



Ipswich Ulysses

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Father's Day Ride to Lake Moogerah



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

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

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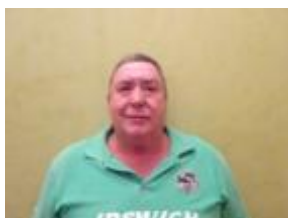
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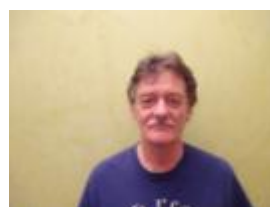
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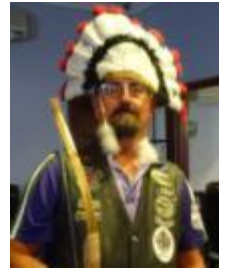
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Ado's October Air Spray

Welcome to the October issue of the Ipswich Branch of the Ulysses Club Inc.

This month has been very busy with many rides for our members.



The Ipswich Country Club is very generous to the branch and it would be nice for members to avail themselves of the assets of the club. The meals during the week are top notch and very reasonably priced. Amanda and I often go out for the night, and the staff are always happy to see us. If you present your membership card you can get discounts on your drinks and food.



The branch is sadly saying farewell to a couple of very keen supporters, Anne and Shane Noy are packing their winter woollies and moving to Tasmania. Both have been wonderful ambassadors for our branch and are going to be sorely missed at all branch functions including our information nights, special events and rides where we often see Anne in her tin top.

Our third birthday party is scheduled to happen on 22 Oct out at the Old Purga School Hall. Not a big affair but still an important achievement to have such a strong branch of the Ulysses Club. Our treasurer, Paula is taking the \$10 per person to help pay for the BBQ dinner. Drinks are byo and there will be plenty of tea and coffee for those who are designated drivers. Don't forget to bring a picture of yourself at the approx. age of 3 years – for our game. Give this to Amanda, without showing it to anyone else.

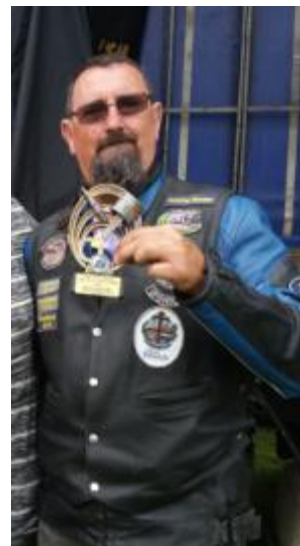
The Memorial Ride was attended by about 25 members. A photo was taken at the club house and the ride to the garden was led by our vice president DaZar with his son as pillion on his bike and his daughter on the back of mine.

The gardens are looking really good and a lot of the credit is due to Ray from Redcliffe who uses his heavy machinery and expertise to keep everything spic and span. Also to the willing participants on the many clean up days which have occurred over the past few months.

22 members attended a dreary and threatening with rain, Mater Little Miracles Ride held by the Mount Lindesay Branch. Wonderful attendances considering the skies were not friendly at all. We picked up Lindz at Springfield on the way through and continued onto Greenbank sports complex. After talking to Gary the president of Mount Lindesay Branch he informed us that we would start the ride through the suburbs a little later to give the late comers a chance to join in. They were advised by the police that the BOM site was indicating that rain was coming, so the riders rounded up and the ride began. It was pleasing to see Ipswich members put their hands up to take on the corner marker roles. A couple of members



brought home awards from the bike and car show. Jaffa and Gail won the best Australian Car, Rizzo brought home the best rat bike trophy and also a pink teddy from the Mater Hospital staff who were very impressed with her hot pink bike and I was lucky enough to win the "Ado's Bike Category." It was supposed to be the best European Bike but as there were no entries on the day some enthusiastic supporter took it on themselves to cancel the European Bike and change the category to Ado's Bike and as I had the only Ado's bike entry I was shoo in.



The Annual Father's Day ride saw 25 members travel to Lake Moogerah to share breakfast. A big thank you to Colin and Cinza for scouting ahead and saving the BBQ area until we got there. Silver Fox took up his customary tongs and scraper and did a splendid job of cooking the brekky. Great venue, great company. Some of those who were there shared stories of their fathers.



The Saturday Coffee Fun run on 1st Oct turned into a 230 klm shopping spree. Amanda led 13 bikes from the Yamanto Shopping Centre to the Greenbank Sports Club carpark where Lindz aided by his partner in crime Angry took over the ride leader duties. A big warning ahead! Listen to self. Please listen to the rider leaders pre-brief and not take for granted which way we are going. After bragging to our new ride friends, Craig and Karen from Killarney who turned up for the day of fun, how well we ride and that we don't get lost because of our corner marking skills. I stuffed up big time... some riders got out of the Greenbank Sports Club carpark with ease, but when I was ready to leave I found myself the ride leader of five other bikes, and that's when the traffic came and came. FIRST roundabout approximately 200 metres up the road, I cursed the lack of no corner maker, and turned down the hills towards Jimboomba. Wrong move, no marker, no cornering needed. Anyway, up the road, maybe 10 klms along I stopped and rang Amanda who told me to turn around, that Rizzo would be waiting on the correct roundabout where she had been patiently waiting for the past 15 minutes or so. After we all got together, Lindz took us by country roads I have never travelled on before, to Canungra for morning tea. After that we headed down to Shark Leather again on roads I had never travelled. Amanda, I and Grey Wolf decided to head home via the Logan motorway while the others went via Beenleigh. All in all, we had a great ride, loads of fun and laughs and it was a really successful ride. Perhaps Saturday rides can be just as popular as Sunday ones.

September has been a great month for riding for our Branch, with lots to choose from. It would be great to see more faces on our rides, but I do understand that 'life' takes over and we can't always participate in everything.

In saying this, we are aware that not all our members are on the internet and for those members who we know don't have internet we text info to them. If you do not have the internet and do not receive the reminder emails which our webmaster sends out on upcoming rides, please let me know and we will organise a text message to keep you updated on the most up to date information. Sometimes, through no fault of ours, the ride times or venues must be changed and we apologise if you haven't received prior knowledge or information.

Keep it legal – I's a watching
Ado

Threads for the web



Sorry for not having an article for this month's newsletter, but I am going to try to be able to fill Konrad's shoes, a tall order, I know, but I'll try my hardest.

Smurf # 54212 Webmaster

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Sheriff's Court

James "Windsucker" 50255

We were down on attendance at our last meeting due to the dreaded flu. I hope those people get well soon.

FINES AS FOLLOWS

Dorothy – My a spelling error with Smurfs name

Ado _ Got date wrong again for the Birthday Party

Phil – Left jacket at last meeting, never to be seen again

Angry & Old Goat – Got fined because I know they did something during the month which was disgraceful

Myself – forgot my sheriff's hat & flat battery on day of Cartwheel ride

The \$5 scratchy was won by:

Eric – Wine Tour

Marie – Farmers Arms Hotel Ride

\$10 Scratchy was won by:

Dorothy – Cartwheel Ride

BIRTHDAYS



Elaine (Tweetie)

Vince (Phantom)

Dorothy (Short Cut)

Mick (Noddy)

Paula (Sweet Pea)

Gail (Cyclone) missing

NAMING

NIL

MISHAP AWARD

NIL

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value.

On a quick note the BBQ run was attended by 18 riders going to Moogerah Dam what a great place and a great day. Fun had by all.

Till we meet again Stay Healthy

"Windsucker #50255"



Lumberjacks Road Rash



Hi folks,


Another month gone and we are getting closer to warm weather so I believe that more people will come on our rides as there will be no more cold mornings (I hope).

Our Father's Day Ride was well attended and the weather was on our side. I hope everybody had a good morning.

The weather was not on our side on the "Mater Little Miracles" ride but a few brave people turned up and got a free bike wash. However, I didn't like the way my bike got washed with road grime so I did a re-wash when I came home. Apart from the miserable weather, it turned out to be a good day. We can't always be in charge of the weather.

I didn't go on Amanda and Lindz's ride but the weather was perfect and I hope that everything went well and everybody did the shopping that they wanted to do.

Ipswich branch rides:

Date	When	Where to meet	Ride leader	What's happening	Distance
16/10/2016	10:00	Ipswich Country Club	Gunther	Gunther takes us to Lytton	
06/11/2016	TBA.		Old Goat		
20/11/2016	09:00	Yamanto/Greenbank 	Rizzo	Cabage St. – Jacobs Well	
04/12/2016	TBA.	TBA.	T.B.A.	Probably an Arvo Coffee Ride	
18/12/2016	TBA.	TBA.	TBA.	TBA.	

And for no particular reason other than I like it, I will share a Cherokee story.

An old Cherokee chief was teaching his grandson about life...

"A fight is going on inside me" he said to the boy.

"It's a terrible fight and it is between two wolves.

One is evil – He is in anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, self-doubt and ego.

The other is good – He is joy, peace, love, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith.

This same fight is going on inside you – and inside every other person too."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf will win?"

The old chief simply replied, "The one you feed."

See you all on the rides and ride safe.



Our 3rd Birthday

Cost \$10 per person

Christmas Party

Ipswich Ulysses



Date: 3 December 2016

Venue: Ipswich Jets - 15 Downs Street, North Ipswich

Doors open at 6:30pm & Dinner served at 7:00pm

Price: \$10 Refundable Deposit for active Ipswich Members

\$15 for partners and non-members (non-refundable)

Menu (will be alternative drop)

Entrée: Butternut spiced pumpkin soup or Prawn Cocktail

Main: Roast Turkey with all trimmings or Baked Ham with all trimmings

Dessert: Plum pudding with brandy custard or Pavlova with berry compote

(Special dietary requirements can be catered for)

Booking is essential so get in quick and let Paula know and don't forget to pay

RSVP: 18 November 2016

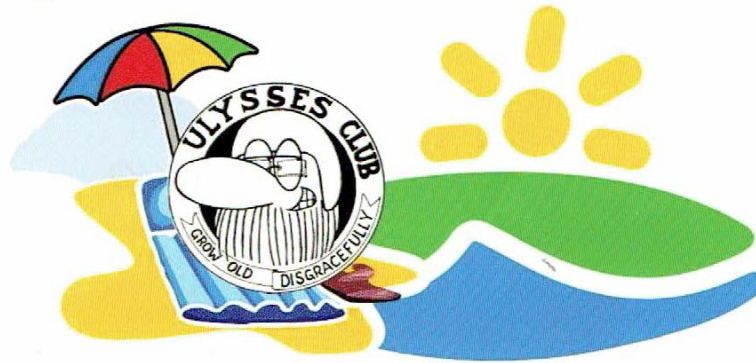


*Come along for all
the festive fun*

*There will be a
Christmas Raffle*

*and a gift for
everyone*

Ulysses Club AGM 2017



Port Macquarie—Wauchope

Monday 22 May to Sunday 29 May 2017

AGM Event Site – Wauchope Showground, Oxley Highway, Wauchope NSW

Event activities will be shared across Wauchope and Port Macquarie with main campground and operations centre at Wauchope Showground

Several members have already booked their accommodation for the AGM so if you are thinking of attending You will have to get in and make your booking.

Peter Whitten (Smurf)

Waters Edge

Port Macquarie

Waters Edge is located along the picturesque Hastings River, between Settlement City and Port Central Shopping Centres. Free parking is provided. Most rooms offer a balcony. Peter has managed to secure 10 rooms for Ipswich Branch members, if you are interested please speak to Peter for further details.

Dorothy & Gunther Pfeiffer (Camper Trailer)

Phil O'Shea (Cabin)

Melaleuca Caravan Park

129 Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie

Telephone: (02) 6583 4498

Set in a sub-tropical landscape, Melaleuca Caravan Park is the place to stay in Port Macquarie. Close to town, beaches, river and attractions, sporting and social clubs, so it's easy to get amongst the action in minutes.

Margaret & Wally Morgan (Cabin)

Leonie & Gary Oldham (Camper Trailer)

Breckenridge Farmstay

481 – 483 King Creek Road, South Wauchope NSW

Telephone (02) 65852303

Breckenridge Farmstay is an ideal place to stay, just south of Wauchope. It is a working farm where you can join in on the activities and tourism attractions available in the region. With a variety of accommodation styles from cabin or holiday house to a dormitory that sleeps up to 50 people.

Di & Tony (Spook) Deaves are staying in a time share apartment in the heart of Port Macquarie. If you want to know any further details please see them.



Proudly supported by Mt Lindesay Ulysses

The City of Logan Mayor's Christmas Appeal Toy Run



FREE ENTRY – 12pm till late

3rd December, 2016

**Middle Green Sports Club
720 Middle Road, Greenbank**



Donations of gifts and toys will be handed out to the Logan City Council at the Mayor's Breakfast and distributed to local charities for delivery to our less fortunate families at Christmas time.

Toys and gifts for ages of 0 – 16yrs

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

Starting at 7pm



Elmo in Grouchland (G)

Arthurs Christmas (PG)

BYO chairs & blankets

Meet Mrs Claus

- **Carnival Rides**
- **Monster Truck**
- **Face Painting**
- **Market Stalls**
- **Raffles**

**Wrist bands available for children 3 years & over
movies and unlimited Carnival Rides \$5**

Registrations open at 2pm

Ride Registration \$15 per rider and
\$5 per pillion includes patch and bottle
of water – **ride leaves at 3pm**

“SHOW & SHINE”

Registration between 11-12pm
Entry for Cars and Bikes \$10



TROPHIES

People's Choice- Car & Bike
Best Paint- Car & Bike
British- Car & Bike
American- Car & Bike
Japanese- Car & Bike
European – Bike
Australian - Car

MEMORAL DAY RIDE 2016 (By Pete & Sue Jones)



Sunday 11th September saw the 2016 Memorial Day ride, Sue and I being 'Newbies' this would be our first Memorial Day ride and in fact our first visit to the Gardens. We had seen the photos on the website but not the Gardens in real life.

We all met up at the Ipswich Golf Club for a Branch photo before we set off and after a few 'takes' we set off for Somerset Dam, Dazza leading the way.

Unfortunately, we lost one bike to a flat tyre soon after leaving the club but everyone else continued on without incident towards the Dam, however I did spot a brave magpie swoop the 'Silver Fox' (I think it was) as we went along past some trees, maybe it was the Foxtail it was after.

Apart from a few cars mixing in the group we all stayed together and arrived at the Dam in good time, a bit early but that gave us the pick of the parking. It also gave us plenty of time for a Hot Dog and Drink at the Salvos stand, very nice.

It was a lovely day and quite hot so we found some shade and stood around chatting and meeting members from other clubs, (note to self: - bring a cap next time).



During the wait for proceedings to start Ado took Sue and I over to the Garden and gave us a bit of a run down on how they came to be and told us some stories about some of the people on the board that he knew. Soon after the Piper started up his Bagpipes and the formal part of the day began, a slow march through the gardens to the area where the service was held, a few people from other Branches got up to speak about recently departed friends which was quite moving and then we moved on to the dedication of the Honour Board.

It was impressive to see so many people at the Gardens from all over SE Qld, all coming to pay respects to fellow members who are no longer with us.

Soon after the Dedication we decided it was time to head for home, I believe some members went back to the club for lunch while others continued on their way home. All together it was a good day and we enjoyed the ride as we always do.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank fellow Branch members for making Sue and I, as new members, feel very welcome every time we meet up.

Thank You.

Our (almost) Memorial Ride (Mick & Paula Rogers)

The group departed the Golf Club on its trip to Somerset Dam for the Memorial Day, but as we turned in to Toongarra Road, the bike is meandering. A red warning light on the dash told me something was wrong and the tyre pressure indication showed rapid deflation. We pulled over on a flat rear tyre. Other riders stopped to assist, but we urged them to continue, as we had a puncture repair kit. Rather than a neat hole, we found that the tyre had a split in a tread groove – a fault in the tyre no doubt! Call RACQ as the bike is going nowhere. Taking the bike home on the back of a towie is becoming an irritating habit.

During the week, I got the back wheel off (after breaking a torx tool) and Sweetpea took it out to Two Wheel Tyres. The tyre was a Pirelli Angel GT and Darren was surprised it was the standard tyre, not their 'A Spec' tyre for heavier bikes. I'd not heard of such a thing. Other bike tyre outlets and reviews on the net about Angel GTs were unanimous in that the A spec should be fitted to that bike. I had several conversations with the previous tyre outlet regarding choice of tyre. The A Spec is a stronger construction for heavier bikes. The upshot after contacting Pirelli's Australian distributor is that the Angel GTA is not specifically homologated to the K1600GTL (they've simply not done the compliance test work on that bike), therefore I could not support my argument for a refund. If a K1600GTL isn't a heavier bike, I don't know what is. By the way, the A Spec is the same price as the standard tyre.



Standard Pirelli Angel GT



Pirelli Angel GT A Spec

In the meantime, when 2WT was fitting the new tyre, he found a 10c piece inside the tyre! It was not a fault, as we initially thought. We had run over a coin somewhere after the Golf Club exit and it pierced the tyre. What are the chances?



Since this has happened, I found out something I didn't know. Once you know what brand of tyre you want to run on your bike, there is another very important consideration, make sure you get the right weight rating consistent with your bike. Other manufacturers have similar weight ratings and might call theirs GT or similar name. Make sure you ask the questions and satisfy yourself the right tyres are going on your bike, especially if it's a touring bike or other large bike. Several comments on the internet indicate additional tyre life, as much as an extra 30%. Not bad for the same price...

Happy and safe riding,
Mick & Paula Rogers

Annual Father's Day Ride - Amanda



Eric lead us on our Annual Father's Day ride this year. (Thanks Eric) On Leaving Yamanto I asked everyone to think about a father's day tale to share with us all at Lake Moogerah – Here's some of the stories.

Firstly, the first to be put on the spot was Eric who was going to share a dirty joke, but couldn't think fast enough under pressure because he was laughing too much.

Angry's step daughter, Jodie, shared her mother was in hospital and her father visited her and said "Don't worry love, I have put post-it notes on all your stuff for when you croak it".

Ado shared a story about his father catching him on the job.

Silver Fox shared his dad was a firm, but fair man. In 1957 his father purchased his first brand new car FB Holden Ute, baby shit yellow. His mum had a box brownie camera and wanted to take a photo of it. His dad parked the car down the back right beside the pig sties in the farm yard. Silver Fox can still remember the day and the photo and said it was a good thing the photo was black and white.

Colin and Cinza shared her day Nino worked night shift where the blokes at work used to throw cigarettes into the pockets of his overalls. Her dad got even with them by getting his mother to put laxettes into a 300ml bottle of mike, took it to work and the workers used this milk for their coffee, and dia consequences.

Old Goat told us his father was his best friend and they did everything together – he encouraged him with his motorcycle riding, music etc. When his father got older, his parents would be walking down the street, holding hands, people thought it was nice that he held his wife's hand so often to which he replied it's the only way he can keep her hands off his wallet. Another story he shared was his father thought the best thing to enhance your changes of sex was a cup of cocoa, because after a drink of cocoa, you go straight to bed.

Sue and Peter shared a funny story about catching his son in the shower (need I say more) ... lots of splashing going on.

James shared he used to pinch his big sister's lollies all the time. One time she gave him some chocolates which turned out to be laxettes. James had to race to the toilet but his sister had locked the door on him which caused him to shat himself. James hid the clothes in the washing tub and when his father got home he found them and was not a happy man, and James was in trouble.

Jenny told us she was one of eleven kids and one day when her mother was washing the clothes in the river all the kids were swimming downstream. At some stage she could see her mother waving at them and they waved back whilst all their clothes floated behind their backs down the stream. Her brother swam downstream and could only save one pair of her mum's knickers.

Not everyone shared a story but we all shared the fun of a great father's day bbq breakky with great friends and lots of laughs.

A big thanks to Colin and Cinza for being out scouts and securing our spot for the day, under heaps of pressure from other visitors on the day and our cookie Silver Fox for cooking up a storm. Hope you had a Happy Father's Day.

Hugs, Amanda

Saturday Ride to Canungra (By Craig & Karen McKay)



On Saturday 1st October we were in Brisbane overnight and decided to tag along with The Ipswich Ulysses Club for a ride we saw on the website. We met them at the Yamanto Shopping Centre on our Road King and we were welcomed along for the ride. Everyone introduced themselves, a very friendly bunch, we debriefed and then headed out (Amanda leading till Greenbank) for the ride to Shark's leather Helensvale.

We first stopped briefly at Greenbank to pick up the Lead Rider Lindsay. Another briefing was given re our route to Canungra using corner marking along the way. We followed Ado on a side track but were soon rounded up by the Tail Rider Shane and re directed back on track where Rizzo was waiting as corner marker. Thanks for the adventure Ado.

A pleasant ride through to Canungra which was buzzing with long weekend tourists. We stopped for ½ hour and then made our way to Helensvale through the Hinterland.

After a browse through the Shark's Leather store this is where our ride ended.

Thanks for a great well organised ride with friendly company. Looking forward to future rides.

Kind Regards

Craig & Karen McKay



Mt Lindsay's Mater Little Miracles Ride (By Lindz)



Well, the weather gods decided not to be kind this day. In spite of this, a good number turned up at Yamanto in support. Including Silver Fox in his all weather 4 wheel ride.

Mt Lindesay Ulysses branch excelled. There were stalls everywhere, live music and good food and drink. They had a very well organized show and shine for cars and bikes. A certain President, who shall remain anonymous, decided that his bike should have a category all of its own. So he proceeded to change the signs, and actually walked away with a trophy.....

We went on a scenic tour of southern Logan and it was an enjoyable ride

Cudos to Mt Lindesay for a wonderfully run event and special thanks to the Ipswich members that turned out in support.

Cheers
Lindz



Bundaleer Lodge Ride (by Windsucker)

On Thursday 15 September the Ipswich Branch was invited to take part in a social event at Bundaleer Lodge Aged Care Facility on Holdsworthy Road Ipswich.

Six riders turned up at Yamanto for a 10:00am departure with Silver Fox as our ride leader. On arrival we were greeted by Juliet the Co-ordinator for the day. We were singled in and made our way to the Community Hall where the residents were waiting for us.

Smiles were abundant as we shook all the gentlemen's hands. We were given morning tea by the staff that was very friendly. The men were so excited about us being there as they told us stories on when they were young and had bikes themselves. Some of the stories were fascinating, especially the one's about the war.

They asked us about Ulysses and Spook who is the encyclopaedia of knowledge told them about how we started with Old No1 Stephen Dearnley. I was even amazed on what he knew. An hour before we were leaving our number one Ado arrived. Ado is also very knowledgeable about Ulysses.

They were sad when we had to leave and some even asked us if we could put them on our bikes and go with us. What a great day we had with these men. I want to thank all who took part on the day. We promised them that we will be back to see them again which put a smile on their faces.

Riders were – Spook, Silver Fox, Old Yellow, Ian, Old Goat.

“Windsucker”

The Ipswich Jerrycans (Rizzo)

There comes a time in our lives, when sad but true
We can no longer RIDE, So as you can see Ray & I
Have done our best to try and make sure that we can.
We now have a “Can-Harley Trike”
I think Ray looks better on it then me.
A dear friend who passed away left it to us
(did he know something that we didn't)
So look out Ulysses a new branch maybe on its way.



Your Safety is your Responsibility (Supplied by Amanda)

I found this in a recent facebook, in fact the ride was on Sunday, 11th September 2016.

"Just a 'heads up' about an incident I experienced while riding yesterday. I was happily cruising along, just south of Peak Crossing, when I caught up with a Ute travelling at just under 100kph. Knowing this road like the back of my hand, riding it every day for 3 years to work and back, I sat well back behind him as there are double white lines till the long straights that have the hill in the middle. I had noticed a Hayabusa with rider sitting on the side of the road opposite the pub at Peak Crossing. While cruising behind the Ute, I noticed the headlight of a bike quickly closing on me. He came uncomfortably close to my back wheel, then peeled out across the double white lines, overtaking me and the Ute in one move and waved me to follow.

I continued behind the Ute, knowing I had an overtaking opportunity about 500 metres further on. Cruising on to Boonah coming to Coulson, just after Beaudesert turnoff, here is the Hayabusa with red and blue flashing lights and another bike, pulled off to the side of the road. The 'cop' did not have badges on his shoulder, nor did his helmet, which was a graphic sports bike full face style. He did, however, have a book of tickets in his hand. I did not pick him on the two occasions that I encountered him, prior to him stopping the other bike.

The purpose of posting this was simply to make people aware. If you ride within the law, you have nothing to fear. The actions of the cop, while illegal and possibly trying to coax me to do the same, would have resulted in action, only if I had chosen to break the law. Just a reminder to remain calm, don't be coaxed into doing something illegal by the actions of another person. Your safety is your responsibility and eventually comes down to the decisions you make and the skills you possess."

This post leads me to a link in Motorbike Writer... I am sure you will find it interesting, to say the least.

<http://motorbikewriter.com/police-patrol-unmarked-hayabusa/>

Police patrol with unmarked Hayabusa

BY [MARK HINCHLIFFE](#)

- IN [TIPS ON LAWS](#) · [TIPS/TRAINING](#)
- — 5 MAR, 2016



You won't know you've been caught by this Queensland Police Suzuki Hayabusa unmarked patrol bike until it's too late.

It's one of four unmarked police bikes. There are also two BMW R 1200 RS models, one blue and silver and the other black and grey. The fourth bike is allegedly a dark blue Kawasaki Ninja ZX-14R.

Rider Sergeant Dave Nelson says he can scan a motorist's speed up to 1km away.

“So I can see you before you see me and by the time you realise that I’m not just a normal motorcycle, but a police motorcyclist, it’s too late,” he says.

Police say that in the past two months, the bike has not only caught speeding motorists, but also a lot of drivers’ texting and not wearing seat belts. The bike also has cameras fitted to collect evidence. The police certainly have an eye for a high-speed patrol vehicle.

Still a great bang-for-your-buck bargain at \$19,290 (+ORC), the Hayabusa looks fast just standing still. But the figures tell the full story: The Hayabusa is powered by a 1340cc, four-cylinder engine with 145kW of power @ 9500rpm and 155Nm of torque at 7200rpm which helps propel it to 100km/h from standstill in under three seconds with a governed top speed of 300km/h.

We wonder whether the police have de-restricted it, although we’re not sure why they would need to! The bike is one of two unmarked patrols, according to a QPS spokesperson. The other is a former marked police bike, but the spokesperson said information about the model was not readily available. It’s believed to be either a BMW R 1200 RT or Yamaha FJR 1300.

Here is the QPS reply to our queries about the bike:

The QPS uses unmarked motorcycles as both an operational resource and to engage with motorcycle riders to discuss and promote road safety. Police regularly partner with the Department of Transport and Main Roads and RACQ to visit locations frequented by motorcyclists to promote road safety. It is intended that this approach will continue in the future.

Across Queensland, motorcycle safety is an important issue, with motorcyclists and pillion passengers accounting for a disproportionate number of serious injuries and fatalities. The QPS intends to expand the number of unmarked motorcycles in its fleet with a view of targeting road users doing the wrong thing and promoting road safety. The QPS is committed to enforcing road safety and often explores innovative ways of doing so.

So, we can expect to see more of these unmarked bikes in future – but not until it’s too late!

Ipswich – some interesting facts about our Namesake

A History Lesson found by Ado & Amanda

The Baths of Ipswich

Posted on May 8, 2013



Children swimming in the Ipswich Baths with a viewing deck. Changing rooms below, males' one side and females on the other. The Baths were located on Bell Street – Image courtesy of Picture Ipswich

In the early days of Ipswich, households purchased water for their use. There was generally little left over for bathing at the end of each day. One could take a dip in the Bremer River to wash or cool down, however in the 1850s this was illegal to do within the Town border. If caught you could receive a hefty fine. Bath Houses had been established in Brisbane on the river and proved to be popular amongst the community.

In 1852 the first Bathing House in Ipswich was erected by Owen Connor. The 'Flower Bank Bathing House' was built on the Bremer River, Flowerbank (Satan's Depression), and could be rented out quarterly or for the season.

In 1865 Public Baths were built by the Ipswich City Council on the banks of the Bremer River near St. Marys Church. Named the Corporation Baths these baths were quite small. Men and women were not allowed to bath together so there were set times when women could bath alone and times allotted for male bathing. In 1887 these baths were washed away by flood.

The new baths were erected in 1891 with the cost being threepence for a bath. The baths were dug out of solid rock and reinforced with concrete. The bath was 60ft long by 20ft wide and the depth was from 3ft to 7ft. It was divided into 2 compartments – one for males and the other for females, and included 10 dressing rooms and four warm baths. A valve was added for easy emptying into the river.

The Baths were well attended and on hot days became quite crowded, so in 1919 the Ipswich City Council agreed to erect new larger Baths on the old Girls Central State School site, in Bremer Street, Ipswich (the Transit Centre at the river end of Bell Street now occupies this spot). This Bath was known as the Bremer Park Pool and was 100ft by 33ft wide. There were dressing rooms to accommodate 170 bathers and enough tiered seating above these to comfortably seat 700 people.

The new Swimming Baths or Bremer Park Pool was officially opened in January 1921. The pool was emptied twice a week because there was no filtration or modern equipment as used today, however they did throw handfuls of chlorine in when needed. The only time you could see the bottom of the pool was when it was emptied. The pool was emptied on Sunday nights and Wednesday nights and refilled the next day.

In 1924 mixed bathing was still prohibited by council regulations. The pool was not being well patronised and was suffering financially because of this. It was suggested that certain days be set aside as family days hoping to bring back a community following. This option proved favourable.

The baths became very popular especially with families and swimming clubs. Swimming carnivals were regularly held with diving and relay competitions. The Bremer Park Pool hosted the Annual State Country Swimming Championships and the All Schools Swimming Carnival. Swimming proved to be a very popular pastime in Ipswich and many clubs were formed sparking strong competition. Nightly swimming competitions became big events with huge crowds turning out to watch and cheer on their teams. Some of the early Ipswich swimming clubs were the Ipswich and District Amateur Swimming association, Vikings Swimming Club, The Railway Swimming Club, The Christian Brothers Swimming Club and The Starlight Swimming Club.

The Bremer Park Pool played host to several talented foreign swimmers on occasion. Arne Borgs (the famous Swedish swimmer); Japanese swimmers Katsuo Takaishi and Takahiro Saitoh; German swimmer Gustav Froelich and Hawaiian swimmer Kyoshi Nakama were some who visited Ipswich.

In 1939 two new wings of tiered seating were constructed to cater to the large crowds that came to the swimming competitions and championships which were being held there. In 1950 members of the Sydney Olympic Swimming Club visited the city Baths and entertained crowds with Water ballet and synchronised swimming displays.

The Baths at Bremer Park were ultimately demolished to make way for the East St entrance onto the David Trumpy Bridge [Edited on 8/4/2014]



Cubs and Cub leaders from Rosewood at the swimming baths in Ipswich, ca. 1951 – Image courtesy of Picture Ipswich

Information taken from: Brisbane Courier 17 January 1921 'New Baths at Ipswich', 20 January 1939 'BORG'S TIME BEATEN – Nakama Breaks Old Record', 18 November 1937 'Ipswich Opening', 22 December 1865 'IPSWICH', The Western Star & Roma Advertiser 9 January 1924 'Swimming Baths and Mixed Bathing', The Ipswich Advertiser 23 November 1988 'History of Ipswich Sport', The Moreton Bay Courier 19 November 1853 'FLOWER BANK BATHING HOUSE', The Bremer River by Robyn Buchanan, Ipswich in the 20th Century by Robyn Buchanan

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Name: Gary Boyd

Occupation:	Teacher
Current bike:	Harley Davison Dyna Fat Bob 2009
I got into bike riding when:	I was a teenager
Toughest Ride:	Bundaberg non-stop
My life began when:	I still waiting
I am really good at:	Chemical Pixysies
I am really bad at:	Not being brutally honest
My hobbies are	Wood & metal fabrication
Major dislikes:	Stupid people who become famous
Smartest thing I've done:	Joined the Ulysses
Biggest regret:	Too many to mention
Most amazing discovery:	The music genre "Extreme Metal"
Best time of my life:	Riding my bike
Advice to new riders:	Just get out there

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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