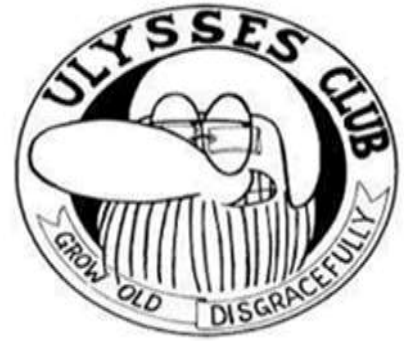




# *IPSWICH ULYSSES BRANCH*



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# *Happy New Year*

# *Your Committee for 2019 /20*



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## CHOPPERS RANT:..... A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Welcome to the first Branch Meeting for 2020.

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a positive start to the New Year. For a couple of us it's not got off to a great start, Spook had his knee surgery so is on crutches, Baz fell off his Veranda and broke a rib and 2 Vertebrae and I slipped playing Golf and dislocated and fractured my ankle so off my feet for at least 6 weeks.

The Christmas Party was a great night good food, good entertainment and even better company. The soccer club is a good venue and we are thinking we may hold the talent night there when we have it.

Our last ride for 2019 was the Christmas lights ride, a really good turnout with some riders from Gatton turning up to join us, it was amazing to see how much effort some people put into the Christmas lights display, must take them days to put up and take down, well worth the effort going around to look at them.

We have started planning some good events for the next year with a couple of overnights, which are always great fun. We were also thinking of a days ride to the National Rally but if we were to ride down on the weekend we would have to purchase a 3 day pass, which may not be worth it, the only one day pass available is for the Thursday only.

South East Qld, Poker run is the 14<sup>th</sup> June again we will be finishing up at The Royal Hotel, Harrisville and the multi Branch memorial ride will be in September.

Di has spent a lot of time developing a Branch Calendar with all the rides that have been organised so far for the year in it, obviously not every ride as some months aren't planned yet but it contains dates for info nights etc as well, it would be a great tool for those who like to have things written down, I know I shall buy one. They are \$5 each and contain vouchers for Regalia discounts and raffle deals.

Shave for a cure has been a sort of on again off again event, it is now on again and being held by the Gatton Branch on the 15<sup>th</sup> March so we will organise a ride out to Gatton to support them, personally I can't wait to get my head shaved as I have never had hair this long.

April we will attend the ANZAC Day Dawn Service at Bundamba and then have a BBQ breakfast at Queens Park, this is always a very worthwhile event where we remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice, the Branch as usual will be laying a wreath, so we would like 2 volunteers to lay the wreath on behalf of the Branch, if you would like to do this please let one of the committee members know. Thank you.

We also want to hold a few social nights where we all meet up at a pub somewhere and have some dinner and have a bit of night out, these will be held on 'off' ride weekends, so we can let our hair down a bit, without having to worry about RBT's the next day.

The Branch AGM will be held in April, therefore nominations for positions on the committee will need to be submitted by the March Branch info night, all positions are vacated and up for grabs. The AGM will take place after the Branch info night on 3<sup>rd</sup> April and the new committee will be announced at this time, you can nominate for as many positions you like but each nomination will have to be on a separate form and seconded by another member, if there is more than one nomination for a committee role then a vote will take place. To nominate for a position or to vote for a nominee you will need to be a financial member of the Ulysses Club so therefore you must have your member card with you on the night, these will be checked at the time.

Anyone who is a financial member of the Club can nominate for a position no matter length of time as a member, so if you feel you can help the Branch grow and are willing to give up some of your time then please nominate.

## Ulysses Club United Petroleum Community Card

You can receive a discount on fuel and donate to UCARF at the same time by using a Ulysses Club United Petroleum Community Card

In conjunction with United Petroleum, the Ulysses Club Inc has signed up to be a member of the



United Petroleum Community Rewards Card. The benefits of the card to Ulysses Club members are when purchasing fuel from a participating United Petroleum outlet, show your Community card when paying and you receive a 2 cents per litre discount to a maximum of 150 lt from the pump price.

Additional to your discount, a further 2 cents per litre is directed to UCARF (Ulysses Club Arthritis Research Foundation). United Petroleum is available Australia-wide and this offer applies to all types of fuel sold at United service stations.



*Life is short  
Break the rules  
Forgive quickly  
Love honestly*

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Ride FREE*

*And never regret anything that makes you smile...*

To sign up for this deal go to: <http://new.unitedpetroleum.com.au/ulyssesclub/>

It only takes about 60 seconds to apply, and the rewards card will be mailed to your nominated address. Start saving on fuel costs and raise much needed funds for UCARF.

Take it easy and be careful out there.

Chopper

## Dinky's Update



Hello all, Hoping you are all fresher for the New Year.

We have introduced a Calendar for \$5 with vouchers in for raffles and Regalia. Also our sponges are in there too. All committee meeting, info night, social events and rides as well as the usual holiday. We are restocking the shoulder bags, new bucket hats, glasses and Ipswich Ulysses soaps (handmade all natural).

Membership renewal :If you would like to renew your membership please come and see me and I can process this at any info night or at any events. Otherwise you can renew directly with Natcom please see website directly or renewal notice.

Financials re Regalia. Just to let everyone know, I do not give the financial report, this is the job of the treasurer (Scalesy) please take it up with him.

Regalia items If there are things you would like to see in the regalia please let me know, e.g.. water bottles, coffee cups, pens etc. Please let me know if you have any questions.

## Brenda's Welfare Check in.

*Maurice Blackburn is a proud supporter and sponsor of the Ulysses Club. To help us all to understand what they can do for us, they have sent the following:*



## **Advocacy when you need it most**

Motorcycle riders face a distinct set of challenges, both on and off the road, from mutterings of "Sorry Mate I Didn't See You" (SMIDSY), dangerous road surfaces and wire barriers, to inconsistent road rules from state to state.

At Maurice Blackburn, we're proud to stand alongside our friends in the motorcycling industry to try to sort out this unfair treatment of riders. Our expertise on rider issues and our partnerships with key rider representative organisations like Ulysses enables us to advocate for riders' rights and to provide expert advice and representation to riders.

Our key areas of advocacy for motorcyclists have included:

1. SMIDSY
2. Lane filtering
3. Distracted driving, and
4. Road resurfacing

We've also worked on a range of other rider issues, including continuously advocating for a nationally consistent set of rules relating to helmet standards and defending a rider who was fined for having a helmet-cam.

You can find guides, client stories and legal updates on issues important to riders on our dedicated SMIDSY site and our SMIDSY Facebook page.

### **Lane filtering**

Even though research shows it's safer for riders and eases traffic congestion, lane filtering has not been legalised in some Australian states and is still widely misunderstood by drivers.

In 2014, we launched our campaign to advocate for lane filtering nationally. Since then, we've worked to raise awareness of lane filtering rules so that riders are not caught out by inconsistent state schemes.

We've produced a handy pocket guide for riders on the topic and regularly share content on the issue on our SMIDSY Facebook page, which is dedicated to supporting the community and highlighting rider issues.

We firmly believe that a national standard of lane filtering legislation would ensure motorcyclists and road users enjoy the peace of mind that comes with clear law, and safer roads.

### **Distracted driving**

Recent research suggests Australian drivers are distracted around 45% of the time on our roads. Despite hefty fines, smartphone usage while on the road is on the rise.

No one is more aware of this than riders, who can see the offending motorists while they are filtering or stopped at intersections.

Drunk driving can also have catastrophic impacts for riders. Our client Luke's world was turned upside down when a drunk P-plater pulled into the path of his motorbike in late 2015.

His multiple injuries included back, pelvis, hip and knee fractures as well as a ruptured kidney and spleen. Luke is lucky to be alive.

## ***Maurice Blackburn is a proud supporter and sponsor of the Ulysses Club – cont***

### **Road resurfacing**

Every rider knows the feeling - riding along the road when you feel your front tyre start to wobble along the bitumen that's been damaged or left unfixed . Potholes, debris, gravel, poor maintenance and soft bitumen can cause bikes to slip and riders to get injured.

Poor quality roads have meant devastating consequences for our client , Stephen.

Stephen was travelling slowly around a bend on his motorbike when he crossed an area of soft bitumen that caused his front wheel to slip. His bike fell and he was pinned underneath. HE broke multiple bones and underwent surgery to have metalware inserted in thumb and collarbone to support the bones.

The debris, which can stretch out for the entire width of a road and be metres long, is often left for several days before a contractor returns to sweep it away. In Stephen's case, the local road authority only fixed the road after his accident.

We are committed to getting to the bottom of why the poor road surfaces continue to be a low priority for road authorities and ensuring they understand the implications of this for riders.

At Maurice Blackburn, we firmly believe that riders should have fair representation on and off the road . We will continue to work with you on the issues that matter to you the most.

A visit with Chopper.. Golf too can be a dangerous game.



Please take care, ride safe ☐ xx Smurfett

# *The Fox's Den.*

Hi Fellow Ulyssians,

February is here and a leap year is with us. We will all be an extra day older. With two rides already under our tyres we roll on for this month.

What's On this month

## **Friday Feb 7<sup>th</sup>**

Info night at the Ippy Club. 7pm



## **This months rides.**

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb**

A pleasant trip to Toogoolawah to go back in time to the sixties to relive our miss spent youth era at the Eagle Rock Café. Depart Ippy Club Leichardt at 9.00am

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Crash is taking us on a mystery journey. We will follow in anticipation of his decided destination. Depart Yamanto 9.00am

### **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb**

Social Night at Gronk and Special K's house, Ripley

### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

Info night Ippy Club



*See you on the rides and ride within your capabilities.*

*Bob, the Silver Fox #63410*





## **lumberjacks Web-talk**



Hi all,

First meeting this year and everything is back to normal (I think)

I did hear about some people who turned up for info meeting in January. I am aware that the ride calendar shows that there was info meeting last month but if you would have clicked on that event, you would have seen that there was no info meeting that night.

That information was entered on 22/12/2019 so if you clicked on it after that date, you would see that there was no meeting.



The info meetings are entered in the ride calendar automatically so it will always show info meeting the first Friday in the month, even on a public holiday, so please; always click on the event to make sure it is on and also to see more info about that particular event.

Last Sunday, we went for a ride to Eagle Rock Café and it would appear that they were selling MY cake. Of course I had to take a photo of it but I never got to taste it.

The Café was nicely done up and the owners were very friendly so I really hope that enough people find their way all the way to Toogoolawah to support them so they can keep their shop open.

Have a good and virus-free month. And see you all on the rides.

Cheers,  
Lumberjack

## Crash's monthly mouthful



Hi guys and gals, I hope everyone has had a nice break and are ready to get into a new year of bike riding, socialising, and behaving badly.

Your committee has got a busy year ahead, with events happening, so keep you ear to the ground, check out the web site for future events and rides and our Facebook page for info.

I've been to the bank and taken out a personal loan to pay my holiday fines, I just hope the sheriff hasn't heard of any more of my transgressions.

I was hoping Santa would leave a new bike in my sack, but I only got coal, I must have been naughty. Must have something to do with my \$440 speeding fine, ouch.

A couple of our ladies have got new bikes in their Christmas stocking, I am wondering what they got up to, to get their presents, I guess we'll never know.

So, buy the way is if anyone is interested in buying poodle that steals, socks, shoes, tooth brushes and tooth paste, boxes of tissue's, my chupa chups, hearing aids, reading glasses,

Dirty clothes out of the laundry basket and anything and everything he can reach. Please let me know, O and he bites if you kiss Sue while he is in her lap.

Just kidding, we still love him, I don't know why.

That's all I have for now, from someone who knows how to crash.

CRASH #42697



*"Do I know how fast I was going? Isn't that your job?"*





## **Ride Report : The Girls Coffee Café, Marburg**

Off we went for the first ride for 2020 . The weather was as per usual hot and dry

A very good roll up if 21 Ulyssians all eager to ride before the day becomes too hot. With Silver Fox as ride leader and Crash as tail end Charlie we ventured on our journey. A fox hunt was on.

Down the Cunningham highway to Dinmore, then up the Warrego highway to the Pine Mtn road exit. Riding along Pine Mtn road with not as car in sight and the road all to ourselves. We took the exit at the junction of the Brisbane Valley highway, turning right and onto Fernvale. Over Wivenhoe Dam and past the burnt out countryside of earlier bush fires. Turned off for Coominya and then back towards Lowood then going up the main street and onwards to the rolling hills towards Glenmorganvale. Right turn and then onwards to Marburg.

Next stop, our destination. No wrong turns and no one got lost. All went well.

Wal and Margaret were there to greet us.

With refreshments and lot's of talking, time flew by and it was time to get home before the heat of the day.

A good ride to start the year off

Thank you all.

Bob "Silver Fox"



## The Mt Cootha Ride

14 Ulyssians gathered at Yamanto with the weather looking good. Five members were attending the Presidents Meeting at Harrisville.

We left later than 9.00am because we waited for Patch to get roadside assistance for a new battery.

With Fox out in front we got underway. Nine of us heading down the Western freeway heading to Springfield, and onwards to the Mt Cootha roundabout and up the mountain to the lookout summit. Lummey and Buzz eventually arrived after some communication misunderstanding, my fault.

The view was as clear as could be. Moreton Bay and islands, airport and the mountains to the south, clearly visible. It seemed to be a very popular place with tourists as we were lucky to get parking spots.

The weather clouds were gathering so we headed up past the television channels and then down the mountain to the Western freeway. The clouds to the north were getting darker and darker and at Goodna the heavens opened up and by Redbank Plains straight instead of going to eat safety was a priority so I headed to the Redbank Plaza carpark to wait out the deluge with no one in sight. After 15 minutes of rain it started to ease off so heading home was the safest option. Arrived home safe and wet.

Lumberjack rang to say Patch had stopped and that HiTower was homeward bound to get his Landcruiser to jump start Patches bike to get him home. HiTower later phoned me to say Patch was mobile again. His bike suffering electrical gremlins.

Thank you HiTower, good guy award of the month



*"Why do I get the feeling my divorce is final?"*



*"How did Mary-Lou like her first motorcycle ride?"*





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