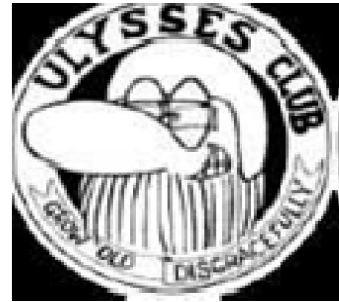




IPSWICH BRANCH



NEWSLETTER #2



**2013 Steering Committee
at our first meeting 14 Nov 2013**

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ADO'S AIR SPRAY

Well, things are starting to move right along quite nicely and the branch is starting to find it's little baby feet. But just like a when the baby is getting bored with travelling on it's knees, we now have 14 protective adults standing around with hands up ready to encourage bigger and better steps as it progresses. Your steering committee has met, many items went up for discussion. The branch now has interim positions President (Ado) Webmaster (Kon), Secretary/Newsletter (Amanda), Treasurer (Paula), Ride coordinator (Lindsay) and his assistants Julz, Eric, Wayne, Regalia Officers (Karen and Elaine) Welfare Officer (Christine) and the other helpers who haven't been given specific jobs as yet (Tracy and Bruce) who are all keen to get this branch up and running.

Speaking of up and running, I have the honour of announcing the branch won it's first branch trophy on the weekend for the best group attendance at the Mt Lindesay Toy Run. Also Jaffa and Cyclone won the best dressed bike on the day so it was 2 out of 3 for the new Ipswich Branch. Please keep next Sunday in mind when we will be attending the Ipswich Annual Toy Run run by the Lockyer Branch. As the Coordinator of this ride for the past 5 years and like many of the others in the Ipswich Branch, we are looking forward to just being part of the ride and not have the responsibility of working behind the scenes. Maybe we will be able to do a little more socialising this year instead of being needed in more than 2 places at one time. We wish the Lockyer Branch and the Toy Run Committee every success and hope that the ride comes up to their expectation on the day.



If you are interested in riding as a member of the Ipswich Branch on the Toy Run then we will be leaving Maccas Yamanto car park at 8 am and heading over to Brassall. This will allow us to ride as a united group in the ride itself. For those who have their green interim branch shirts wear them with pride.

The steering committee will be discussing shirt designs and logos at our next meeting so get your ideas in this month. Also I would like to know if you members would prefer to buy off the rack shirts (some of which are very nice) or do you prefer to have a shirt which has been designed especially for our branch (which would give us originality). The difference is the off the rack shirt will be between \$25-\$35 but if we decide to get custom made then we could be looking at maybe up to \$50. Something for us all to ponder on and I relish the feedback from each and every one of you. If you have ANY questions please take your concerns to any of the steering committee and we will bring them up for discussion at the next meeting. If however you are a littler shy, then just pop your concerns into the book with the trike on the front. If it is simply a suggestion it will be discussed freely but if however you have a major complaint which you need resolved, then it will require a name for us to give feedback. Unfortunately if you want to blow someone out of the water then you will need to acknowledge who is loading the gun.

Kon and I met with Glen who is the owner of the Karalee Tavern and we had a good heart to heart with him where we raised our concerns about how we would like to be accommodated during the information nights. If you go onto the web you will see the results of our efforts. The main things we were looking for were: quicker service for the meals and drinks; the room to be reserved and exclusive for our use from right of the front door towards the children's area; the children's play area to be shut down between 7pm and 8pm so we can give out the information without fighting for noise space. There are some things that will take a while to implement but hopefully we are all heading down the path that will lead to good things for both our branch and the Karalee Tavern. Just takes a little compromise on both parties.

The BBQ trailer bought on behalf of Ipswich Branch off the Lockyer Branch has been delivered to Phil Jackson's home. Unfortunately the Lockyer Committee have decided to withhold the swivel hitch which we were positive was a significant part of the trailer and have demanded another \$130 extra for them to throw it in as part of the deal. While I was President of Lockyer, I was the main instigator of getting "Grasshopper's trailer up and running so we did not have to visit hotels or diners every time we went on a ride. When the trailer was first delivered by Lloyd Winters, it had a solid hitch on it and after discussion with the Lockyer Committee it was decided that we would buy a swivel hitch from J.T. Thomas and Sons and Eric Hansen was paid to install the swivel hitch. This was to allow us to tow the trailer behind a bike, just like Grasshopper and the then Lockyer Committee had intended it to be used. Phil Jackson spoke to President of the Lockyer Committee on Sunday 1st December and he advised Phil that the Webmaster of Lockyer Branch wanted to buy the hitch so it would cost us another \$130 if we wanted it to be included with the trailer. After discussing this with Phil, we decided not to indulge in any tit for tat with Lockyer and not buy the swivel hitch back off them. This is because the branch has secured it's first sponsor and I am proud to announce that Lisa and Sean have put their hands up to buy a swivel hitch and pay the first year's registration of the trailer. Their Business Name will now be displayed on the trailer for all to see. We have just been waiting for an answer from the Lockyer Secretary on our query, which went to their committee meeting on Monday 25th November, but as this rant goes to print, we have not had any official reply from them. This trailer will become part of the Ipswich Branch Folklore and we hope to use it in the not too distant future.

A huge thankyou to our Welfare Officer Dolly for organising the t-shirts for us to wear at our upcoming engagements. I love the colour and some of us wore them to the Mt Lindesay Toy Run with great success. Over the course of our competitions with other branches, EG: Lawn Bowls comps, shoeless golf games, Trivia Nights, I see us showing our true colours to the other branches. The saying is 'Wear it with Pride' If you have ordered a shirt then you will need to pay your \$10 and pick it up off Dolly pronto if you are going to wear it to the Toy Run on Sunday. \$10 is such a small price to pay for us to look like a band of merry men and women.

The steering committee is anxious to finalise the logo and shirts so please get any of your remaining designs in as soon as possible. We hope to have an answer back to the members by early next year. Please don't be too disappointed if your design is not selected as there are so many very good entries already put forward and I anticipate a couple of more tonight. We haven't worked out the nitty gritty of how we will come up with the final winning designs but we must be aware that these are going to make history. These designs will be the stand out to all who come in contact with us and our branch and that the decision is not going to be taken lightly.

The winner of the Out and About with Ado was the Silver Fox who I must say is helped by his position at his place of vocation. Even though he is driving around Ipswich he must have kept his eye out because some of them I considered not easy to find. Well done mate and for the rest of you maybe it's time for you to check out what is on our website and how it can help you navigate through the Ipswich Branch and our going-ons.

The Ipswich Branch has been invited to be part of the Sth East Qld Presidents Meeting in February next year. We will be listening with interest at the date claimers of the other branches and to make sure that ours are noted in their black books as well. I get on really well with nearly all of the leaders of the local and not so local branches so I do not consider it a chore, but love to engage with these people. I hope to bring back lots of new information to share with the steering committee and the branch which will allow us to participate in other Branch activities.

I don't want to cut into Lindsay's thunder but would just like to say that he and his band are going to discuss ride etiquette and ratings, which the steering committee is hoping to put into place. It is about respecting the riders around you and keeping everyone safe for the entire journey. If you know what the ride entails then you will be able to make an informed decision on whether or not that particular ride is for you. Not all rides are going to suit every rider with the lower the rating the harder the ride. Lindsay and his committee will give more information

out when they have it to give. As with most things, it will go to the steering committee or the full committee we have next year for ratification before becoming totally open to all.

The Ipswich Branch AGM will most likely be set for 7th March 2014 after the March Information Night. Nomination forms will be available from the January Meeting, with the nominations closing during the February meeting. If you are keen to come on the committee, please look at the National Constitution and associated documents and Members Handbook. I am also always available if you wish to ask me anything or have any queries on branch business and would welcome your input. I can be found on e-mails, mobile ph almost anytime. The down side to being on the Ipswich Ulysses Branch Committee, is that if you nominate and are elected to a position, then my personal opinion is that I believe you are making a commitment to be a representative of the Ipswich Branch in the eyes of members in our community and other Ulysses Club branches. Although there is no reason for you not to enjoy riding with other groups I feel that the reason you have put up your hand to be part of the Ipswich Branch Committee is that you are willing to put the welfare of Ipswich Branch ahead of other branches affairs. It is a matter of pride in our branch, wearing our branch shirt and what it represents. If you find you cannot put the Ipswich Branch first in your Ulysses priorities then maybe you should allow a member who is willing to do this the opportunity to represent your branch.

One last rant for the month: Please remember that we are only a fledgling branch. Sure there are going to be teething problems. I see that we are still going to have teething problems in 2 –3 years time. The way around the obstacles is to take them face on and know what we have in front of us. If you have a problem and keep it to yourself, then it will never see the light of day and can never even begin to get fixed. If you decide to complain to your friend or neighbour instead of the right channels then it only breeds animosity because “those in the know” should have known. Unless it is brought to the attention of those who can do something about it then it won’t be done and everyone ends up going home disappointed. You, for not having your problem resolved and the committee for not being given the opportunity to set things right. It’s all about being transparent and honest in our dealings.

This is going to be one hell of a branch, you have a choice to stand by and watch it go past, get onto the coach and ride it out, or get on the horse and control where we are going. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All.



IpswichBranchChristmasGet-To-Gether

Merry Christmas everyone!! Join us for our Christmas Party. Wear your Christmas gear, hat etc, and bring along your table decoration, be it a musical toy or something you would like to show off to everyone. Meals to be purchased by members (Menu is very reasonable with prices from \$13). It’s going to be a great night, with loads of conversation, laughter & music.

When **Friday, 20th December 2013** Time: **6pm to 10 pm**
Venue: **Wild Poppy Café , 37 Warwick Road, Ipswich**
BYO: **Drinks**(corkage may be charged)Coffee Tea Soft drinks available for purchase
RSVP: **Amanda via Ipswich Branch Website.**



Threads for the web



Website or Web site:

A set of interconnected webpages, usually including a homepage, generally located on the same server, and prepared and maintained as a collection of information by a person, group, or organization.

Where would we be without the internet today, all the information we need at our fingertips. But of course the content on the web is changing all the time, being updated by the webmasters and their helpers.

And helpers they need, as updates have to occur all the time if we want the latest and correct info. This means "**you**" dear members of the Ipswich Branch of the Ulysses Club.

So if you come across anything that we as bike riders and social animals could be interested in, please let your friendly webmaster know. This includes pointing out any mistakes he or she may have made in the daily upkeep of the website; can't imagine there being any, but you never know.

The website of Ipswich Branch is a work in progress, as you can see from the changes occurring periodically, so if you think of anything that might find a place on it, or that you think should be on it, let me know.

I am at this stage in contact with the web person from the Ulysses Club site, so that we will soon have a presence on that site as well, mostly to advertise our club rides and events, but it will make it easier for a newcomer to find our branch if they reside in our area.

So in closing, I would like to implore you to keep an eye on the site, as any changes which happen, especially with the rides and events, will be advised on it.

Howza (webmaster)
<http://www.ipswichulysses.com/>

From the provisional Welfare Officers Desk



Hello all. As the temp welfare officer I wish to let you all know that you can ring or email me for a chat, shopping spree or just a cuppa ..

It goes without saying that whatever is discussed is in total confidence.. Christine aka Dolly.

Email: ctmwalt@yahoo.com.au Mobile: 0468 366 278

Ride Calendar

DATE	DESTINATION	DETAILS	LEVEL & RIDE LEADER
Friday 6/12/2013	Ipswich Branch Information Night	7pm at Karalee Tavern	
Sunday 8/12/2013	Lockyer Ulysses Toy Run	Leaving from Yamanto Shopping Centre 8am to Brassall Shopping Centre. Cost free to ride or \$20 for Breakfast, patch or pin & water also entry to the perpetual draw.	Level 3 Ride Ado Ride Leader
15/12/2013	Mulgowie	Start from Yamanto 9am. Around 180 km Nice steady ride around the valley for long lunch at Mulgowie Pub.	Level 3 ride. James "Windsucker"
20/12/2013	Wild Poppy Café, Warwick Rd Ipswich	Ipswich Branch Christmas Party See flyer for details	Bring your car/bike/taxi /carpool or get the kids to drop you off
Friday 3/1/2014	Ipswich Branch Information Night	7pm at Karalee Tavern	
5/1/2014	Cambooya Pub	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Cambooya Pub 300km	Level 2 Ride Leader Ado. More information at a later date.
26-27 Jan 14	Logan Ulysses Camping Weekend	Red Rock Holiday Park	Check out the Web for more info [Event/Ride of Interest]
Sunday 9/3/2014	SOCIAL: Ipswich Civic Centre	Glenn Shorrock and Brian Cadd in Concert. 6 pm Adult \$54.00, 00 Amanda has booked for 12 in the 3 rd & 4 th rows (already sold)	Ring the Civic Centre if want to come along or Book online http://www.ipswichciviccentre.com.au/



Lindsay's Outlook

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Hello to all. Just a reminder our rides are on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Summer we leave at 8.00am or at the ride leaders preference. Rides usually depart from Yamanto Shopping Village opposite McDonalds or from Karalee Shopping Centre. Please check the Ride calendar, as it is updated regularly. If you have given Kon your email address, he sends out a reminder of the up and coming rides and any changes, a few days in advance.

I am looking for ride leaders and ride destinations. I can help with the details if you're not sure how to go about it or we could do one together if this suits. Come and see me after the meeting or you can contact me via email or phone.

3rd November 2013 - Urbenville NSW Ride. We left with about 24 people, lost a few at Beaudesert but gained four at Urbenville. I thought it was a great day. Make sure you check out the Website for Ride Reports and our Calendar on upcoming rides.

RIDE REPORTS

NANANGO RIDE Sunday 17 November 2013 By Julz

Six brave souls, including myself, met at Karalee shops at 8am in the wild and woolly weather for a ride to Nanango. Being the token female today, somehow that turned into me doing my first ever ride report, so here goes!



First of all, the wild and woolly weather turned out to be overcast, cool, mild and great riding weather. Because of the risk of rain, and such a small number in our group, we all agreed to ride to Yarraman, instead of Nanango, so off we set with Lindsay as our fearless ride leader. Followed by (in no particular order!) Spook, Wayne, myself, the silver fox and Ado bringing up the rear.

From Karalee we went through Fernvale, turned up to Mt Glorious, then continued around the Somerset region with spectacular views, until we reached Kilcoy. A stopover in Kilcoy for some low fat food at the local bakery (who knew that sausage rolls, cream buns and pies were low fat??)! It appeared that most of the boys knew someone else who was at Kilcoy too, whether they be on a bike or in a campervan, everybody was catching up with old mates, so it seemed!

From Kilcoy we rode on to Yarraman, where the local pub was not quite serving lunches as yet. But a friendly cafe came up with some awesome hot dogs, burgers, coffees and a comfy place to sit and rest for a chat for close to an hour. Then we headed off homebound, towards Esk, where the skies became dark and ominous, but the rain-gods were on our side and as I type this it is just starting to thunder above! Just before Esk, Lindsay lost a speedo cable over a pretty big bump in the road but he used his enviable skills of topography, geography, weather forecasting, mathematics and wind sheer knowledge to guide us home safely. Plus he had his GPS.

All home safe and sound not long after 2pm. Thanks for a great ride everyone, only my second with Ulysses, but the second of many many more to come!

Cheers, Julz

WANTED RIDE LEADERS

**No experience necessary
All on the job training provided!
Get advice from seasoned professionals
Able to accept direction when geographically embarrassed
Able to do uturns in a single bound—more than one is acceptable
Able to direct those behind you and to occasionally lose a few riders
A feeling of accomplishment is guaranteed**



URBENVILLE 3 November 2013

By Erik "Lumberjack"



I was looking forward to the Urbenville ride for several reasons. Firstly: It was the first ride on my "brand new" 3 months old Rocket III as I just received Thursday afternoon. Secondly: With Lindsay as ride leader, I knew that the pace would be at a decent speed (having noticed how he always overtakes us on other rides). We met up at Yamanto shopping centre car park and there were some girls from Queensland Times interviewing some of us and taking pics. We took off a little later than planned as the girls from QT. wouldn't let us go. I think they liked us.

First we went through a lot of roadwork including bits of gravel road. Finally we arrived in Beaudesert for morning coffee. There were hundreds of motorcycles parked all around us and also a lot of classics cars were driving past us as we enjoyed our coffee / junk food or whatever people decided to buy. It was time to get on the bike again and next stop was Rathdowney where we could get rid of the second hand coffee we just drank earlier. There were also a lot of bikes there. Another group arrived a few seconds after us (I think that was the Mt. Lindsay Ulysses branch)

After finished pee break, we took off for the fun part of the trip. 25 km. of twisties. We were held back a little bit by other riders, but the pace was ok. I suppose that I should not ride too hard before I got to know my new bike. After a short fuel stop 13 km before Urbenville we continued on a very bumpy road. When we arrived at the hotel, we were met by Steve and Andrew from Stanthorpe. Nice to see them again. The staff at the hotel was very good to us and the tucker I had was also good. Maybe we were a little impatient, waiting for the food, but it wasn't too bad as there were a lot of people to feed.

Time to go back, almost same way as we came. When we came near the twisties, I worked my way up behind Lindsay with only one other rider between me and Lindsay. Now it was time to test the new bike and Lindsay didn't disappoint me. We had a ball, wearing the sides of the tires. Anni didn't quite enjoy it that much. She asked me when those twisties were finished and I said: Soon, knowing that we were not even halfway through them.

When we arrived in Rathdowney, the rest of the bikes were not in sight so we waited for a while and had a drink. After a while, we got sick of waiting so we took off towards Boonah and I hoped that nobody came off their bikes in the twisties, but we didn't see other bikes on the way home. We took a detour into a petrol station before we went all the way home as the fuel gauge said: 30 km. to empty. As it turned out, there were still about 5 litres of fuel left, but being the first trip on that bike, I didn't know. That was the end of a perfect Sunday ride. Erik "Lumberjack" and Anni

Urbenville

By James "Windsucker" # 50255

About 25 bikes turned up for the run. Before we left the "QT" was there taking photos of us that will be going in the paper. Our ride leader for the day was Lindsay "Bounty-Hunter". After our brief we headed off to our first break at Beaudesert, on the way we encountered quite a few roadworks which some of the members whinged about "getting their bikes dirty". Get over it "Marco".

After smoko we were back on our bikes heading towards our destination. Unfortunately there was more roadworks more "whinging". The twisties were a challenge but everybody made it through unscathed. Lunch was great and the price was fair. The publican and the staff were absolutely great to us and treated us like kings and queens. After lunch we headed back home through the 'dreaded' twisties again. This time we went back through Maroon Dam and Boonah.

The ride went off like clockwork. I hope everybody had a good day, because I know I did. I thank the Ipswich branch very much and hope to have many rides with them in the future.

Don't Worry, be Happy "Windsucker"

Mount Lindesay Toy Run

Sun 1 December 2013 by Amanda

After a very wet Saturday, we checked the BOM site and were certain that the Mount Lindesay Toy Run would proceed and that we would get a good turnout from the members.

At 8 am we heard the familiar sound of Colin and Tanya's bike as it glided past our home (alright, it swiftly flew up the street). Within

five minutes they were back at our home, having had not only the wrong time, but the wrong ride destination, thinking they were off to a ride to Mulgowie. Never mind, more informed, they went home and joined Adrian and I at the Yamanto Shopping Centre, in their Christmas attire. 19 of us left for the ride, with a few different ride leaders taking the helm for the day. Ado was the pseudo ride leader, then Mick "Noddy", Tony and Karen "Squirrel and Hav-a-Chat", Noddy again.... And on leaving we had Jenny "Rizzo", Ado, Tony "Spook", Lindsay, then Ado finally got me home. [On the way home I jumped on the back of Noddy's BMW ... now that was an experience... so comfy. Thanks Noddy].

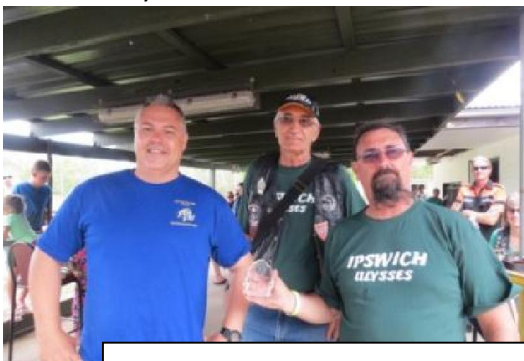


Back to the Toy Run. We arrived to good numbers already at Browns Plains and caught up with Ray and Jenny who quickly moved their bikes so they could ride with the Ipswich branch members in attendance. Luckily, we don't have a "Sheriff" at present, but that doesn't mean there won't be fines! Ado was seen pushing Rizzo up the carpark, because she didn't have her key handy, and Bazza was seen pushing Kermit, as his trusty steed wouldn't start. Unfortunately, I didn't have my camera in my hand.

Arm bands purchased, coffee and bbq breakfast consumed, and tickets obtained in the raffle. A quick debrief and time to head off. Very organised with the police in front and as tail end Charlie, until we got approximately 3 klms down the road, when we lost everyone. Around 50 of us were left stranded on the side of the road, luckily we knew that sooner or later the front group would be coming down this road, and we could join in with them. Thanks to Ray for knowing the route.

The rest of the ride was uneventful, but a lot of fun. The community are starting to realise that the Toy Run is on, and we get some waves and horn blowing from passers by. We all arrived safely at the end point, refuelled our bodies and had loads of time to catch up with others on the ride.

It was a day of Winning for our branch. Trophy for the Biggest Branch in attendance, Gail and Jim won the best dressed bike Trophy and we gained 3 potential new Ipswich branch members who met with Ado and, fingers crossed, they will attend our next information night. Thanks to Mount Lindesay for a great ride, we will certainly be there in 2014 with the 1st Sunday in December pencilled in in our Ride Calendar.



**Ado & Kon with our
Biggest Branch Trophy**



**Jim "Jaffa" and Gail
"Cyclone" with their Trophy**

Member Profile

Bob Dixon Ulysses no: 63410 – Silver Fox



Wife:	Gayle
Occupation:	Blue Ribbon Motor's Bus Driver
Current Bike:	Honda Shadow 750c
Began riding	commuting to work years ago.
Toughest ride:	Getting my open licence.
Good at	cooking & basic trivia
Bad at	computers
Hobbies:	tinkering & making & repairing things.
Smartest thing I've done:	Learned & saw a lot of Australia in the 20 years in the RAAF
Best time of my life:	Living in Singapore with the RAAF & going for a ride in a Mirage Jet Fighter & breaking the sound barrier.
Advice to new riders:	Enjoy the company of the members; look, listen & learn plus safety at all times.

Newsletter Deadlines

To give enough time to put the Newsletter together I would need all contributions to be submitted the Sunday night before each monthly information night. Email through to pamenter@opusnet.com.au. Ride leaders are encouraged to write a report for their ride, however all members are welcome. Anything of interest to the members will be considered, however the name "Newsletter Editor" is just that, and I may need to 'edit' from time to time.

Amanda aka "Bling"

Disclaimer:

The committee feel compelled to include a disclaimer in this newsletter which states that : We take no responsibility for the content of this newsletter now, before or in the future. The content of this newsletter is largely written and/or submitted by the members at large, and where that content will fit it will be included where possible. However, We will endeavour to publish only that material deemed appropriate to this branch and if any offence has been given then it was not intentional and will be rectified where possible.