



Ipswich Ulysses Newsletter 11,

September 2014 Edition

Information nights are held on the first Friday of each month at the Karalee Tavern, 78 Junction Road Karalee. Our meetings start at 7 pm – come along for dinner earlier if you like

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Ado's rant!

Welcome to the..."I can't believe it's September already" edition of the Ipswich Branch Newsletter.

Things have been rolling along quite nicely at the branch and at the Committee level we haven't had much in the way of distress or controversy, so everything must be fine.

The last Presidents meeting was held in Harrisville at the Royal Hotel. It was decided that the Aratula Hotel wasn't the right place for the 2015 Cartwheel Ride to finish so they have asked for input into where next year's ride should end. There has been talk of the Mulgowie Pub, also the Royal Hotel, Harrisville where the Committee meeting was held but I feel that an idea that the ride to finish at the Crows Nest Caravan Park may just be the touch. The owners are Ulyssians and are keen to spread themselves around. They have already sent our branch an email stating the pros of us coming up there for a visit so we will see what others come back with at the next presidents meeting. The one constant is that the ride is locked in for the 3rd Sunday of June for the next couple of years at least, if not forever

The Domestic Violence Awareness Ride is coming along well and we have had interest shown by other parties becoming involved. The flyer has been finalised and we have ordered 2000 copies to be printed so we can spread the word at rallies and other events. We have members of our branch who are very keen for this to be a complete success and have done many things already to get things rolling. We have had a meeting with the Ipswich Events Corporation and our ride is now included in Ipswich Festival activities. We are looking at having a live band, stalls available and using local community groups to supply food and drinks to the participants. It has been suggested that we use the Darcy Doyle Place and the Ipswich Mall to our advantage.

Also, your branch committee has decided to hold a SUPER 66 Competition to enable us to raise some funds to run our DV Awareness Ride on 3 May 2015, this will allow us to have a start without having to delve into branch funds.

The way Super 66 works is

1. The winning number will be the last 2 digits of that weeks' Saturday Night Gold Lotto Super 66 draw
2. 100 tickets will be sold with numbers from 00 to 99
3. Numbers are \$10 each and your number will last 10 weeks of the competition
4. The winning number will win \$50 each Saturday night for 10 weeks
5. First draw will be on Sat 15th March 2014
6. Last draw will be on Sat 17th May 2014
7. So, selling 100 tickets at \$10 each will raise \$1,000.00. \$500 of this will be paid to the winners at \$50 each Saturday Draw. The balance of \$500 is our contribution to the Cartwheel Ride/UCARF.

Dolly is going to be in charge of the numbers, so get in quick to get your lucky number or numbers. We need to sell the entire 100 numbers. Money will have to be up front so we can pay the winners as they come forward. You could win once, or five times, who knows. Please buy as many numbers as you can. Dolly will also put something up on the Website so that we can see who the lucky winners are each week.

If you have a look on the webpage you will find there are many rides of interest for us to choose from. Some of them involve our own community, so I hope that the branch can get behind these events. It is important we get the Ulysses name out into the public and especially the name of the Ipswich Branch. When it was decided that we would attempt to form a new branch of the Ulysses, it was always on our minds to be very social and out and about in the Ipswich Community.

A lot happens between the monthly meetings and it is important that you keep yourself informed of what is happening with the branch, and we attempt to inform you via our branch website and Kon's emails out to you. For instance, someone from the P&C of the Immaculate Heart Primary School at Leichhardt contacted us and at very short notice asked if we could put on a bike display.. this didn't occur because of the very short notice provided but I did put it on the website just in case.

However the branch has been asked to attend the **Aratula School Fete on Saturday 11th October**. *"The festival is being created to raise funds for this tiny school with just 33 students, in a town with only 70 houses. But it is also our goal to support local small businesses and cheer up the locals – the last 3 years has seen the area go through 3 massive floods, the closure of Cunninghams Gap on and off for 12 months – a massive source of employment in the area – and now a drought which has seen local farmers feeding stock (that they saved from the floods) for almost 12 months now. Our dream for this festival is to make it a family friendly, fun day filled with 50s and retro style, dance, music, cars, bikes, beautiful pinup girls and anything else the Kustom Kulture has to offer 😊 Oh – and there is a bar and a big screen tv !"*

There will be a show and shine for the bikes and would you believe that the kids have handmade side-stand markers for the bikes. There are only 33 children at the school and they are super keen to see us there. It would be great to have a huge turnout for the children and I am asking for you all to come along for as long or little time as you can. Please register your bike or trike for the show and shine, it's not about winning, it's about showing support to this small community. The flyer for the event is on our website – but just go to www.fassifernfiftiesfestival.com.au to register.

We will be leaving Yamanto Shopping Centre at 8:00 am to ride out as a group, if you live out that way we can arrange to meet you somewhere on the way. They are an area aside for the bikes.

Our 1st Birthday Bash (Can't believe I am saying this) is booked for Saturday 25 October at The Old Purga School, Purga School Road. We have decided to have a BBQ on the night to keep the costs down, so it will be \$20 per head and we are asking if members can bring a plate for supper. More information will be given on the web and on the regular Friday night information night.

On Saturday 20th September our Sheriff, James (Windsucker) is leading the Lockyer Branch from Yamanto Shopping Centre to the Cascade Gardens Retirement Village for their annual pilgrimage to give the residents rides around their complex. This was a ride I started when I was President of Lockyer and became very successful in getting the two groups together. It was a buzz for those of us who took passengers on the day for the ride in the complex. If any of our branch would like to join in the fun, James will be leaving Yamanto at 9:00 am.

Keep it Legal I's are Watching. Ado



Overnight Stanthorpe Wine Tour – Saturday 18 to Sunday 19 October 2014

Depart: Yamanto at 7am

Wine Tour Departs: 9:30am (from accommodation)

Price: \$85 per person

Wine tour includes lunch at one of the wineries. If we are to manage 20 people or more then the price will drop. Tickets can be paid for on the day using credit card or cash.

Top of Town Caravan Park – Tel 4681 4888

Accommodation: - From \$110 per couple to \$135 per couple

There are two bedroom accommodations if you wish to share at extra \$15 per person.

You will need to book your own accommodation but remember to mention that you are from the Ipswich Ulysses.

Saturday's Dinner will be BBQ held in the Camp Kitchen for the sum of \$5 per head, BYO own drinks.

If you wish to come for the ride to Stanthorpe but don't want to attend the wine tour you are still welcome to travel down with us to Stanthorpe and join in with us for the BBQ dinner on Saturday. Numbers will need to be known for the wine tour so please ensure that you let Dorothy knows if you are coming (phone 0423 053 264).

Sunday travelling home – to be advised.

Found this poem on the internet, which I believe sums up the feelings of someone when they are attacked by the black dog. Permission obtained to add to our newsletter.....ADO

Falling apart at the seams,
Nothing as it was in dreams
Confusion everywhere
No longer do I dare
Trying to move forward, 50 steps back
Future was bright, now singed black
Charred from frustration
Covered in ash, no going back
Fend for yourself now
Deserted by those who claim to care
Only seem to cause despair
Not enough, always at fault
Some say obsessed Like a cult
No end in sight
Fighting the endless fight
Can't do anything right
Breathing inconvenience am I
Useless even when I try
Be better off without me
Less hassle, like an old tree
Just leave it be.
Or chop it down
Nobody is gonna frown
Just a tree....not like it's free

Trapped in dirt
Roots like chains
Leaves trying to escape on the breeze
Nothing like our pain
So do as you please
Build it up, tear it down
Cut it up into little pieces
It's up to you, it doesn't feel remember?
No heart, no soul, but it bleeds
Does it haunt you?
The blood on the leaves
You don't listen, never do
Not to me, not to tree, not even when we plead
But then it's a forgiven deed
No one would hold it against you
Not like I do
Tell me do we even matter?
I'll starve, you'll get fatter
Nothing hurts like the false truths
The lie behind the smile
The love behind the lie
Too tired to try
I'll sleep where I lie



Hello all. As the 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.

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SHERIFF'S COURT

WOW! I am so pleased that I am a Ulyssian and the members last month were very disgraceful – by the amount of fines that were dished out. Here they are in no particular order.

Gunther: Left wallet at home
Bling: Left ride without telling anybody
Goth: Stole hubby's helmet and fell off her new bike
Doogee: Couldn't fix pick handle
Ado: Seeing stars, next time use the handle not the foot
Ado: Not wearing a helmet
Mario: For being impatient
Don: Riding past the lookout
Daffy: Went to the wrong department point
Eric: Had to stop the ride to do up his saddle bags
Shane: For riding the 'girly bike' Rizzo's pink bike
Ray: For doing the same thing on the road
Kon: Giving the wrong details on the web
Lindsay: For his lousy excuse for not going on a ride
Rizzo: For not wanting to ride her bike because it was windy
Windsucker: For using the female toilets
Windsucker: Whinging about his bike's performance – probably silly because for 12 months I had the same problem, and all I needed was to change my front tyre.



Rick (Supporter)
aka "MacGyver"



Lindsay aka
"Ghost Rider"

Birthdays: Wendy, The Ghost Rider, Windsucker was 60 years

Thanks for a great night – keep on being Disgraceful.

PS: A big Thank you goes out to Little Tia [Eric and Annie's granddaughter' who gave me a hand to collect the fines and then charged me \$2 for her service

James "Winduscker" Sheriff





Thanks Max and Penny for suggesting a great way to spend Sunday 31 September. We are really glad we took up the offer and went to the Jnr Speedway.

Although I hadn't been out there before I was surprised at the mega motorsport area that surrounded us. To the front of us was the bitumen go carts, behind us was the dirt go carts, over further was the car drifters and right in front, one of the sports I really enjoy, dirt track speedway. Compared to the English Elite Speedway which I love watching with Ado, this track was small with sharp corners...but the enthusiasm of the riders and one supporter was up there with the professionals. The dirt was flying, I could smell the fuel and there were many spills right in front of us, with no apparent injuries.

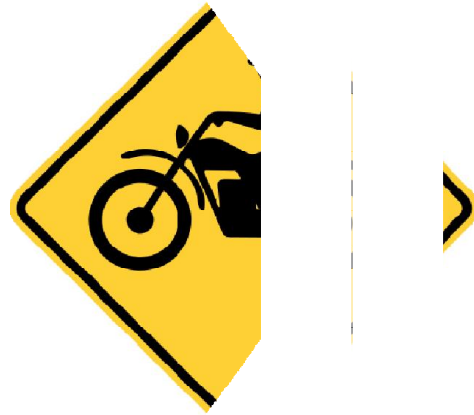
Our time was spent chatting, laughing, planning, eating and of course sharing our past experiences on the track – or not.. As the saying goes "The older you get the faster you used to go".

Thanks Penny and Max, Dia and Tony for a great day. The next one is planned for the end of September, so check out the website and join us. All you need is your chair, smile and adventurous attitude. Bring along a tall story or two.

Amanda



Lumberjacks Road Rash



Hi folks,

Unfortunately we had to cancel the Mt. Mee ride due to wet weather. As there are a lot of twisties on that ride, we didn't think it would be safe to go ahead with that one. It has been re-scheduled to the 5th of October.

Memorial Ride. I hope that you all will come on this one as it is an important ride/service where we can think about the Ulyssians who have ridden on (and some of us will shed a tear).

Another reason that this ride is important is that we will take a group photo of us for the national Ulysses website so we need as many of us as possible to turn up.

On a different note:

A nutritionist was giving a presentation at a conference. "The stuff we eat is enough to have killed most of us sitting here, years ago," he said.

"Red meat is awful. Processed food is making us fat, soft drinks corrode your stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with MSG. High fat diets have been a disaster for society, and nobody truly understands the long-term harm caused by the contamination in our drinking water."

In a forceful tone he carried on, "But ladies and gentlemen, there is one thing that is the most dangerous of all and we all have, or will, eat it. Can anyone here tell me what food it is that causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it?"

After several moments of quiet, a 75-year-old man in the front row cautiously raised his hand, and softly said, "Wedding Cake?"

Ipswich branch rides in September:

- 07/09/2014 @ 9 am. **Meringandan.** We start from Yamanto and Spook will show us the way.
- 14/09/2014 @ 7:45 am. **Memorial Ride.** We will meet at Karalee Tavern for a group photo at 7:45 am. And we should be ready to leave for a BBQ breakfast at Wivenhoe dam at 8 am.
- 21/09/2014 @ 7 am. **Breakkie at Mt. French.** Start point is Yamanto. We take the BBQ trailer to Mt. French for Bacon & egg breakfast. Cost \$5 for food and a drink. For the people who want to ride a bit more, we will go to Shark leather at the Gold Coast for some browsing of the shop.

As always: If any of you want to lead a ride, just come and see me or e-mail me. We can always do with some new destinations.

See you all on the rides and ride safe.

Erik (Lumberjack)

MEMORIAL GARDENS WORKING BEE 30/8/2014



What a glorious day to be out Somerset Dam for the is the first time I have been new to the Ulysses family and made me feel welcome. I am guessing about this, Ray well organized as usual and Mork, Boss number 2 (Not Williams Mork) had us plebs to work. Ray gave Mork the shoveling the cow shit in the the planting soil for all of the new plants.



and about at working bee. This there only being everyone there

had everything his sidekick the late Robin chafing at the bit important job of trailer mixing up

It was heard said that Mork was a natural at this task. This lovely mixture was then handled by other less experienced shovel handlers into the wheelbarrows and then onto the gardens. Mork spent the rest of the working bee working on the rock pile clearing a lot of dead rubbish in preparation for the Memorial Service others.



All of the tasks progressed eventually the call for smoko. was called upon to settle members down. They were at was going to eat the last piece vanilla slice (challenge very nice although some icing have improved it a bit. The gardens were watered, whipper snipped, raked, plants trimmed, and new plants installed. Surprising we

did all of this work without the completion of JSA's, Safe Work Method Statements, Safety Data Sheets, Prestart Meetings, Construction White cards, and all of the other crap that is forced upon us at work.

There were 6 Clubs represented at this working bee with 21 members present.

Thank you to all for a good day out.

Daffy



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well and there was Unfortunately I some club a loss as to who of homemade accepted). It was on the top would



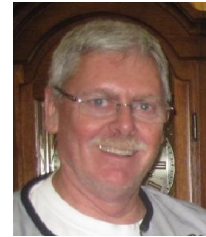
Thanks Daffy! But wait...there's more. Amanda has also provided a report on the Memorial Gardens in the next couple of pages.....so don't say you don't know about them! Thanks to you both! Ed.



FROM AFGHANISTAN....A big hello to Bruce Graham who sent the following email to us from Afghanistan...

"Settled into routine here in Kabul, Afghanistan. Pretty much stuck in a secure compound most of the time and life consists of work and sleep. Pretty busy and putting in 12 hour days most days. Really starting to miss being able to give the old Boulevard a hand full of throttle and belt off into the boonies but will make up for that when I get home.

Hope all is going well for Ipswich Ulysses - say g'day to everyone at the next meeting.



Cheers

Bruce Graham"

And thanks Shane ...Grey Wolf.... who was happy (??)to be “dobbed in” to put a ride report together for the fantastic ride to Allora! Ably led by Lindsay, at least most of the way... – Ed.

Ride to Ma Ma creek and Allora.

Woke up to a bright and glorious day for a ride. We met at Yamanto Macca's and had a great catch up with other members. Lindsay was our ride leader, so we had to keep going well to catch up.

We went out onto the Cunningham highway, turning at Amberley turnoff, then to Rosewood. Rode through to Ma ma creek where we stop for a break, and met up with other Ulyssians.



The shop owners were kept busy with all of us wanting coffee and food. They were a delight to deal with. Then it was back in the saddle for a great ride to Allora for lunch. It is a nice pub, and we all had a good meal and chat, as well as some photos taken.

After lunch we said goodbye to some riders, then we travelled to Aratula for a final stop, fuelled up and had a great social time, before we left and rode home.

Hope you all had a great time. I'm not much for writing as you can see. Shane (Grey Wolf)



MEMBERS PROFILE !!

This month, we say howdy to Steve and Denise we recently spent time at their beautiful property for our xmas in July!



Steve and Denise have been members of Ulysses.....Unofficially 12 months, officially 4 months we have been members.

Nicknames: Denise – Nise Steve – none

We own a 1994 Harley Davidson Road King. Only Steve rides a bike. I'm a pillion.

Steve has been riding for 40 odd years. I have only been riding in the past year with Steve. I had always hated motorbikes prior to actually getting on one. Now I love it.

We have had lots of funny adventures together but they have all been when we have not been on the bike. We used to take mystery trips on a week end which we called Steve's Aussie Adventures which took us to all sorts of interesting places and predicaments. We were coming back from a week end away and Steve decided we would take a dirt road very near to Nobby. It had been raining and the road became like mush causing us to slip and slide nearly into the cane fields. We really thought we would have to walk back into town to the pub at 10.00 at night and ask if anyone could pull us out. Eventually we managed to manoeuvre our way out. So much for Steve's shortcut.

Denise – Casual Group Leader In Childcare. Volunteer Liaison with Ipswich Hospice Care(unpaid)

Steve – State Sales Manager for a motor vehicle leasing company

We met 14 years go and proposed on the back of an elephant while trekking through the jungle in Thailand.

Steve doesn't follow sports except Top Gear. I follow netball and enjoy watching most sports on TV – Olympics, Tennis .You can see who is the boring one.

We love to travel and have been to lots of different places around the world. We always do independent travel so we tend to have lots of interesting stories to tell when we get back. We love Italy and have been there 3 times most recently last September for 7 weeks.

We love socializing and basically having a good time.

Final word from Steve – If you ain't got a Harley, you ain't got shit. LOL

Newsletter Deadlines

To give enough time to put the Newsletter together can you please submit all contributions by the Sunday night before each monthly information night? Email me at..... ipswichulyssesed@outlook.com

Ride leaders are encouraged to write a report for their ride, however all members are welcome to submit.

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.

Julz Ph 0477 702232 (after 6.30pm please)

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.

ULYSSES CLUB SEQ BRANCHES MEMORIAL GARDENS AT SOMERSET DAM

I am often asked to explain what is meant by certain terms eg: Memorial Gardens, Poker Run, AGM etc. etc. So have decided to start the ball rolling by giving the newer members some info on the National Memorial Day which is just around the corner, Sunday 14th September 2014.



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2014

Memorial Day is the 10th Anniversary of our Gardens and NATCOM (Our National Committee) have been invited to attend. Our Branch will be celebrating the Memorial Day in a personal way. First of all we will use the day to obtain a Branch Member Photo for us and also for our National Body. We will be meeting at the **Karalee Tavern** at 7:45 am to take the photo on the steps of the building. We will leave at 8:00 am sharp to ride as a branch to Wivenhoe Dam with our BBQ Trailer to share breakfast. The cost will be \$5.00 a head for a bacon and egg burger and drink. We will then travel to the Spit at Somerset Gardens for the service at 11 am with the rest of SEQ branches. Members will be able to purchase a Memorial Day pin when we arrive there. There is a non-denominational service held to celebrate the lives of our fellow Ulyssians who have 'Ridden On'.

The following article was printed in the last Riding On – submitted by Savaughn Pratt
Former Secretary Redlands Branch Ulysses Club Inc. and will provide you with loads of other info on the Gardens.

"The Dream

In the beginning there was a man with a dream. The dream was to bring motorcyclists from all over the region to one beautiful area so they could celebrate life together and remember those that had passed on.

The man was Ulyssian David Cox (Doc).

Doc's dream began as a solitary saga, he slaved by himself and then he slaved with just a few others, slowly building a small team of dedicated followers that helped him to transform bushland into a lovely area of raised garden beds. Then trees and bushes were planted – all natives that Doc supplied from markets or his own garden. Doc worked closely with local authorities to mould the garden beds gaining their respect and cooperation in keeping the gardens watered and the lawns mowed.

The dream of a South East Queensland Ulysses Memorial Garden had become a reality.

A lot of hard work by many Ulyssians over the following 10 years has transformed this area at Somerset Dam into a veritable paradise. The trees have flourished, the native animals use the gardens and trees and people come from all over to sit, gather their thoughts and breathe in the serenity of nature at its best. The area is used and enjoyed by all motorcyclists and tourists, but especially by Ulyssians, the Gardens being a favourite stopping point on a Sunday ride.

Branch named bollards have been positioned at the ends of all the gardens on which were placed the names of those that have passed on, each year we all came and remembered.

Now, the bollards are becoming frail and the plaques are not handling weather well, the idea and dream is again being transformed by another man with vision – Ray Parker. Ray is also a Ulyssian, and is a man who is always thinking ahead, with ideas and thoughts freely flowing.

Ray brought suggestions and plans to the SEQLD presidents meetings, his ideas were discussed and now dreams are once again becoming reality, with all of us encouraged and inspired by Ray's enthusiasm.

Funds were raised at the Cartwheel ride in 2013, enabling plants and soil to be purchased. Ray worked at the gardens on many occasions with his heavy machinery – clearing larger rocks and more areas for cultivation.

When he said it was ready for planting – we came!

On March 29th, we all arrived, dressed ready for work and loaded with energy, good humour and a multitude of garden tools. Over 50 people from 8 different branches came together and raked, weeded, moved soil, trimmed trees, culled bushes, wheelbarrowed countless mounds of soil and planted over 200 plants. The Gardens have new life!

Doc was there and was amazed at how his dream has grown and at the amount of help that was now forthcoming to keep the dream alive!

One of the first trees planted 10 years ago was by NATCOM and this tree is now the tallest tree in the gardens, proudly looking down upon all that come to call. On the day of the working bee a koala sat in the branches and possibly wondered what all the fuss was about!

But wait, all is not yet finished. Ray continues to dream bigger and better and has further plans to open up the area behind the new garden areas by culling trees down to the water line, exposing the water from the road and using some of the existing pile of rocks to make a maze garden – children can then come and enjoy. The rest of the rocks will be placed throughout the gardens to be used as seats – no more artificial seating. SEQW will continue to mow as they do now.

The plaques for the honour board will be standardised, with all branches using the same plaques.

The plaques will be placed on the honour boards in year, not branch – we are one club. The plaques will have branch, then name, member number, age at passing and then nickname if needed. Ray has had some interest from a sponsor for the honour boards – we are all hoping this comes to fruition!

The log at the front of the Gardens will have the “Ulysses Memorial Gardens” raised upon it. The large rock in the new area of the Gardens is Doc's rock and will have the Ulysses ode placed upon it.

The honour boards will be powder coated charcoal grey or black metal – making them almost fire and vermin proof.

We now wait for the call from Ray to come back out and finish the job.

On 21st June 2014, the Cartwheel ride will again be held at Aratula – once again funds raised will be joined with that left from last year and will be divided between the Memorial Gardens and UCARF. We hope to see the culmination of all Ray's objectives and our hard work by the time of the National Memorial ride on the 14th of September 2014. Please join us at Somerset Dam.

Our dream and it is now all of our dreams, is that the Gardens become a place that can be used by everyone when they come to the area. Children can play amongst the rocks and gardens; people can sit and watch the water or the koalas in the trees.

There is peace there. The feeling of being cut off from the madness of the modern world; the chance to escape and enjoy nature is felt by all who visit.

Build it he said and they will come. To men with vision, we congratulate you.

Make it your place to visit when next in SEQLD, you will regret not doing so.”

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