

Unfortunately I can not be there with you again this year. As some of you know, I have been diagnosed with terminal cancer. The doctors have given me less than a year to live, and say that they can do nothing for me except offer palliative care. However, I refuse to accept that, and will fight on in my own way as I have always done. You can probably surmise that being a retired copper, I was involved in a few fights in my career, but this latest fight is far bigger than anything like that. I intend to win this one though, and will fight this insidious disease until I defeat it. I will buy another bike this year and ride down to the AGM in Mornington next year and to Lismore the following year, so that I can catch up with a lot of old mates and enjoy the festivities once again.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who sent me good thoughts and wishes last year. When the card arrived in the post, with the ten pages of well wishes included, I had to read them a few times as the tears kept welling up in my eyes. Thank you one and all for your thoughts, and I have kept and cherish all the messages from you.

I will also take a little bit more of your time if I can, in applauding the national and branch committees of this great club, past, present and future. I don't think you need reminding that this great club has been run for its whole existence by volunteers who put their hand up for the privilege of serving their fellow members. In my time firstly on a branch committee, and then on the national committee when I had the absolute privilege of first being part of a great team, and then leading a great team, I had a lot of fun, and that is how it should be. I think that the club was a bit easier to run in my day on the Natcom than it is now. Sure we had a few tempers frayed at the edge on occasion, and perhaps a bruised ego once or twice, but in my eight years on the committee they were very rare occurrences. But best of all, we had fun. After I left the committee I stayed active in the background, firstly writing the Members Guidebook, and then with my great mate, the late Vic Lesslie, conducting a couple of constitution reviews.

I urge you all to support your committees, and welcome the new members who come to your branch or rides. For the club to survive it must embrace change and cater not only for the old established members, but for the newer and younger members as well. The world has changed a lot since 1983, and we must change with it. If a new member comes up with an idea, don't dismiss it with "that's not how we have done it in the past." Instead say "that's a great idea, let's see if it will work."

I can remember sitting at Leichhardt Lagoon up near the Gulf of Carpentaria in 2008 with my best mate, past national president the late Ian Rawlings. Ian said to me then, "Rick, if the club was to fold it won't matter to me, as I will still have all the great friends that I have made over the years." I think he was wrong, because it was this club that facilitated those friendships, and it is essential that the club does survive so that those of you following us get the same opportunities to form lasting friendships.

Remember, as laid down in the first of the three club principles, that this is a club for motorcyclists, their partners and companions, not a motorcycle club. It is not necessarily about riding your bikes, but is also about getting together for companionship and support, socialising and enjoying each others company. I am still involved in running the RV Group, which is also a 'club for motorcyclists', Ulysses members who have got older and don't or can't ride long distances any more, or whose partners can't sit on the back of the bike and who crave some creature comforts. When we get together with old and new friends, ultimately at our happy hours the conversations will at some time turn to bikes, rides and the like. We are carrying on the tradition.

As I said earlier, I am determined to win this battle, and I look forward to seeing many of you at future AGMs.

Regards,

Rick Bedford,
Life Member #12, Past National President.



20TH ANNIVERSARY MELBOURNE BRANCH AUTUMN ALPINE TOUR

This great ride started back in late May 1998 as "The Autumn Ice Run".

It began when three Melbourne Branch members embarked on a two day ride via Bairnsdale, over Mt Hotham (then the highest sealed road in Victoria) before stopping overnight at Mt Beauty and returning to Melbourne via Myrtleford the next day. That ride was about 900 km and part of the aim (challenge?) was to cross the Great Divide before roads were closed for the snow season.

The ride grew and after several years of stopping at Mt Beauty and then Tawonga, the overnight venue was moved to Howmans Gap YMCA Lodge near Falls Creek. This actually made the ride a bit longer but is a great venue for group camaraderie. That route is over 500 km in a day on challenging roads, and we caution inexperienced riders or those easily fatigued not to attempt it. Several years ago the Bogong High Plains Road was finally sealed and this gave us a shorter (but more demanding) route to get to Howmans Gap from Omeo.

I first participated in 1999 and have been a regular ever since, despite a few absences due to travel. Over the years we have had wives/ partners, friends and quite a few members' sons join the ride. We've also had Ulysseans from as far afield as Ballarat, Macedon Ranges, South Gippsland and Sale join in. In 2000 (I was absent - phew!) members awoke at Mt Beauty to a cover of snow! I've heard rumours of a man strangling bagpipes that year and of people having problems with bikes icing up as they struggled down the Kiewa Valley to Wodonga (the routes across to the Ovens Valley were closed due to snow) before being able to turn towards Melbourne. In 2013 predicted snowfalls prevented the main group from crossing the alps from north to south, so we detoured via Yackandandah and some Kiewa Valley back roads before reaching the very cosy fire at Howmans. My son and several of his (fool)hardy mates, including a female rider from Gippsland, still rode adventure

bikes over Mt Hotham through the snow and joined us.

After 20 years of doing the "Autumn Ice Run" at the end of May we decided to move the date in the interests of both safety and logistics.

We picked 24 March 2018 to avoid long weekends, Easter and school holidays plus have the advantage of longer daylight hours for riding. Of course, it rained for the first time in six weeks that weekend!

A large group of us set off at 8.00 am on the Saturday and rode east along the Princes Freeway in relatively dry conditions to Longwarry, where we turned off and rode through farming country to our morning tea stop. We enjoyed good views from ridge tops and interesting roads through places such as Brandy Creek and Buln Buln. The damp roads after such a long dry spell made our riding a lot more tentative than usual.

At Heyfield we met up with Brian and Teresa of Sale Branch and had a good rest break after some 175 km. We then rode past the Glenmaggie Weir wall and east via Newry, Maffra and Bengworden to Sarsfield. We took a diversion through Tambo Upper and had a delightful little run following the river into Bruthen, where we met up with Holly, Nev and Scott for lunch and another good rest break. The weather radar showed a heavy storm chasing us and most of us donned wet weather gear just in case, as our route was no longer heading away from the bad weather.

We rode north beside the Tambo River, enjoying the bends and views through to Swifts Creek. The road then opened up and I must admit I really loved punting through the open sweeping bends on the final climb into Omeo, without resorting to licence-losing speeds. After another rest break at Omeo, we took the shorter route via Anglers Rest to Falls Creek, to minimise exposure time to the predicted foul weather.

This road has innumerable tight bends and really is quite challenging, but the scenery is simply great. As I rounded one tight left hander, I disturbed a very large eagle enjoying a road side snack. It decided to fly off in a leisurely fashion on my side

of the road with its two metre wing span entirely occupying my lane for several seconds while I followed it! Others can corroborate this. The memory is mine forever, but sorry, I didn't get video evidence. We took another rest break and regrouped outside the Blue Duck beside the Cobungra River before the final ascent to Falls Creek.

I had been lucky that far and decided not to put my wet weather jacket on. Of course, as soon as we turned onto the climb, where it became too tight to stop safely anywhere, it started raining properly! By the time I reached the top, the arms of my leather jacket were soaked through. I stopped and put a wet weather jacket on anyway, and as the rain had rendered views non-existent we continued straight on to our warm and dry accommodation. The lodge has a great drying room which certainly provided service that night.

Once rooms and bedding were sorted, we all met up in the dining room and settled down to a great night of camaraderie. On arrival we were also met by Max and Gail who had arrived by

car as Max had decided to hang up his riding boots a few years ago. It is great that members can still get such enjoyment from their membership even when they can no longer ride. I will quote Max's response to me on the Monday morning; "Got home with no problems, Gail and I very much so enjoy the company we were with and our stay at Howmans Gap."

In all, 32 people took part in this year's event. During the evening it was very noticeable that the rain was simply "bucketing" down for a substantial part of the night.

We all enjoyed a hearty cooked breakfast on the Sunday morning and then hit the road relatively early, dressed in full wet weather riding gear as it was still raining. I set off tentatively and soon discovered the shiny (and wet) alpine bitumen was still extremely slippery and I had a significant slide. This reduced my confidence in grip (I was a bit surprised as I would have thought 12 hours of heavy rain would have washed the worst of the detergent and oil off the road - but not so) even more, so it was quite a slow ride down to Mt Beauty where we all refuelled.



We then enjoyed the run down the Kiewa Valley before riding along Happy Valley Road to Ovens and then on to Oxley, where we were made most welcome for our morning tea break. From Ovens, Teresa and Brian turned left and headed back over Mt Hotham (which they said was windy, wet and cold) on their ride home to Sale. In consideration of the weather, we decided to pass on one of our normal mountain crossings via Tolmie and did a quick transport run down the Hume Highway to Euroa instead. From there we rode back into the hills, crossed the Merton Gap and stopped for an early lunch at Yarck, where we were again made most welcome. People then headed off in assorted directions to ride home and the last two hours of riding was in bright sunshine.

I will name several people who have made very significant contributions to this event; Ivan Leishman who started it all, former Branch president Peter McMullen who championed the event for over 12 years and my son Michael plus his mates, who have provided fantastic "pilot" services through east Gippsland over the years.

Put simply it remains a challenging weekend ride which provides great camaraderie to a very diverse bunch of people. Thank you to all who have participated over the years and I am already planning for next year.

John Cook #5048



Team Green launches Ninja 400

Yesterday I was extremely fortunate.

First off, I had a day off work. Second, and more importantly, I was blessed to be invited as the Ulysses Club representative for Kawasaki's launch of the stunning new Ninja 400. And what a pocket rocket it turned out to be.

But first things first

I used to ride a Kawasaki 1600 Vulcan and now I ride a Kawasaki W800. And here I am testing a Does this show some kind of regression on my part? I hope they never launch a 200. That would be taking regression and brand loyalty a bit too far. Now I'm getting worried about the future. Doh!

Team Green

The folk at Kawasaki really do things right. They make great bikes and they know how to treat journalists and club reps (like me) first class. They had members of their senior management from Japan at the event plus the engineer who developed the engine. (come to think about it, isn't that what engine - eers are supposed to do - develop engines?) They also had their senior test rider there as well and my golly he could ride extremely well. He test rides new bikes to make sure suspension, frame, brakes, and overall dynamics are 100% spot on.

All the marketing team were strongly customer focused and

all LOVED motorcycle riding. They didn't rabbit on about all the tech specs and research palaver - they actually got on with the touchy feely stuff and when it comes to bikes, this means chucking a leg over and seeing what the wee green beasties could do.

The Wee Green Beastie

The Ninja 400 is the replacement for the Ninja 300. It is light, weighing around 170kgs which is light enough for most Ulyssesans, male or female, or their kids or grand-kids. It is super easy to ride, and it's really quick. Now don't get me wrong - it's not a super-bike but by golly it sure is a fun bike to ride. It's the kind of bike I'd love to have as a nippy run around. In fact my grand-daughter could easily ride one to school.

On the track at Lakeside

Lakeside Park race track is on the northern outskirts of Brisbane and is a relatively short circuit at just 2.4kms. It is well suited for test riding small-engine bikes like the Ninja 400, and the pit area was set up



effectively for the launch of the new bike.

There were two groups of four riders: a pro-racer (Gareth Jones who has raced internationally), six motoring writers, and myself representing the Ulysses club. The first group of four were the faster riders and the second group that I was in were the 'moderates' - not slow, just not as fast. Okay, we were a bit slower.

We rode in light rain for the first couple of rides and had to back off the pace so as not to add bitumen or foliage to the nice Kawasaki green & black paintwork. But as the day progressed, and as the weather cleared up, we were able to add a lot more pace to the rides. After each run our grins got wider and wider.

It didn't matter what was thrown at the bikes, they took everything easily, revving to around 11,000 rpm, and most of the riding was done in 3rd, 4th and 5th gears. I flipped it



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into 6th a couple of times to make sure it existed, but on this circuit it was not needed. The slipper clutch made for some really quick down changes.

I spoke to Gareth who had ridden superbikes in Europe for over ten years and he had a big grin on his face after each ride as well, the same as us mere mortals also had. They were not super-bikes; they were just super bikes to ride. What fun!

A Ulysses Summary

As a Kawasaki owner I have natural bias to the brand but when looking at this machine rationally and considering it will retail for about \$7,500, it represents great value for money. It would be a top run around bike for local use or for commuting. It could easily zip in and around almost any traffic situation and would be ideal for splitting and filtering where this is allowed. It would also be ideal for shorter riders and or riders who by choice or by physical ailment are limited to riding lighter bikes.

As a learner approved LAMS bike with 33KW (44HP) of power, it would absolutely be ideal for us or our kids or our grand kids. Would I buy one? Yes I would. Will I buy one? Time will tell.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Peter joined the Ulysses Club Gympie Branch in 2006.

Right from the start he got involved by becoming the Branch treasurer, and being tech savvy he immediately put the books on computer.

In 2008 Peter was elected as president, which he remained until 2012.

During his time at the helm the Branch thrived, with a lot of social gatherings, Sunday rides and Wednesday rides. Peter also organised four and five day rides all over the countryside of Qld and NSW.

Peter had a break from the committee for three years but was still very involved with the Branch.

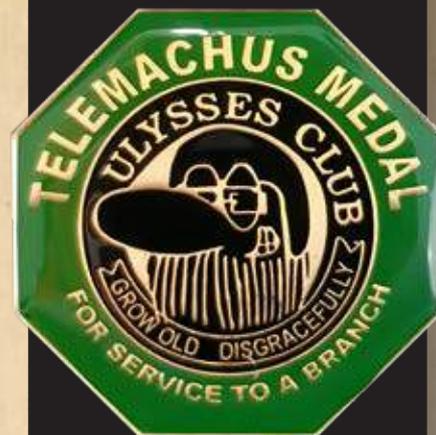
In 2015 he was elected to the committee again, this time as secretary.

As everyone knows, the secretary does everything and Peter threw himself head long into his job. He started sending emails to our members each Sunday to advise them of the coming weekly activities. This morphed into a newsletter about past weekly activities with photos and stories. Peter also continued as part time Sunday ride leader and continued organising-week-long rides.

The time and commitment Peter has shown to the Gympie Branch makes him a very worthy recipient of the Telemachus Medal, of which 74 have been presented in the Club's history. Peter, left, is seen presented with his award by Branch president Ian Macaulay.

Brian Tanner

#12562



**Telemachus
Medallist Peter
Palis #37294**



TAKING IT SLOW TO THE AGM

My husband John Howie and I, members of the Fremantle Branch, set out from Perth on ANZAC Day to ride to the Riverland AGM in South Australia. We planned to see as much of South Australia as we could and be away on the bike for a month. John is 76 this year and I am 10 years younger than him so a trip of nearly 8000kms needed to be well planned. John worked out the mileage and where we would stop and I worked out the money side for food, petrol and accommodation. We are careful with the budget as we are both pensioners. We had one pannier each for our clothes and kept the back box for water, the bike cover, helmet locks and layers that we would peel off as the days got warmer.

The morning that we left, we rode out to Greenmount Hill at first light and were joined by what looked like a large POLICE convoy of cars and a bus. We must have looked very dangerous because outside Mundaring, the Police Sergeant instructed a young police woman to breathalyse John. We never drink and ride but John was happy to oblige, his daughter was a police woman for many years and he is grateful for the wonderful job they do..

In Coolgardie, John who is a Vietnam Vet was able to stop and pay his respect at the amazing RSL War Memorial in town.

We have crossed the Nullarbor many times and we enjoy the ride. The Australian bush has its own kind of beauty, the subtle greens of the trees and bushes, the smokey grey of the shrubs, the brown and orange of the earth and the yellow shades of grass. Then there are the animals and there are lots of them. Sadly, they don't have much chance out there on the

road. The trucks that drive in the dark can't stop for them. At one stage, I counted 30 dead kangaroos in 15 minutes. We didn't see any camels this time but plenty of emus, kangaroos, foxes and feral cats ran across the road. Luckily we didn't hit any of them.

We made a few stops on the Nullarbor to look at the Bunda cliffs and the amazing scenery. Ceduna has a lovely beach front with a long jetty and lots of places to eat. Bike riding is a very friendly way to travel. People in cars, trucks and other bikers at petrol stations or motels wanted to talk to John about the bike or where we were going.

By the time we made it to Port Augusta, we had ridden 2200kms. We rode down the Yorke Peninsula, staying at some lovely little towns. Then onto the Fleurieu Peninsula where we really enjoyed our stay at Victor Harbour. By this time, there were bikes at the scenic spots, on the roads, in the towns, at the motels, and the bakeries and cafes were beginning to fill with Ulysses riders. That's the best part of the trip, everyone was friendly. No matter what club you belonged to, everyone greeted each other as friends. The local business people were delighted and offered Ulysses members discounts. The lady at the local surf shop said she had sold so many jackets, jumpers and beanies that she couldn't believe her luck.

We spent a week in Adelaide, staying at a motel in Glenelg. We got out of bike gear, relaxed, went for beach walks, saw the French Impressionists at the Adelaide Gallery and caught up with John's brothers and sisters who live there. They all think we must be mad to be riding a motorbike around the country. Our friends in Perth and our children also think we





are crazy. We tell them that we really enjoy riding to the AGM and use it as an excuse to explore whatever state it is in.

On Monday the 7th of May, we left Adelaide for the AGM in the Riverland. Of the five main towns - Berri, Loxton, Barmara, Renmark and Wakerie - we chose to stay in Renmark. There we found our motel full of the Yarra Valley Branch members, we quickly became friends with everyone as you do in the Ulysses Club, swapping stories over bikes and barbecues. In all five towns, the motels were booked by Ulysses members. The main campground just outside Barmara was full of tents for the tough ones and this year, lots of caravans. There were bikes of every size and shape filling the car parks at the Field Days site. We enjoyed the displays and met up with our friend Nicole from SAMA Tours. We have ridden around Africa twice with SAMA and it is the greatest adventure we have ever had. John had ear moulds made, bought a black Ulysses Rugby jumper and got a new tyre pressure gauge. He almost got talked into buying a URAL! Back in Renmark, I met a friendly lady



wearing pink riding boots who told me she was getting married the next day and invited us to come to her wedding in the big tent, which we did.

We enjoyed the rides through the fruit growing areas - oranges, grapes, vegetables and nuts. Some of the rivers had to be crossed on the free barges, that was fun.

The highlight of the AGM is always the grand parade, and about 2000 bikes lined up ready for the ride through. We found lots of our Fremantle branch members in the lineup and of course our Wollondilly friends. Police and paramedics were there to accompany us on the ride. I was talking to a paramedic who said there had been relatively few bike accidents, three people taken to Adelaide hospital and a few people with broken bones at the local hospitals.

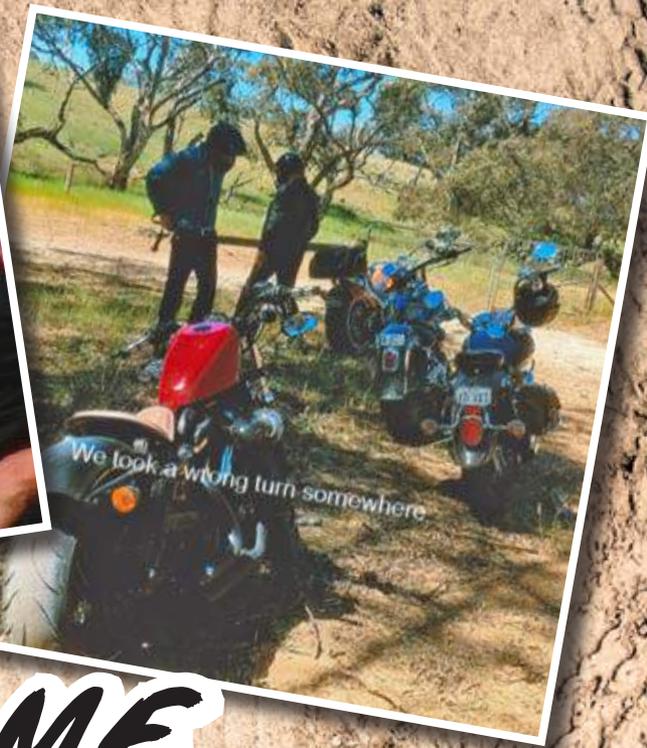
The ride took us through the Riverland towns where the locals lined our route to wave and take photos of the bikes. It made us feel proud to be part of such a good group of people.

After the AGM we packed up and set off for the long ride home. We had two days of mist and rain on the Nullarbor, which is quite unusual, so we rode very carefully and it took us five days.

For anyone thinking of coming to the Mandurah AGM in WA in 2021, my advice is to plan well, book accommodation on the Nullarbor and don't be daunted by it. AGMs are a lot of fun!

John and Therese Howie #9821





MY THREE SONS AND ME

For those who can't recall far enough, My Three Sons was the name of a popular TV sit-com from the USA in the 1960s.

And for those whose memory does stretch that far, it makes a good headline for Dennis Holland's account of a ride with three sons of his own...

WITH five days of good warm weather predicted, the five day ride planned by my sons had finally arrived.

I don't know too many families where a dad and his three sons get the chance to enjoy a five-day ride together.

We started from Essendon with a short 40 kilometres trip to the quaint little town of Bacchus Marsh, where we spent an enjoyable couple of hours at the hot rod/custom car/motorcycle show and car boot sale

From there we travelled down to the Great Ocean Road, where we stopped at Lorne for a quick lunch.

Continuing on to view the so-called 12 Apostles (though I don't think there have ever been 12 of them), we rode on to Warrnambool for our first night stopover, and a welcome drink.

Next morning, we crossed into South Australia for a coffee at Mt Gambier, and after riding 530 kms for the day, we spent our second night at Murray Bridge.

An early morning start into the Adelaide Hills brought us to the little town of Birdwood, where a stop was more than worthwhile.

I highly recommend anyone touring in this area to allow at least two hours for a visit to the National Motor Museum.

Displayed there are hundreds of perfectly restored vintage cars, trucks, buses and motorcycles.

Also displayed there is the very first Holden, the 48/215, which became known as the FX.

We rode on to Renmark and back into Victoria at Mildura, where we stopped for our third over-night stay.

Next morning, we crossed the mighty Murray River into New South Wales and rode along the Sturt Highway to Robinvale.

Then finally we returned to Victoria, arriving at Swan Hill for lunch, followed by a short ride to our fourth and final night stay at Echuca.



From left; Adam Holland, Blake Holland, Paul Holland, and The Leader of the Pack, Dennis Holland.

The following morning saw us take a leisurely ride back to Melbourne, catching a little bit of drizzle in the last half hour of our ride, but we couldn't complain after the four sunny days that we had enjoyed.

As a ten-year member of the Macedon Ranges Ulysses Club Branch, I have been lucky enough to have ridden on over 300 Wednesday rides with a great bunch of friendly riders.

With about a dozen of the Ulysses Club crew I also did a magnificent ten-day tour of Spain, a few years later another ten of us did an equally exciting tour of Vietnam, travelling to the Chinese border, which was fantastic.

But somehow, some way, the pleasure and pride of a simple five-day Aussie tour with my three sons will stay with me forever

Our next ride will be to southern Victoria and the east coast of NSW, but I can assure you that we will be cutting the distance by about half, so we can smell the roses along the way

Dennis Holland #49852



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Northern Safari: Mad dogs and Englishmen...

Sunday March 11th dawned fine and clear, with the promise of another hot day around 35 degrees.

This was the start of the Northern Safari, a club event run by the Mandurah-Murray branch.

As Safari organiser, Brian Stone led the group of 27 bikes to the hills and into Kalamunda for the coffee stop. Brian's wife, Annette, followed in the "chase car", carrying an esky full of bottles of cold water and of course some riders luggage.

That esky of cold water was to prove an absolute necessity over the course of the week, to combat the heat experienced by the riders.

After suitable refills with coffee, the group headed for the Chequers Hotel at Bullsbrook for lunch. Further refuelled by lunch the day riders headed for home to Mandurah, while the "Safarians" continued onto Jurien for the first overnight stop.

Those first two days tested riders' capabilities, heading into a very strong north easterly wind, together with fairly high ambient temperatures, around 35 + degees. Some patience was needed too when we encountered a bit of price gouging at a roadhouse. A lady rider with strict dietary needs asked for a cup of boiling water to pour into her special noodles. Four dollars was demanded for the water, which secretary Sandra demanded be reduced to \$2. Still expensive, but this was the only low point of the whole journey.

It has become a tradition that the night of the lay day (Geraldton) a BBQ is held, usually in the camp kitchen. As for the Southern Safari in 2017, this proved to be another success. Much hilarity, a few wines and/or beers (or both) and quite a few stories emerged to make this night one of the Safari highlights.

Due to extreme heat, about 200 km was deleted from the fourth day's program. The section from Northampton through Kalbarri & Binnu was deleted and the group

headed directly for Mullewa, via Nabawa, the Chapman Highway & South Yuna and then into Mullewa for the night. The run from Northampton into Nabawa was fairly testing with the ambient temperature hovering around 43 degrees.

Because the group was running a little early, the unscheduled stop at Nabawa was extended to include lunch and a few necessary glasses of liquid refreshment. Of course the bikes needed to cool down also!!!

The motel at Mullewa was fantastic, not only providing good quality accommodation and great meals, but also a safe and secure large shed to house the bikes overnight.

Day five into Dalwallinu. That night, dinner was in the local pub, a great meal, a few cold ales and an early night for most riders and partners. Only a couple of riders misbehaved, but being responsible motorcyclists they all walked to the local

Day six saw a couple of riders head home direct from Dalwallinu, due to





prior commitments, one of which was to go bowling (lawn). The other was a deep sea fishing trip. Oh well, I guess it's a question of priorities !!

Day six into historic York for our overnight at Avon Accommodation. A short walk took everyone into the town centre and the opportunity to check out the local watering holes. A few relaxing ales later it was back to Settlers House for another great dinner.

“One of the club stalwarts, Mike the Bike, suggested we call in to his daughter’s place for a coffee on the way home.”



Breakfast at Settlers saw everyone ready to saddle up for the return to Mandurah.

One of the club stalwarts, Mike the Bike, suggested we call in to his daughter’s place for a coffee on the way home. With all in favour, a hasty phone call organised tea, coffee and a selection of tasty cakes etc., to be enjoyed at said daughter’s home.

Now, as Mike normally approaches his daughters house from the west, he found it a little difficult to navigate there from the east. Yes, he GOT LOST. He won't be allowed to forget that for a while !

The rest of the ride into Mandurah was fairly uneventful, with all participants home safely from a 2200km ride that was one to remember.

Brian Stone #64456





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A FAST BLAST FROM THE PAST

Well I saw the classic movie "STONE" maybe seven times back in the 70s.

Made in Sydney, it was about an imagined bikie gang called the Grave Diggers (apparently based on what was then known or believed about the Hells Angels).

Of course it featured many bikes, but one of the main "characters" was the steed of the moment, the Kawasaki Z900. An earlier version of our test machine, much of its DNA is preserved in this neat new package.

Earlier this year I attended the launch party of the latest true spirit retro Kawasaki Z900RS in Sydney. After that there was only one thing left to do. With many thanks to Kawasaki Motors, their staffer Milo and the team I picked up a test ride machine to show and tell you all about it.

First impressions, it looks fantastic in this jaffa brown/orange just like the original. It is naked with smooth lines, a light weight sports bike small in size and length. Upside down forks, disc brakes, light rigid frame and four into one exhaust with a 180 size rear tyre, all add to the very retro look. There are also cafe racer versions in green and grey which look awesome.

It is so nice to push a feather weight 214kg bike around without any effort. Unlike the sports tourers I normally experience. It is so nice to easily manoeuvre this Kawasaki around my garage, so easy parking and leaning onto and lifting off the side stand. It is just – well, so nice!

My first ride is in the peak hour along motorway speedways where everyone is in a hurry to get home. Adjusting to the riding style position, smooth gear changes up to sixth, braking and steering makes it feel like I had ridden one of these for

years, just so easy. Commuting was simple and fun with lane splitting a breeze in the hot traffic.

Four into one exhaust was a trend back in the 70s on large size bikes to give that look of power and gurgle sound at idle. Then a sweet roar as power turns on and on in any gear. This Z900RS emits that same noise with the chrome half muffler. Just revving it sounds like it's ready to go, and go fast and furious it does.

The looks of this mini-beast with a large teardrop tank, alloy front guard brackets, chrome retro instruments, chrome handle bars, and rear guard shows it off really well and certainly attracts attention.

The Z900RS does have a powerful engine for its weight, a slipper clutch for the 6 speed transmission, horizontal back-link suspension, trellis frame, digital ignition, 948cc engine @ 82kw, and 98NM. Navigating city streets or winding through the hills with a relaxed riding position for both comfort and control is what it's all about. Leisurely riding or running at a more spirited pace, the relationship between pegs, seat and handlebars was designed to enhance communication between rider and machine. This is achieved with a minimum of fuss and maximum output on the road.

I was never a real sports bike fan, but I have now been converted by Kawasaki and its Z900RS.

Paul Cheetham #46164





ULYSSES MEMBERS, IT'S YOUR RV GROUP



Hello fellow members and fellow RV'ers, I have been asked to submit a quarterly column for Riding On in relation to the activities of the Ulysses Members RV Group.

A bit of history first. The RV Group came about in 2007 when, in a conversation with the late Ian "Huggie" Rawlings,

we saw the need for a RV club that catered specifically to Ulysses members who had moved from riding motorcycles exclusively to club events, to travelling with an RV to facilitate easier travelling for either themselves and/or their partners, and to still share in the camaraderie that they had come to enjoy in the Ulysses Club. As we were still all motorcyclists, we considered that an RV Group fitted within the boundaries of the first of the Ulysses Club principles placed into the Constitution by Old No. 1, namely to provide a means for older motorcyclists to get together for mutual companionship and support.

Many members of the Ulysses Club, however, initially saw us as demons and lambasted us in Riding On and other forums, some even suggesting that as we were not always riding motorcycles we should be expelled from the club. I knew from my time on Natcom that there was something in the club minutes that limited Special Interest Groups to motorcycle only activities, and although we were a group all about members, we did not fit the direction laid down in the minutes. So, at our first meeting at Brooms Head, in March 2008, we voted to be a separate body completely, but only accepting membership from Ulysses Club members. Later, we changed the membership requirement to include former members of the Ulysses Club as well, as we came to appreciate that many of our members and prospective members let their Ulysses Club membership lapse when they no longer owned or rode a motorcycle, and felt alienated at their local branch meetings because of that.

The Ulysses Club Members RV Group is now over 10 years old and boasts a membership in excess of 1200 people, who love nothing better than to travel somewhere in their RV and get together with their fellow members, share good times and tell outrageous tales about the wondrous things that they once did on their motor bikes. We have an AGM each year in October, at a different location in a different State, and our Birthday Rally each March in Brooms Head in NSW. We have a website at <http://ulyssesrv.org>, where information is posted

for members to keep up to date with rallies and other club happenings. Each State, except Tasmania and NT, have State coordinators who plan and organise rallies in their own State, which are nearly always well patronised.

Just recently, one of our State coordinators in Victoria was shown around the Mornington Racecourse site of the 2019 Ulysses AGM. Some of the things that were pointed out to him by the host committee member set off alarm bells in relation to RV onsite camping, and I published his thoughts in a mail out to our members. I am aware of the huge amount of work that Blue Knowles has done behind the scenes for the RV camping at Barmera, and I was disappointed that his work could be undone by what was proposed in Mornington. In the meantime, Natcom has posted out an Intercom email, contradicting what we were told, stating that planning is still being done. I really hope that they in fact fix the things that were outlined to our State coordinator, as the 2019 AGM is only 9 months away.

In closing, let me say that if you are riding your bike along the highway and you come up behind an RV with one of our big yellow, orange and blue stickers on the back, give a toot and a wave as you overtake. Even though we might be in an RV, or towing a van, we are still motorcyclists and, most likely, still members of the same club.

Until next time,

Rick Bedford, National Co-coordinator, Ulysses Members RV Group.

Ex- National President and Life Member, Ulysses Club Inc.





A group of Ulysses Club members who met at Hay on the way home from the Barmera AGM event. The members were from Batemans Bay, Newcastle, Redlands and Canberra

ALEXA BROWN ADDRESS

This address by Alexa Brown (daughter of old no.1) was to have been read at the AGM, but time ran short and members asked that it be published in Riding On.

To all the team on Nat Com, those in the office and all the wonderful volunteers that have enabled the 2018 Riverland Ulysses Club AGM to come together. And any others that get this message!

Thank you to you all! The Ulysses Club is indeed blessed to have such a dedicated group of people putting so much of their time and energy in to such an event as this. I'm sure there have been times of significant stress and concerns but now as it all unfolds in front of you, I hope you can look with pride at how all the work over the last three + years has come together. Congratulations! Old no.1 used to say 'if you're going to do something, do it well!'. Ulysses is great at doing AGM events well! And has done for the last 35 years. Stephen used to also say, 'every Ulyssian should go to at least one AGM to really experience the Ulysses Club'. So to all those that are here for the very first time at an AGM Event, WELCOME! I hope you have felt welcomed and enjoyed some great rides, scenery, laughs and companionship. And may this AGM be the first of many great National gatherings you come along to. When I went to my first AGM Event in 2007 at Coffs Harbour I was simply astounded at the magnitude, interest, fun and companionship of it all as I saw for myself this fantastic organisation in full swing that I had heard so much about over the years from my father. It was very easy to go to another and then another and then another after that. What a great organisation. What a fabulous and diverse group of people all coming together with the common interest of motorcycle riding.

Thank you also to all the traders, sponsors and towns folk that always welcome Ulysses Club members with open arms, and continually put so much work in to enabling these AGMs to be an amazing part of the Ulysses Club calendar.

Whenever I attend an AGM event, I hear stories of lives that have been given an injection of life and meaning. I hear of fellow Ulyssians helping one another in times of crisis or maybe just needing advice or a bed for the night. I hear of fund raising for local charities and for our own UCARF. The list goes on and on of positive stories that come out of the Ulysses Club. And that doesn't even include the weekly rides at branch level, weekends away, Odysseys etc. And now in 12 other countries. Wow!

I want to encourage all Ulyssians to make the most of their days. Not to be disheartened if the numbers seem a little 'low' (15,000 financial members is still crazy good!), not to get angst when small annoyances get under their skin or complain about comparatively trivial matters. Rather enjoy the companionship of other Ulyssians around them, enjoy their differences as well as similarities and appreciate all the amazing organisation that happens by a multitude of dedicated volunteers.

I'm very much looking forward to seeing you all at the Ulysses Club National Rally at Mornington in 2019. As for today..... instead of counting your days, make your days count!

With fond thoughts,

Alexa Brown.



Touring to the AGM 1970s Style

Ride reports of the various journeys to the AGM are just emerging, and we like this one. Steve Dwight's motorcycle looks perfect for the task, and his description of his touring equipment reminded us of our own weekends away in the decade he's talking about...

Back in the early 1970s there was no speed limit on the open road, no radar, no blood alcohol limit, and semis were covered with green tarps tied down with the truckies hitch.

Motorcycles were less complicated with no ABS, blue tooth or traction control. Full face helmets were being accepted although helmet exemptions were common, with a note from your doctor or objections on religious grounds! Meanwhile, the multi-cylinder bikes were starting to take the world by storm.

What is 1970s style touring? Throw-over saddlebags, a World War Two army disposals kit bag on the back and a bike with some chrome is all that is required.

After being made most welcome as a new member of Eurobodalla Ulysses Club Branch, I couldn't resist the temptation of heading off to the Riverland AGM 2018. Back in the early 1970s a bike of 650 – 850cc was considered a big bike. So off we go across the Hay Plains and via the Barossa to the AGM event on the 676cc bike. (Editor's note: If you need to know, it's a Kawasaki W650, with bevel-driven valves ala Ducati.)

Being at a Ulysses Club rally event is motorbike paradise with so many people to talk bikes with. It is also quite an experience to enjoy the camaraderie with other members travelling to and from the event. While there I tried on a Ural sidecar and found that it fitted very well. This makes the Ural a contender as the bike for future AGMs, and potentially exploring the Northern Territory.

It was highly enjoyable to meet other Ulysses members at the event and in local cafes. The Grand Parade was quite a spectacle with so many bikes travelling the 36km from Barmera (on Lake Bonney) through Berri to Renmark. The Saturday dinner food and band were excellent and the people we met were so friendly and interesting. People had arrived from so many places on so many varied forms of motorbikes.

Part of the AGM experience was exploring the Riverland area. It is such a contrast coming out of the semi-arid plains into the beauty of the riverine environment. The rivers are a life blood for the western areas. The area abounds with a veritable fruit basket of produce such as lush oranges, lemons, limes, grapes, succulent peaches, apricots and almonds. What a welcome the local people gave us. There were so many signs on the front doors of businesses saying 'Welcome Ulysses Club'.

Our Riverland experience included taking evasive action for an emu running across the road while we were heading north



from the Loxton Road past the large almond plantations. The day we spent wine tasting by horse drawn wagon in the Barossa was exceptional. We also had a great experience with the ride on the historic wood fired paddle boat PS Industry along the mighty Murray River. The restored riverboats have become such a feature of the inland river towns.

Some things have changed since the 70s, but it is still about the ride and the people you meet at the destination.

Well done to the organisers, volunteers, traders and motorcycle distributors for their massive effort in running such a wonderful event. Thanks to the Ulysses Club for keeping us "Riding On" the open road. The experience was so enjoyable that we already have our bags packed for the 2019 Mornington and 2020 Lismore Ulysses events.

Steve Dwight #67802





Bon Voyage Bertrand

STORY Peter "The Bear" Thoeming
PHOTO Martin, Madhouse Photography

A French-Australian icon hangs up Clunk's boots

Australia's only scooter-riding, shock-absorber-selling, movie star French mayor hung up his Honda SilverWing in April.

Not literally; Bertrand Cadart handed it over, in perpetuity, to the Swansea local history museum in his old municipality of Glamorgan, Spring Bay on Tasmania's east coast. It now sits proudly on display along with his riding gear, including some unique French helmets, and the boots from his role as Clunk in the first "Mad Max" movie.

Since rolling ashore in Australia in 1972 aboard a BMW R69S, bought from the Gendarmes in New Caledonia, the Frog (as he became affectionately known) has had a major impact on motorcycling in Australia. He worked as an on-air presenter for Radio Australia's French-language programs for some years, but in 1976 he decided it was time to make it his life's work to improve Australia's motorcycling experience. To sell the clever, effective fairings he had designed, he launched his company La Parisienne. Its frog logo became well-known quickly, and his fairings found themselves fitted to a wide range of bikes. Keep in mind that few motorcycles came from the factory with fairings then, and there were few aftermarket options available. La Parisienne's products made it more comfortable for many long-distance riders, including the author.

Bertrand didn't stop there. He contacted Jean-Pierre Fournales in Toulouse, back in his native France, and arranged for the Australian distributorship of the oleopneumatic Fournales shock absorbers, which offer superior compliance and won't bottom out. Does that sound like an advertisement? Well, we've tried them, and we would not go back to any other shocks. Harley-Davidson Softail riders, especially, have reason to be grateful to Jean-Pierre for adapting his original design fitted to the revolutionary Concorde supersonic aircraft. Bertrand imports the shocks to this day.

One of his many, and typically quirky, contributions to the Australian motorcycle scene was the introduction of the Lost Balls Rallies. Instead of the usual rally activities, these centred on a game of golf – but you could only bring three clubs, and you had to carry them on your bike. If you didn't know one end of a club from the other, you could... throw the ball instead.

Director George Miller came to see Bertrand while he was putting together a low budget film to be called "Mad Max". He needed help with all sorts of bits and pieces, including the appearance of the bikes ridden by the Toecutter biker gang, which was a central part of the movie. Bertrand obliged with his iconic fairings and a lot more; in the end he even took a part in the film as Clunk.

At the turn of the Century in a classic example of 'cherchez la femme', Bertrand followed a woman to Bicheno in Tasmania, and found his spiritual home. With a climate similar to France and an opportunity to become involved in civic life, he found Tasmania very much to his liking. He stood for the local council, was duly elected, and not long afterwards, in 2007, became Mayor. He also became a local, national and even international legend. For the locals, he created a botanic garden and a boules pitch among many other innovations. Nationally, he turned Glamorgan Spring Bay into Australia's first motorcycle friendly municipality. Internationally, he starred in European TV programs about Tasmania, and fostered close relations with New Caledonia, where he had served as a French Marine. It's probably fair to say that he turned Glamorgan Spring Bay into the most famous Australian municipality in the entire world.

An expatriate Taswegian and personal friend, Stuart Strickland from Honda MPE Australia, saw the opportunity to do a good deed and get some publicity for one of the company's models at the same time. He lent Bertrand that 600cc SilverWing scooter. Bertrand liked it so much that the municipality bought it. It became his mayoral transport and also internationally famous. Bertrand put 65,000 kilometres on the scooter and says "I've never enjoyed a "motorcycle" more!" He even bought it from the municipality when his term as mayor ended. It's probably best not to dwell on the speeds with which he visited meetings and other mayoral events...

All good things, as you may have heard, must come to an end. For Bertrand Cadart, family and health reasons dictated a move to Queensland. Even now, whenever he returns to his beloved east coast, he breathes deep and his eyes show his regret at leaving. But life goes on, and he while his leukemia allows it, he will continue to help riders to get the best out of their bikes with his Fournales shock absorbers.



Accompanied by his carer, Josefina, Bertrand regretfully hands over the Honda SilverWing to the East Coast Heritage Museum.

Ladies of Ulysses



Kate Marshman shares what she loves about being a Ulysean...

I'm coming up to my five-year member anniversary, so I thought I'd share some of the things I love about our Branch.

For starters, I love the regular social contact. Being a live-in carer for my parents, coming along once or twice a week for a few hours of BS, coffee and tyre-kicking, is essential for my wellbeing.

I love that we come from such diverse backgrounds, with a wealth of experiences and knowledge that comes with that diversity, and the many stories told.

I love when we go on an overnight ride and go to places not seen before, roads not travelled before, in the company and safety of our members.

I love the annual Toy Run, knowing that, along with many other residents of the Bega Valley, we are helping to put a smile on the faces of children at Christmas time. But what I love most is the support and help we are to each other. If someone's not well and needs a lawn mowed, it's done. If someone needs a listening ear, you'll find one. If you are trying to work out a unique adaptation for your motorbike, there are many tinkering geniuses who will come up with solutions. And, as I've found out, if your bike is giving you grief, it will get sorted. Over the last 8 months no fewer than five of our branch members have helped get me back on the road...

It started with a dicky headlight that was as dull as a candle and barely changed on high beam, and the instrument panel always showed the high beam indicator regardless. Bart and Chris spent two days going over the electrics and discovered it was caused by a wire in the handlebar mounting that had been crushed by the housing and was shorting.

Not long after that she just refused to start. I was getting the "click" but nothing else. A new battery made no difference so, after much consultation, and many cups of coffee, it was decided it must be the starter motor. Bart tried roll-starting her down Beach Hill, but to no avail, so we borrowed Bruce's trailer and delivered the bike to Bruce's garage to await her turn on the ramps.

Unbeknownst to me, while I was away on a much-needed respite break at Coonabarabran, Bruce and Alan started working on the Triumph. They got the starter motor out and cleaned it and discovered that it needed new brushes. When I finally came back out of the wilderness

and into mobile reception I was able to give the go-ahead to order the part from the UK. A few weeks later it arrived and they put it back together again and she started... HOORAY!

Then Bruce and Alan took the bike off the ramp... and she wouldn't start. B*tch...

After many man hours, and days, and a Wednesday morning of "Have you tried...?" and "What about...?" some genius suggested that perhaps the fuel hose had become squashed when the tank went back on... turns out I was... er... I mean, they were right. The boys found a kink in the hose so they shortened it and put a spring around the weak section and we set a time for me to collect her the following Wednesday, get her registered and get the old girl home.

She started first go and it was music to my ears. I donned my riding gear, put up the side stand and put her into first... and she died... AGAIN!!! A lot of expletives followed and I think that both Bruce and I were crying on the inside. Bruce drove me home and then gave Alan the latest news.

The next day, Bruce, Alan and apprentice, Hans, looked at the clutch to find that it was seized, as was some piston thingy, so they pulled it apart, worked their collective magic and put it back together. Finally!!! She was working and ready to go. She passed rego.

I can never thank all of you enough for all the time spent and everything you've done to help me out. Knowing that my carer's pension wouldn't have cut it, I express my appreciation to all of you

Kate Marshman #62208

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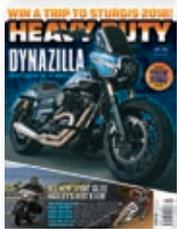
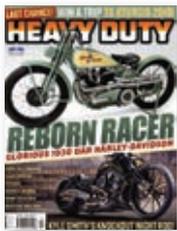
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2019 THE ULYSSES CLUB NATIONAL RALLY MORNINGTON, VIC

The Mornington Peninsula Community in Victoria is thrilled to welcome all Ulysses Club members and their guests to the 2019 Ulysses Club National Rally (2019UCNR). The Mornington Peninsula is located approx. 75kms from Melbourne CBD, on the south east point of Port Phillip Bay, comprising of towns and villages including Mornington, Rosebud, Sorrento and Rye, all within close distance from each other. Your hosts are members from various branches located throughout Victoria. The Ulysses Club National Rally will take place from Monday, 25th February to Sunday, 3rd March 2019 at Mornington Racecourse which is approximately 3km from the Mornington township. The Mornington Racecourse comprises of modern facilities within a fully fenced secure area. 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 2019 Ulysses Club National Rally in general, visit the official 2019 Ulysses Club National Rally website at <https://2019ucnr.ulyssesclub.org>. Members who require hard accommodation, there is a multitude of Caravan Parks, Motels, Hotels, AirBnB's and B&B's to choose within the Mornington Peninsula, in fact there is up to 1,700 hard beds available across the Mornington Peninsula all within easy access to Mornington Racecourse. For assistance on seeking accommodation, contact Mornington Peninsula Visitor Information Centre on Toll Free: 1800 804 009 or (03) 5950 1579. This Centre will provide accommodation information and booking service – don't forget to mention that you are attending the 2019 Ulysses Club National Rally.

The Mornington Peninsula has a long history of being a favourite holiday destination. It is known for its seaside towns and villages, high quality wineries and eateries, stunning beaches, Port Phillip and Western Port Bays. Mornington Peninsula's has a reputation for gourmet food, starting at the source: the market gardens and small family farms selling seasonal produce year-round, the piers with fresh seafood, the

artisan cheese makers, chocolatiers and olive groves. Free range chooks are laying your breakfast eggs right now, and the bees are making heavenly honey for your locally baked bread. Most local eateries base their menus on the local produce and change seasonally to meet what is available in the region.

Tourism is a major industry on the Mornington Peninsula and there are quaint coffee shops and tourist destinations to visit including some iconic wineries, distillery and breweries, local markets and marine and ecotourism activities. Check out the Visit Mornington Peninsula website for plentiful information about things to do during your stay on the Mornington Peninsula during National Rally week - see www.visitmorningtonpeninsula.org

Mornington Peninsula is an easy step off point for great tourism adventures throughout Victoria, including Phillip Island, Bellarine Peninsula and the Great Ocean Road, exploring the beautiful South Gippsland and Wilsons Promontory National Park and further onto Gippsland Lakes region. All are within easy riding distance from Mornington Peninsula and we encourage members to consider adding these destinations to your National Rally itinerary, before and after.



2019 ULYSSES CLUB INC. NATIONAL RALLY MONDAY 25TH FEBRUARY TO SUNDAY 3RD MARCH 2019

MORNINGTON, VICTORIA

FOR 2019 ULYSSES CLUB NATIONAL RALLY ENQUIRES, CONTACT THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE ON 1300 134 123

REGISTRATION – ONLINE:

The online registration is being developed, and when available; members will be advised via E-Newsletter and Ulysses website.

REGISTRATION PAPER FORM:

Please complete the registration form and submit with payment details to the National Administration Office, PO Box 3242, Narellan NSW 2567 or Fax 02 4647 7740 or email a scanned copy to info@ulysses.org.au Cheques and Money Orders payable to Ulysses Club Inc.

PAYMENT BY DIRECT DEBIT: BSB 062 813, Account Number 1020 1995, Name: Ulysses Club Inc. Payment description must include the word RALLY, your MEMBERSHIP NAME & MEMBERSHIP NUMBER so we can verify your payment.

RALLY VENUE:

The Mornington Racecourse site, located on Racecourse Road, Mornington, is the main venue for the 2019 Ulysses Club National Rally. It is situated approx. 3kms from township of Mornington, approx. 75kms from Melbourne. The Mornington Racecourse site will host the Rally Campground, and Trade Show and all entertainment. The Extended NATCOM Meeting will be held at the Mornington Racecourse Site on Friday 1st March at 10.00am. The Ulysses Club Inc. Annual General Meeting will be held at the New Peninsula Centre, 370 Craige Road, Mt Martha on Saturday 2nd March at 1.00pm.

REGISTRATION FEES:

Everyone attending the National Rally 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 permitted to register one paid guest. Members who have not registered to attend the National Rally may participate in the Grand Parade and gain entry to the Annual General Meeting on Saturday.

A three-day pass will be available. For a discounted price, members and their guests can attend from the Thursday 28th February of the National Rally with full benefits.

An open day to members of the public is planned for

Thursday 28th February 2019 from 10.00am to 9.00pm
CHECK IN:

Check In will be similar process to the system implemented at 2018 AGM Event Riverland SA. Members attending the National Rally without pre-registering will be required to present themselves at Main Entrance via Gate 3, Racecourse Road at the Rally Site for registration and fee payment procedures and collect their Rally Card.

CANCELLATIONS:

A cancellation fee of \$30 per person applies to Rally registration cancellations received either verbally or in writing at the National Administration Office after 5pm on Friday 25th January 2019. Refund requests will only be accepted up to Tuesday 2 April 2019 at 5.00pm. Refunds are provided in accordance with Refund Policy as stated on Registration Form. No refunds will be issued for Commemorative Merchandise orders after 5 pm 9 November 2018 No refunds will be issued for Dinner orders after 5 pm 8 February 2019 No refunds will be issued for Tent City orders after 5 pm on 15 February 2019

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FEE:

Members that registered online or whose registration form and payment is received at the National Administration Office before Friday 11th January 2019 will pay a special reduced early-bird rate of only \$120, normally \$140.

PERSONS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE:

Members' guests and other persons under 18 years of age will not be admitted to the National Rally site. Trader's employees and dedicated volunteers aged 16 years and over may be admitted provided prior approval has been granted by the National Rally 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 National Rally Site. A \$30 registration fee per animal is mandatory. Acceptance of companion animals is entirely at the discretion of the National Committee or National Rally Committee. 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 is required.

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Any animal which represents a danger or potential hazard to other registrants or themselves will not be permitted within any National Rally venue. Registrants who choose to bring companion animals must:

- Pre-register their animal online or with the National Administration Office prior to entering any National Rally venue
- By registering your animal to attend the Rally, you agree to comply with the Club's companion animal policy.

EXPLORING THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA REGION:

The 2019 Ulysses Club National Rally Organising Committee have been working hard with Mornington Peninsula Tourism to put together a range of interesting rides and tours for you to enjoy during your stay on the Mornington Peninsula. Mornington Peninsula Visitor Information Centres:

There are a number of Visitor Information Centres located throughout the Mornington Peninsula. Their professional and dedicated staff will assist you with location information, accommodation bookings and general tour information. Mornington Peninsula Visitor Information Centre & Booking Service – Toll Free 1800 804 009 or (03) 5987 3078
Mornington Courthouse Visitor Centre – (03) 5975 0466
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Website: <http://www.visitmorningtonpeninsula.org/>

RIDES:

We have a selection of fully escorted rides and self-guided rides on offer. Maps and detailed ride sheets will be available from Rally Information Desk.

The Escorted Rides will be led by experienced leaders with phone links to access full break down contacts if the worst happens.

It is the responsibility of the rider to organise roadside assistance or vehicle recovery services. Ulysses Club Inc. will not accept any responsibility for removal of vehicles. It is recommended that members have roadside assistance coverage (eg. RACV, NRMA, RACQ, etc).

All ride information will be displayed in detail at the Rally Information Desk, located on the ground floor level of the Grandstand at the Rally Site. If numbers are oversubscribed, more parallel rides can be organised. All rides will depart from the Rally 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 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.

NATIONAL RALLY CAMPGROUND:

The Campground at Mornington Racecourse is large, comprising grass with ample room for all campers and RV's to be on the one site. The National Rally Campground will open on Monday 25th February 2019 at 8.00am. All camping rates and camping block sizes have been calculated to accommodate as many people on site as possible. Only rostered set-up volunteers 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 25th February 2019. The National Rally Organising Committee reserves the right to evict those that do not volunteer. Volunteer registration forms are available from the 2019 Ulysses Club National Rally website at: <http://2019UCNR.ulyssesclub.org/>

CAMPGROUND RATES:

Camping fees cover the period from 8.00am Monday 25th February 2019 until 10.00am Monday 4th March 2019. 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. Guest or second member staying in Caravan or Motor Home on Rally site must pay a shared site fee.

Guest or second member camping on Rally site must pay a shared site fee.

UNPOWERED CAMPSITES:

Campsites 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 is a number of camping supply retailers throughout the Mornington Peninsula for your convenience if you need any camping equipment.



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TENT CITY:

Members can hire pre-erected tents equipped with stretcher beds and mattresses for two people, two chairs and battery LED lantern lighting.

If two people are sharing a tent city structure and registered separately, the National Administration Office must be given both names and membership numbers.

NOTE: bookings for Tent City will close on Friday 15th February 2019. 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 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. 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 National Rally 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.)

CARAVANS AND MOTOR HOMES REQUIRING MEDICAL POWER:

Powered Caravan and Motorhome sites 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 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.

240 VOLT POWER and WATER AVAILABILITY:

Power is not available for campsites or 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. There is NO WASTE DUMP point on the Rally Site, all RV/Caravan waste is to be removed to a RV Waste Dump site. The nearest RV waste dump site is available at Mornington Gardens Holiday Village, 98 Bungower Road, Mornington (approx. 2kms from Rally site) for dump point fee.

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 National Rally.
- 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 National Rally registration number details.
- To make the process easier for everybody, it would be appreciated if the group arrive at the venue together.
- DO NOT post your group camp booking requests to the National Office.

All requests for group camp bookings must be received no later than 5pm Friday 15th February 2019.

Please post Group Camp Booking requests to:

Group Camp Booking Coordinator
Brian Quintal, 2019UCNR,
c/-PO Box 2043 Werribee VIC 3030
or Email: bquintal6@bigpond.com
Contacts: 0411 273 235

The above contact details are for Group Camp Booking requests ONLY.

For any questions about National Rally registration, you must contact:

National Administration Office
1300 134 123

PARCEL SERVICE:

Parcels cannot be received at the post office prior to 15 February 2019.

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Please post to:

<Your name> <Your registration No>
2019 ULYSSES CLUB NATIONAL RALLY
c/o Rosebud Plaza Post Office
Shop 43, 37 McCombe Street
Rosebud VIC 3939

Parcels that DO NOT comply with Australia Post specifications: You can make alternative freight delivery arrangements if your packed gear exceeds Australia Post specifications. Parcel freight delivery will not be accepted for delivery prior to 22th February 2019. Please ensure that your freight courier is aware of this requirement. No responsibility will be accepted to any freight deliveries prior to this date.

Please freight to:

<Your name> <Your registration No>
2019 ULYSSES CLUB NATIONAL RALLY
Parcels and Laundry Coordinator
c/- Mornington Racecourse
320 Racecourse Road
Mornington VIC 3931

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

There will be a dedicated parcel service operating for members to send their camping equipment to the National Rally site. Members may send parcels to their home address at conclusion of National Rally 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.

LAUNDRY FACILITIES:

Whilst there are no laundry facilities onsite, a pickup and delivery service by a local laundry will be available from the Parcels & Laundry Office at the main site. Details for the drop off & collection times will be in the National Rally booklet and on display at the Parcels & Laundry Office. The closest coin-op laundrette is located at Barkly Square, Mornington, approx. 3kms away from the National Rally site. Other laundrettes are situated at Balnarring, Dromana, Hastings, Rosebud, Rye, Seaford and Frankston.

EQUIPMENT BATTERY CHARGING:

There will be battery charging service provided at Rally Information Desk located on the Ground Floor, Grandstand. Cost of charging service is \$2 per item, per use.

MEALS AND ENTERTAINMENT:

Beginning Monday 25th February, quality meals and snacks will be available from reputable vendors throughout the National Rally site. Top class bands/DJ will provide the entertainment every night from Tuesday throughout the National Rally week.

Note: The Meals, Entertainment and Traders areas of the National Rally site is a licensed zone and NO BYO alcohol or food is to enter this area. Bar and food trading will be open to sell alcohol and food at reasonable prices.

TUESDAY NIGHT – MEET N GREET:

On Tuesday evening, the National Rally will officially kick off with a Meet N Greet function on public lawn area at front of Grandstand.

Theme: We encourage all members to wear their respective branch or Ulysses shirt.

Entertainment: Keep an eye on our website for details about Entertainment.

Meals: Various food truck traders will be available to purchase dinner and the bar will operate. There is no charge to registrants to attend this function as members will purchase their dinner as required.

SATURDAYS NIGHT – FORMAL DINNER:

This is the big one for the week! The newly elected National Committee will be introduced to the assembled members.

Theme: The theme for the night is 'Jockeys and Punters' and this formal dinner will be held in the Grandstand. Saddle up and place your money on a winner in appropriate dress.

Entertainment:

Keep an eye on our website for details about the night's entertainment.

Menu: The menu will be:

Oven Baked Chicken with Mornington



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MORNINGTON, VICTORIA

Peninsula Seasonal Vegetables, Bread Roll & Butter; and Seasonal Dessert Plate based on Local Produce

Saturday night dinner must be pre-ordered on your National Rally registration online or registration form. Members with special dietary requirements should note their preferences on the registration form. Members not attending the dinner, can purchase a quality meal from any of the on-site food vendors and come along and join in the celebrations in the Final Furlong Room or Public Lawn at front of Grandstand. Please note that orders for meals will close on Friday 8th February 2019.

Transport: Buses will operate on both the Tuesday and Saturday nights. This service is provided as a 'user pays' system and a fee of \$10 will be charged to each person per night to subsidise the costs of hiring the buses. This fee covers a return trip to and from the National Rally venue from your off-site accommodation place. **YOU MUST INDICATE THIS** on your registration form and pay the appropriate fee. 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 accommodation address locations. We will endeavour to transport the majority of members to and from the Main Site, but we will have a 15km radius limitation for the service. If the final route does not go right past your door, you may have to make your way to the nearest pick up point.

VOLUNTEERS LUNCH:

To show our appreciation of the Volunteers that perform



countless hours of faithful duty during the National Rally, a free lunch is provided on Sunday 3rd March 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 Mornington Peninsula Region. For all bookings and information, contact the Mornington Peninsula Visitor Information Centre & Booking Service: Toll Free 1800 804 009 or (03) 5987 3078. Website: <http://www.visitmorningtonpeninsula.org/>

Planning for the 2019 Ulysses Club National Rally at Mornington has been in process for the past three years by a dedicated Organising Committee of, in excess of 40 members from all States of Australia. We are excited to be able to present this opportunity to you to visit the Mornington Peninsula in February 2019.

See you in February 2019 on the beautiful Mornington Peninsula.

Information provided is subject to change due to organisational requirements.





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MEMBER DETAILS		GUEST / ADDITIONAL MEMBER DETAILS		
Surname:	Given Name:	Surname:	Given Name:	
Membership No:	Preferred Name:	Membership No:	Preferred Name:	
Branch Name:	Contact Phone No (mobile preferred):	Branch Name:	Contact Phone No (mobile preferred):	
<p>Email for registration correspondence to be sent. (DO NOT LEAVE THIS SECTION BLANK. IF YOU DON'T HAVE AN EMAIL, PLEASE ADD YOUR POSTAL ADDRESS)</p> <p>Note: Each financial member is entitled to register ONE non-member or financial member guest.</p>				
EVENT REGISTRATION			PRICE	QTY.
EARLY BIRD 7 Day REGISTRATION (Received Online or at NAO before 5PM, Friday 11 th January 2019) Includes unlimited entry to Trade show & marquees, event welcome bag & lapel badge. Entries received on or before 11 TH January 2019 will be entered into the draw for an Early Bird Registration prize.			\$120	\$
EARLY BIRD 3 Day REGISTRATION Same conditions as Early Bird 7-day registration. Entry period is Thursday, Friday and Saturday only. You will still be eligible for the Early Bird Prize.			\$100	\$
LATE REGISTRATION 7 Day (Received Online or at NAO after 5PM, Friday 11 th January 2019) Includes unlimited entry to Trade show & marquees, event welcome bag & lapel badge.			\$140	\$
LATE REGISTRATION 3 Day (Received Online or at NAO after 5PM, Friday 11 th January 2019) Includes unlimited entry to Trade show & marquees, event welcome bag & lapel badge. Same conditions as Late 7-day registration. Entry period is Thursday, Friday and Saturday only.			\$120	\$
COMPANION ANIMAL REGISTRATION (Please read 'ANIMALS' section) Animals Name/s:			\$30	\$
SUB-TOTAL:			\$	



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CAMPGROUND REGISTRATION	PRICE	QTY.	TOTALS
Please reserve 1 (one) UNPOWERED Campsite for one person for 7 Days .	\$140		\$
My registered GUEST/ADDITIONAL MEMBER camping on my UNPOWERED Campsite for 7 days site with me.	\$95		\$
Please reserve 1 (one) UNPOWERED Campsite for one person for 3 Days . (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday only)	\$115		\$
My registered GUEST/ADDITIONAL MEMBER camping on my UNPOWERED Campsite for 3 Days (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday only).	\$75		\$
Please reserve 1 (one) MEDICAL POWER Campsite for one person. I have attached a current certificate issued by a medical practitioner, detailing the reasons why I require electrical power at my campsite.	\$160		\$
My registered GUEST/ADDITIONAL MEMBER camping on my MEDICAL POWER Campsite site.	\$95		\$
Please reserve 1 (one) RV Campsite for one person. All RVs are required to be self-sufficient for a week period. (Mon 25 th Feb to Sun 3 rd Mar 19) Additional persons staying in reserved RV Campsite, are required to camp as a GUEST (see below).	\$195		\$
My registered GUEST/ADDITIONAL MEMBER is camping on my RV Campsite site.	\$95		\$
Please reserve 1 (one) RV Campsite with <u>Medical Power</u> for one person. Additional persons staying in reserved RV Campsite, are required to camp as a GUEST (see below).	\$215		\$
My registered GUEST/ADDITIONAL MEMBER is camping on my RV <u>Medical</u> Campsite site.	\$95		\$
Please reserve 1 (one) TENT CITY Campsite for one person. A TENT CITY campsite includes the hire of a pre-erected tent equipped with two single beds, mattresses, a LED light and 2 chairs. The additional person for TENT CITY Campsite are required to camp as a GUEST (see below).	\$395		\$
My registered GUEST/ADDITIONAL MEMBER is camping on my TENT CITY site.	\$95		\$
I/We require access to a disabled toilet or shower in the campground	YES		NO
IF YES I/We hold a current Disability Parking Permit issued by a government authority	YES		NO
	Please attach proof to this form if a disabled vehicle permit is required.		
SUB-TOTAL:	\$		



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DINING (See Rally information for menu)	PRICE	QTY.	TOTALS
I will be attending the Tuesday night 'Meet and Greet' social night.		YES	
See Rally Information for details about Self-Catering meal. Please circle YES or NO in quantity column.	\$0	NO	\$0
My registered Guest/additional member will be attending the Tuesday night 'Meet and Greet' social night. Please circle YES or NO in quantity column.	\$0	YES	
		NO	\$0
I will require Bus pickup to the Tuesday night social evening (Price per person)	\$10		\$
My registered Guest/Additional Member will require Bus pickup to the Tuesday night social evening (Price per person)	\$10		\$
I will be dining at the Saturday night dinner (Price per person)	\$37		\$
My registered Guest/Additional Member will be dining at the Saturday night dinner (Price per person)	\$37		\$
I will require Bus pickup to the Saturday night dinner (Price per person)	\$10		\$
My registered Guest/Additional Member will require Bus pickup to the Saturday night dinner (Price per person)	\$10		\$
SUB-TOTAL:	\$		

Special Dietary Requirements - Circle applicable requirement

Coeliac Diabetic No Dairy Nut Allergy Vegetarian

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

For Registrant

For Guest/Additional Member

For Both

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.

My Accommodation name/address is:

Name of			
Street Number:			
Suburb/Town:		Postcode:	



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COMMEMORATIVE MERCHANDISE

PLEASE follow size instructions BEFORE completing this section

Merchandise orders CANNOT be accepted after **Friday 9th November 2018** due to our supplier's delivery schedule.

Please circle the required sizes		PRICE	QTY.	TOTALS
POLO SHIRT – SHORT SLEEVE MALE OR FEMALE STYLES	STYLE TYPE: Male (with pocket)Female (V-neck w/o pocket) COLOUR: Purple Blue SIZES: (for correct size, measure across the front of an existing shirt from underarm to underarm). Circle required size Male Sizes: 52cm 55cm 58cm 61cm 64cm 67cm 70cm 73cm 76cm 79cm Female Sizes: 45cm 48cm 51cm 54cm 57cm 60cm 63cm 66cm 69cm 72cm	\$37		\$
POLO SHIRT – LONG SLEEVE MALE OR FEMALE STYLES	STYLE TYPE: Male (with pocket)Female (V-neck w/o pocket) COLOUR: Purple Blue SIZES: (for correct size, measure across the front of an existing shirt from underarm to underarm). Circle required size Male Sizes: 52cm 55cm 58cm 61cm 64cm 67cm 70cm 73cm 76cm 79cm Female Sizes: 45cm 48cm 51cm 54cm 57cm 60cm 63cm 66cm 69cm 72cm	\$39		\$
VEST – SHELL TYPE MALE OR FEMALE STYLES	STYLE TYPE: Male Female SIZES: (for correct size, measure across the front of an existing shirt from underarm to underarm). Circle required size Male Sizes: S/56cm M/58.5cm L/61cm XL/63.5cm 2XL/66cm 3XL/68.5cm 4XL/71.5cm 5XL/74.5cm Female Sizes: 6/47.5cm 8/49.5cm 10/51.5cm 12/53.5cm 14/56cm 16/58.5cm 18/61cm 20/63.5cm o 22/66cm o 24/68.5cm	\$45		\$
		SUB-TOTAL:		
Please circle the required sizes		PRICE	QTY.	TOTALS



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BUCKET HAT	55cm	58cm	61cm	\$16		\$
CAP (Baseball Style) – One size fits all				\$12		\$
CLOTH PATCH				\$10		\$
STICKER				\$5		\$
MICRO FIBRE TOWEL				\$10		\$
STUBBY HOLDER (Cylinder Type)				\$6		\$
SUB-TOTAL:						\$
TOTAL (Combined sum all Sub-Totals)						\$

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 or Email: info@ulysses.org.au All cheques and money orders to be made payable to: Ulysses Club Inc. Direct Deposit Payments description MUST include the word RALLY, Member's Surname & Membership Number BSB: 062 813 ACC Number: 1020 1995 Account Name: Ulysses Club Inc.		

Refunds Policy

Due to the financial commitments by Ulysses Club Inc. towards the 2019 National Rally, the refund policy is as follows:

- \$30 per person cancellation fee applies after 5pm Friday, 25th January 2019
- Applications for refunds for non-attendance must be submitted to National Administration Office by 5pm Tuesday 2nd April 2019.
- No refunds will be provided for Tent City bookings if submitted after 5pm 15th February 2019
- No refunds will be provided for Dinner bookings if submitted after 5pm 8th February 2019.
- No Refunds will be issued for Commemorative Merchandise orders after 5 pm 9th November 2018



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POLO SHORTS (SHORT & LONG SLEEVE) - PURPLE

POLO SHORTS (SHORT & LONG SLEEVE) - BLUE



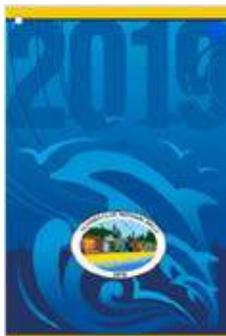
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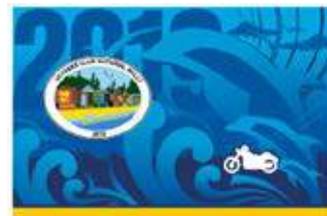
BUCKET HAT



BASEBALL CAP



MICROFIBRE TOWEL



STUBBY HOLDER



STICKERS
PATCHES
ENAMEL BADGES



COMPLETE ENJOYMENT AT THE AGM

Home again after spending six days in the Riverland at the Ulysses AGM.

To sum it up we both absolutely enjoyed every minute of it, the riding, the socialising, the events, the dinners and the fantastic sense of humour of the Ulyssians.

Although we have been in the club for a while now this was our first AGM, we had no idea what to expect, but by the end of the week it would be fair to say that we had a great time. We met so many gorgeous people who really made us feel welcome. It was fantastic to meet up with the many people from the various clubs that we already know and call friends but also to meet new people from all over Australia.

We both enjoyed the many conversations and stories that we were a part of over the week, the stories that were long, short, funny, animated, some possibly exaggerated, but all told with the same spirited passion that seems to resonate from the Ulyssians.

As the week wore on and our group of motorcyclists grew in numbers and invaded the Riverland towns, I'm pretty sure most would have experienced what we did. Wherever we went in the area from the cafes, hotels, motels, caravan parks, Woolworths, Bunnings, the newsagents, wineries, Big W, service stations, etc. the locals were all ready for a chat, a smile or to give us a wave.

Thank you all for such a hospitable welcome and stay!

I'm pretty sure that if you asked Adrian what was the most memorable part of the week for him, he would say that our test ride on the Kawasaki supercharged Ninja H2 SX-SE was right up there. I actually thought we were taking the Ninja 1000 for a ride; Adrian may or may not have made that clear to me. I had no idea that we would be allowed to take the supercharged H2 for a spin. As a regular pillion I didn't think that the ride could get any smoother. With 40 odd years of riding under his belt, I think Adrian is pretty exceptional with his gear changes, but this bike delivered an even more sophisticated ride with its hydraulic assist and slipper clutch.

It really transitioned beautifully through the gears from acceleration to braking and back again. Okay, so my opinion, even though the ride was a little restricted because we had to sit between the Kawasaki team ride leader and the tail end Charlie I would have to agree that it was a pretty noteworthy motorcycle and I was actually surprised at how comfortable it was.

I can't write this and not mention the incredibly hard work that went into the event from the many volunteers, coordinators, and everyone else involved behind the scenes and the actual event, thank you to you all, you all did a fantastic job.

Shelley Telfer #67233

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THE 20TH MELBOURNE BRANCH ODYSSEY

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Melbourne Branch held its first Odyssey at Mansfield in October 1999!

The 20th annual odyssey will be celebrated at Nagambie Lakes Leisure Park, beautifully located between the Goulburn River and Lake Nagambie.

Nearby attractions include a variety of wineries, museums and merchants plus a good variety of roads for weekend rides. A boat tour (extra charge) to two nearby wineries is being planned for the Saturday for those not wanting to ride.

Accommodation includes a variety of cabins and bunkhouses plus large powered campsites on which several tents could be set up to enhance camaraderie.

Registration fee of \$55 per person includes badge (for first 60 registrations) and Saturday night dinner with live entertainment (Gary and June again) at the on-site function centre.

We will also have a casual BYO BBQ on the Friday night on site and an organised ride starting on the Saturday morning. Please have your tanks full!

Registration forms and details available via branch website editor John Cook (03) 9728 5769 or 0419 599 530 or via kriscook@bigpond.net.au Please let John know of your intention to attend and or ask for any further information.

Updates will also be provided via Melbourne Branch website: www.ulyssesmelb.com

We do prefer Direct Deposit for registration:

Westpac BSB 033 371 Acc 231845 with reference Odyssey (& your name)

Account name: "Ulysses Club Inc. Melbourne Branch".

If you must send a cheque please make it payable to "Ulysses Club Inc. Melbourne Branch" and post it to Ulysses Club c/o John Cook, 5 Banksia Street, Montrose Victoria 3765.

To book accommodation, please contact the Nagambie Lakes Leisure Park direct and mention your Ulysses connection when booking.

Nagambie Lakes Leisure Park,

69 Loddings Lane, Nagambie, 3608 or PO Box 90, Nagambie Vic 3608

Tel: (03) 5794 2373 / 1800 155 919 during office hours.

Email: info@nagambielakespark.com.au

Web: www.nagambielakespark.com.au

SEEKING OUT OUR MISSING MEMBERS – NICELY!!



Given that every year we have a shortfall on member renewals, it is important that branch committee members all keep in touch with their branch members and take note if someone has not renewed their membership AND find out why.

We have people who can't ride anymore and are of the opinion that if they can't ride, they can't be in the Club, and they drop out. This is of course quite wrong. There are many ways that non-riding members can still contribute and take part in Club activities. Many join the RV Group and keep up with old friends or make many new ones. The RV group is a growing entity, there is no excuse for telling someone that they can't be in the Ulysses Club if they can't ride.

There are of course those that simply forget to renew, while others change their email address and don't get the automatic reminders when they go out. I encourage everyone to check their membership card and keep an eye out for your renewal date. It is actually the member's responsibility to keep track of their own membership. If you have not got your membership card handy, members can also check the fly sheet that comes with the Riding On magazine for their renewal date.

I also encourage Branch committees to occasionally check with Branch members to confirm that their membership is current by checking membership cards or contact the National Administration Office to confirm the financial status of your branch members. If some members are found to be out of date, please remind those members in a courteous

and friendly manner that they should renew as soon as possible. There's no need to be rude, as you will not know why the renewal was missed. It could have been through some family reason, medical situation or other. If you get someone off-side, they might choose not to renew at all and a member might be lost for good.

Branch committees must also bear in mind that branch membership fees are not permitted and any newsletter fees are voluntary. Do not under any circumstances enforce voluntary fees with threats or exclusion from activities. (Don't laugh – it does happen!!!!)

If someone stops attending Branch rides or functions, please take note. A simple phone call from the Welfare Officer or a committee member may find an explanation and, subject to the situation uncovered, it might be appropriate to offer help.

There are of course a multitude of reasons why members don't renew, and we can't cover them all in one go. But hopefully this little epistle may help to keep some of our potentially missing members.

Henry Rokx

**#28636 DM#45
National Secretary**

Rule Reflects on his DM

During the last Annual General Meeting in the Riverland S.A. I was honoured with the presentation of Dearnley Medal Number 58 by the National Committee.

I was truly surprised and honoured. I did respond with a short speech at the time but on later reflection I had cause to consider the enormity of this award. I did take on a role which was bigger than me but I never felt alone.

I had a lot of backing and assistance from successive National Committees as an exofficio member, there is no doubt. The most support came from the hundreds of Host Committee and Team members whom I had the honour of working with during those years from 2006 to 2011. It was not always smooth sailing because it was a steep learning curve for all involved.

This was the start of the AGM Event Guide Manual. The first entries into the Manual (also known then as "Rule's Rules") came about from the 2005 event in Canberra and mainly comprised of



policies, practices, and procedures learned on the run from mistakes made then. If it was not for the feedback given to me so freely by the NatCom and those Host Committees and Teams, the Manual would have been a much larger task.

I believe that I am the custodian of DM # 58 on behalf of all those mentioned above and I also share that custodianship with my Wife Pam, who has stuck with me despite my being missing in action at the computer (the mistress) for many very long time periods.

“I was truly surprised and honoured.”

My involvement with the 2018 event placed me at the other end of the stick, allowing me to gain a complete appreciation of what has been created and the benefits of having a living reference document at hand.

Finally, I thank all those friends Pam and I have made through the club across the country, from Albany to Townsville, for their long lasting interest, support and encouragement. I will wear DM # 58 with pride.

Regards,

**Graeme Rule
#17528 DM # 58**

Rider Skills And Rebates

A recent survey of motorcycle riders asked them to rate their skills; the choices were above average, average or below average. The results from the respondents were 74 % thought they were above average riders, 14% thought they were average riders and only 12% thought they were below average. This is obviously not mathematically possible and highlights the fact that many of us are not as good as we think we are.

So what can we do to make us better, safer and more competent riders who will enjoy riding all the more due to better smoother and safer riding. We can listen to our riding mates on tips to improve our riding, and although this can be very useful it will never replace a comprehensive advanced rider skills enhancement course.

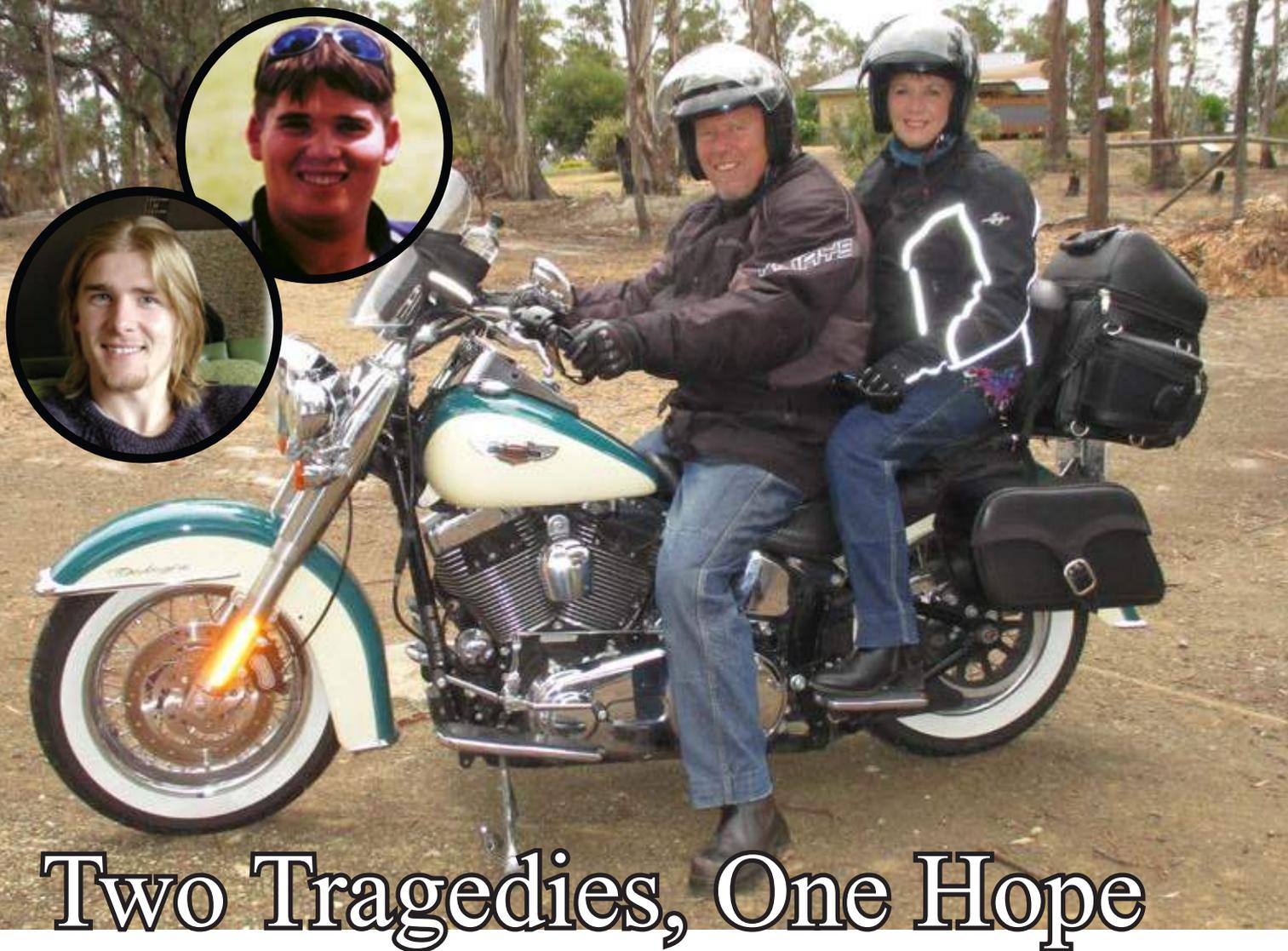
There are many very good courses available in most areas in Australia and as Ulysses Club members you will of course be eligible for up to 50% refund on the cost of the course up to \$80.00 every three years, which is a good time to refresh our skills such as emergency braking, emergency or counter steering, cornering technics, hazard perception etc.

There are a couple of rules on the Ulysses Club rebates. First the rebate is only for existing riders and is not to get your motorcycle licence, it is not for track days designed for racing, you must pay for the course and attend the course before you forward the receipt to our National administration office. This is all at the back of your Riding on magazine along with details of the rebate for first aid courses (another good idea)

I do encourage all of our members to consider taking one of the great courses available to increase your skills above whatever you think they are at the moment. I have done several of these courses over the years and have left feeling that I will be a better rider because of the knowledge and additional skills that I have learnt, I have also heard many times from people just like us who did not think we could be taught anything because we have been riding for so many years that we got a great benefit from the course and realised that some bad habits and complacence had crept into our riding.

Dave Wright #51871
Ulysses Club Road safety Committee





Two Tragedies, One Hope

David and Joy Woodroffe are on a mission, one that originated from two tragedies in their lives.

David, #37016, a 62 years old teacher, and rider of a Harley Softail Deluxe 2009 model, has been riding motorbikes since 1975 and his wife Joy has been accompanying him as a pillion for a large portion of that time.

Earlier this year, David and Joy and I lost their son Kym (aged 37) to bowel cancer. He was diagnosed in May 2016 and died in January 2017. He was married (twice), had six children, and his loss has left a huge hole in their lives.

They had already experienced a similar tragedy in 2001, when they lost their youngest son, Paul, to brain cancer, he was aged 20. Their eldest son Darren is 39 years old and is married with three children.

After Paul's death, they had the notion to ride their Harley around Australia to raise money for brain cancer research. That ride did not eventuate, but the death of their second son Kym gave them a real passion to achieve their goal and help in raising funds to research and eventually cure cancer.

They left their home at Owen (90 km north of Adelaide) on

12 April 2018 to ride anti-clockwise around Australia. They are hoping people will join them either by donating, holding a small fundraising event, or riding part of the way with them, and they would love to share their story with people on the journey.

Their aim is to raise \$57,000 - the combined ages of their two sons.

Trace their trip and join in, as Ulysses Club branches along their route are doing.

David and Joy can be contacted via either of two websites;

**www.facebook.com/happychappyride/
or
app.jodileefoundation.org.au/events/happy-chappy-motorbike-ride**

QUEENSLAND AUSTRALIA DAY LONG WEEKEND AWAY

On Australia day, the Redlands Branch left Capalaba Maccas and headed to Hervey Bay for a relaxing long weekend. The weather was typical of this part of the country at this time of year – hot, and the early morning start held the promise of a very hot day. Although the temptation was to ride without coats, the lack of Kevlar in our skin meant we left the safety gear on!

Although we began the trip on the motorway, the intention was to leave it before the traffic built up. This build-up came quicker than expected, and rather than sit in the heat, with the possibility of heat stroke, we quickly left the motorway, travelling to Landsborough via Steve Irwin Way, where we had smoko at Bucks Bakery. Here, we enjoyed the yummy, free damper and golden syrup provided by the proprietor. He also freely charged up some lagging Sena Bluetooth sets! A small contingent from the Northern Gateway Branch joined us here, and it was good to catch up before we got back on the road.

We rode up through the lovely, cool, winding hills of the Three Ms – Maleny, Montville and Mapleton, before dropping back down to Nambour, where we re-joined the M1. We stayed on the M1 until Gympie, where we called in to the Gold Nugget for a fuel stop and to grab a much-needed cold drink. We then rode on, turning at the Tin Can Bay turn off and continuing through the wonderful, meandering roads among the pine forests to Maryborough. The forest was a lovely part of the ride and it was so good to be away from the M1 traffic. We continued on to our accommodation – the Ocean Motel, in Hervey Bay, where all of us were very happy to quickly get our hot riding gear off and go for a swim in the motel pool, or to take the two-minute walk across to the beach for a quick dip – and indulging in a float in the crystal clear water. Ah... The luxury! Great rooms! Great location! We recommend this place.

Our organisers, Steve, Caroline and Jenny had a spread of nibbles waiting for us at tables around the pool, and for a little while we all indulged in the luxury of doing nothing but talking, drinking and eating! What a gorgeous part of the country!

Friday evening, the courtesy bus being already organised to take us to the Hervey Bay Boat Club for dinner, meant that all could relax and nobody had to change into jeans – it was

still hot and very muggy. Some Fraser Coast Branch members joined us for drinks and then dinner, dancing and then more drinks on the veranda of the Boat Club. Many tall stories invoked lots of laughter and the mingling of the three branches meant more friends were made. The view from here is typical of this area: clean clear water, lovely sunsets, picturesque boats and yachts, and then there was us!

Saturday morning, and the Fraser Coast Branch led 32 of us on a lovely cool ride through Maryborough, Torbanlea and into Toogoom, where a scrumptious brunch was enjoyed by all at the Goodies Cafe. The view was magnificent and the food and service excellent. We made the venue just before the rain came. There was a bit of a rush to the bikes to bring in coats etc, but the rain did not last long at all.

While most rode straight back to the motel for more swimming, some took the opportunity to catch up with family and friends before heading back for more relaxing, cooling swims in the ocean and pool. Oh, this is the life!

A large contingent of the Fraser Coast branch joined us at the motel on Saturday evening for a BBQ dinner. Steve K, Carolyn and Jenny once again did a magnificent job of purchasing, preparing and then cooking, with the assistance of Steve B as the BBQ chef. Nev supplied beer and soft drink for everyone to enjoy. Soooooo much food and drink! Nobody wanted to go to bed, so it was late when we all retired. Another relaxing time with old and new friends. We will be re-enacting this weekend sometime in the future!

Sunday morning saw people leaving at different times, with some wishing to leave early, hoping to beat the M1 traffic; others with no time agendas opting to travel roundabout routes to get home later in the day. All got home safely.

Thank you to the organisers and the attendees. This is what the Ulysses Club is all about. The friends, the trips, the bikes, the roads and the stories. Bring on the next weekend away!

Savaugn Pratt #20508 and Steve Krahe #66502





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Contact Mel: 0421 715 456

Ulysses 25th SA Odyssey 2018



Come and join the Ulysses Club – Fleurieu Branch for the 25th SA Odyssey. Relax with us and wear your favourite robe to dinner Saturday night.

Date:

Friday 28th September 2018 till Monday 1 October 2018

To be held at:

Robe Football Club
O'Halloran St,
Robe SA 5276

Registration:

Registration forms can be accessed through the Fleurieu Branch website and Facebook page. Registrations will close on the 18 August 2018. There will be an early registration prize for those members who have registered before 21 July 2018.

Meals:

Evening Meals are available: Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Breakfasts are available: Saturday, Sunday and Monday
(Meal tickets must be purchased when registering and presented at each meal)

Theme: Robes of all shapes and sizes

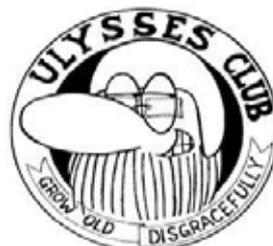
Entertainment: Saturday & Sunday nights

Accommodation:

Onsite Camping is available around the oval for tents campers' motorhomes and caravans. (For those of you planning to stay at the oval, there is a campsite fee of \$10.00)
Robe has 4 local caravan parks and numerous motels.

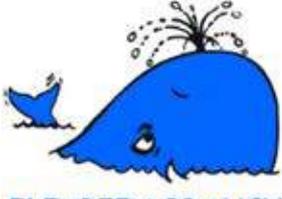
Events include:

Organised rides
Grand Parade
Show and Shine



25th SA Odyssey, Robe 2018, Registration Form

Friday 28th September to Monday 1st October

	<p style="text-align: center;"> Hosted by Ulysses Club "FLEURIEU BRANCH" Venue: Robe Football Club Ground O'Halloran Street, Robe SA. 5276 Registrations Close - 18th August, 2018. There will be an early registration prize for those members who registered before 21st July 2018. The Saturday night theme is "ROBES", Interpret it how you wish. For more information, phone Brett Wise on 0422 399 503. </p>	
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*****Please fill in one Registration Form for each person attending*****

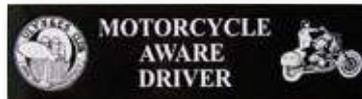
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Street					
Town/Suburb				State	
Phone		Mobile		Post Code	
Email				Member#	
Odyssey Registration including badge				1	\$40.00
Odyssey Cloth Patch				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$8.00
Camping Site - note only one camping site required per couple				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$10.00
Friday Night Dinner:					
Mixed Grill of sausages, steak, chicken shashliks, onions, bread & salad				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$18.70
Saturday Breakfast:					
Continental - cereal, fruit, toast, tea & coffee				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$10.00
Cooked - Continental + bacon, eggs scrambled or fried, on a bun or plate				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$17.60
Saturday Night Dinner					
Roast Beef with vegetables & gravy				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$22.00
Roast Pork with vegetables & gravy				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$22.00
Apple Crumble				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$8.00
Fruit Salad & Ice-cream				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$8.00
Sunday Breakfast:					
Continental - cereal, fruit, toast, tea & coffee				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$10.00
Cooked - Continental + bacon, eggs scrambled or fried, on a bun or plate				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$17.60
Sunday Night Dinner					
Chicken Schnitzel with gravy or Dianne sauce + chips & salad				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$22.00
Beef Schnitzel with gravy or Dianne sauce + chips & salad				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$22.00
Sticky Date				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$8.00
Pavlova with berry sauce & fruit salad				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$8.00
Monday Breakfast:					
Continental - cereal, fruit, toast, tea & coffee				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$10.00
Cooked - Continental + bacon, eggs scrambled or fried, on a bun or plate				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$17.60
TOTAL					\$
Special Dietary Requirements or Food Allergies:					
Payment method:					
Direct Debit:		<input type="checkbox"/>	To Fleurieu Branch, BSB 105144 Account 046149840.		
			Please add your name as a reference.		
Cheque/Money Order:		<input type="checkbox"/>	Make payable to Ulysses Club Inc. Fleurieu Branch.		
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Stainless steel double walled mug
Capacity 420ml
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Stainless steel outside and plastic inside



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HI VIS Safety Vest

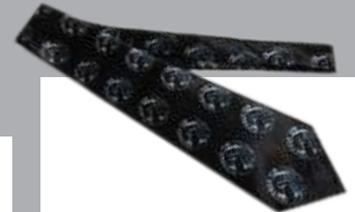
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Sizes 8-22



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New Style Ladies Polo shirt. White with black trim and Ulysses Butterfly design on top left side. Sizes 8-24



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SOFT SHELL BLACK JACKETS MENS \$95.00
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See Sizing chart for half chest measurement guide



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Sticker Reflective. 5 x 35mm round stickers.



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GLASSES CASE \$5.50
Glasses Case - Black gloss, hard plastic with Old Man Logo on lid.



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Black Polar Fleece with Old Man Logo.



UTILITY ROLLS-
\$25.00
Black wet pack utility roll. Suitable for travel toiletries, small accessories, sewing kit or to carry your smaller bike tools, bits and pieces. Easily fits pannier, top box or tank bag. Four separate zippered internal pockets with one large external pocket. Unrolled dimensions: 67cm x 28cm. Rolled dimensions: 18cm x 28cm x 2cm thick (empty).



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Regular (6-10) & Large (11-14)



SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRT - Black \$19.50
Black SHORT Sleeved Tshirt. Small or Large Logo
Size S - 4XL.



LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRT - Black \$22.00
Black LONG Sleeved Tshirt. Small or Large Logo Size S - 4XL. Black with white writing on right sleeve.



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Black reversable vest with Old Man Logo on both sides. 100% Polar Fleece inner, Polyester outer. Sizes Sml - 4XL



BANDANA - Black \$8.00
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NEW Beanie Stone & Khaki - \$14.50
Knitted with Ulysses Logo. One Size



CAP - Black with white piping \$12.00
Black Cap Heavy Brushed Cotton. One Size.



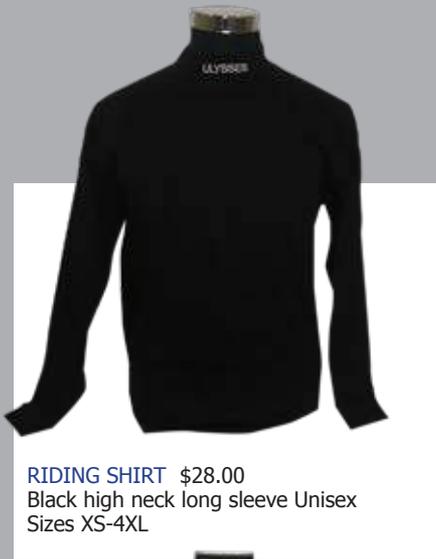
LADIES CAP - Black/Pink \$12.00
Black Cap with Pink Piping. Ulysses written in a slant across the front and "Life Begins at 40" in pink embroidery on back. One Size.

See Sizing chart for half chest measurement guide



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LADIES POLO SHIRT - Black Pink Piping \$25.00
Ladies V-Neck Polo Shirt Black With Pink Piping Cool Dry Polyester. Sizes 8 - 22



MENS POLO SHIRT - Black with Ash Panels \$32.00
Mens Black & Ash Polo Shirt Cool Dry Polyester Pocket On Left Chest. Sizes S - 4XL.

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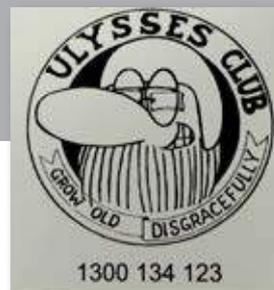
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LAPEL BADGE - Gold or Silver \$8.00
Badge Lapel - Silver for ages 40 - 49 and
Gold for age 50+



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with Old Man Logo on each ear. One Size



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70mm x 70mm
White background with Old Man
Logo and National Phone Number



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Old Man Logo sticker for attaching to
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Leather Hat with Old Man Logo.
Folds up to carry in your pannier.
Limited sizes available
Black - S, L, XL, 2XL
Brown - S, M, 2XL



BUCKET HAT \$14.00
Black Bucket hat and Old Man Logo.
Size S (56cm), M(58cm) L(60cm)



NECK WRAPS- Black \$16.00.
With Old Man Logo
At front. One Size.

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 390mm \$15.00



PATCH ROUND CANVAS - Black \$20.00
 Back Patch Round. 25cm.



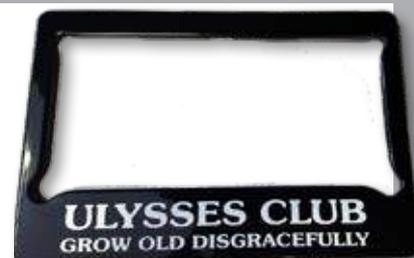
PATCH REFLECTIVE \$20.00
 Back Patch. Round Reflective. 25cm.



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 Frame size is 185mm wide x 125mm high. Suits plate size 180mm wide x 100mm high Easy to attach, this shiny chrome coloured plate cover is a must for all proud Ulysses Club members

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Number Plate Frame-Plastic/Black. The 'Grow Old Disgracefully' banner is displayed at the bottom (As per NSW, ACT, QLD, TAS. RTA plate measurements). 185mm wide x 100mm high (Reg size as per NSW,ACT,QLD,TAS. RTA plate measurements). 185mm wide x 100mm high.



FLAGS - Designed for decoration only
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 Small flag. 720mm x 390mm \$13.00
 Large flag. 1800mm x 900mm \$50.00



PLATE FRAME TRAILER / CAR \$10.00
 Number Plate Frame - Car & Car Trailer - Black Plastic. The 'Grow Old Disgracefully' banner is displayed at the top. 375mm wide x 135mm high.

SIZING CHART BASED ON HALF CHEST MEASUREMENT (cm)

LADIES CLOTHING (cm)										
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	63.5	66	68.5		74.5	
Rugby Top		57.5	60	62.5	65	67.5				
Hi-Vis Vest				65	68	71	74	77	80	

MEMBERS MEASURING UP

If you are ordering an AGM Event shirt (or a Ulysses Club shirt at any time), knowing how to measure yourself up can be a problem.

Help is at hand – this is the method recommended by our supplier.

Choose your your favourite and best fitting shirt of the same style.

Lay it out flat, smoothing it with your hands without stretching it.

Measure across from the under arm to the opposite under arm. This measurement in centimetres is the shirt size.



**#789 Edward John "Ted" Smith
9/2/1939 – 22/2/2018**

Ted began his journey as a Ulyssian as soon as he turned 40 years old. That journey continued until two years ago when he could no longer manage, due to dementia, which forced him into care.

Motorcycling was a massive passion for Ted and he attended many Ulysses AGMs with his mates and his wife Meg. Ted and his mate of over 60 years, Bill Teale, were the driving force behind forming the Cootamundra branch of the Ulysses Club. That opened the door for us to conduct the Toy Run with the Salvation Army, Ted coordinated the event from its inception until the last few years.

I had a long association with Ted, first on dirt bikes when we raced on various tracks in the Riverina/Wagga area. When we graduated onto road bikes, rallies all over the State and beyond were the priority in the 80s for us. There were many rallies in those days, most in beautiful locations that were remote and challenging to reach.

Ted had motorcycles for as long as I can recall, his brand of choice was BMW. He was proud of the fact that other owners of "Beemers" would seek his talent as a tuner.

He carried the distinctive number plate, ES- 01, that led many rides he organised after his retirement. Always the gentleman, Ted was held in high regard amongst his many friends. Ted loved the social life that rallies and Ulysses events offered, he made friends and mingled with people freely wherever he went.

He was a great family man, kind and generous with his talent as a motor mechanic, loved life in general, loved to dance and socialise, and loved his extended family. He will be sadly missed by all who he made contact with. I hope this helps him on his journey;

Let the roads wander
And the days be long
Into the yonder
Like an endless song
May each trip be special
And enjoy every mile
Settle deep in the saddle
And always wear a smile
The bends seem endless
And the skies are clear
It's days like these
That you're glad you are here
Caress every moment
And take in the view
Life's little highway
Is out there for you.

**Ride on Ted, Ride on.
Mark Loiterton #8052**



**#9605 Peter
Anthony De
Graves**

**30/06/1936 –
18/04/2018**

Peter passed away in the Alfred Hospital in Melbourne after a brief illness.

A passionate lifelong motorcyclist, he was just a few days old when he had his first motorbike experience – with his parents in a sidecar being taken home from Dandenong Hospital.

He began riding at the age of 13. He raced scramble bikes competitively with the Dandenong Motorcycle Club and continued to race for the club for over 20 years. He was made a Life Member of the Dandenong Motorcycle Club, as his father Robert De Graves was before him.

Peter continued to ride various road bikes for pleasure and attended many events around Victoria, he was delighted when MotoGP came to Phillip Island, where he had retired.

A 23 year member of the Ulysses Club (Shearwaters Branch, Victoria), he also joined the Adventure Riders SIG and discovered a love of outback touring on his Cagiva, undertaking rides to Arkaroola 2006, Winton 2007 and Tibooburra 2009. He celebrated his 70th birthday at the very remote Anna Creek Hotel and was thrilled to walk in after a long day's ride to be greeted by the whole establishment calling out best wishes.

He became a member of the Ciao Joe Delinquents, a group of riders he was introduced to through Ulysses, meeting for coffee every Saturday at café Ciao Joes in Cowes, Phillip Island. He loved planning rides and was known for his extensive knowledge of local roads. He took his wife of 50 years, Rosemary, out for one of his last rides on his Honda late last year.

Peter loved being a part of the Ulysses Club and enjoyed the privilege of growing old disgracefully with you all. Our family is very grateful to the Ulysses Club for providing Peter with so many years of comradeship and excellent adventures.

Melissa & Paul De Graves



**Mike Shipton #16465
28/09/1936—14/05/18**

It is with deep regret that I report that MICHAEL SHIPTON passed away recently. He was 81 and was a decent, fun-loving bloke.

Those of us who knew Mike as a Ulyssian will remember his wicked sense of humour. One thing that stands out in my mind, with a smile, is when he shaved off one side of his moustache and beard.

He used to delight in doing odd things like this, especially at work. At his request, I sewed red love hearts and teddy bears onto his work overalls. He copped heaps of ribbing but he loved it.

Mike was born in England and came to Oz as a child. He first lived in Pakenham, Victoria. His Late brother stayed in Pakenham but Mike, with his family moved to WA in 1969, with his parents moving here later in 1980. Mike first rode a motorbike when he was 16. As often happens, when the children come along, he gave up bikes for a while before buying a Honda CV125 which he rode to the mid-1980s. In 1983, he saw Alf Bridle's notice in the paper of a meeting to start a Ulysses Branch in Perth, but he wasn't able to attend.

I met Mike in 1993 soon after he was widowed. A few months later, he joined the Ulysses Club on the 10th Anniversary of Perth Branch, and then bought a BMW 1100LT. That's when I learnt to ride pillion. "Either you learn to ride or you walk!" I was told.

We attended rides every Sunday and our first weekend away was to Mt Magnet. Mike often rode his bike to work because he enjoyed being back on two wheels. Other bikes he had were a BMW 1150GS (I wasn't comfortable on this so he traded it for a BMW 1200RT and then a V-Strom 1000 which he kept riding until he was 75. Mike worked for 5 years after the usual retiring age of 65, because the Government gave him a financial incentive. He regretted this because it was too physically demanding as a metal worker at that age. Apart from motorbikes, Mike's great love was ballroom dancing and I hear he progressed to dancing 7 nights a week. Deepest sympathy to his children, Alan, Catherine and Ian, their spouses and his 4 grandchildren. He will be sadly missed.

Dot Camerer #23934 with help from Ian Shipton.

**Alex Pogorzelski; "Pogo"
#17741**

6/03/1941 - 26/12/2016

Alex was born in Winnenden, Germany. He and his family arrived in Australia in August, 1950 in a program to resettle "displaced persons" after World War 2.



Alex was not just a member of our Club, he was a cornerstone, and one of the most respected and loved members in our group. Alex joined the Club in 1999 around the same time the Cairns Branch hosted the Annual General Meeting.

This was attended by a large number of Ulyssians from all over Australia and Alex was smitten by the social aspect of the Club. He became our quartermaster and has been on committee as long as anyone can remember.

His helpful nature was such that if anyone had mechanical problems Alex would say "Bring it around and we'll have a look at it." This involved tearing things apart, which was never a problem. The trouble mostly began when putting it back together.

To call Alex's smile a cheeky grin was a gross understatement. When you got that smile in full beam you would start to get a bit nervous, an immediate check of your surroundings became a matter of some urgency.

The other side of the coin was the shrug; If you got the shrug you knew you were heading down the wrong path. If you got the shrug and the head shake, you were on that path with a burning wagon full of straw.

Alex's Australia-wide network was renowned, it did not matter where you rode in the country Alex knew someone.

On those travels it was noted that Alex was extremely frugal with shopping and other matters. On a long stretch of highway in the NT it was noticed he was spending a lot of time on the wrong side of the road. When queried on this his reply was, evening up road camber wear on the side of his tyres. It is reported that several others joined him riding on the wrong side.

To summarise a character as big as Alex is a job for a novelist. He will be sorely missed by us all and has taken with him a chunk of the Club's soul.

To finish with those words he used fairly frequently; I taught you everything I know and you still know nothing.

Rest In Peace, Mate

Cairns Branch - Wayne Engler.



Peter Welson #25977

19/01/1951 - 15/04/2018

Peter Welson, who was born in New Zealand, passed away peacefully after a short battle with Leukaemia, with his wife Di by his side. My wife Chris and I first met Pete in the early stages of the formation of the Yarra Ranges Branch where Pete was a regular at the Saturday breakfast meetings. You only had to meet him for a few minutes and you would think he had known you forever. He was well liked and respected by everyone. Pete would never pass up the opportunity to go up to the ladies and greet them with a big hug and his big bushy beard snuggled into the neck.

At the monthly social meetings, you could bet on Pete winning not one but several raffle prizes. Other members would sit with him hoping some of his luck would rub off.

Attending AGM's and Rallies was his favourite time, surrounded by other club members in their tents and campers. His camper was like a home away from home. He made different bits and pieces and added them to his original camper – as he said – a bit like a Sarah Lee cake "layer upon layer".

Early in Pete's time with the Ulysses Club, he Rode with the Melbourne Branch and participated in the annual Very Special Kid's day (VSK) at Cardinia Dam. Unfortunately Pete and Di had a very serious accident as a result of which both were hospitalised for weeks, including several operations and months of rehab.

Due to Pete's injuries and ongoing discomfort, he was unable to ride any great length of time. This didn't dampen his spirit or stop him joining in with all social activities. There was always a big smile regardless of the pain he was in and always ready for a cuddle with the girls.

Eventually he retired from his work as a professional house painter and enjoyed working around the garden at their Mooroolbark home and tinkering with his bike and camper.

We recall one Saturday morning, this big orange trike came rolling into the car park at the Brunch Café, our meeting place, and there he was behind the wheel of this great monstrosity, a big smile on Pete's face, grinning from ear to ear. Then it was

like bees around the honey pot, everyone descending on to the trike, admiring this machine with Pete sitting there proud as punch.

As time went by, Pete and Di made the big decision to move to Hervey Bay, Queensland, for their health. The decision was not made lightly, having to leave all their friends at Yarra Ranges, their son Peter and his wife Elissa in Melbourne. Whenever they came to Melbourne for a visit to see their son, they always had time to catch up with us on Saturday mornings.

Pete put up a brave and heroic fight with ongoing trips from Hervey Bay to Brisbane Hospital for tests and follow up visits. For Pete these trips were like going to hell and back, fighting this insidious disease. Pete never gave up, but in the end, nothing more could be done. He gave it his best shot.

Garry Wood #8676



Sean Harvey (Big Sean) #47017

14/02/1966 - 30/01/2018

It is with great sorrow that I need to inform members of the passing of Sean Harvey known to many as Big Sean. Sean died at the age of 51. Sean had an infectious smile and always offered a welcoming hand shake for all, he had a heart the size of a mountain. A regular attendee to both the Adelaide and Torrens Valley meetings. Sean had many skills utilised by branch members. He was a capable leather worker with industrial sewing machines. Repairing boots, jackets and recovering bike seats with amazing results. He was also a capable engineer making bike to trike conversions and bike trailers, he even tinkered with 3D printing, there was little that he couldn't do. Sean leaves behind his wife Marilyn and 3 children and will be missed by all that knew him. RIP my friend.

Guy Malpass #10680



#50558 Don "Hacker" Hadley

28/05/1948 – 13/02/2018

See you later Mate, you are missed by many. We will miss your happy go lucky and the "she'll be right mate" attitude and especially your "Giddaayyyy".

Hacker was a friendly and happy bloke, always willing to help anyone that was in need.

Sadly, Hacker lost his battle to cancer at home with his family, after fighting it for some time, he is now out of pain and at rest and riding forever, proud and free.

Hacker was a very active member of the Glasshouse Mountains Branch; Helping out every year with our Valley Rally. Taking over from Drums as Ride Leader and doing this for several years until his health got the better of him. Organising our yearly Poker Run and weekly rides. He and his Harley were well known but he did have a bit of a reputation for U-turns, but he always gave us a laugh and enjoyable rides.

Hacker leaves behind his 93 yr mother, his sister Lyn, Daughter Naomi, Son Colin, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. And many, many friends.

Catch ya later Hacker
On behalf of everyone at Glasshouse Mountains Branch

Cliff Gadsby #55776



Tim Parke #62928

3/8/1948 to 4/8/2017

August 4th 2017 marked the end of the road for my husband and riding buddy Tim. We have knocked up a few k's together in such a short time. Our first AGM was Alice Springs. Wodonga and Tassie followed. Unfortunately at the time of Port Macquarie he was not well. His very last run was to The Gulf just twelve days before he died. Not bad for a fella who was trying to out run the raging cancer wearing him down. I think he done good. Very much missed especially when out on the highway and I look for his bike and damn it, it's just not there anymore. A special thanks to our riding group here in Townsville, my Ulysses family. Everyone has been so kind and caring and watching out for me in my sorrow. I am so grateful and appreciate them all.

Kerry Parke #62927



2005 OZ TRIKE

Recently de-registered but six months licence to new owner. It is powered by a 1600cc VW engine. It comes equipped with a Starcom communication system and Garmin Zumo GPS. With stainless steel running bars, tow bar and driving lights, it has done only 52,000 kms. Regularly serviced and always garaged., it is located at Quaama NSW.

Asking only \$25000 ONO for this outstanding machine.

Murray Gibbs #61412

2008 YAMAHA 1300A,

only 40.000 kms, Jan 19 rego.

Excellent tyres front and rear (Michelin Pilot Road 4)

Near new brakes (sintered pads, plus a full new set spare, value \$195).

Forks serviced 3500 kms ago. Brand new battery.

Comfortable gel seat. (very small split as shown in pics) Boot guards. Hand guards.

Heated hand grips. Custom carbon fiber tank protector. After market top box.

Trickle charger with permanent plug in. LED driving lights.

Bike is located at Clovelly NSW, come and have a look, you will not be disappointed.

Happy to send as many pictures as you like.

Asking \$7000.

Barry #67365. (m) 0417248915 blbaker@bigpond.net.au



FOR SALE

2003 Goldwing 1800cc Oz Trike, 45,858 kms.

Excellent condition. CD stacker, tow bar, heater, numerous accessories asking \$39,000 neg. 0459061054



2010 KAWASAKI VULCAN 900 CLASSIC CRUISER.

This bike while 8 years old has travelled only 4675 kilometres. It is fitted with a windshield, saddle bags, sissy bar, sports exhaust and comes with 12 months registration. Also includes unused standard exhaust.

Located in Mittagong, NSW, the bike is in excellent condition and is a reluctant sale at \$7800. I will even negotiate!

Contact John Dayball #58704
Ph. 0412806202
Email. jgdayball@hinet.net.au

2002 SHADOW TRAILER

Good condition, near new tyres.

It has had little use, and always kept garaged.

Located at Ashmore, Gold Coast Queensland

Registered to June 2018

Price is \$1500 firm

Contact Barry 0438147244

Email bazza.d@hotmail.com



Members Classifieds

FOR SALE

Full set of Hepco and Becker (quality German made) panniers and top-case to fit Yamaha V-Star.

All waterproof, lockable and easily turn key removeable, includes all the brackets required (chrome finished) plus full set of original keys.

Top case includes a lid railing for more luggage space and a sissy bar.

Located at Clovelly NSW, total new value \$2008. Selling for just \$600

Contact me for more pictures or information.

Barry #67365 (m)0417248915 blbaker@bigpond.net.au



2015 DETOUR CAMPER TRAILER

Excellent condition inside & out. Queen mattress, electric brakes, 10" alloy wheels, 360 degree swivel hitch. 2.3m x 1.3 x 1.0m. Plus 2.4m annexe Canvas: 12oz roof, 10oz walls. Tare 190kg, Gross 300kg Located Goondiwindi, Qld. Call Ken Baker #40070 on 0417 535 019 \$5000 negotiable.

2016 YAMAHA BOLT XVS950 CUE



Purchased 30/12/2016, has just 5000km on the dial. New price \$13,000, will sell for \$9000 Registered for 12 months. 1X-9XZ with Roadworthy Certificate. One female owner from new, handles really well. Always garaged. Located at Leopold, Victoria Please contact or leave a message if interested - 0408 599 578 Patricia #35712

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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

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

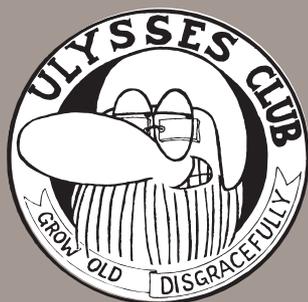
These badges are complimentary upon individual application and subject to confirmation of records held.

Club Constitution

Download a copy of the Club's Constitution from the footer of the National Website 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.ulyssesclub.org

ACT BRANCHES

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