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The Editor's Bit.....

Canberra has been done and now we look forward to Tasmania, a smaller environment, tourist friendly and an AGM organised and controlled by the Club - not an outside body. All problems experienced at the AGM were met with 'we had no control over that, EPIC did'. This in no way should detract from the efforts put in by the Canberra members; I'm know they worked hard and got a lot right (supermarket for instance), but they had to work in with EPIC which I imagine was a bit of a handicap. There is a lot of thought 'out there' that AGMs in large cities are a waste of time and money give me Mudgee, Mount Gambier, Nuri and the likes, anytime. I'm also looking forward to Coffs Harbour it's more like a large country town with so much to see and do; I can't help feeling that this will be a great AGM. Some of the names of proposed AGM places being thrown around make me nervous, but I like the idea of Broken Hill and I know Darwin was mentioned at one stage - maybe if perceived problems can be overcome, this could still be a possibility. Distance shouldn't be a problem - ask the Perthites, Tassie and Darwin people who regularly attend AGMs down south and east.

There is a huge discussion on the National website forum re **AGM dinners and the parade** that I found interesting reading. In recent years, Garry and I have given the Friday night dinner a miss and attended the Saturday night dinner only. We still join in the activities later. As for the parade - I love watching it. And I don't have to stand around in leathers in the heat trying to hear what's going on up front! I know it's a buzz being involved, but cheering on all the members strutting their stuff is good fun, too. I agree with some others that it is something you have to do once! We are in the habit of parking our bikes when we arrive at the AGM site and not riding until we leave - really works well when the town is in walking distance or there is an efficient bus service. The best part of AGMs is the planning, getting there and getting home plus the company of good friends, and would be loathe to miss any of them.

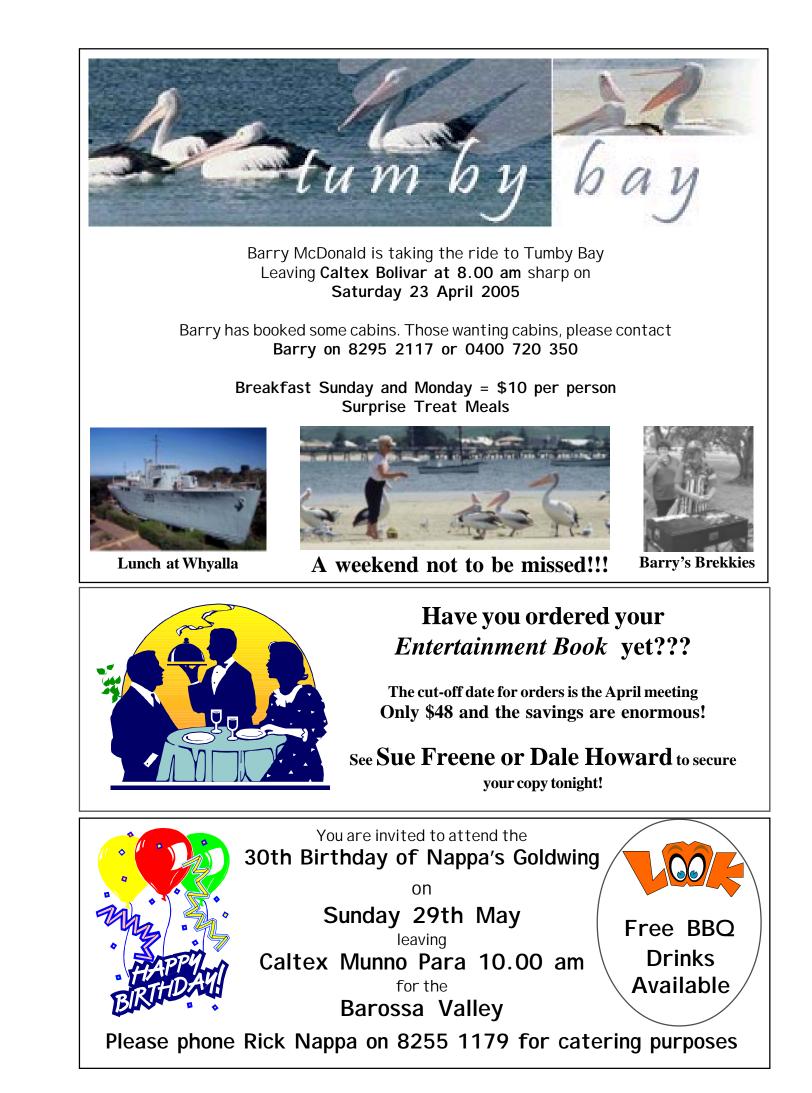
Jenny Hills is doing a great job organising dinners each month, and the theme ones of late have been well appreciated by those attending - check out the ads for April and May on page 6. They deserve our support.

Get well wishes to Jack Ash (I believe he had a mishap on the way home from the AGM - not sure of his injuries, if any), and Sonia Jamieson and Wind-up Wendy who are both on the sick list, and Ray Richards who is still recovering from his accident.

Hope everyone had a Happy Easter and was able to spend time with their families.



Quote from **Rhoda Ryan** on age: The wrinkly bits are only the wrapping. Quote from **Wendy Harmer** on motherguilt: On Friday nights, I get pissed and feed the kids frozen meals **Wendy**



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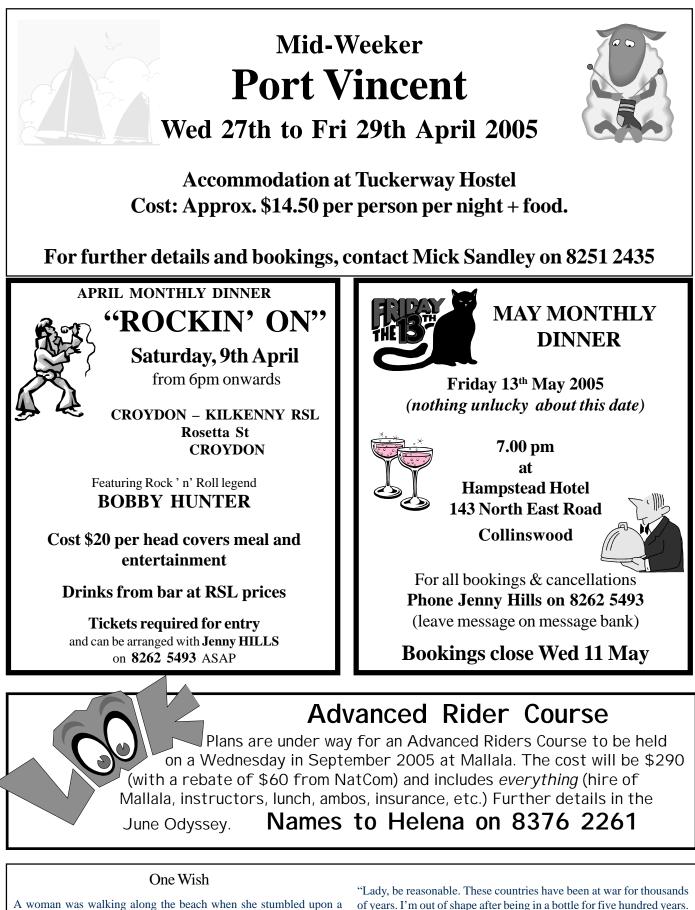
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A woman was walking along the beach when she stumbled upon a bottle. She picked it up and rubbed it and, lo and behold, a genie appeared! The amazed woman asked if she got three wishes. The genie said, "Nope, sorry, three-wish genies are a storybook myth. I'm a one-wish genie. So, what'll it be?" The woman did not hesitate. She said, "I want peace in the Middle East. See this map? I want these countries to stop fighting with each other and I want all the Arabs to love the Jews and Americans and vice-versa. It will bring about world peace and harmony." The genie looked at the map and exclaimed,

"Lady, be reasonable. These countries have been at war for thousands of years. I'm out of shape after being in a bottle for five hundred years. I'm good, but not THAT good! I don't think it can be done. Make another wish and please be reasonable." The woman thought for a minute and said, "Well, I've never been able to find the right man. You know, one that's considerate and fun, likes to cook and help with the house cleaning, loves kids and is great in bed, gets along with my family, doesn't watch sports all the time, and is faithful. That is what I wish for .. a good man." The genie lets out a deep sigh and said, "Let me see that friggin' map again..."

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April 24-26	Saturday 8.00 am	Barry McDonald 8291 2117	Anzac Long Weekend	Tumby Bay	Caltex Bolivar
May 1	Sunday 9.00 am	Gran & Ding 8264 1798	Vulcan 3 Branch Run		Bolton's South Rd
May 8	Sunday 10.00 am	Gnomette 8186 5801	Mothers' Day Ride		Top o'Taps
May 14-16	Saturday 9.30 am	Sue Freene 8277 3339	Adelaide Cup Long Weekend	Tatiara	Eagle on the Hill
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June 5	Sunday 10.00 am	Kaptain Ken 8277 5509	Combined Captains' Ride		Eagle on the Hill
June 11-13			Queen's Birthday Long W/E Stansbury		
June 19	Sunday 7.30 am	Kaptain Ken 8277 5509	Diehards' Breakfast		Civic Park
June 26	Sunday		Check Fleurieu & Torrens Valley Calendars		



Please note: Rockers (those two bits of Kim on the National website or talk to please read relevant articles by **Rick and** of Riding On.

curved rag some people have/had above anyone on the Committee of the Branch and/or below their old man logo on the back you attend. If you were at the AGM you of their jackets, indicating where they come should know all about it. Rick and Kim have from) are banned and must be removed given a clear explanation, leaving you in immediately, under threat of no doubt as to what is expected of you as a 'excommunication' from the Ulysses Club. responsible member of the Ulysses Club. I Before you get your knickers in a knot, believe there will be more in the next issue Wendy



How it was done in the 'old days'

At left is Don Cleaver's Aunt Elizabeth, showing what the young woman of the day wore on a Sunday outing - complete with beret (no helmet hair there), skirt and cardigan. Below, she is shown (with her husband) having a tea break. Note the fashionable sandals, again the beret, together with the fur collared overcoat! Beautiful! You may also have noticed the stand on the bike (a BSA 350), lifting up the back wheel (flat tyre). These photos were taken in England some time between the late 1920s-1930s. She used to love riding pillion, too, but the sidecar certainly

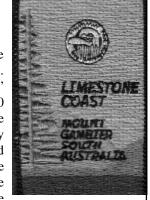


came in handy when children came along. Aunt Elizabeth is now 96. Don said the bike was still going strong when he saw it in 1952 in England. Aah, the good old days!

(Hope these photos turn out better than I think - they were old photos! Ed.)

Limestone Coast

February was a huge month for the Limestone Coast Ulysses Branch. Our inaugural "Beach of a Rally" came to fruition with 170 registrations coming through the gate at the Port MacDonnell footy oval. We had visitors from far and wide and were well supported by the local Limestone Coasters. We were absolutely delighted to welcome



Brian and Aiden, from Ireland, to the rally, as well as visitors from Victoria and other parts of South Australia. Participants were kept busy with an organised ride, novelty events, a visit from the Mt Gambier Hot Rod Club and entertainment on Saturday night. Many thanks to all the organisers and volunteers; what started out as "an idea" some 18 months ago has certainly turned out to be a very successful event. Be assured the "Beach of a Rally" will be on again next year.

On Sunday 27th February 2005, the Limestone Coast Branch held its AGM. Approximately 50 members attended and I have much pleasure in announcing the following members as Ulysses Club Limestone Coast Branch Committee 2005/2006:

President:	Rudi Esman
Secretary:	Jill Snigg
Treasurer:	Adrian Van Uitert
Rides Captain:	Trevor Blackall
Quartermaster:	Giovanna Reato
Webmaster:	John Bonney
Safety Officer:	Tim Snigg
Public Relations:	Jane Esman

Jill Snigg has also taken on the job of newsletter editor. The club historian position is vacant at present.

Our rides calendar is in the planning stages and will be published in the next issue of The Odyssey.

The Limestone Coast website has been revamped; please make a visit and browse through photos from the "Beach of a Rally". Our newsletter will be available from the website soon, as well as the rides calendar.

The address is www.ulysses.org.au/branches/ limestonecoast/

Twenty five of our members headed off to Canberra to the 22nd Ulysses Club AGM, some members making the voyage as rally virgins. Test rides were taken, lots of loot spent, plenty of partying went on and many miles were travelled. A highlight for me was meeting up with the Adelaide crew who presented Rudi and I with beanies to auction off at the Bluey Day Shaveoff in August. Both of us are participating in the shave-off and look forward to you joining us for the occasion (stay tuned for details). Other highlights from the AGM were to see our local member. Helena Gritton returned to NatCom and \$1000 presented to the Arthritis Research Taskforce, which was raised from the "Beach of a Rally".



Yorke Peninsula

On Sunday, 30th January, a few members from YP joined the Torrens Valley Branch at Balaklava on their ride to Port Broughton for lunch, travelling via Blyth, Snowtown, Barunga Ranges and Bute. Some



members from Port Pirie joined us there. After a pleasant meal and chit-chat, everyone headed for their respective homes.

On Sunday, 6th February, about 28 bikes from various areas arrived at Bethany Recreation Park for lunch, only to find we were sharing the area with another party group. We were thoroughly entertained, musically, during our stay with lots of oom-pah-pah and singing by the other very large group. The weather was pleasant, making for an enjoyable day, even if the Bartsch catered picnic lunch had to be served from the top of the trailer. (And what a great lunch it was, thank you Heather and James. Ed.)

On the 5th and 6th March, 11 people from YP and Clare rode to Melrose for an overnight experience at the caravan park and motel. A leisurely Saturday afternoon looking around Melrose, before an evening of good food and great friendship was had. Two members from Balaklava, who were 'just passing through', joined us for the evening, after finding out we were there. After the meal, most of us went back to the backpackers' hut for more drinks and coffee. The group left Melrose next morning, heading to Clare for lunch, then back to YP. Once again, an enjoyable time was had and the weather was kind to us.

Coming up!

1st May and it's off to Port Vincent for BYO BBQ at Bernard and Barbara Knope's shed, on the Coast Road between Port Vincent and Stansbury, left-hand side, balloon sign-posted.

11th-13th June (Note change of date) we will combine with the Adelaide Branch for a weekender at Stansbury.

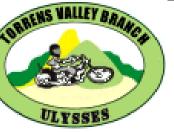
2nd-3rd July - Overnight stay at Hawker Caravan Park. They offer en suite cabins, powered and unpowered sites, BBQ, camp kitchen, etc. Apparently other Ulysses members have stayed there. There is also a hotel/motel and the Outback Motel and Holiday Villas in the town. More details next issue.

Contacts: James on 8823 3247 or 0429 864 262 Snayle on 8854 5311 or 0402 804 811 Stay upright and ride safe **James Bartsch**

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Torrens Valley

Torrens Valley Ride Leader, Tai (Ross), Webmaster, Cancerman (Mark) and Miss Hiss (Jen) met with Salty



(Trevor Brine) and friends, to ascertain their "disgraceful credentials" before arranging a "meet and greet" get together. The bona fides of the Mallee guys 'n' gals seemed to be in order after they "disgracefully" led the visitors to the nearest watering hole at Renmark.

A word of warning to metro Ulyssians: these "disgraceful" riders will be going to the Blanchetown Hotel on the 3rd of July! Contact Tai on 0419 835 800 to register your interest in attending.



Rendezvous with the Mallee Branch

On behalf of all riders I would like to pass on our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Robbo and Brian. I believe both are ok, albeit sore from recent accidents.

Twilight Ride

Well attended event as always. The Vine Inn at Nuriootpa is a great venue. Rod Stoneman's annual ride was blessed with great evening riding conditions...around 28° for the run through vino country. Thanks Rod!



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Right: David and Tina enjoying the moment with fellow Ulyssians in the b e a u t i f u l surroundings at the Gumeracha Toy Factory

Left: Chris and Richo relaxing at the Gumeracha Toy Factory

First Aid Course

Thanks to the organisation by Grant, Frank and instructor, Brooke, the 20 participants learnt how to SAVE A LIFE!! The CPR skills, along with other Basic First Aid, is an invaluable skill for motorcyclists. I urge all riders to consider doing First Aid!!.....it may just save a fellow rider's life.

Clare Brunch Ride

Ride conditions once again perfect! Jen and I tagged the group at Kapunda for a relaxing ride through the Clare Valley then on to Clare for brunch. 'Well done' to the Caltex staff who tried to keep up with the meal orders. Our numbers of riders turning up for events are overwhelming, at times..but, hey..keep it coming guys 'n' gals! Thanks to Chris and Tikki for a great ride.

Arthritis Research Taskforce Ride

Rob Boram, Nev and Pam Gray, along with other helpers, arranged for our branch to meet at the Gumeracha Toy Factory for a hosted BBQ. The staff there put on a great meal. 49 riders from all branches converged on the venue..a beautiful setting worthy of a return visit. Check the calendar for the next one!

Tai's Strathalbyn Ride

Where is everyone???..oops....AGM! Nonetheless we had 12 riders meet for the run through the Adelaide Hills, Balhannah for tea break, then on to Strath for lunch. The temp. was forecast for 34°, but Strath proved much cooler, thankfully. New members, Phil and Sondra, joined the group to sample our "disgraceful" riding styles (hope they weren't watching me!). The ride home north had the temperature rise, in more ways than one. Did I mention "cages"....nawwww!

Stay well and ride safely, Ross (Tai) Jones Rides Captain. mob.# 0419835800





A woman asks her husband, "Would you like food." some bacon and eggs? A slice of toast and maybe some grapefruit and coffee?" Come dinner time, she asks if he wants anything she asks.

He declines. "Thanks for asking, but I'm not chicken or tasty stir fry?" hungry right now. It's this Viagra," he says. "It's really taken the edge off my appetite."

At lunchtime she asked if he would like "Well," she says, "would you mind letting me up? something. "A bowl of soup, homemade muffins, I'm starving."

or a cheese sandwich?" He declines. "The Viagra," he says, "really trashes my desire for

to eat. "Would you like a juicy porterhouse steak and scrumptious apple pie? Or maybe a rotisserie

He declines again. "No, still not hungry."

ALTERNATIVE AGM DINNER 2005

An enthusiastic group who couldn't attend at Canberra enjoyed the Alternative AGM Dinner 2005 at the Somerset Hotel on Friday 11 March 2005.



John (Ratbag Robbo) Robinson with his Torrens Valley inspired 'beanie'

As at the AGM, the glistening prize of the night was sparkling in the corner with its two wheels and chrome, but because if was the *alternative* anyone had been eligible to register to win this prize, tickets continued to sell on the night. A few beanies were worn and one prize winner, Margaret Dolensky, put a lot of effort into her beanie to win one of the prizes, by a majority decision. Apparently Margaret then donated her winning beanie to the Torrens Valley Branch and the first recipient of



Janetta with her new set of two wheels

the Trainer Cap was Robbo. After much discussion about beanies and hats being eligible and money put on the table and votes taken, Doug Francis was the winner (with an alligator theme - most impressive and lifelike) of the other Beanie prize.

The meal and atmosphere was enjoyed by all and, finally, the drawing of the big prize took place by the lovely Miss Somerset, who had been doing a good job waiting on the tables. The ever so jubilant winner was Janetta Caire with winning ticket number B89. I heard later on the grapevine, that later that night she had to phone a fellow member, Pauline Crabb, and play the revving sound of the alarm from her prize bike – it even says 'good morning' to you after you wake. So in other words, she was ecstatic with her win.

What will happen next year... read this magazine and find out and in the mean time the monthly dinners continue!

Jenny Hills



Girl's Diary

Saw John in the evening and he was acting really strangely. I went shopping in the afternoon with the girls and did turn up a bit late, so I thought it might be that.

The bar was really crowded and loud so I suggested we go somewhere quieter to talk. He was still very subdued and distracted, so I suggested we go somewhere nice to eat.

All through dinner he just didn't seem himself; he hardly laughed and didn't seem to be paying any attention to me or what I was saying. I just knew something was wrong.

He dropped me back home. I wondered if he was going to come in; he hesitated, but followed. I asked him again if there was something the matter, but he just half shook his head and turned the television on.

After about 10 minutes of silence, I said I was going upstairs to bed. I put my arms around him and told him that I loved him deeply. He just gave a sigh and a sad sort of smile.

He didn't follow me up, but later he did, and I was surprised when we made love. He still seemed distant and a bit cold, and I started to think that he was going to leave me, and that he had found someone else.....I cried myself to sleep.

Boy's Diary



Wallabies lost to New Zealand. Had sex though.

January 2005 Ulysses BBQ at Coffin Bay

forum.

So it was decided there & then. The original participants were participate.

In the event they turned out to both be BSA Owners Club pleased with himself, & so was I. Members, but between us we were also members of Ulysses, Classic Owners, Ancient Japanese, CBX Owners & Ex Speedway riders.

Dean Launer & Robert Barkley, who were keen to become terrible bush fires in & around Port Lincoln.

in the wee hours from somewhere on the Port Wakefield road, on at between 120 & 140 kph to stay in sight of the leaders.

For the record, Tony was mounted on a Honda ST1100, Deano twin & Rosco brought up the rear on a Honda BlackBird.

Things proceeded well until we turned south at Port Augusta, were not impressed by the scenery so moved on.

been touched.

meet him & his wife Elizabeth for dinner at the nearby yacht club. after.

Tony & Deano busily erected their tents while Rob & Rosco shared a caravan, so our moving in was much less stressful.

Dinner was great &, after a good night's sleep, we headed into to have more millionaires than any other town in Oz, & that's not the BlackBird for 18.5 litres on the way home. Beat that! surprising looking at the fishing fleet & its harbour.

Ray & Elizabeth & others had organised the barby.

Ulysses members had lost everything in the fires. It wasn't until Chrysler had been severely burned & his wife & grand children had been killed. Dreadful!

At the conclusion of the barby, we rode back to the caravan the forthcoming Ulysses Canberra trip. park, had a good night's rest then took off for Elliston. En route we lunched at Sheringa, a mere spot on the map, & caught up problems, so it was a good trip. with a 40 odd year old couple who were riding a two-up push bike around Oz to raise funds for leukemia. Again, marvellous.

The next stop was Elliston where we looked up a local identity by the name of Milton Lewis. Well what a card!

His history is in motor cycling (of course) & his several acre I'm please to report that Grumpy is feeling himself again.

Early in January my good friend Tony West decided that he property is covered with sheds full of a life-time's motorcycle bits & needed to road test his freshly designed & built motorcycle pieces, all of which could be termed junk! Milton also has a coupla trailer & he proposed that the Ulysses BBQ at Coffin Bay on good BMW motor cars plus many more for spares, should the need Saturday the 15th (or thereabouts) would provide the necessary arise. He & his wife are great folk & were pleased to see us, & provided afternoon tea & an extensive tour of the area.

We then headed off to Penis Bay (or was it Venus?) where we to have been Tony, Rosco & Grumpy, but the latter stuffed things were lucky enough to grab a whole house on the beach front for up in a big way by having a heart attack (again) the week prior to \$17.50 per head. The highlight of this stop was when Rosco lost his our departure & thus was indisposed. This required a hastily camera lens cover down between the cracks in the board walk, & organised Board Meeting between the other participants & it had to enlist a rather overweight lad to crawl under same & retrieve was decided to invite new junior probationary Directors to the lens cover. This was encouraged by dropping dollar coins in his path to guide him to the cover & he ended up the exercise rather

> Actually, we were very lucky we had decided to stay overnight at Penis Bay, 'coz the alternative, Port Kenny, turned out to be inland & a dinky di one horse town.

From there we went on to Streaky Bay &, while the boys partook Directors, however, at the eleventh hour, we were advised of the of morning tea, I wandered around the town & reminisced about a holiday I spent there with my former wife & two girls when they Tony rang Ray Sims at Coffin Bay to ask whether the event was were about 3 & 5. It was around 1962, we had very limited funds, still on & received his assurance that it was, so we left as a group everything went wrong with the 48/215 Holden & I recall that we went to a dance there on the Saturday night, & the mob from Poochera Friday the 14th January. Tony led the way at what he said was the came to town. They all looked the same. There might have been a speed limit & Rosco brought up the rear, where he had to cruise trifle of in-breeding there somewhere? I think the town might have changed a bit in 40 odd years, too.

Couldn't find the butcher shop that used to supply the mince that on a 1995 BMW Boxer 800, Rob on a vintage Yamaha 750 Vee I caught all of the tommies with, & the caravan park was a lot different.

After the boys had allowed me my time we sped off for Kimba where we had arranged to meet Buck & Heather Yates, & despite where we encountered a very strong head wind & Rob did well careful directions, it was only because Heather was standing at the on his relic to keep up. We had a brief fuel stop at Arno Bay & front of their mansion that we found them. Buck is a semi-retired farmer who lives in town & plays host as often as possible to itinerant We first saw the devastation of the bush fire at a caravan park motorcyclists. They are both great folk. Buck still works seven days/ on the outskirts of Port Lincoln but Port Lincoln itself had not week on his farm which is now managed by his son, & this allows him to have the odd arvo off. Buck had organised a barby in the We had a late lunch in the suburbs of the city then took off for evening, so we booked into the pub around the corner & duly arrived Coffin Bay where, by a stroke of luck, we were met by Ray Sims at for the evening BBO, which was another great night. Buck would the caravan park. Ray directed us to the office & we arranged to not hear of any contribution, so we made it up with a little something

Following morning, Buck insisted on providing a cooked brekky & then we were off for Port Augusta. This is surely the most boring bit of road anywhere in Oz, but we got there eventually & refuelled Port Lincoln to have a look at its wonders. Port Lincoln is reputed at the BP. BP stands for Better Petrol & Rosco got 360 klicks out of

So the Ulysses barby at Coffin Bay ended on the Tuesday after, & After a good look around, we met the Ulysses mob at the Town all went well. The only problem that occurred was that this event Jetty at the appointed hour & took off back to Coffin Bay, where cost Robert Barkley more than he had budgeted! He decided that his Yamaha relic was not a suitable conveyance for a potential board This was a great show, tempered a little by the fact that several member, so he has traded it on a Yamaha Diversion. The trip was punctuated with Board Meetings, necessary to determine the events afterwards that I learned that a chap that I had worked with at of the forthcoming day, & whilst Tony & Rosco held the casting vote, the probationary directors proved themselves to be adequate director material & may well be accepted as full board members for

The BBQ round trip was just short of 2,000 klicks & we had no

Many thanks to all those who participated & made our holiday a success.

Rosco

Postscript!

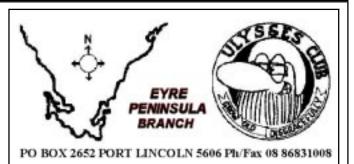
BIKERS FOR THE BUSHFIRE APPEAL

On the 9th of February, I was invited to attend a barbecue by a few members of the Port Lincoln Branch of the Ex National Servicemen's Association, when they would be hosting two members of the Kings Cross Bikers Social and Welfare Club, Randall (Animal) Nelson and his mate, Charlie Davage.



"Animal" presented to the Chairmen of the District Councils of Lower Eyre Peninsula and Tumby Bay a letter from The Lord Mayor of Sydney, Clover Moore MP, to the Families and Friends of the Bushfire Tragedy in which the following extracts were written:-

"The Club was formed 30 years ago to assist its members to volunteer their time, bikes and skills to help the community, including taking sick and disabled children, the elderly and disadvantaged persons on rides. The club has been involved in organizing and supporting many charity events and is most well known for their annual Christmas Toy Run to provide Christmas for children in hospital.



"Animal" was the club's founder and chairman and, for his work in so many charities, he was awarded an O.A.M. in the Queen's Birthday 2004 honours."

The Kings Cross Bikers Social and Welfare Club and the Wednesday Wheelie Warriors Social Club held their 'Port Lincoln Shire' Bushfire Collection Day on Sunday the 16th January 2005 from 11am to 3.30pm in Glebe, Sydney, where they collected 46 bags and boxes of adult and children's clothing (all laundered), manchester, toys and many other items. Not bad for such a short time. These items were added to later.

Charlie and "Animal" left Sydney, driving a van with trailer attached, which had been lent to them by Picton Motor cycles, on the morning of Monday the 7^{th,} stopping the night at Mildura and then the next night at Whyalla, before going on to Tumby Bay, where they presented the donations to Chairmen Graham Stirling and Brian Treloar.

After a magnificent barbecue given by the National Servicemen and their wives, Charlie and "Animal" made very gracious speeches in appreciation of the meal.

We, the people of lower Eyre Peninsula, owe them and their clubs, along with many hundreds of other people, a debt of gratitude and appreciation for all their kind work and thoughts in the difficult times that our members and those of our community affected by the fire have and are experiencing.

The motto of the Kings Cross Bikers Social and Welfare Club:

When we do right, No one remembers. When we do wrong, No one forgets.

But the people who they have helped on Lower Eyre Peninsula **WILL** remember them.

Geoff Trevor Secretary EP Branch.





EYRE PENINSULA BRANCH RIDE CALENDAR April-June - Visitors Welcome				
Date	Ride	Contact	By	Departure
April 23-25	Meet Adelaide & Whyalla Branches at Tumby Bay	Malcolm Baker 8688 2954		
April 30	Overnight Camp at Yangi	Blue Coppin	23/4/05	TJ 2.00 pm
May 1	BYO BBQ at Yangi	0411230720		TJ 10.00 am
May 8	Chomp & Chat at Dorward Park North Shields. BYO BBQ			Noon
May 14-16	Weekend at Streaky Bay Own Accommodation bookings	Ray Sims 8685 4107	7/5/05	TJ 10.00 am
May 27-29	Leigh Creek	Max Walker 0428 672 463		
June 18-19	Overnight at Cleve Book own accom. at CP or motel	Malcolm Baker 8688 2954	11/6/05	NS 1.00 pm
June 25	Wine Tasting at Malcolm Baker's home 37 Preece Street, Tumby Bay. MUST ADVISE	Malcolm Baker 8688 2954	18/6/05	NS 1.00 pm
NB: Come on any event on any sort of wheels. Sunday impromptu rides from Town Jetty at 10.00 am Scheduled rides leave on time indicate: TJ (Town Jetty) - NS (North Shields). All rides subject to alteration				

Canberra AGM

and Rob Cole Friday night. Saturday morning saw us up early to meet up with the Freenes, Ryans and McDonalds at the from anyone who did. Freene's. Barry and Rose travelled by car, and Sue and I went in Rob's car.

Stopped at Ouyen for lunch, just as the bakery was closing (early) for the day. Nevertheless, they could see it would be profitable to stay open for another half an hour for ten lunches! They nearly didn't. The eight or so Adelaidians who rocked up just as we were leaving, weren't so lucky.

Our first night we spent in one of the two hotels in Wycheproof (ate at the other one). Some of us were 'lucky' enough to have our rooms directly over the jukebox which belted out music non-stop until 3.30 am. For future reference: don't stay in pubs on Saturday nights without asking about music/ parties, etc.

Sunday was a good ride (drive) through great and scenic countryside. Don *loves* those back roads! After booking into cabins at Talangatta, we went in to the main street and had tea at the 50s Milk Bar. Well, what a stroke of luck!!! We were transported back in time, and for those of us in the 'right' age bracket, (me, for one) it was a real buzz - (17 all over again, except this time, I knew I'd have someone to take me home!) As an extra bonus, there was a group of Geelong members similarly affected by the atmosphere - hamburgers, chips, hot dogs and an illicit carton (wouldn't have happened in my day). The jukebox got the biggest workout I think it has ever had. Besides the accompanying photos, sent by John and Lyn Howie from Highton, he included some video clips of us dancing up a storm! In the end, it was decided we should go home (Adelaide) now, as we had already had that one memorable night one always has on such trips, and wouldn't be beaten (and it wasn't!).

Arriving approximately 4.00 pm on the Monday, we found we'd missed the queues, in fact, we were the queue! We felt a bit pressured by the relative lateness of our arrival and having to pick a site and set up camp (which we eventually did, further away than *anyone* from the main area). What a drama!!! Trying to set up five tents plus keep a space for the Howards, and leave an appropriate space in the centre for our shade/breakfast/ drinking shelter, proved a bit much for some of our group - the space for the shelter disappeared with some tent erectors miscalculating how much room they needed. I'm not one to point the finger - much - but Barry's tent ended up being right where the shelter was supposed to be and it had to be moved -'no way,' says Barry. So after about an hour or so of backwards and forwards between Sue and Barry, it was shifted, but, as predicted, not by him - even the threat of placing a hammer in an awkward spot of Barry's anatomy wouldn't change his mind! Two near neighbours were entertained thoroughly and said they wished they had a video camera! Meanwhile, Garry and I were shifting our tent (the Kingdome) from spot to spot looking for an area without cement four inches below the surface!

Thought it was great the area was big enough to accommodate all kinds of camping a vehicles. The number of food outlets were at best adequate, but only because so many went off-site for meals or prepared their own. The food provided was pretty good, though. Our group 'found' the Ainslie Football Club which served good meals and \$2 beers- we went there a couple of nights. They also gave out vouchers for drinks, etc. to interstate visitors. The only real whinge I had was the inadequate

Garry and I left Ardrossan Friday the 4th, staying with Helena bar facilities - NO CHAMPAGNE! - and, although I didn't try their red or white bottled wine, there was no positive feedback

> We didn't go to Friday night's dinner, but Saturday's was of the usual reasonable standard (not bad considering the huge effort that must go into feeding the multitudes in a relatively short time. I thought, compared to previous years, the sweet selection was outstanding (even if the cheesecake was still frozen) and the fruit salad was excellent! The band I enjoyed the most was Thursday night's bush band. Friday was pretty good, too. Hard to judge Saturday night's if you weren't in the room with them.

> Thought the people of Canberra were tolerant in having us there once they got used to the idea, and **the bus drivers are the** best!!!!

> Don Freene must have the record for the most test rides. dropping only one! Guess it's only a matter of time, when you have so many rides. Couldn't have been much damage, as the dealers 'let him off'.

Highlights

Tuesday morning, listening to the various stories from tent dwellers on the grassed area around the perimeter of the trotting track, who were awakened in the wee hours by the sound of intermittent 'rain' on their abodes. You see, there was a reason for the lovely, soft, green grass - automatic pop-up sprinklers! Lester Launer was able to laugh about it, but some had the doors unzipped and everything got wet! Someone stuck his head out and said, 'It's raining - no, it's not - yes, it is - no it's not, etc. Pretty funny, at the time!

We had a 'girls' day out on the day Princess Mary and Freddy went to the Australian National Museum, although we weren't aware of that until we got there (the little girls in frillies and holding posies gave it away). We were allowed in (not vi the red carpet like Helena wanted - it was the back door for us second class citizens) for coffee and cake at the cafeteria. More red carpet so Mary and Freddy were coming our way! Rhoda and I had a great view - she is beautiful and Freddy's not bad either!

The Screen and Sound Museum was good for a couple of hours, reliving the past 20 years of screen, TV and radio. The Telstra Tower was a must for those who do 'up' - I don't! The Casino was a bore - no one there (probably because there were no Pokies). The Old Parliament House with its Petrov Affair was excellent. I remember this when I was about 13 or so and I probably understand more about it now.

The bus transport was really good - all day concession for \$1.30! Once the timetabling, routes, etc. were worked out, it was very easy. Pity the info wasn't made available in our showbags - we would have used it from day one. One other thing needed in showbags is a *good* map of the host city/town. Canberra is the only place I've *ever* been at any time where the Information Bureau sells its towns maps!

And let's not forget our aforementioned Beanie Competition. After packing up on Monday morning, everyone, except for Garry and I, left for home. We went on for another week, going home via Wangaratta with me pillioning. The weather for the whole fortnight was fantastic and with the trees, etc. taking on their autumn clothes, the scenery was stunning. All in all, we had a good time, as usual.

Wendy King



The Great Beanie Competition

With over forty-five entries (there were more later who missed the judging) Sue was overwhelmed with the Best Man's Beanie: Alpine Ski Hat in fabulous colours response. As previously mentioned, the idea was (because it was supposed to be cold in Canberra) we all needed a Rudi and Jane Esman to auction/sell off at their Bluey Day in Mount Gambier, later in the year.

It never ceases to amaze me that so many members get behind a fun idea to raise money for anything. We've

Nita Curtis' creativity was evident as she made all the beanies for her group of friends. There was a red-backed spider, Friesian cow, pig and piglets, one-eyed purple people eater, strawberry, cat, etc.

Christine Stoneman had to be the most prolific beanie maker and every one of them was worthy of a prize, as were the beautifully glamorous hats of Marie Dalitz.

There were two delightful beanies made by Judy Cook's sister in Victoria. Her sisters little grandson is in remission from leukemia and was pleased to be able to contribute to any fund-raising for 'the cause'.

Kerry Booy rocked up with a collection of beautiful beanies with daisies, bees, birds and one with mice on it.

Sue Freene can't knit (so she says) so she made a really nice faux fur cossack hat for Don to wear.

Helena Cole made another 20's style cloche worn by Rose McDonald (a previous one was sold at a meeting for \$20). Rob was seen sporting a very classy tam o'shanter knitted by Helena.

Rick Nappa had a miner's beanie complete with torch.



Rudi and Jane speak to their fans!

Saturday evening, before going out to dinner, the Great After a great deal of deliberation, it was felt that they all Beanie Competition judging was held at our camp site. deserved a prize, but the judges decided on the following:

made by Marie Dalitz and worn by her husband, Geoff

beanie. Sue asked that all beanies then be donated to Lady's Beanie/Hat: A tie between Marie Dalitz's creation of soft pastels and beading and Christine Stoneman's apricot creation with boucle crown and fluffy turn up brim. The Best Novelty Beanie: The Friesian cow made by Nita Curtis and worn with aplomb by Rob Tucker.

never had flop yet! And how talented are our members?! The Best Novelty Beanie That Could be Worn: Christine Stoneman's Kenny cap, (because it looked like a hat worn by Kenny from the Simpsons).

> Rudi and Jane were present and Rudi gave a short talk on what they hope to achieve with Bluey Day, and expressed their undying gratitude to the members of the SA Branches that helped make this competition a success. Some hats/ beanies have already been sold, and with prices they brought it is not hard to estimate and Rudi and Jane could realise \$1000 - but time will tell!

> > Wendy King



Tallangatta - on the way to Canberra

From left: Michael Ryan, Garry King, Rob Cole, Helena Cole, Don Freene

Who would have thought James Dean would turn up at Tallangatta!? Garry wouldn't let me take him home said, 'You don't know where he's been!' There's hope of finding Elvis, yet!



From left: Helena Cole, Rose McDonald, Sue Freene, Rhoda Ryan, Wendy King. Look like a mob of goers! Some of our 'new friends' from Geelong Branch. Thank you so much for sending these photos. We all took away some good memories from the 50's Bar.



Michael Ryan - It's ok, Michael. We've all had the wallflower experience at some time!



From left: Barry McDonald, Wendy King, Rose McDonald, Sue Freene, Rhoda Ryan



The ride will leave from Civic Park Departure time? Ten thirty sharp Fifty bikes await the start With their riders getting frisky. Kaptain Ken leads the run His pep talk? "Stay off my bum! Cruise easy guys, have some fun But don't try anything risky." Pistons ping up Checker's Hill Two stroke engines racing shrill Corner hard, man what a thrill At Forreston your brakes are hot. Warming sun feels so good At 80ks (like you should!) On the road to old Birdwood For a drink at your favourite spot. On to Mount Pleasant Bakery Renowned for its quality pastry The 'Steam & Whistle's' a must to see It's run by a bloke called Burns. Over now to Tungkillo town Gentle rises up and down Motors purring a beautiful sound Watch for gravel on the turns. Through the hills to the Murray plain Change down gears and engines strain The brakes start to heat again As you suddenly drop into Palmer. Ahead the road is flat and straight The Mannum pipeline's now your mate As it leads you to the river's gate On the lawns you eat a banana. All the bikes fit on the punt Then heavy cables heave and grunt Ulysses on water, a wonderful stunt. How come no one got wet? Past Mallee farms doing it tough The season here's been rather rough But cockies are made of robust stuff They'll be right next year, I'll bet. The country here don't get much rain Scorching winds bring heartache/pain Seldom silos brim with grain But what can a farmer do? Fifteen minutes to Karoonda junction Check your flasher lights still function Redline the tacho with no compunction Happy hour's due 4 p.m. Lameroo! Two black lines depict a bad skid

The teenage driver was only a kid Rolled the ute, the 'old man' blew his lid He really thought he could drive. Silly young bugger showing off to his mate Is speed the only thing they relate? Give him ten years the urge might abate At least he got out alive. The parallel lines lead into the bush Trees and fence posts all got the push Just a few seconds, a bang and a whoosh And the ute's in a tangled mess. Memories swirl in a painful flood The ambulance trip, bandages, blood He injured his mate, man what a crud "On the booze, lad?" It had to be yes. Lameroo looms for a feed and a rest The flies (like eagles) a constant pest The pub sirloin steak is just the best And 'a coldy' is hard to knock back. Sunrise heralds the mappies warble A coupla riders look pretty awful "Had one too many?" rider chortled Strike camp and it's back on the track. Head off early and see the sun rise Blue orange hues so soft on the eyes But round the corner a sudden surprise Brake hard and try not to tip over. A thousand sheep in 'the long paddock' graze Their fleeces appear as a rippling haze "Fifty miles will take us six days," Said the wise and wrinkly old drover. He put the dogs through the guts of the mob To clear us a path, they did a good job Droving's a tough way to earn a bob I thought, as we slowly rode past. The flock had now been split in two But slowly merged in our mirror's view As our tyres spat out green balls of goo That the mob masticated for breakfast! Homeward bound on the road to Keith Dark clouds, no rain, that's a relief K.F. up front (our fearless chief) Leads us safe back to Murray Bridge. Take it steady across the river Water chilled breezes, riders shiver What's for tea? Hot tongue and cold liver And a six pack just put in the fridge!

by Mike 'Bugger' Smith

A RIDER DREAMS

Poets' Corner

The Corner Marshall's Lament

Where is tail-end Charlie? He is nowhere in sight I'm really starting to think That I'll be here all night.

We've been threatened with death If we do not stay If I leave this corner They'll all go the wrong way.

I see a glimmer of orange and he's waving to me Oh! Thank God - no more guilt I can now go FREE! Geraldine Murray



Ulysses here - Ulysses there In Canberra - Ulyssians everywhere!

Riding out to enjoy the day Providing they can find their way!!?

Around and around in circles I t's really quite a thrill I 've no doubt there's probably some revolving still!

We rode our bikes and the buses, too So much to see and so much to do Thank you Canberra - we'll come back one day Providing that we can find our way!? Geraldine Murray



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Found

Glove: Lady's left hand Harley Davidson glove, found near the southern end of Auburn on the Clare weekend. Contact Kevin Parish at Watervale on 8843 0032



Yamaha XJ600 Seca II: 1996 model. 56,000ks. Gearsack rack and bag. Registered, excellent condition. \$4,900 ono. Contact Gnome on 8186 5801 or Jody 0417 073 670

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