

IPSWICH BRANCH

May 2014



NEWSLETTER #7



INFORMATION NIGHTS: the 1st Friday of each month at the Karalee Tavern, 78 Junction Road, Karalee. Meeting starts 7 pm – come along for dinner earlier if you like RIDES 1st and 3rd of each month, with SOCIALS any time ... see website for full details

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Welcome to the May Information Night 2014.

With April having included Easter meant that there was only one official ride this month to

Killarney. Amanda and I together with Phil, Glenys, Tony and Karen decided to travel to Coffs Harbour Easter Friday and returned Easter Sunday. Some of our trip pictures are uploaded onto the branch webpage. We look forward to seeing other members holiday snaps when they get uploaded as well. I missed out on the Killarney ride because of having to attend the Presidents meeting at Aratula. I heard that the Ride was very successful, the heavens cried because Amanda and I couldn't go on the ride, but I know that everyone had a great time without us.



The branch shirts have been approved by NATCOM and we are taking orders tonight. They are being supplied and made by Redlands Sportswear and Trophy Centre. The shirts will be \$40.00 each and will have to be prepaid before they are ordered. We will have several differing sizes for you to try on to gain your proper size. We hope to have long sleeve available very soon as well, but no orders can be taken tonight for long sleeves.

The branch had a very successful AGM and I look forward to working with the very capable members who you have elected to run the branch for the next year. We have already had our first official meeting and everybody is getting into the swing of things quickly. Just remember we are here to assist you in any way we can and we all look forward to speaking to you if there is something you wish to bring to the committees attention. All the committee is more than willing to discuss ways you feel may benefit the branch. We will have things planned during the year to put forward the name of Ipswich Ulysses to the general public.

One of the recent events was the Anzac Dawn Service at Bundamba which was attended by 15 Ipswich members. Afterwards some of us went back to the Queens Park for a morning Breakfast using the branch trailer. What a wonderful morning that turned out to be. We spent two hours of socialising and gossiping before we decided to call it quits for the morning. No doubt one of the best mornings I have had for many a year. After discussions on the morning and the general consensus of the group I will put putting to the committee that year on Anzac Day we lay a wreath on behalf of the Ipswich Ulysses Branch. I believe we have now started a tradition which I hope will be part of our branch culture for the years to come. 15 members this year who knows how many next year.

The Blanket Run is set for Saturday 7th June. The plan is to congregate and depart from Redbank Shopping at 2pm and ride to the North Ipswich Oval where we will hand over the blankets, food and clothing collected to the Salvos. Any rider who has a helmet or Ulysses card will be invited in free of charge to watch The Ipswich Jets play the Burleigh Bears and there will be local games on after the main game for those who wish to stay. I believe that the Jets have invited car clubs as

well to participate on the day as well as having the ride. Other branches of the Ulysses clubs in Sth East Qld are being invited. This is a long weekend so I do not know how successful the venture will be, but the idea itself is good, they just may just need to look at the date. It is the Jet's Club intention to have this ride become an annual event, but then again as per my next subject, we will have to have a serious look at if we will have the time to be involved next year as we will be well and truly into organising the Ride against Domestic and Family Violence. In saying all this, Amanda and I won't be there for this ride, as we have an invitation for a long weekend ride with friends.

The main ride for the branch will be the "Ride Against Domestic and Family Violence" which will be held on Sunday 3rd May 2015 and will be an Annual Event. Amanda will be the Chairperson of the steering committee for this event. No doubt Amanda will be asking for members to put their hands up to be part of the Committee. This is going to be as big as we dare and I am confident the branch will be able to run this ride, but it will require lots of help and as you know many hands make light work. We already have a few members indicate they want to be involved , so you will not be stuck out on a limb if you decide to assist because there will be others to be with you. Working on a committee is not a chore. Plenty of fun as well as a great sense of achievement can make volunteering a rewarding experience. Please consider putting your hand up to make this dream a reality. The date for the inaugural ride is Sunday 3rd May 2015 but the work starts now.

A highlight from the April meeting, apart from being our inaugural AGM, was the visit from Snr Sgt Rob Goodger. (See, I know his name is not Brendan!). I thought that his explained some of the legalities of the VLAD laws and riding in our community very well. I was impressed with our questions and the behavior of the group towards the police presence. We are going to continue our good relationship with the local constabulary and look forward to their involvement in our Ride Against Domestic & Family Violence next year.



Farewell is in order to our very own Regalia Officer, Tweetie as Elaine is currently in America having a wonderful holiday. I think Tweetie is away for around three weeks.

Welcome back to Julz who was part of the organising staff at the ANZAC memorial service in Gallipoli. Obviously a very heartwarming experience even if there was work involved as well. The good news for Julz is that she will be back there again next year for the 100th year anniversary. What a wonderful opportunity to be able to share this solemn dawn service with so many others. Julz will be taking over the Newsletter as soon as her work permits

Also one of our elder members of the branch aka Lummy is doing really well. It has been $5\frac{1}{2}$ weeks since his open heart surgery and he is still staying with his daughter at Highfield. Typical of Lummy, he wanted to give me his blood pressure results and is proud that he is doing so well this early. He is hoping to get his tick to drive his tin top on the 12^{th} of next month and another 5 weeks should see him back on a real machine. He is leaving for England on the 17^{th} July so he says to say g'day to all because he won't see us until he gets back from overseas.

We also have a couple of members who have been lucky? enough or should that be smart enough to be able to organise their time so they can be in Alice Springs for the National AGM. Hooch has been posting photos on facebook of just about every pub on the way (ok, slight exaggeration) and looks like they are having a whale of a time. We will have to talk Graverobber into giving us a ride report we they eventually arrive home again. I know you join me in wishing all our members a great time a very safe ride home. Gunther and Dorothy and Mivi and Don are also at the AGM and we wish them a great time... wish we were there with you.

Other than that the branch is running very smoothly and I look forward to getting out and about on my bike with lots of you in the next couple of months. Maybe with a few extra clothes on to combat the cooler air but that has never stopped us. Amanda and I are looking at having some breakfast rides with the BBQ Trailer soon as well. Not going too far, maybe to some of our lovely parks, share a lovely early morning with some likeminded people and then back home in time for me to do the housework.



Keep it Legal, I's a Watching Ado

These pics are Totally Disgraceful, good work all !!

THREADS FOR THE WEB

Website or Web site:



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

As they say, a picture is worth a thousand words. So when it comes to writing a blog and getting your point across or illustrating what you are writing about, add a picture.

Of course you would need to have the picture stored on an online site, like Photo Bucket, (lots of others out there), and copy the link to your blog. It's really very straight forward to do, you just may need a bit of practice; so get involved with the website, contribute ideas and photos and flyers, and before you know it, our website will be an enjoyable place to visit.

And as they say, the rest is up to you...

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FROM OUR WELFARE OFFICERS DESK



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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RIDE CALENDAR

DATE	DESTINATION	DETAILS	LEVEL & RIDE LEADER	
Friday 2/5/2014	Ipswich Branch Info Night	7pm at Karalee Tavern		
4 May	Roadvale	For more info refer to the website	9 am Leaving from Yamanto Ride leader Spook Level 3 Ride	
7 May 2014	lpswich	Event of Interest "Walk A Mile In Her Shoes" refer below	From 5 pm – D'Arcy Doyle Place, Ipswich (See Amanda or Ado)	
10 May 2014	Prenzlau	Prenzlau Pride Show	Refer flyer on the website.	
12-18 May 2014	National AGM	Alice Springs	Don't forget to have your say – Get a Postal Vote from National Office!	
18 May 2014	Villages Ride	See below	9 am Leave from Yamanto, Wayne Ride Leader, Level 3	
31 May Sat	Lockyer Branch Poker Run	Ride of Interest	Ride of Interest	
8 June 2014	Kyogle	Refer to the website	Level 1 ride: Recommended for only experienced riders. 335 klm	
9 June 2014	Blanket Run	Refer to website.	Level 3 ride: Leaving from Redbank Shopping Centre 2 pm.	
21/22 Jun 2014	Interbranch Cartwheel Ride	Funds raised given to UCARF & Memorial Gardens	Overnighter at Aratula if you choose. Live Band at night.	
14 Sept Sun	National Memorial Ride	Somerset Dam	Ado Level 3 ride	

RIDES OF INTEREST CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE www.ipswichulysses.com THERE IS ALMOST ALWAYS SOMETHING FOR YOU TO DO.

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A police officer pulled over two nuns riding on a motorcycle, and said to the rider, 'Ma'am, you're driving much too slowly, could you please drive faster?"

And the nun says, 'Oh, I saw the sign with the "21" and assumed the speed limit was 21 km/h"

The officer explains: 'No ma'am, the speed limit is 80. The highway number is Interstate 21."

Then the police officer look at the passenger and see the other nun shaking like a leaf.

"Excuse me sister, but what's wrong with your passenger?"

"Oh, that's probably because we just got off Highway 205."

RIDE REPORTS

RIDE TO KILLARNEY APRIL 2014

BY SHERIFF WINDSUCKER #50255

15 riders turned up for the day's ride. As per usual we headed off at 9 am, farewelled by Ado and Amanda as they had to go to the President's Meeting at Aratula. We had a



Up Ma Ma Creek onto the Caltex outside Warwick where we fuelled up and had refreshments. Unfortunately Gunther dropped his Gold Wing while doing a t-turn, no damage to rider or bike, just pride hurt.

On the outskirts of Warwick the weather started to take a nasty turn. (So you know who took a u-turn and left the ride, big sook Marco). The heavens opened up and it was raining cats and dogs. I thought about pulling up for the others to put their wet gear on, but it was raining so hard, they would have got saturated, so I kept going. It was only 2.5 klms to go.

On arrival at Killarney Hotel the sun was out and as hot as hell. We all sat around having a laugh at how wet we were.

Lunch was at good prices. After a belly full we hung around for a while chatting in the car park to dry out in the sun. Little did we know, it would be a waste of time.





Back on our bikes heading home the sun was hot and being on our bikes we got dry in a hurry. We stopped at "Survive the Drive" for a pee stop. Back on our bikes again, heading for Cunningham's Gap it started to absolutely pour down, you could not see 10 feet in front of you. Had to keep going because there was no shelter anywhere and we had cars and trucks up our arse pushing us to go faster as we slowed down to 80 klm an hour because of the rain. Inconsiderable bastards.

All in all, we had a great day and I thank all who came.

Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter

and those who matter don't mind.



Til next time..... Sheriff Windsucker













APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Member Profile



Name:	an Moorby	Ulysses Member # 35902		
Nickname:	Pinkie		Girl Rider	
Partners Nickname:	Kiwi Moorby	ý		
Occupation:	ex Teacher,	now love jobs at home		
Current / previous bike	bike: Virago, Oz Trike, Phoenix Trike, Boom Trike			
I got into bike riding when: I needed freedom, not the classroom				
Toughest Ride: Albany Western Australia, the Ulysses AGM 2010				
My life began when: I married my husband's Kiwi and Al				
I am really good at:	Organising			
I am really bad at:	Cooking			
My hobbies are:	Caring for m	ny husband and two kids [Pupp	oies] and Gardening	
Major dislikes:	Arrogance			
Smartest thing I've dor	ne: Work in edu	cation and join MC clubs		
Best time of my life:	Marriages to	o Kiwi and my late husband Al	[Transport Al]	
Advice to new riders:	Be safe, Rid	e to your capabilities and care	for others	

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 <u>ampamenter@gmail.com</u>. 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.

Amanda aka "Bling"

Disclaimer:

The committee feel compelled to include a disclaimer in this newsletter which states that : We take no responsibility for the content of this newsletter now, before or in the future. The content of this newsletter is largely written and/or submitted by the members at large, and where that content will fit it will be included where possible. However, We will endeavour to publish only that material deemed appropriate to this branch and if any offence has been given then it was not intentional and will be rectified where possible.