



Ipswich Ulysses

Newsletter #18 May 2015

Information nights are held on the first Friday of each month at
Karalee Tavern, 78 Junction Road Karalee.

Our information night starts at 7 pm – come along for dinner earlier if you like

Branch rides are held on the first and third of each month
with SOCIALS any time ... see website for details

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Ado's Air Spray May

Welcome to the May 2015 newsletter. There are some social events planned for the next couple of months which I hope some of you will come out of winter hibernation to attend.

The first item on my Air Spray is our current venue for the information nights. The Branch Committee met last Thursday and this subject was discussed at length. One of the main problems indicated to us was that the members had difficulty hearing the Committee persons speaking on the night. I must take the blame for this as I believed wrongly that the speakers used were charged and ready for use. Bad, Bad Ado. I will make sure that this doesn't happen again and will charge it before the meetings as well as bring spare batteries for the mics as well. Also it must be said we were holding the information night a week later than usual because of Good Friday falling on our regular night. The Tavern had pre booked a band well before we had to reschedule our branch get together. This band had a huge following and of course, where the fans meet, together they go hand in hand with food and drinks. Please also remember there was public complaints about the "disgraceful" noise we created during our branch AGM in March and I am not ready to give up my hooter and cheering voice yet. Glen the manager of the Tavern has sent through his bookings for the next month to make sure we don't coincide with any of his plans. Problem solved.

The next item was that the public is using the toilet while we are still in the meeting room. Unfortunately this will always be a problem while we are sharing space with the public on a Friday night. One of the proposed solutions is to change the information night to a week night that is not so popular with the patrons and that way the number of public using the venue at the same time is lowered. For those who are looking for the branch to be relocated, I wish to point out that we are governed by our National Body and any moves in that direction will need their approval. In saying that, I still believe that our branch is in a very good position at the present time. We are in regular contact with the Tavern owners who are working with us to clear up any minor problems so we can exist together in harmony. We will make sure that the kids room continues to be closed during our meeting time.

The Anzac Dawn service held at Bundamba was very well supported with Mayor Paul Pisasale reporting 3 thousand attendees. I have no reason to doubt that number. Amanda and I and our daughter Sponge stood at our usual spot and watched in interest as the numbers kept arriving. We were joined by quite a few Ipswich Ulyssians who celebrated our nations bravery in times of strife. It is only by their actions that allow us to have the freedom to ride our cycles, talk and act democratically, and to enjoy the life we are sometimes too quick to forget. The service was again very thought provoking and this year we had the added honour of seeing our branch members Ken Lowry and Bob Dixon lay a wreath on behalf of the branch. After the service we regrouped at the Queens Park for a branch breakfast. 30 plus members and their families enjoyed at least 90 minutes of stories, both short and tall before going our separate ways. The day turned out exactly how I had hoped. A big thank you to those who chipped in to either set up or cook the brekkie to make it so much easier for the rest of us. I know there were others who would have liked to help but we were lost for room. Once again , thank you for all those who turned up and made it such a memory for me.

There have been members out and about visiting other branches to advertise the DV Ride. I have been accompanied by Kon , Chris Windsucker and Amanda on rides to Mt Lindesay and Brisbane Branches. I know that Smurf, Daffy and Marita have visited other different branches as well to spread the word about the DV Ride. Can I urge others to visit branches as well, I know it is starting to get chilly at nights but it is such a warm experience to meet up with other Ulyssians in their venues. I find it interesting to see how other branches operate and the friendliness we have been shown is nothing but heart warming. We are having a visit ourselves by some of the Brisbane and Redlands branches so I hope when they arrive, we give them as warm a welcome as we have received from the other branches.

I wish to give a very special thank you to Councilor Heather Morrow who stood at the photocopier to personally make sure our newsletters were printed for the last information night. Unfortunately circumstances found that they were not printed and so Councilor Morrow stayed behind at her office to get them done for the night.

The Domestic and Family Awareness ride is on this Sunday. To make sure it is a success, it will require many hands working on the day. There is many places needing your hands and I would hope that our members will assist where they are required. We are manning a sno cone and fairy floss stand as well as a stand to educate the public on the Ulysses Club itself. We will be calling for parking officials to get all the bikes expected parked safely. I would like to make special mention of the hard work that the sub committee has put into this event. Rain, Hail ,Sunshine and Lollypops the event is going ahead and it is the dedication of these 16 members who have worked tirelessly to ensure the day is a great success. Your chance to assist will come on Sunday.

The family Christmas in July is also coming up soon, Sunday 25 July. We have decided to hold it at Wivenhoe Dam and it is open to all our family members. We will need to get catering numbers at the next information night , so keep it in mind. If you have young or not so young grandchildren, sons, daughters etc then this is the day you can bring them along to show them off. We anticipate playing not so strenuous games and having lots of laughs. Maybe we can have a funniest story competition as well. More information to come very soon.

Don't forget we are entry number 44 in the famous Ipswich Lights ride THIS SATURDAY as well. It would be nice to have our bikes and logos on show to the people of Ipswich. This parade will be much bigger and fancier then the Christmas lights and it will give us a wonderful step up for the DV Ride the next day. It is events such as these that allow us to out forward the good name of the Ulysses Club in general. We have to be in Darling St by 5.15 pm. The information is on the website so hop on and get the times right and come and join in the festivities or check Amanda info in the newsletter. All are welcome to come along.

Last but by no means least. If you have a suggestion for the branch to grow, or an idea that you think is a beauty, please talk to a committee person. This is better than having a huge discussion over our webpage. Also please remember that we are all volunteers and that you will have a more sympathetic hearing if we are approached in the right manner.



Keep it Legal.....

I's a watching..... Ado

*Bob and Ken with the Ipswich Branch
Wreath which was laid at the Bundamba
Service on 25/4/2015*



Update for the Ipswich Branch Members

**Inaugural Ride for Awareness of Domestic & Family Violence
Sunday 3 May 2015 10 am to 2 pm at Brothers Leagues Club**

Well as of tonight's information meeting there are only **2 sleeps** until the Event.

It has been another huge month for the DV Ride Committee with two planning meetings held, with one at the end venue, Brothers Leagues Club, Wildey Street, Raceview ("Brothers") last Sunday. We have crossed our T's and dotted our I's as much as we can, but I am sure Murphy's Law will prevail and there will be little things that happen which will be out of our control. Damn it, being the control freak I am, I will have to let things happen, but I know that the Branch will lend a hand to iron out the creases as they occur.

Ipswich Ride lead by Erik Like I said last month, it is really important that as many as possible of our branch members attend the 8:30 am Ipswich ride leaving from McDonalds Yamanto lead by Erik our ride coordinator. Yep, this is the ride the Police Commissioner is attending and the police bikes from the Blue Knights and of course general public and other supporters on their bikes. Just remember to behave yourselves, and Erik....of course there is no pressure on you! Unfortunately I have had to let Ski know that the Police Minister Jo-ann Miller cannot attend our event or ride on the Trike due to the Labour Day March in Bris Vegas, but I have organised for Jennifer Howard MP to take on the ride instead.

Set up /Pull Down Some of us will be setting up the venue from 7 am at "Brothers", you are more than welcome to come along to help with setting up marquees etc – as long as you leave in time to go on the Ipswich ride with Erik. (I know, I know, I have said that already) We will need all hands on deck for the pull down, pack up and clean up at the end of the day and people to help out at the Fairy Floss and Snow Cone machines. It is envisaged that the participants will arrive between 10 am and 10:30 am ish.

Ride / Route leaders will be selling the Arm Bands (which has the raffle ticket # printed on it) at the leave points. \$10 each. The participants will pick up their patch/pin from the Registration Booth on arrival at Brothers.

Parking at Brothers We have been assigned a parking area in the right hand lower parking area of Brothers Car Park and have organised Parking Marshalls for participants on motorbikes/trikes.

Unfortunately 'tin top parking' will not be allowed with the motorbikes/trikes as we need to make sure we have sufficient parking for them. Can I ask our members to park tin tops in the carpark off South Station Road (there is an entry gate there for you to come into the grounds). You can pay your rego of \$10 and pick up your pin/patch at either the Rego booth where the bikes are parking or from the Ipswich Ulysses Marquee. I really ask that we respect the request from Brothers to leave the other parking areas for their customers on the day.

Show and Shine: Marshalls will direct participants in the Show n Shine to a parking area inside the fenced area of Brothers. Participants in the Show n Shine can head back to the Registration Booth to pick up their pin or patch or get them from the Ulysses Marquee. *Entry of motorcycles/trikes*

etc to the Show and Shine is via the arm band. The Categories are: Best Jap, Best European, Best American, Best 3 Wheeler & Peoples' Choice. Entries in the show and shine will be given a sticker to be placed on their headlight to identify them. The winners for the categories will be chosen by a representative from Shannons Insurance (Our sponsor), DaZar from our Branch and John from DVAC (Domestic Violence Action Centre) who will be attending the Ipswich ride on his own bike. At the Shannons marquee there will be a Box for the public to place their nominations in for Peoples Choice.

Registration Booth We have the registration booth on entry for participants near the motorbike parking, and will also have **Arm Bands / Pins / Patches for sale at our Ipswich Ulysses Booth.**

Formalities on the day: We will have speeches starting at 11 am ish with a raffle draw, more speeches at around 12 noon ish, re-draw of the uncollected raffle prizes around then; and another redraw of raffle prizes if we need it. Winning numbers will be written on a whiteboard in the undercover area.

Food & Drinks: Brothers Juniors Rugby League are running the canteen, and have a BBQ set up. These are all for sale at the normal canteen prices. There will also be some limited alcohol for sale which needs to be consumed in the assigned area only. We will have signage for this.

Entertainment loads of stalls and information will be available, as well as jumping castle etc and a Bucking Bull for participants who purchase the arm band. The Duo Band "Just the Ticket" will be adding their touch on the day. Just enjoy yourself – that's all we ask.

Our Raffle prizes are very generous and we thank the following sponsors for their donations:

Q Ride	Rider Safety Course
Stay Upright	Advanced Rider Course
Qld Raceway	v8 Hot Lap
Isuzu	Packs x 2
Willowbank Pharmacy	Pack
Girl Rider	Voucher
Rock ya	Voucher
Harvey Norman	Travel Mug and Cook Book
Harvey Norman	Travel Mug and Radio
Harvey Norman	Knife Set
Harvey Norman	Scales
Secrets Shhh	Jewellery
Secrets Shhh	Vouchers

Remember the number on the arm band will be your ticket in a raffle to be drawn at the end point.

There are so many people to thank – but I will leave that til next month. I hope I have covered the day enough for you – if not I am only a call away.

The Committee is ready – the Ride Leaders and Tail End Charlies are ready – Brothers is ready for us – all we need is you ... Are you ready!

Thanks everyone – Amanda

We had a photoshoot with the QT this week – hopefully we did the branch proud.

Night Lights Parade

Tomorrow Night Saturday 2nd May 2015

Its time to get out your Chrissy Lights and Bling up your Ride for the Ipswich Festival Parade, Saturday 2nd May 2015 (yep..... the night before our DV Awareness Ride).

We are Float # 44. Our arrival time is 5:15 pm and we have been asked to arrive at Darling St on the railway side of the road facing Waghorn Street (entry from Ellenborough St into Darling Street). We can meet at Yamanto Macca's to leave at 5:05 pm – to arrive together if you like, or make your own way there – as long as you aren't too early or too late – as I said 5:15 pm is our assigned time.

The parade commences at 6 pm and the route will be moving from Darling Street into Waghorn St, Brisbane St, Bell St, Bremer Pde to Ellenborough St and back to Darling St for disembarkment. We have been asked to move slowly through the parade – there will be an announcer during the parade who will be promoting our DV ride the next day. Please spread out and enjoy the night – enabling the community check out the hard work on your bike. Participants are not permitted to 'high five' or hand out any information and there should be limited stopping, only if the floats in front do – not so participants can stop and have a chat with an onlooker.

Following the parade please stay to enjoy the Ipswich Festival Street Concert.

It would great to have a good turnout from the Branch – however I do understand we are having a huge day the next day!.

PS The announcer will be advertising our DV Ride during the ride past. Also all participants are not permitted to hand out flyers, toss lollies or 'high five' during the Night Lights Parade.



Doogee and Ado Sharing the love..... only Mates would understand.

Doogee gave Ado a Kiwi Drink Holder and Ado gave Doogee an impressive Apron.

Totally Digraceful Guys
...keep up the good work!





DENISE'S REGALIA NEWS

I am currently looking at a new supplier for our club shirts. I am waiting to hear back concerning costs etc. Please be patient as it is in the pipeline.

Specials

Ulysses Teddy Bear	was \$35	now \$15
Ulysses Coffee Mug	was \$15	now \$10
Luggage Tags	was \$8	now \$2
Flat Stubby Holder	was \$3	now \$2
Glasses Case	was \$6	now \$4
30 th Anniversary Shirts	was \$40	now \$29 (have to be ordered)

I do have limited quantities of these items in stock, so if you want anything, get in quick. Check out some of our other items.

Members may notice that there have been some price changes with gear, some things have gone up while others have gone down. These price changes are effective as of 1/05/2015.

Denise

OPEN INVITATION



Over past years members of the Branch have attended this event which is organised by my workplace, the Domestic Violence Action Centre, supported by many local community organisations, Council and Qld Police. There are many events held over Domestic & Family Violence Month of May each year and our Inaugural Motorcycle Ride for Awareness is one of these events in 2015.



You are all invited: branch members, family and friends to attend the **Candle Lighting Ceremony Remembrance Ceremony / Walk Against Domestic and Family Violence**

Wednesday 6th May 2015

This is a candle lighting vigil to commemorate and honour women and children who have lost their lives to domestic homicide. Candles will be provided. Bringing the community together to Walk Against Domestic and Family Violence.

D'Arcy Doyle Place, Ipswich 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm (Walk through Bell St, Bremer St, Ellenborough St and then finishing back at d'Arcy Doyle Place)

Sheriff's Court

James "Windsucker" 50255

Another great month was had by all with the following fines for last month.

Blu Ray: Not checking air pressure in his tyres for 18 months
presented with a tyre pressure gauge.

Julz: For spelling mistakes in the newsletter

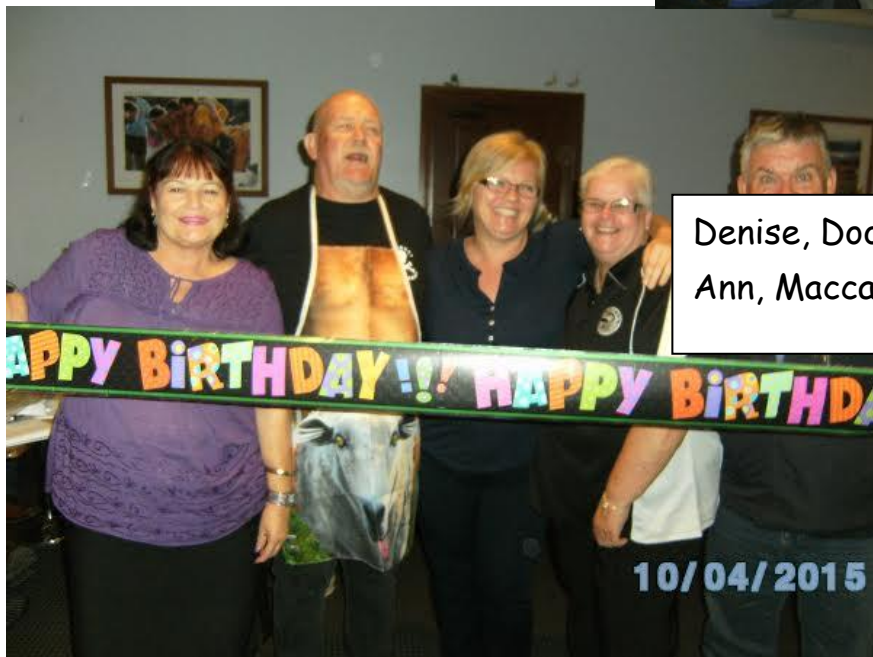
Bling: For nearly causing a riot for not telling security
there was a DV Ride meeting at our workplace

Macca: For dropping his bike again.

Smurf: For coughing all over everyone, and he had the
flu.



April Birthdays



Denise, Doogee, Mivi,
Ann, Macca

Saying for the week

No matter how bad your day was, your bike will always make you feel better

Lumberjacks Road Rash





Hi folks, The only branch ride we had last month went well. I feel sorry for all of the many people who didn't turn up for this ride as it was an excellent ride with lots of beautiful scenery and we didn't go that fast through the windy road so all of us could get there without getting scared. The food at the pub was also much better than average (in my opinion) so all up, it was a great day. This month we have also only one branch ride and of course we have our DV Ride.

Our Anzac Dawn service went well with many Ipswich Ulyssians attending, considered how early that was. (Normally I wouldn't even have done my first night pee at that time)

I have never before experienced Brisbane Road so quiet, and with so many people and still, not a sound.

We could feel the Anzac spirit bringing out the best in people. I managed to do a U-turn at a traffic light right in front of the police without being fined and a lot of us also parked illegal in front of driveways and on footpaths without being fined by the police who were present in large numbers. After the service, we went to Queens Park for a Barbeque. (That was before 6 am.) Again, there were a lot of people attending. *See you all on the rides and ride safe. Erik aka Lumberjack*

Ipswich branch rides:

Date	When	Where	Ride leader	What	Distance
03/05/2015	08:30 am.	 Yamanto + other locations.		Ipswich ride against domestic & Family violence	68 km. (Yamanto start)
17/05/2015	08:00 am.	Karalee Shopping centre	Mick (Noddy)	New Acland Mine Tour	400 km.
07/06/2015	09:00 am.	 Yamanto	Toddy	Rudds Pub	280 km.
21/06/2015	09:00 am.	T.B.A.	Ross	T.B.A.	

Car Terminology: The daughter ask her Dad, "Dad, there is something that my boyfriend said to me, that I didn't understand." "He said that I had a beautiful chassis, lovely airbags and a fantastic bumper." Her Dad said, "You tell your boyfriend that if he opens your bonnet and tries to check your oil with his dipstick". "I will tighten his nuts so hard that his headlights will pop out and he will start leaking out of his exhaust pipe."

RIDES OF INTEREST

Check out our Website www.ipswichulysses.com there is almost always something for you to do.



.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.

Lots is happening on the website this month, mainly due to the DV ride, with constant updates and adjustments. Trying to include new information and setting it up properly certainly taxes my artistic side, which is sadly missing...

The blog has been used to entertain and inform, hope that keeps up, we can all use a bit of entertainment these days. But I make no apologies for keeping a tight handle on the blog, it is too easy for it to degenerate into a site for arguments and misunderstandings.

Any concerns any member may have, need to be addressed to the committee members so they can be dealt with to the satisfaction of all.

Don't forget, anything which you think may be of interest, for sale, wanted or just plain fun, get it included on the site.

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Woodenbong Ride Report by Marita

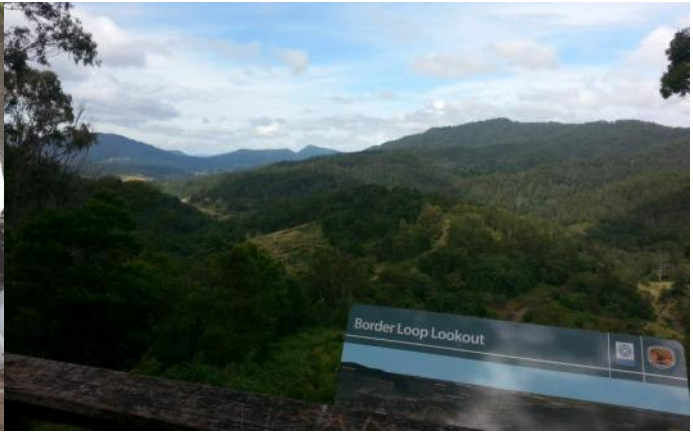
Well there were 9 bikes and 1 trike that ignored the weather reports and the foggy start to the day. I think that Daffy misunderstood his role as head Hare as his beard seemed exceptionally bushy for the ride – yes I know I am going to pay for that one....



We had 4 newbies on the ride, Lindsay & his wife Jenny as well as Phil. Hopefully you will all get to meeting them at the monthly meeting or the next ride. Erik also left Annie at home this time and brought along his daughter Dorte (I hope I got that right). After a brief ride brief and an argument was to who really was the Hare and who was the Tortoise we headed off to Rathdowney via Peak Crossing and Beaudesert with Daffy at the lead. It wasn't long before the fog lifted and what looked like a beautiful day started to shine though.

After a fuel top up at Rathdowney the Hare's took the lead and we made our way up the boarder ranges to the Boarder Loop Picnic area. The Hare's were off and running from the start but us Tortoise's took it slow and enjoyed the scenery. Some beautiful creek crossings which had Amanda, Ado and I all want to stop and take photos. A nice camping area where the BBQ trailer could come in handy was also spotted. Morning tea as you can see below was all homemade (yes I made the cupcakes at Wollies - they have a better oven than me....). To be honest after I was told we should have taken Lions Cake to have on the Lions Road – but hey, a thought for next time. We weren't lucky enough to see a train but as you can see from the photo's the view, the weather and the food was glorious.





After we had seen and eaten enough we headed off again. From the picnic grounds we turned left finishing off the Lions Road and then onto Summerland Way where we headed up to Woodenbong. Again the Hares were off and running and waiting for us at the turn onto Summerland Way and at the top of the range. Just as we turned onto Mt Lindesay Road to make our way into Woodenbong the heavens opened and we were all drenched. Luckily we found shelter for our bikes under the awning of the servo just across from the pub (too bad if you wanted fuel). The meals were large and extremely well priced with the Steak sandwich

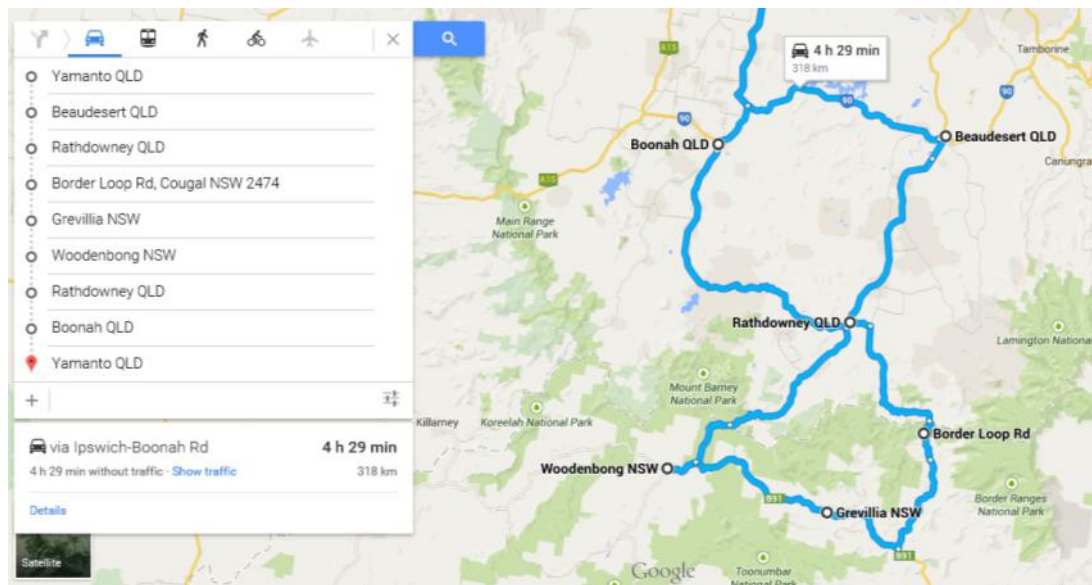
at \$12.50 being the popular choice. Definitely worth another visit.

After lunch there were some smart people who put on their wet weather. Those of us who didn't have theirs with them were a bit envious as it wasn't long before the heavens opened up again and we had another shower. Obviously you have to cleanse before and after entering Woodenbong – the place is that special. We slowly made our way down the range turning at Rathdowney to head to Boonah. The rain decided it hadn't finished with us yet and we were again faced with a huge deluge. Once again by the time we got to our next coffee stop (Dugandan Hotel, Boonah) the rain had stopped. We secured a table on the deck and took a well-earned breather.





It was a day of twists and turns as well as sunshine and rain but I think the Hares and the Tortoises would both agree it was good to be out there. Marita



Woodenborg Ride Thanks to Geoff and Marita for the ride to Woodenborg via Rathdowney, the Lions Road and Border Loop Lookout. Numbers were down, maybe it was the threat of some poor weather or the longer ride planned.

But a great ride in nice conditions, pity about the downpour coming in to Woodenborg, and the absolute dumping near Maroon Dam on the way home. Pub lunch was huge and very reasonably priced, and the home made Anzac bikkies and cupcakes from Geoff/Marita were well received. Always happy to stop at the Dugandan Hotel on the way home.

Good to have a ride of 300+ klms which made a day of it, instead of a lot of rides all over at lunchtime or early afternoon. The trike will also need a high pressure hosing to get the cow poo off it.....fresh cow poo is not good to ride through, and hard to miss on a trike when it is all over the road!
Fossil

WOODENBONG RIDE BY KON

Was looking forward to this ride, so got up nice & early. What greeted me but, was a very overcast sky and what looked to be rain. No way was I going to ride on the Lions Rd in the rain.

After breakfast, the sky seemed to lighten, so I thought I can still make it, as it now was 7.45 and we were leaving at 8.30 and I still had to get petrol. So on went the gear and off I went.

Only a small group of riders were at Maccas Yamanto, must have been scared off by the looks of the weather. Mind you, there was sunshine at Yamanto...Go figure!

After a short ride briefing, which I mustn't have listened to properly, because I thought we were going via Boonah, we set off via Beaudesert, first stop Rathdowney. A quick break and most people refuelling, the next part of the ride began.

The Lions road is a unique sort of road. Designed(what design) and built and maintained privately, it is an experience to ride over. Before you even get to it, you have to ride through open farmland, dodging the wildlife, mostly domestic, one lane bridges with sharp corners to negotiate, steep hills and steeper valleys to speed over.

Lions rd itself is a stretch of road waiting to catch you out if you ride like our mate Rossi. Wet bits before you get to a corner which usually is preceded by a steep incline. Wooden bridges where getting on & off can see you off! Steep drops with scant railings and plenty of potholes or subsiding edges...in other words, a great road to have fun on.

And it has a great lookout halfway along where we were treated to a smoko of Anzac biscuits and homemade cupcakes from Woollies...And coffee as well, talk about being spoiled, that sort of service could be expected on every ride...

We were given the ok to go up front on Summerland way, one of my favourite roads. And off I went. Never breaking the speed limit, but just having fun, and what fun it was...

Once we all regrouped, we rode on to Woodenbong. Up to now the weather had been perfect, so it was time to get soaked...Overcooked it a bit on one bend, glad of the decent tyres! In Woodenbong we parked our bikes under a service station awning, now that's service...

Lunch at the Woodenbong pub was value for money delivered quickly. Hoping for a stop to the rain, sorry, didn't happen, we set off towards Rathdowney. Great bit of road for some twisted fun, just not when it's wet. All made it safely for our next stop at the at the Dugandan Hotel at Boonah, having been drenched near Maroon dam. Glad for the wet weather gear, which some riders didn't have with them. Sorry, wasn't giving mine up.

The ride home was uneventful, other than my stopping at Peaks Crossing for a noise that was driving me nuts. And no, it wasn't my loud exhaust. Thanks to Ado and then Amanda for coming back to see if I was ok. Great day and ride, thanks to Daffy & Marita for their work in setting it up, and thanks for the company of you who took part.

Howza #50507

ps: pictures are on the website...



GALS NIGHT OUT

Well something I have never done, have a gals night out. Dinner at Platform 9 in Ipswich was an awesome experience. Yes a bit exxy, but the beautiful presentation of our desserts was worth it.



Ski's



Amanda's



Julz



Tracy's Gluten free



After dinner 8 of us decided to carry on the night at Brother's League Club for a few more drinks, dancing and music. Amanda drove me home to drop off the car so I could have a drink or two (many thanks Amanda). The music at the first bar was somewhat head banging music so we decided to go to the other side, much quieter and the music more our style. 3 of the girls thought NO, we like the other music so went back to the first

bar. As we sat and listened and sang Marita came back and said the music had gotten better at the first bar, so over the rest of us trotted. Yes it did get better, so much so we ended up on the dance floor more than not.



Ann and Denise had each upcoming Birthdays of which Tracy was aware and tried to get a candle from the restaurant staff. No luck, and lucky Ski has a lighter in her bag. So that was the Birthday candle for the two of them, with a Happy Birthday song they blew out their makeshift candle.



All in all a great night and I hope to be able to do this again. Thanks gals for making a great night for all of us. I have made a new bunch of great people and am very happy for this. Looking forward to the next event or ride.

Ski #18858

The Pines By James Windsucker #50255

We were invited to The Pines which is an over 50's Lifestyle Village to talk about Ulysses and the DV Ride. Spook, Lindsay, Macca and myself arrived at 10 am and we were greeted with kisses and hugs, as most have never been up close to leather clad bikers. They had morning tea already waiting for us.

Terry the president of their social club introduced us one by one. Spook and I explained how we got our nick names which was a hoot. Spook told them how Ulysses was founded and talked about Old #1, showed photos of his travels to western Australia and to Alice Springs. They were amazed at the kilometres he has travelled at his age. If anybody needs and MC for anything Spook is the man to see.

It was my turn to talk about the DV Ride and they were fascinated at the lengths we have gone to to put the event on. They all said they would like to bring their grandchildren to the event. We asked if anybody had any questions, and were asked if we do drugs like the other Bikies. I answered no I don't, but I don't know about the other boys ha ha.

We finished up at about 12 noon but couldn't get away until 1 pm as they came out and had a look at our bikes. A thousand questions later, we finally got away. They were very grateful and so was I for the boys for tuning up especially Spook. Thank you Windsucker.

THE BIKERS BLESSING

BY JAMES WINDSUCKER #50255

10 shepherds turned up for the ride to the Bikers Blessing led by Gunther and Dorothy as she grew up in the area. Phil, a new member for our Branch also came along on his first ride.

On our arrival we were greeted by Gary the President of Redlands, we chatted for about ½ an hour with other Ulyssians who gathered for the service.

On entering the church we were handed a bag with a badge, raffle tickets and some smarties. Those who wanted were hand a bible.

The service was done by the Christian Motel Cycle Assn with two pastors giving a sermon before blessing the bikes. In between sermons we were entertained by a band. After procedures we had morning tea which was provided by the CMA at no cost.

At 11:45 am we set off to the Redlands Multisports Club for lunch, led by Gary from Redlands Branch who took us on the scenic ride through the waterfront of Manly, which was very busy because of the stalls at the parks that Sunday.

On arrival we had lunch which was very reasonably priced. After about 1 ½ hours we said our farewells and headed home. A great day was had by all and those who are wondering –
No the roof never collapsed when a hold lot of bikers entered the church.



Hope to see you there next year, Windsucker.

"A great ride of interest"



On the 22nd August 2015 Ron & Carolyn will be departing at 9 Am from "The Girls Coffee Bar" at Marburg, on their ride around Australia in aid of cancer.

Their first stop will be at Gasoline Alley , Springwood. Departing there at 11 Am, and travelling north to BP Forest Glen for a fuel/pit stop.

From there to the "Golden Nugget" Caltex, just this side of Gympie for lunch. Ron & Carolyn will spend their first night at Hervey bay .

Ron & Carolyn would love to have you ride with them for a while, so join them on this first day of an epic journey, one of your rides you will always remember Ron's contact is: Mob ; 0413975061. Give him a call.

ANZAC DAY 2015

100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

There was a great turnout of members for the Bundamba Dawn Service this year. Some on bikes, some in cars, and Ado with the Branch BBQ trailer filled with goodies for breakfast.

I can't express how much this day means to me and my family, having attended the dawn service for around 20 years I think, as our daughter Kimberley was still in primary school when we first started attending. We did miss one service, because we were away at the Sunshine Coast and attended the Caloundra service, but Kimberley still attended on our behalf. Our good friends, Mick and Paula have also attended with us – it has been our own legacy and to the day, I suppose.



After the service Kimberley and I headed off with Ann in her tin top, to set up for our 2nd Anzac Day Branch BBQ Breakfast at the Queens Park rotunda. It wasn't long before a huge crowd of around 30 of us gathered, no bleary eyes, yawns or 'non morning people' (not that I could tell anyway). We had the kettle boiled, coffees and teas all round and our resident 'Cookie' Daffy, ably assisted by Silver Fox and Ado cooked up our brekky.

I heard someone say during the morning "If you build it, they will come", and that you did. This is another event which I believe will continue in the calendar for our Branch. I believe we now have set in concrete: Anzac Day Breakfast; Fathers Day Ride and Christmas Brekky Ride.

Thanks everyone for being part of the Branch, for supporting the rides, socials, events and each other through the good and tough times. That's what friends do.

Amanda





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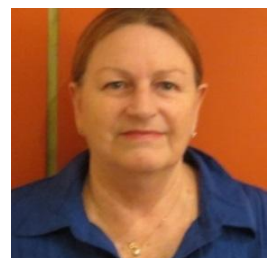
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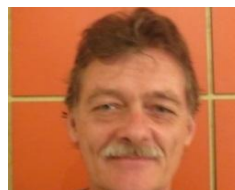
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