



Ipswich Ulysses

Newsletter #42 April 2017

KONRAD "HOWZA" WALTERS



R.I.P.
#50507
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Information nights: First Friday of each month at Ipswich Country Club, 1a Samford Road, Leichhardt. Starts at 7.15pm – come along for dinner earlier if you like

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Ado's April Air Spray



Welcome to the April issue of the Ipswich Branch of the Ulysses Club Inc. Newsletter.

The 13th March will not be remembered as a happy day for the Ipswich members. We lost one of the founding members and strongest supporters of the Ipswich Ulysses Club when Konrad "Howza" Walters, our friend and webmaster lost his hard-fought battle with cancer. Kon's passing affected our members in differing ways but he has left a memory that will not fade for a very long time. Kon developed the PUB "Proposed Ulysses Branch" webpage which was used to attract potential members to our new venture which in turn, three months in fact allowed us to be granted branch status by NATCOM.

Kon was escorted to the chapel on his last ride by 66 motorcycles and about 8 cars. A credit to the respect the man held amongst his peers. We send our love and prayers to our resigning welfare officer and Kons wife Christine who nursed Kon until his final day.



Kon will be sorely missed as a friend, mentor, committee member and guide to many of the branch members. Konrad was a committed and proud Ulyssian with almost 10 years' service, during this time serving on both the Lockyer Branch and our Committee as Webmaster. I was proud to present his eulogy at his celebration and it was then I realised just how much of an influence Kon had on our lives.

Konrad was given his nickname "Howza" years ago when I was the sheriff of the Lockyer Branch. "How's the air up there" was our usual comment to him. Konrad was inspirational, kept us on track and grounded. A man with a wealth of knowledge who normally had to be asked before he gave his opinion.

The National President personally presented Konrad with the Telemachus medal in 2016 for services to a branch. This award is the second highest honour than can bestowed on a Ulysses member. As only the 55th recipient in Ulysses history, it is a sign of just how highly regarded he was by all.

Kon's legacy will live on in the hearts from those who had the barest of touches, up to those who were his regular companions. Kon will be missed when we ride our bikes and get together for other activities. Each year we will be honouring Konrad's memory by having a "Howza" memorial ride leave from Kyogle to Rathdowney via the Summerland Way, Kon's favourite ride. We will also be submitting his eulogy to the Riding On, and adding his name to the Honour Board at the Ulysses Memorial Gardens, Somerset Dam in September 2017.

We also offer our condolences to Steve 'Angry' Mathison on the recent passing of his partner Maree. Some of us had the honour attending the celebration of her life. Maree's was part of our social group and her daughter Jo has been on a few rides with the branch including the Father's Day ride in 2016.

The branch AGM is being held tonight and there will be no need for a ballot for any position, however you will still need produce your current Ulysses Membership Card to sign into the AGM proper. A huge thank you to those who have decided to stand down from the 2016 committee for all the time and effort you have put in over the last 12 months. Good luck and a big thankyou to those who have put up their hands to keep the branch running in 2017/18. The jobs are not hard but do take up some personal time every month. All I ask is that you support each and every one of these members.

Please remember all committee members are volunteers and are doing the job because they love the branch and want to see it thrive in a climate which is seeing Ulysses membership decline considerably. They are only too willing to listen to any comments you may have to assist the branch as long as the subject is approached in a respectable way. 2017/18 sees the branch saying farewell to four members of the committee.

Unfortunately one of the positions is vacant because of Kon losing his battle with cancer. I have no doubt that the members who take over these positions will do the very best they can and I look forward to being at the head of the table once more and working with them to continue the great reputation we have in the Ipswich area.

The branch talent quest a great success with quite a few members and guests stepping up to the stage to entertain around 60 of us. Old Goat was given first prize, DaZar and Julz sharing 2nd with their duet and Spook getting a well-deserved 3rd place. Lots of nerves made way to brave and wonderful efforts in the name of glory. A huge thanks to Old Goat for donating his sound system which he set up at around 11am and then hung around the Club until the rest of us arrived. Our infamous MC DaZ'ar kept the night running as smooth as possible expertly assisted by Julz. What started as a throw away idea became a reality on the night and there was many commenting that we should have another next year. This seems like being a formality and I believe that it will become an institution being held just before the Branch AGMs. I also want to acknowledge the Ipswich Country Club for donating the room for us and for also putting on extra staff to look after us.

The third Ipswich Bike Night was held last Saturday night with hundreds attending again much like last time. Thanks to those who manned the branch marquee for the night while Windsucker and I looked after the registrations and voting for the show and shine. Unfortunately, the trucks with the lighting for the night were caught up in the floods somewhere and the lights in the car park were not really built for the job they had to do. Never mind, we learn as we grow and the Country Club has learnt heaps from the first two and the next should be spot on. I saw Ulysses members from Redcliffe, Lockyer, Redlands and Brisbane branches who attended as well as members from other motorcycle clubs from the area.

The National AGM is on from the 21ST May until the 29th May in Wauchope NSW. There seems to be around a dozen of our members attending so far so if you still have designs on attending then you need to make the decision and register quite quickly. If you are not attending and would like to have a say in the make-up of the National Committee, then you need to contact NATCOM pretty quickly and get a postal vote organised for yourself. This year we have the choice of a male or female President, a new Treasurer, and also a new committee member. For those attending, we will try to have a bbq get-together for the branch members one afternoon. Also for those attending the formal dinner on Tuesday or Saturday night and want to have a drink or two are advised to get themselves a bus lift offered by NATCOM which needs to be pre-booked.

There were three rides since last information night for you to come along to. The first was led by Smurf and headed towards Yarraman via a stopover at Esk. The second was a ride to the Black Dog Ride starting at Shark Leather at Ormeau. Eight came along to the start of the ride in pouring rain, with four heading off to the coast and four heading off to have coffee at Yamanto and dry off. The third ride was Chopper and Yakky's ride to Crows Nest which had to be postponed until a safer time due to flooding around the districts and us not being able to do a pre-ride to ensure the safety of our members. We look forward to Chopper and Yakky leading us off to Crows Nest in the near future.

Choppers ride ended up heading up to Boonah for coffee with 21 bikes and 23 attendees. After saying goodbye to the rest of the mob, Amanda and I decided to go towards Aratula with Mick and Paula then turn back and go through Kalbar to touch base with Bluey who runs a motorbike apparel store from his home. We were hoping to convince him to come to the DV Ride with his sewing machine so those attending could have their patches sewn on the same day. Unfortunately, his machine is way too heavy for him to be mobile so I will keep searching to find someone to do the job for us.

For those who have not yet been informed, Crows Nest has become a Bike Friendly Town and it was christened on the same day as Smurf led his ride to Yarraman. Amanda and I peeled off the ride that day and went to network our branch ride to the rest of the motorcycle community. We were lucky to be introduced to Mark Hinchcliffe who writes articles under the name of Motorcycle Writer and he has already written about our DV Ride and will be doing a follow up article as the ride gets closer. We were able to speak to other members of clubs and get the information out there.

The branch has been given an official invitation to join the Bundamba ANZAC Observance Committee to honour those who have fought and given the ultimate sacrifice during times of war. Please be aware that Bunnings in Mining St Bundamba has opened their underground car park for those who wish to attend the service. The march which moves along Brisbane Rd from the Salvation Army Citadel begins at 4:15am so we need to be in the memorial ground before then. Chopper and Smurf have volunteered and will be laying the wreath on behalf of the branch this year.

Next year I believe it would be appropriate for two female members to lay the wreath as we have not had this happen in the times we have been attending. As we have for the past few years, those interested will be leaving after the ceremony and heading to the Queens Park to have breakfast. If you are intending to join us can you please let me know so I can cater for the occasion? \$5.00 gets you a cooked brekky, juice, and we will supply the tea and coffee if you bring along your flasks. If you have dietary requirements, please let us know.

I have been investigating ways for the branch to get the good name of Ulysses out in the community more and I have had two items fall into my lap in the last couple of months. The first is on the 22nd April... Yes, this month. Vera from "Focus on Youth" contacted me to see if we could give some disabled children a ride on the bikes. After a bit of phone tag it was decided we meet them at Cormorant Bay at Wivenhoe Dam and take the youth for small rides around the complex. This allows for maximum safety as we would not be travelling on highways but would be staying in the grounds itself. After giving the rides we will be joining them for a free bbq lunch. Those interested in helping out could you please contact me asap so I can give numbers back to Vera for catering and, I myself will have an idea of how many members I can count on to attend. Also please bring along a spare helmet as pillions will obviously be required to wear helmets and closed in shoes on the day.

Also bring your camera for some great shots for the website and newsletter. Hope to have a good turnout on Saturday 22nd April, we will be leaving from the Club at 10:30 am and I will hopefully get us there with no 'u turns'. If my beloved VTX isn't on the road I will need someone to tow our branch trailer, so please see me. These community events might not be of high interest to some, but I believe they provide a great opportunity to us to get-together, have a chat, get to know each other a little better, whilst putting a smile on the face of those less fortunate than ourselves.

The next trip is not until June but it requires a side car (Doogies) to take a lad from his home in Calvert to his 21st Birthday luncheon at Char'd in Booval. I thought it would be nice to have an escort for Joshua and some support for Doogie if we could have some members join us for the run into town. It is only relatively a short ride so we could go back up to the Queens Park kiosk or Café 63 at Yamanto for coffee after dropping him off.

By now you would have received your copy of the Riding On and seen the wonderful article that Chopper (Peter) and Yakky (Sue) submitted about the DV Ride. Chopper was just telling me that he met some of our members at the 2016 DV Ride and was encouraged to come join Ulysses and our branch. Being such new Ulyssean it is heartening to see him leading their first ride for the branch in 2017 and now being published in the National Magazine of our great club.

Another thing I am particularly proud of is our new signage at the front entry of the Ipswich Country Club. This took a lot of negotiation with the Club, the owner Sirromet Wines and also NATCOM to bring this to fruition. DaZar's workplace CV Signs has once again donated professional expertise, time and financial support to provide the signage free of charge to us. We thank them sincerely for their support and want to let you all know that CV Signs have been acknowledged as a major sponsor of our branch. The frame to hold the signage was provided free of charge by the Ipswich Country Club. The Man and Woman power to install the sign was provided by DaZar, Benno, Erik, James, Amanda and I and we had an enjoyable time of banter and wisdom sharing during the installation. Though, I nearly had a heart attack on the day when it was pointed out that if we hit 25000 volts under the auger we wouldn't be here today, so all care was taken at all times. There are not many other branches that have the same amount of support from their host venue and let's hope our relationship with them continues for many years.

Keep it legal I's a watching Ado



DV RIDE UPDATE FROM AMANDA

As of tonight's info night we have five Sundays until our event. The flyer has been circulating far and wide through snail mail (post I mean), email, on websites, facebook sites and members have been handing out the flyers at bike stores, the recent bike nights etc etc. We have also promoted the ride at the SEQ Presidents Meeting and we even have an article in this quarter's Riding On magazine. Some of us have been to other Ulysses branch information nights with a few more to attend over the coming month.

The DV Ride Committee has been working alongside your Branch Committee on our event with financial sponsorship gained from the following: Ipswich City Council, New Hope Group, Maurice Blackburn SMYDSY, Border Towing [Show n Shine Sponsor], RAAF Base Amberley. Special mention of CV Signage for their in-kind support of our promotional signage and Brothers Leagues Club for donating the venue.

The focus of the 2017 event is on the motorcycling community and I am proud to say we have approximately 16 trade/info stalls this year. As there is no charge for a trade stall we have asked the attendees to provide us with a Raffle Prize. Therefore the raffle prizes are amazing!! We have also gained prizes from Pillow Talk, Everything But the Bike, Hard Core Biker, passes from Movie World/Seaworld/Dreamworld, Yellow Cabs, Anaconda, Willowbank Raceway, Willowbank Pharmacy and other prizes are in the pipeline.

The Route Leaders are ready, Guest Speakers, local state and federal govt representation, QPS are coming along again this year, Pop Standen will be entertaining us.

How can you help!!!

Obviously support the event – offer to go with the route leaders to pick up riders, help DaZar with marshalling, help Paula on the Rego Stand, help us to set up and pull down on the day and help us to promote the day through handing out flyers and promoting to your friends.

Fingers and toes crossed the weather will be kind to us! All we need now are the motorcycling riders to attend.

Only 5 Sundays [35 days] to go!!!

RIDE FOR AWARENESS
DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE

SUNDAY, 7th MAY 2017

10 am to 2 pm @ Brothers Leagues Club Ipswich

The Ipswich Branch of the Ulysses Club Inc. would like to extend an invitation to Motorcycle Riders & Community to join them in the **third motorcycle ride to raise awareness of Domestic & Family Violence**

Riders will be met by a member of the Ipswich Branch and be lead to the end venue at Brothers Leagues Club, Ipswich for a community event.
The leave times are **8:30 am** from the following locations:

- North: BP Caboolture Southbound [Spook 0402 627 418]
- East: Loganholme BP, Pacific H'way [Jay 0407 641 878]
- Sth West: Warwick McDonalds [Windsucker 0458 103 939]
- West: Toowoomba Picnic Point [Gunther 0421 424 126]
- Ipswich: Yamanto McDonalds [Eric 0414 732 245]

If you cannot make these times/locations please come along to the end venue where we will have guest speakers, band, show n shine, motorcycle related trade stalls and stalls from community organisations.

\$10 donation provides a patch/pin, raffle ticket, show & shine entry
Monies raised from our event are given to the regional DV Service

All Motorcyclists & Community Welcome to Attend

More info—www.ipswichulysses.com
Adrian 0433 874 512 ampamenter@gmail.com



COMMUNITY AWARENESS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

May 7th 2017 will see the Ipswich Branch hold its third ride for awareness of Domestic Violence.

Their first ride in 2015 was held after members of the Branch, who worked at the Ipswich Domestic Violence Centre (DVAC), put forward the idea to raise awareness of an issue that affects many families and relationships throughout the community, Australia wide.

As the selection of photos shows, the second ride in 2016 was a great success with 300 people taking part in the ride, testament to how many people wish to rid society of Domestic and Family Violence.

Ulysses Club is a great way to highlight community issues like this, as everybody likes to see a group of bikers riding together. When they ask the question, 'What's that all about?', they realise that it's not just a bunch of old folks going on a Sunday cruise, but they are helping to raise awareness in the community they live in.

A good measure of the impact this day has had on our community is that DVAC had some information cards printed with advice on DV issues for affected people and also for bystanders who may come across a situation and want to know what they can do to help. These cards are now being distributed in the wider Ipswich community including schools.

The ride is open to anyone who wants to come along, we had riders from most of the local SEQ Ulysses clubs attend plus other non-members, anyone from any Ulysses Branch will be more than welcome to come along and join in the fun, there is a Show and Shine, food, drinks and stalls at the finish point

Hope to see you there.

Peter Jones #66352





Dazza's Banter

March has been yet another busy month for the Ipswich branch. A mixture of fun and madness with a touch of sadness along the way.

Our first ride of the month saw Smurf take us to Yarraman Pub for lunch. This was one of those rides that we always say we don't have enough of. Almost 400 kms round trip and one that saw us taking in some beautiful countryside. The weather was certainly on our side which meant for great riding conditions. I haven't been to the pub there at Yarraman for quite some time and was really happy with the menu and hospitality. Happy to go back anytime. Thanks for leading us Smurf.

Next up was the Black Dog 1 Dayer ride. This is a ride that rain, hail or shine I never miss. This event brings to light the ongoing and ever increasing issue of depression and suicide which is very close to my heart. I've lost friends to suicide and have been close to the edge myself. I'm sure we all know someone that has taken their life or suffers from anxiety or depression. The ongoing support from rides like this should be and will be supported.

The month also brought with it its fair share of sadness with the passing of our beloved friend Konrad. Howza was a friend to all and a true gentleman. He will be sadly missed by every person he came into contact with. RIP old mate.

After such a traumatic month we all needed a release. That came in the form of our first ever Talent Quest. The support by the members for the event was great. Plenty of fine talent was on display which kept our judges on their toes. Too many people involved to thank. So looking forward to next year's event.

Enough from me. I look forward to seeing a lot of people out for Choppers first ride on the 2nd of April. Will see you all then.

Keep safe and look out for each other. Love and Peace.

Dazza VP #64146



Thanks to Dazza and his Employer CV Signage Solutions for our Club sign, I am sure it will turn some heads.

Ipswich Ulysses Talent Night 2017



Our first ever Talent Night went off with a bang. A huge success. For those that missed out you have a full year to hone your own talent before we do it all again.

There was roughly 50 people that came to witness what was a very enjoyable night. We had everything from singing and musical items to verse and the odd card trick. (For the record my card trick wasn't very good) hahahaha. The night was kick started with my daughter Olivia playing the national Anthem on the flute. Was a very proud moment as a dad. Another proud father moment came when my second born played his recorder through his nose. Not an easy thing to do when you have a head cold. Eeeewwww.

Old Goat who was our 1st place winner on the night did a couple of items, an original song that he wrote and then later in the evening a beautiful poem that he penned for our dear friend Konrad. I think all will agree that he absolutely nailed it. Well done mate. The golden gnome went to the right person.

A vision I can't get out of my head is that of Blue Ray in red high heels and a dress. Oh dear. Hey Big Spender was a huge hit with everyone. Gave the crowd a good laugh. I look forward to next years item by both Rizzo and Blue Ray. But how can you top that!!!

Even our president, secretary, treasurer and Paula's squeeze Mick got in on the action with a item that had real balls. Inflatable balls that is. Set to the timeless classic that is A Little Help from My Friends kept the crowd on the edge of their seats. Laughter was a plenty. Thanks guys for the truly entertaining act. Bigger and better for next year.

Thank you to everyone that was involved in making the evening the success that it was. We can't wait till we do it all again next year.

Just to remind you all that you don't need to be great at your chosen talent you just need to enjoy what you do. So get the creative juices flowing because 2018 is going to be bigger and better.

Regards

Daz

VP #64146

Konrad Riding into Paradise

**There are no tears in heaven
I don't believe in hell
Life is what you make it
This I know all too well**

**Somewhere over the rainbow
I ride into Paradise
Leaving this troubled world well behind
With its noise and their device!**

**Back before the big bang theory
Back to where it all began
Back to the string line theory
Energy is what I am**

**Into a parallel universe
Energy marches on
I ride there on my noble stead
Our universe is gone at the speed of light**

**My friends back home they will recall
The story of my life
Any somewhere deep down inside
Wish me well on this final ride.**

Old Goat

Konrad “Howza’ Walters #50507 TM 55’

Personal tribute from Erik and Anni

Dear Kon, Dave told Anni and I about Ulysses and said we should go to one of their meetings. He said go and see my old man, you can’t miss him, he is the tallest bloke there. When we went to Lockyer’s Info Night there you were – easy to pick, the tallest person in the room.

Dave must have warned you about us because you told us that we looked exactly like Dave had described us. Already on the first night I felt a connection like we already knew each other. I always liked being near you, even when we didn’t have much to talk about.

When we were riding you always liked to go fast through the twisties but that wasn’t always easy when we were riding with so many other people, where there would always be someone slowing us down. I found out when riding behind you, you had your own way of fixing the problem.

A few hundred metres before a curve, you would slow right down as to create a gap between you and the riders in front of you. Then, just before the twisty bit you would give it full power and fly through the curve and then slow right down when the road became straight again.

Having you as a webmaster meant that our branch had the best website of all the Ulysses branches and when we started the Ipswich Branch a few years ago we had an even better website which has been very useful for all our members.

I am very thankful for the time we spent together on rides, parties, or when you fixed my computer. As with everyone else here, I will miss you, but never forget the good times in your company.

Thank you Konrad for letting me be your friend.

Erik (Lumberjack)
[Dave is Kon and Chris’ son]



Sheriff's Court

James "Windsucker" 50255

Numbers were down on Friday night, don't know if it was the heat or as I was told some members got the night wrong. None the less it was a great meeting.

FINES AS FOLLOWS

Amanda - mistook beasts for breasts

Ado – lost keys, they were in Amanda's bag

Smurf – for being out of uniform

Short-Cut & Lummey – for leaving indicators on

Myself – for leaving keys in bike

\$5 SCRATCHY WAS WON BY:

Bling

Short Cut

\$10 SCRATCHY WAS WON BY:

Luigi

BIRTHDAYS



Old Goat (60 Congratulations)

Amanda

Gary Boyd

Silver Fox

Till we meet again please stay healthy and safe.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

There is more to life than ingression

"Windsucker #50255"

Talent Night (by Windsucker)

Does Ipswich have talent, yes by the bucket loads. I have not laughed so much as I did on Saturday night. Dazza (Jethro) was our MC and did a fantastic job, but his card tricks leave nothing to the imagination.

All the acts were wonderful in their own rights. Anni, Ken and I were Judges on the night and it was very hard to pick the winners. So here we go on the way we picked the winners.

Old-Goat – won the Gold for his originality with his own song that he wrote 10 years ago, plus his poems.

Spook – won Silver for his own poems that he wrote many years ago plus his unbelievable card trick, (take note Dazza). Spook performed a trick with my wedding ring which I go back intact.

Dazza & Julz got the Bronze for their song about our club which they penned themselves.

As you see it wasn't an easy job. We had a special quest on the night in the form of Dicky-Nee of Hey Hey it's Saturday he was hilarious.

The night was all about amateurs having a go. But we couldn't Judge one act as we thought he was a professional because back in the day he was a Tamborine player with a well-known band.

It was a great night and I can't wait for next year. I hope that I am asked again to be a Judge because I thought I was FAIR & JUST.

"Windsucker #50255"



Lumberjacks Road Rash



Hi folks,

We haven't been too lucky with the last couple of rides, with the Black Dog/coffee ride cancelled as it was pissing down all day.

A few riders went to the Black Dog ride, but the rest of us that just came along for the Coffee Ride didn't want to risk sliding off the mountain, just for some coffee, so we rode a few hundred metres down the road and had coffee there.

Kon's final ride to Warrill Park was very impressive but not something we wanted to do.

Choppers ride didn't go to plan either as the roads we were supposed to ride were damaged from flooding so we will attempt to do that ride again in July.

Ipswich branch rides:

Date	When	Where to meet	Ride leader	What's happening	Distance
16/04/2017				Easter – no ride	
25/04/2017	04:00	Bundamba		Anzac dawn service and barbecue	
29-30/04/2017	08:00	Yamanto	Max	Rappville pub overnighter	530km return
07/05/2017		Various places		DV Ride	
21/05/2017	09:00	TBA.	Ross (Crash)	Crash's Ride	

We have made a change to our corner-marking rules:

Normally when we come to a corner or intersection that needs to be corner-marked, the first bike after the ride leader should stop and mark that corner. However, if the first bike after the ride leader has more than 2 wheels, (Bike towing a trailer, Trike, bike with sidecar) we would then like the next bike to mark that corner so we don't have something wide to cause a traffic hazard.

This should be my last Road Rash as I am taking on another task after the AGM so I thank you all for putting up with my Road Rash.

And as always -

See ya all on the rides!

Erik (Lumberjack)

**The Ulysses Club, Redlands
Branch invites you to join us to
celebrate**



Christmas in July

Date

15th July

Time: 6pm

Contact

Roxy: 0413 618 745 or

Tom: 0417 719 891

**Secret Santa—boys
bring a boys gift and
girls bring a girl gift
(value up to \$15)**

Cost

**\$25 per person
includes: Great
company, a 2
Course Meal, 70's
Jukebox, Cake &
Coffee**

Theme

**Back to The 70's
So find those flares
and that Afro,
celebrate the
70's!!**

Venue

**The Redlands
Multi Sports
Complex
Randall Road
Birkdale**



Groovy!



Rappville Pub Ride

Saturday 29 & 30 April

This is just a rough plan to start.

Saturday 29 April – Leave Yamanto at 8am

Ride length approx. 280kms with a couple of stops on the way.

Stay at the Rappville pub Saturday night, they have a few rooms and you can also camp out the back and use the showers inside.

It's a great old country pub with a real welcoming atmosphere. The pub has a small menu at good prices.

Rappville has a population of approx. 259. Sunday – leisurely ride home approx. 250kms back to Yamanto.

Bookings for rooms and camping – Peter & Jayne 02 6661 7102

If you are interested please let me know at the club meetings (cannot make March meeting due to shift work, yes some of us do have to work☺) or my mobile 0439739398.

MAX



Peter 'Chopper' Spotted this on Tambourine Road, maybe should have parked further down the road LOL !

ULYSSES REDCLIFFE BRANCH



BAREFOOT BOWLS DAY

SUNDAY AUGUST 6th 2017

COME SHOW YOUR COLOURS



Scarborough bowls club

Cnr Scarborough road and Sunnyside rd Scarborough

Sign on and practice from 9am

Round Robin Tournament starts at 10am

Teams of 4 players

\$15 per player Includes greens hire and sausage sizzle

BBQ from noon and drinks purchase from the bar inside.

non players BBQ \$5 p/p

Rules of the game

Each game consists of three ends.

Winners of each game progress to the next round.

If at the end of a game and scores are tied one member of each team
will bowl **one** ball closest to the jack wins.

The judge's decision is final

Those players with their own balls please bring them along!

any enquires contact Herb on 0420335556 A/H

YARRAMAN PUB RIDE REPORT



Well the day started out looking rather bleak & dismal; low clouds, cool temperature, high humidity; 11 bikes and 13 Ulyssians turned up for the ride with Kermit playing Tail-end Charlie.

After the ride briefing we all departed towards Amberley, Rosewood, Talegalla, Marburg, Glamorgan Vale, Lowood, Patrick estate, Coominya, to Gatton-Esk road and finally Esk for Morning Tea and somewhere for standing ovations and seated performances could be satisfied.

After smoko a couple of bikes departed for home whilst the rest of us meandered up through the Hampton twisties until the turn-off for Lake Perseverance with more twisties till our arrival in Crows Nest where another bike left our group to head home.

This left eight (8) bikes and riders to travel the remaining if not dull leg of the trip via New England Highway to Yarraman where we partook our fill of food, drinks, & conversation.

After Lunch, some riders refuelled for the trip home, so with full tanks and tummies we headed back to Esk via Blackbutt, Harlin, Toogoolawah where good-byes were said. I think that all and sundry were happy with the day's event: good company, good weather, good roads and no mishaps or hiccups: what more can anyone expect.

Till next time keep you and your ride upright

Smurf # 54212

Ride Report by Chopper and Sue's Ride 2nd April 2017



Well, what a week for disasters, Milton Brewery caught fire, Yatala Pie shop got flooded and a lot of homes were lost in flood waters.

I was going to take the club through Rosewood to Grandchester then Laidley onto Lowood, Fernvale, then Esk for Coffee and finally Crow's Nest for lunch, returning via Murphy's Creek, however with the weather from the past week it was decided that maybe a coffee run would be a better idea as most of the roads I was going to use were probably dangerous or covered with debris and would need checking out before we went that way, not to worry that ride have been pencilled in for July.

The destination for the coffee run was Boonah and as this was my first ride as leader it was a nice little run to start with. Start point was the Golf Club and I was surprised that we had 21 bikes and 24 persons turn up for the run, some people who I had never met but were members from other branches I believe, Darren's son Tom came along (obviously a prospective future Ulyssean), Amanda also gave her machine a day out as well.

It has obviously been a long time since Doogie used his bike and sidecar as he felt compelled to give them a dust off with his leaf blower in the car park.

After the formalities of photos and briefings we were off, Ado had kindly volunteered as tail end Charlie for the day which I was grateful for. We set off to go through Yamanto had to go a longer way around as Lobb Street was still blocked off due to flood water, however whether it was beginners luck or whatever we got really lucky with traffic lights and seemed to hit green nearly every time, even when we stopped just outside Yamanto to make sure everybody was still together there was a nice break in the traffic so we could all pull out onto the road again as a group.

The ride to Boonah was only a short one but there was plenty of evidence from where the flood water had crossed the roads in some places, however we were able to keep up a decent speed and got to Boonah without incident. After parking up we wandered into the main drag to find some coffee, most of us descended on Café 17 and some went over the road to the bakery.

A few guys had breakfasts there and I must say the tucker looked very good, service was good and fast which was nice as the café had no idea we would be coming, so 20 odd hungry people turning up would have been a bit of a surprise.

We spent probably a good hour there before packing up to head on home, some decided to head off back to Ipswich, some to ride out to somewhere else.

All said and done, only a short ride but quite good fun and it was nice to get my first 'Ride Leader' done and dusted, many thanks to all who came along and those who marked corners and of course Tail End Charlie, hope everybody enjoyed it.

Chopper and Sue



Not sure if Sheriff can
read!!!

This must be a fine

Ipswich You've Got Talent!! (By Julz)

Well, what a great success our first ever branch Talent Quest was! It began as a humble idea of getting a few acts together for a bit of a laugh, and ended up with us being blown away by the talent that our people have! Nights like this prove what a great place for fun, friendship and laughter our branch is and given some of the sadness we have had in our lives recently, the Talent Quest gave us a night where we could feel good and be surrounded by friends.



The night was hilariously hosted by our own Dazar who kept the acts moving along and provided a bit of his own entertainment with card tricks and some pretty wicked introductions to each new talent. I use the words 'card tricks' very loosely I might add as we are still waiting to see if he figured out which card Goth actually picked. It seemed to be more of a game of '52 pickup' than an actual card trick!

The night started off with Olivia playing Advance Australia Fair on her flute, while the audience stood up to sing along, all except for the odd Kiwi who sat through it...hey Doozee? Old Goat was up next, playing and singing a song that he wrote himself about Maralinga. I knew Goat could play the guitar like a pro, but his song writing skills really blew me away.



The night had got off to a great start, with the bar set high for the acts to follow, but everyone was up to the task. In no particular order, we heard original poetry from Spook as well as a card trick (one that actually worked – take note Daz). Spook also showed us that he is no beginner when it comes to playing the harmonica. We saw Tom blow a tune on a recorder *through his nose people*, and we heard a story from Silver Fox about the way things used to be.



Chynzia lead us all in singing Waltzing Matilda, and Dazar and I dazzled with our rendition of 'I Love to Have a Beer With...'. Max had us in stitches telling us a life story from a motorbikes' point of view, and the Awesome Foursome (Ado, Paula, Mick and Amanda) did ballet with balls...don't ask, you just had to be there.



Ado tinkled with a tamborine and Ross shared some of life's reflections with us. Lummy walked us through a brilliant song and gave us some bird calls, and Eilish shared her songbird voice with Travelling Soldier, unaccompanied. Rizzo and Ray gave us a bit of Big Spender by Shirley Bassey – and if you would like to see Ray in a dress with bright red high heels I believe he will be performing in the Valley on Fridays at 10pm. Entrance is free.

The night ended with some more poetry, this time from Old Goat, and a sing-a-long of 'Always Look on the Bright Side of Life'.

Our extra-ordinary judges were Winsucker, Annie and Ken who were adorned with special judges' badges, and boy did they have a hard time picking a winner out of the talent that was displayed. Our judges were ably assisted/annoyed/aggravated by Dicky Knee who popped up from time to time with comments, some of which are a little too naughty to print here!

Huge thanks to everyone who participated and turned up to support those brave souls who entertained us. And special mention to Old Goat for the PA system, our judges James, Annie and Ken, Dazar for MC'ing, Paula (aka Dicky) for the Bronze, Silver and Gold Gnomes, the Ipswich Country Club for the venue and a voucher and Ado, Amanda and Mick for bringing all sorts of stuff that we needed. If I have missed anyone, take this as my personal thanks for helping out!

We had to have some winners....and they were 1st – Old Goat, 2nd Spook, 3rd Julz and Dazar.



The club manager said other patrons could hear how much fun we were having and were a bit jealous. We'll definitely be doing this next year, and we are thinking of asking another



branch to join us, so if you start practicing now you'll have a whole year to get your act together. I loved every minute of our first talent quest and I can't wait for next year...anyone want to be in a band? Hehe.

There are many more photos and simply not enough room to show all the acts here. Head to the website to see the all 😊



OUR SIGNAGE AT THE IPSWICH COUNTRY CLUB

As self-appointed Supervisor of the Sign Installation at the Ipswich Country Club here's my report.

On a thankfully not so hot Saturday morning the Ippy installation crew of DaZar, Erik, Ado, James and Ray arrived bright and early with every tool of the trade required to get the job done. After lots of important consultation regarding what was beneath the ground what angle to place the sign, was it too close to the bush, too close to the driveway, would it take away from the Golf Club signage, many many other discussions (including what they were doing that night) ... the decision was made to place the sign right where you see it. Perfect place hey!



Thanks to DaZar and our Branch Sponsor, CV Signage Solutions for donating the sign, this comes at no cost at all to the branch members, just a bit of hard work by the crew above. Thanks also to the Ipswich Country Club for hosting us at our monthly information nights and for allowing us to advertise our Branch and the Ulysses Club Inc. in general.

There are not many branches in our great Club who have such strong support from a venue host and we should all be proud of this achievement.

The installation crew worked for approximately 2 hours @ time a half on a Saturday morning – and their payment was a coldie after. If you wish to book them for any upcoming jobs around your homes, please don't bother, I think they are fully booked for the coming months, ~~doing some work around my home, oops~~

Thanks crew....Amanda

Children are so honest !! – Supplied by Amanda

While I sat in the reception area of my doctor's office, a woman rolled an elderly man in a wheelchair into the room. As she went to the receptionist's desk, the man sat there, alone and silent. Just as I was thinking I should make small talk with him, a little boy slipped off his mother's lap and walked over to the wheelchair. Placing his hand on the man's, he said, "I know how you feel. My Mom makes me ride in the stroller too."

As I was nursing my baby, my cousin's six-year-old daughter, Krissy, came into the room. Never having seen anyone breast feed before, she was intrigued and full of all kinds of questions about what I was doing. After mulling over my answers, she remarked, "My mom has some of those, but I don't think she knows how to use them."

Out bicycling one day with my eight-year-old granddaughter, Carolyn, I got a little wistful. "In ten years," I said, "you'll want to be with your friends and you won't go walking, biking, and swimming with me like you do now. Carolyn shrugged. "In ten years you'll be too old to do all those things anyway."

Working as a pediatric nurse, I had the difficult assignment of giving immunization shots to children. One day, I entered the examining room to give four-year-old Lizzie her injection. "No, no, no!" she screamed. "Lizzie," scolded her mother, "that's not polite behavior." With that, the girl yelled even louder, "No, thank you! No, thank you!"

On the way back from a Cub Scout meeting, my grandson innocently said to my son, "Dad, I know babies come from mommie's tummies, but how do they get there in the first place?" After my son hemmed and hawed awhile, my grandson finally spoke up in disgust, "You don't have to make up something, Dad. It's okay if you don't know the answer."

Just before I was deployed to Iraq, I sat my eight-year-old son down and broke the news to him. "I'm going to be away for a long time," I told him. "I'm going to Iraq." "Why?" he asked. "Don't you know there's a war going on over there?"

Paul Newman founded the *Hole in the Wall Gang Camp* for children stricken with cancer, AIDS, and blood diseases. One afternoon, he and his wife, Joanne Woodward, stopped by to have lunch with the kids. A counselor at a nearby table, suspecting the young patients wouldn't know Newman was a famous movie star, explained, "That's the man who made this camp possible. Maybe you've seen his picture on his salad dressing bottle?"

Blank stares.

"Well, you've probably seen his face on his lemonade carton." An eight-year-old girl perked up. "How long was he missing?"

Queensland Motorcycle Riders' Guide (Supplied by Ado)



The [Queensland Motorcycle Riders' Guide](#) is a comprehensive one-stop reference handbook for all motorcyclists, whether you are new to riding, a regular rider or thinking of returning to ride. It covers a range of topics including licensing and registration, road rules, protective gear, safe riding techniques, how to cope with hazards, motorcycle maintenance, modifications, offences and current penalties.

Motorcyclists have to adhere to the same [Queensland Road Rules](#) as other road users however, there are some laws that apply specifically to motorcycle riders and their pillion passengers. In addition, there are special rules for the class of licence you hold (learner, provisional and open).

The Queensland Motorcycle Rider's Guide and the latest edition of [Your Keys to Driving in Queensland](#) provides up-to-date information about the Queensland licensing system, road rules and road safety messages.

Choosing the right motorcycle

Just because a motorcycle looks good, doesn't mean it's the best choice for your needs and your level of experience. Try out a few different motorcycles and get advice from experienced riders.

Remember a few basic rules:

- If you are a learner rider or hold a class RE motorcycle licence in Queensland, you are restricted to a motorcycle approved under the LAM Scheme.
- Your motorcycle must be roadworthy. Buying through a licensed dealer may be more expensive than buying privately, but will provide you with a warranty and guarantee of title.
- Make sure your motorcycle suits your build. You don't want one that's too high for you, so make sure you feel comfortable when you're sitting on it with the stands up. You'll also want to make sure you can push it easily without losing your balance.

Motorcycle maintenance checklist

You should check your motorcycle before every ride — your safety begins with your motorcycle. Routinely check and maintain your motorcycle to reduce your risk of injury and the risk of damage to your motorcycle. Before riding make sure you check:

- current registration
- registration plate is clearly displayed and securely attached
- working lights - including headlights, tail-light, brake light and indicators
- working brakes
- steering
- suspension
- working horn
- tyre pressure and tread depth (at least 1.5mm over the whole tyre surface)
- chain/drive belt guard.

Adjust the controls of the motorcycle so they are right for you. You should be able to reach all the controls easily without being cramped.

Before you ride



No one can predict what will happen on the road, but you can put the odds in your favour if you make sure you and your motorcycle are in top condition before you set out.

Are you roadworthy?

Riding a motorcycle safely is more mentally and physically demanding than driving a car. Use this simple checklist to make sure you're up to it.

Don't ride if:

- you're tired or unable to concentrate
- your blood alcohol level is above the legal limit
- you are under the influence of illegal drugs or any medication that may affect your riding ability.

Think very carefully about riding if you:

- are not in the right frame of mind to be alert and careful
- haven't slept well
- are stressed
- feel unwell or emotionally upset.

Safe riding tips

Maintaining concentration

Your survival depends on concentration, anticipation and judgement.

You need to be aware of how your concentration is affected by your immediate environment, your health and/or physical condition, and your ability to process visual information. Fatigue, alcohol and drugs are just some things that can affect your concentration.

Speed management

Skilful riders manage their speed and road position to maintain a crash avoidance space around their motorcycle. To determine the crash avoidance space to the front of your motorcycle, you need to take into account two key factors – reaction time and response time.

Reaction time is the time you need to:

- see the information
- understand what it means
- decide on a response.

A rider who is fit, concentrating, alert and not affected by alcohol, drugs, fatigue or a distraction, will require about one and a half seconds to react to a sudden and unexpected change in traffic.

Response time is the time required for you to take action. You need a two second gap to react and respond to a situation in front of you. You may need even longer in poor conditions.

Remember, the faster you are travelling, the longer it takes to stop.

Positioning

Traffic and road situations are constantly changing and so does the safest position on the road. Skillful riders aim to be in the right place at all times. Generally you should position yourself on the road where you can see ahead and where you can be seen by other road users. Select a safe gap when turning, overtaking and changing lanes.

Riding techniques such as identifying vehicle blind spots and correct positioning, can improve your visibility to other road users. Don't ride in the blind spots of other vehicles (behind and beside them). If you cannot see the external mirrors of the vehicle in front, the driver cannot see you.

Night riding

Riding at night is considerably more dangerous for motorcyclists. Take extra care when riding at night and apply safety measures, such as:

- Ensure you can be seen—check that your lights and indicators are working properly, and wear reflective or fluorescent clothing.
- Maximise your vision—avoid wearing dark, tinted or scratched eye protection, travel on well-lit roads, and use high beam (except within 200m of another vehicle).
- Give yourself time to respond — slow down to maintain at least 6 seconds of vision, and increase your crash avoidance space — you must be able to stop within the distance you can see.

Update - CROWS NEST Motorcycle Friendly

Some of our members might like to drop by and pick up these patches/t-shirts.

We now have sew-on patches (see attached file). These patches are 90 x 90mm and are available at the Crows Nest Newsagency and also at the Hampton Visitor Information Centre. Next time you visit us, grab a patch.

T-shirts/Poloshirts/caps (see attached file) are also available from Allsorts Of Signs

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Email sales@allsortsofsigns.com.au



For Sale

2009 Detour Motorcycle Camper (Aussie Made)

Price: \$5,000

Tare 165Kg / Gross 300Kg

Electric Brakes, Full Swivel Hitch, Spare Tyre

Body Size 1.5m X 0.9m X 0.3m

Heavy Duty Aussie Canvas: 12oz roof, 10oz walls and Poly Tarp Fly

2.0m X 2.7m Awning with zip in walls to complete the Annex and all poles, pegs and ropes

13" Wheels with 155/65 R13 Radial Tyres

Sleeping Compartment 1.5m x 2.7m – with sewn in Poly Tarp floor, full size Queen Mattress, storage under foot of bed

Quick setup can easily be done by one person, with only one bow to adjust

Extras – Hanging space in sleeper, 2 x 5 lt water containers, lockable 2 x 4 lt fuel containers, Foam Floor Matting under the sleeper floor to prevent floor damage, checker plate Fridge/Esky Tray on the Drawbar

Tows well behind motorcycle or car.

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A little mishap last month for the Members Profile was Sue Jones so I have added it again. Sorry Sue.

Members Profile

Name: Sue Jones

Nickname: Yakki



Occupation:	Senior Alcs Administrator
Current bike:	Pillion (whatever Pete rides)
I got into bike riding when:	When I met Pete
Toughest Ride:	Anything before the 'Air Hawk'
My life began when:	We Emigrated to Australia
I am really good at:	Talking
I am really bad at:	Shutting up 'So my husband's says'
My hobbies are	Gym and being on the bike with Pete
Major dislikes:	Rude people
Smartest thing I've done:	Went on holidays to Africa
Biggest regret:	I don't have any regrets
Most amazing discovery:	Peter
Best time of my life:	Going on Safari
Advice to new riders:	Enjoy the ride, slow down on bends it's not a race track

Members Profile

Name: Darren Cowell

Nickname: Dazza



Occupation:	Factory Supervisor
Current bike:	Vulcan VN900 Classic
I got into bike riding when:	I rode my dad's 100cc Honda
Toughest Ride:	Brisbane to Melbourne for 2012 Moto GP
My life began when:	I was born and adopted out as a 3 month old
I am really good at:	Bullshitting
I am really bad at:	Bullshiting
My hobbies are	Cycling / Skateboarding / Longboard
Major dislikes:	Tail gaters
Smartest thing I've done:	Joining the Ipswich Branch
Biggest regret:	Not having children sooner
Most amazing discovery:	Girls
Best time of my life:	1995 I worked in China building a factory for my work
Advice to new riders:	Stay upright

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 shortcutipswich@gmail.com. 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. Dorothy "Short Cut.

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