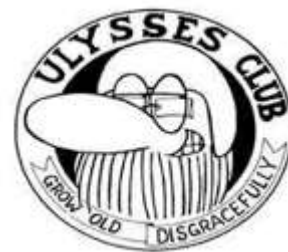




# Ulysses Club Inc. Ipswich Branch

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## 2019 AGM ... Your New Committee



**Information nights:** First Friday of every month, at The IPPY, 1a Samford Road, Leichhardt.  
Meeting starts 7:00 pm, come along for dinner beforehand if you like.

**Branch Rides held:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month with Socials anytime.

Check the Branch website for details & updates <https://www.ipswichulysses.com/>

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# Chopper's State of the Union



As you all know we have a few new committee members and a few members with new roles, welcome to Bernie, Dianne and Crash. Bernie is the new treasurer and Dianne the Secretary. There is no real role for VP, but we are very happy to have Crash along, as he is very keen to be a part of the Committee and contribute to the future of the Branch, so Crash will be Minister for Entertainment and arrange a few things for the Branch to do.

Ado is staying on as Newsletter Editor, but I am sure Amanda will be giving him a hand and Paula has volunteered to run Regalia for us, it will be great to still have them on the committee to help us along while we settle into our new jobs.

James, Erik, Rizzo and Fox are all in the same positions so no changes there.

I would like to organise a few 'Social' events, we had a great Pub Night when Splitty left so I think we should have a couple more of these maybe once every 2 months, but first has to be a boys night out, we have been talking about it for a long time but it's never eventuated. I am thinking of the weekend of the NRL Grand Final, we could go Bowling or play Golf in the morning and then off to the pub to watch the match and a few refreshments. The game is on a Sunday and the Monday is a Public Holiday so no need to worry about getting up for work. Anyone who needs a note for the wife to be allowed out please let me know and I will write one for them. This will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> October so we have a bit of time to organise something so if you have any ideas please let Crash or myself know and we will get the ball rolling.

Maybe we could also do something for the final State of Origin game when The Mighty Queensland are once again victorious.

Great to have Kathy and Sharri lead rides recently, Sharri took us on a great ride through some roads we'd never been on before, only one downer on the day was Toogoolawah was packed with cyclists and only one coffee shop who were understandably rushed off their feet so we missed out. Next time the Eagle Rock Café will be open there so we may have a bit more luck. Ended up at the Bottletree Hotel in Glamorganvale, after dodging a few Ninja Bikers and Turtles on the road. The Bottletree Hotel was very good, great food and a nice place to sit and waffle on. All in all, a great day out.

Unfortunately I missed out on Kon's ride, I played Golf on the Saturday, leaned out of the Buggy to pick up my ball and fell out and rolled down the slope a few metres, jarring my neck, of course. My mates thought it dead funny and almost wet themselves laughing.

Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> was also Brisbane Wests first Birthday, Sue and I went along and had some dinner with them and stayed for their meeting. They are nice bunch so we should probably hook up with them for a few rides sometime. We have already planned the Focus on Youth ride at Wivenhoe Dam with them and there is also a possible ride with Sunshine Coast Branch in the future too, the Fox is well on top of all those.

Email from NATCOM We have had a request to once again host a Ulysses Club stall at the Superbikes.

The 2019 event will be Round 4 of the ASBK Championship, held on the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> of July at Morgan Park Raceway, Warwick QLD. If anyone is interested in helping out, by assisting in the setup and manning of the stall on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>, please let me know. We will get some passes, but these are limited. As this is a generic Ulysses stall, all branches will be promoted.

I have also got a copy of all the items available from the Club Gear Shop and the price list, this is in a folder with the Regalia Box, please feel free to look through it but please return it so someone else can look at it.

As I mentioned at the last Branch meeting, I will be growing my hair until March so I can have it shaved off for the 'Shave for a Cure Charity'. I am happy to announce that I have started to use Shampoo for the first time in about 15 years, I feel like a hippy.

Our printers who finish our Newsletter for us are closing down, I guess it's due to Council cutbacks, as most of the Division offices are closing, this gives us the problem of finding a new agency to print our Newsletter for us. If anyone has any ideas or knows someone who will do this service for us please let us know.

The Ippy has also asked that all our members be reminded that they must sign in when they come in on a Friday night, I believe it is something to do with licence requirements for a Sports Club, so if you could all sign in or swipe your cards that would be appreciated, it also means you have an entry into the lucky door prize and the members draw (if you are a member that is).

I think that is enough from me for now so I'll sign off.

Be careful out there.

**Chopper**



## NATCOM Bits n Pieces

Check the back of your membership card to see if you are eligible for any of the following:

**Age Badges:** A badge signifying a member has attained the age of **50 years, 60 years, 70 years, or 80 years** are available for financial members. 50 and 60 age badges are at the members cost. 70 years and 80 years age badges will be at the Club's cost, complimentary to the member upon application.

**Length of Membership Badges:** Subject to confirmation of records, badges indicating continuous membership of the Club for a period of **10 years**, and then in increments of **5 years**, are available for members to purchase. The **20 and 25-year** service badge is complimentary on individual application.

To obtain your badge you are you can contact the National Office direct or see Paula our Regalia Officer



## Badge Presentations



Helen Padgett #66792  
60 Yr Badge



Robert "Padre" Padgett  
#44241 60 Yr Badge



Dean "Patch" Merrell  
#44241 50 Yr Badge

## NAMING ... introducing



Hi – my new name is  
"Bam Bam"  
aka Shane James

## Thanks to our hard workers



Christine "Dolly" Walters



Amanda "Bling" Pamerter



# The Fox's Den

Hi Fellow Ulyssians



The weather is turning from fresh to cool and then real cool. Get out the winter gear and brave the first hour of the ride and then enjoy the clear sunny weather of the coming months. We are ever lucky to have such riding weather in the great south east of Queensland.

## Current upcoming rides

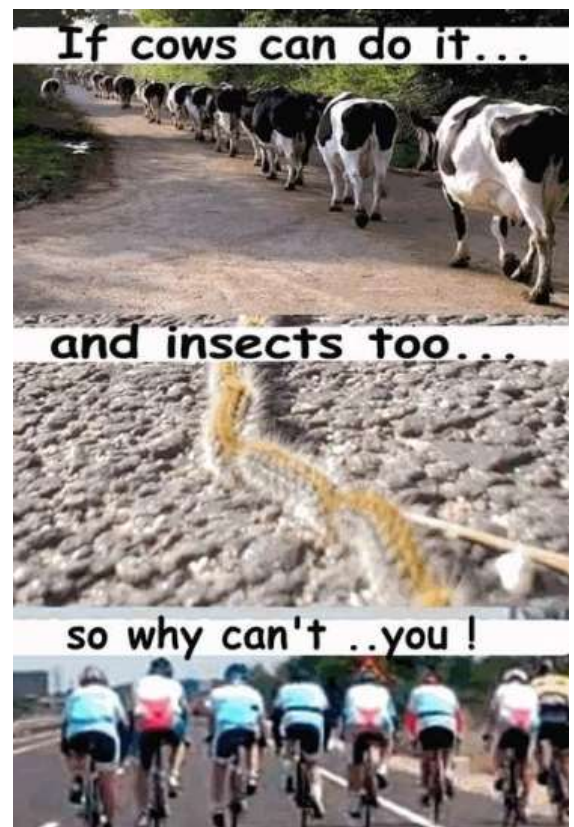
**Sunday 2nd June.** Ride to Crows Nest, Tiger is our ride leader.  
Departing 9am Ippy Club, Samford Rd Leichhardt. Biker Crows Nest vest patches should be on sale at the Hotel. We have notified them so fingers crossed.

**Friday 7th June.** Info night. Meeting at 7pm.

**Sunday 16th June.** Sth East Qld Cartwheel ride to Harrisville. We will roll the dice.  
Departing 9am Yamanto Silver Fox ride leader.  
Stop 1: Peak Crossing.  
Stop 2: Boonah Rd Milbong.  
Stop 3: Boonah Information Centre.  
Stop 4: Kalbar Showgrounds.

**SATURDAY 22nd June.** Focus on Youth at Wivenhoe Dam. More information to follow.

**Safe Riding and ride within your capabilities**  
**Bob the Silver Fox #63410**





# Sherri's Mother's Day Ride

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019

On Sunday the 5th of May I had the honour and privilege to lead this years Mother's Day Ride, and as my good friend Kathy was unable to attend our new president Chopper swapped his testosterone for some progesterone and nominated himself for Tail end Charline, although he does wear a ponytail ( on his chin ).

I had been planning this route for a month, and could not have asked for a more beautiful day. Perfect weather, and perfect temperature. With 11



bikes and 13 participants we left the clubhouse at 9am for the 200km ride.

Travelling through some picturesque roads via Glamorgan Vale, Lowood, Coominya, and Esk, we then took another backroad to Toogoolawah where we stopped for morning tea. Unfortunately when we pulled up at the only cafe in town that was open there were about 100 cyclists, of the pedal kind, all lining up for coffee so we had to settle for iced coffee or no coffee at all as the wait was over 30 minutes. Not that it worried me, I don't drink coffee, but I must admit I felt really

bad for the ones who did.

After topping up our bikes for the second half we headed north turning east onto Gregors Creek Rd, then eventually turning right onto Esk-Kilroy Rd which took us around Somerset Dam where our bikes were tested on several challenging bends but all came through with flying colours.

Regrouping at Fernvale, we then headed to Glamorgan Vale Pub for a well deserved lunch. Great publicans, great food, and great company. What a way to finish our Mother's Day ride.

On a personal note, I lost my Mum in October last year, loved her very much, so leading this ride was more than special to me.

Thank you Ulysses Ipswich for handing me the reins, and I hope that all who took part enjoyed it as much as me.  
Your fellow Ulyssean, Sherri





*We mention Konrad's name many times and realise that not everyone got to know him.... Here's some info on our dear friend*

**Konrad (Howza) Walters. #50507 TM#55**

The founding webmaster of the Ipswich Ulysses website.

★01/05/1945 -†13/03/2017

When the Ipswich branch of Ulysses was proposed in March 2012, we needed a website to inform prospective members about rides and meetings.

To this end, "Howza" created a website "P.U.B." (Proposed Ulysses Branch) – without out his webmaster skills some of you may not have found your Ulysses Family.... And that's us.

When we officially became a branch in October 2012, "Howza" created our current website. (ipswichulysses.com) He remained webmaster until the day he rode on.

Erik wrote the following on our webpage: "A little bit more about Howza. Konrad was born in a small East German town, Possneck. When he was three years old, he and his family moved to France. After living in France for ten years, they moved back to Germany due to homesickness. When Konrad was 15 years old, his family decided to immigrate to Australia and after sailing for six weeks on the ocean-liner; Catel Felice, they were housed in a migrant centre near Albury Wodonga. They then moved into Wacol Migrant Centre in Queensland.

In 1969 Konrad met his life-long partner Christine #53004 to whom he was married until he rode on."

**In 2015 Konrad was awarded a Telemachus Medal #55 for services to a Branch by our National Committee – below is some of the information given to our National Committee for consideration:**

*"Konrad Walters is a quiet man and a very proud Ulyssian. Konrad's has served on a Ulysses Branch Committee for seven years. From October 2008 to March 2012 Konrad was the Webmaster of the Lockyer Branch, until he retired for approximately 1 year. In March 2013 along with three other Ulyssians, Konrad became an integral part in the formation of the proposed new Ipswich Branch. Konrad produced an essential website which he named the 'Ipswich PUB' (Proposed Ulysses Branch) and had it not been for this website it would have been very difficult for us to attract new members not only to our Branch but to our wonderful Club. A great deal of success of the Ipswich Branch can be attributed to his amazing behind the scenes work, to create an informative and fun website for us and prospective members.*

*Since being granted Branch status on 20th October 2013 our website has grown to be one of the best around with other branches asking Konrad to provide them with assistance to grow their own website. Kon has attended many National AGM's and wears the old man patch with pride. Konrad was elected to the position of Ipswich Branch Webmaster at our first AGM in March 2014 and continues in that role.*

*Being webmaster is certainly a behind the scenes job, but his commitment and enthusiasm for the Ipswich branch to grow has seen our members increase from 24 at the first meeting to over 90 on our current website. Konrad is the moderator of our Branch Website, daily checking and updating the pages, adding photos, videos, music and encouraging input from members. Through the website and his monthly section in the branch newsletter "Threads from the Web" Konrad's innovative style keeps us up-to-date with branch affairs, keeping us all informed of our internet safety, the use of social media, and provides us with information of all things IT. He also sends fortnightly emails to all members of the Ipswich Branch to keep them informed about upcoming rides and socials and our information nights.*



*Konrad is a firm believer in sticking to the ethos of the Ulysses Club and its values. Although he will say he is not a good speaker, the branch members look up to Kon, his words and his input are revered and respected. Kon always encourages new Ulyssians to join our great Club, become part of the branch and of course to be an active Ulyssian, become a member of our website and the National Website. Kon has become the 'go to' man when it comes to IT and he is always happy to assist our members in any way he can, free of charge and time.*

*Konrad is a valued committee person and ride leader and gives so much of his time freely to the Branch. When the branch committee decided to run an Awareness Ride for Domestic & Family Violence in 2015, Konrad quickly put his hand up to update the website to promote the ride, advertise our sponsors and was the official photographer for the day.*

*Konrad is inspirational, keeps us on track and grounded. He is the voice of reason and without him the dream of an Ipswich branch would not have come to fruition, and continue to grow – he is one of the rocks of our Branch. Konrad has attended many National AGM's and attends the SEQ Presidents Meetings.*

*Konrad's commitment to our Branch is unwavering and done without hesitation or expectation of thanks. Konrad has been on a Ulysses Branch Committee for 7 years. We believe Konrad Walters #50507 is an ideal and worthy recipient of a Telemachus Award because of his outstanding service to the Ulysses Club, his contribution and commitment to the Ipswich Branch, its formation and continuing growth"*



# Konrad's Memorial Ride Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Nine riders met up at the carpark opposite Yamanto Maccas for the start of Kon's Memorial Ride. A bit of a quandy as to what time we should leave as there was conflicting times in the advertising but at 8.45 it was decided we could set off as unfortunately, it didn't seem any more numbers were going to arrive.



Ado #38905 TM 27



Erik took the lead, Rizzo the tail and the rest of us fell into line between them. The ride took us out through Peak Crossing and Boonah and a morning tea break at Rathdowney. There we met up with Kathy and Tank with Rizzo, Blue Ray and Crash turning around after the break to head off home. Kathy informed us that Gronk and Kylie were on their way to meet us so we waited for another 10 minutes until we all said "what the hell, he will catch us up soon enough". So, after saying goodbye to the three leaving us, I donned the yellow vest distinguishing me as TEC. My idea was to sit at the back and cruise and that's exactly what I was doing until about 7 klms into the Lions Road I came upon Speedy in a photo

opportunity space on the other side of the road. When I stopped she said that Gronk was on his way so I motioned that I would stop and she could continue the journey. I waited for a while, then with no phone reception to contact or be contacted I got off the bike and investigated the forrest. After the time it would take for have a chat, to suck down on half a dozen ciggies, I decided that maybe Gronk was a little too far back and I climbed on my steed again to catch the others in Kyogle. So caution thrown to the wind, my ride turned out much like I would have expected if I was chasing Kons tail. Head up, bum down trying to resemble fluid ink in the corners but failing miserably. Anyway, I get to the T junction of the Lions Road and the Summerland Way to find all the riders gathered waiting for me including Gronk and Kylie who had missed the turn so went straight down the highway. All bikes together in one place we took off to Kyogle for some lunch.



The ride home via Summerland Way wouldn't have been a Kon's ride without some water and right on cue 12 klms out it started raining and continued for a fair time but even when it had stopped falling from the sky the road was still wet for most likely the best part of 20 kilometres. I know why Kon loved that ride so much. No tin tops in front, just two wheels and the freedom of a highway of twisties until I stopped to take a pic of Mt Lindesay. The cars behind caught up, Speedy stopped to check on me ( thanks ) so we both rode the rest of the way together until we caught up with the others just outside Rathdowney. We had a quick breather and

decided to go home via Beaudesert where we broke off to go about three different ways on our journey.

345 kilometres the round trip from Maccas to Maccas, thanks to all who came on the ride. We did Kon's memory proud.

Ado





## Rides of Interest...and other Bits n Pieces

### CARTWHEEL RIDE



ULYSSES CLUB SE QLD  
INTERBRANCH  
POKER RUN  
**16th June 2019**

*The Royal Hotel,  
Queen Street,  
Harrisville QLD*



All Branch rides will lead from different destinations and times.  
Arrive at the Royal Hotel at 12.00pm for final draw and an afternoon of raffles, games, laughter and good company.

Poker hand is \$5per person, Badges \$5.  
All branches to supply a raffle prize or 2.  
Raffle tickets: 3 for \$5 or \$2 each  
Camping is available in the hotel grounds

Monies raised from the poker runs and raffle will be used to assist in improvements and upgrade to the SE QLD Memorial Gardens, and as donations to UCARF, the Ulysses Club preferred charity

For information on branch leave times contact your local Ulysses Club Inc. Branch

Or call  
Allan on 0408 807 579




## Ripley Cruise Night Sat 15<sup>th</sup> June from 4 pm Ripley Town Centre

From: Ron Anderson  
For Crows Nest Motorcycle  
Friendly Committee

### 2019 CROWS NEST COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL

**Wed to Sun, June 19 to 23**  
Crows Nest Showgrounds, New England Hwy, Crows Nest, Qld




Sponsored by  and 

C & C Batasteers,  
Adrian Carr, Shane Hauschildt,  
Amber Goldsmith, Amanda Faulkner,  
Jim Stronfeldt, Rob Walters  
Poets - Clamie Walker, Paul Fleming

Walk up artists Wednesday to Friday  
Walk up competition Saturday - two to appear on main show

**Canteen and Bar available from Thursday**

**MAIN SHOWS:**  
Friday 6pm - 9.30pm  
Saturday 2pm - 10pm  
**POETS BREAKFAST:**  
Saturday - Sunday 8am - 10am  
**GOSPEL SHOW:**  
Sunday 10am - 12noon

**CAMPING AVAILABLE:**  
• Power  
• Unpowered  
• Showers  
• Facilities  
• Dump Point

**ADMISSION:**

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| <p><b>Friday:</b> \$20 pp.<br/><b>Saturday:</b> \$25 pp. all day<br/>or<br/>\$15 pp. from 6pm<br/><b>Sunday:</b> \$5 pp.</p> | <p><b>Weekend Pass</b><br/>Friday - Sunday<br/>\$50 pp. - no camping<br/>\$70 pp. - Unpowered camping<br/>Wednesday - Sunday<br/>Power \$5/night per site extra</p> |
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Bookings and power reservations  
Paul Fleming 07 4698 1056 or May Gossow 07 4698 4174 or 0427 045 809  
Hosted by Crows Nest Show Society and Crows Nest Australia Day Committee

### BRISBANE WEST 2019 ULYSSES





**TO BENEFIT UCARF AND YOUNGCARE**  
**Sunday 25/08/2019**  
STARTS AND ENDS AT CENTENARY TAVERN  
90 SUMMERS ROAD, MIDDLE PARK

**PRIZES**  
**\$100 FOR THE BEST HAND & \$50 FOR THE WORST HAND**

Tavern is open for breakfast from 8.30am . Registrations from 8.30am  
\$20 per hand this includes the Poker Run Patch stands up @ 10 am





# Lumberjacks Web



Hi all, I am in for another year as webmaster and I will do my best to keep you all informed, as long as you check out the website every now and again.

You may have noticed that there is a video on the front page, mostly with motorcycle related content but sometimes it is just something that I like and I just have to bother you all with it.

Currently it is about counter steering as not all people are fully aware about how it works. If you are not an expert in riding bikes then please have a look at the videos. If you think you are an expert, then still, have a look at the videos just in case. It doesn't hurt to see it again; however it could hurt a lot to find out in real life the hard way, not to mention it could cost a lot of money.

I believe that the website is working ok as I haven't received many complaints and as always; if you have anything you would like to change on our own website or anything to be added, then just let me know and it may just happen.

**See ya all on the rides. Lumberjack**

A note of thanks from Bundamba ANZAC Observance Committee – Brad Strong, Chairperson

It is with a great sense of gratitude that I send you a short, albeit belated, note of thanks for your support of ANZAC Day 2019 at Bundamba. Without your support, the day could not have run as smoothly as it did, nor would we have acknowledged the sacrifices made on our behalf, so solemnly. We do not take your support lightly.

ANZAC at Bundamba is a most important day. It is an opportunity for us all to stop, acknowledge and respect what so many did for all of us, and for our country. To remember the 'all' who gave some, and the 'some' who gave all. And ultimately to show support for those who have grown old, and to feel proud of them all. Thank you for being a part of this day.

May we continue to remember, and live out our lives in respect of their sacrifice. We look forward to your support once again next year.

*A politician addressed a major gathering of Aboriginal Elders in Darwin. He spoke for almost an hour about his plans for increasing every aboriginal's present standard of living. Though vague in detail, he spoke about his ideas for helping his 'sisters and brothers'.*

*Afterwards, the Elders presented him with a plaque inscribed with his new native language nae, which translated into English as "Walking Eagle", which he proudly accepted.*

*After the politician left, a news reporter asked the Elders how they came to select this name. They explained that "Walking Eagle" is the name given to a bird so full of shit it can no longer fly!!*



## RIZZO's Welfare Wrap



James "Windsucker": As at 28<sup>th</sup> may 2019 James' mum did not end up in a nursing home, she is staying in her own home with her daughter looking after her, and she also has two nurses, one comes in the morning and the other in the afternoon.... And that's seen days a week. We wish them all the best.

Our condolences go to Tom 'Gronk' Millwood whose mum passed on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May. Our wishes and prayers go to his family and loved ones.

**God Bess and safe riding... Rizzo #59819**

**Rizzo's joke for the month...** Four worms were placed in four separate test tubes – one in Beer – second in Wine – third in Whiskey and fourth in Mineral Water. The next day the teacher shows the results to her students. The first worm in Beer had died; the second worm in the Wine had died also; the third worm in the Whiskey had died and the fourth in the mineral water was still alive. The teach asked the class...."What do we learn from this experience?" A child responds "Whoever drinks beer, wine and whiskey does not have worms".



## Sheriff's Office

Note from the Editor: As James has been very busy looking after his mum in Warwick, and being ill himself we don't have a report from our much loved Sheriff this



month.

In saying this, he's told us his he has loads of fines (thanks to his whistle blower ... you know who are hey Silver Fox) and he will catchup with you at the info nights.

Have your Dollars Ready!!!!

April May and June Birthday pics will be taken at the Information Night today and will feature in the July Edition of your Newsletter.

**Stay safe and healthy**

**Windsucker. James McColm #50255**



# Crash's Monthly Mouthful



Crash #42697

## MOTORCYCLE TIPS

Hi boys and girls to my first mouthfuls Vice Pres.

First of all, thank you everyone for voting me onto the committee. I am looking forward to the coming year ahead and hope I can make a contribution to our great Ipswich branch. Also, congratulations to our other new committee members, Dianne the secretary and Bernie the treasurer.

I hope you all got out and did some nude gardening the other week, as you can see some of our committee members got into the spirit of things.

Speaking of being in the spirit of thing's, this month saw us celebrate National doughnut day and National chocolate ice cream day.

### And now for my monthly motorcycle tips:

I've probably gone over this before, but if you don't have ABS braking it's always good to keep your skills up and find a safe spot somewhere and practice your emergency braking. Remember, always in an emergency to keep your bike upright and steer straight ahead and squeeze on that brake, not grab a handful of the brake lever and pull it hard on.



So that's it from someone who now's how to crash.

Crash #42697



When your dog gets it,...Priceless,...







Ado #38905 TM27



# From the Editor aka The Town Cryer



Welcome to the new committee for the next year.

A big pat on the back to Chopper who has chosen to lead us forward as our Commander and Chief. Coming on board this year is Bernie Scales as Treasurer, Dianne Davies as Secretary and Crash who has taken on the V.P. role. The rest of the committee have chosen to continue their great work on your behalf which to me shows just how much they want this branch to succeed and grow. Also Paula has chosen to step down as treasurer but continue as our Regalia Officer.

I have taken on a new role for the branch this year. Brand new for me but thank goodness Amanda has been in this position before, in what seems to be a different life now. I may hold the title of Newsletter Editor but Amanda will be chief typing and computer wiz for this term of the committee.

As always, a branch is only as strong as it's members, so it is only fair to think the Newsletter will only be interesting if the members contribute to its input. I am not the only one interested in your life stories, jokes, adages, gossip and anniversaries. If you have a voice then please use it and send it to the Newsletter. If you don't access to email you can always call me on we can transcribe your words for you..

Amanda and I will collate YOUR news all you need to do is contribute. Send anything you wish to discuss to. [freerider65@hotmail.com](mailto:freerider65@hotmail.com) or 0433 874 512

I am looking forward to having a very successful year with lots of news for the June newsletter and the months ahead.

## Keep it legal, Eye's a watching Ado

### Do You Just Belong?

by [Anonymous](#)

Are you an active member;  
The kind that would be missed?

Or are you just contented  
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings  
And mingle with the crowd?  
Or do you stay at home  
And crab both long and loud?

Do you take an active part

To help the branch along

Or are you satisfied to be

The kind that just belong?

Do you ever go to visit

A member that is sick,

Or leave the work for just a few

And talk about the clique?

There's quite a program

scheduled

That means success if done,

And it can be accomplished

With the help of everyone.

So attend the meetings regularly,

Attends the rides as well

Don't be just a member,

But take an active part.

Think this over, member:

Are we right or are we wrong?

Are you an active member?

Or do you just belong?

# Growing Old Disgracefully on World Naked Gardening Day



before stripping their neighbours, quite the scare if

Other handy tips

Watch out for

A sunny day is and a hat is

It is ok to wear

World Naked Gardening Day (WNGD) is an annual international event celebrated on the first Saturday of May by gardeners and non-gardeners alike and some of us celebrated So some of you celebrated on **Saturday 4th May 2019!!**

WNGD has become an annual tradition that celebrates weeding, planting flowers and trimming hedges in the buff. While it's linked to a movement of nudists who promote wholesome and unashamed acceptance of the human body, the day is meant to be funny and lighthearted, founders say

In the lead up to this fun day we gave members tips that will help them plan ahead

off for World Nude Gardening Day! We reminded them not alarm if they were planning on stripping down because the neighbours get they peek over the garden fence.

were:

ants and insects and check where you're sitting on the day.

forecast, don't forget to wear sunscreen and a hat (we've checked permissable).

shoes just in case you have sensitive feet.



Be careful with any tools especially the secateurs – be careful when using and where you place them afterwards.

Probably best not to mow your lawn on that day... just do some hand weeding.

Watch out for the prickles on the rose bushes.

Be sure to enjoy yourself!

All in all - it was a little bit of fun and we know the guys had a lovely weekend out in the of all there was no extra laundry to do afterwards!

photographers for your skills and laughs.

Cheers....Chopper, Crash, Rizzo and Ado

No person, animal or garden object was harmed during this all participants were not at the same place at the same time



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Thanks to the

Editor's Note....  
photoshoot, and



## Sri Lanka - the Last bit

## Erik "Lumberjack"

When we left the big city, Kandy, the traffic wasn't as bad as when we arrived the night before but there was still a lot of traffic, more that I liked but it was nice to get away from there. We were riding around Tea plantations and it was very hilly and nothing but twisties so the riding was very intense, and fun.

At some stage where we had a pee break, there was a "magician" that wanted to perform some magic for us. He did some basic tricks and in the end he showed a sword down his throat. Luckily he didn't start to leak afterwards so he must have been ok with that trick.

A little later we arrived at a Tea factory where we were shown the factory and had some tea afterwards. I am not a tea drinker but it didn't taste too bad (with a teaspoon of sugar in it)

After the "Tea tour" we went on some more twisty roads and ended up in poor looking town 1100 metres above sea level. The view from the hotel was stunning.

We went for a walk in the town but there were not many shops for us. We went into a bottleo to have a look and it looked like all the alcoholics were hanging out in there. Later in the evening, some speakers blasted some noise that sounded like some Muslim prayers but I don't know what it was.



Next morning turned out to be a big day for us. First we went through some more Tea plantations which also means "lots of twisties" and ended up at a place called "Lipton Seat" where there was a 360° view of tea plantations.(1950 metres above sea level) We stayed there and had some Lipton tea while enjoying the view. After that, we went same way back and had a short break in the town we just left. Some people went into the hotel for a toilet break and then we were on our way again.

It was now going downhill and we were riding through low lying country where we had lunch break at a waterfall. We

kept riding through jungle and into Udawalawe national park where we stopped for a jungle safari.

We got loaded on the back of some utes and then we went into the jungle to see some animals.

Almost immediately we saw a big yellow cat (excavator) but further in we saw some birds and then we came to the elephants and buffalos. I managed to take a photo where there were two crocodiles in the same photo. One on the closest bank of that lake and another on the opposite bank. I only found that out later when watching the photos.

After the safari we went towards the hotel we were going to stay for the night. It was now late and there was not much daylight left. That was a very scary ride as the Royal Enfield's didn't have much light shining out of their headlights. The traffic was scary even in daylight so it was double scary when dark. We got blinded by oncoming cars and busses and there were so many other





motorbikes on the road that we couldn't see who were riding with us so we were hoping for the best when turning off somewhere where we thought that the rest of the team were going.

We all made it in one piece to the hotel and I don't think that any of us liked the last 45 minutes of that ride.

The next morning we could see that the hotel was built on the edge of a big lake and it all looked very beautiful. Unfortunately we didn't have time to enjoy it but we can't have everything.



This day was an easy one where we rode on straight boring roads. However nothing was really boring as there was always something new to see. We rode out to the beach and it all looked good. We had our lunch at the beach and then we rode on towards the hotel. We were there early so we had plenty of time to relax. We were going to stay there for two nights and what a nice place this was. The water in the pool was over 30° and if we wanted to jump in the ocean, we had to walk a whopping 30 metres from the pool to the edge of the water at the ocean. Never mind, we needed the exercise. This was the hotel that "team oz" was staying after the ride was over and I was sure that we could handle that.

After a couple of days, walking up and down the beach, eating, drinking and swimming it was time to move on. We packed up and went on the road again. We were riding in the mountains again through tea plantations. And nothing out of the ordinary happened. We arrived at the hotel in the afternoon and we just relaxed. Most of the people were not contactable as they had their nose buried in their phone looking at something they call "Facebook" Pretty sad to watch, but that's the way the world is turning these days.

Next day was just "end of the trip day" and we rode back to Negombo and left the bikes outside the hotel.

All the Danish people had to go to the airport that night and fly back to Denmark and "Team oz" stayed overnight at the hotel and then got driven back to the nice beach hotel in the town of Mirissa where Ado, Amanda and Ken only wanted to stay one night. Anni and I stayed there for 5 night and really enjoyed it.

We hired a Tuk Tuk with a driver for two days and saw a whole lot of stuff. We ate and drank a lot and enjoyed ourselves as normal old fashion tourists, but all good things comes to an end and before we knew it, it was time to go home and go to work and that was the end of a super holiday.



## Get to know your members

As we've been using the same Who are you? Questions for five years now.... And being your new editor, I've decided to change the format... and make it more of a story about you, our members. I will approaching people at random for a short interview about YOU, your family, loves and dislikes. Not compulsory to participate.... Just a bit of fun.

Here's **Dianne aka "Dinky Di" aka "your new Secretary's"** profile which had already been handed in.

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Ulysses Number           | 68697                                  |
| Nickname                 | Dinky Di                               |
| Partners Name            | Bernie scales                          |
| Occupation               | Customer service                       |
| Current bike             | Yamaha Virago250                       |
| I got into riding        | When I was young                       |
| Toughest ride            | Ado's last ride with the tight hairpin |
| My life began            | When I met my partner, Bernie          |
| I'm really bad at        | Slowing down                           |
| I'm really good at       | Going fast                             |
| My hobbies are           | Painting, Rollerskating, Riding        |
| Favourite movie          | Star wars                              |
| Major dislike            | Ignorant drivers                       |
| Smartest thing I've done | Got my bike licence                    |
| Best time of my life     | Riding my bike                         |
| Advice to new riders     | Just do it!                            |



**Wear Purple for Hospice.** Our very own Christine 'Dolly' Walters has volunteered at Hospice for years and years organizing the Craft for the many fundraisers they hold.

Checkout their website [www.ipswichhospice.org.au](http://www.ipswichhospice.org.au). for ways in which you can help to support this invaluable service in our community. Thanks Chrissy for all you do.





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