



Ipswich Ulysses

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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

Branch rides are held on the first and third of each month, with SOCIALS any time ... see website for details

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Ado's Air Spray April

Welcome back to those who attended the National AGM and howdy to those who didn't attend. Welcome to any guests who may have joined us for the very first time.

This month looks like a very condensed one as we put the finishing touches to the DV ride, which is only 3 weeks away. Amanda will update you all on the progress and some of the more exciting news coming out in the last few weeks. It will be all hands on deck and we will be asking for members to take a closer interest in the proceedings from here on in. We are going to need plenty of volunteers to make the day a success and judging on the response we have been getting it is looking like we are in for a full day. The branch will be on show to the media and I hope we give a good account of ourselves. As all the hype that goes on around in these can sometimes take away the real reason for these events, Let us not forget the main aim of the day is to allow those who are caught up in a very dangerous situation, or know someone who is, to access information and be assured there is support available. Please assist if you are asked and if you're not, could you please volunteer yourself to make this day one that someone will remember for life.



Amanda and I joined 10 other branch members who travelled to Wodonga for the National AGM. Alan Pratt, the ex president of Redland's Branch was unsuccessful in his bid to join the National Committee so Qld is still without representation. Alan is the current chairperson of the South East Queensland Presidents Meetings so I think he will still have some things to keep him busy. I was told it takes an average of 16 hours a week to be on the National

Committee so it belies the fact that these people are all volunteers. I gave our National President a thrill by agreeing to be photographed with her on the day we arrived for registration, Amanda and I were registered by the Vice President and the Secretary personally so I kinda think we made their day as



well.

The AGM proper was well attended by over 400 members where the new constitution was voted on and accepted (350 / 35 I think the vote was). FYI there were 19 different versions of the new draft Constitution before we got to vote on the final version. The National Committee had one resignation and a newcomer **John Osbourne** was voted in.

Konrad and I attended the NATCOM Extended Meeting which is attended by two persons from each branch. It was pleasing to see our National President a standing ovation for their work done for the Club during the year. AGM for 2018 will be at Riverlands SA, 2017 Port Macquarie and 2016 Launceston, Tasmania. If you want to go to Tassie you need to book now!! 2803 members attended the AGM in Albury, which was little disappointing for the organisers. There are 19,458 current members of the Ulysses Club.

We shared a quaint cottage about 25 klms away from the venue with Kon and Chris and the only downer of the whole trip was the time it took to get into and out of town daily. The Friday night dinner was a chance to network and the Saturday night dinner was even better. Hopefully the photos of Smurf wearing a DDD cup bra on his head will eventually surface as well as the photos of Buzz and the others wearing girlie wigs. Not that I approve of that sort of misbehavior but unfortunately I was talked into doing the same thing. Sometimes even Presidents have to be convinced it is for the good of the branch he he. We went on a guided tour of the Brown Brothers vineyard, tasted many wines and ate too much soft cheese for my liking but the bus trip there and back was a real eye opener. The bus driver Dennis decided to give us a thrill by taking the fully loaded



bus into a 360-degree turn at one of the roundabouts and to our amazement did two full 360 degree turns about 200 meters later. You will hear more about that ride in the coming weeks. I will be giving a more detailed ride report in the coming weeks.

At side show alley (Manufacturers alley where you can test ride bikes) at the AGM I was fortunate enough to ride my dream bike, Indian Classic Vintage. It was a dream

ride and Amanda liked it as well ... the ride, not the price. I had to purchase new rear tyre on the way down to AGM - Check out by Report in this month's newsletter on tyre choice.

On the way home from AGM we stopped at Aberdeen for a bite to eat. On returning to the bike I noticed some radiator coolant underneath the bike, and being the experienced mechanic that I am I saw it was green (My favourite colour). Luckily three doors up was Reliance Motor Sports (119 New England Hwy, Aberdeen NSW). Brad Fitzgerald and his wife came out immediately from the shop and thoroughly inspected the bike for around an hour. Yes, he was impressed with the "Beast of a Bike" (his words) VTX and agreed they should have continued to manufacture them. Brad couldn't have done anything else for me and would only accept a small donation for his time. If you are down that way in the future drop in and say Hi!. By the way, all was ok, it was only the lean of the bike and overflow.

Now that the branch AGM has been done and dusted. I thank the members for giving me another year at the front of the room and the committee only being changed because of ill health to Elaine our former Regalia Officer. Obviously most people think that the committee did an all right job during the year and if there is any who didn't, then we have been blasted out with their silence. I have always believed in having

an open ear on the running of the branch and will listen to any justifiable criticisms or compliments members have. Just be aware that the committee take all suggestions seriously and will discuss them at length, but the final decision will be made as to what we feel is in the best interests of the branch.

I have issued a challenge to the Redlands Branch to a game of barefoot bowls and I hope our members get behind this move. It does not have to be lawn bowls, it may be ten pin bowling instead, or who can hold their breaths for the longest. I am open for suggestions and we will be looking for a date that we can get together with them for a bit of social dominance on our part (just kidding). Just see me with your ideas.

I was also speaking to the Northern Rivers people at the AGM and they are looking forward to joining us for the interbranch bbq this year that we are hosting. I warned them that we will be playing games this year, eg tyre toss, thong throw, guess the weight of the bull in the next paddock and any other games that we can do sitting on our buttocks for those who can't get motivated to stand up. Scrabble if we have to, as long as everyone who wants to has the chance to join in the fun. I hope to have more of these interactions with other branches as well which will allow us to enjoy not only our own company but the company of other Ulyssians as well.

I have put on a blog on our website explaining the proposed ANZAC Day BBQ. The idea is that we meet for the Bundamba dawn service and then travel to the Queens Park for breakfast together. It would help if I had some sort of numbers for the day so I can ensure we have enough food for us all. Amanda and I have been attending this service for a very long time but it was only last year we decided that it would be nice to spend the morning with friends before going back to our own homes and thoughts on this very special day. Last year we had about 10 of the branch attend, so I hope to see some of you on the day.

Reminder to please support our Newsletter and Website and submit your items for our enjoyment.

I look forward to 2015 and the branch continuing to grow.

I's are watching – keep it legal Ado

Update for the Ipswich Branch Members

Inaugural Ride for Awareness of Domestic & Family Violence
Sunday 3 May 2015 10 am to 2 pm at Brothers Leagues Club

Well as at tonight's information meeting there are only **4 Sundays** until the Event [22 sleeps but who's counting.....ME].

We are still moving along smoothly and the Branch and DV Ride Committee are working hard, having loads of fun along the way to ensure the day will be a success. We met this week and have another meeting planned in a few weeks time.

Advertising has been going great with our appearance in the Ipswich Festival booklet (as well as on their facebook), the Ipswich Life Magazine, on Radio 97.9, we had an ad in the Brothers Bulletin Magazine and our logo and event is on the Brothers television screens for all to see (Thanks Karen Havachat for letting me know) and Marita and James attended the Ipswich Festival Launch and their picture appeared in the Queensland Times. Oops nearly forgot the Riding on Magazine. The website has been kept up to date, and the facebook page has been monitored by the committee.

We have fielded many calls from motorcycle groups, participants and community and received some great raffle prizes to date. For the \$10 entry fee participants will receive their patch or pin, and the raffle ticket in so far: Advanced Rider Course, Qld Raceway V8 Hot Lap, Isuzu Packs, Willowbank Pharmacy Pack, Girl Rider Voucher, Rockya Voucher, Harvey Norman Travel Mugs, Cook Book, Radio, Knife Set and Scales and today we received two \$100 vouchers for a tattoo.

Trade Stalls are coming including Shannons Insurance (Our Show n Shine Sponsor), Queensland Bikers, QRide Gold Coast, Qld Moto Park, Silverstone Motorcycles, Rodney Greenstreet and Bluey's Kalbar, BACA and Rock-ya-Pain as well as stalls from local community organisations.

The most important people are coming – YOU - and Ian Stewart Qld Police Commissioner on his motorbike and with the Blue Knights; Joanne Miller Qld Police Minister on Ski and Kiwi's Trike; local State and Federal members and ICC councillors and the Mayor, Paul Pisasale. The Ulysses Branches have been advised and some have the event on their Branch calendars as the ride for the day, and the committee have been visiting the branches as well. Adrian got to speak to some of the SEQ Presidents at the National AGM in Wodonga, Marita is chasing up the 50 or so motorbike clubs/groups and is resending the flyer. We invited out what I call 'prominent' persons in the community (than you!) and haven't heard back, that's ok – I really don't think we need any more 'prominent' persons on the day.

Brothers Leagues Club have been great, and we will be having a further meeting with them prior to the day. The Route Ride Leaders and Tail End Charlies are organised.

As Adrian has continued to say – we will need loads of volunteers on the day – and more importantly we will need loads of our members to attend the Ipswich ride at 8:30 am at Macca's Yamanto [Our Ride Coord Eric is Ride Leader] as the Police Commissioner, with the Blue Knights and the Police Minister are participating in the ride around our beautiful countryside to arrive at Brothers Leagues Club between 10 and 10:30 am on the day with the rest of the participants. We have planned the car parking for the day as well.

Thanks to the committee for your donating your valuable time, we only have 22 sleeps to go and we will be having a lil drink, and of course debrief.

On the Friday 1st May we will have our Information Night (where I will provide a further update), then Sat 2nd May Night Lights Parade with the Ipswich Festival (check the website blog for more info) and then the Event.

I am sure there was more info to share, sorry if I missed something important. Phew! It has been a big month with an even bigger month to come. Ride Safe Amanda

OPEN INVITATION TO EVERYONE



Over past years members of the Branch have attended this event which is organised by my workplace, the Domestic Violence Action Centre, supported by many local community organisations, Council and Qld Police. There are many events held over Domestic & Family Violence Month of May each year and our Inaugural Motorcycle Ride for Awareness is one of these events in 2015.

You are all invited: branch members, family and friends to attend the

Candle Lighting Ceremony Remembrance Ceremony

/ Walk Against Domestic and Family Violence

Wednesday 6th May 2015

This is a candle lighting vigil to commemorate and honour women and children who have lost their lives to domestic homicide. Candles will be provided. Bringing the community together to Walk Against Domestic and Family Violence.

D'Arcy Doyle Place, Ipswich 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm (Walk through Bell St, Bremer St, Ellenborough St and then finishing back at d'Arcy Doyle Place)

ADO'S NATIONAL AGM REPORT

The road to Wodonga 1700 klms via the Pacific Highway and Alpine way and return via the Bylong Valley highway

Amanda and I headed off to the National AGM in Wodonga on Sunday 15 April 2015 on my trusty steed and our fully loaded trailer. Thought you might like to hear about our trip down.

Ipswich to Valla Beach 446 klms

Amanda and I set off Sunday 15th March with our very close friends Mick and Paula coming along some of the way to keep us company, Bloody nice of them I know. Travelling the Pacific Highway just cruising with my girl and my friends, not a care in the world. Mick and Paula led us as far as the huge driver reviver stop at Yelgun NSW. Always open and good for a cuppa and a biscuit. NOT. First time I ever found this place closed but never mind we had our own eaties anyway. After saying goodbye to our friends we took to the open road and headed for Valla Beach to Amanda's Auntie Rose and Uncle Keith's home at Valla Beach. We were welcomed with open arms and barks from the dogs in residence and had the most delightful 2 nights in their company.

Valla Beach to Umina 442 klms



Tuesday saw us on the road to Umina where we spent 2 days in the tent in Gods garden called Patonga Beach. We purchased a new tent for our trip, and decided not to trial putting it up before leaving. How hard could it be to put a tent up with instructions included. It took us 1 ½ hours to get it to a livable state, whilst experienced campers in their tents and RV's



divorced their TV's to watch us. No Funniest Home Video show was recorded and we succeeded. I can tell you now that it takes us 15 minutes to get it up now.

While at Umina we visited another of Amanda's Uncles and Auntys, John and Judy Sutton. John has a talent and was a very special speedway bike rider. As well as many other things. He and Judy are Ulyssians and John #8242 was president of West Wyong and Woy Woy Branches in his younger years. Wonderful man to talk to and a complete bundle of knowledge on all things, mechanical and Ulyssian. It is such a small world with John "Sutto" and Judy being friends of our very own Wal Morgan, from their racing days. Our nights and morning were taken up with Amanda feeding the local duck families including one who was limping just so he could get special attention.



We also visited The Wall Nambucca Heads, a memorial wall where you can spend hours reading peoples thoughts and memories of past holidays and loved ones

Patonga Beach to Queanbeyan 372 klms

We travelled downwards to our next stop Queanbeyan because we wanted to take the next day exploring Canberra and the National War Museum, the #1 tourist attraction in Australia and the 17th in the world. What a wonderful tribute to the men and women who bravely fought for freedom and peace for our country. No one wants to champion war but to see their actions of valour recognised are humbling to say the least. Amanda and I joined a guided tour by a guide who was aided by a walking stick, Gees he was faster than any of us and we had to rush to keep pace with him. Never the less, he was an encyclopaedia of knowledge and it was interesting to listen to a man who had the facts in his head and the love of his job in his heart. I had to purchase a rear tyre here because we were going to travel the Alpine way in a few days and with the life of Amanda in my hands, I wasn't going to take any more risks than necessary. We also visited Parliament House to check out where our local members sit and to choose my seat for the future.



Queanbeyan to Jindabine 172 klms

I don't know who turned on the refrigerator while we were on our way down but the cold hit us like opening a freezer door. The climate had changed and there was no way it was getting warmer in the near future. While we were in Jindabyne we ventured up to Charlottes Pass for a bit of a look see. Road was wonderful and I was pleased I had changed the tyre at the last stop. Lots of twisties combined with a load of energetic push bike riders taking up the road made the day quite memorable. Lots of photo opportunities and a bit of



bush waking topped off the day. The 2 nights we spent there was the first time I had stayed in a snow town so I can take that off my bucket list. An added bonus was that we stayed the first night at the same motel and time as Kon and Chris so we got to catch up

with their travel stories as well.

A visit to the Garden Trout Hatchery just outside Jindabyne was really interesting, and as there was only four on the tour it was really informative. They supply the majority of the trout which is released back into the wild.





Jindabine to Wondonga 257 klms

The trip to Wondonga was one of the most concentrated efforts I have ever performed on a motorcycle. Kon had rung the night before to warn me but nothing prepared me for what was in front of us. Pulling the trailer was an added bonus to the deal. 126 klms of constant downhill, sometimes really down hill and corners which turn back on themselves at the drop of a hat. Amanda and I were joking about meeting push bike riders as we rode up and down to Charlottes Pass

the day before but nothing prepared me for the hundred or so riders who were competing over the same terrain as we were traversing. Nothing to do but pass them one and two at a time until I met up with the main bunch of 300,000... maybe a little exaggerated.

Wodonga

We found our cottage was about 25 klms from the event site, a little disappointingly distant than I had hoped but very nice just the same. We got on the blower and organised with the other members of the branch to meet together at registration the next day. Registration was at a huge outdoor tennis centre where we were met by the current National President, booked in by the National Vice President and Secretary. We went to collect our ordered shirts only to find that Amanda's was no longer available because they had run out?. Go figure. The next thing to do was to visit the venue site and have a look around. The site used was the showgrounds and it took us many u turns to finally find it amongst the streets that all look the same.

Had a look at the trade stalls for a while, bought a shirt and few other minor things then decided to take off home for the day. The manufacturers were not to open until the next day.

There were ten motorcycle brands for us to try at what Amanda calls "Side show Alley" and I got to ride dream motorcycle Indian Vintage. The Harley display



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was

impressive... from the two trucks here –guess which one all the Harley's came in.



Some of the branch members organised to go on a wine and cheese tour so we jumped into Kons car and were taxied into the town. We ended up the back of the bus with a rowdy three from Redlands and the day just kept on getting better. Brown Brothers Wine gave us tasting of epic proportions and I soon found out that Strop loves sweet wines and I like dry because he drank every bit of mine that I couldn't finish. The next stop was the cheese factory and I found I hate soft cheese. Hate it with a passion, but Amanda loved the unique sandwiches we were served for lunch. Enough to parcel up the remainder for Buzz to enjoy when we came home.

The Grand Parade on the Saturday saw us head off a 6:30am to meet extremely eager Ipswich members, some who must have got up at the crack of dawn. The ride itself was quick, around 10 k's and it was good being up the front because we got to park and watch the rest of the parade arrive.

You will have to check out the photo on the Branch website of the Friday and Saturday Night functions – but can tell you that we had fun...what happens on tour – stays on tour. I would like to thank Dorothy and Mivi for organising the themed costumes for the two nights.

A week at the AGM and it was time to start the trip back home.... You will have to wait til next month for a possible Report.

ADO



Sheriff's Court James "Windsucker" 50255

Another great month with no mishaps. Just some members being disgraceful which we love.

Fines from last month:

Amanda Going up one-way street the wrong way & Cutting hedger cord in half

Tony "Squirrel" Using my bag as a rubbish bin

Ado Leaving indicators on or 15 klms & lost his wallet

Gary rode over his helmet with his car

Ross Leaving indicator on all the time event thought he was ride leader & Going in the out gate at Hinze Dam

Kermit For letting Santa use his front brakes

Myself Not wearing helmet after getting fuel and not turning indicators off



March Birthdays

Silver Fox

Ross "Kermit"

Amanda "Bling"

Tony "Squirrel"

Gary

Wayne "Strop"

Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new. "Windsucker"



TRACY "DOUBLE D" SHAVING FOR A CURE

(NOTE FROM THE ED. TRACY TELLS ME SHE RAISED \$616.00 BY SHAVING HER HAIR OFF...WELL DONE AND CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO OUR BRANCH MEMBERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT!)

TYRE SIZE INFO – FROM ADO AND THE INTERNET

As I was trying to be stingy and get as much wear from my rear tyre as possible on the way to the AGM in Wodonga, I decided because the front tyre does 75% of the controlling of the bike, I would change it before I left, but would wait until I got to Wodonga to buy a rear one. (At past AGM's there has been onsite Tyre businesses, who offer good deals, which I was hoping for). Unfortunately I got as far as Queanbeyan before I realised the tyre would not make it through the mountains as well as I had hoped. After many phone calls without success, I went into Joes Motorcycle shop to purchase a tyre.

Well have I had an education.!!!! I prefer to use a Pirelli Night Dragon 180/**70**/16 which wasn't anywhere to be seen. I was offered a Dunlop 180/**65**/16 or a Michelin 180/**60**/16. After discussing my problem of towing the trailer and having a pillion as well with the dealer, I decided on the Michelin. I did not know (maybe because I'm a little bit naive that it would change the speed of the bike on the speedo so dramatically. Now the speedo reads 6 klms slower at 100 klms than if I would have used the original Night Dragon. I also noted that when I was doing the mileage checks passing the speedometer 1 klm posts for the next 5 klms, I was coming up short by 200 metres every 5 klms

So I have sourced the internet for information on tyres and found this site

<http://www.revzilla.com/motorcycle-tires-101-guide>. I hope you find the information as interesting as I did.

Welcome to Tyre School!

As you know, motorcycles are single-track vehicles, requiring a very specific set of handling characteristics to make a ride safe, enjoyable, and convenient. We're going to have a crash-course (figuratively speaking!) on tires - literally, on the area "where the rubber meets the road."

Tires are an integral component in achieving the things that makes motorcycling fun and practical. One of the things that is important to remember is that at RevZilla, we deal with a vast spectrum of customers – from sponsored racers on rockets to green rookies on Ninja 250s to someone pushing hundreds of miles daily on a Harley bagger - and that's just the street riders! Like most of the products we sell, choosing between them is a matter of understanding how you ride, being honest about your intents and abilities, and most importantly, being safe. Ask a biker who does serious mileage - form almost always follows function on the stuff that really works, be it tactics, products, or the bikes themselves. Motorcycle Tires are no exception.

Basic Construction Terms

Tread –

This is the part you see that hits the road, and the part most people think about. For the most part, smoother tires work better on smooth, dry surfaces, and 'chunkier' tires work better off-road. There are special tire designs for snow, ice, and sand.

Bead –

This is the part of the tire that mates to the wheel. It is typically steel wire covered heavily in rubber. The bead has a snug fit to the wheel to prevent the wheel from sliding rotationally in the tire.

Carcass –

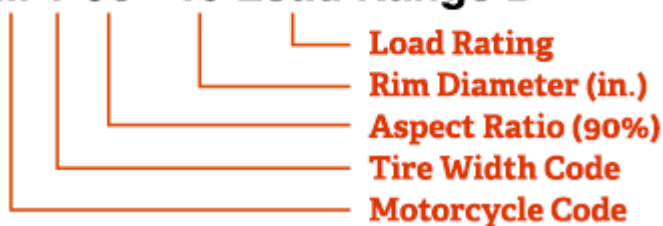
Briefly, this is the ‘body’ of the tire under the tread. Motorcycle tires are typically bias-ply or radial, which refers to how the tire is constructed. Radial tires have reinforcing belts (which are almost always steel) running from bead-to-bead across the tread of the tire. Bias-ply tires have belts which are typically cords made of fiber – polyester, aramid, or fiberglass, which run from bead-to-bead on an angle of thirty to forty degrees or so. (That’s the bias!)

Sidewall – the area of the tire that bridges the tread and bead. A small part of the tire, it is vitally important – it gives the tire much of its handling and load transfer characteristics. This is the part of the tire we’re talking about when we reference height, profile, or aspect ratio. Typically, a shorter sidewall yields a stiffer sidewall, which tends to flex less. To a rider, this means better handling and turning, worse bump absorption, and more difficult mounting. This section greatly contributes to the tire’s role in the suspension. That’s right - the

130/90 - 16 67 H



M T 90 - 16 Load Range B



tire is a suspension component!

Cracking the Code

How do you know the important stuff about a tire? Like, what’s inside it, and how big it is? The tire is required by law to contain this information. It’s found on the tire sidewall.

There are two ways to give tire information – alphanumeric, and metric.

A quick history lesson before we start decoding: In the old days, there was only one way to size tires – alphanumeric. Radial tires didn’t exist, so there were a pretty limited number of sizes available, which made an uncomplicated system adequate. As increasingly complex tire technology was made available, it was evident a new system needed to be cooked up to provide that information to consumers and sellers, so the metric system was developed. In the days of yore, tires never really got bigger than six inches across the tread (or from rim to tire edge), too, so if a tire has a size of much larger than 150, it will never be in an alphanumeric size, because they didn’t exist in the Dark Ages of Motorcycling. Don’t be scared off by alphanumeric tire sizes – it’s usually easy to get a great tire that will make you happy, and in a tiny way, you’ll be using a tire that connects you to the old days of motorcycling. There’s an older way still of sizing tires, using tire widths in inches, but bikes requiring them are antiques at this point, like 3.00x18. If you run tires like this, give one of our Gear Geeks a call for help obtaining a set.

So here’s a good breakdown of two tire sizes you might see on a tire or in a catalogue

130/90 - 16 67 H

The first, a 130/90, is a common size for Harley Davidson tires. 130 represents the width across the face of the tread. This is not the same from tire to tire – each manufacturer varies slightly, and the curvature of the tire's profile can affect the overall measurement, but the tolerances are close enough that one will fit where another goes. A caveat - if you choose to deviate from the manufacturer's specs on tire size – then a given size in Brand A may not fit somewhere a Brand B tire of the same size fits.

MT90 - 16 Load Range B

The second tire conveys the width with the letter 'T'. Tire width charts are widely available in tire catalogs and online, so to save space, we'll omit them here. (For those curious, the 'M' indicates 'Motorcycle'. Every tire you'll run into will start with an 'M'.) 90 represents the aspect ratio. The aspect ratio, also known as profile, is the height of the sidewall. 90 is not a linear measurement – rather, as a ratio, it is a percentage of the width. Thus, this tire has a side wall height of 90% x 130mm or 117mm. Thus, sidewall heights can be the same (or very close) on two tires with different aspect ratios – if their width is different.

The next item you'll see is the rim size. Were this tire a radial, we would see a capital letter 'R' separating the aspect ratio and rim size. Since that is not the case here, you can be certain this is a bias-ply tire. Were this tire a bias-belted tire (like a bias-ply tire with additional, stiffening layers of fabric placed over the body plies), a capital letter 'B' would separate the aspect ratio and rim size. The rim size is expressed in inches. Easily enough, this has a 16-inch wheel on which the tire is mounted.

Following the tire are speed ratings and load ranges. Load ranges give the maximum weight a tire can carry, and speed ratings list the maximum speed at which the maximum load can be carried. Charts to find a given load or speed for a particular letter or number again are available in a multitude of places, so we're not including them here. If you cannot find one – just ask us for help!

There's one more tire 'code' called the service description, and we'll talk about it quickly in a little bit. It's not universal to the information given on a sidewall, so we're not covering it here.

Am I going to get the right tire? There is so much information!

We know! That's why we tried to create something like these crib notes - to give you some help. We're going to keep addressing your individual needs as they arise, but our customers have brought us some humdingers that we've gotten more than once, so we're going to try and cover the ones we get most often.

The most important thing to remember when selecting a tire is something each of our Gear Geeks absorbs to the core, and we encourage our customers to take the same stance: We always will err on the side of safety. Many of our customers will ask, "Can I..." followed by some deviation from standard practice. Motorcyclists are a dynamic and innovative group. Some ideas kicked off by lone amateurs have been fantastic. Some have caused injury or death. We at RevZilla understand that there are folks who will forge ahead with their own research and ideas, and take responsibility for their actions. We also respect the rights of each motorcyclist to choose what modifications they are comfortable making to their respective machines.

Unfortunately, because we are unable to quickly evaluate every customer's abilities and judgment through simple phone and email contacts it is RevZilla's stance to only recommend tires that are original size, speed rating, load rating, and construction as the original equipment manufacturer's. We explain to each customer on a personal basis why we don't suggest tire modifications from stock, and why we will not deviate from that practice. If it helps, consider this: the big-name manufacturers pay very educated engineers a lot of money to figure out what their machines need to handle safely and spectacularly. The combined wisdom at RevZilla is vast and deep, but we'd never have the hubris to say that we figured something out the manufacturer missed.

Without further ado, here's the FAQ!

What's the widest tire I can fit on my bike? Boy, if only it was that easy! There's a reason that there's not a common list of stuff that will fit on a given bike – most people don't sit around their shop with a stack of tires trying to fit different ones onto their wheels. A lot of things need to be taken into account when changing a tire size.

Tires 'grow' at speed – temperature and centrifugal force cause a spinning tire to be measurably larger than one at rest. Tires need clearance in many dimensions. Tires that are too wide can hit swingarms, chains, or driveshafts. Tires that are too large in circumference change gearing ratios and speedometer readouts, and can contact fenders or swingarms. They also may begin shedding water in inconvenient ways –soaking a driver or passenger.

Wide tires are not necessarily a better thing. They universally 'turn in' worse than a skinnier tire of the same make and model, and usually hurt fuel mileage. If a rear tire is made wider and the front not adjusted for, rears have the tendency to 'push'; effectively making the rider fight to guide the vehicle into a turn.

The designers who engineer bikes usually are highly trained, and they apply that training to find a tire combination that accents a vehicle's virtues, and minimizes its shortcomings. It's become very difficult in recent years to beat them at their own game. With all that said, some tire manufacturers have their own 'plus sizing' - tire sizes larger than stock that have been a confirmed fit. Keep in mind that a tire that fits is not necessarily a tire that handles or performs better. In fact, it's likely to be quite the opposite.

Well, lesson learnt by me- and also my trusty pillion Amanda, who now knows that I am not speeding as much as she thinks I am, when she looks over my shoulder and digs me in my ribs or chastises me through the two ways.

ADO

Why do we need parking restrictions?

Parking restrictions ensure that parking bays turnover regularly so that people can conveniently access the services and facilities they need. This in turn supports local businesses and the economic growth of the Ipswich City Centre.

Why can't all car parking in the Ipswich City Centre be free?

If all car parks in the Ipswich City Centre were free, the premium parking bays would be occupied all day by long stay parkers. This practice would hurt local businesses as their customers would not be able to find a convenient place to park to access their goods and services.

Free parking always comes at a cost to someone. Even when there is no cost to park, there are still costs to the facility owner relating to construction and upkeep. Fees generated from parking meters help fund the maintenance, construction and upgrade of parking facilities, as well as improvements to the pedestrian and cycle networks in the Ipswich City Centre.

Why can't Council just build more car parks?

The construction and maintenance of car parks is very expensive. A single off street car parking bay can cost in the order of \$25,000 to construct. Abundant free parking would increase traffic in the Ipswich City Centre to the point where the city becomes gridlocked. Continuing to provide large amounts of parking does not encourage the use of sustainable and healthy transport options such as walking, cycling, buses, trains and taxis. As the city grows, there will need to be a balance of providing:

- the right amount of short stay parking (less than four hours) in the right locations to support local businesses; and
- options for long stay parking (greater than four hours) including free parking on the fringe of the City Centre and higher priced parking in more convenient locations.



Park Smart
Parking in the Ipswich City Centre
Long stay parking options in the Ipswich City Centre

The image shows the front cover of a 'Park Smart' brochure. The top half has a yellow background with the title 'Park Smart' in large white letters, followed by 'Parking in the Ipswich City Centre' and 'Long stay parking options in the Ipswich City Centre' in smaller white text. The bottom half features a photograph of a city street in Ipswich, showing cars parked along the side and buildings in the background.



For a complete list of parking options available, visit our website and download our Park Smart brochure.
www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/parking

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Goldilocks and the three bears.....A far more accurate account of the events of that fateful morning....

Baby bear goes downstairs, sits in his small chair at the table.

He looks into his small bowl. It is empty. 'Who's been eating my porridge?' he squeaks.

Daddy Bear arrives at the big table and sits in his big chair. He looks into his big bowl and it is also empty.

'Who's been eating my porridge?!?' he roars.

Mummy Bear puts her head through the serving hatch from the kitchen and yells, 'For God's sake, how many times do I have to go through this with you all? It was Mummy Bear who got up first. It was Mummy Bear who woke everyone in the house. It was Mummy Bear who made the coffee. It was Mummy Bear who unloaded the dishwasher from last night and put everything away. It was Mummy Bear who swept the floor in the kitchen. It was Mummy Bear who went out in the cold early morning air to fetch the

newspaper and croissants. It was Mummy Bear who set the damn table.



'It was Mummy Bear who walked the bloody dog, cleaned the cat's litter tray, gave them their food, and refilled their water.

'And now that you've decided to drag your sorry bear-arses downstairs and grace Mummy Bear with your grumpy presence, listen carefully, because I'm only going to say this once....

'I HAVEN'T MADE THE FLAMIN' PORRIDGE YET!!'

And now that I have all the ladies attention, tomorrow night, April 11, there is a table booked at Platform 9, Metro Hotel, 43 South Street, Ipswich at 7pm for a well-earned....

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

I've booked for 12 of us, but I can confirm numbers later tonight. I'll be there from about 6.30 if anyone wants a glass of bubbles before dinner!

Could you please see me if you would like to join us, before I go home tonight! Ladies, please join us if you are free, for a drink and dinner, giggles and sniggles!

The menu is available at:

<http://www.metrohotels.com.au/hotels/queensland/metro-hotel-ipswich-international/restaurant-bar/>

Rizzo's Ride Report!!

As I sit here and think about my ride, the only word that came first to me was PANIC, what if I get lost? Then I remember Ray was my co pilot and he does know where we are going (I hope).

We had 15 Bikes, 1 Spider 1 Trike and 1 Bike with sidecar - all told 20 people. We left at 9am after my riveting talk (did not know the names of streets but thanks to all you guys every one understood).



We went past Greenbank via Springfield then out to Mt Lindsey Highway, down Chambers Flats Rd and onto Waterford Tamborine Rd, then we went BUSH.

Eventually we did end up at Yatala pie shop.(YIPPEE) at 10:15 then at 10:45 we left for Cabbage Tree Point a 10 minute ride from the pie shop.

Everyone was happy to see the water and thought what a great place to have a club Bar-B-Q. We were there for about 20 minutes then off to Logan Village pub for lunch, where they put us all at the one table. All in all it wasn't a bad first ride as leader.

I would like to thank Peter (Smurf) for being tail end charlie, and everyone who were corner markers.

Rizzo

P.S. Yes I will do it again one day as the funniest thing I see is a 250 bright pink bike with all those big bikes following it.

(Ed's note – good on you Rizzo for your first time leading ride! It's a bit daunting but with such a supportive bunch around it's pretty hard to go wrong....anyone else who wants to lead a ride, have a chat to Erik!!)



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Lumberjacks Road Rash



Hi folks,

Not much happened since our last info meeting, ride-wise.

I didn't attend any of the branch rides due to other commitments.

We also had a "RONI" (Ride of no interest) where only Lockyer members turned up.

I hope we can do that same ride again as a normal branch ride later as I really wanted to go. I even planned on arranging that exact same ride but never got around to do it.

This month also only have one ride planned before our next info-meeting. I'll blame Easter for that. And by the way; I hope you all had a really good Easter and got all the Easter eggs you could eat.

Now, Easter is over and done and we can get on with our riding.

Apart from the one branch ride this month, we also have an Anzac service/bbq (too) early on the 25th.

Please check the ride calendar for more details about it. In this writing moment I haven't put anything in the ride calendar about it, but please check it later because we **will** have a bbq and we will make it an annually "thing".

Ipswich branch rides before next meeting:

- 19/04/2015 - The tortoise and the hare ride. Leaving from McDonalds, Yamanto @ 08:30. Ride leaders: Daffy & Marita. Ride is approx. 320 km.
- 25/04/2015 - Anzac service/bbq. Meet at Bundamba. Please check ride calendar for start time.

And, - Here's another blonde joke:

Bob, a handsome dude, walked into a sports bar around 9:58 PM. He sat down next to a blonde at the bar and stared up at the TV. The 10:00 news was now on.

The news crew was covering a story of a man on a ledge of a tall building preparing to jump.

The blonde looked at Bob and said, "Do you think he'll jump?"

Bob said, "You know, I bet he'll jump."

The blonde replied, "Well, I bet he won't."

Bob placed \$20 on the bar and said, "You're on!"

Just as the blonde placed her money on the bar, the guy did a swan dive off the building, falling to his death.

The blonde was very upset and handed her \$20 to Bob, saying, "Fair's fair. Here's your money."

Bob replied, "I can't take your money; I saw this earlier on the 5 o'clock news and so I knew he would jump."

The blonde replied, "I did too, but I didn't think he'd do it again!"

Bob took the money.

See you all on the rides and ride safe.

Erik aka Lumberjack.

2015 Black Dog ride – Gold Coast – Sunday 22nd March 2015.

The actual ride might have started at Shark Leather at 9am but our journey started a lot earlier than that. Dazza (ride leader), Macca, Spook & Neil Jeffrey (Binge) left Yamanto at a not so bright but definitely early 7am. From there they picked up the riff raff (Daffy, Shane & I) at Goodna and we headed down the motorway for the actual 'start' of the ride.



(Sorry no photo of the Yamanto group, so this will have to do – not sure who the girl is.)



It was a nice wet ride down to Shark Leather but some of us were smart enough to put on our wets - ok it was MEEEEEE – even if I did feel like a dork. I did appreciate my decision when the rain started along the Logan Motorway. We arrived at Shark Leather at around 8.15am and proceeded to register. It was great to see such a good turnout regardless of the weather.

The breakfast burgers were hot and more importantly there wasn't a drop of rain while we waited for the ride brief. It looked like the day was going to be perfect.



Sadly, flooding in the Gold Coast Hinterland required a change to the planned route. Instead of heading to the Tavern via the Numinbah Valley (with morning tea at Chillingham) we would now be sticking to the Highway. So with that off we went -complete with a with Police escort.

It was good to see flashing Red and Blue lights ahead of us instead of behind us. We travelling down the Motorway through Tweed Heads and took the Murwillumbah exit. Just before Condong we turned left onto Clothiers Creek Road which would lead us back to the Motorway. This was a lovely country road with some nice twisties. Once back on the Motorway it was full steam back to Burleigh and the Tavern for lunch. Unfortunately we didn't win any of the raffles but it was a chance to finally take off the wets I had been wearing all morning.

Rides end – Burleigh Town Tavern.

After a burger and a coldie we were on the road again. In reflection after wearing my wets all day I should have put them back but alas I gave into peer pressure and threw common sense out the window. It was a **very very** wet ride home. Daffy was our ride lead and he took us via his DV Ride route. I'm sure it was a lovely (through Marsden and Browns Plains) but the pelting rain made the need for a hot shower and cuppa crucial.

Although it doesn't sound a very exiting ride, I did found it exhilarating. Not only were we raising awareness and funds for a cause that touches all of us at sometime but the view as you rode, to me, was breathtaking. The seemingly endless line of bikes in front of me and head lights in the mirrors is something that I will definitely remember for a long time (and I have the dog to prove it).



Calling all car lovers.. Don't miss "My Love had a Black Speed Stripe."

My Love Had a Black Speed Stripe was originally adapted by Brenna Lee-Cooney from the Henry William's novel for a La Boite/Brisbane Festival production featuring Eugene Gilfedder.

Regarded by many as a 'forgotten Australian Masterpiece' and contemporaneous with *The Cars That Ate Paris*, *My Love Had a Black Speed Stripe* explores the dark obsession with cars evident in much of the Australian male's psyche.

This dynamic total theatre production draws on elements of circus, mime, body percussion and urban street poetry in a show that blurs the boundaries between dance, theatre and music performance.

Date: April 16th-18th & April 22nd - 24th Time 7.30pm

Matinee Times: Saturday 2pm April 18th Thursday 11am April 23rd

Location: 188 Brisbane St, Ipswich

Admission: Adult \$30, Conc \$20 & Student \$15 Bookings (07) 3281 8763

TICKETS ON SALE NOW To book call: (07) 3281 8763

Julz and Doogee's visit to the Land of the Long White Cloud



In early March, Doogee took me on my first trip across the ditch to the South Island of NZ, along with four of his lovely daughters, Amber (21), Kayla (19), Gemma (16) and Hayley (14). We stayed at another of Doogee's daughters, Ange and her lovely family...which consists of her husband HOG, and three awesome kids – Jayden (9), Rory (6) and four year old Faryn, who I immediately wanted to bring home. At least part time anyway – I may want to give them back from time to time!

It was Doogee's Dad's 80th birthday, so I was on a steep learning curve to learn how to party NZ style!

Turns out Doogee and co. are from a little town just above Invercargill called Gore. When you are saying 'Gore', you need to say it with a pirate's accent...like GORRRRRRRRRrrrrrrre.think "Pirates of the Caribbean" and you'll be close...Arrrrr me hearties!! They actually make legal Moonshine in Gore, I know cause I drank some!



Even though we only had a short time in NZ we packed so much in! We explored Dunedin, Invercargill, Gore, Queenstown, Piano Flat, Waikaia, Waikola, Whykickamoocow, and all sorts of places in between. I'm in love with the South Island now – which is lucky because I'm in love with it's best export as well (that is both lamb, and Doogee).

I can now say that I have been to an 80th birthday party that involved whipped cream being squirted on and around the floor, on people and up noses....plus red wine stains appearing on the hall ceiling...music that had everyone up dancing until all hours of the day and

night...just the way any 80 year old birthday party should be I think.

If you ain't been across the ditch....go. Hire a motorbike – the roads are awesome but you might be a tad cold! My favourite place was Waikaia which is tiny, just a pub and a shop, and some houses and the most beautiful view from the top of the hill. Which reminds me, on the top of that particular hill is a cemetery, and on the day we visited that particular cemetery were some sheep. Those sheep had to GO! The grandkids started chasing them, then we all joined in - ran and we ran and we laughed and we laughed and got those sheep out of the cemetery – the grandkids, the kids, the parents, the grandparents....Thank you for a great trip to NZ Doogee. Bloody luv u. Julz



YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT!!
TO SLEEP OR NOT TO SLEEP....

Amanda found this really interesting article for those of us who toss and turn
(and nibble on things we shouldn't be nibbling on)

There are few things in life which we can't function without. Food is one of them, and of course sleep is the other. For those unlucky enough to have been through a number of sleepless nights (yes, you, with children, you know what I am talking about,) you know how fast you turn in to a black eyed zombie. If you also suffer from mental illness you may find your sleep is affected by that, or vice versa.

Without going too much in to details of what lack of sleep can do to us, let's have a look at what we can EAT to help sleep along.

Milk, Cheese and Yoghurt.

I am sure many of you heard that glass of warm milk before bed can help you sleep. It's true. Magnesium in milk looks after the quality of your sleep.

Both cheese and yoghurt are also high in calcium which helps your brain to produce melatonin — sleep inducing hormone.

Herbal tea

Drink a cup of tea before bed, Chamomile tea! This tea acts as a mild sedative and would help you nod off easier.

Lettuce

This contains an opium-related substance. Lettuce leaves can be juiced with a squeeze of lemon and drunk as a sleep inducing drink — much better for you than sleeping pills!

Pasta, Brown Rice, Oatmeal

Complex carbs such as 3 listed above contain serotonin, which helps you sleep. Good balance of lean protein and complex carbs will set you up for a much better chance of a restful sleep. It's important to eat about 4 hours before bed, otherwise you will be kept awake digesting or experiencing heartburn!

Late night snacks that can help you sleep:

- 1/2 cup whole-grain cereal with 1/2 cup nonfat milk

- 6 ounces low-fat yogurt and a sprinkling of berries

- 1 Slice whole wheat toast and 1 tablespoon of peanut butter

- 3.5 ounces fat-free vanilla pudding and 4 graham crackers • 1/2 whole wheat pita and 2 tablespoons hummus

- 1 oatmeal raisin cookie and

- 8 ounces skim milk 6 whole-grain crackers and a small handful of walnuts

Foods to avoid

I am sure you heard it all before, however if you are having difficulties sleeping, ditching these can make a difference:

Caffeine — it remain in your system for up to 12 hours. This means a cup of coffee at lunch may be keeping you awake at midnight! You may be of an opinion that coffee makes no difference to your sleep, however challenge you to go without past 12 noon for a week and see if you notice any difference!

Hot and spicy high fat foods — are likely to put a lot of pressure on your digestive system which in turn is likely to keep you awake, as well as generate high stomach acid and in turn heartburn.

Chocolate — Dark chocolate in small amounts is good for you, just not before the bed! It has caffeine and a stimulant..

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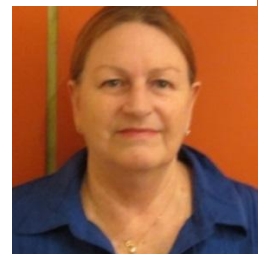
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- Personal & Group Blessings
- Morning Tea & Badges available
- Terrific group ride to the Redlands Multisports Club, Randall Road, Birkdale for lunch afterwards (buy your own)

Church of the Nazarene

Cnr Meadowlands Rd and Bethel St, Carina.

NEW DATE: 9.30am Sunday, April 12th 2015

Go direct to the church, or meet at Maccas Capalaba @ 8am for an 8.30 leave to ride to church as a group.

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