



ULYSSES CLUB INC WAGGA WAGGA BRANCH

February 2020
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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 Tuesday, 17 March, 2020 at 7:30 pm.**
- RIDE DAYS:** Rides are generally conducted on the first and third Sundays of each month departing from McDonald's Restaurant in Edward Street.
- 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 18 February 2020 at the Radio Club

Trevor Bates opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Present: Trevor Bates, Elaine Scott, Janice Bates, Barry Jones, Pat Combs, Di Middleton, Bob Middleton, Mark Williams, Lesley Grauer, Gerhard Grauer, Lorraine Lawrence, Irene Burbidge, Mary Smith (12)
Adrian O'Rourke (visitor)

Apologies: Jackie Starr, John Starr, Gloria Hatter, Dee Garner, Les Smith (5)

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

Correspondence: Nil

Treasurer's Report:	Opening Balance	2265.46
	Plus Income	
	Raffle	76.00
	Supper	<u>36.05</u>
	Total	<u>112.05</u>
	Less Expenses	
	Raffle	8.00
	Supper	45.25
	BBQ December	30.65
	Rent	150.00
	Xmas Party	93.52
	Engraving	<u>60.00</u>
	Total	<u>387.42</u>
	Closing Balance	<u>1990.09</u>

Elaine has re-invested the term deposit for 8 months at 1.75%.

Moved by Elaine Scott, seconded Pat Combs. CARRIED

Welfare: Terry Kennewell and Col Neyland both progressing.

Ride Committee: 16 February to Colleambally, Darlington Point, Whitton, Leeton, Narrandera then home. Only three riders, but a good day.

Social Committee: Lorraine asked if any members were interested in taking part in the Mardi Gras, Diane will put a poll on Facebook to gauge interest.

General Business Trevor asked about attendance at the National Rally, several members will be going. Branch AGM to be held with April meeting, nomination forms at March meeting, Mark is organising a two-day ride to Canberra and Cooma 25-26 March, visiting bike shops in Canberra and staying in Cooma.
Black Dog ride 15 March, finishing at Junee Licorice Factory.
March raffle—Middletons.

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

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 17 March 2020, 7:30 pm at the Radio Club.

Upcoming Rides

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

A message from the Bundanoon Motel



2 Anzac Parade, Bundanoon NSW 2578, Phone: (02) 4883 6068

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Note from the Editor

I would be delighted to have any articles or other items to include in the Newsletter. The Branch belongs to all the members and it would be great to have some input from more people. Regards Diane

Riverina Leader articles by Pat Combs

February 5, 2020

The mid-week gathering was again well represented but the majority were there to talk of their life mastering various motorcycles, not to ride that day. Not to be out done 4 of us took off on a day that had threatened to be a bit warm but Pat, Mark, Gino, and, new chum, Warwick Fromtaree sailed off to Temora, stopping there for a look-about. Next part of the journey was across to Young through Milvale and we stopped at Wilders bakery for an early lunch and for the benefit of our girl friends at South Wagga ice cream was not on the menu. After our repast we discussed whether we should refuel at Young or stop off at Cootamundra and after checking with Warwick Fromtaree if his JapaHarley would make the grade, Cootamundra was to be the stop. But Warwick Fromtaree didn't quite make the distance and Mark had to go on and get some fuel for him to make those elusive last 4 kilometres. Traditionally JapaHarleys only have a large Jam tin for a fuel tank and not a great range.

We finally re mustered at Cootamundra filled up, had a cool drink and rode on back home to Wagga. Heat wise the day was quite pleasant and we all got home in relative comfort.

Meet and Greet at the Commercial Club was very well attended with about 18 rocking up for refreshments and nice cool air conditioning. The Saturday morning gatherings are proving to be most popular and comfortable. Last Friday and Saturday were particularly hot and when I left the Club on Saturday morning, at 11:15am, the outside temperature was already 39 degrees that definitely put a damper on digging the garden.

Last Sunday only three riders bothered to make the effort. Smithy turned up for a coffee but didn't ride due to feeling a bit off colour. So Pat, Sue and Steve all headed north toward Cootamundra and got as far as Illabo when the heavens opened up with great buckets of that magic water that is so lacking in our area. We all managed to get drenched but pushed on and drip dried in the breeze set up by motion. After a short stop in Cootamundra we then moved on to Wallendbeen then Murrumburrah where we took a right turn to Jugiong. We had a snack and drink at the Longtrack Pantry in Jugiong then headed back to Gundagai, stopping at the Shell Service Centre for a top up, and from Gundagai the road home was through Nangus and Wantabadgery. A very enjoyable ride in nice cool weather with sprinkles of rain settling the dust.

Apart from the weekly Wednesday rides our next adventure will be on Sunday 16th of this month and our first Branch meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th. Branch meetings are held in the Radio Club Rooms in Small Street and start at 7:30pm. Doors open at 7:00pm to give you half an hour to socialise and expound your worldly knowledge. In March members will be given the chance to nominate for committee positions for 2020 – 2021 and our AGM will be held on April 21st.

Just a reminder: Wednesday Rides leave The Busy Bean Café (35 Gurwood Street) at 9:00am and Sunday Rides leave McDonalds Edward Street Car Park at 9:00am. Saturday Meet and Greet is at the Wagga Commercial Club at 10:00am.

The next important event on our calendar is the National Rally to be held in Lismore in May and please remember you must register by the 12th of this month if you want to order any merchandise.

Many members have been attending the week event over many years and enjoy not only the actual rally but the tailor made opportunity to join up with some friends and ride to the destination – this year as already mentioned it is being held in Lismore in NSW – details of this years rally can be found on the 2020 National Rally website at <http://agm2020.ulyssesclub.org/>. Your chosen ride to the rally – generally by an interesting route, and the ride home – preferably a different way – is definitely a highlight. There's a challenge this year; to ride through the fire affected areas to support those communities – more of that to come. Mostly you'll meet other Ulysses Club members on the road – often at service stations, so make sure you say hello. Until we meet again have fun in the sun.

February 12, 2020

On Tuesday of last week the Wagga Classic Motorcycle Club held a ride through the towns that had been ravaged by bushfires. The idea was to stop off and spend some money at each of the towns and villages to inject some funds into their economy, and what a great day it was. A total of about 20 riders and pillioners left El Presidentos home at 7:45am and headed to Holbrook where some members had to stop off for a coffee having missed breakfast due to the early start. Having satisfied a rumbling belly we all trundled off to Jingellic and Walwa and then on to Corryong where we stopped for morning tea at one of

The local cafes. Once again we filled those hungry torsos, had a chat to some of the locals and made for the hills and Tumbarumba. The ride to Tumbarumba took us through Tooma and the Southern Cloud lookout, past the Elliot Way and Paddy's River Falls, arriving at just on 12 noon. First job there was to fill our bikes tanks with fuel and next up we all lobbied at the Tumbarumba Hotel for a counter lunch. We probably spent a good hour at the pub and then moved on to Batlow and Tumut. Some of the group took the Gocup road down to Gundagai and home while others went on through Adelong back to home camp. We were all back home by about 3:00pm after a great ride in great weather.

The Wednesday riders assembled at the usual Gurwood Street launching pad and took the back road toward Gundagai doing a right turn at Wantabadgery to the low level bridge and on to Tumblong. Trevor had to bail out at Tumblong due to problems with his Can Am Spyder and Oscar headed home from there as well. Don got as far as Adelong and he had to return home as well: I think his Indian struck a few arrows. The rest of the bunch, Les, Woody, Sue, Gino, Gary and Thommo took the Pine Leaf road across to Rosewood and had very respectable lunch at "Gone Barney's" and with lunch out of the way headed home through Kyeamba and Gregadoo. They all beat the heat and hit home soil at about 2:30pm.

A great crowd of 20 graced the deck of the Commercial Club for Meet and Greet on Saturday and drifted off in dribs and drabs after coffee, cake and a chat.

The next Branch ride will be on Sunday 16th leaving from McDonalds Edward Street car Park at 9:00am. I can't tell you where at this stage but just turn up at about 8:30am and all will be revealed. The ride conditions are very favourable at the moment so get the bike out of the shed, wipe off the dust and get going.

The next Branch meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th at the Radio Club Rooms at 7:30pm. Get there at about 7:00 and enjoy some fellowship before the meeting gets under way.

If you are going to the Rally in Lismore, today is your last chance to order merchandise, you have until 5:00pm tonight (Wednesday 12).

I was reading some club notes recently where there have been a couple of cases of riders suffering severe dehydration, which can be fatal, and the answer to prevent this happening is to drink plenty of water both before and during a ride. Coffee is not the fix.

Water makes up the largest component of the human body representing 45% to 70% of our body weight. For example, a 75 kg person would contain 45 litres of water, representing 60% of body weight. Any excessive change in the normal body water balance, such as fluid loss causing dehydration can be a serious outcome for the motorcyclist. We lose body water daily through normal tasks such as breathing, sweating, urinating and some medications for example. A reduction of only 1% can start to impair our body's normal temperature regulation system and dehydration will kick in. So take care, ride safe.

February 19, 2020

Six hardy souls headed for the hills last Wednesday in some great late summer weather. Oscar, Sue, Des, Les, Mark and Gino went the long way to Rosewood and at that point Oscar decided to head home. The rest continued on to Tumbarumba where they all topped the tanks and then shot off to Walwa through Tooma and Tintaldra. By the time they got to Walwa the worms were biting so they hitched the horses and descended on the Saloon for lunch, and as usual the lunch was good and munching and talking took place for a good hour or so. With all things taken care of the track home was through Jingelic and Holbrook. The week before Sue had put on a stage show navigating a tricky corner, but she managed to hang on with a thumping heart. This time round she was much more demure.

The weekly Saturday Meet and Greet was another popular outing for 14 odd people who managed to discuss many topics with great wisdom garnered over the past 60 years. Some of the discussions are quite hilarious – a bit like the comedy half hour.

However, this week, the Commercial Club had booked out the Deck for some function and we all had to vacate by 10:35am. I was running late and everyone had gone except Bob Middleton so we sat and had a quiet chat on our lonesome.

Sunday came around at a great rate of knots and we had a line up at McDonalds for the second Branch ride of the month. What a line up - 3 people - Pat Combs, Steve Oldfield and Noel Siebels. In spite of the low numbers we had great day out, heading out to Lockhart and Urana, stopping at Morundah for a thirst quencher at the Pub, but the Pub was closed and being only 11:00am we figured that they had gone to Church. So we pushed on and arrived at Coleambally in time for lunch, settling into The Community Club for a really good Chinese meal at a bargain basement price only \$10.00, what great value. It is a great friendly club, pay them a visit some time. After lunch we saddled up and took the Kidman Way up to Wadi where we topped the tanks, and from there rode into Darlington Point following the road through Whitton to Leeton. At Leeton we took the back road through to Yenda and motored on to Narrandera, had a brief stop and came straight home along the Sturt Highway. From about 1:30pm the day was starting to heat up and by the time we reached home base it was starting to become a little uncomfortable. Nevertheless a great day out.

Our first Branch meeting was held last night and will give you a heads up next week and our next Sunday ride will be held on the 1st of March.

News from the 2020 Rally: The Rally organisers have become partners with the **Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter** Team with their support to assist with the provisions of a few of our essential needs. They have kindly donated the use of first aid kits and defibrillator for the event. (Hope we have no need for that) Their volunteers have kindly offered to cater for our volunteer's lunch on Sunday the 10th with a BBQ lunch. They tell me that they are able to cook a mean bacon and eggs for breakfast and will be on site to assist. The Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter Team have offered a **free tour** of their facilities for 40 of our members during the National Rally Week. Check out the Webpage for the details and give them a ring to book in. The team in Lismore attend to a minimum of one mission per day and are fast approaching their 10,000 mission, so this will be a wonderful opportunity to see the inside of such an operation.

The **dinner on Saturday night**, is off site and will be conducted at the Lismore Workers Club in Keen St. Lismore. As the dinner is off site, for those of you staying on site at the Lismore Showground you will **need to book the bus** to get you there and back. The distance is about 5kms but part of the way is not well lit so walking is not recommended. A lot of the motel accommodation that is located within the CBD area of Lismore is within easy walking distance and lighting is not so much of an issue. There are a couple of motels which are located a distance from the Workers Club so please check your location and order your bus ride if required. See you on the road.

February 26, 2020

Well what a schemozzle last week's ride turned out to be! I am going to call it the Alzheimer's Adventure into the unknown. Des, Les, Don, Gino, Warwick Fromtaree, George Fromtemora, Terry K, and Mark all rode out to Mangoplah turned right at Cookardinia toward Morven, finally landing at Culcairn. And it was from this point on that things became a little scrambled, the intention was to end up at Rutherglen for lunch with the track to take them through Corowa. However when they got to Rutherglen the bunch of 8 had thinned out to 5 with Des and Gino going off on to Yackandandah to catch up with one of Des's mates, and Gino went along to help him get back on his Spyder if he fell off (again). Warwick Fromtaree had stopped at Corowa to top up his jam-tin fuel tank with which he has experienced problems in the past, and he finally caught up with the main bunch at the Victoria Hotel, in Rutherglen, for lunch. After lunch George Fromtemora and Warwick Fromtaree were concerned that they may not be able to find the way back to Wagga so Mark said 'follow me' and led the way with George and Warwick in tow. Meanwhile Don and Les went over to Howlong and then on to Albury to catch up with yours truly who travelled down on the train to pick up a bike, but when they got to the railway station at 3:10pm it was discovered the train was still on the way, so they rode home. I eventually arrived in Albury, picked up the bike assigned to me and went up the Olympic way toward home, stopping at Culcairn on the way for a breather. And guess who was there saddling up after a visit to the 'how's ya father', Des and Gino. It was 5:00pm so they had travelled half way around Victoria before they had discovered the back track back to home. What a day but lots of fun in the sun.

There were not a lot at the Commercial Club for Meet and Greet on Saturday but it was a pleasant morning all the same. A few left there and went out to the Uranquinty Bakery where the Griffith mob had stopped off for lunch. I couldn't go, I was on grandparent duty.

Enjoy your ride in this perfect weather we are experiencing, see you on the road.

Up coming events and news

Hop on to the Ulysses Club website and check out some new items available in the gear shop.

www.ulyssesclub.org

Have fun in the sun on two wheels, or in one or two cases three wheels.

The 2020 National Rally website is now available—<http://agm2020.ulyssesclub.org/> so please check out all the news. The website will be updated as information is available. **See you all at the 2020 Ulysses Club National Rally May 2020 commencing on the 4th May 2020.**

If you have any questions, please contact the 2020 National Rally Secretary, Colleen Gaudron by email to 2020ucnrsecretary@gmail.com

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Camping and ticket packages will also be available online. Or as always, buy your ticket at the gates on the Historic Winton weekend.

Auto events

- **Motorcycle accident management training**—21 March— 9:30 am— https://allevents.in/mobile/amp-event.php?event_id=200019062297628
- **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/>
- **Walla Walla Show n Shine and Swap Meet**—10 June 2020
- **Wagga Wagga Swap Meet**—19 July 2020—Wagga Wagga Show grounds—7:00 am start



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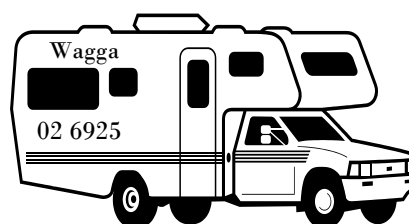
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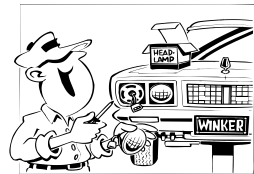
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