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Happy New Year, everyone!

Planning is well under way for the AGM in Mildura and a week 'along the river' for a week or so after is all booked. It's a long time since I've gone on a holiday on my bike, so I am really looking forward to it. With Tent City at the AGM and motels for the rest, you see why I am extra keen.



Also looking forward to drawing a line under the 2011 Odyssey, with the presentation of cheques to 3 worthy children's charities in Port Pirie. (See Andrew's column.)

...And now it's straight into the next one - Mount Gambier! All the info and rego forms in the middle of this issue. Don't forget to get updates from Limestone Coast Branch's web site linked to the National web site.

The beauty of the Odysseys is that they are all different from each other, and make use of the local attractions and 'suppliers' to make up their programmes.

#### Daisy - our heroine!

Daisy gave her 'quick, Dad, come and look what I've found' bark' and when Garry investigated, he found there was a brown snake under the bed in the spare room/office.

A call to the 'snake catcher' in Wallaroo and he was down in about an hour. Meantime, said snake was blocked in the spare room.

After some time, the snake hadn't been located (little bugger had moved). Enter Daisy again and straight for the curtains! There it was. Catcher did his thing, we gave him the \$160 fee and Daisy had lots of pats and a treat for being such a good girl. She was clever enough



not to attack it (that must be the Silky in her - the foxy part would have had a go). Apparently, it came in under the sieve door (it now has a rubber thingy attached). It was only about 60cm long, but extra deadly. At 3kg, Daisy wouldn't have even made it to the car for the vets if she'd been bitten.

Hobbit and Vicki Ryan also had a brown snake - a 4 footer! - in their yard and one of their little dogs got a 'scratch' from the snake. He was a bit crook for a while, but came good, much to their relief.

As I won't be around for the April meeting (magazine night), and the logistics in organising the database and getting it to the packers after the meeting, mean that all magazines will be posted this time.

Cheers for now  
Wendy

Well, it's February already, which means it's time for the Adelaide Branch AGM, we have nominations to cover all Branch positions except the position of Quartermaster. We would really like to fill this position as it is always handy to have the Quartermaster's store at our Branch meetings. If you are interested in filling this position, please come forward and speak to one of our committee folk, and what this position entails will be explained.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank every member of the Adelaide Branch 2011 Committee and Sub-committees for their efforts throughout the past year; without your efforts, the Adelaide Branch would not continue to be so successful.

On the 4th February, the members of the Port Pirie Odyssey Committee and other essential helpers will be making a voyage to Port Pirie to distribute the moneys left over from the Odyssey. The recipients of these moneys are Riding for the Disabled, Port Pirie Special Olympics and Port Pirie Uniting Care Wesley Country SA who are all worthy recipients.

The Mayor has accepted an invitation to attend this handing over of the cheques, which is very graceful on his part as the hand over is taking place on a Saturday.

As I have said to many folk in the past, the Ulysses Club is the best social club anyone could want to be involved in, so get out and participate in what's on offer and I'll see you out there.

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12-Feb	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride	Goolwa	McDonalds Magill
19-Feb	10.00am		Freemasons Men's Health	Birdwood	Freemasons Centre Dyson Road Noarlunga Downs
26-Feb	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride	Normanville	Civic Park
4-March	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride	Mt Pleasant	McDonalds Magill
11-March		ADELAIDE CUP	LONG WEEKEND		
18-March	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride	Lyndoch	Top of Taps
25-March	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride	Port Elliott	Civic Park
1-April	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride	Swan Reach	McDonalds Magill
8-April	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Wabbit Wun	Milang	Top of Taps
15-April	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride	Strathalbyn	McDonalds Magill
22-April	9.30am	Chris Roberts	Day Ride	Gumeracha	Civic Park
29-April	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride	Goolwa	Top of Taps
6-May	9.30am	Andrew Mill	GC Motorcycles Nth		Gc Motorcycles 122 Main Nth Road Prospect
13-May	9.30am		Mother's Day Ride		Civic Park
20-May	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		McDonalds Magill
27-May	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		Top of Taps
3-June	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		Civic Park
10-June		QUEEN'S B/DAY	LONG WEEKEND		
17-June	9.30am	Andrew Mill	Day Ride		McDonalds Magill
24-June	8.00am	Andrew Mill	Diehards Breakfast		Top of Taps



Every Year, Kath and Ralph Pattison have a Christmas lunch for the Yorke Peninsula Wednesday riders. We appreciate the effort that Kath puts into providing us with a sumptuous lunch - pretty sure that not many of us have tea that night! Thanks, Kath and Ralph. Kath is in the middle of the picture, sitting on Ralph's knee.



## Adelaide Branch Meetings

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#### Yorke Peninsula Riding Group

Co-ordinator	Rod Lind	8837 7260 0418 527 977
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**Buckingham Arms 13/1/12**

Friday 13th was lucky for those who attended the BUCKINGHAM ARMS for a good selection smorgasbord tea. The food and drinks were great to the taste buds, and we went back for more and more! The ears were happy, too, listening for a few more updates and funny tales. Great time shared with our guest from Port Broughton and others.



Ken Wagnitz, our Secretary and webmaster, with his sister, Liz, and Neil Larcombe

The CLEARVIEW BOWLING CLUB was a new venue to dine and it was a homely 3 course meal enjoyed by all who attended the CHRISTMAS 2011 DINNER. Father Christmas paid a visit with presents, questions giving us plenty of smiles and cheerful high 5 good-byes - thank you Adrian. The night outside was ideal to be barefoot on the green and be trained by a very devoted trainee of how to bowl that bowl. We all had a great night, as is evidenced by the photos, and we all wished each other and you a HAPPY CHRISTMAS and an even HAPPIER NEW YEAR.



Jenny Hills, 'I'm yours, Santa!'



*Monthly Dinners*  
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Ron's mates are very upset that he can't go, but what can they do.

Two days later the three get to the camping site only to find Ron sitting there with a tent set up, firewood gathered, and dinner cooking on the fire.

"Hi Ron, how long you been here, and how did you talk your missus into letting you go?"

"Well, I've been here since yesterday. Yesterday morning, I was sitting in my chair and my wife came up behind me and put her hands over my eyes and said, 'Guess who?'"

I pulled her hands off, and she was wearing a brand new nightie. She took my hand and pulled me to our bedroom.. The room had candles and rose petals all over. On the bed she had handcuffs, and ropes! She told me to tie and cuff her to the bed, and I did.

And then she said, "Do whatever you want."

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Ray, the raffle man, telling Father Christmas what prizes HE would like for Christmas



Rob Hartridge doesn't look too sure about sitting on Santa's knee! And who would blame him?  
On The other hand, Margaret Gray (below) looks like she belongs there!



The Odyssey

The girls: Denise Spellacy, Julie Malpas, Gayle McDonald, Jenny Hills and Michele Wagnitz.



Ulysses Adelaide Branch



# Toy Run Breakfast 2011

Well another great turnout for another fantastic Toy Run Brekkie, the weather was kind, overcast, but fine and great for tucking into a hot breakfast of bacon, sausage, egg, toast and beans.

Chris and his band of extremely competent and friendly helpers did a wonderful job cooking and then serving up this feast.

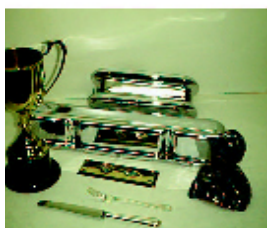
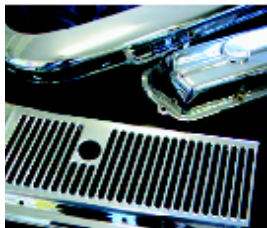
The change of venue didn't seem to have any impact on numbers, and all who attended seemed to have had a good time socializing while having brekkie and getting ready for the Toy Run.

The oval at Callington was well set up with traders' tents and displays and quickly filled once the ride arrived. All in all, it was a good day started off right with a hearty breakfast. Well done guys and gals! A big thank you to all Ulyssians and friends for supporting the 2011 Toy Run BBQ Breakfast. Held in the Adelaide Parklands for the first time, the new venue was a new challenge to the team.

'Thank you' to all cooks and helpers; without their support, these events just wouldn't happen.

Hope you all had a disgracefully good time and will catch up next event.

Regards,  
**Chris Roberts**  
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We had a quiet Xmas away with people from Australia, France, Germany, Russia and China. All 16 of us on a small island 2 degrees from the Equator. We returned to Kokopo for New Years and also made a visit to our haus meris village to wish the kids Merry Xmas. I have attached three photos of this special day. I took a pizza and ice-cream plus a few little gifts for the kids. First time they had ever had pizza!!!!

I will be back in Australia this month and hope to attend a few Ulysses meetings while I'm in Adelaide. If anyone has any old specs they no longer need I will be happy to take them off your hands and give them to a good home. I have been looking for ways to get other goods up here, but it is very expensive and time consuming. Thank you to all who have offered books and other goods, but unfortunately I will not be able to get them over here. All I can suggest is that they can be donated to Rotary who send containers of goods up here approximately twice a year.

We are in the process of beautifying our industrial property. As of now we have one coconut palm tree on our rough half acre block. By Easter I hope to be able to have planted frangipani,

palm oil, balsa, paw paw and banana trees. We are also hoping to be build a carport for our new boat with a deck on top to admire the views out to the volcano.

This week marks the 70th anniversary of the fall of Rabaul in WW2. The local construction company has been extremely busy upgrading the road up to the Bita Paka War Cemetery in preparation for all the visitors that will come here over the next few months. Anzac Day will be a good one we hear. Looking forward to seeing you all in Adelaide in February/March.

**Jane Esman**



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# John and Geoff's Great Adventure

**From December's Issue:** I'm setting out to ride my motorbike from Buenos Aires, Argentina, to Deadhorse and Alaska over a seven month time frame. I will be travelling with another biker, Geoff, from Buenos Aires to San Francisco. At SFO, I will park my bike and fly to Atlanta to spend time with my wife, daughter, son-in-law and grandchild. At Vancouver, BC, Canada, I will be joined by two biker mates from Adelaide

## Monday, December 12

We're still in Buenos Aires. We got the paperwork completed to import the bikes last Wednesday, but got caught by the long weekend here in BA, so have to wait until Monday to get the bikes out of the dock. In the meantime, we have been having a good look around. Went down to La Boca, a local place of interest, on Friday, had lunch and watched some street theatre, including some tango dancing. Saturday, we caught the ferry across the River Plate to Uruguay to have a look around historic Colonia. We will pick up the bikes tomorrow and hit the road very early Tuesday to beat the traffic.

## Saturday, December 24

We've finally arrived in Ushuaia, touted as the southern most city in the world - fin del mundo. The places we have stayed at along the way include Azul, Rio Colorada (near Viedma), Puerto Piramides, Coleta Olivia, Comandante Luis Piedrabueno, Cerro Sombrero and finally Ushuaia. Nothing happens quickly or easily in Argentina, and it's been 3,000 km of pretty solid going from Buenos Aires. (And it'll be tougher going in most other parts of the continent.) Additionally, we've been having problems with Geoff's bike - the battery terminals were never re-connect correctly in BA, and it's failed to start intermittently along the way.

## Tuesday, December 27

We left Ushuaia at 7 am this morning hoping to make Porvenir, Chile, by early afternoon. We made excellent progress until we got to the Chile border crossing. The customs line was almost to the next county, so it took us two hours to get what we needed done. Then we hit the dirt road from San Sebastian to Porvenir. The going was pretty tough and slow, and we didn't get here and find the hotel until about 5:30 pm. The compensation being that the road took us by the coast and the scenery was very beautiful. We were both pretty knackered after about 12 hours on the road. Contrary to what the internet site for the ferry times said, the ferry to Punta Arenas does not leave here until 2 pm tomorrow afternoon. So we will effectively now take a day getting to Punta Arenas, when we thought we might get much beyond. Another lesson in the ways of the world in this neck of the woods.

## Saturday, 31st December

We arrived in El Calafate, rather by the long route, at about 6 pm. We were told the restaurants would be closed tonight (New Year's Eve) so booked into the only place we told would be open. We're now aware that this is not true: we could have done better. Not to worry, it will be OK. El Calafate is more 'tourist' than Argentinian. We are going on a lake/iceberg/glacier tour tomorrow, and then will move on to El Chaltin.

## Tuesday, January 3

Had a day at El Chalten walking in the park. It was a relatively easy walk, and the track was pretty quiet, so a very relaxing day. We got a great view of Mt Fitz Roy which can be often covered in cloud. When we returned to the village, we got some information on the availability of petrol up the track (Ruta 40). The news was not good, so we decided to carry fuel. As it turned out we got fuel at our destination (the petrol truck turned up not long after), but we didn't know that might happen before we left. The day was long and hot with difficult riding - there's a new paved road being constructed all along the "highway", so we had the "pleasure" of riding on the temporary goat track with the new road, often sealed, running beside to us. I drank the 1.5 litres in my Camelbak by about half way, and downed another 1.5 litres when we got to the destination. I had a Bife Chorizo and a couple of beers for dinner and crashed.

## Wednesday, January 18

We left Mendoza early on Tuesday morning as we knew the 300km to Santiago might be relatively slow going. We were anticipating a great ride, and we weren't disappointed. The ride across the Andes has to be one of the world's best I guess, but who knows? Fantastic sweeping bends with beautiful and spectacular scenery around every corner. Unfortunately, the journey was punctuated by a very long queue at the border crossing. Customs, immigration and quarantine formalities took us three hours. (Apparently, the system has been improved - it used to take 6 hours.) Count your blessing I guess. We are now in Santiago, and the second 'phase' of the ride is complete. For me, on to Quito via some of the 'must see' attractions in this part of the world, and my re-union with Kathy.

## Sunday, January 22

I left Santiago on Friday morning and have traveled constantly north over the last three days. First night I stayed in La Serena, the second in a little out of the way coastal town called Caldera, and now have reached Antofagasta. I've ridden about 1300km in the last three days, and, starting reasonably early, get to my destinations about 2 to 3 in the afternoon. Most of the riding has been through the Atacama desert, and it gives a new meaning to the concept of desolation. It makes the Nullabor plain look like the Fertile Crescent. I took a deviation off Ruta 5 and followed the coast for awhile. The road then headed back inland. Being on a bit of a back road there was no traffic, and I could have been convinced I was on the moon. Not a blade of grass, not a tree, no sign of life whatsoever. Even the earth has been beaten down by time, wind and sun, and has an ethereal washed-out look. Luckily I have been riding in a cool, slightly moist, air mass, and the comfort factor on the bike has been excellent. Let's hope my good luck continues. At places the road follows the coast, and where the mountains come down to the coast the road is interesting to ride and the coastal views are superb. Still stark and barren, but beautiful in their own way. Tomorrow I head off to San Pedro de Atacama, a small town but a bit of a tourist mecca. There's a fair bit to see there, and I have booked three nights in a bit of a flea pit (all that was available) for thrice the price. Yes, supply and demand is working well in San Pedro.

**From John Crowe's Diary**

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An older gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation.

As he was about to get the anaesthesia, he asked to speak to his son. "Yes, Dad, what is it?" "Don't be nervous, son; do your best, and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me, your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife...."



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## New Year's Eve in Gladstone Gaol

80 people attended our New Years Eve Jailhouse Rock Party at Gladstone Jail which was a great number. A number of people braved the 37 degrees of heat and came on their bikes, the rest followed in their cars, arriving at the gaol later on in the afternoon.

After everyone had arrived and chose their cell accommodations it was time to relax, cool down, and socialise. Many people then had their photos with the prisoner I.D board, officially making them a Gladstone Gaol prisoner; this was popular and fun and created a lot of laughs.

At 6.30pm we all headed to the Tin Shed for dinner. After a lavish two course meal, it was time to dance the night away, to our great Rock and Roll band, (Rockin' On). They always put on a great show.

The girls and some of the men looked great in their Rock and Roll outfits, even the "The Little Prisoner" (NORM), playing his guitar, joined in on the dance floor and later joined the band on the stage.

Some of the girls and guys risked back injuries by dancing the LIMBO rock.

In the interval, we had the raffle with some really good prizes and we raised \$190 which will be donated to The Little Heroes Foundation, Children living with Cancer, at the Women's and Children's Hospital.

Geraldine and Ross Murray won the giant teddy bear wearing a T-shirt with the logo 'When I grow up I want to be a Ulyssian'. This prize was for the first person to buy a ticket to our event.

The highlight of the night for Lyn and I was when 12 members of the Ulysses Choir, led by Sue Freene, sang a tribute song to us for recognition to all the work we have done, not only the New Years Eve Party, but the Quiz Nights we have organised over the past years. This was a lovely surprise and very moving for us both.

When Midnight struck, the band played Auld Lang Syne, so we all linked arms with each other in a big circle and sang Auld Lang Syne followed by a version of the Hokey Pokey it was great fun everyone hugging and kissing each other.

The fun never ended there, at half past midnight "Tony" who runs the jail did his GHOST tour around the jail for around an hour.

We were very surprised how many attended to do the tour after such an hectic nights partying. Although the tour was very spooky it was interesting with all of Tony's tales he had to tell of events that have happened in the jail in the past.

It was not long after that that the steam had run out of most of us and it was time to return to our cells for what was left of the night.

Sunday morning, after breakfast, we all packed up said our good-byes and then headed off for home.

By all the comments we received over the weekend from everyone, they all had a fantastic time and were glad they came.



We want to thank Graham and Inge Cairns for leading the ride up to Gladstone Gaol in such HOT weather, the band of helpers who assisted us over the weekend, everyone who came along and supported us for the weekend. Thanks also to Adrian Gray and members of his band, for a really good nights entertainment.

HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone.

Lyn and Steve.  
(The Nashys)





# Postie Bike CHALLENGE

After 5 years of indecision, I finally decided that I would do the Postie Bike Challenge which was going from Brisbane to Alice Springs in August 2011. Once the final decision was made, I started researching what to expect on the trip and how to pack for it. Eventually, I received the bag that all my gear had to be packed into, including tent, mattress, sleeping bag and all clothes for 2 weeks. After repacking several times and leaving out most of what I was planning to take, I finally had the bag packed.

**On Monday, August 8,** I flew up to Brisbane and caught a shuttle bus out to Ipswich where the ride was to start. Also on the bus was Muzz who was going on his fourth Postie Bike Challenge and he filled me in with what to expect on the ride and few tips to make the trip easier. After booking into the motel, I headed to the dining room for a couple of quiet beers and to have some tea, and found that quite a few of the Postie Bike riders and some of the support crew were staying there, so the night ended up being longer than I planned and had a few more beers than I planned..

The next morning we headed to the Ipswich Show Grounds to prepare our bikes and find out how it would all work. Normally, walking into a shed of 50 Postie Bikes would not draw much reaction from a group of riders, but this time everyone reacted with excitement to see the bike they would be riding for the next 10 days and 3500 kilometres. It was interesting meeting all the other riders with the average age probably being around 50 years, but with riders from their early twenties through to late seventies. There were people from all over Australia (only 2 from SA), 2 from New Zealand and 1 from England, and riding experience varied greatly. Many of the riders were Ulysses members.

After our first briefing session on what to expect and how the ride would be run we were able to test ride our bikes. It was

Les Beyer and Rob Heath the only 2 South Aussies on the trip



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interesting to note that because of all the technology on bikes these days some of the younger riders did not know how to use a choke and had never kick started a bike before but all learnt quickly.

## **Day 1: Ipswich to Stanthorpe 190 km**

On Wednesday, August 10, we all lined up for photographs, and prepared our trip sheets and instructions then headed off. We had 4 support vehicles (leader, tail-end Charlie, fuel truck and mechanics ute) and set off in a nervous but excited convoy. We soon found that people tend to get some funny looks on their faces when they see 46 Postie bikes roaring down the road together. We wound our way through the hills and ended up at the Stanthorpe Showground. We were given the option of being able to sleep in the hall instead of setting up our tents, an option which most people took. When the temperature dropped below zero, it felt like a good decision, and when it started raining being inside felt even better. Some people had trouble with the snoring, but I didn't hear any (all those around me complained though).

## **Day 2: Stanthorpe to Nindigully 480 km**

After rechecking the bikes and topping up fuel, we had a chilly start and headed off towards Texas, where most people stopped and had photos taken at the town sign. Then it was on to Goondiwindi for refuelling, and then to Nindigully where we stayed at the pub (which is pretty much the whole town). This has to be one of the best bush pubs in Australia with so much character and a great atmosphere. Their specialty is giant steak sandwiches and 3 of them fed 60 of us and no-one was hungry afterwards.

## **Day 3: Nindigully to Eulo 417 km**

This was the day that saw us starting to get into the outback as the towns became smaller and further apart. A lot of the roads were single bitumen and the scenery was changing. Another night camped around a great outback pub.

## **Day 4: Eulo to Windorah 480 km**

After yet another full breakfast, we headed off early as we had a lot of road to cover. The little Postie Bikes were really gaining a lot of respect by now and were all performing faultlessly. Everyone had settled into the routine and it was good not to have to worry about anything except what to wear and how many beers to have each night. Everywhere we had stopped, so far, (and would continue for the rest of the trip) the food was great and was all organised for us, and the mechanics were checking our bikes (we did regular minor checks ourselves) and keeping us all running. This night we spent camped at the Windorah Sports Complex.

## **Day 5: Windorah to Birdsville 390 km**

This was our first day with a reasonable amount of dirt road included. The road was extremely good and bitumen speeds (75–80 kmh) were maintained by most. The scenery was fantastic with plenty of wild life and evidence of the above average rainfalls was everywhere. At Birdsville, we camped at the caravan park with most people setting up quickly before heading to the iconic Birdsville Hotel for photos and a few beers (this was common every night of the trip). We all headed to the Bakery for tea and a sit around the fire.

## **Day 6: Birdsville to Bedourie 190 km**

We were due to head to Big Red for a ride before leaving Birdsville, but, unfortunately, with the recent rain the road was

# Postie Bike CHALLENGE

closed. This gave us a relaxing morning with some riders going for a look at where the road was closed, and others hanging around town and visiting the museum. Late in the morning, we all got together again for photos in front of the pub and headed off for an easy run to Bedourie.

## Day 7: Bedourie to Boulia 200 km

Another easy run, but the weather had warmed up for the day and everyone was glad to get the riding gear off once we got there. We camped on the lawns at the Rodeo Ground and were well fed by the Sporting Shooters Club.

## Day 8: Boulia to Tobermorey Station 255 km

Another relatively easy day, mostly on dirt road which was mostly in very good condition. Saw one rider get a rear puncture in front of me on a sandy section and I have never seen a bike move around so much; it was a credit to his riding skills that he managed to ride it out. Unfortunately, over the trip, not everyone did manage to stay upright and a couple of riders ended up in hospital.

For me, Tobermorey Station was one of the best camps of the trip. The camping area was great, the food fantastic and the station owners and workers were very good hosts, answering lots of questions about the stations they own and how they work the large properties. Having a young pet camel wandering around everyone created a few laughs and much interest.

## Day 9: Tobermorey Station to Gemtree 430 km

This was the hardest day of the trip. Most of this section was dirt and the condition varied from excellent through to bad corrugations and some real sandy sections. The scenery was fantastic, when you had a chance to look, and the funny looks

were still on the faces of other travellers. We did get overtaken by two adventure riders (one on a Teneré, can't remember the other one) and you could see the look of jealousy on their faces as they checked out our bikes while overtaking and disappearing in the distance. This day spread the riders out more than any other with last riders arriving at Gemtree 4 hours after the first. This was a night to let the hair down as it was our last night camping and a late start the next day for an easy run into Alice Springs. So it was a late night around the fire and, as empties stacked up, the stories got better and better.

## Day 10: Gemtree to Alice Springs 140 km

An easy ride into Alice Springs, but with the highway speed limit at 130 kmh and us sitting on 80 kmh, vehicles really did come up on us quickly. At the entrance to Alice Springs, we regrouped and, after some media attention, we rolled through Alice Springs to the Resort we were staying at for the night.

At the resort we were welcomed by the local Rotary Clubs and family members of some of the riders. That night, we had a gala dinner at the resort and were joined at various times by some of the entrants in the Henley on Todd being held that weekend. The next morning some riders joined in the Henley on Todd parade, while some of us headed for home (in a plane, not on the Postie Bike).

This was my first experience at an organised ride such as this and, while not cheap, I thought it was exceptional value. Every detail of the ride was extremely well organised, but had enough flexibility to let you still have some control over how things happened. After covering 3500 km (1200 km on dirt), my respect for the humble Postie Bike has increased; these bikes did an incredible job. The places we saw and the camaraderie between all the riders and support crew was fantastic. It was a very positive experience for me and something I will reminisce about for a long time.

Les Beyer  
Southern Flinders

**Ed Note: Les Beyer lives in Port Pirie and was the organiser of the popular tours of the Golden North Ice-cream Factory tours at the 2011 Odyssey.**





## Sunday Round-up - photos by Bundi

**4th December:** Wow what a turnout, around 36 folk gathered at Maca's in cool and clear conditions. We went to Hahndorf via Norton Summit, Piccadilly Valley and Bridgewater. Then to Strath for morning tea via Echunga, Meadows, Bull Creek Road and Ashbourne. Next we went to Milang, Clayton and Currency Creek, where we turned onto the Strath-Goolwa Road, the bottom end of Bull Creek Road and to Cleland Gully Road. We then made our way to Pambula Road and then, at the end, around 30 of us turned left and 5 lemmings turned right. We went to Victor Harbor for lunch via Hutchinson Road.



**18th December:** Around 16 of us gathered at Top of Taps in very overcast Conditions, someone said they saw Ken going for petrol, so we waited, but no Ken. We set off, and wouldn't you know it? Along came the rain as we headed to Ackland Hill Road, through to Mylor in the fog and drizzle, to Echunga and Mt Barker where, surprisingly, it was raining. We then headed to Balhannah for morning tea via Hahndorf (wet). A change of plans was called for here due to the rain so a new route took us to Littlehampton, Dawsley, Kanmantoo, Callington and Monarto (where, finally, the weather was changing for the better) and Mannum. We then to lunch at a pretty little cottage in Palmer. Lunch was a great BBQ spread prepared by Bundi and cooked by Brenda, Gail, Michelle and a couple of reprobates, there was enough to fill everyone to capacity and then out came the desert - ice-cream with chocolate topping. Apart from the weather at the start it was a very enjoyable day out and a great ride for the end of the year. Oh yeah, Ken did turn up in the end; seems he tagged along with the Cruiser Club who also left Top of Taps and had morning tea at Meadows. (Ed: hahahahaha)



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**8th January:** There were around 14 of us at Civic Park and due to the forecast, I changed the destination from Victor to Strath. We headed out through Chain of Ponds, Cuddlee Creek and Lenswood, Woodside, Hahndorf and Echunga, and Meadows for morning tea. Then we went along Paris Creek Road to Strath, then Macclesfield, on Mt Barker and then Littlehampton. We then went to Nairne, Mount Barker Springs and Wistow. From here, it was a run down the hill to Strath for a good lunch and some problem solving of the world's problems.



**15 January:**

In fabulous weather there were around 35 of us at the GC's southern store and, after a great brekkie, we set off and made our way to Blackwood, Clarendon, Blewitt Springs and then up Whickam Hill to the Range and McLaren Flat. We next went through Blewitt Springs, past the Chapel winery and then to McLaren Vale for morning tea. Next we went to Willunga, up the hill and back to the Range, Meadows, down Bull Creek to Cleland Gully Road and to Goolwa for lunch. The ride was supposed to be going to Birdwood, but due to the lycra clad folk having an organized ride in the Northern hills we (I) decided to change the destination.



**22nd January:** Well around 25 folk were at Maca's in warm but comfortable conditions. We made our way up through Norton Summit, Ashton, through the Piccadilly Valley and back to Greenhill Road. Next, we went along Deviation Road to the Lobethal Road which funnily enough we followed to Lobethal, then we made our way around the back of Woodside and then to Balhannah for morning tea. Seems a few precious petals were feeling the heat as only 7 of us carried on from here to Lenswood, Cuddlee Creek, Gumeracha, Forreston and Birdwood. We then headed to Mt Torrens, Tungkillo and to Mannum for lunch in the shade of the gum trees at Mary Ann reserve.



Ulysses Adelaide Branch

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The ride calendar will be updated every month. Any updates during the month will be emailed out and copies put on the counter at Boats 'n' Bikes. The calendar will also be on display in the window of Boats 'n' Bikes.

All rides will have a ride leader and a tail-end Charlie (will always stay at the back of the group) so that everyone can ride at their own pace. We will also use corner marshals when the ride leader thinks it is required. The rider immediately behind the leader will stop and wait on a corner if the ride leader indicates (by pointing to the corner) and will remain on the corner directing other riders until tail end Charlie goes past. If you are willing to be a corner marshal then you just need to ride up front, but if you don't want the job then don't ride immediately behind the leader. The system works well if adhered to and lets everyone ride in confidence and that they will not get lost even if they cannot see any other riders.

### Calendar

JANUARY - Sunday morning coffee at MacDonald's at 10.00am. until Hot Bread Shop opens.

FEBRUARY – Vacant

MARCH – Vacant

ULYSSES CLUB INC AGM – March 26th to April 1st at Mildura. Details in the Riding On Magazine.

APRIL – Vacant

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## Our Christmas Dinner

On Saturday, November 26, Cossy and Jules hosted our Christmas dinner at their house in Pt Pirie. 32 people attended the dinner and it was good to see members from Wilmington and Yakka put in the effort to attend.

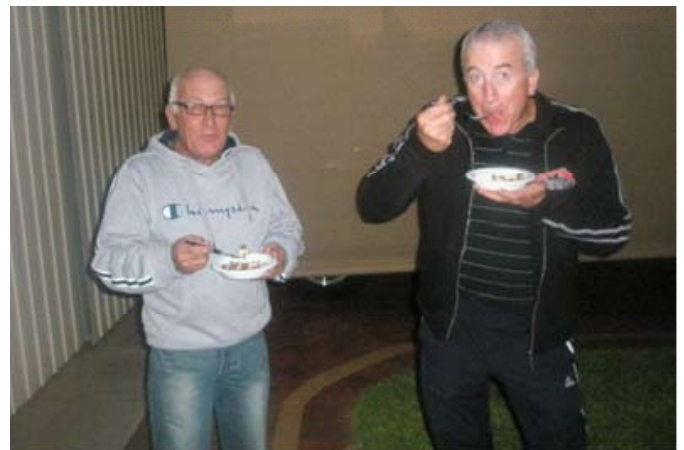
After a bit of socialising, it was time for the feast that our hosts had organised. We started off with prawn cocktails, and then for main course had a selection of roast meats and vegetables. To finish off, we had pudding with custard, cream and ice cream.

Throughout the night there was much socialising and the stories just got better and better as the pile of empties got bigger. Mick got a lot of unwanted attention and was the centre of many jokes for buying a Harley, but he knew it was because we were all jealous and, at one stage, we realised that there were more Harley owners than any other brand in attendance.

Terry scored a 9.5 for his backflip out of his chair and would have scored a perfect 10 if his dismount was a bit neater.

It was a brilliant night and the group thanks Cossy and Jules for organising the night, hosting us at their home and for cleaning up after us.

**Les Beyer**



Above: Glen Solomon (Solly) and Rob Harris at the Christmas Dinner and

Below: Solly's new Wedge Tailed Kawasaki VN 1700 Nomad





**Ulysses Club Inc. Whyalla & Districts Branch**

**Meet and Greet**

top shopz deli on McDouall Stuart ave, [Next to Harris scarves]. At 9:30am on the first and third Sunday of the month starting Sunday 22nd January.



**RIDE CALENDAR**

Date	Departure Time	Event	Destination	Contact
February TBA	1030	Club meeting and lunch at Arid Lands Botanical Gardens	Port Augusta	Phil Holiday
March Sunday 25	TBA	Steam & Traction Rally	Booleroo	TBA
24th-1st April	TBA	Ulysses AGM	Mildura	Gerry or Graham
April Sunday 22	1000	Family picnic day at Weir	Cleve	Gerry
TBA		Club Meeting TBA		Phil Holliday
May Sat/Sun 5 & 6	0830	Roaming Swagman Rally	Burra Creek Gorge	Gerry
June Saturday 2	1000	Picnic Day	Mambray Creek	Graham or Gerry
Ride Co-ordinators Gerry Messias - phone 0408 493 689 Graham Gill - phone 0412 059 564				

**There are worse things!**

A mother passing by her daughter’s bedroom was astonished to see the bed was nicely made and everything was picked up. Then she saw an envelope propped up prominently on the center of the bed. It was addressed, “Mum.” With the worst premonition, she opened the envelope and read the letter with trembling hands: Dear Mum: It is with great regret and sorrow that I’m writing you. I had to elope with my new boyfriend because I wanted to avoid a scene with Dad and you. I’ve been finding real passion with Ahmed and he is so nice - even with all his piercings, tattoos, beard and his motorcycle clothes. But it’s not only the passion Mum: I’m pregnant and Ahmed said that we will be very happy. He already owns a trailer in the woods and has a stack

of firewood for the whole winter. He wants to have many more children with me and that’s now one of my dreams too. Ahmed taught me that marijuana doesn’t really hurt anyone and we’ll be growing it for us and trading it with his friends for all the cocaine and ecstasy we want. In the meantime, we’ll pray that science will find a cure for AIDS so Ahmed can get better; he sure deserves it!! Don’t worry Mum, I’m 15 years old now and I know how to take care of myself. Someday I’m sure we’ll be back to visit so you can get to know your grand children. Your daughter, Judith... PS: Mum, none of the above is true. I’m over at the neighbor’s house. I just wanted to remind you that there are worse things in life than my report card that’s in my desk center drawer. I love you! Call when it is safe for me to come home. :)



**The Biker and the Cowboy on Death Row**

A cowboy and a biker are on death row, and are to be executed on the same day. The day comes and they are brought to the gas chamber. The warden asks the cowboy if he has a last request, to which the cowboy replies, “Ah shore do, wardn. Ah’d be mighty grateful if’n yoo’d play ‘Achy Breaky Heart’ fur me bahfore ah hafta go. “Sure enough, cowboy, we can do that,” says the warden. He turns to the biker, “And you, biker, what’s your last request?” “That you kill me first. “

## Christmas Event at Melrose. 2nd 3rd & 4th of December

**Friday:** Ten people (including two new members, Richard and Bronwyn) left Whyalla and Port Augusta to travel to the Melrose Caravan Park for the inaugural 'Ulysses Club Whyalla & Districts Branch Christmas Event'. Most arrived around lunch time and started setting up the bunk house. A social afternoon followed (Bronwyn stood on the bar in the pub and added our contribution to the myriad of scribbling on the ceiling including the old man logo. Well done!) Some of the more energetic went for walks around the town and surrounding area. Tea time saw us in the pub for what can only be described as an excellent meal. Happy hour was in progress, so we made the most of that as well. After tea, back to camp for more drinks and social time together. Most were in bed by 11.00, but a few stayed on until around 12.00.

**Saturday:** Saturday morning dawned with lovely weather and we all enjoyed a hearty cooked breakfast. Christine and Ray had put together a scavenger hunt around the town, so some decided to tackle this whilst others climbed to the monument up on the side of Mount Remarkable. Back to camp then on to The Old Blacksmith's shop for lunch. By then our numbers had swollen to around 20. The lunch was a little slow in coming, but we didn't care as sitting out the back under the trees was great. After lunch, Gerry led a ride of about ten bikes to Wirrbara then back through Orroroo. Whilst they were away, we went on the scavenger hunt. We all got together around 4.00pm for a happy hour with drinks and nibbles, followed by a short members' meeting. At 7.00pm, we walked to the pub for tea. Our numbers were now 29 including two from Adelaide. Once again, an excellent (huge) meal was on offer, and around 9.00 we staggered back to camp for the quiz night. (Some amazing answers when you have had a few drinks.) Not everyone took part, but we all enjoyed ourselves. Bruce had brought his CD player for the music and most were in bed by around 12.00.

**Sunday:** Most were up fairly early and, again, a cooked breakfast of bacon, eggs, baked beans, mushrooms with toast and coffee was enjoyed by all. We had cleaned, packed up and were ready to go by around 0930. Gerry led the contingent of bikes back through to Quorn for morning tea at the 'Quondong Café' then home via Pitchi Ritchie Pass.

Note: Who went for his shower, stripped off, adjusted the water temp and realised that he had his camera bag with him instead of his washing gear!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**In Conclusion:** What a fabulous weekend! The committee wanted to do something different this year for our Christmas show, and I think it was a resounding success. Lots of comments from people, who don't normally come on our rides, about the close camaraderie there. One member commented that when he rode into camp he was amazed to see everyone sitting around in one big group enjoying themselves.

### Special thanks to:

Chris and Ray for the 'What The' scavenger hunt.

Chris Moore for the Quiz night.

Gerry for the ride coordination

Melrose Caravan Park for their invaluable assistance.

Melrose pub for the huge meals.

And all those that helped in the kitchen and bunk house.

Of course it wouldn't have happened without the assistance from all of the members there. You guys made it happen so well.

### Results:

**'What the'** winners:

1st Wendy Moore, 2nd Corinna and Wayne, 3rd Phil and Julie.

4th Bronwyn

**Quiz** winning team: Perry and Corrina

**Raffle** winner: Di Lehmann.

Gilly





# Yorke Peninsula

## Coming Rides

**Sunday, 5th February.**

### **Barossa Riding Group Anniversary Ride.**

Last year this ride was very well patronised by Y.P.R.G. members. We will depart B.P. Port Wakefield at 9.00am to meet up with The Barossa Riding Group & Torrens Valley Branch at Eudunda, then travel on to Morgan. Would Y.P.R.G. members intending to participate in this event please let me know by the 1st of Feb 2012 so that I can let Peter and Kez Mahony know as they require firm numbers for catering.

**Saturday, 25th February, 2012**

### **Overnighter with Fleurieu Branch at Blanchetown**

We will be leaving BP Port Wakefield at 10.00am to meet up with them on the way. Book own accommodation at Big 4 Caravan Park Blanchetown. Pub meal Saturday night.

**Saturday, 3rd and Sunday 4th March**

### **The annual Bottom End Rally**

Once again this being conducted by the Vintage Veteran & Classic Motor Cycle Club of Yorke Peninsula at Port Vincent. There are rides organised for both the Saturday and Sunday, all meals are catered for. Registration is required even if you are only riding for one day. If you need further information and Registration Forms, please contact Leon Hall. Phone 8837 3226

**Sunday, 15th April, 2012**

### **Ride to the Mintaro Maze**

Leave B.P Port Wakefield 10.00am

**Sunday, 22nd April, 2012**

Robbo's ride to Port Pirie (Skippy's BBQ) Details TBA

**Sunday, 13th May, 2012**

### **Ride To Strathalbyn**

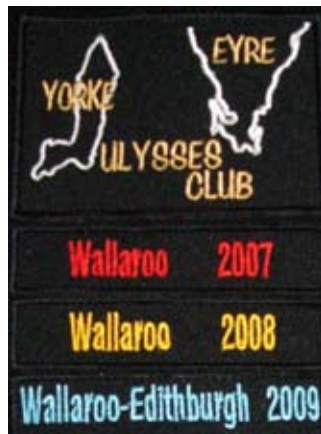
Leave Julian Terrace Gawler 10.00am

**9th, 10th, 11th & 12th June 2012**

**"Border Incident at Renmark." Details T.B.A**



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## Sunday Rides

are held on the first Sunday of the month. Watch these pages for details and updates or contact Rod Lind on **8837 7260/ 0418 527 977** for info.

## Wednesday Rides

leave the parking bay in the centre of Kadina Park at 9.30 am on Wednesdays. Please contact Clive Ford on **8821 1598** before **any** Wednesday ride to get the latest information.

## Yorke Peninsula & Eyre Peninsula Combined Ride.

Once again, this annual event was very well patronised with Ulyssians from Yorke Peninsula Riding Group, Eyre Peninsula, Torrens Valley and Fleurieu Peninsula Branches attending. The venue for the ride this year was the Gawler Caravan Park, which was easy walking distance to the hotels that we used for meals. The attendance for meals was bolstered by members who were not riding, but opted to join us for the social aspect, which was very pleasing.

On Saturday, we headed to Strathalbyn for lunch, then back to Gawler via Macclesfield, Cudlee Creek, Kersbrook and One tree Hill. This gave everyone a chance to ride some very good twisty roads, which I believe was very well received by the Eyre Peninsula riders, as they do not have a lot of twisties over there.

Sunday, we rode to Blanchetown for lunch via Sedan returning back to Gawler travelling through Eudunda, Kapunda and Tarlee. There was not too much social activity after the evening meal, with the majority of us looking for an early night in preparation for the long ride home next day.

On Monday morning, James Bartsch had a health problem which required ambulance attendance. When they arrived, they advised us to utilise their Paramedic Home Care option, so we booked him into the Caravan Park for another day and he was treated later on in the morning by the visiting Paramedic. By 6.00pm that evening, he had recovered sufficiently to be transported back home. I wish to sincerely thank John Robinson (Robbo) who came to the Caravan Park and looked after his needs for the day, and then rode his bike and trailer back to Yorke Peninsula. Also Lorraine, who drove James and Heather back to the Peninsula in her car.



### Mystery Ride On Yorke Peninsula

We left Port Wakefield on a very windy and blustery day, and rode down along the coast to Yorketown where we had lunch at the Weaners' Flat Reserve. After lunch, I opted to return to Port Wakefield by riding up the centre of the Peninsula, providing a much warmer and calmer ride, but it increasing the distance of the ride a bit. It was great to be joined by three bikes from Torrens Valley; two of them were first time riders with us. After a coffee and a welcome break at Port Wakefield, the T.V. riders headed home with a bit over 100 Kms left to travel. Even though the ride was a bit lengthy, by taking quite a few stops it made the ride very enjoyable.

### Memorial Ride With Barossa Riding Group and Torrens Valley Branch

After an early departure from Port Wakefield, we rode to Gawler to meet up with riders who had ridden from Pelican Plaza, then on to Nuriootpa. There were 35 bikes in all with riders from Torrens Valley, Fleurieu and Mallee Branches and Yorke Peninsula, Barossa and Southern Flinders Riding Groups. Before departing for Mannum, Robert Braunsthal (Guzzi Bob) read a poem (Old Mates Remembered) that he had written in memory of our members that have ridden on. Although the weather was extremely windy, it was a great ride and we managed to dodge the rain. After lunching at various venues, we broke into smaller groups and headed for home.

### Rob Watts Memorial Ride.

Both Dianne and myself were very pleased with the increased number of attendees this year. We had first time participants from Whyalla and District, Torrens Valley and Fleurieu Branches; even though they did not know Rob personally, they joined in to support their fellow Ulyssian mates. At the graveside I said a few words about Rob's exploits and achievements and Dianne expressed her thanks to everyone for attending. After a few bevvies at the cemetery, we headed off to the Top Pub at Ardrossan for lunch and a bit socialising. Those who were staying overnight kicked on until tea time and the rest of us headed for home.

**Rodney Lind**  
**Yorke Peninsula Riding Group**  
**Ride Co-Ordinator**  
**8837 7260**  
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**rodrae@internode.on.net**



Above: Guzzi Bob reading his poem, 'Old Mates Remembered'

Below: The large group at the Barossa Memorial Ride

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We have coffee every Saturday morning @ 10am in Strathalbyn, at Jack's Cafe in High Street.

Rides every 2nd Sunday, with a Wednesday ride monthly. Phone for details.

**Branch contacts as follows:**

President	Steve Jones (Roobar)	088 532 0706
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	<a href="mailto:sparks.ds@bigpond.com">sparks.ds@bigpond.com</a>	
Rides Captain	Larry Caspers (Spook)	0429 727 334
	<a href="mailto:casp@Adam.com.au">casp@Adam.com.au</a>	



**RIDE/SOCIAL CALENDAR**

**Feb 11th and 12th Overnighter to Loxton**

Departs 9.30am. Run distance Saturday 210km, Sunday 180km. Time 2 days.

Via Walker Flat for smoko, then Swan Reach to Wunkar Golden Grain Tavern for lunch, then off to Loxton's Riverfront Caravan Park where we have available to us cabins as per attachment, or camping as desired. A visit to Loxton's Historical Village is recommended fare for a nominal fee of \$10 or for the paupers \$8 Concession.

We'll take our own tucker and have a communal cook-up on the park's excellent BBQ facilities.

There is an IGA supermarket in the main street.

Return via Alawoona, Karoonda and home.

Book your own accommodation by phoning Mary on 8584 7862

**Feb 18th Swansong Show by Bobby Hunter and the Rockafellers at British Working Man's Club**

Pricing \$22 entry includes meal or \$10 without meal. This gig is the absolute last one by these blokes and they are a quality act. Held at Davis Road, Wingfield. Dinner served from 6pm.

Departs Murray Bridge 4.30pm. Time 6 hours. Ride up the Old Princes Highway to Littlehampton, onto the SE Freeway to Measdays and then take a nostalgic ride down through Eagle-on-the-hill and rejoin the freeway below the Heysen Tunnel, turn left at Glen Osmond down Cross Rd, right at South Rd and continue across Grand Junction Rd, left into Francis Rd Wingfield then left into Davis St.

**Feb 26th President's Fish & Chip Run to Port Noarlunga**

Departs 9.30am. Run distance approx 110km to Port Noarlunga. Add on the kms for the selected ride home. Time 5 hours.

Fish and Chips (or Fush and Chups for Tom and Lynda) at Port Noarlunga Jetty. We'll ride up the Old Princes Highway to Mt Barker then to Meadows Bakery for the customary and

essential caffeine and sticky bun fix.

From there to Kangarilla, McLaren Vale, Maslin Beach and along the seafront to Port Noarlunga.

President for Life, Roobar, has been informed that there is a rooly good fish shop there.

**March 11th Port River Dolphin and Lunch Cruise**

Departs 9.30am. Run distance 220km. Time 6 hours.

Pricing:- Cruise only \$6.00 or \$16.00 including lunch as below. Cruise is two hours duration.

Cruise departs 11.30 but we have to be there 30 mins before it leaves.

**March 25th Run to Pinnaroo's Golden Grain Tavern for lunch and see off riders to Mildura AGM.**

Departs 10 am sharp. Run distance to Pinnaroo via Taillem Bend, Peake and Lameroo 170km, return via Lameroo, Karoonda, Wynarka 185km. Total 355km. Time 7 hours

**March 26th to April 1st National AGM Rally at Mildura**

Some riders will be leaving from Pinnaroo after lunch at the Golden Grain Tavern on 25th March. Be a part of your club and ride as a group to the AGM. Run distance from Pinnaroo through Ouyen to Mildura is 237km and run time estimated at 3 hours. An option is to stay in Ouyen overnight as access to camping at the AGM is not available until Monday. If you haven't experienced a National AGM Rally the good ones are not to be missed, and Mildura promises to be one of them.

**April 8th BBQ Run to Mick Tamblyn's block at Purnong.** (right on the river and on sealed road)

Depart 9.30am. Run distance 190km. Time 5 hours. Through Palmer, smoko at Mt Pleasant, Sanderston, Walker Flat to Caurnamont. Home through Mannum to Murray Bridge.

Our BBQ trailer will get yet another workout.

Facilities at Mick's DO include a flushing type flash as buggery type loo for the ladies.

**April 22nd Kapunda Farm Fair 2012**

Depart 9.00am. Run distance 260km. Time 7 hours.

Ride to Kapunda via Mannum, Cambrai, Sedan, Keyneton, smoko at Angaston, then through Stockwell, onto Sturt Highway and across to Kapunda.

We have been invited to participate in the Kapunda Farm Fair and street parade.

Return to Murray Bridge via Greenock, Nuriootpa, Angaston, Mt Pleasant, Tungkillo and Palmer.

**April 25th Anzac Run to Murray Bridge Dawn Service.**

Depart Macca's 6.00am sharp.

Ride to Goolwa following Dawn Service and breakfast at Murray Bridge RSL.

**May 13th Cape Jervis Run**

Lunch at the pub or takeaway.

Departs 9.30am. Run distance 320km. Time 7 hours

**May 27th Mystery Adelaide Hills Ride**

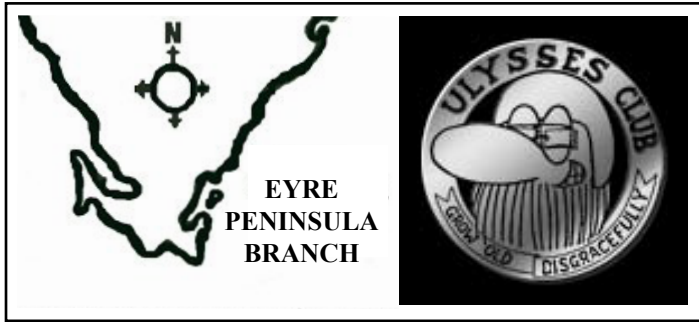
Departs 10am. Ride distance around 200km. Smoko somewhere, lunch somewhere else. Time 5 hours.

**Larry Caspers (Spook)  
Rides Captain**

Pres: Bill Richter 8682 8212  
 Sec: Trish Pruis 8682 2358

Committee  
 Herman Pruis 8682 2358  
 Mark Rawles 8688 2415  
 Nick Octoman 8688 4217

Come on any event on any sort of wheels! Sunday impromptu rides from Town Jetty 10 00 am All rides subject to change. Visitors welcome.



**Eyre Peninsula Branch Ride Calendar - January-June 2012**

Date	Ride	Contact	Advise By	Leave	Time
February 19	Cummins Luncheon	Bill Richter 86828212	February 6	Town Jetty	11.00 am
March 10-12	Shane Graham Weekend Whyalla & Streaky overnights	Shane Graham 86833347 0427833347	February 26	North Shields	10.00 am
Mar 24-April 1	Mildura AGM	Bill Richter 86828212			
April 15	Jak Ash Night Ride Port Neil Tea	Jack Ash 86823285 0429699098	April 8	North Shields	4.00 pm
April 28-29	Cowell-Kimba Overnighter	Robert Young 86831254	April 22	North Shields	10.00 am
May 20	Shane's Brekky 8.30 am for Brekky Gold Coin Donation	Shane Graham 86833347 0427833347	May 13	Leave from Shane's Place	10.00 am
June 9-11	Penong Weekend	Rill Richter 86828212	TBA		
June 24	(Herman's Whyalla Ten Pin Bowling)?? Depending on work commitments	Herman Pruis 86822358 0427322442	TBA		

**Branch Meetings**  
**When:** Our meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month  
**Where:** Willunga Golf Club in St Peters Terrace, Willunga  
 Meeting starts at 8pm, but come along at 6:30pm if you want to grab a bite to eat before hand.

**Weekend at Edithburgh**  
**Departure:** 9am from the BP at Morphett Vale, arrive at Pope's Café, Pt Wakefield at approx. 11am, 30 minute tea break, arrive at Edithburgh at approx 1pm.  
**Accommodation:**  
 Troubridge Hotel 8852 6013  
 10 Motel rooms: 1 double & 1 single bed, fridge, ensuite.  
 Cost, \$80.

Pub rooms: 2 rooms with 2 single beds, 1 room with 1 double & 2 single beds. Cost, \$20 per person.  
**Edithburgh Caravan Park** 8852 6056  
 Powered sites \$27, no cabins available  
**Edithburgh Hotel** 8852 6011  
**Edithburgh Seaside Motel** 8852 6172  
**Coobowie Caravan Park** (approx. 5km away) 8852 8132  
**Lunch on arrival:** BBQ available in rear yard for our use, BYO BBQ meat & salads.  
**Saturday night dinner:** At the Troubridge in the function room enclosed for our use only, \$12 Schnitzel or Fish & Chips or 10% off any other meal on the menu.  
**Sunday breakfast:** 9.30am in the rear yard of the hotel, sausages & eggs \$5 per head.  
**Saturday Night Entertainment:** Live music at the hotel.  
**Drink specials:** Stubbies & Pints \$5. Spirits, \$1 off.

To enable me to provide the publican numbers for the meal please email Ian Kennedy, (Brewer) at [itlabr@adam.com.au](mailto:itlabr@adam.com.au) by the 13th of April if you are coming.



## MRA South Australian Rallies

Date	Event	Organiser	Destination
Jan 20-22	Narrung Run	Andrew 0418 803 293	Narrung
Feb 3-5	Sedan Rally (Redback Tourers)	Ivan 0403 210 925	Sedan
Feb 10-12	Redback Rally	redbackrally.com	Charlton (Vic)
March 10-12	Rivergum	Grot 0412 602 272	Paringa (near Renmark)
Mar 30,31, Apr 1	RAC Coonalpyn Pub Run	Andy 0411 212 076	Coonalpyn
May 5-6	Roaming Swagman	Lefty 0412 767 945	Burra Creek Gorge
May 19-20	MRA Great Escape Rally Back to Basics	Harald 0421 289 714	Marrabel
May 26-27	Wanbi Pub	Grot 0412 602 272	Wanbi (55km south of Loxton)
June 9-11	Wintersun	John (03) 5023 7218	Mildura
July 6-8	Up The Creek	Marie 0407 113 675 Greg (03) 5385 2846	Jung (near Horsham)
July 20-22	Radiata Rally	Andrew 0427 249 779 Frank 8765 1030	South End
Aug TBA	Flat Earth (back to basics)	Feral 08 8568 2503	Sedan
Aug 18-19	Wombat Warnertown (back to basics)	Lefty 0412 767 945	Warnertown
Aug 24-26	Peregrine Rally (back to basics)	Chris 0402 428 468	6km north of Peake How Reserve
Sept 8-9	Buckin Ride	Grot 0412 602 272	Marrabel
Sept 8-10	Ghost Town	Chickenman 0419 983 193	TBA
Sept 15-16	Bush Pig (MRA Mid-North Register)	Greg 0409 842 434	Crystal Brook
Sept 29 - Oct 1	Oasis Rally	Bear 0407 394 322	Paruna
Oct 20-21	Lake Bonney (Redback Tourers)	Shaz 0428 878 113	Lake Bonney
Nov 9-11	Fish Holes	Phil 0412 838 765	Portland (Vic)
Nov 17-18	Caltowie Pub Run	Phil (pub) 8665 5003 Rabbit 0408 082 257	Caltowie

Rallies are listed on [marasa.asn.au](http://marasa.asn.au)

List - compliments Andrew and Marlene 0418 803 293 - To report errors, phone 13 tuff tittie

### SA RV events for 2012

RV events are open to any Ulysses member or partner.

Any type of vehicle can be used to get you there, what is important is that you are there.

Any further enquiries contact Hobbit  
[hobbitfjr@gmail.com](mailto:hobbitfjr@gmail.com)

11th March	Burra Gorge Camp Ground	Burra
20th May	Rawnsley Park Station	Flinders Ranges
16th September	Black Cockatoo Bush Camp	Naracoorte
18-21st October	RV AGM Yarrowonga Holiday Park	Yarrowonga



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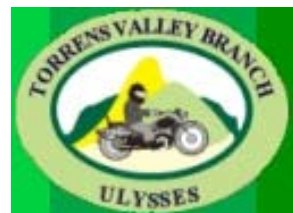
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## Torrens Valley Branch Meetings

7.30pm

**Third Tuesday of the Month**

Parafield Gardens Community Club  
Shepherdson Road, Parafield Gardens

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President	David Gritton
08 8725 8322	0418 258 322
Secretary	Gerry Kroon
08 8723 2372	0428 352 838
Rides Captain	Tony Ziemlanej
08 8725 5174	0438 872 551



**Sunday Meeting Place :** Sunday Coffee/chat will be held "The Whistling Cat" café in Commercial St West, (near the Odeon Plaza), from 9 – 10am. Any rides, on the day, will depart from here at 10am.

Check our ride calendar on the website as some rides may depart earlier.

**Rides :** As per Ride Calendar on the Web

**Web Site:** [www.branches.ulyssesclub.org/limestonecoast](http://www.branches.ulyssesclub.org/limestonecoast)  
Our Web is now updated regularly, with Ride Calendar, Ride Reports & Photos.

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