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National AGM in Tazzie



Spook's Scenic Ride



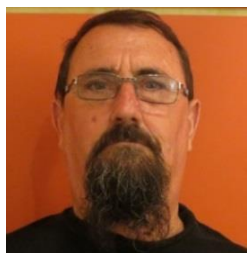
Black Dog Ride



Information nights: First Friday of each month at Karalee Tavern, 78 Junction Road Karalee. Starts at 7 pm – 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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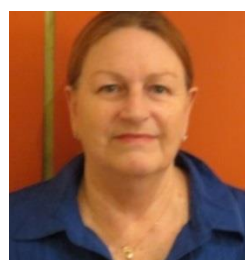
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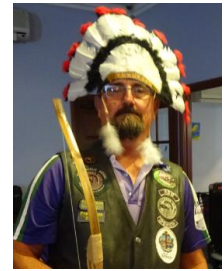
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Ado's April Air Spray

Welcome to the April edition of the Ipswich Branch Newsletter

This is my last spray of being at the front of the room for the 2015/2016 Committee term and I would like to thank your committee who have worked super hard for you in the past year. We say goodbye to our retiring Vice President Strop (Wayne Hele) and our Newsletter Editor Julz (Julie Aspland). We will be welcoming two new members onto the committee tonight at our AGM.



ANZAC Day as you know is on Monday 25th April and our branch tradition is that we meet to honour our fallen at the BUNDAMBA DAWN SERVICE Service at 4.28 am at the Honour Stone, Brisbane Road. After the service we will travel to the Queens Park in Ipswich to share breakfast. The branch will be laying a wreath at the service. If I could have your RSVPs for the breakfast, it would make it a little easier to cater for. Although we have been meeting like this for a few years, it seems like this day has become one of the more popular for the branch.

It is pleasing to see that the last couple of branch rides have been smooth and everyone involved has taken the safety of the branch to heart. We did not have any riders being passed on the left and the corner makers did a magnificent job keeping us on the right path. Could I please ask that we continue with our safe riding and showing respect to our fellow riders.

The Branch camp over is on the May long weekend and if you want to join us then you need to ring and book. We are looking at leaving on Saturday 30th April at 8am and coming home some time Monday. Please look at the blog from Toddy or just google Possum Park, about 10 klms from Miles.

The Ipswich Festival Super Hero parade is Saturday, 16th April. We are Float 51 and this year we are marshalling at 5:30 pm on Brisbane St between Burnett & Waghorn St. We will leave Yamanto Shopping Centre at 5:00 pm or you can meet us at the marshalling area. The theme is "Superheroes and Villains - Comic Book Adventures", the parade will take you into a world where the good guys win, and the bad guys are just plain bad. From Batman to Thor, Superman to Spiderman this will be a night of spectacular surprises. We hope you will join in the fun and dress up for the occasion. After the Parade there is the Street Concert from 7pm to 9pm when Brisbane St will be closed to traffic. There are three bands planned for the night. This is a free event

At last we have made some progress finding a new supplier for our branch shirts. Denise will be talking to the new supplier in the coming weeks and hopefully will have some good news for us really soon. At the last committee meeting it was decided that the information night proper as of May 2016 will trial starting at 7.15pm. The regalia store will not be opening until 7pm. This will allow Denise time to catch up with her friends, have some tea and get herself organised before attending to the needs of members. I am sure you will understand that being on the committee is very taxing at times, especially when most of us have just left work to get to the venue on time. An enormous of volunteer time is given to our positions on the branch committee and I am sure you will understand. I ask that you respect the wishes of Denise and wait until the shop opens before approaching the regalia stand with your queries and purchases.

Another National AGM has come and gone with some changes at the helm. Alan Pratt ex Pres from Redlands Branch is now a committee person for the coming term. Go Queenslander! Have a look at Dorothy's report in the newsletter and hopefully the Riding On should have a write up and be in our letterboxes soon.

The presidents meeting came up with a few working bee days at the memorial Gardens. There will also be a service to commemorate the new honour board which I hope quite a few of our branch will attend. More info will follow on dates.

Keep it legal – I's a watching ADO

DV RIDE UPDATE

9 Sundays to go. Lots is going on behind the scenes to plan for the event on Sunday, 15 May 2016. Thanks particularly to Marita for her advertising the event far and wide through social media and for coordinating the visits to the Ulysses Branches.

There will be a meeting this coming Wednesday 6th April 6:30 pm for the DV Ride Committee at my workplace. I hope this day suits all.

On the event day we will be looking for volunteers – please let me know tonight at our info night, via the website or mobile 0413 42970 if you would like to help. Jobs include: Setting up and pull down, parking marshalls, members for: the Ulysses stand, our own Ipswich stand, helping with registrations, raffles, looking after the popcorn machine and snow cone machine with many other jobs available. (btw The jumping castle comes with a supervisor). Some members came along to help with the set up and then headed off to Yamanto to leave with the group from there.

The route leaders are ready to go, if you would like to join one of the longer rides please make contact with the ride leader as listed on the flyer. We would love to see a big turnout of members on the Ipswich Route leaving Yamanto Shopping Centre (near SuperCheap) 8:30 am where the Police Commissioner and other police bikes will be participating on the ride through the Fassifern area. Erik is the ride leader for this one. Fingers crossed all riders will arrive safely around 10-10:30 am at the end venue for an enjoyable day. Another day where we will be wearing our Branch Shirts with pride and showing the community what it's like to Grow Old Disgracefully in our wonderful Ulysses Club.

Thanks everyone - Amanda (Coordinator)

DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE

RIDE FOR AWARENESS

Sunday 15th MAY 2016

The Ipswich Branch of the Ulysses Club Inc. would like to extend an invitation to motorcycle riders and the community to join them in the 2016 motorcycle ride to raise awareness of Domestic and Family Violence

More information at www.ipswichulysses.com 0433 874 512

Logos: Ipswich Ulysses Domestic Violence Awareness Ride 2016, Ulysses Club Ipswich Branch, Brothers Leagues Club Ipswich, City of Ipswich, DVAC, Domestic Violence Action Centre.

RIDE FOR AWARENESS OF DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE

Sunday 15th May 2016 from 10am to 2:00pm

The Ulysses Club Inc Ipswich Branch would like to extend an invitation to fellow motorbike riders and community to attend the 2016 ride to raise awareness of Domestic & Family Violence within communities.

Riders will be met by a member of the Ipswich Branch and be lead to the ride venue at Brothers Leagues Club, Ipswich for a community event. **Leave time is 8:30 am** from the following locations:

North:	Beefy's at Glasshouse Mtn Bruce Hwy	Contact: Daffy 0438 022 746
East:	Loganholme BP, Pacific Highway	Contact: Jay 0407 641 878
South West:	Warwick McDonalds, 71 Albion Street	Contact: James 0458 103 939
West:	Toowoomba Picnic Point	Contact: Gunther 0421 424 126
Ipswich:	Yamanto McDonalds, Warwick Road	Contact: Eric 0414 732 245
Semmerset:	TBA	Contact: Eric 0414 732 245

A donation of \$10 provides supporters with patch/pin, raffle ticket, show & shine entry. Free community event at Brothers Leagues Club, Ipswich with jumping castle, activities for children, stalls from community organisations and motorcycle related trade stalls. There is also a band for entertainment.

All Motorcyclists and Community invited to attend

Contact: Amanda 0413 420 970 or Adrian 0433 874 512

Website: www.ipswichulysses.com

Facebook: [Ipswich Ride For Awareness Against Domestic & Family Violence](https://www.facebook.com/IpswichRideForAwarenessAgainstDomesticAndFamilyViolence)

Logos: Ipswich Ulysses Domestic Violence Awareness Ride 2016, Ulysses Club Ipswich Branch.

Sheriff's Court

James "Windsucker" 50255

Another great branch information night with special guests "The Village People" attending.

Fines as follows:

Ado Getting lost and having his shirt inside out

Kermit Not turning indicators off for 7 klms

Old Yella Both bike and car breaking down at the same time (I hope he has his hearing aids turned on for the next meeting)

Padre His bike broke down and he refused to ride his wife's bike which is a 400 cc

Tweetie Signing on using her SES number

Angry for riding in shorts, singlet and thongs

Windsucker Putting fuel on the ground and not in his bike / throwing cigarettes all over the place

BIRTHDAYS

Silver Fox, Kermit, Padre, Squirrel, Bling and Gary (Squirrel became a Senior Member)



MISHAP AWARD

Goes to our #1 Ado for dropping his Indian. As he said "he didn't drop it, it fell over". Is there a difference? Splitting hairs me thinks.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

A creative person is motivated by the desire to achieve, not by the desire to beat others.

Windsucker #50255

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.



And here we are, and another month has flown by! This month, some warnings about Facebook security can be read at this address:

<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/just-dangerous-share-information-facebook-2/>

Don't forget, keep checking the website for new info, and pass on anything you wish to be added, or just put your interesting bits in the blog...

Konrad Walters

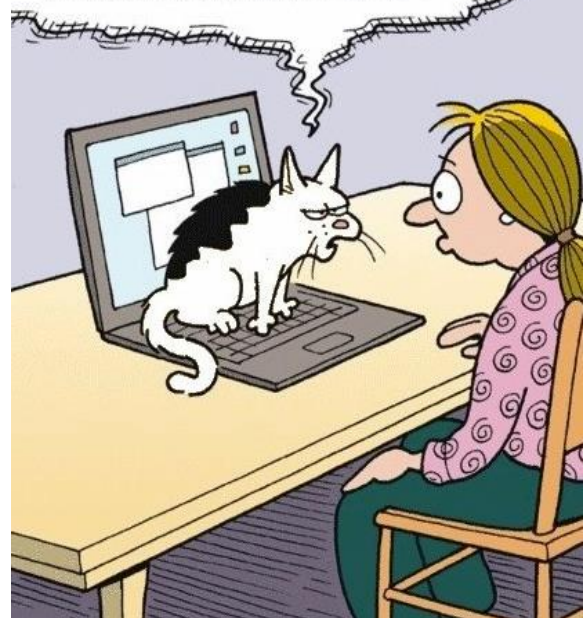
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SO, YOU USE THE DOG'S NAME
AS YOUR PASSWORD?



HOW CAN HE REMEMBER 37 PASSWORDS BUT ALWAYS
FORGET TO PICK HIS CLOTHES UP OFF THE FLOOR?



Sorry but your password must contain
an uppercase letter, a
number, a haiku, a gang
sign, a hieroglyph, and
the blood of a virgin.

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Lumberjacks Road Rash





Hi all, I hope that everybody enjoyed Spook's scenic ride. I certainly did. The weather was good, the route was good and the company was good. What more can you ask for?

As for the Black Dog Ride, not many turned up. Maybe people didn't like the early start time and some people were at the Tassie AGM. Once again, the weather was fine and I enjoyed talking to some of the many people that turned up at Shark Leathers.

I was talking to one poor girl who lost her driver's licence on her way to Shark Leathers and she didn't do anything wrong. (Other than getting caught riding 150km/hr in a 100km/hr zone)

Unfortunately I can't attend the next couple of branch rides as Anni has arranged a trip to South Australia and also going home via Great Ocean Road. As she hasn't got a motorcycle licence, she allowed me to come along so I can ride the bike for her and I will do just that.

Ipswich branch rides:

Date	When	Where to meet	Ride leader	What's happening	Distance
03/04/2016	09:00	Karalee Shopping Centre	Jay	Splityard Cr. Atkinson Dam, Lunch at Esk	250 Km.
SOCIAL Sat 16/4	5:00 pm to marshall at 5:30	Yamanto	Amanda	Ipswich festival Parade Theme Superheroes and Villains - Comic Book Adventures 5:30 pm We are marshalling on Brisbane St between Burnett & Waghorn	A very slow ride through town
17/04/2016	09:00	 Yamanto	Daz	Pittsworth Pub via Ma Creek	
30/04 to 02/05/2016	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	Toddy	Camping at Possum Park for the long week-end	
01/05/2016	08:00	 Yamanto	Lindsay	Jondaryan Woolshed. Classic MC Rally	300 Km.
15/05/2016	T.B.A.	Various places	Ippy Ulysses	DV Ride	
05/06/2016	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	Gunther	T.B.A.	

See you all on the rides and ride safe.

Erik (Lumberjack.)

Ride Report

By Tony. Aka (Spook)

Roadvale Hotel. 6th March, 2016.

The day started out with a few dark clouds looking like it could rain, and I thought this may be a small ride today, but to my surprise some 30 odd people turned up at Yamanto for the trip out to Roadvale. After a short briefing we headed out through Amberley, Rosewood, Marburg and over the hills into Lowood, where another 5 people were waiting for us. At Lowood we had a 35 minute stop for coffee, then continued out through Brightview, Plainlands and on into Laidley, Corner markers and tailend charley doing a great job. Out through Grandchester and into Rosewood for a quick pit stop at the park, necessary for some but not for those that wondered why we were stopping here, we're all going to get there one day guys. All good we then took off for the final leg towards Rosevale, and through Warrill View, "I love this bit of road" and through Harrisville, arriving at the Roadvale Pub about 12-05 pm.



This is one venue I really enjoy coming to. With everyone fed and watered riders started to drift off home in two's and three's till only 5 or 6 were left. We then road back to the Royal Hotel in Harrisville, where Marita dropped off a few DV Ride flyers. Di and I hung around for a while and had a coffee before heading on home. And ah no rain !!! A good day with great friends, thanks fossil and all the corner markers on the day, looking forward to our next ride. Ride safe and look out for each other. Bye for now. Tony (Aka Spook)

AGM LAUNCESTON TASMANIA – 2016

By Dorothy (Short Cut)

Day 1 – All packed up and ready for take-off at 5:30am fresh as a daisy. We just got through Toowoomba when Gunther noticed that the ABS brake light had lit up on the Gold Wing. So we stopped and made an urgent call to the mechanic. After speaking to the mechanic all was ok and we continued on. Somewhere between Millmerran and Goondiwindi my side box opened and we lost our bath towels and a couple pairs of shorts. I hope who ever found them made good use of them. It pays to ensure you lock your side boxes first.

We made it to Coonabarabran for our first night after riding for 644.3kms.

Day 2 – We took off a little late this morning after a good night sleep. The day was heating up quickly and reached 40deg but felt a lot hotter. We were struggling as Gunther wanted to do another 600 plus day. But I was so dehydrated I had to stop I could not go any further. The next town was Grong Grong, so we pulled up at the motel. No camping tonight. Today we travelled 549.6kms.

Day 3 – After having a good night sleep in air-condition we took off around 8am. Arriving in Melbourne after riding 473kms.

Day 4 – Rest day, well deserve after travelling 1,666.9kms in three days. We decided to go for a short ride to find out how to get to the port so we would not have any trouble finding where to go in the morning. We decided to stop and have an ice-cream on the water front and had to pay \$5 parking. Today we travelled 30kms a big different from the last three days.



Day 5 – Up early to ensure we arrived at the port in time for our travel on the Spirit of Tasmania. Well I can't say much about the trip as I took some tablets and slept most of the way. I am definitely not a sailor. The food on board was a little bit expensive but you could not really go anywhere else. We arrived in Devonport at 6pm but did not embark until around 6:30pm. And then we drove to my sister's place to spend the next four nights. Today we travelled 37.7kms.

Day 6 – Very quiet day today catching up with my sister and going to Rivers to purchase some shorts that I had lost back in Queensland.

Day 7 – We decided to go for a ride along the north west of Tasmania through Ulverstone, Penguin, Wynyard and Burnie to name a few places. Great roads for riding. Gunther says he wants to move to Ulverstone to live. Today we travelled 145kms.



Day 8 – Today we were driven around by my brother-in-law so no riding. We went to Sheffield to see the murals. Each year these murals change with a competition and then some of the previous year entries are auction off. We also drove through Railton, Latrobe, Elizabeth Town stopping of at the Chocolate Factory for lunch. The best waffles you will every taste. Then onto to the Ashgrove Cheese factory for some supplies.



Day 9 – We meet up with Gary & Leonie when they came off the ship for breakfast at The Rectory. After breakfast we travelled to Richmond through Westbury, Perth, Campbell Town and, Oatlands to set up camp for the next 10 nights. At Oatlands the Callington Mill has been recently restored and is the only working example of a Lincolnshire style wind-mill in the Southern Hemisphere. Today we travelled 263.9kms.



Day 10 – Today we rode to Hobart and visited Salamanca Markets, Mawson's Hut Replica and the Lark Distillery. Today we travelled 82kms.

Day 11 – Visited Ida Bay and travelled on the Historical Ida Bay Railway. This railway is the last operating bush tramway in Tasmania and has the distinction of being the most southerly railway in Australia. The railway was constructed in 1922 to carry limestone from the quarries southeast of Lune River to a wharf at Brick Point. The round trip was 14kms and took 2 hours.

Today we travelled 269.8kms.

Day 12 – Today there was a little light rain but we decided to go for a ride anyway. So we took off on a scenic ride along the east coast to Swansea through Orford, Triabunna. The road was really good for motorbikes with many twisty along the ocean. We came across the Spiky Bridge overlooking Oyster Bay 'The Road to the East'. This bridge was built by the convicts back in 1843.

Today we travelled 243.1kms.



Day 13 – Another day of just jumping on the bikes and going for a ride. We travelled down to Huonville, Woodstock, Cygnet, Deep Bay, Eggs & Bacon Bay, Garden Island, Gordon, Middleton, Flowerpot, Birchs Bay, Woodbridge, Snug, Margate, Kingston, Hobart and back To Richmond. Not sure who named all of these places. But I can tell you that Eggs & Bacon Bay does not look like



breakfast. Again the ride was full of twistlers and great ocean views.
Today we travelled 195kms.

Day 14 – Today we decided to visit Zoodoo Zoo at Richmond. There were a few light showers but not enough to spoil the day. We had a hands-on Safari Tour feeding Zebras, Camels and Emus. The kangaroos would just come up to you wanting to be feed. We also had the opportunity to feed a lion. Of course through a cage. Today we travelled 171kms.



Day 15 – We jumped on the bikes again today and travelled through Tea Tree, Pontville, Brighton, Kempton, Bothwell, Hamilton, New Norfolk, Bridgewater and back to Richmond. We meet a couple of local bikers when we were having lunch at Hamilton, they were great company. They were telling us that Tasmania's don't like to travel very far. If you were to tell them that you were planning a day trip to Launceston from Hobart they would think you were crazy. We also stopped off at Nant Distillery at Bothwell for a small taste test. The setting for this distillery was just picture perfect.
Today we travelled 198kms

Day 16 – Big day today as we visited Port Arthur Historic Site. When you enter you are given a name of a convict to be for the day. Gunther was a Surgeon, Charles Costantini 23 year of age, was sentence for seven years for steeling two \$5 notes. And I was a Baker, Abraham Hood 20 years of age, was sentence for 14 years for stealing a horse. I just loved the stories and wondering through the old buildings. Well worth seeing I would like to revisit one day.
Today we travelled 187kms.



Day 17 – Visited the Garlic Festival at Koonya and then we went back to the Salamanca Markets for lunch. After lunch we rode up to Mt Wellington. The views from Mt Wellington are just amazing it was a really clean day and you could see for miles. But very very cold. There was a couple of Ulysses on the top who were walking around with their helmets on.
Today we travelled 255kms.

Day 18 – Today we woke up to a wet and cold day. The first day we really had bad weather. But we managed to go and have a look around Richmond. We walked up to the Church on the hill and over the famous bridge, and I did a little bit of shopping. We had lunch at the famous Richmond Arms, but not that cheap. After lunch we went back to our camp site to relax. I was so cold that Gunther tried to keep me warm by using the hair drier.

Today we travelled 30kms.



Day 19 – Packed up and ready to head to Launceston for the AGM. We stopped at Campbell Town at the Red Bridge Café for breakfast. When a bikie asked if he could join us. He informed us that he was a member of the Normads, and we got talking about that he is not allowed to wear his colours. He asked us what we rode and told us that only bikies who ride a two wheel bike can become a member. Just lucky for us that we had two wheels. When we left he gave us a big wave I was glad he was going south and we were going north.

We managed to find the sign in venue and once signed in we went to find out accommodation at Hadspen for the next seven nights. Today we travelled 250kms.

Day 20 – We rode to the venue to have a look around. A little bit disappointed as not very many stalls and no one selling leather gear. Food and drink stalls were limited and you had to walk a very long distance from one end to the other. We had a look at the latest motorbikes but were not interested in having a test ride. After we decided to go for a walk back to the City Park and had lunch with my sister and her husband at the Turkey Akgoz. And we visited the monkeys, which are in the City Park. I could sit there for hours watching them. Today we travelled 42kms.



Day 21 – Today we went on a Tamar River cruise with Gary & Leonie. I totally enjoyed the day it was relaxing and the tour company informed us with the history as we went along. Gary was telling us that they had a good meal at a Chinese Restaurant close to the venue. So I told Gunther we should go there tomorrow night after the wine tour.

No kms today as we went in by taxi and return.

Day 22 – We visited the Cataract Gorge Reserve Grounds and also had a ride on the Chairlift. The chairlift is the world's longest chairlift span (308m). The views from the chairlift are fantastic. After this we went back to the venue and had a tram ride for a gold coin that also included entry into the tram museum. This museum took me back to my childhood with the trams running in Brisbane.

After lunch we took off on a Bubbles & Bubbles Tour for the afternoon where we sampled a few wines and a few more. Of course Gary & Leonie were with us again.

When we got back from the tour we decided to go and have dinner at the Chinese Restaurant that Gary was telling us about. But when we go there, we were told they did not have a table for us, yet the restaurant was empty. Not sure if the vests we were wearing was the reason they did not have any tables available for us. But anyway we decided to go and find another one. I remembered that there was one on the way into Launceston. So we went to find the restaurant, and went inside. We were taken to a table and we sat down before we realised the prices. I told Gunther to just enjoy his meal. It was the dearest Chinese meal that we have ever eaten, but was well worth it.

Today we travelled 35kms

Day 23 – We had heard some good reports about Longford so we thought we would go there for morning tea as Gunther had to be back for the Extended National Committee Meeting with Peter. The lady at the

fuel station said we should go back via Evandale but somewhere we took the wrong turn. Gunther finally got back in time for the beginning of the meeting but missed out on lunch. Today we travelled 177kms.

Day 24 – We got up early this morning and headed to the University for the Parade. A very good turnout. This is the first parade that I have taken part in that was travelling at speed and not 20kms. After the parade Gunther wanted to go for a ride so we visited the Swiss Village at Grindelwald but I was disappointed then we went onto Green Beach. We had lunch at Beauty Point and then onto Rosevears Pub for a beer. Another great day of riding.

Today we travelled 194kms



Day 25 – Today we went to the markets at Evandale and then rode to Deloraine as I have always wanted to see the Silk & Stich display. It is just amazing you have to see it to believe it. Had lunch at the local pub which was just like a home cooked meal. After that we went to Frankford for a coffee and back to camp. We had a bbq dinner with the campers next to us Richard & Cheryl who are members of the Forbes Ulysses Branch. Each day we would discuss where we had been and where we were off to for the next, they were good company.

Today we travelled 191kms



Day 26 – We packed up today and headed back to Devonport for a couple of days at my sisters' place. But on the way I wanted to go via Staverton so we could visit Tasmazia. We got a little lost but finally found the way. The complex is made up of eight mazes, four of which are traditional hedge mazes. It must have taken years in the planning to come up with the designs. At first I thought Gunther was having fun as he led the way but he was only trying to find the quickest way out.

Then onto my sisters place for the next couple of days.

Today we travelled 143kms

Day 27 – Today my brother-in-law took us for a drive to Port Sorrel and the local area.

Day 28 – We went to the Eli Hotel in Devonport for lunch to say thank you to my sister and brother-in-law.

We left Devonport at 7:30pm.

Today we travelled 7 kms.



Day 29 – Well we had reached Melbourne and it was wet, raining and cold. We knew it would not be easy to get out of Melbourne but I thought if we could get onto the West Gate Bridge we would be ok. No not the case. We knew we had to take the way to the Hume Hwy but Gunther turned off at the Hume Hwy to Ballarat. The traffic was heavy and raining so Gunther said let just get out of here and we will stop at the first petrol station to work out where to go from there. We went in to have a coffee and something to eat as we did not have any breakfast before we departed the ship.

When we came out there was a Vic Roads road crew truck. Gunther went up to them and asked for the directions to get out of where we were. They started to tell us and I thought we will never remember this. I told them it was too confusing, then they decided because it was raining and they had nothing to do we could follow them until they flashed their light, when they did this we were to go straight ahead. After about 30 minutes their light started to flash and we went straight ahead and now we were on the right track to head north.

We made it to Gundagai and because we could see a storm coming we decided to go into a motel instead of camping.

Today we travelled 567.2kms.

Day 30 – Managed to get away quiet early and on way. It was slightly rain when we left but then cleared up. We travelled along the Putty Road which is now a good road to travel. Still has a lot of twistes but the roads are a lot wider today. Again we could see a storm coming our way so we managed to get to Scone and found a motel for the night. We had dinner at Bowls Club and the meals were so big we could not get through them.

Today we travelled 668kms.

Day 31 – Early start again today as Gunther wanted to make it home. We stopped in Tamworth for breakfast and then onto Tenterfield for lunch. A few extra stops for comfort and them finally home.

Today we travelled 678kms.

What a trip we travelled 6,572.6kms in 31 days and I am looking forward for my next big adventure.

Black Dog Ride

20th March 2016

By Marita



This was only the second time I had participated in a Black Dog Ride 1 Dayer. Last year bad weather reduced the numbers and shortened the ride. Regardless of that I do have to say it still remains one of the best fundraising rides of my life. This one had a lot to live up to.

The weather leading up to the 20th had been good and even though there were a few dark clouds that morning I was sure it was going to be a beautiful day. There were 13 of us who gathered at Yamanto for the 7.30am departure. The number surprised me for such an early start and especially as not all were doing the Black Dog and therefore didn't need to get out of bed so early. The ride down was not exciting in the least. Straight down the highway but I did have to giggle as Robert tried his "avoid the tolls" theory of riding between lanes to void the camera. You will have to tell us if it was successful Robert.

Once we arrived at Shark Leather the enormity of the ride was evident. Grant you it isn't in the category of the Ipswich Toy Run but as the participation price was high it was good to see they had the support. Unlike last year, this time I did manage to make my way into Shark Leather. I had focus – don't talk to anyone just register and then shop. As is the case when I actually do have money in

my wallet there was nothing. Have money, nothing to buy. No money bargains everywhere. You can even ask Jay, I did try. Raffle tickets were the best that I could do. Fingers crossed.



There were 5 of us from the original group who departed Shark Leather at 9.30am on the official “Black Dog” ride. We met up with Binge and Jay at the start so that made 7 of us in total. It was slow going though the traffic but the Police had it all under control. We headed out along the Coomera River, through Mount Nathan and turned onto Nerang – Murwillumbah Rd. I have to admit I was getting very apprehensive as we approached Beechmont Rd. It was at this intersection just 8 months ago that I had seen my first fatal motorcycle accident. A scene deeply etched in my mind. Beechmont Road has the twists and turns that biker’s love. It also has the history of fatalities so acknowledging Todd as I turned the corner, I wasn’t sure I ready for it but I had no choice. As we made our way towards Lower Beechmont the fact that there was a huge drop off and no guard rails was nervously noted. Especially when the chick in front of me came close to the edge a few times. I do have to say – when I dared take my eyes off the road and the bike ahead the scenery was just spectacular. Absolutely breathtaking. We weren’t going fast enough for anyone to do serious damage to themselves on the twisties but there were a few obstacles we had to compensate for.

First there was the tour bus that had lost suitcases from its luggage compartment on the road. The cars behind it were seriously not impressed as they couldn’t get around it because of all the bikes coming up the hill. Secretly I was happy as some of the parts we had just come through were tight with cars in the other lane let alone a ruddy big bus. We also managed to scare the cow manure out of a farmer who had just let his dairy cattle out onto the road to graze. There was a mad dash to get them back in the paddock as the bikes came to a halt. My favourite though would have to be the 4wd owner (complete with horse float) that decided the bikes would stop for her even though we had right of way. How no one was hurt I have no idea.

Regardless of all of the above it was 36Km of beautiful roads. I can see why the go-fasters like it. Next time though this old duck is going to stop for a coffee and warm scone.....

We made our way down the hill and through Canungra, which in itself was full of bikes. From there we continued to The Bearded Dragon at Tamborine. It wasn't until I saw the photo's on the web page that I realised Ado, Eric & Ross were already there. They must have bolted not long after we arrived. Our priority was to order lunch and get a table before the rest of the crowd descended. The pub had put on \$10 burgers which were huge and very taste. None of us were lucky enough to have a raffle win but I did manage to get a bundle of flyers out to promote our DV ride. Yes crazy flyer lady strikes again.

Jay was voted ride leader on the way home. We would have been home hours earlier if it weren't for Binge. Not only did 2 little chickie babes throw themselves on the trike as we tried to leave but a bloke stopped us to take a million photos. I'm thinking he needs to change his name to "The Stud".



It was a long day but a great one. In the end there were 360 registered on the Gold Coast ride. A record 6850 riders in 34 locations around Australia raised more than \$100,000.

Black Dog statistics:

- Suicide is the leading cause of death in Australians under the age of 45;
- Eight Australians take their lives every single day;
- It is estimated that there is a suicide attempt every 10 minutes in Australia;
- 80% of all suicides in Australia are by men, but the number of women suiciding is climbing;
- Men in regional locations experience much higher rates of suicide than the national average;



Beneficiaries:

- 1 Dayer registrations support Black Dog Ride's suicide prevention programs nationwide;
- Black Dog Ride gifts all 1 Dayer donations and fundraising to 29 local mental health organisations and projects across the nation.

OUR TRIP TO CHILE AND BEYOND

Our trip Started on 9th Feb with 2 flights of 3/12 hours and then 11/12 hours to eventually arrive in Santiago Chile (Santiago sits at



the base of the Andes mountains, so beautiful views of the snow-capped peaks are all around). Having been to Santiago before we didn't get too excited as to what we were going to accomplish this time so we basically did the touristy thing and walked around, shopped and drank. Interesting that you can buy a motorbike in an electrical store as by Steve's photo. After Santiago, we moved on to Valparaiso which is where our cruise of 24 nights on the Queen Mary 2 was leaving from. Valparaiso is a bit of a dirty city (bit like Rio) but well known for its' murals and different types of architecture. It is also known for its' funicular rides as the whole city sits on the side of a mountain so they are needed for daily commuting. We were fortunate enough to stay at a B&B about 60 metres from our doorstep. We ventured down to Vina del Mar about 9 kms away by bus (Speedy Gonzales was driving) to check out this nice beachside holiday spot. Very nice place, lively with lots of street performers and plenty of nice reasonably priced restaurants. When you buy a glass of wine here, you really get a glass of wine filled to the brim and all for less than \$2 a glass.



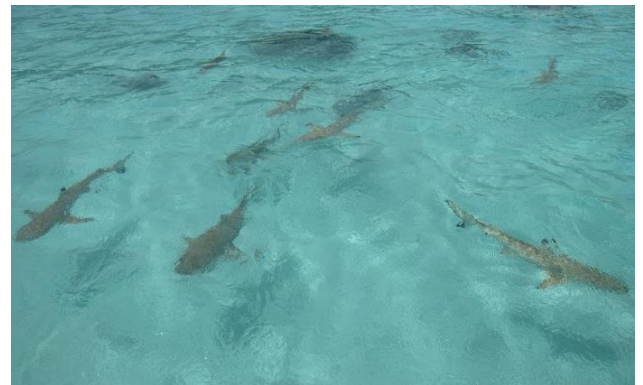
Our cruise left on the 17th February from Valparaiso to Brisbane via 8 ports. The ship was beautiful as was the food and the service. We cruised very close to Easter Island so we could see the famous Moai stone statues. That was also where we had a medical emergency on board and a sick passenger had to leave the ship bound for the hospital on the Island.



After 8 full days at sea with perfect weather every day, we landed in Papeete Tahiti to pouring rain. Our photo tells the story. Very expensive place to visit.



Our next stop was Morea Tahiti which was absolutely lovely. It is very similar to Bora Bora with bures over the water and crystal clear water. The highlight was swimming with the stingrays and the reef sharks. The stingrays were quite docile and as you can see by the photo one had a very long tail. They were also quite fascinated by



the tattoo on Steve's leg as they kept touching his leg where it was. They have wonderful eyesight. I got to try a vodka beer in Morea. Unusual. Very chilled out day in Morea.

We then cruised on to New Zealand (several stops) and then to Sydney and eventually home to Brisbane.



We had a wonderful time on board. The ship had its' own planetarium on board as well as some amazing quest speakers and entertainers. There was soooo much to do and we could quite easily have kept going onto Hong Kong. The ship was on a 120 day world cruise from Southampton to Southampton.

Until our next adventure Denise & Steve



THE LONG RIDE 2016

Our very own Padre Robert is going on the Long Ride 2016. If you would like to contribute to the Padre's fundraising for the event please visit

<http://thelongride2016.everydayhero.com/au/amberley-team>

From the Long Ride website: Welcome to the Long Ride (TM) 2016, 7th to 16th April.

This year's event will take us through rural Australia from all States and Territories and across the Nullarbor. We will travel past iconic towns and places most of us read about in school. To be able to visit such places as Broken Hill, Port Augusta, Ceduna, Nundroo, Nullarbor, Eucla and Border Village, Caiguna, Cocklebidy and Madura, Balladonia just to name a few before stopping at Norseman and Albany before riding off to Margaret River is a dream. These towns are just across the Nullarbor so how many other towns will you visit on the Long Ride 2016? Across the Nullarbor there are plenty of roadhouses for refreshment and fuel and all within 200Ks of each other.

The Long Ride is designed to encourage you to do something totally different in your life. It is about life on the road, meeting new people, and exploring yourself as you do something you love to do - ride. The Long Ride will enable you to touch upon the freedom seldom experienced by riding around your local area. You can do this by taking a chance, meeting a new challenge and experiencing life on the road through the most beautiful country in the world. There is no better way to spend your time and energy. If you want a challenge, to do something different, if you want to make a contribution to the community, then join the Long Ride and visit places you have never been, make new friends and above all make a difference. We encourage each rider to raise at least \$1000 to raise awareness of prostate cancer.

TO GIVE AWAY – from the Padre #44241

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Cinnamon Doughnut Baby Cakes

Serves: 48 | Preparation: 15 min | Cooking: 12 min | Difficulty: Easy

INGREDIENTS

260g flour METHOD

Preheat oven to 190 o C. Grease two 24 cup mini muffin trays.

1 1/2 tsp baking powder Sift together flour, baking powder, salt, and cinnamon.

In a separate bowl, mix together vanilla, butter, sugar, egg and milk. Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients, and mix until just combined.

1/2 tsp salt

1/2 tsp ground cinnamon

2 tsp Queen Vanilla Bean Paste

80g butter, melted

175g caster sugar

1 egg

185ml milk

125g melted butter, extra

175g caster sugar, extra

Spoon 1 tablespoon of the mixture into each cup of the prepared muffin trays, and bake for 10-12 minutes – until cooked through. Combine extra sugar and cinnamon in a cup or bowl. While muffins are still warm, brush tops with melted butter, and dust with the cinnamon mixture. 1 tsp ground cinnamon

HANDY TIP:

Suggest baking a double batch as these bite-sized treats will vanish quickly. Pop a piece of chocolate in the middle for an extra treat.

Member Profile

Sorry James: Editor has lost your profile – thought I would use your alter-ego for this month's issue. Hopefully will find your real profile for next month's edition

Name: James McColm Ulysses Member # 50255

Nickname: Village People Biker

Partners names: Over the decades I have had many many partners

Occupation: Member of American Disco Group

Greatest Songs: Macho Man, Go West, In the Navy, Y.M.C.A

How many records have you sold worldwide: 100 million

Biggest hit in the 1970's: Y.M.C.A.

Which song featured in The Love Boat: In the Navy

Who did you travel with to entertain US Troups in 1979: Bob Hope

Were you on the cover of Rolling Stone: Sure was – Vol 289 April 19, 1979

What was the name of your feature film: Can't Stop the Music

Awards: Can't Stop the Music received the Worst Picture and Worst Screenplay in the 1981 Golden Raspberry Awards. But now the movie is a cult favourite. I did get many other awards as well.

Have you played at a Rugby League Grand Final: Yep, Sept 15, 1991 in front of 41,815 fans



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