



ULYSSES CLUB INC **WAGGA WAGGA BRANCH**

July 2019
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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, 20 August, 2019 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 16 July 2019 at the Radio Club

Mary Smith opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Present: Barry Jones, Irene Burbidge, Ann Ray, Lesley Grauer, Gerhard Grauer, Roger Self, Denise Garner, Nell Purvis, Jean Purvis, Les Smith, Elaine Scott, Mark Williams, Di Middleton, Mary Smith (14)

Apologies: Lorraine Lawrence, Jackie Starr, John Starr, Janice Bates, Trevor Bates, Pat Combs (6)

Minutes: Mary Smith moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. Seconded Denise Garner. CARRIED

Treasurer's Report: Elaine presented the Treasurer's Report

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| Opening Balance | 2099.01 |
| Income | |
| Raffle | 98.00 |
| Supper | 22.00 |
| Interest | 15.21 |
| Expenses | |
| Raffle | 41.00 |
| Rent | 125.00 |
| Supper | 14.40 |
| Closing Balance | 2053.88 |

Elaine moved that the report be accepted. Seconded Lesley Grauer. CARRIED

Welfare: Irene is recovering well from surgery.
Marilyn Combs is home and recovering well from heart surgery, but Pat is in hospital with pneumonia.

Ride Committee: Gerhard has emailed a list of rides to be published in the Newsletter and web page. Please see Gerhard if you have any ideas for a ride.
21 July – 250 km loop north of Wagga
4 August – Morundah Ride. Les will contact pub about details. Mary will put announcement in Facebook group and page, and email to members.
3 November – Altina Wildlife Park, Mary to put in Facebook and email.

Social Committee: Xmas Party – Dee reported that McPhersons Plains is closed. Snow Goose at Adaminaby \$80 pp bed and 2 course dinner, set menu.
Mark reported that the Victoria Hotel at Tallangatta would be \$35 pp accommodation, Dee will confirm cost for dinner.

General Business Elaine has booked at Lake Talbot for the Tri Branch, \$152 for three person cabin, lots of cabins available.

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

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 20 August 2019, 7:30 pm at the Radio Club.

Up coming events and news

Christmas in July

Thanks to Dee Garner for providing the following report.

30 people came and enjoyed the Christmas in July festivities. 13 bikes joined the ride to the Red Steer via Coolamon. Bob Scott drew the first raffle prize won by Ian Adams, 2nd prize was claimed by Irene Burbidge, 3rd prize went to Mary Smith with John Starr claiming the final prize. Lorraine shared a funny story to give us all a laugh and we headed home with full bellies. A great day!



Tri- Branch Memorial weekend

- 6-8th September 2019 at Lake Talbot Caravan Park, Narrandera.
- Contact MIA Branch, PO Box 773 Griffith, NSW, 2680 or email miaulysses@hotmail.com.
- Phone: Barry Day—Mobile: 0410 750 692

Upcoming Rides

As you can see there are few dates that need a ride. If you have a ride or just an idea, get in touch with the ride committee. Their contact details are on page 1! They would love to hear from you.

| Date | Ride to | Contact | Phone |
|---------------------|---|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 4/08/2019 | Morundah | ? | ? |
| 18/08/2019 | Tallangatta | Gerhard | 408703603 |
| 1/09/2019 | | | |
| 6-8/9/2019 | Tri-branch Narrandera | ? | ? |
| 15/09/2019 | | | |
| 6/10/2019 | Follow Mark's Harley | Mark Williams | 02 69319464 |
| 12/10/2019 | De & Guy's Wedding escort 11:00am Bourklands | Info on website | |
| 20/10/2019 | Pink Ribbon Ride | Jackie (Gerhard ride) | 0413305753, 0408702603 |
| 3/11/2019 | Altina Wildlife Park | Gerhard | 408702603 |
| 17/11/2019 | | | |
| 30/11- 1/12/2019 | Branch Christmas TBA | Social Committee | |
| 7/12/2019 | Toy Run | Pat | 408420766 |
| | | | |
| 19/01/2020 | Breakfast at Ladysmith | Lesley | 418761372 |

Ride Report 21 07 2019

By Gerhard

Today only three members braved the sunshine and mild temperature for our ride. We departed the usual start point at 9:30am and rode to Coolamon for coffee via Collingullie, Currawarna and Brushwood. When it was time to continue riding, we decided to lunch at Tumut. Riding through the countryside via Junee, Eurongilly, Nangus, Gundagai and Gocup we arrived at Tumut to have our pies in the sky.

The return trip was along the Snowy Mountains, Hume and Sturt Highways parting company at Alfredtown.

The forecast 0.5mm downpour did not eventuate before we arrived home (and not since until the time of writing this report). All members who did not venture out today missed another great ride around our part of Australia.

Riverina Leader articles by Pat Combs

June 26, 2019

Eight people, 5 bikes, 2 Spyders, Sue went with Gary Gurtner as her bike is still getting the dents knocked out after an altercation with an errant motorist. Oscar led the way to The Rock, Tootool, Lockhart, and Urana, in fog all the way to Tootool with sunshine after that. The merry bunch arrived at Urana about 11.30 and decided to go to Corowa for lunch. However when they hit the highway decided to turn left and went to Howlong Bakery for lunch instead.

Pies seemed to be the order of the day for lunch, and of course a bee sting for Thommo, Sue and Gino shared a bee sting. After lunch and gossip those that needed to fuelled up and headed for home via Walbundrie, Culcairn and Uranquinty. Farewells were said at Quinty and everyone went home after a great day out in the Winter sun.

Christmas in July will be at the Red Steer on Sunday 7 July, with the ride leaving Maccas at the usual time to arrive in time for lunch at 12.30.

David Schoer from MIA group came to our meeting on Tuesday night to tell us about the program for the Tri-Branch on 6-7-8 September. Accommodation at the Lake Talbot Tourist Park in Narrandera, with a program of places to see in Leeton on Saturday, BBQ lunch at the Antiques With Oil Leaks, dinner Saturday night in Narrandera.

I have been in Sydney for the past 10 days and I have never seen so many scooters in one place at one time, almost like Asia and thereabouts.

Enjoy the ride while you can in the Winter weather and be careful of black ice, particularly in the hill country. See you on the road sometime.

July 3rd 2019

Les, Oscar, Gary, Gino, Thommo, Fred, and new chum, Scott Edwards all departed last Wednesday and went down through Culcairn to Walbundrie. From Walbundrie they took the Urana Road and motored to Corowa, ending up at Rutherglen where they had lunch at the pie shop. After lunch they all descended on the motor "Museum" and drooled over the collection of old cars. The journey home was through Howlong, Burrumbuttock, Culcairn, Morven and Mangoplah. Another good day out in good weather.

Saturday's Meet and Greet at the Bean Café in Gurwood Street (aka Billy's) was well attended and what's more it was warm enough to sit outside and discuss the matters of the World and our home ground.

This coming Sunday (7th) is the Christmas in July ride which will leave McDonalds Edward Street Car Park at 9:30am and after a short ride to somewhere will terminate at the Red Steer Hotel for lunch. Should be a great day out. The next ride for the month will be on July 21st, once again leaving from McDonalds, but at this stage I don't know where there ride will go. The next branch meeting will be held on July 23rd at the Radio Club Rooms in Small Street, starting at 7:30. Turn up at 7:00p for a bit of fellowship. And, of course, there are rides every Wednesday which leave from Bean's Café, 35 Gurwood Street. Destination is decided on the day.

We all like finding stuff that we can add to our motorcycles to make our riding more enjoyable, faster or safer. Whether it is a performance exhaust system, more comfortable seat or some other fandanglery, the reality is we will find an excuse if we can afford same to fit the latest and greatest.

Some people spend fantastic amounts on special edition motorcycles or find lots of farkles that they can add to their bikes. Whether it is a special edition, custom job or whatever, it makes us feel good admiring our pride and joys and thinking about our next ride.

How many of us actually spend money on making ourselves better? We are the actual controller of the machine, what have we done to make **ourselves** better?

One of the best things we can do, is spend a little on our wellbeing. Many members of Ulysses Club have been riding for a long time. Many riders have never had a serious crash and hopefully never will. What we need to do is stop saying "I have been riding 20, 30 or 40 years and never had an issue, so I must be doing something right." I have met and enjoyed the company of members who have been riding for many years but still cannot do a feet up U turn. I have met many people who simply have not crashed, more from good luck than good management.

Improving our skills is one of the cheapest ways of ensuring our safety, making our rides more enjoyable and protecting ourselves and families from the pain and heartache of a loss of life or ability. If we look at the expense of improving our knowledge and skills it is the cheapest form of modification that we can make, yet provides the greatest payback of expenditure.

Throughout the country new riders receive some form of compulsory training which far exceeds that which was available or even existed when most of us got our licences. A training course can confirm all of the things you are doing right, explain why they work and introduce new skills and knowledge that will make your pastime more enjoyable and safer.

This type of training is not a pass / fail assessment but concentrates on developing skills.

The Ulysses Club recognises the importance of training and offers to assist members who undertake training to improve their skills and knowledge with financial assistance in helping pay for the training. The next time you are thinking of purchasing something for your bike, think about the person who controls it! Think about the confidence and enjoyment you can experience developing your skills with direction.

The day you think you know it all, is the day you should give up riding.

Remember safe riding doesn't happen by accident!

July 10th 2019

Six Wednesday warriors took off last week and travelled through Cootamundra and Young before landing in Boorowa for lunch. Les, Gino, Fred, Thomo, Mark and Oscar settled into the Boorowa bakery for a scrumptious feed and the usual discussion about World affairs, the weather and everyone else's business but their own. Having satisfied their hunger pangs and other things they rode off toward Wallendbeen where Gino roared up from the back of the pack, stopped the lead riders and said "We have lost two of them". After a head count it was discovered that Thomo and Mark were missing so they waited for 10 minutes or so and finally the stragglers caught up. When Mark was about to leave Boorowa he started his Harley and it made a god-awful racket that he hadn't experienced before so Thomo waited with him until the problem was sorted which took about 10 minutes and then they continued on their merry way. 'Mark hadn't put his earplugs in'!!!

The warriors when regrouped at Wallendbeen continued on to Temora, stopped at the visitor's centre and then rode back to Wagga via Old Junee. A great day out in great conditions.

Saturday Meet and Greet was pretty poorly attended with only 6 making the grade. It was relatively warm and we all sat outside so I have no idea what kept the rest away

And, the Christmas in July function was held on Sunday with Mick Ellis leading eleven riders along the old Narrandera Road to Millwood Road then across to Coolamon. At Coolamon a gentleman by the name of Howard Atkinson has converted the old Catholic Convent into a function Centre and it was here the riders stopped off for morning tea and some refreshments. Fully refreshed they continued on to Marrar and followed Yathalla Road to Harefield finally lobbying at the Red Steer for 'Christmas in July' lunch. Altogether there were 20 for lunch with 9 non-riders joining in on the festivities. A fairly successful day with rain threatening to fall all morning and it finally did at about 2:30pm when it was time to consider going home. Such is Life.

July 31 2019

Last Wednesday was a good day for a ride and 7 took advantage of the conditions. So Mark and his mate Brett on another Harley, Oscar on his Spyder, Fred and Gino riding their BMWs our mate from the Hospital on his Yama Harley and I am missing someone but we will find him later. They took off through Junee, over to Cootamundra, up to Harden, across to Jugiong and then down the Hume to Gundagai where they propped for lunch. Just gotta fit a feed in somewhere. After lunch it was back to Wagga down the Hume to the Sturt and then home. It was a great day out in great weather and enjoyed by all with no one getting lost!!!

Saturday Meet and Greet saw a small gathering sampling the coffee and snacks with the usual discussions on saving the World and everyone else's problems but their own.

This Sunday's ride will be off to Tallangatta, down Victoria way. Be ready to leave McDonalds Edward Street Car Park at 9:30am. I suggest that if you get there at about 8:45 to 9:00am you could slip a McCoffee and a McBurger in for McBreakfast before you go. On Sunday 18th the annual pilgrimage to Morundah will take place, once again leaving Maccas at 9:30am. At the Morundah pilgrimage we meet up with Albury/Wodonga and Griffith members for a smashing lunch. This year we have new owners but I am sure the quality will be just the same so make sure you get there at about 12 noon.

The big one to look forward to will be the Tri Branch weekend at The Lake Talbot Caravan Park in Narrandera on the 6th, 7th and 8th of September. Here we meet up with Griffith and Albury/Wodonga for a fun filled weekend. I will put more details in this column in a couple of weeks time. The Wagga Branch meeting for August will be on the 20th at the Radio Club Rooms in Small Street starting at 7:30pm. Get there a bit earlier for some pre-meeting fellowship.

We Have been fairly fortunate with the weather of late so get those machines out of the shed and enjoy the ride and company of fellow riders. Ride legal and ride safe.

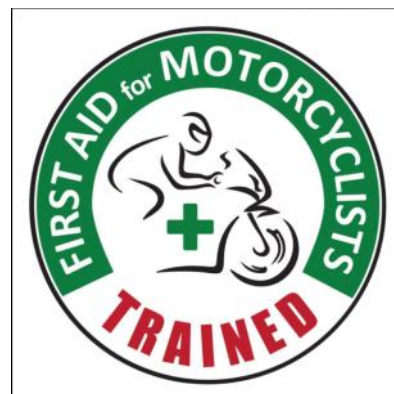
NSW - Motorcycle Accident Management training

Saturday, 26 October 2019 from 09:30-13:00
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19 Twynam Street Narrandera

Hosted by First Aid for Motorcyclists

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One funny this time

A motorcycle patrolman was rushed to hospital with an inflamed appendix. The doctors operated on him and when he came round he was relieved when they told him all had gone to plan and he was going to be fine.

But the patrolman kept feeling something pulling at the hairs on his chest. He was worried that something may be wrong but he was still too weak from the surgery to do anything. Eventually, he managed to pull his hospital gown down enough to check what was causing the discomfort. When he looked down at his chest he saw three wide strips of ultra-adhesive tape stuck firmly to him. Written on it in large black letters was the message: "Get well soon... from the nurse you gave the ticket to last week. I'll be round to remove the tape later."

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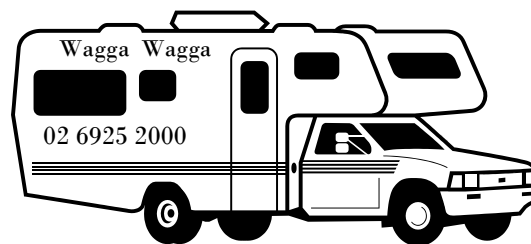


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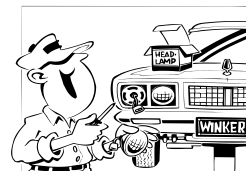
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Note from the Editor

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.

Diane