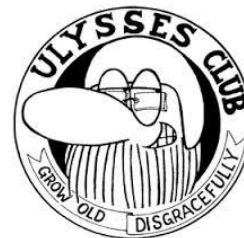




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**FAMILY
DAY
2015**



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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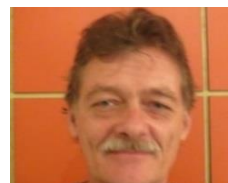
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Ado's Air Spray May

Welcome to the August issue of the newsletter

A big thank you to all those who attended our family day. Lots of people put their hands up to help and attended the day in good spirit. It was a wonderful day with lots of laughing and even more chatting. It was good to see newer members of the branch attending as well. One criticism I have, is that I get the impression that some others didn't attend because they didn't have a family in Ipswich to bring. Family day is for every member and their families including kids, and grandkids. If you don't have any of those we will let you adopt for the day. Next time just come and give us your presence. We would love to see you all.

The first aid course is set for Saturday 5th September. If you are interested, please don't waste any more time procrastinating and register. I know of a few of us have already registered, some of us for the afternoon session. We are intending to stay on to have dinner and a bit of a social get together after the course. So even if you are not attending the course, it would be a nice to see some of the members there to enjoy each other's company on the night. (Ipswich Country Club, Samford Road, Leichhardt)

A big thankyou to Windsucker, Gunther and Da Za for leading the rides this past month. Although I couldn't attend the Tweed Heads ride, Amanda and I did go on the Montville ride and enjoyed ourselves immensely. The branch is strong when we have so many attending rides and the information nights. The ride on Sunday was sooo good I went to bed at 8.30 pm. Gee it took it out of me. Must have been the air brake or the angel flapping her wings riding on the back.

I have checked back in with the Ipswich Police about the compliance plate which is supposedly on our pipes. The officer of the day in transport informed me it is not a plate but simply a stamp on the pipes. I checked out Amanda's original pipes on the Boule and the best I could come up with was this number stamped on the engine side of the pipe. How on earth anyone is supposed to see it is beyond me. If I was stopped on the road for a police check, I would have to remove the pipes from the bike for the stamp to be seen. Anyway you might want to check out your pipes and see where the "stamp" is for future reference.

The branch is gaining new members each month. The latest is Steve or ANGRY as he likes to be known. Steve's number is 65394 so welcome to the Ulysses family. I hope you have a wonderful time with the Ipswich Branch and the rest of the Ulysses family and their branches.

Our breakfast ride on the 16th starts at Karalee at 8am and finishes at Logans Inlet. After Brekkie, some of us will be attending the Somerset Gardens working bee. I only found out about this working bee this week so it has come as a bit of a surprise to me. Most of the South East Qld branches will be represented and it is purely for cleanup and not digging or replanting of trees. Anyone who wishes to assist is welcome to attend



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Ipswich Golf Club

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For more information contact
Tracy 0458 956 435



and I encourage all who are keen to see the gardens terrific for the memorial day to come with us and spend an hour or so in the gardens.

I know of eight members who have registered for the Mt Lindesay Branch Bogan Bingo. No one from our branch attended last year and I was told many times how we missed a wonderful and entertaining night. So this time I wasn't going to let it slide. I believe there are still spots available but they will close soon so if you want to join in the fun it would be best if you register very soon. I could also do with some advice on what bogan outfit to wear.

Thanks to Mayor Paul Pisasale for the donation of some tickets to the Willowbank V8 supercars. "A day at the races" by some of the members was greatly appreciated. Apart from the noise, and the hot sun, I enjoyed myself as well but they are still not the same as the motorcycles, not by a long way. James paid \$8 for a dagwood dog so the food wasn't as cheap as we would have liked. I received the tickets late in the week and had to get rid of them and so I selected those members who I was pretty sure were not going to have to work on the Friday. I apologise to any members who really would have wanted to be there but I had to do it with only a day to spare. Maybe if we are offered something else in the future we may be able to include some members who didn't get an outing this time. Sometimes it does pay to be a pensioner.

Amanda has received the Raffle tickets for UCARF Raffle they are \$5 each and the winners will be drawn at the AGM in Launceston on Saturday 5th March 2016. We do have a few books of tickets available – and will sell them over the coming months. Funds raised go to Ulysses Club Arthritis Research Fund (UCARF). There is more info in this month's newsletter on this fund. **1st Prize:** Fully resorted 1997 MZ Scorpion Motorcycle (once owned by **Stephen Dearnley, Old #1**). Free delivery within Australia – transport sponsored by P.B. Motorcycle Transport. **2nd Prize:** \$2000 cash sponsored by QBE, **3rd Prize:** \$1,00 cash sponsored by QBE

NATCOM are holding their quarterly meeting at Toowoomba on the weekend of the 17th October. An invitation has been extended to committee members and partners of the SEQ Branches to attend dinner with them in Toowoomba on the Saturday night. Amanda and I are definitely going along as I am sure some of your committee will. If the invite is open to members we will let you know via the website.

We have also received an invitation from the Salvation Army Aged Care Centre at Chappel Hill (where my daughter Kimberly is a Diversional Therapist) to attend their walkathon fundraiser to show off our bikes and engage with the residents. This is set for Friday 11th September 2015 9 am to 1 pm. The residents of the facility will be brought down at 10 am so this will give sufficient time for our bikes to cool before the residents, families and staff start mingling with us and others. The Walkathon is within the confines of the facility (which has quite a large grassed area) and some of the residents will be participating on foot and also wheel chairs. We won't be able to push the residents around, but we can certainly participate. Monies raised from the Walkathon go to The Freedom Partnership to End Modern Slavery "http://endslavery.salvos.org.au/. If you would like to sponsor me on the walk, you know where to find me.

Our Newsletter Ed Julz is having a siesta from the newsletter while she integrates into her new job and gets used to living with Doogie. Amanda will take on the role for now. Please send any reports, info or funnies to the same email address as always ipswichulyssesed@outlook.com.

Keep it Legal – I's a Watching

Ado



DENISE'S REGALIA NEWS

Our Regalia Officer Denise and her side kick Steve are off on holidays.... Lucky them! Check out the Regalia table at tonights Information Night. BTW – branch shirts are still a work in progress. Apologies.

Sheriff's Court

James "Windsucker" 50255

Another great month for our branch members being disgraceful.

Fines are as follows:

- Vince and Ado Killing with both being bitten by wasps and bees
- Spook wearing some really fancy pants
- Julz & Dazza upsetting a little girl in the games room by taking over a games machine
- Toddy taking riders up a dead end road
- Eric and Phil for not turning their indicators off
- Wal and Margaret for getting frisky with each other in front of everybody
- Amanda couldn't tell the difference between a nose trimmer and a tyre pressure guage
- Phil and Smurf marking their territory

Birthdays Daz Za, Eric, Rizzo and Gunther

Namings Dorothy was renamed "Shortcut" She bought a brand new 950 Yamaha and had to get the gear shift cut shorter to suit her shorter legs... ha ha

Quote of the Month "A person without a sense of humour is like a wagon without springs. It's jolted by every pebble on the road"

Windsucker

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.



Uploading pictures to the website:

Getting pictures onto the website is a really easy thing to do, you just need to do a couple of things first. What people have problems with is getting the photos to a manageable size, either to minimize the uploads and have the website accept them easily (Actually the website doesn't care if the photos are of a monstrous size, it just takes forever, and it also takes a long time to view them).

For later flavours of windows, some options are available. Photo Gallery in win 7 is easy to use. Start the program, go to Edit, select the photos to work on, point to the folder you want to save them in and click resize, that's how hard it is. I haven't used any newer versions of Windows, but I suspect there will be a program included which will do what we require. I use Linux for everything, and there are multiple ways of minimizing pictures.

When I was using windows, which was XP, one program I found particularly useful was PhotoRazor. Very easy to use and fast and works with later versions of Windows. It's available at:

<https://www.stormdance.net/software/photorazor/software%20overview.htm>

Once the program is installed (be wary when installing free programs, they sometimes try to install malware which will take ages to remove), start it, choose the folder you want to save them in, then pick the size you want and hit Resize and Save. Couldn't be easier...



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Lumberjacks Road Rash




Hi folks,

As I am overseas, I haven't been on any rides or the Family day so I don't know how it went other than what I could read on the net like our very own website and also on "Fakebook" and it looks like you guys had a good time while I was stuck here in Denmark about 17,000 km away from my bikes.

I haven't seen many bikes on the road here. Maybe it has something to do with the weather. Here in the middle of summer the temperature has maxed at 15°C. so Australia is indeed the lucky country for bike riders where we can ride all year round. I won't be complaining about the heat for a long time to come. Even when I put all the safety gear on which sometimes feels too hot to wear.

Ipswich branch rides:

Date	When	Where to meet	Ride leader	What's happening	Distance
16/08/2015	08:00 am.	Karalee Shopping Centre		Breakfast run, Logan Inlet	
06/09/2015	09:00 am.	 Yamanto			
13/09/2015		Karalee Shopping Centre		Memorial Day Ride	
20/09/2015					

And something else that has nothing to do with bike riding:

A father walks into a restaurant with his young son. He gives the young boy 3 Dollars to play with to keep him occupied.

Suddenly, the boy starts choking, going blue in the face. The father realizes the boy has swallowed the coins and starts slapping him on the back. The boy coughs up 2 of the coins, but keeps choking. Looking at his son, the father is panicking, shouting for help.

A well-dressed, attractive, and serious looking woman in a blue business suit is sitting at the coffee bar reading a newspaper and sipping a cup of coffee. At the sound of the commotion, she looks up, puts her coffee cup down, neatly folds the newspaper and places it on it on the counter, gets up from her seat and makes her way, unhurried, across the restaurant.

Reaching the boy, the woman carefully drops his pants; takes hold of the boy's testicles and starts to squeeze and twist, gently at first and then ever so firmly. After a few seconds the boy convulses violently and coughs up the last Dollar, which the woman deftly catches in her free hand.

Releasing the boy's testicles, the woman hands the Dollar to the father and walks back to her seat at the coffee bar without saying a word.

As soon as he is sure that his son has suffered no ill effects, the father rushes over to the woman and starts thanking her saying, "I've never seen anybody do anything like that before, it was fantastic. Are you a doctor?" "No," the woman replied, "I'm with The Australian Taxation Revenue".

See you all on the rides and ride safe.

Erik (Lumberjack.)

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RIDES OF INTEREST

Check out our Website www.ipswichulysses.com there is almost always something for you to do.



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When: 25th - 27th September 2015
Where: Blackbutt Showgrounds
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Friday Night
Sausage Sizzle
(Gold Coin
Donation)

Entry Cost:
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 (includes Badge)



Camping Available at Showgrounds - \$8.00 (unpowered)
 Phone : Blackbutt Show Society 4170 0395 \$10.00 (powered)
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20th - 22nd November 2015

Borumba Deer Park, Yabba Creek Rd, Imbil

\$25 per person includes Badge & camping (Bikes)


\$30 per person includes Badge & camping (Cars)

(Children under 12 free - NO badge, No day passes)


- > Bar facilities available - some beers, mixers, slushies, soft drinks and bottled water
- > Food catered for by Lions club and food vans - Friday night to Sunday breakfast
- > Free tea and coffee - by Lions club
- > Free hot showers and toilets
- > Friday and Saturday Night entertainment
- > Saturday Night theme - BLACK & WHITE
- > Major Gate Prizes + raffles
- > Helmet toss Friday arvo & Gymkhana Saturday arvo
- > Rally T-shirts and stubby coolers available
- > NO GLASS, NO PATCHES, NO ATTITUDE

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LRTMC or the property owner can take no responsibility for any loss, damage or injury to any person, property or equipment whilst attending or travelling to or from the rally site. Also reserving the right to refuse entry to the park to any undesirable persons.




Mt Lindesay Ulysses



INVITES YOU TO ATTEND A COMEDY NIGHT FEATURING.

Bogan Bingo

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COME HAVE A
LAUGH


When 19th September 2015.
Where Browns plains rugby league club, Berkley drive, Browns plains.
Doors open 6.30pm.
Entry cost \$25 per person.
Food Bogan buffet available, pre orders Only \$15 per person.
Drinks Alcoholic & non alcoholic drinks Available to purchase at the club.
Theme Come in your finest bogan outfit.

Come along and be immensely entertained by the bogan bingo Comedy team.
 The comedy team is a 2 man show, where they both deliver a hilarious Game of bingo.
 The numbers are cues
 For jokes, songs and Interaction, focusing on Australia's history and Our great musical past.

Ticket Information

Tickets: \$25 Per Person.
Bank: Heritage Building Society.
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B.S.B: 638070.
Account: 8110255s21.
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 Prize for best air guitar.
 Prize for winning Bogan bingo.
 Bogan BBQ raffle.

Ulysses Club Arthritis Research Fund (UCARF)

Dear Branch Secretary,

You would have recently received information from the Ulysses Club National Administration Office regarding the UCARF raffle. As the UCARF Coordinator I would like to provide some brief additional information in support of the raffle so that members, particularly new members, understand why rheumatoid arthritis research is the preferred charity of our club.

The Facts.

- Arthritis is the leading cause of disability in Australia.
- There is no cure. People with RA are twice as likely to die than those without.
- More than 31% of Australians have a musculoskeletal disorder affecting bones and joints, including 400,000 people with Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA).
- RA is more common in women than men. The ratio is 2.5 times women / men.
- Onset of RA is usually middle age (av. 66.8 years), a common age of UC members. However children and young adults can get this debilitating insidious disease.
- People with RA have a high risk of disability and mortality and the exact cause is unknown. Suspect causes may be genetic, environmental and hormonal.
- Research is vital, however progress in designing new treatments for RA is slow but never the less steady.

History of Ulysses Club Involvement.

At the Wagga Wagga AGM in 1997 a proposal from the late Stephen Dearnley that the club adopt arthritis research as the official preferred charity was ratified. The impetus for the designation was the death a year earlier of Jo Dearnley, wife of founding member Stephen, who at age 72 had lost her 20 year battle with RA.

The club has since sponsored researchers Chris Little, Suat Dervish, Kelly McKelvie and Vicki Hatzis from the Sutton Laboratory of the Institute of Bone and Joint Research (IBJR) at the Royal North Shore Hospital in Sydney. Additionally we have sponsored Ran Goon and Sarah Jones from Monash University in Melbourne.

Continuing Support.

UCARF is only as strong as the NatCom, branch and member support it receives. Naturally involvement has and always will be voluntary, however without your support, particularly at branch level, it would never survive. One of Stephen's last wishes was that the research support would continue to prosper long after he left this world. Thank you for what you have done and what you may anticipate doing for fund raising, this is something you should be very proud of. If you have never been involved please consider this very worthy cause.

Due to our unique establishment of our own separate fund (UCARF) we guarantee that every cent raised is spent directly on research and not lost on administration costs.

It would be much appreciated if the branch secretary can pass on this information to the members at the next meeting.

Kind regards,
Kim Kennerson,
UCARF Coordinator.

My S26

By Marita Williamson

My story starts over 12 months ago with this photo. I was working on a photobook for my mother's 70th Birthday – OK she was turning 73 last year but the thought was there. Anyway looking through all the old photos of my grandfather I came across this picture of him on a motorcycle with his brother Gordon. The picture must be dated in the late 30s judging by the age of Gordon (Born 1934). I fondly remembered that it was Pop that had bought us our first bike, a Rock Hopper which was then followed by a Deckson Eagle 80cc.



Overly excited to realize that my love of riding was inherited I posted this photo on my Facebook page stating the same. I was shocked when I received a comment on the photo from my cousin Jeff saying that he actually still had that very same bike. I couldn't start to explain the feelings I had at that moment.

Let me fill you in on my relationship with my Poppie. Mum is an only child and my brother and I their only grandkids therefore making me the favorite granddaughter. Mum jokes that when I was about 6 I informed the family that I was going to grow up and marry Pop. No other man – just Pop. He and his brothers (6 in total) were one of a kind gentleman. Unfortunately Gordon passed way in the 70's and we lost my Pop in 1988. The rest of the brothers though lived into their 90's meaning I had over 40years of these gentlemen in my life. Family picnics over the years meant that we all stayed in contact. The knowledge that this part of him/them was still in the family was overwhelming.



Jeff explained that Pop had the bike for 12 -18 months during the late 30's. The picture above with Gordon is taken around 1938. When he upgraded to an Ariel he gave the bike to his brother Norm (Jeff's father). From the stories I have been told all the boys rode the bike. On a Saturday night it would take 4 of them to the dances. No headlights – no helmets. There would be 1 on the tank, 1 on the seat and 2 on the rack. Apparently they would put a cushion on the rack but even with such comfort they still claimed that BSA stood for Bloody Sore @rse. Norm passed the bike on to his older brother Percy when he joined the Army in 1942 who sold it to the Eagle Family in Grandchester.

Norm's boys loved hearing the stories of the adventures so much that Jeff set about finding the bike. Jeff located the bike still with the family in the late 60's and was shocked to discover it was being used to pump water out of the dam. Thankfully for us Jeff bought the bike and started the slow process of restoration. He wrote to BSA in Birmingham while they were still in operation and using the engine and frame numbers they confirmed the bike as a 1926 S26 Deluxe. In 2011 he had the engine restored and kicked it over for his father. You can check out the Youtube video by searching for BSA 1926 493cc S26 deluxe Start Up - And Away She Goes. Jeff and his son worked on the bike so that Norm (pictured right) could have a ride before he passed away. It was just around the cul-de-sac where they lived in but it was enough to make him happy.



At the beginning of May 2015 I jokingly posted a flyer for the Ray Owen Classic Bike Show & Swap Meet at Canungra on my Facebook page with the comment *"Jeff you possibly already know but I thought I would let you know about this Swap meet again in case you looking for more parts for MY BSA"*. It was not long after I posted it that he replied with the comment *"Funny you should say that, Christine and I were just saying we should sell it when your message popped up"*. Excitedly I said that if he was considering it I would like to have first offer – would come with cash as soon as he said he was ready. That was where I left it at that time. Over the next couple of months I ran into both of Jeff's brothers and took the opportunity each time to mention to them how much I wanted the bike and how important it was that it stayed in the family.

Always on my mind I didn't want to push the sale too much as I knew what a difficult decision it would be for him. It wasn't until the 24th June that he messaged me again. He had been waiting for Shannon's to give him an estimate on the value of the bike but they weren't returning his calls or emails so he had come up with a value himself. It took about 2 seconds for me to reply to his message with a yes, yes and yes. It took a week to get things together and on the 3rd July we drove to the Gold Coast to pick up our newest family member.

The smile on my face and the way we were talking about what our plans confirmed for him that he had made the right decision. He was also reassured when he saw the photo's of my 2 boys and their excitement when we arrived home. Both are aware that this is a family purchase and that it, like all heirlooms will be passed down through the family – never to be sold.

I do realize that this is just the beginning of a very long road. We have decided that we aren't going to return the bike to "new" but restore it to how it used to be when it was originally brought to the family. If you are aware of anyone that has been down this road, or is in the business of motorcycle restoration I would love to touch base with them.

Now love or hate Facebook I do have to say that without it, my dreams would not have come true.



Ride Report

*"Harrisville" Sunday 21st
June, 2015 (Cartwheel Ride)
By: Tony - ¹⁰⁰Aka (Spook)*



What a great day for a ride !!! This was a special day for all south east Qld branches, this was the "Cartwheel Ride", where each branch conduct a ride to raise funds for ucarf and our memorial gardens at The Spit, Somerset Dam, with all branches meeting at the Royal hotel in the little town of Harrisville. Our Ipswich branch departing from Yamanto at 9-15 am after a short briefing from Spook, our ride leader for today. With Kiwi as tail end Charlie (Thanks mate) some 35 or 36 bikes made their way out through Amberley, Rosewood and Marburg with some lovely scenery along the way, then to Lowood for our first stop, where Bling and her helpers set up shop and did their thing.



Cards drawn and after a few riders taking on a little coffee we were on our way again. Out through Tarampa, Minden, Tallegalla and down into Rosewood for our second stop with another card being drawn, not much luck coming my way I can tell you. After the boys, and girls finished ogeling a couple of new Indian motorcycles that were at this stop, we headed off towards Warrill View. It was about here Ado decided to take on a passenger, an angry bee!!, you gotta bee carefull, bee cause they leave their bee hind with you, ah Ado. With Kiwi supplying the surgical instrument, Bling proceeded to perform surgery on Ado. Kiwi then quickly caught up to the group, (you having fun on the trike yet Di, ?) We arrive at Harrisville spot on time. Midday. Most of the other branches were already there, and it was great to see such a turn out of bikes.

Bikes parked and our clobber off we were soon catching up with mates we only run into 2 or 3 times a year. Thanks to all those that supported our day, let's make it bigger and better next year, I hope you all enjoyed the ride, I know I did and so did Di, thanks Kiwi.

A big thank you to Kiwi and all the corner markers, along with all those that helped put this day together. Spook.

“Regatta Tweed Heads” Sunday 19th July

By James “Windsucker”

It was one hell of a chilly morning, but 14 brave souls turned up for the ride. I would like to thank Anne for getting out of her sick bed, as she was willing to take anybody in her car. Fortunately for her, everybody wanted to ride, so we sent her home to go back to her warm bed. Again, a big thank you Anne from me.

9 o'clock arrived and we all took off to Beaudesert for smoko. On arrival the Hanky Brigade came out as there were number elevens everywhere. After smoko we were back on our bikes headed to our destination, through Canungra and onto Pacific Highway via Nerang. We got onto the highway with no problems, cars left us in so could ride as one. Took the turnoff at Tugan as we were going through the heart of Coolangatta. Just before we got to the Regatta I took a left hand turn...everybody thought I was lost, but it was done on purpose so we could practice our u-turns.

On arrival, the owners had a roped off area for us. Lunch was excellent, and the prices were fantastic. We just had to put up with the seagulls who also wanted some lunch.

After lunch we fuelled up and hit the highway onto exit 35 through Beenleigh. No hassles, No tolls.

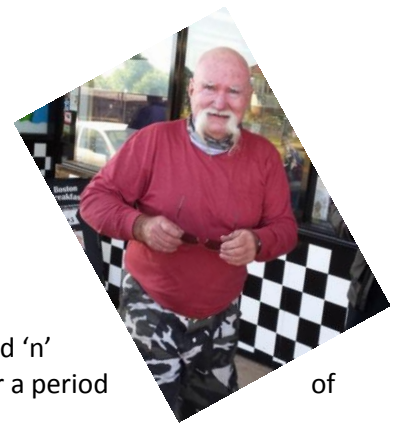
I hope everybody had a good day, even though it was cold. I would like to thank Lindsay for being my tail end Charlie.



Rudds Pub - 7th June 2015

Ride Leader - Toddy

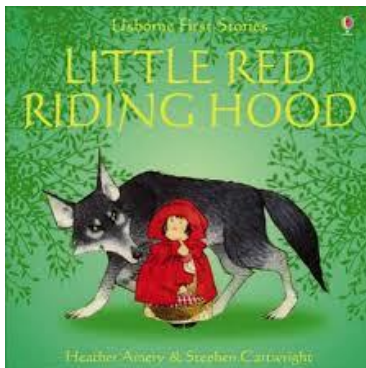
Established in 1893, Rudd's Pub is in the township of Nobby, the heart of Dad 'n' Dave country. Steele Rudd (real name Arthur Hoey Davis) lived in Nobby for a period time and folklore says that he used to sit in front of the fire place in the pubs Heritage room and pen some of his famous "Dad & Dave" stories.



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I was a happy little chappy as I arrived at Yamanto to go on this ride. I had been looking forward to it since it had been moved from Easter Sunday. Long weekend or not I was going on this ride. Being reflective, it is funny that this ride was to the home of a man who brought so much laughter to Australia in the early 1900's. The ride itself, like it's leader was a barrel of laughs and a comedy of errors. I also have to add an additional happy moment when I rode past the nice policeman who was sitting in the 60 zone of the Yamanto exit off the Cunningham Highway.

At Yamanto it didn't take long for the Animals to come out to play. Miv unfortunately didn't get the memo to wear her red coat but she was justifiably terrified. I do have to say that the tail hanging out of his top box under the wolf picture really did look like the wolf was sitting there watching you.



Eventually Toddy did make an appearance - ok he was there at 8.42.45am but we will call that late as almost everyone else was there before him. After the ride brief we were on our bikes and on our way. There were 11 bikes, 1 Trike and 2 cars. I was Tail End Charlie - thinking - cool ~ this is going to be easy - sit at the back and just relax - 11 bikes, 1 trike and I don't need to worry about the cars. Well didn't I have that wrong? It wasn't until we turned off the Cunningham at Amberley that I thought - hhhmmm I don't see Trevor!!! Yes - I did - I broke the rule of "no man left behind". I had forgotten Trevor. Not sure how - I mean to say - it's not like you can miss a TRIKE for goodness sake. Alas I will plead platoon stress. Anyway he did manage to catch-up and take his rightful place in the group - no problems!!!

We travelled through Rosewood, Grandchester and then met up with Gunter and Dorothy at Laidley. Instead of turning onto the main Street as we have in the past, we continued on and turned right to head to Blenheim. As we past the Forest Hill turn off I thought - wow we really are going a different way. Well done Toddy.

As we past the dance hall in Blenheim I remembered fondly being a child and going to the dances there with my Grandparents. I then had a giggle at the name of Mount Berryman wondering what kind of horse Mount Berry Man was - yes I was thinking it was a horse. We continued to ride along this beautiful country road for a good 10 or so minutes and it wasn't until Toddy stopped that I thought - shouldn't we have gotten to

Forest Hill by now? I watched him walk along, chat and laugh with those in front. When he got to me he was red..... YES he had missed the turn and we were lost. Well not too lost as we hadn't left Blenheim Road.

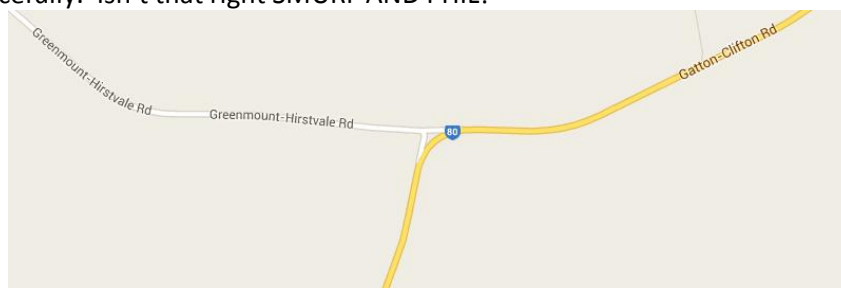


Back we went past Mount Berryman (giggle), past the Blenheim Hall (sigh) where we turning left onto Pitt Rd which was then followed by Woodlands Rd and finally into Gatton. I thought Smurf had had enough when he turned off but alas he was there waiting for us when we got to Eagle Rock Café for coffee. There were more laughs and I think everyone asked Toddy which way we were heading next. Looking at the photo though I would say it looks like we were reenacting the Saturday Night Fever – Staying Alive dance routine.



After lots of laughs and some warm food we headed out of Gatton turning onto Gatton – Clifton Road. We the travelled though Ma Ma Creek (and another Dance Hall memory) to Pilton and onward towards the Darling Downs Zoo. Now I have added a picture here in my story of a certain corner that had everyone confused (for a minute at least). As I approached the corner my heart started to race as I saw 2 of

our group standing on the side of the road next to their bikes. Lots of thoughts ran through my head, a breakdown or even worse someone had missed the corner – but alas, seeing one of the gents fiddling with his zipper I realized what was going on. I did have a little giggle as to what some would do to show they are growing old disgracefully. Isn't that right SMURF AND PHIL!



Now I do ask that you remember this corner as it plays an important part in my final decision to **NEVER** be a Tail End Charlie again..... Anyway flies done up and bums back on bikes we continued on. Past the Darling Downs Zoo and right onto the New England Highway and onwards to Nobby. It was as we turned onto Nobby Connection Road that Lindsay and Vince flew past me and joined the rest of the group. I was positive that I hadn't left anyone behind again – so sure – and couldn't figure out where they had come from. I later found out that they had decided to get to Nobby via another Route. From what I can gather it was straight ahead that this intersection. I must have been blinded by the flies to have missed them leave the group.



Finally we made it into Nobby – yes all of us. 13 Bikes, 1 Trike and 2 cars. I was surprised at the number of Van's and Motorhomes that were parked up between the main street and the railway line. A perfect grey nomad free camp area.



The pub was just as exquisite as I had thought it would be. So much to look at. Lunch was monumental, huge serves and great prices. Definitely worth another visit – *hint hint*. After more laughs and a few coldies we were ready to hit the road again. Walking out of the pub we took a step back in time with a Vintage Car rally having their lunch in the park across from the pub. The vehicles were all immaculate. I often wonder how they make it so far for their age – I know that as I get older I don't travel as well.

The trip home was a lot more sedate (thankfully). Leaving Nobby we headed to the Cunningham Highway via Goomburra. I had given up being tail-end Charlie and I think Trevor took on the role. There was a refueling stop at Aratula and some I believe stayed for coffee but for me it was straight home to post the pictures. Had to make sure that those who decided to holiday instead of ride could see what a great time we all had.

Thanks Toddy for all your efforts and making it truly memorable day.

Marita - xoxo

Reserved – I don't think so Smurf.....



Family Day 2015

On behalf of the McColm family - (Windsucker's mob)

We would like to thank the Ipswich Branch for putting on a magnificent family day at Wivenhoe Dam on Sunday, 26th July

Our daughter and four of our grandchildren came, not knowing what to expect. Each and every one of them commented on what nice people Nan and Pop have for friends. They enjoyed the games that were played and said they had so much fun as they had not played or seen them before. Well done to the organisation of activities.

The food and drinks were enjoyable as every taste bud was catered for. Everything was so fresh and delicious and nobody went home hungry.

Once again, thank you all for a graet day and all your warm welcomes towards our family.

Kind regards Lizzie. Xxoo

FUN AT FAMILY DAY 2015 BY AMANDA

Family Day 2015 at Wivenhoe Dam went off really well with a great turnout by members and their families (around 47 adults and 20 kids...at a guess).

It was all hands on deck from your committee who worked hard in the lead up to the day, with all us sharing the load of purchasing and preparing everything we needed for the day. My personal thanks to everyone on the committee for their and their loved ones contributions to the day.

Ado and James headed out at around 7 am to stake our claim on the chosen undercover area. Our daughter Kimberley and I headed off at around 7:30 am to join them. When we got to Fernvale we got a call from Ado asking where we were because a Car Club had turned up and were eyeing off the area we had chosen. I'm not sure if that was true or whether the car club was confused wondering why two 'bikie' looking guys were standing underneath a lone pink balloon (He he) with the gear unloaded and strategically placed on every table available. Good work guys!





Talking about balloons- it wasn't long before we had windsucker blowing up balloons and our huge ball for the games. With all the strength he could muster, and his little purple pump, he put everything he had into the task. (a picture tells a thousand words hey!)

It wasn't long before we started the games with a game of Volley Ball. The huge ball was a hit, there was loads of laughter as it was very hard to control with a lot of people being hit and running for their lives to position themselves underneath it. Some of us are very

competitive aren't we! I know who I will choose to be in my team for games in the future.

Thanks everyone for participating in the horse racing, tyre and swimming ring toss, walk touch, sitting one each others laps, guessing games and ship to shore. We didn't get to the French cricket game because we ran out of time.



Thanks to all the members for coming along with your families, special thanks to our Cookies for the day Silver Fix and Wayne, and to Smurf for turning up early to help us to keep the car club away from our spot.

We were so impressed with the venue that we are thinking of having the 2016 Interbranch BBQ there. We are the hosts with the branches from Brisbane, Mount Lindesay and Northern Rivers being our guests. We are aiming for a date in early February 2016.

Amanda

Montville Ride Report by Gunther

We departed Karalee at 8am with 21 bikes and 4 pillions passengers, and there was a couple of new riders joining us for the day. Daz lead the group out with me being tail end charlie. I know it is a little bit hard to believe with me being at the end. We travelled at a steady pace through winding roads up and down through Mt Crosby, The Gap, Ferny Grove, and Samford Valley, before reaching our morning tea stop at Mt Mee.



Daz said it would take us about 1 hour to reach our first stop but it took 1.45minutes. For some of it was a little too long for those who had to have a piss. Only one unisex toilet so all including the men had to line up. But who cares it was just a lovely ride.



After a cuppa we were off again with Daz leading the way. Not sure why but along the way the group was separated and then there was no corner markers to be seen when we had to turn left, so tail end charlie took over and lead the group to Montville. Tail end charlie arrived at the destination before the ride leader. But when finally the ride leader arrived with a small group we were still missing three bikes. After a few phone calls they were located and arrived safely to enjoy lunch with the rest of us.

Lunch had been arranged for us to have lunch at Gypsy's Table around 12 noon.



Blackboards and chalk were available to fill in the time so the artist amongst us did just that and Amanda took some photos of them.

All meals were served at the same time so everyone could enjoy and they looked great and tasted amazing. All meals were made from scratch and timed to perfection. I am sure to return to Gypsy's Table when in the area as the atmosphere and hospitality was fantastic.



Everyone seemed to enjoy their lunch and the company they were with and I believe that some of them will return to enjoy again just like myself.

After lunch we took off with the ride leader being myself. Some filled up at Maleny and others filled up at Kilcoy where we said our good byes. A few of us stay for coffee and cake before leaving and went our own way home.

The day was a great day with good weather, great company and fantastic food see you all next time.

Members in the News

Branch members come and go – and sometimes they can only come to meetings/rides/socials if their work commitments allow them. Some of our members will remember Graham and his wife Estelle – who fall into the category of “being really time poor”. Some may remember that Graham was my saving grace when I had my ‘off’ a few years ago hence “Blings Divot”. Read the story below which I found in the QT – hopefully we will see Graham Estelle and their VTX 1800 on a ride in the near future. Amanda



"Graham Harris will be retiring after 30 years at the Bundamba Fire Station. One of Ipswich's most experienced firefighters has hung up the helmet for the last time, but not before passing on some wisdom.

Graham Harris is set for a well-deserved break, following a 31-year career that has sent him into battle against some of the city's more infamous disasters. Two fires at the Decor blinds factory, the Ipswich Girls' Grammar School fire, the Silkstone State School fire and the Ipswich Hospital fire all stand out as the Ipswich born-and-bred veteran reflects back on a long career.

"I worked on the D shift and we always seemed to cop all the bad structural fires," he said. "We have had so many big jobs over the years. "The best thing about being a firefighter is the mateship. It's like a family and if anything bad happens there is always someone there to help. "After a job you come back, sit down and have a coffee and talk about it; we have proper counsellors of course but that's just our way of dealing with it."

Following his old man, Elwin, into the fire service, Mr Harris was working in a fitter's shop with the meatworks when he started with the auxiliaries in August of 1981. He completed his three years before officially starting with the fire brigade in September, 1984. Father and son worked alongside each other in Ipswich for three years before Elwin retired in 1987.

Mr Harris credited the more experienced firefighters of Ipswich with teaching him the ropes early on in his career. Years later, he would be imparting his own wisdom on the younger generations.

Bundamba Fire Station Officer Jed Crosby said Mr Harris was an important mentor for him. "I've worked with him for 11 years; he was the pump operator on my first house fire," Mr Crosby said. "The experience he has cannot be learned through text books or training courses. You would never see him stressed on a big job." Despite the reputation, Mr Harris also had a soft side for animals - as proven in the 2013 rescue of a litter of tiny kittens from a building. Mr Crosby said his former colleague's experience would be sorely missed. "It's sad to see him go, but then again, it will give him more time to look after his hair, which a lot of us are still convinced is a wig. He would take his helmet off and there wouldn't be a hair out of place."

Having been blessed with the recent arrival of a second grandchild, Mr Harris said he was looking forward to spending more time with family

Member Profile

Name: Ulysses Member #

Nickname:

Partners name/nickname:

Occupation:

Current / previous bike:

I got into bike riding when:

Toughest Ride:

My life began when:

I am really good at:

I am really bad at:

My hobbies are:

Major dislikes:

Smartest thing I've done:

Best time of my life:

Advice to new riders:

Newsletter Deadlines

To give enough time to put the Newsletter together we would need all contributions to be submitted the Sunday night before each monthly information night. Email through to ipswichulyssesed@outlook.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.

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