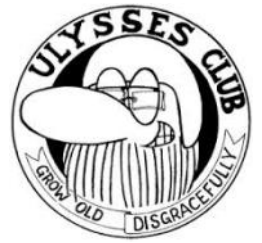




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Happy Second Birthday To Us



Branch rides first and third of each month with SOCIALS any time ... **see website for details**

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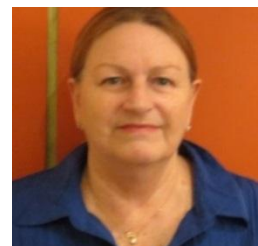
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Ado's September Air Spray

Welcome to the October edition of the Ipswich Branch of The Ulysses Club Inc.

Happy Birthday to the Ipswich Branch. We are now two years old as of the 20th October. We have approximately 20 motorcycles on most rides which sometimes reaches 30 riders and pillions. We also have at last count more than 80 members on our database. The branch has over 60% new or returning riders to the Ulysses Club.

A big thankyou to the Steering Committee who took it on themselves to make this branch a goer and for the Committee persons who have stood up to keep the branch running under the most trying circumstances at times.

We had a few rides during the month. The first being Linz taking the branch to Beaudesert on father's day. I must thank Linz for taking the leadership role of this ride on very short notice. Although I had to peel off at Boonah to attend the Presidents Meeting I was happy to cruise on at the back of the pack with about 25 bikes in front of me and the lonely trike ridden by Kiwi behind me.

The branch is having a sleep over at the Bunya Mountains on the weekend of the 31 October /1 November. Gunther and Dorothy have been organizing this weekend and most of the hard bed accommodation has been snaffled up but you can still get yourself a camping spot if you are interested in coming. You will have to watch the webpage for more information.

Twelve of the Ipswich Branch braved ridicule by dressing up as bogans and attending the Mt Lindesay fundraising night. I think everyone had a great night. There was many from the other branches attending as well and I got around to speak to most of them during the course of the night. Our treasurer outdid herself in the air guitar contest and was unlucky not to win a prize. Also some of our members went on to compete in the best dressed of the night only to be beaten by others showing more flesh than necessary to try to bribe the votes from the audience.

Our Christmas Party is on with the date scheduled for the 19th December. This will be a 3 course meal at the Jets Rugby League Club and will be supported by some of the branch funds. It is for 18 and over age group and for members and their partners who have aligned themselves with the Ipswich Branch. There will be a non-refundable cost of \$10 per person which will be collected by our treasurer Paula both tonight and at the information night on November 6th. There is a limit of 80 persons on the night so you will need to get in quick if you wish to attend. We are asking you wear some sort of Christmas hat on the night. Time for the proceedings will be advised at a later date.

It was wonderful to see so many of our members in their branch shirts on memorial day. I know the shirts have been a contentious issue but we hope that is all behind us now and we will see even more purple people out and about in the Ipswich and surrounding districts. I wear mine with pride when I go to meetings and such and when I represent the branch. Thanks to Kon for taking the branch photo for prosperity, we certainly had more on the steps this year when we compare the numbers to last year. Talking to some of the other branches we are a sight to be seen whether we are solo or in a group.

Ten of the Ipswich Branch took part in the motorcycle first aid course and if they were like me they came away with a greater knowledge of what to do in an emergency situation. Especially concerning a motorcycle accident. It was very nice to be able to sit down later on and have dinner with the participants and others who came to socialise with us on the night. Because of the number of branch members who attended we were given a free first aid supply kit and also extra items to go into it.

A big thankyou to the members who attended the Chappel Hill Salvation Army Walkathon. It was marvellous for the residents to pass the bikes every lap they did. We were applauded by the General Manager on the day for making the day such a success. The General Manager even had a photo taken on Kiwis trike. The residents were talking about our visit for days after the event.

The Presidents meeting was held on Fathers Day and it was decided that each branch would only contribute one prize for the raffle for the cartwheel ride. This will allow a lot more socialising instead of standing around listening for numbers to be called out. Branches are continuing to put their rides down for support and there was talk last time of each branch not having so many events as well during the year as it is getting financially impossible for many to support every Sth East Qld Branch's events.

Kon, Toddy and I attended the Redcliffe Odyssey on behalf of the Ipswich Branch. I did try to be the best tosser but as it required participants to throw a tyre with both the left and right hand my right hand just wasn't up to the job. We were lucky when we made our way home as we were constantly just missing the showers in front of us. It did require us to wait at Gatton for about an hour but the ride home after that was uneventful. The winner of the Olympics was the Glasshouse Mountains branch. All results from the contestants were recorded and as we only went in one event with one contestant we had no chance. Still it was good to have a chat to some who I haven't seen for a long while.

The Silver Fox is leading the next ride to Fort Lytton to hear the cannons roar. You will need to go onto the web to get the latest information as it comes to hand. I can not attend as I have to be on call for my latest job but I hope many of you turn out for the ride. I find The Silver Fox is an excellent ride leader and I have no doubt you will enjoy the day. This is also the 2nd Anniversary of Silver Fox's as our ride leader, as he was the ride leader who took us on our very first official Branch

Ride on 20th Oct 2013, the day we heard from NATCOM of our Branch status. I hope that Silver Fox will continue this tradition for years to come. In that regard, I am absolutely disappointed that I can't attend.

With the silly season quickly approaching and lots of activities are being organised, please keep your eyes on the Ipswich Branch Ulysses Webpage as it is where you will find the information first. We try to keep the members updated with branch affairs as quickly as possible and Kon is always putting new stuff on for us to read.

Keep it Legal – I's a Watching .Ado

NATCOM - 2015 UCARF Raffle Tickets

\$5 each with the winners will be drawn at the AGM in Launceston on Saturday 5th March 2016. We do have a few books of tickets available – and will sell them over the coming months. Funds raised go to Ulysses Club Arthritis Research Fund (UCARF).

1st Prize: Fully resorted 1997 MZ Scorpion Motorcycle (once owned by **Old #1 Stephen Dearnley**),. Free delivery within Australia – transport sponsored by P.B. Motorcycle Transport.

2nd Prize: \$2000 cash sponsored by QBE **3rd Prize:** \$1,000 cash sponsored by QBE

See Amanda for your tickets

Some info on Age Badges and Length of Membership Badges from the Guidebook for Members

Age Badges.

Badges' signifying a member has attained the age of 60 years, 70 years, or 80 years are available by contacting the National Administration Office. There may be occasions when the Club database does not hold information on a member's date of birth, and in that circumstance, proof of age may be required to be supplied before a particular age badge is sold to the member. Supply of the 70 years and 80 years age badges will be at the Club's cost, complimentary to the member upon application. The 60 age badges are at the members cost.

Length of Membership Badges.

Subject to confirmation of records, badges indicating continuous membership of the Club for a period of 10 years, and then in increments of 5 years, are available for members to purchase. The 25 year membership badge is complimentary on individual application.

A member wishing to purchase a length of membership badge should contact the National Administration Office.

Happy 2nd Birthday

Mayor Paul Pisasale has provided our active Branch Members with a present for our 2nd Birthday. Paul is very proud of us and our contribution to the Ipswich community. We only have a limited number of these patches

The Crest is made up of many different parts (just as we as a Branch are made up of different personalities). Please take the time to read the info below on the Ipswich Crest, its history and meaning and wear your patch with pride.



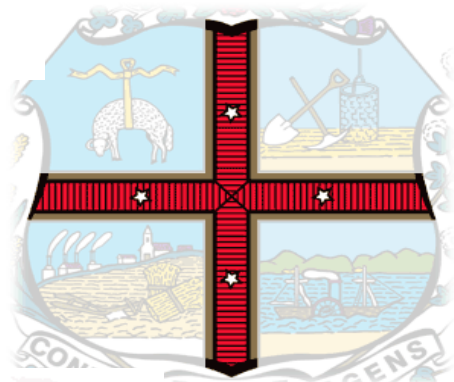
The Crown

The crest is the crown at the top. Near it are the rose, thistle and shamrock, which represent Britain (the rose is the national flower of England, the thistle represents Scotland and the shamrock Ireland). Note that Wales is not represented - although many Welsh miners came to Ipswich later, there were very few Welsh people here in the 1860s when the crest was designed.



The Cross

Under the crown is a shield divided into four parts or 'quarters'. The cross, which divides the shield into quarters, shows four stars, possibly the Southern Cross.



The Golden Fleece

The top left quarter shows a sheep - officially called the 'Golden Fleece with Ribbon'. The transport and trade in wool from the Darling Downs was an important industry in early Ipswich at that time.



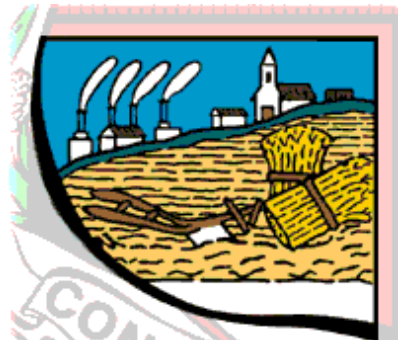
Mining

The top right quarter represents mining with a pick, shovel and coal bin.



Industry & Agriculture

The bottom left quarter symbolises industry and agriculture. There is a factory with smoke coming out of the chimneys, a church to represent religion and a plough and a sheaf of wheat to represent farming.



Paddle Steamer

The bottom right shows a paddle steamer and reminds us that Ipswich was once an inland port with paddle steamers busy travelling between Ipswich and Brisbane.



Wheat

On the left of the shield is a sheaf of wheat, again representing farming.



Cotton

On the right is a branch of cotton in bloom, reminding us that in the 1860s, cotton was grown in Ipswich.



Motto

The motto at the bottom is 'Confide Recte Agens' which means 'Be confident in doing right'.



Grapes

At the bottom of the crest are grapes and grape leaves. There were several vineyards around Ipswich at that time.





It's time for the
Branch Christmas Party

Saturday

19 December 2015

Your Invited to celebrate with us

This year we are having our party at the **JETS Leagues Club, 15 Downs Street, North Ipswich** where we will be letting someone else do all the work for us.

We will be enjoying a 3 course meal (dietary requirements will be looked after). Drinks are available at bar prices.

We are asking active branch members to pay \$10 (non-refundable) towards their meal with the branch paying the balance. Please see Paula our Treasurer tonight to RSVP and pay your \$10 and let her know about any dietary requirements.

We are finalising the finer details and will have more info available on the website and also next month's Newsletter.

Wear Your Favourite Christmas Hat and bring your battery operated Christmas Toy for your table.

Sheriff's Court

James "Windsucker" 50255

What can I say, members keep being disgraceful but in a good way. It's all in fun and nobody gets hurt.

Fines as follows:

- ★ Anne: Calling the Sheriff a thief
- ★ Lindz: Not turning indicators off / not wearing a helmet
- ★ Doogie: Making Ado babysit his branch ride clothes for three weeks
- ★ Ado Assuming people know where they are going (no corner markers)
- ★ Angy Running into wall and just knocking himself out in a rush to do a pee
- ★ Phil No indicators
- ★ Strop Trying to collect raffle prize with a dodgy ticket
- ★ Mario What can I say about this member, never uses indicators, I will check his bike on our next ride to see if he has any



BIRTHDAYS



Gail – Jo – Phil – Dorothy – Vince – Elaine

Please everybody be safe until our next ride.

Quote of the month "A person without a sense of humour is like a wagon without springs, its jolted by every pebble on the road"

Windsucker

Threads for the Web

Website or Web site:

A set of interconnected webpages, usually including a homepage, generally located on the same server, and prepared and maintained as a collection of information by a person, group, or organization.



In an endeavour to keep the ride calendar as simple and uncluttered as possible, we have decided to not include the Social Events on this page of the website which we only recently added.

So you will need to keep an eye on both pages for events other than rides, the Social Events page and the Rides of Interest page. No emails will advise of these events.

Konrad Walters

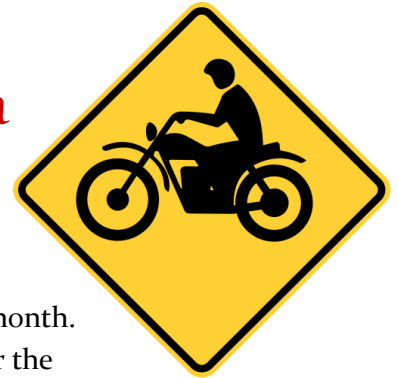
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Some of us having a rest at Fernvale after the Memorial Ride.





Lumberjacks Road Rash




Hi folks,

Some interesting rides are coming up this month.

On Sunday, Silver Fox is taking us to Fort Lytton where we can see and hear the Canon being fired. Please note that we will meet at Yamanto Shopping Centre but near the Supercheap store as it is easier to leave the shopping centre from there.

Sunday the 18th Windsucker takes us to a joint ride with the Darling Downs branch. Some people from Natcom will also be on that ride so if you want to rub shoulders with them, or kick their tires, then this ride will be one not to miss.

Ipswich branch rides:

| Date | When | Where to meet | Ride leader | What's happening | Distance |
|---------------------|--------------------|--|-------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| 04/10/2015 | 09:00 am. |  Yamanto | Silver Fox | Fort Lytton (Long Week-end) | |
| 18/10/2015 | 08:30 am. | Karalee Shopping Centre | Windsucker | Ride with Darling Downs branch. | |
| 31/10 to 01/11/2015 | 09:00 am. Saturday | Karalee Shopping Centre | Gunther | Bunya Mountains Overnighter | |
| 15/11/2015 | T.B.A. | T.B.A. | | Joint ride with Redlands branch | |
| 20-21-22/11/2015 | | Imbil | | Imbil Rally | |

Be careful what you wish for!

A few weeks ago a pack of 1% wannabe bikers were riding across the gateway bridge when they saw a girl about to jump off the bridge. So they stopped.

Bruce, their leader, a big burly man of 53, gets off his Harley, walks through a group of gawkers, past the Queensland police who was trying to talk her down off the railing, and says: "Hey Babe...whatcha doing' up there on that railing?"

She says tearfully, "I'm going to commit suicide!"

While he didn't want to appear sensitive, Bruce also didn't want to miss this "be-a-legend" opportunity either so he asked..."Well, before you jump, Honey Babe...why don't you give ol' Bruce her your best last kiss?"

So with no hesitation at all, she leaned back over the railing and did just that...and it was a long, deep, lingering kiss followed immediately by another even better one.

After they breathlessly finished, Bruce gets a big thumbs-up approval from his biker buddies, the onlookers and even the police, and then says, "Wow! That was the best kiss I have ever had! That's a real talent you're wasting there, Sugar Shorts. You could be famous if you rode with me. Why are you committing suicide?"

"My parents don't approve of me dressing up like a girl!"

It is still unclear whether he jumped or was pushed.

See you all on the rides and ride safe.

Erik (Lumberjack.)

Overnighter for the Branch

Sat 31 October – Sun 1 November

Bunya Mountains Over- night ride – Dandabah Camping Grounds

Departing Karalee at 9am with morning tea at Oakey then onto Bunya Mountains



Camping information you can book by phoning 137468 or book online at <http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/parks/bunya-mountains/camping.html>

Follow the links to:

- Camping Information
- **Dandabah** Camping Area (make sure you book the right camping ground)
- Book On Line

Camping fees is \$5.95 per person per night

Note: It is important to book prior to arriving at Bunya Mountains.

Hard Bed accommodation can be booked by phoning 4668 3131 (General Store). If you are planning to stay overnight in a hard bed you should book early so you don't miss out.

- 1 Bedroom \$120 per night
- 2 bedroom \$140 per night

Essentials to bring: Rubbish bags, insect repellent, 20c coins for barbecues.

If you do not want to bring your own food there are plenty of restaurants /cafes to find something to eat, but I think that most of us will BYO and just chill out with a drink or two

Thanks Gunther and Dorothy for organising this Camp Away for us

RIDES OF INTEREST

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

Back To A Basic Rally

9th - 11th October 2015

Entry \$20 per person includes Badge and camping



- Acres of shady camping
- Fully catered from Friday lunch to Sunday breakfast
- Seriously good coffee
- Licensed Bar at prices you will just love.
- Professional DJ with great music till late

The rally is fully licensed. No alcohol is to be brought in for two reasons.

1. It contravenes our liquor license

2. The bar is how we raise money to donate to the charities.

The food is put on by the local Community Disaster Relief Committee and is reasonably priced. Any profits they make are used to benefit the community.

Remember, this is a back to basics motorcycle rally. If you can't carry it don't bring it.

No under 18's. No dogs, cats, glass or attitudes.

Cars that come are to be parked in designated area (Official vehicles excepted).



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RESCUE

The Ulysses Club Inc. takes no responsibility for harm or injury received by members of the Ulysses Club Inc. nor members of the general public through participation in this event.

26th Imbil Motorcycle Rally



20th – 22nd November 2015

Borumba Deer Park, Yabba Creek Rd, Imbil

\$25 per person includes Badge & camping (Bikes)

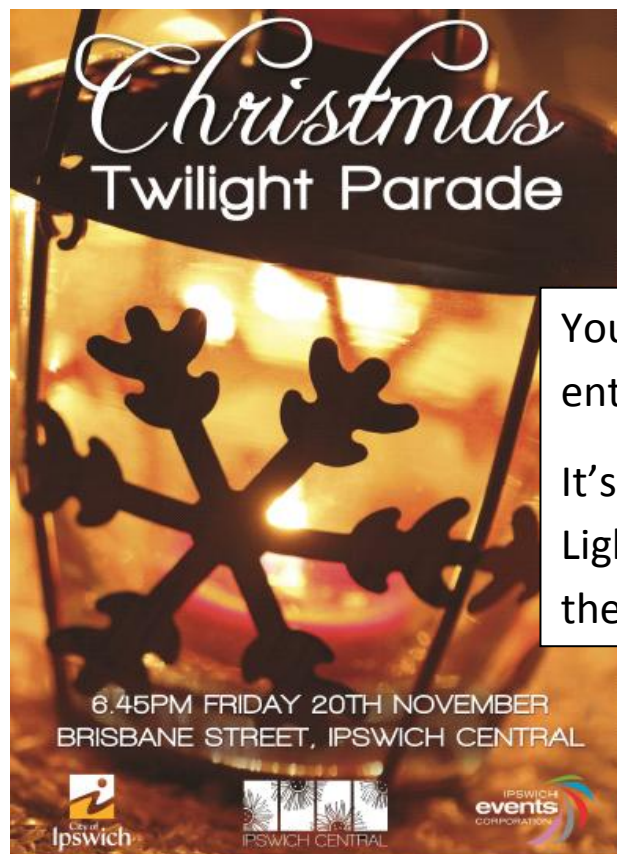
\$30 per person includes Badge & camping (Cars)

(Children under 12 free - NO badge, No day passes)

- Bar facilities available – some beers, mixers, slushies, soft drinks and bottled water
- Food catered for by Lions club and food vans – Friday night to Sunday breakfast
- Free tea and coffee – by Lions club
- Free hot showers and toilets
- Friday and Saturday Night entertainment
- Saturday Night theme – BLACK & WHITE
- Major Gate Prizes + raffles
- Helmet toss Friday arvo & Gymkhana Saturday arvo
- Rally T-shirts and stubby coolers available
- NO GLASS, NO PATCHES, NO ATTITUDE

All cars to be parked in Sherwood Forest Camping area – NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE

LRTMC or the property owner can take no responsibility for any loss, damage or injury to any person, property or equipment whilst attending or travelling to or from the rally site. Also reserving the right to refuse entry to the park to any undesirable persons.



Your Branch Committee has decided to enter this Parade again.

It's time to think about your Christmas Lights for your Bike / Trike and join us on the 2016 Christmas Twilight Parade

6.45PM FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER
BRISBANE STREET, IPSWICH CENTRAL





SAVE THIS DATE



5/12/15

Mt Lindesay Ulysses Toy Run

Location: Middle Green Sports
720 Middle Road
Greenbank

Time: 3pm



\$10 entry for Mt Lindesay Ulysses Toy Run –includes Patch & Lucky Door Prize
Show & Shine for Cars & Bikes- \$5 entry (all money raised goes to Charity)
Sausage Sizzle * Live Band * Kids Games * Face Painting*
Sports Club Licenced BAR will be open
Bar meals will be available



Show & Shine
\$5 entry



The Ipswich Toy Run

Sunday December 13, 2015



This site is designed to promote the Ipswich Toy Run which raises much needed support for the Ipswich community through
The Salvation Army Christmas Appeal - Ipswich region
UCARF - Ulysses Club Arthritis Research Fund



The Salvation Army Christmas Appeal will greatly accept donations of non perishable food items and/or toys for the under privileged. There will be a truck to accept these at the Brassall Shopping Centre and the Ipswich Showgrounds on December 13, 2015



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Ulysses Club Inc.
Hosted by Lockyer Branch Circa 1998



FATHER'S DAY RIDE REPORT FROM LINDZ

The weather gods were kind to us. The temperature was mild and the skies were clear. Lovely day for a ride.

We assembled at Yamanto for a 9.30 start. Didn't get a bike count, but around 20 – 25 seems about right, including 3 Lockyer riders. One thing that made this ride even more special was a surprise guest. My son Steven arrived to join us.

9.30, we set off out of the carpark and onto the Warrego Hwy, with me in the lead and Kiwi taking up the Tail End Charlie position (**Thanks Kiwi**). Heading south, the pace was around speed limit and the traffic as light. All went well, until a Mercedes 4D decided to overtake the entire pack, over double lines, with oncoming traffic. If I hadn't moved as far left as I could, it wouldn't have ended well. They say ya can't fix stupid.

We turned off the hwy towards Kalbar. Some lovely views along there. Then headed south from Kalbar to meet the Kalbar- Boonah road and headed east towards Beaudesert, passing through Boonah on the way. We said goodbye to Ado and a few others at Boonah and the Lockyer boys parted ways at Beaudesert. We arrived at Beaudesert around 10.45, had a half hour break, then headed north along the Mount Lindesay Hwy. We swung off the hwy at North MacLean and headed west through Greenbank towards Springfield. This is when the 2nd obstacle arose. The road which, I swear, was bitumen one week before, was now dirt due to roadworks. Dirty bike time? The surface was firm and nobody struggled. Arrived at Springfield for an after ride coffee only to find the carpark chockers. Apparently, a new water park opened there that day. We eventually found parking and enjoyed the coffee before setting off home.

Total kms approx. 170kms

Thanks to all that helped make the Fathers Day ride a success. Par Charlie and our corner markers. Sorry about the **gravel section**.

Hope all enjoyed. Happy Fathers Day

Cheers

Lindz



DO YOU REMEMBER YOUR FIRST TIME BY ROSS “KERMIT”

My first time was only last weekend, and at 58 years of age has come a bit late in life.

Like anyone on their first time, I was as nervous as a kitten on a hot tin roof.

My expectations and the anticipation of the week end were making me very nervous, like an anxious bride on her honey moon, and in some ways that's exactly what it was.

There were so many questions running through my head. Would I enjoy it as much as others have, as they regaled me with their stories of past conquests? Would I make a fool of myself due to my inexperience, or would I chicken out at the last moment. And having the smallest one, would I be able to keep up and maintain a reasonable speed.

Well for better or for worse, I packed my bag. Socks, jocks, toiletries, all the items I thought I would need, and a few extras for the just in case scenarios, as well as Credit cards and money in case I was shown the door after the first night. I had checked and re checked that everything was in its right position and wouldn't move around too much, as I knew that balance was key to a successful time.

And so like countless sunrises before and countless more to come, it was time to take that step forward, and change my life forever. I kicked over the bike, and rode over to Yamanto where Tony, Lindsay, David & Jeff were waiting to begin our 3 day weekend ride out west.

On returning home on Sunday, I reflected on the week end, and was glad I had finally taken the plunge and spent some time away with just the boys. It was just like I had hoped for, a friendly welcoming group of people, with great weather and even better days. And so my pre ride jitters were all for nought, my virginity had been cast aside, and I craved for the next opportunity.

So, do you remember your first time?

Kermit (Ross)

Redcliffe Odyssey

Felt like a ride, so I thought might go to the Redcliffe odyssey, Blackbutt, to give them a little bit of support for their efforts. We know how hard it is to get these events organised, so it's nice to see support extended to that branch.

It was always going to be a one day affair for me, my love of camping is well known...So sent out some feelers, to see who would be willing to accompany me. I knew Ado would go, he can't resist the chance of winning a trophy and of having a quick ride.

On the morning of departure we were overwhelmed, not, by the addition of one rider to the ride, Toddy. (well, it was rather short notice!)

So not having to worry about a ride brief, corner markers or tail end charlie, off we went. Thought we could make the ride in one hop, but Ado only lasted till Harlin before his bladder called a halt. And I thought mine was weak!

The rest of the ride was uneventful till arrival at Blackbutt, other than having a great time going up the ranges. Shame we had to control ourselves, but a bit of fun is not worth losing your license over.

Paid our money at the odyssey, spent some time reminiscing with old friends and walked to the bakery in Blackbutt for the nicest ham and salad roll for a while. On our return the games had started and Ado tried his luck. Us old guys decided just to watch, a couple of geriatrics trying to relive their youth would not be pretty to watch...

Toddy decided our return route, which would be via Yarraman, Cooyar and Murphy's creek. It would be a very nice ride, except we were worried by the turning of the weather. Once we got past Cooyar, everywhere you looked rain clouds were in the majority, many sections of roads we rode over were wet, but luck stayed with us, that is until we got to Gatton, where we realised if we kept going, it would be a very wet turn of events.

The Rock & Roll cafe would be our saviour, as soon as we got comfortable, down it came...And pour it did, even in a car you would have been hard pressed to drive in it. But after half an hour we were able to resume our journey (and I was the only one with a dry seat, as I had the foresight to put the cover on, or maybe just lucky I had it with me...)

The remainder of the journey stayed dry, just had to be careful of the slick roads and pools of water everywhere. All'n all an enjoyable ride, thanks Ado and Toddy for the company.

Howza #50507

Three Great Rides by James Windsucker 50255

Just a quick summary of three of the great rides the branch has done this month.

First Ride We were invited to the Salvation Army Aged Care facility walkathon at Chappel Hill. Ten riders turned up for our short ride, we got there early so that our bikes could cool down so that the elderly residents could look and touch our bikes. Stories were exchanged about when they were younger and what they rode and where they went. they were amazed how bikes had changed over the years. Young Kimmy (Amanda and Ado's daughter) who is a recreational officer at the centre organised the day.

As some of us walked with the residents around the grounds, some of us could not keep pace with them. We were flabbergasted at a 93 year old lady who virtually ran the course. We asked what her secret was and she replied "living life a little disgracefully. The Centre shouted us lunch and afterwards we were all presented with a Certificate of Appreciation I would like to thank Kimmy for a great day and the efforts she puts in is gold, as it was not an easy job.

Second Ride Memorial Day Ride. I don't know how many members turned up for the day but there was over 20 which was great. No problems on the ride to Somerset Dam. The Service was moving..if you don't like bagpipes there is something wrong with you.

It just pulls at your heart strings. Kiwi and Ski put the plaque of our dearly beloved Pinkie on our bollard after the service. We all headed home with no dramas. What another great day!

Third Ride Wellington Point. Another great turnout for the Branch even though it was a 8 am start. Steve gave us his pre-ride talk on the way he was going. I was thinking to myself about all the traffic lights we were going to encounter and the mayhem it could cause, but how wrong was I. It all went like clockwork, no hassles, it was a fantastic journey. On arrival the usual volunteers cooked the BBQ which was fabulous - you can't beat a \$5 burger and if want seconds it is available, which is what I did. I would like to thank Steve and Denise for a great day and destination, as I had never been there before. Sorry Steve I forgot your sister's name but her new 500cc Harley is a gem. I would like to thank Ado and Amanda for their tireless efforts in organising the food and drinks and that he tows our BBQ trailer. Grasshopper's legacy has never been forgotten, each time we see the trailer. You have to admit, Ipswich is a great branch and its members are a great bunch of people. I am glad I'm part of it.

"Windsucker"



Toshi & Ruby Red

I'm sure it has been a crazy month for everyone, but for me, a very sad one. I lost an old reliable friend, which has been with me for over 6 years, always there when I needed him, didn't mind if I ignored him, lit up when I did engage with him, and like any good friend kept my secrets and writings safe and secure.

With the death of Toshi, my laptop my world was put in a spin. Apparently 6 years for a laptop is more than a lifetime in the IT world, I didn't think I took Toshi for granted, trying to keep him turned on, in his carry bag and when I turned him on in bed, I made sure he was on his little table, so the dust didn't get in via the breathing holes in his back, BUT when was the last time I did a backup (!@#&); Nooooo, I've lost all my documents; pictures; movies; and branch stuff. Lucky I have a great friend

Konrad who came to my rescue, he was able to backup from my almost dead machine, even though the screen no longer worked, somehow Toshi turned on for the last time, gave his last breath to me and Kon and all my memories were saved to my new external harddrive "2T".

Well, that was around 2 weeks ago, and the hunt started for a new laptop. What a mind explosion the world of Laptops is, but lucky me I have my friend Konrad who spent many hours on the phone, and even ventured out to the shops with me (Now that was a treat!). Shopping for laptops and anything IT is a different experience, to say the least. At one shop, we just wanted to connect Kon and the salesperson with an ethernet, because we didn't actually understand anything they were saying when they were having a 'full-on' conversation about things IT.

The next thing is Price, once we decided what I required the hunt was on, in store and on line, trying to save a few dollars here and there. My valuable lesson learnt, which I want to share with everyone is.... always shop around, check the prices in store, and then check out the on line at the shop you just walked out of, because for me there was an enormous difference. In the shop Ado asked if there was any discount "not a dollar" was the answer. We decided to go for a coffee to think and to clear our minds, going online I found the same laptop which was \$999 in store, for \$788 online from the same store, I started to process my purchase on line, and thought I would call another branch of the same Store to make sure they had the Laptop available, yes. "Don't worry about completing the online purchase, just come in and we will have the Laptop ready for you". So to the salesperson at the first store "Not a Dollar"....I say "I got 112 dollars off, so there!"

Anyhow I now have my brand new Toshiba "Ruby Red" Kon has uploaded my life into my new toy and I have promised him I will regularly do a backup! All I need to do is to remember to do thisone would have thought I would remember the stress of believing I had lost everything, but I will do my best Konrad....As they say "With a Little Help from my Friends" I made it through this month. Just!

Amanda

JULZ's Juicy Bits



This recipe is grain free, paleo, and dairy free -but full of the chocolatey flavour it deserves!

INGREDIENTS

- ½ cup coconut flour (75g)
 - ¼ cup almond flour (28g)
 - 2 teaspoons grain free baking powder* (7g)
 - ½ cup unsweetened cocoa powder (59g)
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- 13.5 ounce can full fat coconut milk (400ml)
 - ½ cup honey (125g)
 - 4 large eggs
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla extract (10ml)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350F (175C). Line an 8x8 inch square baking sheet with parchment paper -this is done so you can easily "lift" the cake out.
2. Sift coconut flour, almond flour, baking powder, and cocoa powder into the bowl of your stand mixer (or large mixing bowl). Mix your dry ingredients until they are all combined.
3. Place coconut milk, honey, eggs, and vanilla extract inside your blender. Blend on low speed for 10-15 seconds until all ingredients are thoroughly combined.
4. With your stand mixer on low speed, slowly pour wet ingredients into dry. Mix just enough for everything to combine. Stop the mixer once or so to make sure there are no dry ingredients left at the bottom. Do not over-mix the batter. It should look like chocolate mouse.
5. Pour chocolate batter evenly into your lined pan. Bake for 50 minutes.
6. Remove from oven and allow it to cool in the pan for 10 minutes prior to transferring it to a cooling rack.
7. To store, refrigerate for up to a week.



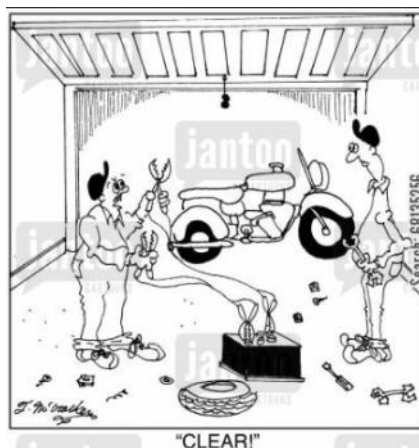
Cooking with Christine

GIANT PIZZA CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE

- 1 c butter, softened
- 3/4 c white sugar
- 3/4 c brown sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 2 eggs
- 2 & 1/4 cups flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 2 cups chocolate chips

MAKING YOUR COOKIE:

In large bowl, beat butter, sugars and vanilla until soft and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Gradually add flour, salt, baking soda, and beat until well blended. Stir in Chocolate Chips. Spread it out on pizza stone or greased pizza pan. (leave a good inch or so around the edge of the pan as it will spread when it's baking – last time, mine ran over the edge a bit, but I just took a sharp knife and went all around the outside of the stone to clean up the edge of the cookie) **BAKE IN A 150/180 OVEN FOR 20-25 MINS. UNTIL GOLDEN. Mark with a pizza cutter while warm.**



A Funny from From Karen "Hav-A-Chat"

Watch out when you take him shopping?

A RETIRED HUSBAND... After I retired, my wife insisted that I accompany her on her trips to Target. Unfortunately, like most men, I found shopping boring and preferred to get in and get out. Equally unfortunate, my wife is like most women - she loves to browse.

Yesterday my dear wife received the following letter from the local Target Store:

Dear Mrs. Johnson,

Over the past six months, your husband has caused quite a commotion in our store. We cannot tolerate this behaviour and have been forced to ban both of you from the store. Our complaints against your husband, Mr. Johnson, are listed below and are documented by our video surveillance cameras:

- June 15: He took 24 boxes of condoms and randomly put them in other people's carts when they weren't looking.
- July 2: Set all the alarm clocks in House wares to go off at 5-minute intervals.
- July 7: He made a trail of tomato juice on the floor leading to the women's restroom.
- July 19: Walked up to an employee and told her in an official voice, 'Code 3 in House-wares. 'Get on it right away'. This caused the employee to leave her assigned station and receive a reprimand from her Supervisor that in turn resulted with a union grievance, causing management to lose time and costing the company money. We don't have a Code 3.
- Aug 4: Went to the Service Desk and tried to put a bag of M&Ms on layaway.
- Aug 14: Moved a 'CAUTION - WET FLOOR' sign to a carpeted area.
- Aug 15: Set up a tent in the camping department and told the children shoppers he'd invite them in if they would bring pillows and blankets from the bedding department to which twenty children obliged.
- Aug 23: When a clerk asked if they could help him he began crying and screamed, 'Why can't you people just leave me alone?' EMTs were called.
- Sept 4: Looked right into the security camera and used it as a mirror while he picked his nose.
- Sept 10: While handling guns in the hunting department, he asked the clerk where the antidepressants were.
- Oct 3: Darted around the store suspiciously while loudly humming the 'Mission Impossible' theme.
- Oct 6: In the auto department, he practiced his 'Madonna look' using different sizes of funnels.
- Oct 18: Hid in a clothing rack and when people browsed through, yelled 'PICK ME! PICK ME!'
- Oct 22: When an announcement came over the loud speaker, he assumed a foetal position and screamed 'OH NO! IT'S THOSE VOICES AGAIN!'
- Took a box of condoms to the checkout clerk and asked... where is the fitting room?

And last, but not least:

- Oct 23: Went into a fitting room, shut the door, waited awhile, and then yelled very loudly, 'Hey! There's no toilet paper in here.' One of the clerks passed out.

Member Profile

Name:

Nickname:

Occupation:

Current / previous bike:

I got into bike riding when:

Toughest Ride:

My life began when:

I am really good at:

Major dislikes:

Smartest thing I've done:

Best time of my life:

Advice to new riders:

Newsletter Deadlines

To give enough time to put the Newsletter together we would need all contributions to be submitted the Sunday night before each monthly information night. Email through to ipswichulyssesed@outlook.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.

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