

# Ipswich Ulysses March 2015

## Newsletter # 16



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

**\*\*\*\*\*NOTE THAT DUE TO THE EASTER WEEKEND, APRIL'S MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE SECOND FRIDAY \*\*\*\*\***

**(APRIL 10, 2015)**

**(I hope that is prominent enough for you Ado!!)**

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

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### **Ado's Air Spray March 2015**

Welcome to the March information night 2015.

This air spray will be rather short as we are having our branch AGM this month as well and I can't afford for you all to reading the newsletter for too long during the meeting. He He

This month we have had a couple of more branch rides and others are planned for the near future. I was particularly happy with Ross's ride to the Hinze Dam as in all my years of riding, I cannot recall ever going there in my life. Lots turned up for the ride buy lots of others who sometimes turn up, and others who never turn up for rides, missed a great day.

The DV Ride Committee is now going full pelt getting the finer details organised and you can read more of this ride on Amanda's report. One thing to be aware of is that we have had a committee working on this ride for approximately 8 months now and they are aware of what has happened past, present and future wise. If you know of a business who is interested in becoming part of the day, please do one of two things. Either pass their details onto one of the committee members to contact the business or give the business, a committee persons details for them to contact us. This is purely for professional reasons. We do not want to look like a band of rednecks who do not have a clue about the organising of such an event. Most of the DV Ride Committee have been involved in the long running Ipswich Christmas ride and are very experienced in what they do and have done in the past. I was contacted by Macca on Monday morning and was able to advertise the ride on ABC radio talk back, so the information is getting out to the public as well as having received emails back from other Ulysses Branches in the Sth East Qld area.

The super 66 has been running for 3 weeks now and I know Dolly has more numbers if you are interested in buying. It has 7 more weeks to go and the money raised is going to assist with the running of the DV Ride. You might already now by I won last week's prize.

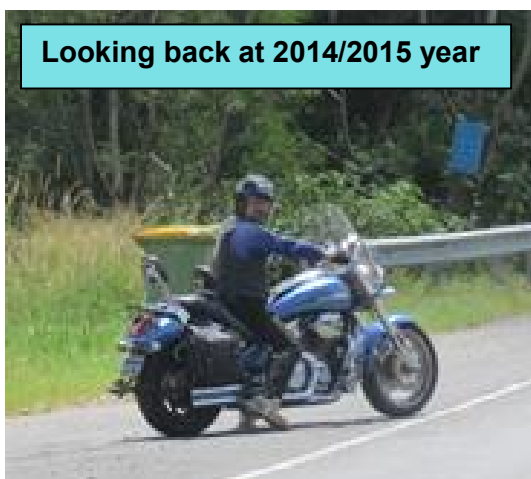
We say goodbye to committee member Elaine "Tweety Bird" Davis this month as she has decided that recuperation from her surgeries will not allow her to spend the time she would like doing committee work. I would like to thank Elaine personally for putting her hand up to be the first official Regalia Officer of the branch. No doubt we will see her around the blocks but not behind the table on information nights. Denice Pearce has offered to take over at the 2015 AGM proper and we thank her for stepping into the fray.

Amanda and I will not be around the city during the rest of March as we are joining other members of our branch and travelling down to Wodonga to the National AGM. I love the National AGMs and the meeting of old and dear friends as well as meeting up and making new ones as well. I think there are at least 12 from our branch making their way down to Victoria. The 2016 AGM is being held in Tasmania and if you intending to go down then I advise you to start looking for accommodation sooner than later. The 2017 AGM is being held at Port Macquarie and I was hoping that maybe we could as a branch book out a particular motel for us all to stay in. If you would like to see if this could be possible please get in contact with me asap and we will check out what would be available and at what cost. The 2013 AGM in Maryborough saw us book out 22 rooms in a motel and we had a ball. Nice if we could do the same again in 2017.

Lately I have had suggestions we have a movie night, a brekkie run in our Jammies, a scavenger hunt, a night ride and a poker run. So there is no shortage of ideas coming to the front of the room. Keep them coming and we will see what we can do. The branch membership seems to want more social interactions and so do I.

We have a working bee at the Somerset Ulysses Memorial Gardens on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Any members who can spare a few hours either planting the 70 odd trees which need to be re – planted or do some weeding would be loved and hugged by all who turn up. I can't make this date unfortunately because of study commitments and having to complete some requirements to keep my accreditations for my Bowen Therapy which HAS to be done on that very day.

I's a Watching – keep it Legal ADO



**Looking back at 2014/2015 year**



**Looking forward to Launching 2015/2016 year  
with the Ulysses Club Inc. Ipswich Branch**

## Vice President's Report

Well, what a year we have had. We have had great rides & also rides to support other branches with great turnout by everyone. Our 1<sup>st</sup> birthday party was a great nite with many members turning up to help us celebrate this milestone.

Unfortunately we have had a few lows as well. With Mac's accident & other members who have major health issue. But these lows have seen what is so great about this Branch. The friendship & support that everyone has given to our members in need has been outstanding & everyone should give themselves a pat on the back.

I would like to say a big thank you for everyone's support during the year & the friendship of many.

This Branch is just getting stronger & stronger & it is you, the members that have made this Branch what it is today.

With the support of our members, the Ipswich Branch can only grow & prosper to become an even better & bigger.

Many Thanks

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Vice President

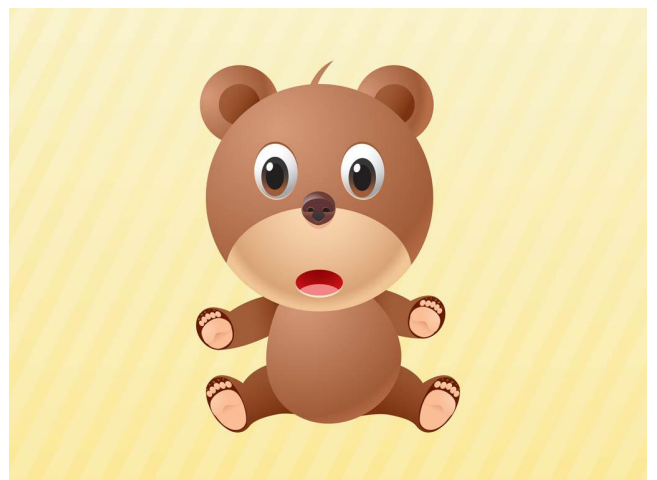
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A teddy bear is working on a building site.

He goes for a tea break and when he returns he notices his pick has been stolen. The bear is angry and reports the theft to the foreman.

The foreman grins at the bear and says (wait for it).....

"Oh, I forgot to tell you, today's the day the teddy bears have their pick nicked."



## SOME INTERESTING INFO FROM THE NATCOM MINUTES

AVAILABLE ONLINE FROM NATCOM WEBSITE TO ANY ULYSSIAN

<b>M</b> EMBERSHIP Financial Members as at 30 <sup>th</sup> November, 2014	22,236
Renewal of memberships due by 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2013	1780
Renewal of memberships due by 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2014	4404
New memberships processed November 2013 – November 2014	1204
New memberships processed August 2013 – August 2014	1007
Membership #65979 was issued on 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	
New memberships processed for November 2014	114
New memberships processed for October 2014	1

## **N**EW RULES FOR MOTORCYCLE HELMETS – QUEENSLAND

Currently, motorcycle riders on Queensland roads are required to wear a helmet that complies with Australian standard AS1698 or AS/NZS1698. From early 2015, the range of motorcycle helmets approved for use in Queensland will be expanded to include those complying with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) 22.05 standard.

## **R**eturning Riders – South Australia (from Neville Gray)

The other great news is that the formation and syllabus for the proposed 'Returnee Rider Course' has been completed. I have been amply consulted on this proposal and a trial course will be run towards the end of February 2015. The Ulysses Club has been asked to field a number of volunteers (crash test dummies) for this trial. In my particular Branch we have around 6 returnees who have only just returned to riding after the usual 25 years off – all have 'volunteered' to join this trial, I amongst them. This course will be run by current Ridersafe Instructors, will be free of charge and run when a full class of students is filled.



The Ipswich Branch has quite a few members attending the National AGM – we will fly the flag for the Branch with pride. If you haven't been to an AGM – make sure you pencil one in in the not too distant future. We will make sure we keep the Blog up to date with our goings on.

## REDCLIFFE BRANCH SOCIAL!!!

Lets see if we can get a group together and go Rock and Roll at Redcliffe!! If you are keen to get a group together please bring it up at the meeting or on the web!



# 50's & 60's Night



Date: Saturday  
18th April 2015  
Time: 6.30 pm

Dinner: 7.00 pm

Let's all Shake Rattle & Roll  
and then Let's Get Grooving  
at Ulysses Redcliffe Branch  
50's & 60's Theme Night.

Prizes for Best Dress  
Raffles during the night  
Lucky Door Prize



Scarborough Bowls Club  
cnr Scarborough Road and  
Sunnyside Road  
Scarborough

Contact: Herb for details  
Phone: 0420 335 556

Cost: \$25 per person  
Includes Buffet Dinner  
Jukebox Music

RSVP: by 10th April  
(for catering purposes)





## Update for the Ipswich Branch Members

### Inaugural Ride for Awareness of Domestic & Family Violence

Sunday, 3 May 2015

10 am to 2 pm at Brothers Leagues Club

Things are moving along smoothly right now, but I can't say this was the case 2 weeks ago. We had a meeting with the Ipswich Events Corporation to plan the event and get their advice and assistance. This brought about a change to the end venue from D'Arcy Doyle Place to Brothers Leagues Club Ipswich. The main reason was concern about parking at D'Arcy Doyle Place for the numbers expected to attend, and also we found out there is a dance eisteddfod on that weekend, and secure visible parking would have been really limited. Oops.

So a hasty letter was sent to the Mark Hennelly the CEO of Brothers League Club requesting their support to host our event, an immediate response was received stating he would love to host but that the Junior and Senior Rugby League Clubs had to agree and it was dependent on games. A few long days later, Yay we have our venue! We had a meeting with Brett the Events Co-ordinator at Brothers, checked out the venue and it is full steam ahead. It is a great venue, downstairs near the change rooms, we have use of a huge undercover area where the band can set up, plenty of room for stalls, jumping castle and there is great parking in an assigned area for the participants and also a good area for the show n shine. To say I was excited and relieved doesn't tell the whole story, but Phew!!! Glad they said yes. Make sure you check out the TV Screens at Brothers Leagues Club as they will be advertising our event to the members soon.

The ICC have granted \$2,000 for our event (a little less than I first asked for, but I am totally grateful for their support). Mario has completed the flyer, and we should have them at the meeting on Friday night. The website and facebook site are proving great advertising for us, and we hope to visit the Ulysses branches soon to tell them all about the ride. We will put a blog up about this in the coming weeks, in case you want to come along. In the meantime, we have circulated the flyer to the branches via email, so they have the date pencilled in. Marita has sent out an invitation email to 50 or so motorcycle clubs/groups, and we can now send them the flyer.

Advertising is in the Ipswich Events Corporation, Ipswich Festival booklet with the correct end venue of Brothers Leagues Club, HOWEVER, the change of venue didn't reach the Editor of the Riding On (March issue) before the deadline for printing, so our article about the Branch and Ride indicates D'Arcy Doyle Place. I am sure many of us will hear of this mistake, we will just have to keep telling everyone it's Brothers Leagues Club. Wayne is going to update the NATCOM facebook site and Kon is keeping both our website and the Ulysses National Website for the Ipswich Branch up to date. Of course, we will hand out flyers at the National AGM in March. I also received a second email from Police Commissioner Ian Stewart's executive secretary advising he has the day pencilled in and the new State members for Ipswich are coming along as well as others.

Not sure if anyone heard Ado on ABC radio on Monday morning, a quick call from Macca to advise there was a segment on Domestic & Family Violence (Thanks Macca), a quicker call to ABC 612 and Ado ended up spruiking the ride far and wide. He did a great job on behalf of the branch. By the way – we had a DV Ride Committee meeting this month also.

**More info next month - Ride Safe Amanda**

# ANYONE UP FOR A SPOOKY SOCIAL EVENING.....??



## Tour Details

[faq](#) | [print](#) | [email](#)

**Price** Adult: \$39.99  
Per Person. Adult Concession: \$34.99\*  
Teenagers/Schools (12-17yrs): \$24.99  
Groups of 20+: [Contact Ghost Tours](#) for a quote.  
\*Concession applies to seniors, pensioners, and university students. Customers must produce proof on tour. Pre-Payment is essential.  
To book a tour [BOOK HERE](#)  
To find a tour on a specific date [Click Here](#)



**When** Last Saturday evening of the month - 7.30pm (Tours run in all weather)

Get creeped....

### Available Tour Dates

*Ghost Trails* book available on tour - rrp \$22 each

Please [Click HERE](#) for available tour dates.

## IPSWICH CEMETERY GHOST TOURS



*Wake shed, Cemetery Road entrance gates, Ipswich Cemetery*

Meet at the gates of one of the oldest and **most haunted** burial grounds in Queensland - Ipswich Cemetery. Many who grew up in town swear this is the best place to see a ghost.

Be led by **lantern light** on an intimate 2 hour historic ghost tour with an eerie Tour Guide and hear 13 *real* ghost stories of *real* haunted graves and *real* haunted sites in Ipswich - true tales researched from archives, libraries, former grave diggers & local residents - *forgotten graves, business tycoons, statues that move, convicts & bushrangers*.

This tour is based on the book **HAUNTED IPSWICH: Ghosts of the Heritage City** by Jack Sim.

**BEWARE:** Ghosts have been seen, heard & felt on tours...

### WARNING: STRONG CONTENT / MEDICAL CONDITIONS

A great evenings entertainment for...

Individuals - Groups - Corporate Events  
Schools & Universities - Fundraisers

Are you  
interested in  
attending this  
Ghost Tour in  
Ipswich ?

I will put a blog  
up on the Website  
to see if we can  
get a group  
booking of 20 or  
more.

Looking aa date  
sometime in the  
not booooo  
distant future.

Amanda

# Lumberjacks Road Rash



Hi folks,

The ride-drought has gone and I am happy to announce that we have people lined up to lead rides all the way to June/July. That doesn't mean that you should hold back if you have a ride you want to lead.

If you can't wait, we can make your ride on one of the Sundays we normally don't ride as a "ride of interest"

We will also try to get more to other branches rides and arrangements like we did the interbranchbbq ride last month so there will be plenty of rides to go on.

The more we support other branches, the more other branches will support us. (I think)

Ipswich branch rides before next meeting:

- 15/03/2015 – Logan village ride. Leaving from Yamanto Shopping Centre 09:00 Ride leader is Rizzo. Ride is approx. 210 km.
- 05/04/2015 – Rudds Pub Ride. Leaving from Yamanto at 09:00. Ride leader is Toddy. Ride is approx. 280 km.

Finally, if you are looking for a job, here's a hint of how to impress a potential employer:

The corporate executive was culling the applicants for a new position high on the food chain at the company. He came down to two equally qualified fellows and after talking to them could not decide which to hire. So, he called them both in together and said this:

"Fellows, you are both perfect for the job and your qualifications are exactly what we want. I wished I could hire you both. However, HR will not open two positions. Therefore, my final test for you is this: Whomever comes up with the best poem that ends in Timbuktu will be hired. You have 2 minutes."

The first guys smiled right away and said,

"Hiking across the desert sand,

Under the red hot sun and dry thirsty land,

With my compass pointing true,

Destination Timbuktu".

The exec said "Nice job, very quick son. Now how about you"?

The second applicant looked around a bit, thinking hard, and then "I got it.

Tim and I a fishin' went.

Saw three women in a tent.

They being three and we being two,

I bucked one and Tim Bucked two".

Hired!

See you all on the rides and ride safe.

Erik aka Lumberjack.





As many of you are aware, one of my daughters is a survivor of Leukaemia. She was 9 when diagnosed and went through 2 years and 4 months of chemotherapy. She is one of the lucky ones. There were many little friends we made along our journey who did not survive.

We all have someone (sometimes more than one) in our lives who have been diagnosed with one form of cancer or another, some have good outcomes, some not so good.

These people have made me realise that we cannot take life for granted, we cannot sit on our bums and feel sorry for ourselves no matter how hard life can get. I would give anything to make their journeys much brighter and take away their cancers but I cannot alone. As a collective it only takes one cure to get the ball rolling and in the future we can say, we helped by supporting the shave for a cure.

Please open your hearts and purses/wallets and support my shave at the March Ipswich Ulysses meeting when I will shave (not cut) with zero blade and help us get one step closer to find that cure



Thank you from the bottom of my heart !!  
Double D (Tracy)

## SAVE THE DATE!!

Save the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2015 in your calendar for the inaugural...

### IPSWICH ULYSSES BRANCH FAMILY DAY!!

More information to follow over coming newsletters and on our website.

## RIDE REPORT – MT ALFORD



Here's a few photos from my MtAlford ride where a select number of privileged riders experienced some excellent landscapes of the Scenic Rim region on a sunny day made for a pleasant ride.



The patch of unsealed road after the Rosevale Hotel was tolerated by all who paid attention to my notes and survived the ordeal safely. Our tea break was at Moogerah Dam where we shared some iced Anzac Biscuits and coffee provided by yours truly. To my knowledge nobody has suffered poor after-effects from my cooking. Lunch at MtAlford Pub was an experience in a massive Burger 'to die for'. We took the short route home with me departing early to my Kalbar retreat.

Regards from Macca #43373



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PLEASE SEE JULZ, OR A COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR PRICES ON ¼ PAGE, ½ PAGE OR FULL PAGE ADVERTISING.

OR EMAIL..... [IPSWICHULYSSESED@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:IPSWICHULYSSESED@OUTLOOK.COM)



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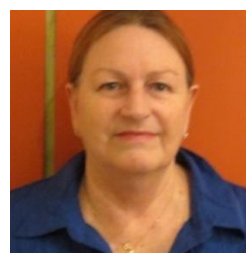
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