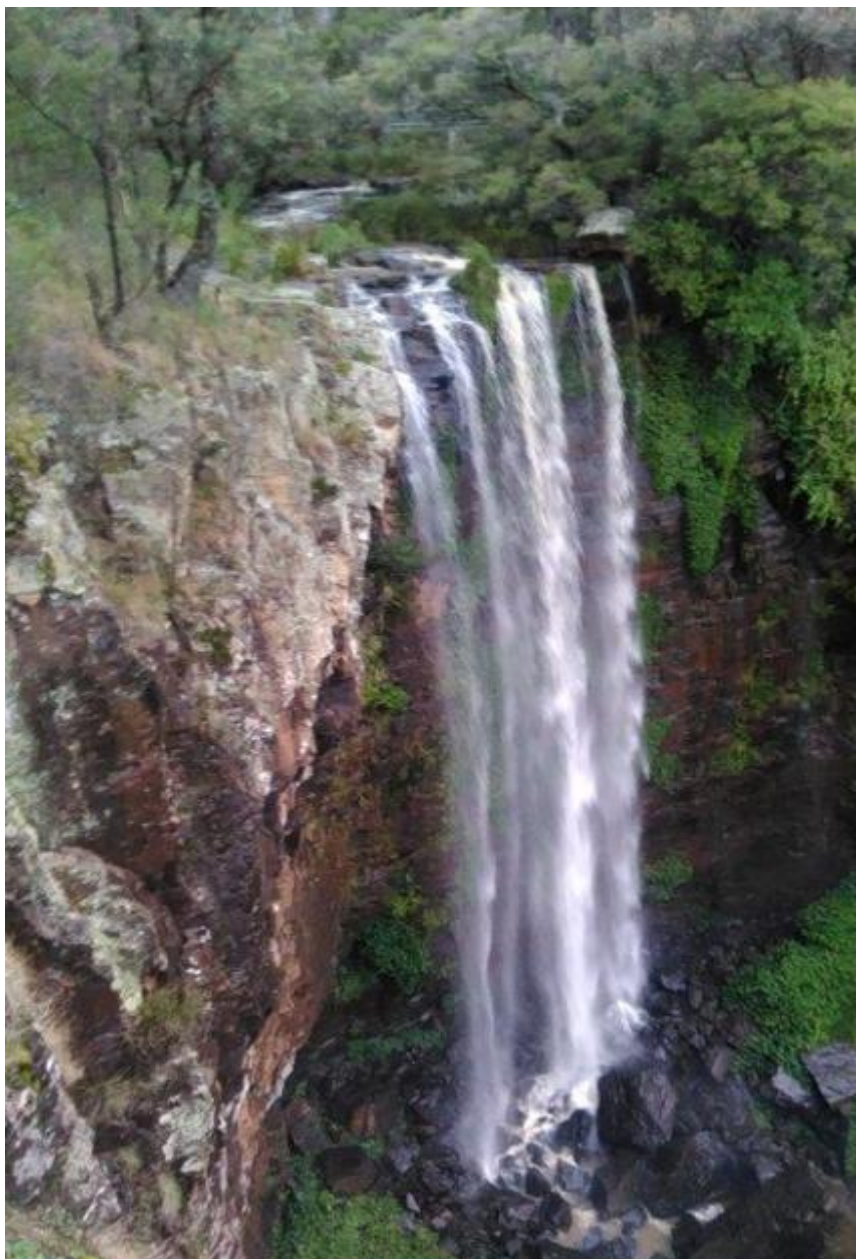




Ipswich Ulysses

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Queen Mary Falls

Information nights: First Friday of each month at Ipswich Country Club, 1a Samford Road, Leichhardt. 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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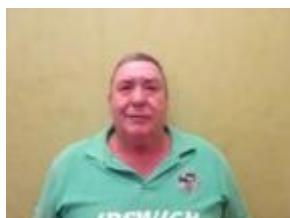
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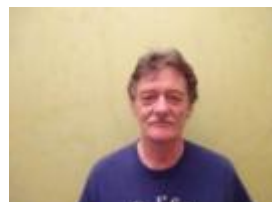
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Ado's July Air Spray

Welcome to the July edition of the Ipswich Branch Newsletter



Well our big overseas holiday has been and gone and Amanda, Paula and I are back on board to assist in the running of the branch again. We decided we had better bring Mick back as well for Paula. A huge thankyou to DaZar for accepting the reins while we were away and with the aid of the other committee members keeping the branch on a steady course.

I see by our webpage that the cartwheel ride has been postponed until August and I believe that Eric has that day fully organised for us so it will be all systems go from here on in.

Another big thankyou to the members who toiled so hard at the memorial gardens while we were away. It was nice to see our branch represented in the photos and their work did not go unnoticed.

The DV Ride was a very successful event and I have heard nothing but good things as a result. Amanda will be organising a debrief in a few weeks' time and will put up a blog on the website for those interested to attend. It would be advantageous for the committee to hear if the branch would like to continue with the event again next year. I don't need a huge discussion on the subject but certainly a quiet word in the ear of myself or a committee member will go a long way. Constructive critiques welcome. There are some DV Ride patches and bandanas left over which we will be selling at the information night tonight.

My name is down to lead the ride on the 17th July but I apologise that I haven't yet decided what the destination or type of ride it will be. You will need to keep an eye on the webpage as I will have made my decision in the next few days. The ride will be for everyone, so please consider coming along.

I know the mornings are starting to get a little chilly but the days are still rather pleasant enough to ride. I hope that we can still have a wonderful time together and the cold weather doesn't put you off from riding. There is plenty of good gear around so you can rug up for the first initial punch in the face and slowly remove excess clothing as the day warms up.

Our Venue the Ipswich Country Club has some membership cards for us which have not been collected at their front desk. If you have filled in your form and haven't collected your card please see if your card is available.

Your branch committee has decided that we will have a mystery raffle for branch ride attendees – meaning that members who attend Ipswich branch rides in that month will have their name placed into a draw which will occur at our monthly information night. A \$5 scratchie will be given to winner from the Sheriff's booty. So if you attend two rides your name will be in twice.

It is with sadness that I inform you of the passing of two Mount Lindesay Members in an accident outside Ipswich a couple of weeks ago. The wake for Wayne (Skippy) and Donna (Drop) Robinson will be held this Sunday 3 July 10 am. Grizzly from Mt Lindesay will be leading the attendees from Browns Plains Maccas at 9:00 am (meeting at 8:30 am). Venue for the wake is Versdale Hotel 6202 Mount Lindesay Highway, Veresdale. Apologies to Crash that we won't be on his ride this weekend, as Amanda and I, along with DaZar feel we need to attend this wake and represent our branch.

Reminder that the next information night will be held **12th August NOT the 5th**. So that's the 2nd Friday in August for our information night. Unfortunately when we changed venues there were 2 dates in 2016 which had already been pre-booked and August was one of them and December the other.

Keep it legal – I's a watching ADO

PS Thanks to Benno for babysitting my VTX whilst I was away – and for giving her back in cleaner condition than she has been for a long long time. Amanda is willing to drop her bike off next week for you!

Road Test Bonneville 883

Vancouver Island to Naniamo 244 klms return



While we were away on our 5 week adventure to USA, Canada and Alaska, Amanda and I hired a Triumph 863cc Bonneville to travel to meet a workmate of hers who was on a working holiday. The hirers were a very friendly bunch who was pretty laid back. They were very impressed with my rides, which were safely tucked away at home with Indians being very scarce in their part of the world.

We had arrived in the city of Victoria, Vancouver Island and had arranged to meet Amanda's friend, Charmaine somewhere north the next day and after a few fb messages back and forth. It was decided to meet at Jacks Park on the Trans Canadian Highway, Naniamo which was about 120 odd kilometres away. Having checked out the vehicles available we chose the Triumph over a Suzuki Boulevard, a KTM, BMW, and Harley Sportster.

With Amanda by my side we got to the shop early with our state of origin beanies (to be used as a safety barrier between our heads and nits of the past users of the helmets supplied), our jackets that were meant to keep out the snow and a camera to record the event. No back rest on the bike so it was a little more cosier than sitting on the back of the VTX or Indian.

So on with the Road Test.

First of all can I say the locals do not adhere to the speed limits and mostly travel at speeds well in excess of 20klm over at all times so getting to ride a bike in mountainous country with great roads was going to be a dream come true. The bike itself travelled really smoothly and cornered like it was in rails so it wasn't long before I was confident in what it was going to do at any given time. A little on the skinny side with seats to

match, and foot pegs that were under my body instead of allowing me to stretch my legs fully to the front. The one thing that got in my craw was every time we stopped and I put the side stand up or down. I constantly ran my shin along the left foot peg which was making stopping rather frustrating and sometimes painful.

Amanda on the other hand was having a ball. Wobbling back and forth taking photos on the fly.

As you know the mad buggers drive and ride on the wrong side of the road so it is very disconcerting to see all vehicles ranging from bikes to semi's belting down towards you on your left hand side, and dodging the sawdust flying from the rear of the log trucks (having no visor didn't help). This is especially when you are so vulnerable on a skinny baby motorcycle.



Anyway we entrusted our route to our new TomTom and it did a marvellous until the last couple of klms entering Naniamo where it decided our destination was the ferry terminal. After rechecking our route inputs and getting the same result, Amanda cohered me to ask the only worker in the terminal for help and we found we were about 100 metres away from our destination but unfortunately the 100 metres was across the other side of the Trans Canadian Highway. Simple she said. " Just go out of the exit and travel about 800 metres and then do a right hand turn to get back on track. Ha Ha , great joke When we got down to where we needed to turn off it was blocked with a solid barrier. Nothing left to do but continue backwards until we find an exit. Easier said than done. After 10 more klms we found an exit and headed for the nearest garage for directions. After gaining some much needed advice from a local who the absolutely great beach at Jacks Park, we headed off down the highway again until Amanda tells me we need another direction boost. So back into another garage to find we had been going in the wrong direction again even if it was at the "locals!" advice.



Right this time we actually went the right way and arrived at Jacks Park to find this supposedly pristine beach was nothing but a mud flat. At least Amanda's friend, Charmaine was waiting for us.



We then and only then had our lunch at about 1pm instead of the 10.30am morning tea which was the first plan.

All in all I loved the ride the bike gave us. The seat was a little hard for my soft butt (felt like we were sitting on a wooden park bench) the fuel consumption was amazingly good but the ride was very enjoyable for both of us. The main problem was that I was afraid Amanda would go to sleep and drop off the back as there was no back rest.





Dazza's Banter

Happy July to one and all!..... Where is 2016 going? Before we know it we'll be celebrating our 3rd Branch Birthday. And then we all know what happens after that..... SANTA COMES!!!... ☺

June started with our usual monthly /Information night. It felt a little different not having Ado, Amanda, Mick and Paula with us. Just a bit on the quiet side. Though I did have it mentioned by a few people that they weren't sure out of Ado and me who "banged" on the most. Sorry if I went on a bit. Had a lot of information that was needed to be shared. I'll have you know that 8:30pm was the exact time I officially closed the meeting. Hahahaha

Bit has gone on over the course of the month. We had Gunther's ride to Queen Mary Falls which we thought it may have been a tad wet considering all of the rain that fell over the 48 hours prior. But to everyone's surprise, including mine the day was met with beautiful sunshine and a cool change. From Yamanto we made our way to the dam for morning tea. The Lamingtons were to die for. Thanks Dorothy and Gunther for organising. Once refreshed it was off to Queen Mary Falls for a BBQ.

Presidents Meeting:

James and I had to leave the ride after morning tea as we had important business to attend to at the Harrisville Pub for the SE Qld Presidents Meeting. A few topics of interest were discussed. With lots of passion I might add. The main agenda item that I was interested in was the 2020 South East Qld AGM proposal. It was an informal discussion between the representatives from all South East Qld Ulysses branches. Talk was centring on Warwick being the host city for the event. I raised my hand to ask "whether there had been any other location identified or was it done and dusted having it at Warwick." The answer was NO. If we have a site which fits the criteria we are more than welcome to submit it for consideration. I've been in contact with Allan and Savaugn Pratt who proceeded over the meeting and they have forwarded information to both Amanda and me re what is required to host such an event. Please have a think and come back to one of our committee members if you think a place would suit. Get the thinking caps on. I understand we have till October to submit to NATCOM if South East Qld are interested in hosting the event.

Memorial Gardens / Dedication Day:

Another hot topic that was on the agenda at the meeting was the Memorial Gardens and the new honour boards/name plates. Discussion got very heated and you could tell there were people in the room that felt very strongly about the issues which were discussed. Dedication Day to unveil officially the new Memorial boards was talked about. A date was decided on as being the 10th of July. But only in the last couple of days there has been conversation between the branch representatives about having the Dedication of the boards on the Memorial Day itself.

Cartwheel Ride 19th of June:

As we all know the Cartwheel ride was postponed due to the “rain event” we had in the south east last week. A new date has yet to be confirmed. We’ll keep you posted on when that will be.

That’s about it for me. I get to kick back and relax now that Ado is back on deck. Remember if there’s anything you’d like the branch to look into doing please don’t be shy. Come and have a chat about your ideas. It’s your club. It’s your branch. ☺

Daz (#64146)

Radar’s Quote of the month



"How sweet, he's smiling. He must be dreaming about me."

Received from NATCOM for your info.

Dear Branches

We've talked before about how to **attract new members** and we know it's not always easy, so here are some suggestions for you to consider in your Branch Committee meetings:

- Be sensitive to a new members needs and availability. Potential members (39 or 40) often have young children which is a change from a 39 or 40 year old of 30 years ago (back in the old days we remember so well...).
- Have a wine and cheese night and ask each member invite 2 people and give a small informal talk about what your Branch does that may entice a new member.
- Have lunches / rides outside of normal meetings / rides and invite friends and co-workers.
- Invite women in pairs to events - they may feel less pressure than when by themselves.
- Be conscious of people you meet in your everyday activities – they may be potential members.
- Do ice-breaker activities, and hold social events for new members
- Actively **Welcome** people at meetings. We often hear that a new member went to a Branch meeting but didn't feel welcome – how sad! Give the **Branch Extrovert** a job to do. We all have a Branch Extrovert who loves talking about the latest ride, where's the best coffee stop etc; harness that energy towards new members.
- Belonging to the club would be far more attractive for a new or potential new member if the fun factor, cohesiveness and respectfulness are portrayed.
- "Old member" - ask an old member to give a five-minute personal talk about his club experiences —so a new person can learn what seasoned members are all about!
- Feature a Bio and picture of the new member in your Branch newsletter or on your Branch website

We are often our own worst enemies and aren't inclusive towards new members – think about what it was like when you first walked into the meeting.

We've talked about it before...

We will have the Members Guidebook finished soon (yes, it's been a time consuming update) and all Branches will be sent a copy.

The Heavy Stuff

It is timely to remind Branches that we are **one club** and the Branches are a mechanism for members to come together, and not a mechanism for a power struggle. Branch Committees are elected to **serve the members**, and to **enhance** their time spent with a Branch so that a members experience as part of the Ulysses Club is an enjoyable and positive one.

Happy members are the best advertising we can have.

Sadly the National Committee hears comments from our members about Branch stacking to manipulate the result of a Branch committee at an AGM, or members simply not being open to new ideas because "it's the way we've always done it". We need to be mindful that although committees may have a different approach, they should operate in accordance with the **Club Constitution and within the parameters of the Members Guidebook**. At the same time, if you are unsure about how things work, please contact us – the best way is via National Secretary Mark, secretary@ulysses.org.au

Branch Page on the National Website

On the national website we have all Branches listed, which can be searched by state, including logos and current contact information. Some Branches have provided photos to give an indication of what the Branch gets up to as a snapshot in the Branches pages, before the person essentially goes to the actual Branch website.

Can you please follow the website [link](#), to the **Branches page**, find your Branch, check the contacts, make sure that the logo is the current one, and if changes or updates are necessary, send these to Jen (webmaster@ulysses.org.au) to implement. Note this is not for the actual Branch website, just that landing page on the main website. If you would like to also provide photos that would be good as well. We love photos!

Minutes of the Extended NatCom Meeting held in Launceston

The Minutes of that meeting have been completed and are available on the [website](#)

The National Committee

Helena, Jen, Mark, John, Henry, Allan and Peter

Don't forget to update your calendar for August's Information Night.

Date: Friday 12 August
Venue: Ipswich Country Club



Sheriff's Court

James "Windsucker" 50255

Our second meeting at Ipswich Country Club was another successful night. I'm sure the meals are getting bigger.

FINES AS FOLLOWS:

Old Goat – Lost his keys for 2 weeks

Shane, Angry, Old Goat, Lindz & Mario – These members have to learn to turn their indicators off. Soon there will be a mishap

Hi-Rise – Recons he was misquoted by QT

Dorothy – Can't make up her mind what month it is when doing the newsletter

BIRTHDAYS



Geoff - Daffy

Lindz

?

MISHAP AWARD

No mishaps for the month

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

The secret of getting ahead is getting started.

On the 5 June Hi-Rise and I were going to the presidents meeting at Harrisville but before we went there we tagged along with Gunther & Dorothy ride to Moogerah Dam for smoko before they headed to Queen Mary Falls for their BBQ lunch.

On arrival at the dam Shortcut had all sorts of coffee and tea for everyone and the biggest lamingtons I have ever seen, you couldn't stop at one, two had to be eaten. Hi-Rise and I wished them a safe ride to the falls as we headed off to our meeting.

Windsucker #50255



Threads for the Web

Website or Web site:

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

We now have videos to view other than provided by yours truly, have a peek. To give yourself the ownership of said video, install it on a new channel (I know it's a strange name) as indicated here:

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CANCEL

Don't forget, anything worthwhile you would like to see on the website, please let me know.

When you are writing a blog on the site, don't forget to click on at least one of the categories. This makes it easier to find at a later date.

Howza #50507 webmaster

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Ipswich Branch Ulysses website is at: ipswich.ulyssesclub.org

Computers: She or He?

Why computers seem female:

- No one but the Creator understands their internal logic.
- The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else.
- The message "Bad command or file name" is about as informative as, "If you don't know why I'm mad at you, then I'm certainly not going to tell you."
- Even your smallest mistakes are stored in long-term memory for later retrieval.
- As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories.

Why computers seem male:

- They have a lot of data but are still clueless.
- They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time, they are the problem.
- As soon as you commit to one you realize that, if you had waited a little longer, you could have obtained a better model.
- In order to get their attention, you have to turn them on.
- Big power surges knock them out for the rest of the night.

Howza #50507 webmaster

For Sale – AirHawk

AirHawk comfort seat for motorcycle, air cushion inflatable. Used once but found it was not right for me. I paid \$160 and selling for \$100.



Contact: Phil O'Shea (Old Yellow)

Tel: 0448 601 944

Lumberjacks Road Rash



Hi folks,

Due to wet weather, we only had one ride last month. And that was a wet ride too.

It seems like our so-called “Global Warming” or as the pollies says now “Global climate changes” didn’t turn out all that warm after all.

As of right now I can’t feel much of a warming. It would be nice though.

Our ride to Queen Mary Falls went the fun way via Boonah which mean that there are 2 places where there always are water flowing across the road. The only difference this time was that it had been very wet on the Saturday and it was still raining so there was at least 15-20 cm of water flowing across the road.



When we came to the creek crossing, I could have crawled through the water and not splashed it up so much, but me, being me, had to go full throttle through the water with the result that the water went everywhere. I couldn’t see anything other than water for a few seconds so I just hoped for the best.

I could feel lots of water going down my neck. At the same time I could hear Anni scream so I figured out (all by myself) that she had a bit of water landing on her as well.

After doing all the twisties at very low speed, as I always do when it is wet, we arrived at Queen Mary Falls where we had bbq.

Hopefully we will be more lucky with the weather for the rest of the year as there are plenty of rides to go on.

Ipswich branch rides:

Date	When	Where to meet	Ride leader	What’s happening	Distance
03/07/2016	09:00	Yamanto 	Ross (Crash)	Advance Town	230 km
17/07/2016	09:00	Yamanto 	Ado	Ado’s Mystery ride	
07/08/2016	09:00	T.B.A.	Gunther	Gunther’s Mystery ride	
14/8/2016	09:00	Ipswich Country Club			
19- 21/08/2016	09:00	Stanthorpe, Top of Town Tourist Park	Gunther	Wine Tour	

See you all on the rides and ride safe.

Erik (Lumberjack.)

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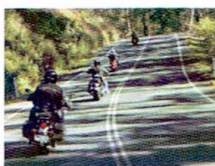
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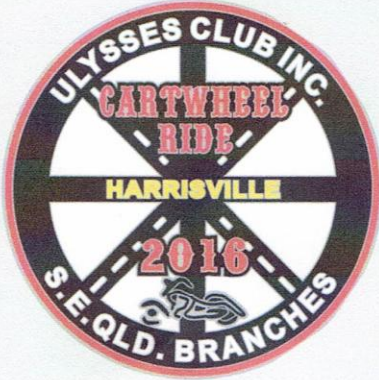
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DISPLAYS,
STALLS

JUMPING CASTLE,
Face painting

Raffles

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LITTLE MIRACLES**

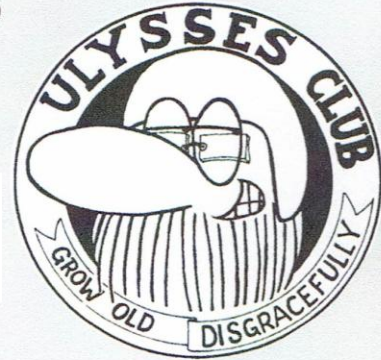
CARTWHEEL RIDE



ULYSSES CLUB SE QLD
INTERBRANCH
POKER RUN

New Date
14 August 2016

The Royal Hotel
Queen Street,
Harrisville



All Branch rides will lead from different destinations
and times.

Arrive at the Royal Hotel at 12.30pm for final draw and an
afternoon of raffles, laughter and good company.

, Badges \$5.

All branches to supply a raffle prize or 2.

Raffle tickets: 3 for \$5 or \$2 each

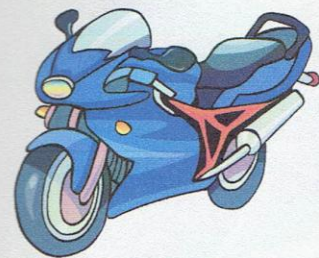
Camping is available in the hotel grounds

Monies raised from the poker runs will be used to assist in improvements
and upgrade to the SE QLD Memorial Gardens

Raffle monies raised will be donated to UCARF,
the Ulysses Club preferred charity

For information on branch leave times,
or for further information
contact your local
Ulysses Club Branch
Or call

Allan on 0408 807 579 or
Ian (Foggy) on 0409 277 087



Wine Tour Weekend 19 - 21 August 2016(Stanthorpe)



A wine tour has been arranged for Saturday 20 August 2016.

Come along for a Full Day Winery Tour for only \$85 per person, with a 2 course lunch included at one of the wineries or Micro Brewery (beer paddle included at the brewery). Pick up from the Top of the Town Tourist Park at approx. 9.45am and visit the wineries, cheese factory, with apple cider, juice and olives. Return back to Top of Town Caravan Park around 5pm.

For those who can't come down on the Friday you can come down early on Saturday morning ready for pick up at 9:45am.

Saturday night will be a get together around the BBQ, so bring what you want to cook along and anything else you want to eat.

If you don't like wine but would like to come down for the weekend you will be most welcome. While we are away having a few drinks you can look around Stanthorpe and meet up later for the BBQ.

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Contact: Roger 0427 464 266

DV RIDE BEEFY'S TO BROTHERS BY DAFFY

This ride started on Saturday when Ryan and I went down to the ferry at Moggill to make sure everything would be ok for Sunday. We were advised there was a push bike event happening and there would be 1000 crazy bikes out there wanting to come across the ferry at the same time. I threw a comment to the ferry crew that we were paying customers so no drama expected.

I had Ryan Hoggett and Tim Lawson ride up the coast on Saturday afternoon and we travelled the intended route in the other direction to get a feel for the road ready for Sunday. We stayed at Caloundra and went for tea at 1 of the local pubs, and had an early night. We were greeted with a lovely morning on Sunday and left to ride to Beefy's about 7.00.

On arrival at beefy's there was 1 person already there waiting for the ride. We had a great pie for breakfast and I set Tim and Ryan the task of registering all of the riders and collecting the money. We ended up with 29 on our ride. I conducted a short ride prestart and we were all ready to go right on 8.30. I had Tim in the middle of the pack and Ryan once again performed the role of tail end Charlie.

We headed off towards Caboolture on the Highway and it wasn't long before we had the first breakdown by a Harley. His speedo cable came out (was probably struggling to keep up with us doing the speed limit). Ryan pulled over and waited and it wasn't long before he was mobile again.

Our first major turn was at the airport on to the D'Aguilar Highway, corner markers were doing their job and everyone turned at the right spot. I kept the speed down waiting for Ryan to catch up to the rest of us and we then turned left at Wamuran to ride up to Mt Mee. The headsets Tim, Ryan and I have were great as I knew we were all together before the climb. This is a great twisty road all the way to the top and well worth the ride, especially as we had done it in the opposite direction the afternoon before.

AT the top of Mt Mee we turned left again and proceed slowly across the top and then down to Dayboro. I had lost contact with Ryan at the back of the pack but could talk to Tim in the middle and he could talk to Ryan. The traffic in Dayboro was a bit thick and we spread out on the ride to Samford. Tim over took me on this leg as he was going to pick up his girlfriend and join back up with us on the other side of Samford. I had been hoping to pick up a bit of time on this leg however the riders were so slow (I was doing 60kph in the 100 zone) and it wasn't until the other side of Samford before tail end caught up.



We picked up Tim on Settlement Road (He was waiting for us) and then proceed round the back of Mt Coot-tha and into Brookfield Rd, Moggill Rd, and on to the ferry. As we were approaching the ferry we were met by a Policeman on a motorbike directing all of the pushbike riders off to the side of the road. They were parked up 4 and 5 wide waiting for their turn to cross the river. We pulled up just as the ferry was leaving our side so had a small delay before we could cross. Sure enough us paying passengers were loaded on the ferry quick smart and they only allowed 30 pushbikes on our ferry as there were only 60 life jackets. The pushbikes were not very happy as some of them had been waiting to cross for over an hour. We then made a quick ride to Brothers via the Cunningham Highway. We might have been a little late however we all arrived at Brothers as 1 group this time.

Daffy

Queen Mary Falls

Tails from the Tail End

Ross (Crash)



I had been looking forward to this ride to Queen Mary falls put on by Dorothy and Gunther as I haven't been to there in years. So I arrived at Yamanto with high expectations for nice day even though the weather leading up to the day hadn't been too good.

I decided to volunteer to be tail end Charlie, about eleven riders showed up and we headed off to Moogerah Dam, the weather was nice and Dorothy and Gunther supplied smoko, thanks guys.

Daz and the sheriff had to leave to perform the duties of office and Kon also headed off. As we turned off to the falls and headed up we met our first challenge, riding through some swollen creeks, and no problem for those of us who slowed down and didn't try to drown themselves.

Then it started to rain and get cold, did I mention it got cold, however we all arrived at falls to have a BBQ which we all enjoyed.

I had told Gunther that I would head home the way we came, but after our ride up, around fallen tree branches and landslides and green moss on the road, I decided to stay in the tail end Charlie position and follow Gunther home.

Unfortunately the rain got heavier, the visibility got worse, the closer we got to Cunningham's gap the colder it got. We all had to stop for fuel just before we got to the Gap, at this point the rain became horizontal as filled up my beast, and did I mention I was cold.

O well, at least I was on the home stretch and soon I would be down the range and in to some dry weather, except the day had one more bit of fun, as I was riding down the from the gap with rain still coming down , I was in the left hand lane taking it nice and slow as I still couldn't see, when suddenly I came to point in road where the vegetation on left side of the road was gone and I was hit with a mighty gust of wind, as the road was wet and my bike and I are lighter than my old cruiser, I was actually blown sideways from the left lane into the right one.

Luckily no cars were there or I might have been in some trouble, anyhow I made it home in one piece and even though I have to say the weather could have been better, the company was great and I really enjoyed my day, thanks Dorothy and Gunther.

Also this Sunday I am at the pointy end leading a ride to Advance town pub, hopefully the weather is kind.

Ross (CRASH) Schmidt #42697



Queen Mary Falls – Ride Report (by Gunther)

We took off from Yamanto at 9am with 12 bikes and 1 pillion passenger with the sun shining brightly. We travelled along the Boonah Road and turned off riding through Kalbar. The road was in good condition for country roads and then onto Moogerah Dam for an Aussie morning tea. I believe that everyone enjoyed the lamingtons and the cuppa to warm up a little from the cold. The scenery is just lovely looking down to the dam. A great place to have a BBQ or picnic at any time.



After morning tea Dazza and James left the group to go to the Presidents meeting. Konrad and Kermit also left to return home leaving us with eight bikes to continue onto Queen Mary Falls.

On the way up to the falls it was narrow with few tight bends but a good road except for the leaves and branches that had fallen on the road. We rode through three causeways where the water was flowing across the road. Also with the cloud cover there was mist falling and making the road wet. Dorothy was a little bit wet riding through the water so when we arrived at the falls she had to go and change into her wet gear. She should have had them on in the first place. Well that is what happens with you ride a cruiser.

Jay left us before lunch and rode back alone, so then there were only seven bikes left. It was getting smaller by the hour.

Silver Fox started the BBQ for six people I am not sure if he had cooked for that small amount before, but he did a great job. Thanks Silver Fox for doing the cooking. We still had hot water on board so coffee for all to keep warm, before some of the group went down to the falls to see how much it was flowing.



After lunch we will then travel home via Killarney and Erik took us a short cut bypassing Warwick. Just before we got to the Cunningham Highway it started to rain and I mean rain, and it was very cold. We stopped to fill up just before Cunningham's Gap and said our goodbyes.

Dorothy, Robert (Old Goat) and I stopped at Allora to have a cuppa to warm up before we headed home. Thanks to everyone for supporting my ride it was a great day with great company, not so much the rain and cold. See you next time.

Gunther #43917

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Ulysses Member	47803
Nickname:	"SPOOK"
Partners name / nickname:	Dianne (Wendy)
Occupation:	Retired
Current / Previous bike:	Norton, BSA, Suzuki, VT1300 Honda, VT750 Shadow, Dirt Bikes
I got into bike riding when:	56 years ago
Toughest Ride:	Ayres Rock, Hot, Hot, Hot
My life began when:	I met Di
I am really bad at:	Saving money
My hobbies are	Bikes, Fishing, and Camping
Major dislikes:	A broken bike
Smartest thing I've done:	Marry Di
Best time of my life:	The last 73 years
Advice to new riders:	Ride within your capabilities and looking, looking, looking



Newsletter Deadlines

To give enough time to put the Newsletter together I would need all contributions to be submitted the Sunday night before each monthly information night. Email through to shortcutipswich@gmail.com. Ride leaders are encouraged to write a report for their ride however all members are welcome. Anything of interest to the members will be considered however the name "Newsletter Editor" is just that, and I may need to 'edit' from time to time. Dorothy "Short Cut.

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