

# Ipswich Ulysses Newsletter 12 October 2014 Edition

INFORMATION NIGHTS: the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month at the Karalee Tavern, 78 Junction Road, Karalee. Meeting starts 7 pm – come along for dinner earlier if you like RIDES 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of each month, with SOCIALS any time ... see website for full details

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#### **Ado's Air Spray October 2014**

The past month has been very sad for the branch with the Riding On of friend to many and long time Ulyssian, Jan Moorby known to all as 'Pinkie' #35902. We also had the horrific accident of new member to the branch Andrew Mckenzie better known as Mack.

The Celebration of Pinkie's Life is on Tuesday 7th October 2014 at Centenary Gardens, Wacol Station Road, Wacol. We will be leaving from the Karalee Tavern at 11 am to head off to Centenary Gardens as a group. Kiwi has arranged for Pinkie's friends to have personal time with her (closed coffin), giving the opportunity to write a personal message to her. The service will commence at 1 pm. There is a Wake to celebrate Pinkie's life from 2pm at Karalee Tavern.

We encourage all members to come along, and wear pink as a sign of respect. The Branch is looking at providing a pink ribbon for you to wear, but please feel free to wear your pink shirts. In Kiwi's words "This is going to give his girl a wonderful sendoff".



RIP Pinkie' #35902

Amanda and I met Pinkie in approximately 2008 when she came from Glasshouse Mountains Branch with her then husband Transport Al Birch. Pinkie joined the Ulysses Club on 23/3/2004. Who could ever forget the bright pink hair, captivating smile and welcoming hugs and the sounds of her two kids "white puppies' barking at me when I visited. In 2009 Pinkie nominated for a position on the National Committee of the Ulysses Club. Being passionate about Trikes Pinkie organised a Trike Led Ride to Maryvale Hotel. It was a great turnout of 35 Bikes and 15 Trikes and yes we had to follow the trikes through watercourses and all. The 2009 Ipswich Annual Toy Run saw Pinkie as the Chief Marshall, where she wore her personalised pink safety vest.

In 2010 Pinkie took on the Interim Secretary role of Lockyer Ulysses Branch during this time we saw her monthly articles titled "Pinkie's Bitz" which covered Motorcycle Safety, her passion. She was also heavily involved in the MRAQ and encouraged members to have their say in the Australian Transport Council:

National Road Safety Strategy 2011 – 2020. Pinkie attended many National AGM's and was infamous for her pink hair, smiles and of course pink trike.

After Pinkie's first husband Transport Al Rode On Pinkie married her soul mate Kiwi. In her Ipswich Branch member profile from May 2014 she declared "My life began when I married my husband's Kiwi and Al". Kiwi and Pinkie were inseparable, sharing a love of trikes, riding, Ulysses and of course the two children "Puppies".

Pinkie was quick to have a chat and even quicker to hand out hello hugs. It always was a wonderful to meet her and I had many conversations over the years about many various subjects. Always interesting and informative, it was hard to pull myself away as both of us had many words to use up before parting. I give my sincere condolences to her soul mate Kiwi and want you know that we are all here for you.



The breakfast ride to Mount French started so well and we had such a wonderful time. It was a pity when our new member to the branch Mack "Andrew McKenzie" had a collision with a car on Mt Tamborine. Mack was taken to the Gold Coast University Hospital with quite severe injuries and will be there for quite a while yet. I got a text from his wife on Tuesday night, and she sent the picture to the left to us. Mack is progressing and we will organise a group visit when Mack is able to handle us all. We will be updating his status on the website as we get more information and I know you join with me in wishing him a speedy recovery and ask you to keep his family in your prayers.

Thankfully it's has been a while since we have seen a dozen or so leather clad Ulyssians in heavy boots tip toeing through hospital corridors to visit a member. This time we will take note of how many the lift holds, before overload it. Check the website for when we will grace Mack with our presence.

Shane "Grey Wolf" also had an off on this ride trying to quickly get to Mack to lend his support. Shane is up and about We wish Shane a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing Shane join in with the branch in his 'tin top' until after Christmas. PS Amanda did enjoy riding your bike back home for you.

If there any members who were on the ride that day who feel they require any further support please speak to one of the committee who can refer you for support in total confidence. In saying this, in the middle of chaos it was great to see those present band together and support both Mack and each other. It was not unexpected that friends such as you guys would show such comradery at such a time.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorial Day was another day to remember. I thank the members for coming along for our early morning Branch Pic for NATCOM and also for sharing breakfast with us all. The day itself was full remembrance and I was proud to show off the area to our new members.

Leading up to Christmas each year, we seem to get busier as individuals but also as a branch. There is so much going on, so please make sure you keep checking the website in between information nights, because this our way of communicating to you and keeping you all informed. As well as our branch rides on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, coming up are:

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Oct – Ghost Tour - see the website for further info.

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fassifern Fifties Festival Aratula in aid of the Aratula school. I encourage you all who can make it to register your bikes on the link on the branch website. As I have said before the school kids are looking forward to seeing us there on the day and have even gone to the trouble of making side stand plates for the bikes to be safely secured when we park them on the grass

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Oct – Stanthorpe Wine - see the website for further info.

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Oct along with other Ulysses Branches, we have been asked to provide 17 bikes for a private girls school in Indooroopilly to take them to their prom. It requires us to take them 100 metres up the road in the school grounds and then maybe we can go for coffee somewhere to giggle and chat about the experience. I don't have enough volunteers yet so I am looking for more bikes to give these girls a night to remember. Please see or contact me if you can help. If you don't wish to double, please still come along so we can give these girls a sight they will remember. We have two bikes coming from Mount Lindesay Branch.

Sat 25 Oct Our First Birthday Bash. (refer flyer in this months' newsletter and of course the website)

Fri 21 Nov Ipswich Lights Parade The branch has been invited by Police Inspector Keith McDonald and the Ipswich Events Corporation (one of the sponsors of our Inaugural Domestic & Family Violence Awareness Ride set for 3 May 2015) to be part of this community event. Amanda is negotiating a good position in the parade so we give our bikes the best possible cooling available on the ride. There is banter on the blog of the branch with members advising the best places to pick up battery operated lights that can be secured on the bikes. This is an about turn by the police with us now allowed to have all sorts of colours on the bikes. Please come and join us on this ride and spread the Ulysses good cheer to the Ipswich public.

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Dec Branch Christmas breakup at Wild Poppy on Warwick Road where Dolly has spoken to the owners who will open the business especially for us on the night, I encourage all members to join with us for a night of festivities and conversation. This night will be at your own cost. (prices are really reasonable from \$10 to \$20. It is also BYO and great coffee can be purchased.

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Dec for Ipswich Annual Toy Run organised by the Lockyer Branch. We look forward to a great turnout of our branch to this day. More info will follow, but it is never too early to start shopping for your Christmas decorations for your bikes or trikes as well as toys for the Salvos.

Super 66 – we will take a few months to get this fundraising venture off the ground – and will let you know when we will start the comp. Thanks to the members and friends who have purchased tickets already – tickets are still available from Christine (\$10 for 10 weeks).

The last Riding On saw the registration forms for the National AGM in Albury. Some of our members are staying at the Albury Wodonga Caravan Park – others at the Big Four. Get in quick if you are coming along, as hard bed accommodation seems to fill quite quickly.

Lastly and importantly, I can't stress enough how important it is that members access our Website, we attempt to keep you informed and we constantly check to see what members have posted for all to enjoy.

Keep it Legal, I's a Watching Ado

Note: Julz our Newsletter Editor apologies that this month her and Doogee's life has been turned upside down and we wish them good wishes and loads of hugs. Next month's Newsletter will be a "Bumper Issue" so get your Reports and Articles to Julz Email ipswichUlyssesEd@outlook.com

#### **Sheriff's Court**

Not much happened this month, due to some rain. We still had some members acting disgracefully, which was good, otherwise I would be out of a job.

**Fines** dished out at the August Information Night:

Dazza: gaudiest green pants ever worn

Mario: no helmet - no excuse

Blue Ray: Not a mechanics a-hole

Ado: going to the wrong destination with the BBQ trailer

Locking computer in Counsellors office

Sheriff: not using indicators

Amanda: Wrong info in the newsletter

Just because you couldn't get to the meeting, or you left early the fine that you would have got will be

dished out at the next meeting, Ghostrider.





**Awards**: The Goth received the "Mishap award" for falling off her bike not once but three times.

#### 60 year badges





Daffy and myself were presented with our 60 year Badge by Ado which we are proud to wear.

Don't forget – you can be taken to the mountain, but it is up to you to see the view.

Windsucker



This Ride would have to be one of my most favourite of the year, to join as one Club to celebrate the lives of our friends and fellow Ulyssians who have ridden on. As this is Adrian's 10<sup>th</sup> year as a Ulyssian I believe we have been to 9 Memorial days, which is truly amazing...the time has flown by so quickly.

We had a great turnout for the Branch photo at 7:45 am at the Karalee Tavern and I want to thank Kon for taking the photo for us. This photo will be sent to our National Committee for inclusion on the National Website advertising our Branch.

Our VP, Wayne then lead us to Wivenhoe Dam for our BBQ Brekky with our branch trailer which we now have down pat with what we need and don't need to have a quick bbq. As with everything we do as a branch it was all hands on deck, with members offering their assistance to ensure we were all fed and watered in an hour. Thanks everyone, especially Daffy and Silver Fox for cooking for us and Christine and company for organising the rolls etc.



At 9:30 am we headed off to the Memorial Gardens at Somerset Dam, lead by Ado. This was my time to reflect on the year and those who had ridden on. I found myself smiling and singing out loud some favourite songs of friends, luckily no one could hear me, wrong words and all. Arriving at our Gardens there was already a good turnout, the gardens were beautiful with the recent manicuring by



members and rain ensuring our area was well fed. Ray from Redcliffe's big plan for the area had come to fruition. The hard work of the members who went along for the clean up and planning really paid off, with the heavy bush area once full of lantana now known as Doc's Rest.

The turnout of Ulyssians was huge, with the service moving and emotional. Another great day to be a Ulyssian.

Amanda



## You're invited to come along & Celebrate our



#### Saturday, 25 October 2014

from 4pm til late (Dinner 6:30 ish)

#### @ Old Purga School Hall

Old Purga School Road, Purga

Directions: From Maccas Yamanto head off to Peak Crossing... at 5.5 klms turn right onto Old Purga School Rd, we will have some balloons up – the hall is on your lhs.

Cost: \$20 @ head for Members & Supporters to be paid by end of October meeting pls. BBQ cooked by your committee Salads included. Please advise if you have any special dietary requirements for catering purposes. Members asked to bring munchies or dessert to share. BYO Chairs, Esky & Drinks

**Entertainment**: \$5.00 of your \$20 will be a donation to our band on the night for their chosen charity. [They are coming along as a trial for the DV Ride in May 2015]

For further info pls contact Amanda 0413420970 or Christine 0468 366 278 We can take late payments up to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2014.





It's time to dig out and dust off your Christmas Lights for your bikes and trikes and prepare to decorate your trusty steed in Christmas Theme as we have been invited by our local Ipswich Police Inspector Keith McDonald to be involved with the Ipswich Events Corporation – Christmas Lights Parade on Friday 21 November 2014. I checked with Keith – and as long as your lights are Christmas Lights, any colour will be accepted....yes even blue or red. Yippeee... cause that's my main theme for my bike. The Sapar Truck with lights gleaming and the Lockyer branch have also been invited to attend.



More info will follow on where we will meet, time etc with Ado as the Ride Leader. The Event is planned between 5 pm and 9 pm this night, with the parade commencing at 5:45 pm. The parade will take approx. 30-40 mins and the route is Darling St, left onto Waghorn St, left onto Brisbane St, left onto Bell St, left onto Bremer St, left onto Ellenborough St, right onto Darling St where it will disperse. More info will follow..... Please mark your calendar for this great community event and opportunity to show off our trusty steeds.

Amanda



#### RIDE & SOCIAL CALENDAR

#### Check out the website www.ipswich.ulyssesclub.org for Rides of Interest and Updates

DATE	DESTINATION	DETAILS	RIDE LEADER
October			
Fri 3 Oct	Karalee Tavern	Information Night	
Sun 5 Oct	Mount Mee	Leaving Karalee Shopping centre 8:00am	Gunther
Fri 10 Oct	Ghost Tour Toowong Cemetery	Leaving Redbank Plaza Shopping Centre 6:45 pm near KFC – tour starts 7:30 pm Coffee after	Eric
Sat 11 Oct	Fassifern Fifties Festival Aratula	Leaving Yamanto at 9:00am Huge fundraiser - in aid of the Aratula school. Bring your bikes along for Bike Display.	Ado
Sat 18 Oct Sun 19 Oct	Stanthorpe Wine Tour	Info on website	Gunter & Dorothy
Sat 18 Oct	Indooroopilly St Peters High School Formal	Leaving 4:15 pm ish from Maccas Yamanto	Ado
Sun 19 Oct	To be advised	Coffee Run Leaving 9 am from Yamanto Maccas	Ride Leader needed
Sat 25 Oct	Old Purga School	1 <sup>st</sup> Birthday Party – ALL WELCOME INFO in flyer, Ado's rant above & on Website	
Sun 2 Nov	Lake Perservance	Leaving Karalee Shopping Cnt 8:00 am	Daffy Info on website
Fri 7th	Karalee Tavern	Info Night	
Sun 16 Nov	Esk Mulgowie Run	Leaving Yamanto Maccas 9 am	Lindsay
Fri 21 Nov	Christmas Lights Parade	Info on Website	More into follow

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