



ULYSSES CLUB INC **WAGGA WAGGA BRANCH**

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- MEETINGS:** Monthly meetings are held in the Radio Club Rooms in Small Street on the third Tuesday of each month commencing at 7:30pm. **Next Meeting To Be Advised, at 7:30 pm.**
- RIDE DAYS:** Rides are on hold for the time being.
- RIDE TIMES:** Rides leave at 9:00 am **except** during June, July, and August, when the time is 9:30 am.
- WEDNESDAYS:** Wednesday rides leave from Billy's Café at 35 Gurwood Street, and will now follow the Sunday ride times ie, 9:00 am **except** during June, July, and August, when the time is 9:30 am.
- ARTICLES:** Email your articles to dmiddleton@csu.edu.au by the Saturday following each meeting.
- WEBSITE:** www.ulysses-wagga.org.au

Ulysses Club Wagga Wagga Branch

Committee Meeting

Held on 17 March 2020 at the Radio Club

Trevor Bates opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Present: Trevor Bates, Elaine Scott, Bob Middleton, Di Middleton, Ian Adams, Mark Williams, Janice Bates, Sue Begley, Roger Self, Pat Combs, Lindy Kennedy, Len Kennedy, John Webb, Lesley Grauer, Gerhard Grauer, Irene Burbidge, Ann Ray, Gloria Hatter, John Starr, Mary Smith (20)

Apologies: Lorraine Lawrence, Jackie Starr, Les Smith, Nick Gemmell

Minutes: Moved by Mary Smith, seconded Lesley Grauer. CARRIED

Correspondence: Nil

Treasurer's Report: Moved by Elaine Scott, seconded Pat Combs. CARRIED

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Moved Elaine Scott, seconded Ian Adams. CARRIED

Welfare: Lorraine's grandson was involved in a collision, but not injured. John Skipper is in the Home of Compassion, Wilma in hospital. Brian Hamilton is on dialysis.

Ride Committee: Good attendance at the Black Dog Ride. Sunday rides poorly attended, Wednesday rides are going well. Sunday 22 March—ride to a local small town for lunch, probably Batlow.

Social Committee: Nil

General Business Mary has nomination forms for elections which will be held at AGM in April.

April Raffle—Pat Combs

BBQ at 6.30 before April meeting and AGM.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:10 pm.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 21 April 2020, 7:30 pm at the Radio Club, following BBQ at 6.30.

Our Newsletter is having a little holiday until we resume meetings and rides. I sincerely wish you and your family good health during these interesting times. You can keep up to date of what's happening on our [Facebook](#) page (Ulysses Club Wagga Wagga Branch) or by contacting the committee via the numbers on page one.

From the Ride Committee

By Gerhard

Until further notice the first and third Sunday rides will start at the usual times with the following itinerary:

Ensure that your motorcycle is safely on the stand,

Be dressed in appropriate riding gear (including wet weathers as required),

Sit on your motorcycle,

Do Not start the engine in a confined space (making engine sounds is optional),

Imagine you are on your favourite ride,

Make your ride as long or short as you wish,

Importantly on these rides only there are no police, so the speed is completely your choice!

Above all stay safe and well.

Up coming events and news

- **The 2020 National Rally—Cancelled**
- **Dubbo Motor Cycle Rally, 2 May 2020—Cancelled**
- **44th Historic Winton , Friday 29, Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 May 2020—Cancelled**
- **Bradley Nixon Memorial Dice Run and Motorbike show—4 April 2020—Red Steer Hotel Motel**
- **Griffith Classic Motor Cycle Club—Annual rally— 2—3 May 2020 - <http://www.griffithcmcc.org/> - Cancelled**
- **Walla Walla Show n Shine and Swap Meet—10 June 2020—to be confirmed**
- **Wagga Wagga Swap Meet—19 July 2020—Wagga Wagga Show grounds—7:00 am start**

If you are planning on going to these events please check if they are going ahead!!

Remember that the Government are saying not to undertake any un-essential travel and services.

Upcoming Rides

If you have a ride or just an idea for one, get in touch with the ride committee. Their contact details are on page 1! They would love to hear from you!

Riverina Leader articles by Pat Combs



March 4, 2020

Only three made the grade last week, Les, Mark, Warwick Fromtaree and Oscar all shot over to Ardlethan, had a spell and carried on to Leeton for lunch. Oscar left at Ardlethan and returned home on his lonesome. After lunch the other three just came on back through Gillenbah later in the day. Now we have all traditionally put flack on Harley owners over the years owing to the unreliability of their machines in the long lost past. They were so bad many owners had to buy a Ute to get them home again with some bikes gaining the tag of 'Cattle Dog'. That is all in the past and the Harley is now as reliable as any of the other machines on the market. But cop this little number. Mark Williams took his brand new (almost) sparkling HD machine for an outing recently and stopped off somewhere to quench his thirst or some such thing and when he mounted the beast again and fed it some hay it refused budge - totally unresponsive. The final outcome of the dilemma turned out to be a faulty battery, no-no-no not the bike battery, the one in the key fob. You see the machine has key-less ignition and the bike will not start if you don't have the key thingy dangling around your neck. So be warned it can happen to anyone in any vehicle at any time, be it a Holden, Ford, BMW, Motto Guzzi or Aprillia!!!

Saturday Meet and Greet saw a good gathering again, I couldn't be there as I was celebrating my Grandson's 6th birthday way down in Kiama and it was a dry show!!

Last Sunday's ride left McDonalds Edward Street Car Park at the scheduled time of 9:00am and the riders who fronted up for the day's adventure -- but I don't know where they went, I couldn't find anyone who had participated, however I am sure they would have had a good time. The next scheduled ride will be on Sunday 15th of March with the destination being decided upon on the day, as are the regular Wednesday rides. Just front up at about 8:30am for a 9:00am take off. On the 17th of March the Branch monthly meeting will be held in the Radio Club Rooms at 7 Small Street. Doors open at 7:00pm and the meeting gets under way at 7:30pm. Voting papers will be available this month for the election of officers for the 2020/2021 year, so turn up and vote. We need a new President, big Trev is throwing in the towel, and other positions to be filled are Secretary, Treasurer, Ride committee and Social Committee.

The Ulysses Club now has two national Facebook pages. The first is the Ulysses Club Inc Australia which has been available for a while but has not been open – we have changed that, and on this page you can now post items of interest to members. All admin posts will appear on the timeline, and member's posts will now appear on the Communities page. Ads will be removed, unless of course someone wants to pay for advertising! Post about what's happening in your branch!

The new Facebook is the Ulysses Club Inc Australia – Classifieds. This is a Group, and you will need to answer 3 questions to be approved to join. If you skip past that part or forget to answer the questions and do not and complete them, after a couple of days we'll delete your request to join.

One of the questions is your member number because only members can use the classifieds group. You'll notice that we've said on the group that all communications are between buyer and seller. Again, commercial ads will be removed. Please don't invite people to join unless you are sure they want to join the Classifieds group – the invitee has to then proceed to answer the 3 questions to complete the process.

Enjoy the Autumn riding weather while the sun shines cooler.

March 11, 2020

Rain, Rain Glorious rain and that put paid to a trip into the countryside last week. However all of us were quite prepared to forgo a ride for some much needed Liquid sunshine. By Saturday things have dried up somewhat and the usual crew settled into the Commercial Club for morning coffee, cakes and a chat.

There was no ride scheduled for last Sunday although conditions were perfect, but another group I am associated with went up into the fire ravaged areas of Batlow and Tumbarumba to inject some funds into their economy – by tin-top.

Our next ride will be on March 22nd leaving from McDonalds Edward Street Car Park at 9:00am. Be there at 8:30am for a briefing. Our next Branch meeting is on March 24th at the Radio Club Rooms in Small Street starting at 7:30pm. This meeting is important as you will get to vote in the new Branch committee for 2020/2021.

March 18, 2020

We had a great ride last Wednesday - well I thought so, I led the way. Les, Mark, Sue, Warwick Fromtaree, Len Kennedy, Gino, and Oscar all followed me through to Gundagai, where we stopped to shake off that early morning cup of coffee. Having done that Oscar motored down the highway home. The rest of us then took the Brungle road, turned left at the bridge and followed the river road through Darbalara to Coolac, and having got to Coolac we shot up the Hume Highway and took a breather at Jugiong. I am always amazed at the number of people that gather at Jugiong, there is always a large crowd whatever day. One couple had come down from Sydney and had just finished charging their All-Electric car at the NRMA "bowser" when we arrived, and they were about to tackle the next leg of their journey, with the next charge stop to be Wodonga. The electric charge is free but you have to drink lots of coffee for a long journey.

Back to our little tour - we left Jugiong and proceeded to Harden, did a right turn and twisted the throttle for Boorowa where we stopped off at the Bakery for lunch. Lunch over our next part of the State to travel through was Young, but we didn't stop and kept going until we reached Cootamundra for the obligatory comfort stop. The Olympic Way was closed at Cootamundra due to some work around the railway overpass at the bottom of the hill passed the Quarry, so we had to detour through the high vehicle bypass out through the Temora road on to the Dirnaseer road and then back on track to Junee and Wagga. It was a long day but we all had a good ride wearing another 425 kilometres off our tyres and back home by about 4:30pm.

Saturday Meet and Greet at the Commercial Club saw a small bunch of coffee sippers settle down for a chat with most of us all departed by 11:30am to do the Saturday shopping – or whatever. The Griffith mob had come over for the day to visit the open day at the Ladysmith Railway station and one or two of our lot met up with them for lunch at Coolamon.

Our schedule ride for Sunday was very disappointing with only Ian Adams as the lone ranger, however the Black dog ride was the go for Sunday and a large crowd gathered at Wagga Motorcycles for a 9:00am start and about 195 bikes sauntered off into the hills with the first port of call being Tumbumba. From there they rode through Batlow to Tumut and then down the Gocup road to Gundagai and then to Nangus and Junee where the formalities took place at the liquorice Factory. By all accounts it was a great day and a lot of money was raised for suicide prevention.

Our March Branch meeting was held last night and I will let you know of the new committee next week. The next Sunday ride will be on April the 5th which is also the end of daylight saving so your curtains will now stop fading.

Cancellation of 2020 National Rally

These past few days the National Committee has been working through the process of cancellation of the Rally and the impacts. This included meeting with the National Rally executive team and committee, Lismore Council representatives and Lismore stakeholders. Logistical, administrative, and legal considerations are part of the decision to cancel our event. Blue Knowles as Ulysses Club Rally Liaison worked through those meetings in Lismore on behalf of the National Committee and we thank him for that.

The recommendation by the Federal Government that states consider restricting gatherings of 500 people was obviously a factor.

The 2020 National Rally team has worked so hard in their preparation to bring you another wonderful National Rally and the National Committee is disappointed that we must cancel. The health and safety of our members and their families is the most important consideration.

We'll be in touch with you again soon, regarding the Annual General Meeting, commemorative merchandise, refunds and any other rally related information.

In spite of everything get out there on your trusty steed and take advantage of the fantastic riding weather we are experiencing at the moment. Ride safe and enjoy.

March 25, 2020

TEN LITTLE UNYSSEANS

Ten Wagga Ulysseans went for a ride in weather that was great,
Two turned back at Culcairn and then there were eight.
Eight Wagga Ulysseans continued south till in Wodonga they did arrive,
Two turned back and one turned off and then there were five,
Five Wagga Ulysseans enjoyed lunch as planned finished by one o'clock,
Then headed for home via Chiltern, Howlong and The Rock.
All ten returned home safely having enjoyed the Autumn day,
Hoping to go on another ride next Wednesday.

By Gerhard

What it meant was a day of everyone going every which way. Gerhard, Les, Pat, Gino, Sue, Gary G, Oscar, Thommo, Mark and Don all departed from the Busy Bean in Gurwood Street at about 9:12am, headed down through Mangoplah, Cookadina and Morven to Culcairn where we all stopped to shake off the early morning coffees. It was here that Thommo and Oscar left us and travelled back to homebase through Walla Walla. The rest of the bunch motored on down to Wodonga

where Pat and Don turned back toward home to honour some pre-arranged appointments, stopping for lunch at the Riverina Hotel in Holbrook. Mark went off on his own to Tallangatta to catch up with some rellies, while the rest carried on to Beechworth for lunch, fuel and a chat returning back through Chiltern, Howlong and the Rock. A great day out for all concerned in some special autumn weather.

It was interesting at the Commercial Club on Saturday morning with all the areas to be occupied by customers having signs indicating the maximum number. Out on the deck total mass was 22 – we did not quite exceed the limit and enjoyed a nice drink, snack and some gossip.

On Sunday Gerhard led a ride to Batlow with Lesley on the back riding shotgun. It wasn't a scheduled Sunday ride but we had a good showing all the same. John Webb, a new recruit working for the RAAF at Forest hill came in his Suzuki Jimmy and the merry widows followed in their car (Irene, Gloria, Elaine and Anne) They are not all Widows but are very Merry. Les, Pat, Ian and Gerhard led the way on Bikes with big Trev fighting the corners on his Spyder. Our first stop was "Gone Barney's" at Rosewood, and weren't they glad to see us with the girls buying up big with souvenirs and other trinkets (Junk). After a cuppa there we motored on over to Batlow and settled into the RSL for lunch and the usual story telling sessions. After a nice spell at the Club we then rode on down to Wondalga, through to Adelong and home, making the front gate by 3:00pm.

Now I don't know where this is all going to end but at this stage nothing is planned for the future so we will just have to wait and see. I won't say 'see you on the road' I'll just see you around somewhere.

- Thanks Pat for the effort that you put in to our Leader Articles



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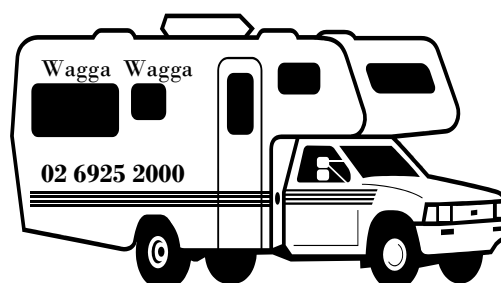
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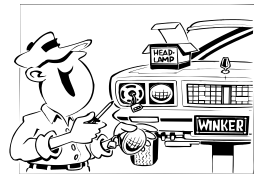
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