



Ipswich Ulysses Newsletter 9,

Christmas in July 2014 Edition

Information nights are held on the first Friday of each month at the Karalee Tavern, 78 Junction Road Karalee. Our meetings start at 7 pm – come along for dinner earlier if you like

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Ado's rant!!

Welcome to a new month in the lives of the Ipswich Branch of the Ulysses Club

No new members registered last month at the branch but we welcome Daz za to the family as he has been given his number (64146) and by the sound of it he is extremely proud of it.

Last month we joined with the Lockyer Branch and a couple of stragglers from Redcliffe, Mt Lindesay and Brisbane branches to ride from Redbank to Ipswich to donate blankets and non-perishable goods to the Salvation Army in conjunction with the Ipswich Jets Rugby League Club. This event was called a "Blanket Run" and then changed its name to "Wheels for Winter". We were initially invited to co-host the event by the Lockyer President Al Gray. The introductory meeting was attended by Wayne Wendt the Jets CEO, his PR man Jacko, our Vice President Strop, The Lockyer President Al Gray, Lockyer secretary Ian Winter and myself. Unfortunately this was the only meeting we were invited to and the ride simply became a ride of interest for us. I feel this was a pity, as there was a great opportunity to give the public a little education on motorcycle awareness as well as providing the Ulysses Club with a magnificent PR exercise in general. Your committee decided that if we are invited by the Jets CEO Wayne Wendt to participate in 2015, we would ask to have stronger input into the motorcycle part of the day. If this would not be so, it would be likely that we would view this as a ride of interest only in our ride calendar. If this sounds a bit harsh then I do not apologise for my pride in our branch and the knowledge that we have members who have talents that could be used to further enhance the Ulysses name at such an event. I will be requesting a meeting with Wayne to discuss ways that the Ipswich Branch can assist his club in the coming years.

The Christmas in July Hangi is only a couple of weeks away. I express my thanks to Denise and Steve for opening up their home for us to use. The address will be on the flyer and Denise has indicated there is plenty of room to camp the night so if that is what you would like to do just let her know. Our chef for the night Doogee needs definite numbers for catering purposes and the committee needs numbers for fun times.

Ado's rant...continued!!

I have heard most of the lame excuses so if you can't or don't want to come then maybe you should find a really good one. I don't think that it is your nose is going to be too cold is a legitimate excuse as there will be a fire pit and we have numerous other ways to keep you warm. On a serious note I am looking forward to the night and getting to gossip with members who I don't seem to have time to catch up with on our Friday Information nights. I have noticed we have quite a few members who attend the Friday night socials but are for some reason or other absent from the Sunday rides which is a pity because that is probably the only time I get to socialise myself.

Last month also saw the branch join with most of the other Sth East Qld Ulysses Branches for the Cartwheel Ride. Ipswich Branch was well represented by 15 bikes and 4 tin tops riding out via Mt Walker and Warvil View to Aratula. We again looked resplendent in our new shirts which didn't go unnoticed by the other branches. I had at least 4 members from other branches congratulate us on our choice of colours. The Branch through the running of the Super 66 was able to donate \$350 cash to the Memorial Garden Fund and also donated the most wanted prize for the raffle if you don't count the bottle of grog. I was a little disappointed with the numbers over all but everyone has a choice and sometimes there are other more important events in our ever reducing lives.

By the time you have read this there would have been another meeting of the subcommittee for the Ride against Domestic and Family Violence. There is great interest in the ride and I have noticed that most of the Sth East Qld Branches have put it in their calendars to support us and not just making it a ride of interest. I have no doubt the committee is gearing up for one hell of a ride on Sunday 3rd May 2015. Amanda is trying to have the ride included in the Ipswich Festival celebrations which are held on the same week. Let's just cross our fingers and toes that she is successful and if we are lucky enough then it will be certainly a great achievement for the branch.



The branch BBQ trailer is nearly complete with just the lights to be moved slightly to give the traffic at the rear of us a little more vision of our movements. We have been blessed by having Da Zar join the branch as he has now had two of our sponsors businesses designs and information secured to the rear of the trailer. These can be read from a long way back and gives Sean and Doogee a plug whenever are out and about with the trailer in tow. He also is in the process of having the train logo and Grasshoppers image etched so we can include them on the trailer as well.

The news is that hard bed accommodation at Albury / Wodonga is quickly being filled so if you have plans to travel to the 2015 AGM and you want hard beds then you may have to seek as soon as possible. The dates for the 2015 AGM is 23rd - 29th March. Amanda and I will be staying from the Sunday to the Sunday while we are down there and I know others have the same dates planned.

Ado's rant....continued !!

It was a year ago this month that a few of us sat down and discussed the chance of applying for permission from our National Committee to start a new branch in Ipswich. Mind you the talk had been well and truly started before then but the application was forwarded for its first perusal in June 2013. Although we were not successful then, we have a date for us to celebrate our first birthday in October 2014. If you have any ideas for this special occasion please see me and I will take your thoughts to the committee.

Keep it Legal I's are Watching Ado

AGM REPORTS!

Thank you to both Don and Mivi, and Dorothy and Gunther who have provided reports for us about their trip to Alice Springs! Thank you so much to you all for sharing the following stories about the AGM !

Story of the little VT 400



I am a little Honda VT400 who travelled 9,143km with my big brother the Gold Wing in 28 days. Using 820lt of fuel between us, but I am sure you can guess who used the most fuel. Our trip was to attend the AGM in Alice Springs. I did this with not heated seat or hand grips and no cruise control. What a champ I am.

Day 1 was quiet relaxing travelling 407km, stopping at Dalby for morning tea and Chinchilla for lunch and arriving in Roma early afternoon. My owner sparked me under the awning of the motel with my big brother staying out in the cold.

Day 2 was quiet long travelling 487km, stopping at Morven for morning tea and lunch at Tambo and arriving in Blackall for the night. I was hoping my owner would purchase a Tambo teddy but my big brother said he didn't want to carry any more luggage. The accommodation was very run down with no hot water for my owners, but they did get a good dinner for \$10 at the local pub.

Day 3 was relaxing travelling 393km, stopping at Barcaldine to collect some knowledge from the Tree of Knowledge, then onto Longreach for a late morning tea. The trucks are becoming larger and longer to overtake but I did it with easy following my big brother around them. Staying overnight at Winton, but my owners could not find a suitable place or price to have dinner, so they went to Spar supermarket to purchase some supplier to make dinner. I was parked for the night under the carport with my big brother to keep me warm and out of the cold.



Day 4 we took off earlier than 8o'clock to get a head start travelling 467km, stopping for a beer at the Walkabout Creek Hotel but we didn't get to see the Hogs. Had lunch in Cloncurry before travelling on to Mt Isa for the night. Here we meet up with three Harleys from Perth who had been travelling from Cairns. They informed us that they have been travelling over 1,000km in a day. I am glad that my owners are keeping our kms under 500. Tonight my big brother and I had very good company for the evening with our new friends (the Harleys).

Day 5 was travelling 450km, stopping at Camooweal for morning tea and skipping lunch to arrive at Barkley Homestead early afternoon. My owners parked me under the tree for the evening with my big brother and many other Ulysses bikes. We came across Ray from Lockyer Valley Branch who had stopped for the evening. Dinner at the homestead was very reasonable for the location, but the fuel was \$2.059 a litre we could see it rising as we travelled further.



Day 6 was a shorter day travelling 343km, stopping at Bonney Creek Bridge for morning tea. We drove through Tennant Creek, it was not a good feeling travelling through the town with bars on all of the buildings and of course it was Sunday so everything was closed except for the fuel stations. Then onto the Pub at Wauchope for lunch. The bar man told us that there are over 45 permanent police officers in Tennant Creek due to the crimes. Fuel was \$2.215 a litre. We then travelled onto our overnight accommodation at Wycliffe. Wycliffe is the home of the UFO sightings in Australia. I was a little bit frightened but being parked next to my big brother under the carport I felt safe.

Day 7 was travelling 440km, stopping at the Central Mount Stuart Historical Reserve for morning tea and then onto Alice Springs. When we arrived in Alice Springs my owners did not see the signage to the registration area and got lost, until a nice police officer stopped and asked if we were ok. My owners informed the officer that we were lost and she then gave us an escort to the registration area. What a nice officer she was. My big brother did have a navman but he didn't use it. Once registered we were off to our accommodation for the next 6 nights at the Desert Palms Resort. My big brother and I definitely need a big break from travelling.

Day 8 we travelled 25km, as we need to find a hardware store to do some minor repairs to the trailer and then off to the AGM venue. My owners were disappointed with the AGM as there were very few stalls. We had heard on the grape vine that Honda pulled out due to a disagreement with the organisers, but Harley were there if you wanted a Harley, but my owners are Honda through and through. In the afternoon we went up to the lookout above Alice Springs and you could see that the town was surrounded by the MacDonnell Ranges. My owners were very surprised at every bottle shop was a police man at the door. The venue of the AGM was a dry venue but you could purchase alcohol from the IGA on site after 2pm.

Day 9 we travelled 260km, and travelled to Hermannsburg Historical Precinct and Standley Chasm. Hermannsburg is famous for its apple strudel. Standley Chasm was well worth the 1.2km walk round trip to see the gap, but as you can guess I did not do the walk I was left in the carpark, while my owners did the walk.



Day 10 we travelled 200km, to Ross River for lunch and on the way back we stopped at a Memorial of Terry McGill "Fish" with his old Harley who apparently was killed when he hit a camel on his way home one night. We also stopped off at Jessie Gap and Emily Gap. We also visited the night markets in town and had some local foods and light entertainment.

attended the beach party that was well attended by all with good music and food. They also caught up with other Ipswich Branch members during the night.



Day 12 we travelled 80km, participating in the parade through Alice Springs with many locals coming out to see all of the bikes, even the doctors from the hospital were out there in their gowns. Then we went off to visit the John Flynn's Grave and Simpsons Gap.

Day 13 we travelled 468km, stopping somewhere on the Stuart Highway to have morning tea and then lunch at Mt Ebenezer Roadhouse for lunch. Lunch was not very expensive and then on to Ayers Rock for the next three nights.



Day 14 & 15 we did not travel anywhere so we had a break at last after travelling 4,320km, about time I was starting to feel a little bit tired. Our owners listened to some Bush Yarns and went for a sunset camel ride overlooking Ayers Rock, it was amazing and they had a helicopter flight around the rock well worth the \$\$\$. Fuel price was now \$2.279

Day 16 we travelled 498km, stopping at Mt Ebenezer Roadhouse for morning tea and then onto Marla for the night. On our way into Marla for the night the police had closed the highway to conduct checks on licences and alcohol testing, but latter we were informed that they were looking for drugs. There was trouble with our accommodation as they told us they had some issues with their computer and lost data, but all of the accommodation was taken up with police from SA WA and NT who were conducting the road block. My owner insisted that they find us a room as she had the email to confirm the booking, eventually they found us a room for the night. I was glad as it was another 100km before the next town, not knowing if there were any rooms.

Day 17 we travelled only a little distance of 235km, with it raining for a short time, stopping at Cadney Park for morning tea and then onto Coober Pedy for a couple of days. May be we can have another rest from travelling. The weather started to turn quiet cool overnight but I was snuggled up to my big brother under the covers.



Day 18 we travelled only 10km, just around town to see the sights and the underground churches and to purchase some opals, more cargo for my big brother to carry.

Day 19 we travelled 540km, stopping at Weeroona for morning tea and then lunch at Spuds Pimba. We came across several lakes and it was a sight to see after only seeing red earth for kms. Overnight in Port Augusta, where we again meet up with other Ulysses from Vic.

Day 20 we travelled 560km, stopping in Wilmington for morning tea and then rode through Clare getting lost in SA somewhere by the Navman and then onto Keith for the night. We travelled through some showers but not too heavy. It seemed a very long day due to getting lost and trying to get back on track taking its toll on us all.

Day 21 we travelled 400km, stopping at Nhill for morning tea and lunch at Stanwell and then onto Ballarat for a couple of day. Now the weather was turning bad with wet and cold days and nights. Good another rest day for my big brother and I.



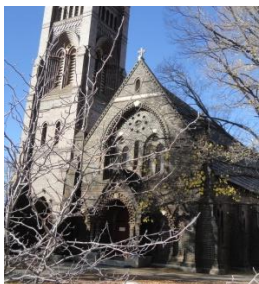
Day 22 while my big brother and I stayed under our covers our owners walked to Sovereign Hill and purchased extra items for my big brother to cart home. The day was overcast with only showers but bearable.

Day 23 we travelled 440km, stopping at Bendigo for morning tea and then on the Shepparton for lunch. After lunch we were then off to Wodonga for our overnight accommodation. Today was hard travelling is pouring rain and was very cold. My owners were ready for a hot shower and an early night, and my big brother and I were rugged up for the night. The accommodation was excellent overlooking a lake, so we booked a cabin for the AGM 2015.

Day 24 we travelled 453km, stopping at Gundagai for morning tea and then on to Goulburn for lunch. Lunch was at the bakery just off the highway and my owners would recommend this to everyone, good food and \$\$\$. Next stop was our overnight at Mittagong for overnight accommodation. Today was another wet and cold day but I was rugged up for night with my big brother.

Day 25 we travelled 460km, stopping at the tuck-a-box for morning tea and then on to Newcastle. Again my owner had to purchase more items so my big brother was getting to cart more items home not much room left now. No lunch today but we did stop for another coffee stop along the M1. Next stop was our overnight at Gloucester for overnight. The weather was not good again today but we managed. It was very cold here amongst the mountains, but I would be alright because my big brother would keep me warm.

Day 26 we travelled 250km, not many kms but the road was rough, foggy and winding and of cause raining. I stayed close to my big brother as you could not see that far ahead of you. But the ride was well worth the views travelling through the Nowendoc National Park. We stopped at Walcha for morning tea and then onto Armidale for a couple of day rest. Goodie.



Day 27 my big brother and I stayed under covers while my owners went to the markets and walked around town. The day was not too cold but the sun was shining bright. I was glad for a day off with my big brother.

Day 28 we travelled 432km, stopping at Glen Innes for morning tea due to the heavy rain, the rain was not giving up and my owners were soaked through, but we all soldiered on stopping again at Tenterfield for a coffee to warm up. The rain now was easing off and the sun was trying to shine through the clouds. One more stop at Warwick before arriving home. I was very glad to have arrived home safety with my big brother. We are now planning our next big adventure. You don't have to be big to achieve your dreams.



And thank you to Don and Mivi for this report into their AGM experience! How good is it that our new branch had at least these two couples at the national AGM! - Ed

Don& Mivi 2014 Alice Springs AGM trip.

We left Brisbane on the 1st May at 6am and met the couple we would be travelling with to Alice at Aratula where we drank coffee and waited for some of the fog to clear. Our fellow Ulysses members Rob & Gail Jones from the Northern Gateway branch had planned this trip for over one year and we were keen to hop on board, as our first long distant ride together on our new gold wing which we had bought for this sort of tripping around this great big beautiful Continuant.

So our route was to go south on the Newell Highway to Cobar and cut across the Barrier highway to Port Augusta and then head up the Stuart Highway up to Alice Springs to arrive on the 11th May, where we would stay for seven days at the big 4 caravan park, then we would go our separate ways after checking out from Alice and head up north about 900kms to a place called Daly Waters where we would meet Mivi's daughter Caroline who works on a nearby cattle station. And after a few days head back through Queensland to home.

Each leg of the trip was about 600kms I think from leaving Kings Canyon via Uluru to Alice was nearly 800kms. We did a lot of sightseeing rides along the way. The first night we stayed in Narrabri at Thommo's Motel nice place to stay, and he knocked 10% of the bill as he is a Ulyssan. The next night we stayed at Cobar the Great Western we got lucky there, as about one hour later it really rained Cats & Dogs I mean you could see them bouncing off the road and roofs, and there were still people trying to get a room. So the next couple of days we had cold windy weather thank god we were dressed for it as others weren't. We left Cobar with strong head and side winds all the way and headed to a small forgotten town called Menindee about 112 clicks south east of Broken Hill on the Darling River. A great ride through a National Park, We were amazed how green everything was in fact our trip up to Alice was green green green.

At the Menindee pub we had the best food on our trip plenty of it and good value. The next day we rode to Broken Hill dodging emus and nervously looking at all the wild goats in the corner of our eyes. We were freezing cold got to Broken Hill and feasted on Bacon & Eggs and Coffee. So we left there and did a little 25 click detour to a historic town called Silverton where they filmed Mad Max 2 and built the Mad Max Museum and also restored some of the town building. Then we headed to a town called Peterborough, an old railway town full of history when there was a need for steam power a nice place to maybe retire as it's the gateway to the northern territory and everything was for sale. even the motel we were staying in. there is also a sexy motorcycle museum there \$5.00 to spend as long as you like perving at some hot little two stroke bikes from Italy blare blare blare .

After two days warming up we headed up to Coober Pedy for three nights It's the first time I've seen a police man coming towards us at some unknown combined speed laughing and

waving at us but the second police car didn't seem so happy . I think all the bikes funnelling up the Stuart Highway was just too much for him. So Coober Pedy was a great experience we stayed at the Ratikers Motel in above ground rooms, glad we did as our bikes were right out the front and there were no stares. one lady said that she had trouble breathing as the rooms underground don't have powered ventilation but very well built or rather dug. The finish on some of the underground rooms were really something else they seal them with a clear lacquer comes up amazing and they can dig you a house for about \$500000.00 no painting or curtains or lawns to mow.

We went on a trip called the mail run it's about 600kms were you get to meet some cattle station owners and some of their crew we went through the Dingo fence and saw some of the Anna Creek station the largest cattle station in the world, had dinner at the famous outback pub the William Creek hotel , we had a stroll on the old Ghan railway bridge that they imported from England and took 250 plus men to erect and it still stands today. The driver and tour guide Peter Rowe has a wealth of knowledge from geology to local history and is good at sharing it in a interesting manner. A great history lesson good vibes and great value so glad we did it.

So we are getting close now, next stop was Kings Cannon for 2 nights it was ok, nice rock formations, we did the 6km hike around the canyon .The camping ground was awash with Ulyssans in fact they were all over the country side. We spotted our first & only heard of wild Camels leaving Kings Canyon. Then to Alice springs via Uluru it was a big long day for us we paid our \$25.00 each to ride around the rock the headed up to Alice we arrived at 7.30 in the dark to be greeted by lit up road signs saying Alice Springs welcome to all Ulyssens just in time as they close the big 4 caravan park at 8.00 pm.

So for the next 7 days what can I say except it was great to be there and to be part of it, as we were made to feel very welcome. We explored the Eastern & Western Macdonald Ranges. It seems they blasted a big gap through the rangers to run the Stuart Highway north then they built Alice and called the Macdonald Rangers West & East. The AGM camping grounds and the set up was massive so much room and we loved all the different setups like trailers and tents. We enjoyed the beach party and the dinner & the big ride through town. The roads on our trip were really good once we got out of Queensland I don't care if it sounds crazy but we feel like we all put a little sparkle of magic into the town if not into some of the pockets of the local business there. Anyway I could ramble on all night it was a great experience everything went so well apart from a car towing a caravan over taking a road train head towards us just outside Longreach he got my finger and I hope it hurt. We did 9700 kms altogether, and did a lot and meet some great people we will do it all again one day, and this time it'll even be better.

Over & out Don and Mivi.

LAUREL COTTAGE BEECHMONT

SUNDAY 15TH JUNE 2014 BY ADO AKA 'RIDE LEADER EXTRAORDINAIRE'

On Sunday 15th, 22 good friends decided to enjoy each others ride to Lower Beechmont for lunch. I had spoken to the new owner week and I was nervously counting down the days when I would be to a venue I had never been to, over roads I had never ridden on and who has sharp fingernails and a keen eye for my speedo.

Just proves that you don't have to be a walking GPS to lead us on an Branch ride if a rider like me (ho gets lost in a bathtub) can do it, Just a SMALL plug. Please consider leading us on a ride, the more members who give it a go the more places we will be able to visit that we haven't been before. And don't forget we have the BBQ Trailer which we can use at any time, I am only a call away to tow it. We have some very experienced rider leaders in our branch who would love to assist you in making up a ride and being your guide through your virginal experience as a ride leader. Then again, if you are a ride leading junkie who loves being in front of the group then don't let us stop you from doing it again and again.

We left Yamanto Shopping Centre on time and travelled to just outside Jimboomba for a quick pit stop before continuing on through Canungra, turning into the main Beechmont Rd. What lay ahead was 28 klms of motorcycle heaven of twisties until we reached The Laurel Cottage at Lower Beechmont and to my utter delight I had no cars in front of me to balk or slow me down.



A little bit on the chilly side which caused the sheriff to later complain as bitterly as the wind outside the shelter, but we all know he is a bit of a sook so I took no notice. Even Mad Dog Morgan left us to sit on the other side of the road with all his mates (zero, sorry Wal) just so he could catch a few rays and work on his tan.

The meals were a little slow because of the amount of customers who turned up together "Damn those motorcycle riding old foggies" so I took it upon myself to entertain the restless mob with a tuneful rendition of my old high school anthem. I really thought it went over well, nearly as well as the pizza I shared with Amanda for lunch. Anyways, lunch over, we continued down the other 25 Klms of Beechmont Rd until we got to the outskirts of Canungra again where Amanda suggested we do a left hand turn and do another circuit. This would have only added another 53 Klms to the ride but never mind, maybe I will be glad I left it for another day when I would be alone on my bike.



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Ipswich anyone can.

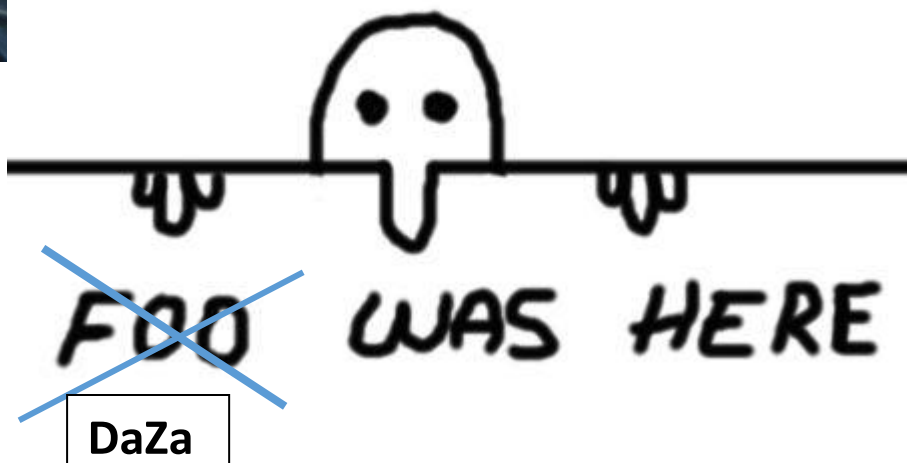


Christmas in July.....Saturday July 12

Back to Canungra for a quick pit stop and goodbyes and off we toddle at a leisurely pace until we get to the Mundollen roundabout where the group splintered of into different directions and we headed off to their respective homes.

Thanks to all who joined Amanda and I on the day to make my ride choice a very enjoyable one.

ADO



There was once a great czar in Russia named Rudolph the Red. He stood looking out the windows of his palace one day while his wife, the Czarina Katerina, sat nearby knitting. He turned to her and said, "Look my dear, it has begun to rain!" Without even looking up from her knitting she replied, "It's too cold to rain. It must be sleeting." The Czar shook his head and said, "I am the Czar of all the Russias, and Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear!"

'Twas the night before Christmas in July, when all in their beds, Not a Ulyssian was stirring, and they weren't in their sheds;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas with some bike gear soon would be there;
The bikes were nestled all snug in their sheds, While visions of Harleys danc'd in their heads,

And Amanda in her jeans, and I in my leather, Had just settled our bikes for a long winter's tether —
When out in the shed there arose such a clatter, I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters, and threw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow, Gave the luster of mid-day to motorbikes below;
When, what to my wondering eyes I remember, But a miniature motorbike, and eight tiny new members,
With a little old ride leader, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be Ulysses St. Nick!

More rapid than eagles his riders they came, And he whistled, and shouted, and call'd them by name:
"Now! Howza, now! Winsucker, now! Spook and Kiwi,
"On! Dolly, on! Strop, on! Double D and Pinkie;
"To the top of the street! To the top of the wall!
"Now ride away! Ride away! Ride away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, they rode quickly by (**but not too quickly as to attract the attention of the Blue Knights**);
So up to the house-top the turns and twisties they flew, With the Ipswich branch trailer full of toys and our Pres, Ado too!

And then in a twinkling, I heard a small trike, And the zooming and hooning of each little bike.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around, Down the chimney St. Nicholas rode with a bound:

He was dress'd all in leather, from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnish'd with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys was flung on his back, And he look'd like a rider just opening his pack:

His eyes — how they twinkled! His dimples: how merry, His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry;
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;

The helmet, snow covered, he held tight in his teeth, And the snow on his head encircled him like a wreath.
He had a broad face, and a little round belly If he'd been riding in summer, he would be rather smelly:

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old biker elf, And I laugh'd when I saw him in spite of myself;
A flash of his patches and a twist of his head Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, fill'd stockings with spare parts and jackets; then turn'd with a jerk,

And laying his finger aside of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rode.



He sprung to his bike, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all rode, like the down of a thistle:
But I heard him exclaim, ere he rode out of sight —

“Happy Christmas in July to all Ipswich Club members.... and to all a good night.”

Ride Report

**“Roadvale ” Sunday 4th
May, 2014.**

By: Tony - Aka (Spook)



Leading up to our ride to “Roadvale” on Sunday the 4th May 2014, the weather Gods threw a couple of storms, some rain, and by Saturday morning it felt like we were even going to see some snow, as a cold front from Antarctica had found it’s way to our neck of the woods.

As Di had a function in Kalbar to attend she would not be with me on the ride today, and having not ridden for a couple of weeks, looking forward to terrorizing some Pirelli’s, so that could be a good thing. A quick check of Casper and squirt in some fuel, now just wait for like minded adventurers to roll into Yamanto for a 9am start.



Wayne & Tracie were already waiting for a start on their shiny new Harley, and it was not long before bikes started rolling in. Cold weather & a little wind was not going to deter this hardy group, as 17 bikes with 20 people in all determined to make this a great day. I made a quick Phone call to the Roadvale Hotel to give them numbers for lunch, then a short briefing & a few details of the ride to this hardy group of riders, did I mention it was a bit cool this morning?.

Ado put his hand up to play fullback for the day, it’s not as much fun as playing in the pack but you get to see the whole game, thanks mate.

As we departed Yamanto quite a few early shoppers giving us a big wave, makes ya fell good. The Klm’s quickly slipped away as Peak Crossing, Coulsen & Wyaralong were landmarks to our stop in Beaudesert for a coffee break, and to try & soak up a little sunshine before we run out through Kerry & over the small range to Rathdowney, with some taking on a little squirt of fuel, best to be sure when your out in the boondocks. It was here that Wayne & Tracie’s Harley decided to take a little rest & fell over, no injuries, no damage, all good, the Harley just letting Strop know how heavy she was. Then one of our boy’s in blue put a hex on Rizzo’s bike, I’ll let her tell you about that, and she has the photo to prove it.

Arriving at the Roadvale Hotel to a warm welcome, we were soon tucking into a good feed, just beating a group of Harley riders to the kitchen. Geoff had one side of a cow & Mario had the other side, check out the photo’s.



I hope everyone enjoyed the ride and our lunch venue at the Roadvale Hotel, I look forward to our next outing with a great bunch of friends in this fantastic club we call Ulysses.

Sorry for this report missing the June newsletter Spook! – Ed.



Ipswich Olysses *Xmas in July!*



**Saturday July 12, from 4.00pm until late at Steve and Denise's place at 17 Wairuna Ct, Pine Mountain
(mud map on the back page)**

Doogee is preparing a traditional NZ Hangi! Meal includes 2 meats, four veg, gravy, steamed pudding & custard. The Hangi will be coming out of the ground around 5.30-6pm!



The cost is \$15 per adult. Numbers and payment to be confirmed at July (tonights) meeting, or by Tuesday 8 July with a committee member.



BYO drinks, and please bring chairs and nibbles to share!

There will be an open fire, a huge marquis and some tables provided. Tons of music, games and laughter! Be there, or be square!!



If you would like to set up a tent and camp the night, you can set up between 3-4pm on the day.

And a HUGE thanks to Steve and Denise for the use of their beautiful property!

BLANKET RUN AKA WHEELS FOR WINTER

Sunday 8 June 2014 by Amanda #48662



14 bikes attended the run on Sunday 8th June 2014, the long weekend in June. Firstly, I think that 14 bikes is a great turnout on a long weekend, I would have been on a weekend sleepover ride with Mick and Paula had we not committed to this ride. Never mind, the next long weekend is October sometime, I think, so I will book in my long weekend sleepover ride then.

The footy games were abysmal with the Ipswich Jets losing both games, even though we were there to cheer them on. The Jets Club put on a great feed of prawns, meat balls, calamari and nibbles, which some of our members enjoyed.

Adrian was in his glory, live Rugby League is his thing (actually any Rugby League is his thing) and he enjoyed every minute. As he has had over 20 years coaching league in Ippy he got to catch up with loads of old friends and discuss rugby league things.



Half time of the main game saw a few bikes head off for a trip around the field with Ado on his VTX and

Squirrel on his Harley. Our VP decided not to participate due to his pending surgery, and luckily he didn't as the ground was quite boggy at times.

Raffles were drawn, with no winners from our branch. But there was a framed State of Origin Jersey given to Bruce from Salvos Riverview Gardens to auction off. Hopefully we will hear more about this one, cause I know Ado would like to put a bid in. You know, rugby league is the thing!

Amanda aka Bling



"The naughty list seems to be very, very long in Ipswich this year. I'll get those elves to have a word with the Sheriff..."



CARTWHEEL RIDE

Saturday 21st June 2014 by Amanda # 48662

15 bikes and 4 tin tops headed off from Yamanto Maccas at 1 pm for a scenic ride/drive to Aratula for the 2014 Cartwheel Ride.

On arrival there were a few other branches there – so we commandeered a few tables and bench seats so that we could sit together and Ado hung our Ipswich Ulysses Flag for all to see. [We actually thought other branches would do the same, but they didn't, that's OK we got to stand out].



Before long there other branches arrived, I am not really sure how many, but not all branches were in attendance. Alan and Sauvaugn Pratt from Redlands Branch announced how much money was raised for the Memorial Gardens. Most of the branches either held a Poker Run or Roll the Dice whilst we opted to run the Super 66 Comp. Our donation to the Memorial Gardens was \$350 which is a very generous donation from such a new branch.

The raffles were drawn with Karen "Hav-a-Chat" and Wayne "Strop" and Rick winning a prize. We didn't stay around for the festivities, the sky was starting to build to a storm so we headed off home. Actually we went home to get our car, then went back to the Peak Crossing Hotel for dinner.

Some of our members decided to camp the night away, and I hope that Jo and her merry crew didn't get blown away in the storm.

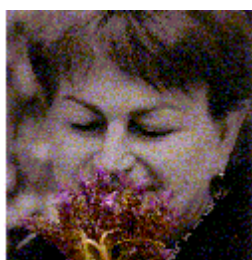
It was a great day, the numbers from other branches unfortunately were a little low, but it was a good opportunity to meet up with some old friends.

The Memorial Gardens will look great in September when we visit for our National Memorial Day as a Club. This day is one not to be missed, so make sure you mark Sunday 14th September 2014 in your calendars.

Unfortunately, we left our Ipswich Flag flying when we left at the end of the proceedings, but thanks to Max Rose the flag made its way back home to Yamanto on the Sunday morning.



Amanda aka Bling



Hello all. As the Welfare Officer I wish to let you all know that you can ring or email me for a chat, shopping spree or just a cuppa .. It goes without saying that whatever is discussed is in total confidence. Christine aka Dolly.
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Members Profile – Marita Williamson!

Occupation – Office work

Current bike (s) – Triumph Speedmaster and Majesty Scooter (for my work commute)

I got into bike riding when I met my second husband, but I grew up riding dirt bikes!

My toughest ride? – I havent had one yet – I'm still a novice!

My life began when – I got my bike.....

I am really good at.....TALKING!! – Lists

I am really bad at.....I would say everything but I cant be that bad!! Staying calm....

My hobbies are....camping, cleaning, complaining (if you ask my hubby)

Major dislikes...mess and people that lie to you

Smartest thing I've done....Have my 2 boys Sean (19) and Evan (14)

Best time of my life....camping with the kids – fires, roasts, marshmallows!



Newsletter Deadlines

To give enough time to put the Newsletter together can you please submit all contributions by the Sunday night before each monthly information night? Email me at..... ipswichulyssesed@outlook.com

Ride leaders are encouraged to write a report for their ride, however all members are welcome to submit. 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.

Julz Ph 0477 702232 (after 6.30pm please)

Disclaimer:

The committee feel compelled to include a disclaimer in this newsletter which states that:

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Lumberjacks Road Rash

Hi folks,

A friend of mine taught me a few rules of the road for motorcycles.

I was riding with some other Rocket 3 riders and were lagging behind as I didn't want to cross the double lines to overtake cars and also trying to stay within the speed limit.

When they stopped for a break and I caught up with them, this bloke said to me: "Erik, - There are a few motorcycle rules you have to learn.

Firstly: When you see a round sign with a number (say 100) and a red ring around it. That is not a speed limit. That is a challenge.

Secondly: Sometimes there are double lines in the middle of the road. You see the space between the two lines? That is a motorcycle lane!"

I told him that I liked the concept, but I was not really sure if I should believe it. And then I kept lagging behind the others.

After a couple of days, I was keeping up with the others, needless to say that I needed a "speed de-tox" going home (Melbourne to Ipswich via Great Ocean Road) and by the time I was back in Ipswich I was almost back to normal.

Ipswich branch rides for July:

06/07/2014 @ 9 a.m. – **Danish flower art ride.** This ride starts at Karalee and ends at Yamanto and is about 240 km. See website for details or ask me.

20/07/2014 @ 9 a.m. – **Mt Coot-tha / Mt Nebo / Mt Glorious ride.** Ride starts at Karalee and is only 150 km. There are a lot of twisties, but I will go slowly. The racing riders are welcome to overtake and meet us at the Lookouts we will be stopping at.

Thank you to Winsucker for taking us to Helidon for Burgers, and also to Ado for taking us to Beechmont Café last month. I certainly got a good use out of the sides of my tires on that ride.

We are always looking for people who will lead a ride so don't be shy. Come and see me if you have a ride.

See you all on the rides and ride safe.

Erik (Lumberjack)

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The 4 stages of life:

1. You believe in Santa Claus
2. You don't believe in Santa Claus
3. You dress up as Santa Claus
4. You LOOK like Santa Claus!!

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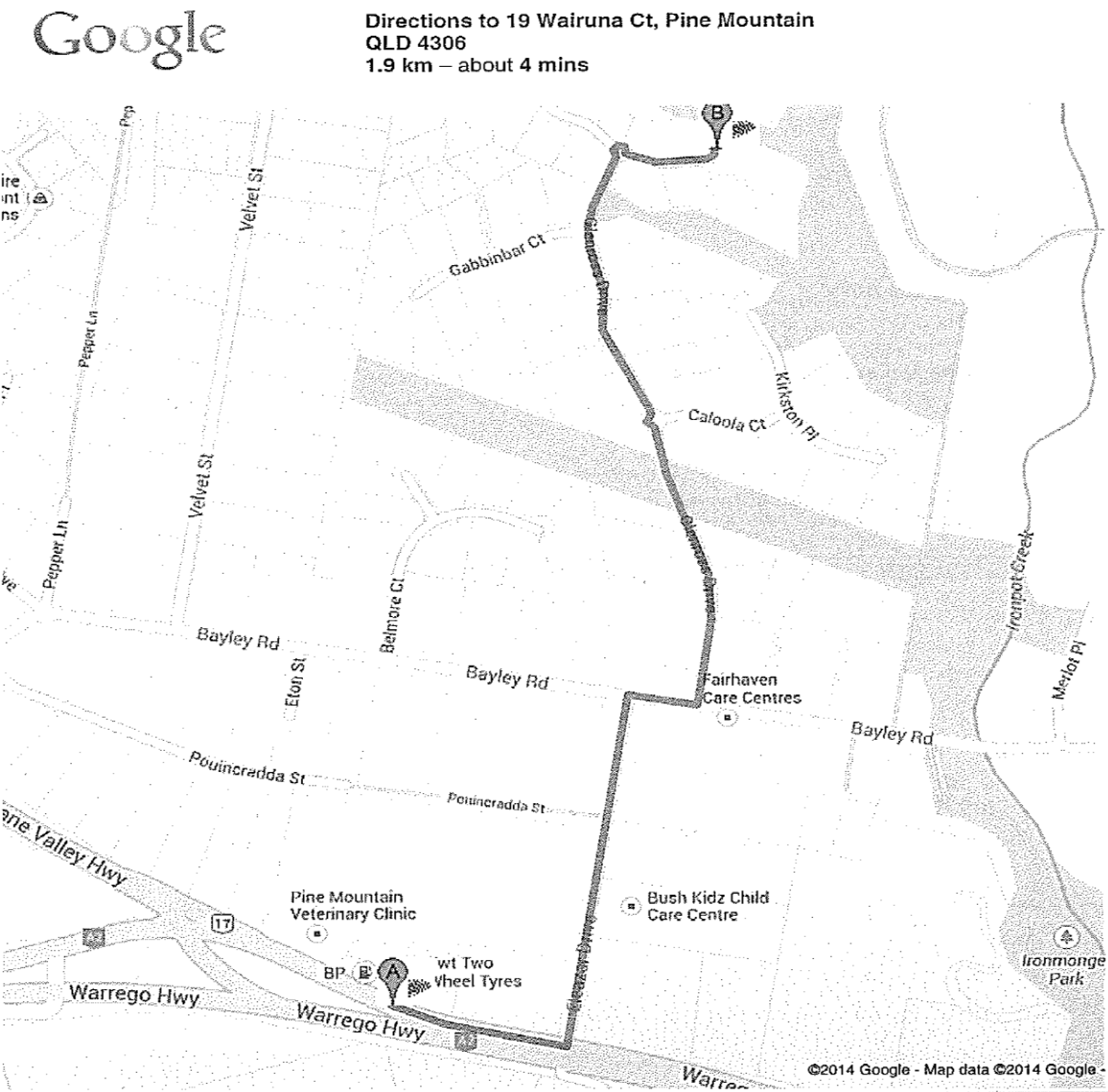
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Mud map to get to 17 Wairuna Court, Pine Mountain for Xmas in July, from the BP at Blacksoil



U-Haul Trailer Hire (inside Blacksoil BP Inbound)

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1

Head south-east on National Highway A2 towards Eleazar Drive

go 240 m
total 240 m

2

Take the 1st left onto Eleazar Drive

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total 800 m

3

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4

Take the 1st left onto Glenross Drive

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5

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