



Ipswich Ulysses

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Batman and Robin on the Bat Bike



Enjoying
lunch at
the
Railway
Hotel
Allora



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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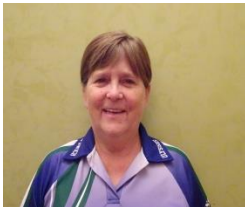
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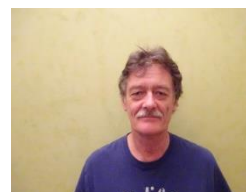
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Ado's May Air Spray

Welcome to the April edition of the Ipswich Branch Newsletter



A big hearty congratulations and welcome to Dorothy and DaZar to the 2016 committee. Both have hit the ground running and have wasted no time getting into the swing of things. A big thankyou to Julz and Strop for the excellent way they have helped the branch to grow. Also commiserations to Marita with her this time unsuccessful nomination to join the 2016 committee. Without new ideas coming to the fore, the branch could have a tendency to stagnate so we are fortunate that Marita felt she had time to donate to the branch as if she hasn't given enough through her branch visits advertising the DV Ride.

May sees the branch moving to a new venue or for some of us a return to a past venue. The Ipswich Country Club has welcomed us for our monthly information night and I thank them for their generosity. Please be aware that although the branch committee selected this venue, we don't cook the food, set the prices and we don't chill the drinks. Therefore, if there is a problem in this area, please approach the management of the Club in a respectful manner. Remember that when you wear the Old Man on your shirt you are representing our great Club. I look forward to many many years of great times at this venue. Please be aware the August and December information nights will be one week later as these dates had already been booked before we could snaffle up the rest of the first Fridays in the month. Next year we should have all but Decembers locked in.

The DV Ride will be on us in just over a week. The Ride committee has done just about all they can and now it is up to the members to put your hands up to assist on the day. Many have already done this but there will be chores on the day which crop up and will need immediate attention. If you are asked to help, please assist where you can.

As Amanda and I will be leaving to go overseas for 6 weeks with Mick and Paula, the branch will be looked after by our branch committee led by our new VP. I trust you will give DaZar the same encouragement and support as you have given me for the past 2 years. I believe DaZar is looking forward to being in front of the room and will be conducting the June information night.

The committee has been in talks with a new supplier for our shirts. I apologise this has gone on for way too long and I can only hope that the situation will be rectified very soon. Lincoln from Bold Wear was a guest at the last committee meeting and we were impressed with what he can provide us with. Denise will be able to update you further.

The Ipswich festival lights ride saw the branch ride into town not on a 4 legged steed but a two wheeled monster that had every man, woman and child excited to see us. Please take the time to have a look at the photos on the webpage. Mick and Paula's bat mobile had to be seen and heard to be believed. Sure gave us a target to aspire to next year. The bar has been set quite high now.

There is a working bee organised at the Ulysses Gardens at the Spit for 29th May. If you have a spare couple of hours, please consider using it to help tidy up the gardens before the Memorial Ride which is in September. Most of the workers will be arriving around 9am and staying until lunch. There is BBQ facilities if you wish to use them for lunch before you go home. BYO everything you need.

The Anzac Day Dawn Service was again very moving and though we have attended for the past few years as a group, it is wonderful to see the numbers from our branch in particular increasing. I believe we had around 30 members attend the service and partake of brekkie later on in Queens Park. Steve and Spook lay the wreath on behalf of the branch I was very proud to hear the branch acknowledged even though this is not the reason for laying the wreath. DaZar felt that we could include a short ride on the day next year so I look forward to your feedback.

The branch weekend camp over at Possum Park was a great success. 19 campers and unit dwellers joined together to share lots of laughs and tall tales and true. Thanks to Toddy for finding the place for us and leading some of us to the joint on the Saturday morning. The place is as quiet as a cemetery at midnight and I think we livened the place up a little while we were there. I think it would be nice to make this weekend a date in our diary for each year, not necessarily at the same venue. So if you have a venue that will cater for both hard bed and campers that won't cost us an arm or a leg then please let us know. Looking forward to your thoughts.



Keep it legal – I's a watching ADO

Member nominated for Award

One of our members' **David Dennison** was a nominee for the SES Member of the Year in the Police and emergency services Rotary Awards for 2016. Although Dave didn't win the Award we are proud that he was a nominee. Great work David!!

Dazza's Banter.....



Firstly let me say that I am very honoured to be given this great opportunity by the branch to sit on the committee for 2016 and to take up the position of Vice President which was vacated by my good friend Wayne. I'm sure you'll all agree with me that Wayne's commitment to the branch and the committee he served on was much appreciated. I've said it before, and I'll say it again, "they are very big shoes to fill".
THANK YOU WAYNE.

It's hard to believe it's only been a month since our AGM and of taking up the role. In that time I've been involved along with the rest of the committee in securing the new venue for our monthly information nights. As you know we desperately needed a change and were lucky enough to end up here. I'm sure you'll all agree that only good things can come from this move.

Fast approaching us is our 2nd annual Domestic Violence Awareness Ride. This is a special day on our branch calendar as this is an event we promote to say No To Violence in any form. I'm extremely proud to be part of the driving committee for this day and helping where I can. I know that with the help of the branch we can make this an event people will be putting on the calendar for years to come.

One of the highlights of this past month was being able to attend the Redcliffe AGM on the 8th of April with our illustrious leader Ado. We rode there, which proved to be fun in itself (170km round trip). Once at the venue I got to meet various other members from other parts of our Brisbane and greater region. I was proud to fly the purple and green for our branch.



The evening was 2 fold. It was Redcliffe's AGM. Great to see the new 2016 committee elected and sit for their "team photo".

Also another big draw card for the evening was the presentation of the “Stephen Dearnley Award” which was accepted by “Doc”. For those that don’t know Doc he was the Brainchild behind the Ulysses Memorial Garden at Somerset Dam. Very proud moment for both him and his wife who was there to watch him receive this very prestigious award.



Allora Railway Hotel Ride Report

On the 17th of this month I was ride leader to the Railway Hotel in Allora. Weather was perfect! We gathered at the usual Yamanto location and once the formalities and chat was over we headed off. I think from memory there was approx 25 of us that made the trip. (3 new riders attended on the day , Mark , John and Gayle... welcome!)



From Yamanto we headed out onto the highway towards Amberley and onto Rosewood. From there through to Granchester, Laidley, Forest Hill and finishing up in Gatton at the Hot Rod Diner for smoko. After everyone had their refreshments we were off again. Our next stop was the Railway Hotel Allora. Just out of Gatton we turned up the Gatton Clifton road which took us through picturesque Ma Ma Creek. A few wanted to play on the twisties with them forging ahead of us to have a bit of fun.

It truly is a beautiful country side with lots to look. Including the cow that decided to stand in the middle of the road on a blind bend. Good thing I was on the ball or we could have taken our own meat to the hotel for the chef to cook up.

Once we re-grouped we then rode on to Allora for a well deserved cold bevvie and a top country pub feed. Always good food at a fair price. The hotel loved having us there and said to come back again soon. No doubt we'll be back there in the future.



After lunch we made our own way home. I, along with a few others chose the main road back through Cunningham's Gap and down to Aratula where I fuelled up and cruised on home. 250km round trip. Great day had by all. Thanks everyone again that came along and supported my ride.

So much seen and done and it's only been a month. I look forward to the rest of the year in anticipation of what's to come. If you have any issues or suggestions to help make the branch even greater please don't hesitate to contact me.

Cheers Daz

DV RIDE UPDATE

As of tonight's info night we have 9 sleeps until our event. The DV Ride Committee and Branch Committee feel as prepared as we can be and with fingers crossed for sunny skies, all we need now is the participants.

Our flyer has been updated (thanks to Mario) with our sponsors and we have been handing these out to community at the various events in our region. I will have some of the new flyers at the info night, so please assist us to advertise wherever possible.

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

There are many many members to thanks, so I won't attempt to name all of you but can let you know that advertising has reached far and wide. By now we would have had an article in the Queensland Times, and with fingers and toes crossed we hope to engage more community at our 2016 event.

The raffle prizes are mounting and we thank each of the donors for their support. Prizes to date include: Qld Raceway v8 Hot Lap; 2 separate vouchers from Kingston Park Raceway; 3 separate prizes of tattoos from Wild at Heart Tattoo; Leather vest from Lorena Leather; Ear plugs from EAR Store; Digital Radio; Earrings; Pack from Body Shop on Line; Willowbank Pharmacy Pack.

We believe our event is one of the cheapest events around with a donation of \$10 providing the participants with a patch or pin, raffle ticket and entry to show and shine. With the grants obtained we have been able to source and print around 350 bandanas which we will provide to the first 350 participants who pay the \$10 donation. The route leaders will be selling arm bands (with raffle ticket number listed on the band) and texting Paula the number of paying participants they are bringing back to the end venue so that we can keep their Bandana and pin or patch for collection when they arrive.

Many volunteers are required for the day and we will let you know tonight where you can help out. Jobs are not hard, nor difficult but can be time consuming. The branch is always so giving, so I know you will assist where you can on the day. We will be at Brothers Leagues Club from 7 am to set up, those going on the route leaving from Ipswich will leave Brothers around 8 am to ride with the bikes leaving from Macca' Yamanto with hopefully all of the riders from the 6 collection points arriving at Brothers Leagues Club between 10:00 to 10:30 am. The formal part of the day won't start until after 10:30 when all of the bikes have arrived at the venue.

The main purpose of our event is to raise awareness of domestic & family violence, providing participants with information, support and advice. Funds raised will be given to DVAC to support the women and children who access their services with emergency relief ie: phone credit; toiletries; nappies; food and everyday essential items.

Thanks everyone for your support and we look forward to a great day. Wear your branch shirts with pride and help us in welcoming everyone to our great city and Branch.

Here's our Bandana....

See you all Sunday 15th May



Thanks everyone – Amanda (Coordinator)

AMANDA'S RIDE AND SOCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL 2016

The month of April 2016 has certainly seen our branch out and about in the Ipswich and surrounding region. I wasn't able to attend everything this month Congrats to those Members who did! But I wanted to let you all know that I had a blast.

Sun 3rd April saw Jays' ride to Splyard Creek, Atkinsons Dam and lunch at Esk (Adrian and I had to cut this ride short due to a prior commitment).

Sat 16th April the Ipswich Festival Parade had an amazing turn out by our branch with most of us decked out in the theme of Superheroes and Villians – Comic Book Adventures. Dorothy has written a report on this event. Here are my favourite pics from the night:





Sun 17th April DaZar took us to Allora Pub. Great ride guys



Mon 25th April – Anzac Day at Bundamba Memorial Stone with branch BBQ at Queens Park. Thanks to Tony Deaves and Steve Pierce for laying the wreath on behalf of the branch.





May Long Weekend - Camping at Possum Park – with our ride leader Toddy.





Sunday 1st May saw Lindsay took some of you to Jondaryan Woolshed.

Sheriff's Court

James "Windsucker" 50255

Top night for our AGM with a great attendance. Congratulations to our new Vice President "Hi-Rise" and our Newsletter lady "Short-Cut".

Fines as follows:

Lummey – snuffing bike, indicators on for 7 klms

Lindsay – left corner marker to early

Crash – couldn't find 1st gear and got lost

Ado – burnt hand blowing up exhaust

Ken – speeding on his trike on the footpath

Ado – coming out of ladies toilet, "what the"

Ado & Amanda – hogging the television camera at the Footy Show along with Mick & Paula

Ric – skaterboy – not turning indicators off

Amanda – Footy show had to stop filming till she turned her headlights off.

BIRTHDAYS

Doogie – Doug, Goth – Lynette and Radar – Denise (sorry no photo)

As of this month if you scratch \$1 or \$2 on your Birthday scratchy, I will give you the money.

MISHAP AWARD

Nil

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

A Healthy attitude is contagious, but don't wait to catch it from others. Be a carrier. Keep Healthy & Safe.

"Windsucker"



Peter 'SMURF' Whitten with his new Indian.

They seem to be multiplying in the Branch.

Who's next!

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.

What's a browser cache? How do I clear it? Why would I want to?

"Clear your browser cache" is the first response that tech people often give when you encounter web page problems. We'll look at why that is and how to clear the cache.

Even when following instructions to empty the cache, many people aren't clear on what this piece of magic really is, or why clearing the cache does anything at all.

The browser cache:

The cache exists because of a basic assumption made by browser designers: the internet is slow. More accurately, your internet connection is slower than your computer. What that means is that it's faster to get something from your hard disk than it is to get it from the internet. Even with today's faster internet speeds, that still holds very true.

Browser designers noticed that most web sites had many of the same elements on multiple pages. So the thinking was, why download the same elements for every page? Why not just download it once and then keep it so we can use it again? That's what the browser cache is for. The cache is nothing more than a place on your hard disk where the browser keeps things that it downloaded once in case they're needed again.

When you first visit a page on this site, the browser downloads the logo into the cache, and then displays it on the page you're viewing. For each additional page you visit, the logo doesn't need to be downloaded again; as long as the same logo is displayed, it's already on your hard disk.

The cache has a size limit, which you can usually configure. When the cache gets full, the items in it that haven't been used in a while are discarded to make more space. Naturally, there's a little more to it than that. For example, there are ways for me to update the logo on my site and have that override whatever is in your cache, so what you see is always up-to-date. But by and large, that's all it is: a place to keep things locally so you don't have to download the same things over and over again.

And it's all transparent to you. Until something breaks, of course.

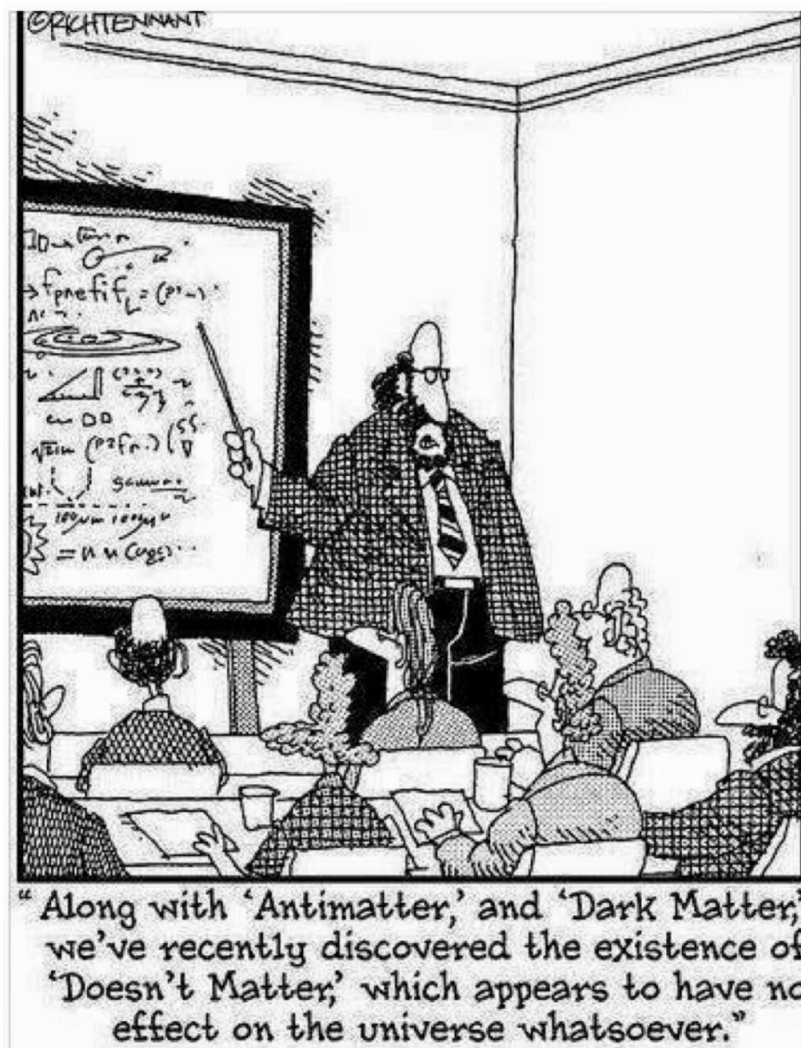
Clearing the cache

Clearing the cache just means emptying it, so that the next time you display a web page everything must be downloaded anew. For reasons I simply can't explain – other than by saying "stuff happens" – the cache sometimes get confused. This seems to happen to most all browsers and at random times. What you'll see are partially loaded or badly formatted web pages, incomplete pictures, or, in some cases, the wrong picture in the wrong place.

It's not always a caching problem, but because it happens often enough, "clear your browser cache" is often one of the first diagnostic steps you'll hear from people like me.

(From Ask Leo)

Next time we'll work out how to...



Konrad Walters

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Lumberjacks Road Rash



Hi folks,

I haven't been on the last couple of rides as I have been busy, being on another ride for a couple of weeks. I hope that you have enjoyed the branch rides and I'm not jealous because I have enjoyed my ride going through NSW, SA and VIC.

Unfortunately Lindsay had to cancel his ride to Jondaryan as it was raining.

Only 5 bikes turned up including Anni and I so we had to go home and do house chores.

In this writing moment I don't know how the Possum Park camp-out went but I'm sure it went well. How can it not, with the company of people from the Ipswich Ulysses branch.

Our DV Ride is coming up soon and if you want to go on the Ipswich part of the ride, just turn up at Yamanto Shopping Centre before 08:30 and have enough fuel for 60km.

We are going for a short scenic ride before arriving at Brothers Leagues club for the event.

Ipswich branch rides:

Date	When	Where to meet	Ride leader	What's happening	Distance
15/05/2016	08:30	Various places, see our DV flyer for details.	Ippy Ulysses	Ipswich Ulysses DV Ride.	
05/06/2016	09:00	SUPERHEAP AUTO Yamanto	Gunther	Queen Mary Falls & BBQ.	
19/06/2016				No Ride. - Someone, please come forward with a ride.	

And now, a report from the pearly gates:

A man dies and appears at the pearly gates.

"Have you ever done anything of particular merit? Have you exhibited courage?" St. Peter asked.

"Well, I can think of one thing," the man offers.

"Once I came upon a group of bikers who were bothering a young woman. I told them to leave her alone, but they wouldn't listen.

So I approached the largest and meanest looking one. I smacked him on the head, kicked his bike over, ripped out his nose ring and threw it on the ground and told him; now get out of here."

St Peter was visible impressed. "When did this happen?"

"Just a few minutes ago!"

See you all on the rides and ride safe.

Erik (Lumberjack.)

South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales round trip April 2016 (By Erik)

Sat. 02/04/16

The alarm clock went off at 05:00 as usual, except today we didn't have to go to work. Today we had to pack the bike and get out of here no later than 06:00 and head south.

We managed to get out of the driveway 2 minutes after six. Not bad but we didn't have to spend time eating Breakfast as we were going to have it in Stanthorpe together with Steve (former Lockyer Ulyssian) about 08:30.

Now we had 2 weeks ahead of us on the bike and the weather looked promising so nothing should go wrong. At Cunningham Gap we caught up with a Ute that had a lot of work gear on the tray. He seems to keep up the speed ok so we just sat behind him. As we went into Warwick, we got pulled over for a random breath test and the cops asked me if I had anything to drink the night before and I said no. I blew in their "alco-test-thingy" and we were good to go. However, the Ute in front of us didn't seem to be so lucky as he didn't go anywhere and the cops started to write things down on their I-pad.

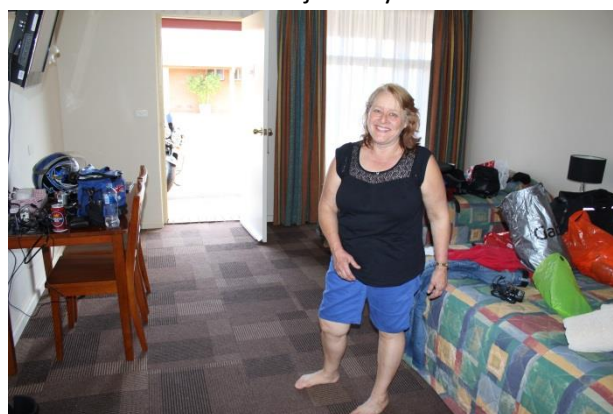
We arrived in Stanthorpe 10 minutes early as expected. We have done this many times before. It's like a ritual. Every time we go south, we have breakfast in Stanthorpe with Steve (and Lyn when she's not working)

We spent an hour and a half talking with Steve and then it was time to continue our journey. We would like to get to Gunnedah the first day so we couldn't just sit and talk all day.

Our first fuel stop was at Tenterfield and then we should be ok for a while.

We made it to Gunnedah before too late and our bum started to complain so we were glade to get off the bike. We checked in at the same motel we stayed in a few years earlier.

After unpacking our stuff, I had to take a picture of our room as I was amazed of how much stuff we actually had on the bike.



We went for a walk to the pub to flush down all the road dust. Distance for the day: 631.9 km.

Sun. 02/04/16

We checked out of the motel and went to a petrol station to re-fuel the bike. After that we went down to the town centre to find some breakfast and we found a very nice place with good food and coffee.

After less than 300km we needed a break so we pulled into a petrol station in Warren and filled up the bike and treated us with ice cream and soft drink.

After this break we went to Cobar which was just a 200 km boring ride with nothing to look at other than a straight road.



A car overtook us and did a fair bit over the speed limit and we followed that car and hoped that if there were any radars, they would detect the car and not us. This road was just something to get over and done with.

We arrived in Cobar about 15:30 (3:30 pm) and the motel we went to, gave all guests a beer when they arrived. What a brilliant idea. Just what we needed after a "hard days ride".

After settling in, we walked to the towns RSL for a very thin cup coffee and a few drinks. Distance for the day: 501.3km

Mon 04/04/16

We slept in as we only had to go to the next town which was still over 460km down the road.

I remember from last time we went there and we left Broken Hill too early in the morning, we had a near miss with a pack of kangaroos so we didn't want to start that early again this time.

When I started the bike, some coolant came out of a hose. That was a bit of a concern as we were out in nowhere. Luckily it was just a hose clamp that was loose and after tightening it about 2 turns it was good again. That still makes you wonder why that would happen overnight as there was no leak the night before even it was hot and was running for hours at higher than normal speed.

We went to a café to get some breakfast and after that we went towards Broken Hill.



About 155km out of Cobar, there was a roadhouse (Emmdale roadhouse) where we could get fuel so we stopped there and fuelled up and had a cappuccino.

4 motorbikes pulled in at the roadhouse, coming from Broken Hill. They were Ulyssians from Townsville and Mackay, on their way home from the Tassie AGM. We had a little talk with them before we took off towards Broken Hill.

Now there was only a bit over 300km to Broken Hill and we didn't have to stop in Wilcannia for fuel. Nobody wants to stop in

that town.

All we saw was Goats, Emus and Kangaroos and rubbish everywhere along the road.

The first two motels we tried in Broken Hill had no vacancy so we went to tourist information and got a list of motels in town.

After checking in at a motel, we went back to Tourist Info to arrange a day trip to Flinders Ranges and accommodation.

After all that hard work, it was time for a beer. Here they had Coopers on tap so I was happy.

Distance for the day: 463km

Tue 05/04/16

The alarm was set to 07:00 so we could get to Port Augusta before too late. We checked out at 08:00 and went to town for breakfast.

I didn't want to leave the bike out of sight as there were a lot of not so white and not so sober people wandering around. Nothing bad happened and we saw some funny people while enjoying our coffee.

Before going to Port Augusta, we went to Silverton, a small town about 30km out of Broken Hill.

It looked pretty basic out there. There were a few galleries and the famous Mad Max 2 museum. Everything was closed so we had a look at the things we could see from the outside and went towards our destination for the day.

The ride was very boring with nothing to look at other than goats, emus and kangaroos. The wind was blowing a gale-force and it was tiresome to be pulled at every time there was a wind gust.



We had a brief stop in Peterborough for fuel and a drink. We went to an old movie theatre that was converted to a café and museum with a lot of strange things displayed.

We went on the bike again and it was still blowing. We went through some big open spaces where there was nothing to break the wind. We saw a whirl wind ahead and when we got near that spot, it went on the road and tried to pull us off the bike. It even got me to lose control over the bike for a couple of seconds as the lift was that hard that I lost traction for a few seconds. Anni felt that she was lifted off the bike so she held on to me very tight.

We could see more whirl winds so I increased the speed so we would go through another one in a lot shorter time and therefore having less chance of losing control over the bike. Good excuse!

The last 100km were twistier and there was a lot more to look at. We found a caravan park with waterfront view and we got a cabin there. Distance for the day: 478.8km

Wed 06/04/16

We slept in as we only had a short ride to Quorn Caravan Park where we would be for 2 nights.

The weather had changed from 35° Tuesday to only 15° so that was a big change for us. It was windy and overcast and drizzling.

We packed up and went to town for breakfast but we didn't find any café's so we just fuelled up and went to Quorn in hope of finding a café there.

There were a few café's in Quorn and we picked one by random, but it was a good pick. It was run by some "hippie style people" and they did a good job. Being vegetarians there was a lot of foods to choose from and the one we chose was good.

We went to the caravan park that we booked to see if we could wash some clothes. The staff was friendly and they let us use the laundry. As we were about to leave the caravan park, they approached us and said that we could check in, even it was only 10:30 so we did that. Then we walked around the town to check out the few shops they had.



There was a café/museum that was done up like the original shop was 150 years ago with flying foxes that went to a central office where there would have been a person in charge of all the money being received in the shop. The staff would send all monies to that office using the flying foxes. I

guess they didn't trust their staff with money back then. We went to the pub for a couple of drinks and then back to the caravan park to finish our laundry. Distance for the day: 49.6km

Thu. 07/04/16

We had to set the alarm as we had to be ready by 08:00 to be picked up for a trip around Flinders Ranges.

The driver arrived spot on 8 o'clock and we had a very informative 11 hours' drive around Flinders Ranges.

We got dropped off at the pub as it was getting late so we didn't want to miss out on dinner. As it was Thursday, the pub was totally full of people but we managed to get a table as most people didn't come there to eat.



Fri. 08/04/16

We slept in as there was only a couple of hours ride to Clare where we were meeting some friends from Adelaide.

We stayed there for a few hours and talked and talked and then we moved on to Adelaide. We checked into a motel and a few hours later our friends came in their car and picked us up for a trip to nearby restaurants.

Distance for the day: 426.5km



Sat. 09/04/16

Once again we slept in and our friends came over on their Rocket III Roadster and we went out for breakfast.

After beaky, we went to Victor Harbour and spent some time there. We had some fun with some Harley's on the way over. They thought that they could keep up with us old guys on Rockets and they made a lot of noise trying, but to no avail.

We went to Port Elliot for coffee with a view over the ocean and then we went on to Strathalbyn where we checked in at a motel. We then

walked around the town and had dinner and after dinner we said goodbye to our friends as poor Sue had to be at work by 23:00 (11pm.) Distance for the day: 107.5km

Sun. 10/04/16

We got up half early as we wanted to get as close to Great Ocean Road as possible. We checked out of the motel and rode down the road for beaky. There were a lot of bikes parked outside a café and we thought that if all those mc people wanted to eat there then it must be good. It was good and we ate too much. When we went out to the bike, there were about twice as many bikes parked there as when we arrived.



The road was boring but we had a little bit of excitement when we had to cross a river on a cable ferry.

Most of the day we just went along on Princess Highway and it was blowing a gale force which was very tiresome.

About 14:00 (2pm.) we arrived at mount Gambier and we went to the lake and had a look at it. After that we took off towards Great Ocean Road.

We stopped at Port Fairy and thought that was enough for that day.

It was cold and windy but we had to go for a walk as it was a pretty area. Distance for the day: 553.4km.

Mon. 11/14/16

We slept in as we didn't have far to go. We had some good beaky and then we were off to Great Ocean Road. We were still on Princess Highway and here it was a pain in the butt with lots of long stretches of 50km/h and traffic lights that were red for at least 5 minutes at the times, then green long enough to let 4 or 5 cars through.



As we got closer to Great Ocean Road, we also got closer to the rain. One time it started to rain heavy and it really looked dark ahead like it would rain for the rest of the day so I pulled over so we could get our rain gear on, but first things first. I had to do a pee, and with my prostate it takes a long time to do. When I came out of the bushes

feeling all better, the sky had turned blue. Anni had her rain pants halfway on and was a bit annoyed when I told her she could take them off again. Not that I forced to do it!

Finally we were on the famous Great Ocean Road and it was raining on and off but not enough to make us stop and take our rain gear on.

We turned off the road different places to look at the 12 apostles and take lots of photos.

There was a lot of roadwork happening and we had to stop several places for lengthy periods of times and we had to ride on long stretches of unsealed roads and as it was raining, the bike got dirty beyond recognition. Luckily I had Anni on the back to take all the mud coming from the back wheel.

We stopped at Apollo Bay and we wanted to stay there for a couple of nights and relax. We went into Tourist Info for a list of motels we could stay at and we got a room at a motel a couple of streets away from the beach. As it turned out, that was the same motel we stayed in 5 years earlier when we came back from Tassie and wanted to ride along Great Ocean Road. Ride for the day: 222.5km

Thu. 14/14/16

We got up early as we still had a long way to go. We found our way back to Hume Freeway and rode for about an hour before we turned off at Tarcutta where there was a Caltex Roadhouse. We fuelled the bike and ourselves up. Petrol for the bike and breakfast for us. Then we went back on Hume Freeway and stayed on it for hours.

We left Hume Freeway at Goulburn and went along some awesome twisties with some fantastic views.

We were running very low on fuel so we stopped at a small town where a general store were selling fuel from some run down looking bowsers. We didn't have a choice. We had to get fuel and as it turned out, it was good fuel.

We also had some coffee and cake in that town and then the fun began. Having a full tank of fuel I didn't have to ride economically and it didn't look like there were any cops nearby so it didn't take long before we were in Lithgow where we parked for the night.

Ride for the day: 535.3km

Fri. 15/04/16

We had another early start. We were staying at a pub and breakfast was included in the price so when we left, there was no reason to stop anytime soon.

Going out of Lithgow, there are twisties right from the start. The view was stunning and the weather was perfect, riding with a view of the west side of Blue Mountains.

As we were going towards Singleton we remembered from last time we went there that there is a stretch of 120km without any petrol stations and we almost ran out of fuel last time so we wanted to make sure that it didn't happen again. We had to do a U-turn and go back 10km for fuel.

Having a full tank of fuel, it made it so much more fun going through the twisties than last time where I did it in slow motion to preserve fuel.

Singleton was a pain in the butt to get through. Maybe it was a bad time on the day we came because all traffic was at a standstill. New England Highway wasn't much better with long stretches of 50km/h, roadwork's and old 4wd's towing horse floats or caravans. One Nissan Patrol, towing a big trailer blew up with a big bang when attempted to go 100km/h. We saw a huge cloud of smoke and then lots of oil on the road and there it was at the side of the road.

We pulled in at a motel about 25km before Armidale and camped there for the night.

Ride for the day: 560.3km.



Sat. 16/04/16

It was our last day on the road and we wish we could ride for a few more weeks but it didn't work that way so we just had to get back home and go to work.

We had beaky at a nearby café and there were some Harley riders having beaky there as well. Just across the road there was a hotel where it looked like a lot of Harley riders were staying. Going towards home, we met hundreds of Harley's coming towards us so there must have been a Harley rider rally somewhere.

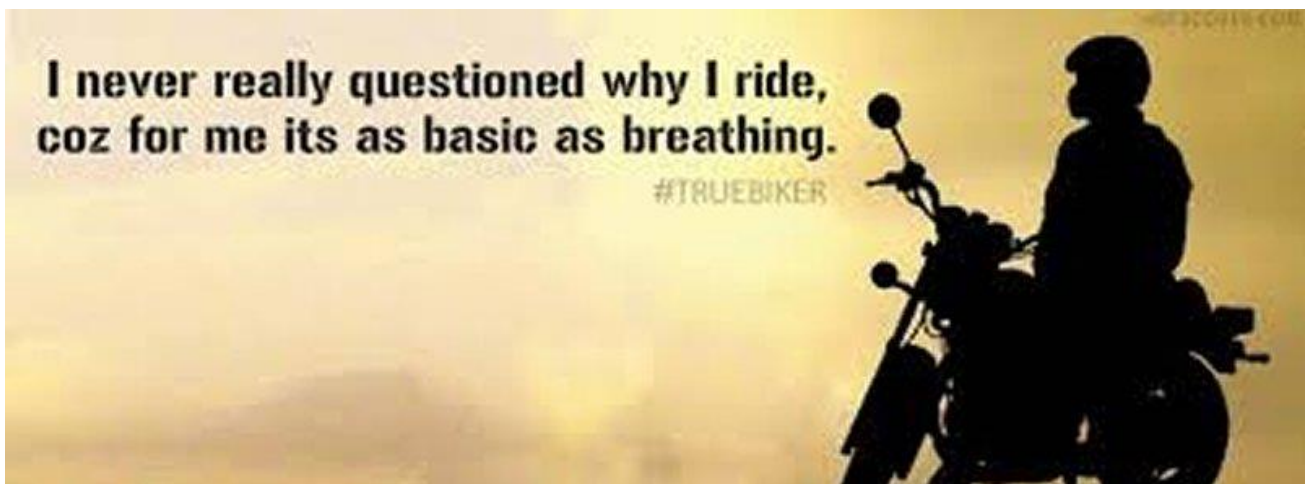
Not much happened at the last stretch home and there were no letters in our mailbox with pictures of our bike so I must have been riding too slowly or maybe I was just lucky.

That was the end of a great trip. We just wish that we could have done that for a few more weeks.

Ride for the day: 469.9km.

Total ride for the trip: 5581.1km.

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Ride Report By Tony. Aka (Spook)

“Allora Hotel” 17th April, 2016. Ride Leader : Daz.

Sunday morning roles around and all is good, weathers fine, bike is all set to go just have to squirt in a little fuel before we hit the road, I'm ready, but I have to sneak around and try not to make too much noise, it's only 4-30am and I'll wake Ado next door, It's a 9 O'clock start.

7-45am, that's it I'm out of here, wake up Ado. Pulled into the servo at Yamanto to top up the fuel and could see that there were a couple of our riders in the carpark already, good to see other people like to hit the road early. Smurf was there with his new Indian, what a smick looking bit of gear, Ado what have you started!! It was not long before bikes started rolling in, looks like being a good roll up for the day. Gunther and Dorothy arrived, Dorothy in the car as she had Ken with her on his first outing with us, great to see Ken on a ride. Mark from the Shadow Riders had joined us for the day also, welcome along mate hope you enjoyed the day. As 9am rolled around Daz gave us all a short briefing on the days events, and a reminder of the importance of corner marker procedures and to look out for each other, all this may seem boring to some, but ah guys this is what keeps us alive and riding, all the little things we forget to do or don't bother to do any more. Riding Bikes is as safe as any other transport, but only if we make it safe, think about it!!.

We head out through Amberley, Rosewood, Laidley, Forest Hill and on into Gatton where we settled down to some munchies at the Rock & Roll Café, good to see it open again.

Back on the bikes and out through Ma Ma Creek to the Railway Hotel in Allora for lunch. On our way up through Ma Ma Creek a young heifer standing in the middle of the road gave us a bit of a moment ah Daz, but all good, looking, looking.

All fed and watered we drifted off for home, with some taking on a little fuel at Allora.





Short read supplied by Rizzo

Sunday Morning Sex

Upon hearing that her elderly grandfather had just passed away, Katie went straight to her grandparent's house to visit her 95 year-old grandmother and comfort her. When she asked how her grandfather had died, her grandmother replied, "He had a heart attack while we were making love on Sunday morning." Horrified, Katie told her grandmother that two people nearly 100 years old having sex would surely be asking for trouble. "Oh no, my dear," replied granny. "Many years ago, realizing our advanced age, we figured out the best time to do it was when the church bells would start to ring. It was just the right rhythm. Nice and slow and even. Nothing too strenuous, simply in on the Ding and out on the Dong". She paused to wipe away a tear, and continued, "He'd still be alive if the ice cream truck hadn't come along".

This must be the smallest Post Office in Australia (found by Dorothy)

We came across this little working Post Office at Empire Vale NSW back in December. It sits on the banks of Richmond River just a few kilometres from South Ballina & Wardell.

When the Richmond River floods so does the post office, you can see from the photo it is not far from the water's edge. And we all know how often Ballina floods. If you blink when driving through Empire Vale you will miss it. I think it might be the smallest post office in Australia.

The post office has several private boxes for the locals and is opened from 10am – 2pm each weekday for locals and tourists to drop in to post their letters etc. I am not sure if I would post any mail during the flood season from this post office as it might become a little soggy.



Ipswich Festival Parade Report prepared by Dorothy (Short Cut)

Well we had 11 bikes and two pillion passengers turn up for the parade. The parade theme was embraced by several members who dressed up for the night.

Rizzo as Dracular; Silver Fox as Superman; Amanda as Darth Vader; Ado as Comic Book Villain; Bruce as Duff; Paula as Robin; Mick as Batman and myself as Superwoman. Paula and Mick took the prize for being the best. They even had their own Bat Bike with bat wings and sound effects. Great work, it must have taken both of you some hours pulling together.



The parade was slow with stop start all the way, but when you saw the children faces it was well worth the effort. I could not believe the amount of people just standing on both sides of the road watching the parade. In some places it was row after row of people with all of the little ones sitting in front watching the super heroes and comic book villains passing by. Even the crowd reflected in the great atmosphere by dressing up.

Ken joined in with us just as we started to head down Brisbane Street and everyone was looking at Ken between the bikes I think Ken really enjoyed himself. Well done Ken and thanks for joining in with us.

I have heard after the parade some of our hero's went for a walk down Brisbane Street to get some food still in their costume not to mention who (Batman & Robin).

Thanks to everyone who turned up it was a great night.

Gunther and I didn't hang around as we went home early because we were going on the ride to Allora the next day.



Member Profile

Name: James McColm **Ulysses Member #50255**

Nickname: Windsucker



Partners name/nickname: Elizabeth – Pole Dancer

Occupation: Retired

Current / Previous bike: Hooaka Wombat / 125cc Devillairs / 650 Honda / 1100 Suzuki / 900 Volcan

I got into bike riding when: My father used to do hill climbs

Toughest Ride: Easy Riders “Dawn Ride”

My life began when: I met Elizabeth

I am really good at: Tinkering in the shed

I am really bad at: Housework

My hobbies are: Drinking

Major dislikes: Ignorant people

Smartest thing I’ve done: Married Lizzy 45 yrs and counting

Best time of my life: Holidays around Qld especially Longreach

Advice to new riders: Don’t worry about others, ride to your ability

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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