



IPSWICH BRANCH



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ADO'S AIR SPRAY

Welcome to the March Information Night 2014.

I hope that the meeting has gone off without a hitch and that we have remembered that we are Ulyssians and what that means. Friendship, fellowship, and growing old disgracefully. Unfortunately last information night was brought to an abrupt end by circumstances beyond my control and we have taken advice from our National Committee on steps to take if it were ever to happen again.

For those that missed our Branch December Newsletter – here is a snippet for your re-reading: *...“If you have ANY questions please take your concerns to any of the steering committee and we will bring them up for discussion at the next meeting. If however you are a little shy, then just pop your concerns into the book with the trike on the front. If it is simply a suggestion it will be discussed freely but if however you have a major complaint which you need resolved, then it will require a name for us to give feedback. Unfortunately if you want to blow someone out of the water then you will need to acknowledge who is loading the gun”.*

Having hindsight is an amazing thing, but I truly believe that being honest, transparent and following our Constitution set by NATCOM and us as members is the only way to go.

Also, sorry we missed February Birthdays and Sheriff's fines, we will catch up on them this month.

We have had some wonderful rides in the past month. I feel it a real pity that we are only several months old as a branch and already we are seeing 'Knife and Fork' members in the branch. I do understand that 'life takes over' and that we cannot possibly commit to all rides on the calendar. I missed out on Julz ride to Queen Mary Falls because of training organised many months before; and Amanda has also missed out on a few. I did get to Micks Mine Ride and Lindsay's Esk ride. Both rides were exciting and a joy to be part of. Please have a good think about not staying home when these rides are on. We only ride 2 Sundays a month and it is disappointing for the ride leader to go to so much trouble organising everything to see only a handful of riders turn up. Never the less those who chose to ride enjoyed themselves whether we have 10 bikes attending or 20.

The branch will hold its very first AGM after the next information night, 4th April 2014. We have had very good people stand up to be your steering committee and I am impressed that many of them have decided to put their hands up to continue to serve you for the next year. The nominations will be announced tonight and I wish all the candidates the very best of luck in their endeavours to steer our fledgling branch into a branch we will all be proud of. Nominees will also be listed our website after tonight's meeting.

Reminder of the National AGM: The Postal Ballot Papers for the 2014/2015 National Committee election are available from the National Secretary upon individual member request. These are for members who are unable to attend the 2014 AGM in Alice Springs but still wish to exercise their right to vote for the candidates of their choice on the National Committee of the Ulysses Club Inc. Requests for postal ballot papers should be sent by email to the national secretary at secretary@ulysses.org.au. Check out your latest Riding On, National Website or our website for further info – Have a say in your Club! National AGM's are a great way to learn more about our Club and to meet thousands of other Ulyssians. All members should consider going to a National AGM, it s a blast.

The shirts have been a little slower than we would have hoped but our supplier has promised us that they are not far away now. I have taken the step of contacting another supplier in case we are stopped at the border with the current designer. If I sound a tad frustrated with the time frame then you can read me like a book and the sooner I have an Ipswich Ulysses shirt on my back the happier I will be. BUT. We are not going to compromise and just get the first one that pops up at us simply so we can have a branch shirt. So maybe patience is a virtue. We have the same problem with the logo at the moment. Even though we are very close to getting everyone agreeing on the design we are waiting to see the colours of the shirts before we settle on the final decision. I am ecstatic with the whole package but as I have said before, maybe a little longer than we had hoped

We have been asked to supply some man /woman power to assist in the tendering of the Somerset Ulysses Memorial Garden on Saturday the 29th March 2014. This is the email from the Redcliffe Branch organiser.

" I have been organising plants and will soon have around 200, which is why I intend to have a working bee on the 29 th March. It is to tidy up the new area and put all the plants into the ground. Hopefully we will have had some rain by then!" So, time to rally the troops and get some people out to the gardens on Saturday the 29th. Although he has not set a time I would suggest 0930/10am? Bring shovels, picks, rakes, gloves, hats etc! Maybe lunch after? Look forward to seeing you there."

Is it possible for us to get at least 6 hearty souls to put some brawn into this for a couple of hours. If you are interested in joining the other 10 odd branches to meet on this day please come and see me or contact me asap. I will put a blog up on the website for your responses.

Branches in the SE Qld Region are working on their fundraising events/rides to raise money for the Ulysses Memorial Gardens and also UCARF. The 2014 Cartwheel Ride is planned for Saturday, 21st June 2014, where all the branches will be meeting at Aratula Pub, and handing over their contributions. This is a possible sleep over event (with only tent sites available now)... more info will follow in the future months. So that all Branches are not attempting to have Poker Runs or Roll the Dice Runs on the same day **your branch Steering Committee have decided to hold a SUPER 66 Competition. The way it works is**

1. **The winning number will be the last 2 digits of that weeks' Saturday Night Gold Lotto Super 66 draw**
2. **100 tickets will be sold with numbers from 00 to 99**
3. **Numbers are \$10 each and your number will last 10 weeks of the competition**
4. **The winning number will win \$50 each Saturday night for 10 weeks**
5. **First draw will be on Sat 15th March 2014**
6. **Last draw will be on Sat 17th May 2014**
7. **So, selling 100 tickets at \$10 each will raise \$1,000.00. \$500 of this will be paid to the winners at \$50 each Saturday Draw. The balance of \$500 is our contribution to the Cartwheel Ride/UCARF.**

Dolly is going to be in charge of the numbers, so get in quick to get your lucky number or numbers. We need to sell the entire 100 numbers. Money will have to be up front so we can pay the winners as they come forward. You could win once, or five times, who knows. Please buy as many numbers as you can. Dolly will also put something up on the Website so that we can see who the lucky winners are each week.

Ride safe.... Ado

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.

I think it would be helpful if we had a picture against each persons profile on the website, it's a hidden page anyhow, only visible to members.

You probably don't want to use really large pictures, a program called PhotoRazor is available and very easy to use (www.stormdance.net) and it's free.

Once you have a suitable photo, just click on your website name on the top of the page (you have to be signed in). Then click on "Edit Profile" under Actions, this will take you to your "Manage Profile" page: there in the "profile image" window, click "Upload Photos". This will take you to your hard drive on your pc. Click on the picture you want and it's done...

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

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

Only the last 6 Newsletter will be available on the website due to space constraints, so make sure you've got them saved on your hard drive. (they will still be available from your newsletter editor at any time), but any hard drive can fail, even the News Ed! I know, I know, people should back up, but that's another story.

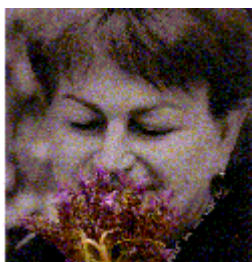
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FROM THE PROVISIONAL WELFARE OFFICERS DESK



Hello all. As the temp 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 7/3/2014	Ipswich Branch Info Night	7pm at Karalee Tavern	
9/3/2014 Sun	SOCIAL: Ipswich Civic Centre	Glenn Shorrock and Brian Cadd in Concert. 6 pm Adult \$52.00	
16/3/2014 Sun	Nanango	For more info refer to Lindsay's Outlook below	Leave from Karalee shopping Centre 8am-level 2 Ride leader Lindsay- 300+round trip
23 Mar Sun	Black Dog Ride		See website for further info
29 Mar Saturday	Memorial Gardens working bee	Working Bee at Somerset Dam Memorial Gardens 9:30 – 10 am	Leaving from BP Blacksoil at 8:45 am. Ado will bring his ute to carry rakes etc.
Friday 4/4/2014	Ipswich Branch Info Night AGM	7pm at Karalee Tavern	
6 th April Sun	Killarney	For more info refer to Lindsay's Outlook below	Leaving from Yamanto. Ride leader James. Level 2 ride
12-18 May 2014	National AGM	Alice Springs	Don't forget to have your say – Get a Postal Vote from National Office!
31 May Sat	Lockyer Branch Poker Run	More info to Follow	Ride of Interest
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.**

ULYSSES MEMBERS RV GROUP

About Us

This group is for Ulysses Club Inc members who own and use Caravans, Motorhomes, Campervans or Camper Trailers. It was started to facilitate members of the Ulysses Club who have moved on to RV travel, or own and use an RV, to maintain the friendships and camaraderie formed through membership of the Ulysses Club. Membership of this group is restricted to members of the Ulysses Club Inc. As the site grows we will bring you the latest news and get together reports, plus any news we think is relevant to RVers concerning our lifestyle.

This site is the property of the Ulysses Members RV Group, an independent entity to the Ulysses Club Inc., although we maintain strong links with the Ulysses Club.

How to join, want more info? Contact Rick—admin@ulyssesrv.org

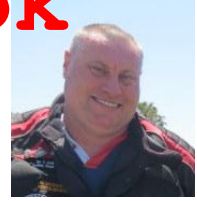
To join the Ulysses Members RV Group, you simply need to be a member of the Ulysses Club Inc., or the spouse, partner or long term companion of a Ulysses Club Inc. member. Go to the **Notice Board Registration** link and fill in your details then submit the form by clicking on the submit button. Once your registration request is received, your membership will be confirmed and you will receive an email in due course advising you of same





Lindsay's Outlook

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LINDSAY'S RIDE REPORT MARCH 2014

Hello to all. Just a reminder our rides are on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Summer we leave at 8.00am or at the ride leaders preference. Rides usually depart from Yamanto Shopping Village opposite McDonalds or from Karalee Shopping Centre. Please check the Ride calendar, as it is updated regularly.

If you have given Kon your email address, he sends out a reminder of the up and coming rides and any changes, a few days in advance.

I am looking for ride leaders and ride destinations. I can help with the details if you're not sure how to go about it or we could do one together if this suits. Come and see me after the meeting or you can contact me via email or phone. If you haven't emailed or called, as you're worried about jamming up the net work due to the large volume of calls don't. At the moment both the network and me can handle the influx of calls and emails so step up and have a go.

16th March Fitzroy Hotel Nanango Leave from Karalee shopping centre at 8am Level 2 Ride Lindsay Ride Leader. Heading up split yard creek road to Kilcoy for morning tea then on to Nanango Fitzroy hotel for lunch head home via Black Butt Esk around 300km round trip.

6th April Killarney Hotel Leave from Yamanto S/C at 9am James Ride Leader Level 2 Ride Heading up to Ma Ma Creek for morning tea then on to Killarney for lunch at the Hotel and a refuel after lunch then home.

20th April Easter Sunday No ride this weekend

All the best Lindsay

WANTED RIDE LEADERS

No experience necessary

All on the job training provided!

Get advice from seasoned professionals

Able to accept direction when geographically embarrassed

Able to do uturns in a single bound—more than one is acceptable

Able to direct those behind you and to occasionally lose a few riders

A feeling of accomplishment is guaranteed

RIDE REPORTS

NEW ACLAND MINE RIDE 23 FEBRUARY 2014



Mick & Paula

The New Acland mine north of Oakey on the Darling Downs is a large scale thermal coal mine and sure to be of interest to our members, so a visit was organised. Sunday Feb 23 was the date chosen. The weather beforehand had been unsettled, but the day dawned sunny and fine. Twenty riders from Ipswich Branch and Lockyer branch set off from the Karalee shops at 7:30am. The early start was needed because it was to be a long day. Our group rode west along the Warrego Highway negotiating the road works at several locations. After a stop at Oakey for a welcome stretch and a little visit, we rode the last leg to the mine.

We left the bikes in the main car park at the mine and were greeted by Jen Wilson, executive secretary and Jim Randell, the mine manager. Many thanks to both for making a special effort by coming out on a Sunday, a day on which mine tours are not usually run. Jen had organised morning tea for us in the meeting room and set out the protective equipment we would be required to wear on the mine site. A cup of tea and bikkies went down very nicely after the long ride.

Jim gave us a lively, informative and interesting presentation. It covered the history of New Hope and of the New Acland Mine, an explanation of open cut coal mining and of coal processing, as well as the company's commitment to safety, innovation, environmental management and community engagement. All of our group listened intently and asked lots of questions. New Acland is a multi-seam open cut operation which extracts 29 seam sections of various thicknesses to be processed through two preparation plants. The mine's Development Approval limits output to 4.8Mtpa, even though the plants have capacity for around 5.2Mtpa. That 4.8 Mtpa of product coal means that around 9.6Mtpa of raw coal is extracted and brought to the plants for processing. This does not include the overburden and interburden, which amounts to several times this figure. All product coal is railed to the Port of Brisbane for export, except small amounts (~5% of output) for local customers.



Once Jim's presentation was over, we donned our vests, safety glasses and high-viz vests and boarded the bus. Passing the heavy vehicle workshop we could see one of the CAT789 dear dumpers in for maintenance. As if on cue, the truck exited the workshop and raised and lowered the tray right beside the bus. We proceeded past the fuel storage tanks and saw a refuelling truck topping up. Jim explained that all the machinery had 24 hour tanks and that refuelling and servicing was done in the field.

Proceeding along the haul road under escort, we headed for the observation point overlooking the south pit. All the way, Jim regaled the group with many interesting facts and pieces of information.

At the south pit, we alighted the bus and spent time watching the digger working on a bench removing interburden and loading it into trucks. From our vantage point, the machines looked like toys in a sandpit and it was very interesting for everybody to see how the mine operates. It was also interesting to look over our shoulders from where we stood. Directly behind us was the rehabilitated



ground with a good growth of grass which not long before was a giant hole with mining equipment extracting coal. Jim explained how the rehab proceeded straight behind the mining and that New Hope's Acland Pastoral Company ran around 2600 head of cattle on that rehabilitated land. He also explained how specialist groups of agronomists, scientists and the University of Southern Queensland were conducting an independent trial focussing on how well cattle could be raised on rehabilitated land; results to date were very satisfactory. Our group was delighted to see how quickly and effectively the land, once mined could be returned to good quality pasture. It shows that mining can co-exist with agriculture and grazing.

A visit to a coal mine isn't complete without getting up close to some big machines. Our group had the opportunity to explore a CAT 789 rear dump truck and have our photographs taken with it. People were amazed to see one of those sand pit toys first hand. The wheels are almost twice the height of a person; a very large truck, although by no means the largest. This one takes a payload of about 180 tonnes. It's bigger brother the CAT 793 is good for about 230 tonnes payload.

At the completion of our tour of the mine, we returned to the main office and I offered a word of thanks to Jen and to Jim on behalf of our group. We had a great day and were feted like celebrities. We departed the mine with everybody having enjoyed a most interesting tour.

Mick and Paula Rodgers



QUEEN MARY FALLS WITH JULZ
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2014

From the words of Robin Williams...IT'S HOT, DAMN HOT... or something to that effect! Before I begin, a huge thanks for all of your support on my first ride to all of you, but especially to Lindsay, Howza, Ado and Amanda and Happy (for both towing the trailer and volunteering to be Tail End Charlie). I'm happy to report that I didn't lose anyone, and despite my own prediction of possibly ending up in Darwin after fuelling up in Sydney, we got to our destination without too much fuss!

I wondered if maybe a shorter ride might be best given the predicted 38 degree heat, but with comments like "What - do you think we need to be home for a Nanny Nap at 1.00?" I changed my mind and decided to go for the original plan. Being a female, I am entitled to change my mind many many times before making a final decision, isn't that right girls?

We left from Yamanto (which shall from now on be known as "The place with no ICE") off to Aratula for a short pit stop and then up to the Caltex just before Warwick. The Dept of Main Roads and Transport obviously ignored my pleas to build more curves into that stretch of the road, cause it looked the same as when I was there two weeks ago.

From Warwick we went to Killarney and straight up to Queen Mary Falls. Some B+++tards had already nabbed the gazebo before us, but I think they needed it more cause they didnt look like they were having as much fun as us, so let 'em have it I say! The boys fired up the barbie, while the girls did the girl things (butter the bread, set the table, chop the tomatoes, multi tasking at its best). Bob (the Swedish Chef) Fox was the head chef of the day and before we knew it lunch was ready and it disappeared - all but a few snags.

A few of us went for a walk down to see the falls, its so beautiful down there but on a hot day it sure is a bit of exercise even though its not that far. On our return, Happy had some comment to make about his 'love muscle', which had all the boys comparing their love muscles and had the girls in stitches. GET YOUR MIND OUT OF THE GUTTER YOU LOT - HE WAS TALKING ABOUT HIS STOMACH!!

Howza took us back down the hill and through some small one horse towns along the way (some of them didn't even have that one horse I reckon). A few of us stopped at Aratula at about 2.30ish for a cold drink and ice cream before saying our good byes and heading home.

I've learned lots today - but mostly Ive learned how nerve wracking it can be to put on a ride. So Helmets off to those of you who put our rides together all the time - Im really grateful cause now I know what it is like!

Thanks again everyone,

Julz

A POSSIBLE CAMP-AWAY (HARD BEDS/TENTS) FOR THE BRANCH IN THE FUTURE ???

Crows Nest Caravan Park Web: www.crowsnestcaravanpark.com.au

Robin and Gary Turpin Managers New England Highway Crows Nest QLD 4355

Ph: 07 4698 1269 Fax: 07 4698 1900 Email: bookings@crowsnestcaravanpark.com.au

We are members of the Ulysses club. We have recently acquired the management position at the Crows Nest Caravan Park near Toowoomba and believe, based on past events and venues that we have attended, that the park would be a suitable site if the Branch was so interested in either a weekend ride or hosting an event. The owners Rene and Brenda Ansen are more than happy to accommodate any event at the park for you. Our facilities, activities and catering are as follows:-

- The pet friendly Park is on seven and a half acres with farmland surrounds, including a deer farm at the rear of the park. It is an easy 10 minute stroll to town along paved walkways and a shuttle is also available in the evening if members wish patronise the Grand Old Crow Hotel.
- We can accommodate up to 85 powered sites @ \$29 per site 8 ensuites @ \$39 per site and at least 100 unpowered sites @ \$27 per site on over 3 acres of open land with extra power and water outlets if required. There are also 20 ensuite cabins from \$89 per night 6 basic cabins from \$65 per night and 4 onsite vans @ \$60 per night available. We have accommodated 240 people in the past. Group bookings are given a 10% discount in gratitude for their patronage.
- We also have a Laundromat, pool, children's play area and a communal campfire.
- Groups are our specialty with a considerable number of clubs booking with us on a regular bi- annual basis.
- We have a large hall with a commercial kitchen that can seat 120 people. Adjacent to the hall is a large open camp kitchen which accommodates another 120 people under cover as well as surrounding grounds for further guests.
- We also have a smaller camp kitchen which seats around 30 for smaller groups and individuals and communal BBQ undercover areas as well as several undercover picnic settings.
- We have a number of local singers and entertainers to avail their services at a cost if required.
- We have recently engaged Bob Holland of Holland Wineries to present a wine tasting night if required and he will be able to sell wine by the glass or bottle if your group are so interested.
- Along with our amenities block we have 8 ensuites that we can open if the size of the group warrants access.
- A park favourite is our Friday night free sausage sizzle fresh from our local butcher, with onions and bread of course. However for groups we include homemade coleslaw and hot chips. Your group just needs to bring along a plate, cutlery, drinks and an appetite.

We are happy to avail one of our golf buggies for theme nights such as Santa's sleigh or the Easter Bunny. Within the immediate area there are a number of lakes, falls and dams for fishing, boating skiing and swimming, as well as excellent nature walks and bird watching.

Of course there are plenty of markets, antique stores, arts and crafts stores as well as some great wineries, country pubs and various cafes and eateries.

Member Profile

Name: Ulysses Member #

Nickname:

Partners name/nickname:

Occupation:

Current / previous bike:

I got into bike riding when:

Toughest Ride:

My life began when:

I am really good at:

I am really bad at:

My hobbies are:

Major dislikes:

Smartest thing I've done:

Best time of my life:

Advice to new riders:

Newsletter Deadlines

To give enough time to put the Newsletter together I would need all contributions to be submitted the Sunday night before each monthly information night. Email through to pamenter@opusnet.com.au. 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.*

Ipswich Branch

2014 AGM Nomination Form



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78-86 Junction Road, Karalee

Nominee Details

Surname	_____	First Name	_____
Address	_____	Ph Home	_____
	_____	Ph Mob	_____
Post Code	_____	Membership #	_____

Nominated Committee Position

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| <input type="radio"/> President | <input type="radio"/> Secretary | <input type="radio"/> Treasurer |
| <input type="radio"/> Vice President | <input type="radio"/> Web Master | <input type="radio"/> Regalia Officer |
| <input type="radio"/> Newsletter Editor | <input type="radio"/> Ride Co-Ordinator | <input type="radio"/> Welfare Officer |
| <input type="radio"/> Sheriff | | |

Nominated By	_____	Seconded By	_____
Signature	_____	Signature	_____
Membership #	_____	Membership #	_____
Date	____/____/2014	Date	____/____/2014

I accept the nomination for _____ position

Nominee's Signature _____ Date _____/____/2014

Nominee, Proposer & Seconder must be current financial members of Ulysses Club Inc.