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From the editor

Welcome to another issue of the Odyssey. In this issue along with our regular ride reports, photos and president report, we have another Member profile. This issue is Carol (Caz) and Strech who we are very pleased to see back at our branch meetings. Many of us missed Caz's jokes that were a highlight of the night. Welcome back.

Well, more lockdowns around the country again. Here is a titbit for those of you having second thoughts about Covid. A report from the University of Sydney and the London School of Economics (LSE) found people are more likely to get vaccinated against diseases such as Covid-19 in countries where societal trust in science is highest. The report covered over 120,000 respondents in 126 countries to determine how this drives vaccine confidence in individuals. It won't come as surprise that Australia ranked highly for science trust, and therefore, vaccine confidence.

My only hope is we get the outbreak under control and restrictions can be eased. The alternative will mean things like our meetings, dinners, rides and even the October odyssey could be cancelled. I know the majority of South Australians are great people and are doing all the right things to help get us out of this predicament.

On a lighter note, Michelle & I enjoyed the branch dinner at La Crema. There was a good attendance, and the food was great.

Thought it is worth sending out a big thank you to all the people who organise rides, branch dinners, weekenders away, our monthly raffle and our committee members. Our club wouldn't function without all your great work. Try to recognise those who contribute their time to ensure we all enjoy our club.

Maurice Stevens



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2021 Ulysses Club 27th SA Odyssey at Berri



Hosted by Ulysses Malle Branch



Friday 8th to Monday 11th of October 2021

Venue: **Berri Riverside Holiday Park**, 87 Riverview Drive Berri SA 5343

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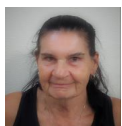
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Adelaide Branch President's Report

The ride last Sunday (18/7/21) was a pearler. Good weather (cold but dry), good roads, good mob to ride with, and a good bike to do it on. (With some added euphoria from Alan Parsons in my earbuds.) Frank did it again, roads I've never been on. Ending with a delicious beef schnitzel at the Pt Elliot pub. On the way home I had an enjoyable visit with an old workmate I haven't seen for years. Is it any wonder I feel blessed to be riding in SA, in the southern foothills of Adelaide. My thanks to Frank and all the other folk who lead rides and do TEC duties.

A few members have had their riding interrupted by small drops, fuel mistakes, ill health. But that ride, and seeing friends and members with declining health, makes me feel even more that we must do stuff while we can. So, if your bike is growing cobwebs, blow them off and get out. Just put warm gear on for the cold. (OK, I did use my heated grips and heated seat last Sunday.)

I was going to say that we've been so lucky in SA with COVID restrictions, but the shine has just come off with a lockdown. Somehow, we keep leaking disease from overseas travellers. Our rides and gatherings may now be compromised. Maybe we need to just organise small rides with friends.

Please keep an eye on our website and calendar to see whether an event, meeting, ride etc is on. All we can do is plan for the best and adapt at the last minute. Hopefully the SA Odyssey at Berri will go ahead normally.

Regards All

Ken Wagnitz



Webmaster's Report

Recently we had a short website outage of a few hours. I feared the worst, since there have recently been a number of hacks of large cloud-service providers. But fortunately, it all came good with no ill-effects. The hosting company we use has been very reliable for years, and is very cheap. No thought of changing.

Should disaster happen, and our website ever gets hacked or taken down, rest assured another will take its place pretty quickly. The content is backed up (no paying ransomware) except maybe the photo gallery. I regard the website as our means of communicating with members, especially about events, dinners, meetings etc. Which is why it looks functional, not pretty. And unless Google gets taken down, our Google Calendar will always show what is happening and has happened in the branch.

We've purchased a new .org.au domain. So, you can get to our website at <https://ulyssesadelaide.org.au>. After all, we are an organisation, not a for-profit company. (Though the spam I receive would make you think otherwise.) Eventually we will migrate to that URL, abandoning the .com.au URL. But no rush.

As always, I welcome feedback about our website.

Ken Wagnitz, amateur web fiddler.

Sunday Ride Round Up 6th June Craighburn Farm

Ride Leader Dom Carli

Sadly, only 12 bikes turned up to Top of Taps for a ride ending with a free lunch. Dom Carli led, Trevor was TEC. You'd think with so few riders, nothing could go wrong. We left Trevor behind at a corner. Someone didn't stay on their corner long enough, apparently. But he found us at morning tea stop, so no real issue. It was cool, but no rain, despite the dire forecast. The weather was actually pretty good for riding. We seemed to see a lot of some hill's suburbs back streets. Either Dom had a good knowledge of the area, or he was good at recovering from being lost. I think the former.

Just as we came onto Upper Sturt Rd, the back road to home, with me thinking Dom was taking us back too soon, we dived off on a side road. We came in via Ackland Hill Rd, with very good timing. Thanks Dom and Trevor, for what was an enjoyable ride.

We ended at home for a feast of 3 soups and my fresh bread, slice and vegetable pie, mini tarts, fruit cake, and vanilla slice (thanks Michelle Stevens).

With none of the usual helpers to assist, Michele cooked and prepared everything all by herself. Those who didn't come missed out.

Ken.



Sunday Ride Round Up 6th June Craighburn Farm

Ride Leader Dom Carli



Sunday Ride Round Up 20th June Finnis

Ride Leader Peter Wood

About 14 bikes made it to Pelican Plaza, including Al who JUST made it, for our ride. Phillip was also there on his newly acquired V Strom 1000. The weather was a bit cool, but otherwise excellent, as we headed to Meadows for morning tea. Mike and Carolyn were going to meet us there, but a flat battery laid that plan to rest, however, Brenton and Glenda did meet us there and joined us for the second part of the ride to Finnis for lunch. We had a good run with no incidents, and although Finnis General Store was very busy, we all had a great meal in reasonable time. It was also good to see Robin back with us after having time off with surgery. My thanks to our tail end charlies, Ray and Trevor who did their usual excellent job.



Sunday Ride Round Up 20th June Finnis

Ride Leader Peter Wood



Sunday Ride Round Up 4th July Avoca Dell

Ride Leader Brenton George

One would have expected a lot more riders with a promise of a sausage sizzle at the end of the ride. Perhaps the forecast wasn't promising and put some off. Still there were nearly a dozen bikes assembled at Macca's on Magill Road. The weather, whilst cold failed to produce any precipitation worth mentioning couldn't spoil a great ride through the hills to Mt Pleasant for morning tea. Hot coffee was appreciated. The ride continued on to Avoca Dell, making good time arriving to the smell of BBQ sausages thanks to Kim Lim, Michele Wagnitz, Don and Sue Freene, Brian and Tao Coates who arrived earlier to setup. Thanks to Trevor and Peter for Tail End Charlie duties.



Sunday Ride Round Up 4th July Avoca Dell

Ride Leader Brenton George



Sunday Ride Round Up 18th July Pt Elliott

Ride Leader Frank Pellas

Some members this morning chose not to ride today. It was raining just a bit so that probably put some off. But it was just a passing shower, so we only got a few sprinkles getting to Top of Taps. The rest of the day was dry, and sunny in spots. It was a "wee but chully" though (NZ definition). Nevertheless 17 brave souls turned up to be led on a tour of discovery and wonder through the countryside south of Adelaide. A special hurrah goes to Harry who turned up on a new bike(?), again! Well, it's a Can-Am Ryker, but we let him come along anyway. Went well too!

The ride to our morning tea stop went well and the feedback I got was that people were pleased that we found some new roads and different directions. Dave from Lobethal takes out the travel distance gong. And a special thanks to him for stopping to help with the injured kangaroo on Cut Hill Road. He caught up with us later at Mt Compass when we stopped for morning tea. The Wild Life Rescue people called him back to say that they saved the joey, but mum had to be euthanised.

The final leg to our lunch stop at Port Elliot was modified at the last minute when we found the Finnis ford flooded and closed to traffic. A short detour back to the Goolwa-Strath Road got us headed in the right direction. Arriving at Hotel Elliot just after 1pm, we found that all the parking spots were taken. Eventually, after some stayed outside to watch the steam train, we all got inside for some good tucker and friendly banter.

Next time it looks a bit wet when you get up on a ride day, come along anyway. It's probably just a passing shower.

Special thanks to Brenton and Glenda for their role as Tail End Charlies.

Looking forward to the next one.

Cheers, Frank Pellas



Sunday Ride Round Up 18th July Pt Elliott

Ride Leader Frank Pellas



Up Coming Sunday Rides All Rides Depart at 9.30am



15 Aug	Rob Hartridge 0422 114 225	Day Ride	Lyndoch	McDonalds, 303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens
29 Aug	Brenton George 0432 535 163	Day Ride	Meadows	Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel O'Halloran Hill
12 Sep	Peter Wood 0487 452 200	Day Ride (Ghost Town Rally weekend)	Birdwood	Pelican Plaza, 1007 North East Rd, Modbury
26 Sep	Judy Manoel 0412 164 665	Day Ride	Middleton	McDonalds, 303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens
10 Oct	Rob Hartridge 0422 114 225	Day Ride (Odyssey weekend)	Williamstown	Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel O'Halloran Hill
24 Oct	Brian Cullinan 0401 545 176	Day Ride	Port Hughes	Pelican Plaza, 1007 North East Rd, Modbury
7 Nov	Peter Wood 0487 452 200	Day Ride (Macclesfield bike show day)	Mannum	McDonalds, 303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens
21 Nov	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride to Freene's for lunch	St Marys	Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel O'Halloran Hill
5 Dec	Peter Wood 0487 452 200	Day Ride	Nuriootpa	Pelican Plaza, 1007 North East Rd, Modbury
12 Dec	MRA	Toy Run	Callington	Victoria Park, Wakefield Rd, Adelaide
19 Dec	Brenton George 0432 535 163	Day Ride	Macclesfield	McDonalds, 303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens



Member Profile: Caz and Strech

How we started with Ulysses and our story so far..... written by Caz

I started my Biker life in late 1976 (telling my age now LOL) on a Honda 100cc just to get away from the kids. Can't fit two kids on as pillion, and I would NOT play favourites and take only one of them so when I went shopping or to pay bills they had to stay home with Dad "STRECH". Mums freedom...yippee!!!!. It was also more economical as a second form of transport for me to get to work (boring). I clearly remember my dad telling me "Young ladies don't ride motor bikes". I told him he needed to realise "his little girl was no young lady" ...LOL

I loved it so much I soon grew into a Honda 250CM custom cruiser. Much bigger (or so I thought). Then our eldest son, who at that time wanted transport, got his licence and also bought a CM250 custom, but his was the newer smaller black model. Mine was the slightly older and slightly larger RED model which went much faster, at least for a few months till our son gained his confidence. How quickly the size became too small, so a couple of years later I needed more and upgraded to a 450 Ltd KAWASAKI. What a bike!!! I loved it soooo much.

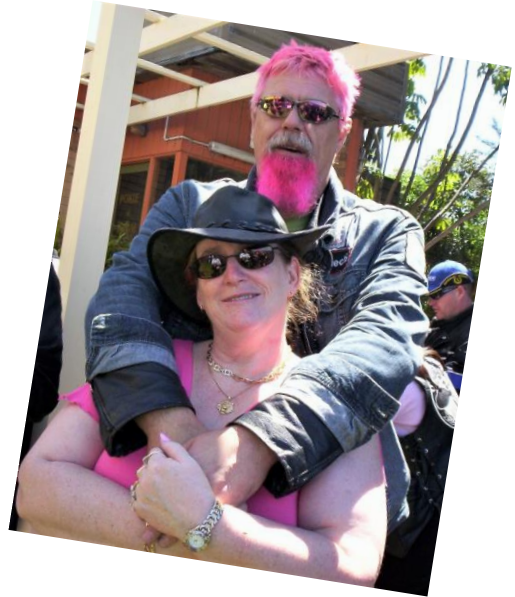
This was my love for many years and was the bike I rode when in the mid 90's, I was first introduced to riding in groups with Ulysses. This was with little John D, or "JD" as I called him, and he and I had a great time riding on the Wed or Sunday rides with the Ulysses groups. Strech would stay home on these rides as he was not yet riding.

In mid-1998 Strech came with me as a pillion (on the 450 Kwaka). We rode with Ulysses down to Victor Harbor and then Strech got on the back of JD's 900. We rode out and round through Taillem bend home to the city. We had so much fun together (although we almost didn't make Taillem bend as my bike used far more petrol with two of us on it). I rolled into the first petrol station in the Bend... Phew..Close call...



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Strech then decided he would join in the fun, so got his Truck licence amended to ride bikes. He started on a Yamaha 250 as a learner, but in June 2000 when I bought my current Suzuki 1400 Intruder, we made application to the Licensing board and gained permission for Strech to move up to the 450 Kawasaki. When he reached full licence state, he also purchased a 1400 Kawasaki LTD.



Having both the same bike is a great convenience when we travel as we only carry one lot of spares. We have had so much fun with the Ulysses, riding in almost every Toy run since mid-1990's, Pink ribbon ride and other charity rides. We have attended fun events like Paint Ball war games. We have also attended many of the AGM's. West Aust, Tassie, Geelong, Gold Coast, to name just a couple. Went Quad biking in the rainforest and swam with a dolphin and fur seal when up in Qld.



We have attended many Odysseys. Mt Gambier the most memorable as I got to do my spins and dives in a Tiger Moth at Robe where we stopped on the way back. Several of our Ulysses friends were riding with us got to watch me get my adrenaline rush in the sky over Robe and the south east celebratory dinners and other celebrations along the way.

Strech has helped in the running of a couple of charity fund raising events with me, sourcing many sponsors, gifts and raising money for different charities along the way.

We recently took a break from riding for a few years due to my dad's illness (helping mum care for him, being with him in his final weeks) and at his passing in 2014. Then being there to care for my mum during her later years. Strech did most of the care for mum whilst I worked. We sadly lost mum in the first week of November 2020. Due to our states many COVID changes I sadly had the task of arranging her funeral 4 times before successfully celebrating her life at a very small gathering in the last week of November 2020. Then just two days prior to Christmas we also lost our little "B-Fur". Our fur-baby, Papillion/Chihuahua (who was riding pillion on my bike the year I won best decorated bike in 2000. and she won prize in one of the pink ribbon rides.

2021 has been much brighter, starting with our eldest son getting engaged New Year's Eve, scattering mum and dad together close to their first purchased Australian Home late March, followed by a small wedding for our eldest son the day after.

Strech made the comment only a couple of months ago how nice it had been to be part of the Ulysses family, so we made the call to check on our membership, paid up our dues and returned to the fold.

We received such a nice warm greeting on our first night back and have brought a friend to hopefully also join. I was humbled at being asked to bring jokes again (as I had in the past). I couldn't believe so many remembered us both. I was amazed it felt like we never had a break at all.

Thank you all for the greeting, the welcome, and the support that we have felt on our return. We look forward to many happy rides and other events in the future.

Hope you enjoy the article and the photos.

Great to be back!!!!
CAZ and STRECH



The Top 10 MotoGP Racers of All Time



10. Kenny Roberts

Motorcycle racer Kenny Roberts was the youngest person to have won a MotoGP premier class championship in his first year participating in the event. He was also the first American to win a world title in the 500cc motorcycle championship. From 1978 to 1980, Kenny Roberts won three MotoGP titles. But it was not just the trophies and titles that he racked up that made Kenny Roberts a motorcycle racing star. His riding style was very influential and made him one of the greatest riders of all time. He was the first riders to pull off the cornering method of hanging off the bike with his knees extended, which lead to major changes in how the motorcycles were ridden in grand prix races.

9. Marc Márquez

He's still young at age 22, but Spanish motorcycle racer Marc Marquez has already made an indelible impression on the sport. Turning professional in 2010 at age 17, Marc Marquez won the MotoGP title that year, followed by another title in 2012, and two back-to-back premier class MotoGP titles in his first two years as a professional racer, making him the youngest ever to accomplish that many wins. In the 2014 MotoGP season, Marc Marquez went on to win the first nine grand prix events of the season. Many observers of the sport say that Marc Marquez could end up as the most decorated and accomplished MotoGP rider of all time if he continues on at his current clip. Indeed, at age 22, he has many years of racing ahead of him, and who knows what Marc Marquez may accomplish.

8. John Surtees

A great British racer in every respect, John Surtees dominated the sport of motorcycle racing during the 1950s. A four-time World Champion in the 500cc motorcycle category, John Surtees also won three titles in 350cc class—giving him a total of seven world titles in motorcycle racing. However, John Surtees was not just a motorcycle racer. He also raced cars and competed in Formula 1 grand prix races. In fact, he won the F1 World Championship in 1964, becoming the only person to have won world titles on both two- and four-wheeled vehicles. Not surprising that many people consider John Surtees the greatest racer in British history—whether motorcycles or cars.

7. Mike Hailwood

“Mike The Bike,” as Hailwood was known, is the other British rider who challenges John Surtees in the debate for greatest racer of all time. Mike Hailwood dominated the sport of motorcycle racing between 1958 and 1967, winning a total of four world championships, and nine championships in different classes of motorcycles. Like John Surtees, Mike Hailwood transitioned from motorcycles to Formula 1 racing. However, any hope he had of becoming a F1 champion were dashed by his death in 1981 in a car crash. Ironically, Mike Hailwood did not die on the racetrack. He was killed driving to get fish and chips with his children when a truck made an illegal turn and collided with his car. Daughter Michelle, aged nine, was also killed in the accident. Mike Hailwood’s son David survived the accident. The truck driver who made the illegal turn was fined £100 for the incident.

6. Michael Doohan

Australian rider Michael Doohan is considered one of the great motorcycle riders of all time. He won five back-to-back MotoGP titles from 1994 through 1998. Only Giacomo Agostini with eight titles and Valentino Rossi with seven have won more premier class MotoGP titles. Michael Doohan rode for the Honda race team throughout his career, and it proved to be a dominant era for Team Honda and left a legacy which only a couple of riders have come close to matching. Michael Doohan was more than your typical motorcycle rider. He had a knack for setting up his bike and had a great insight into the 500cc class of motorcycles. Many people consider Michael Doohan to be a mechanic as much as a rider.

5. Casey Stoner

He retired relatively young and only won two world championships, but Australian racer Casey Stoner is considered to be one of the greatest motorcycle riders in history. A two-time MotoGP World Champion in 2007 and 2011, Casey Stoner was known for his ability to ride any motorcycle beyond its limits, producing wins on the inferior Ducati bike after both Honda and Yamaha had made major advancements in developing their motorcycles. Stoner was also known for having exceptional control of the motorcycles he rode, even at breakneck speeds. On May 17, 2012, at the French Grand Prix, Casey Stoner announced that he would retire from MotoGP at the end of the 2012 season, saying that he no longer enjoyed competing in the sport. Many people felt that he retired too soon and could have accomplished more had he raced for a better team than Ducati.

4. Wayne Rainey

Arguably the best American motorcycle racer of all time, Wayne Rainey dominated the sport in the late 1980s and early 1990s, winning the MotoGP World Championship three times and the Daytona 200 once. A calculating and deliberate rider, Wayne Rainey was praised for his smooth racing style and cool demeanor. Wayne Rainey likely could have won more championships if he was not in an accident in 1993 that ended his career. Wayne Rainey was leading in championship points during the 1993 MotoGP series when he crashed at the Italian Grand Prix in Misano, sliding into the gravel trap at high speed and breaking his spine against the raked surface designed as a safety feature for race cars. The crash left Wayne Rainey permanently paralysed from the chest down.

3. Jorge Lorenzo

MotoGP is arguably most popular in Spain, and in that country, everyone knows the name Jorge Lorenzo. The 2010, 2012 and 2015 MotoGP World Champion, Jorge Lorenzo is like royalty in his native Spain. Riding for Team Yamaha, Jorge Lorenzo, in 2012, became the first Spanish rider to win multiple premier class titles. And, with 61 career wins to his name, Jorge Lorenzo is fifth on the all-time wins list. And he is not even 30 years old. This phenomenally talented racer could end up as the best ever motorcycle racer when all is said and done with his career. Jorge Lorenzo began his professional racing career at age 15 and

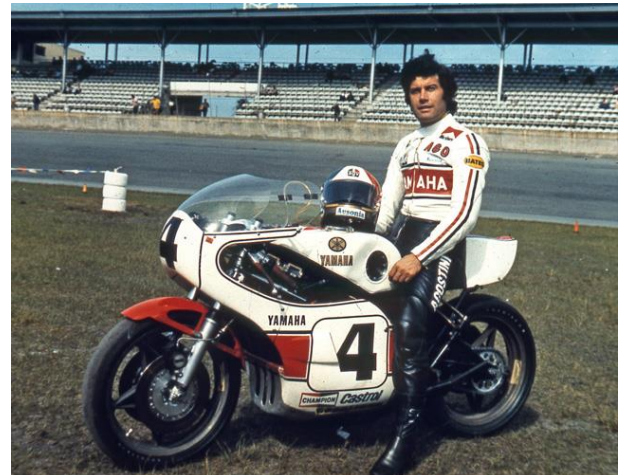
has been a sensation ever since. To date he is the most successful Spanish motorcycle rider of all time, with more to come.

2. Valentino Rossi

Italian motorcycle racer Valentino Rossi is still racing today, and he is one of the most successful racers of all time, with nine Grand Prix World Championships under his belt—seven of which are in the highest premier class. He started his motorcycle career by winning two titles at the lower levels of MotoGP before moving into the higher premier class, where he won seven world titles in quick succession. Valentino Rossi has led the way in the current modern era of MotoGP and is still going strong heading into the 2016 season. Valentino Rossi brought not only success but excitement, thrills and glamour to MotoGP, and is viewed by many people to be a rock star in the sport. In Italy, Valentino Rossi is one of the biggest athletes and celebrities.

1. Giacomo Agostini

The greatest motorcycle race driver of all time is Italian Giacomo Agostini. Nobody has equalled his success in MotoGP. During his career from 1964 to 1977, Giacomo Agostini tallied 122 Grand Prix wins and 17 World Championship titles, most of them in the 500cc class of motorcycles. Although seven of his world title wins were in the 350cc class of bikes. Regardless, the 17 championships make Giacomo Agostini the most successful rider on two wheels ever. Indeed, his 122 grand prix wins is a record that will be hard to break for anyone. Today, Giacomo Agostini is a legend and ambassador for the sport of MotoGP.



What's On Page



Wednesday Midweek Rides All Rides Depart at 10.30am for more details phone

Steve 0405 120 542 or **John 0407 794 147** – 1st 2nd & 5th **Wednesday** depart from **The Feathers Hotel Car Park Burnside**. 3rd 4th **Wednesday** depart from the **Top of Taps**

The SA Breakfast Club- When: **Saturday 7th August at 9.30am** Where: **The Pier Hotel, Milang SA 5256**

When: **Saturday 4th September at 9.30am** Where: **Café Primo, 42 Frederick Rd, West Lakes**

Please confirm your attendance with Ken Wagnitz ulyssesadelaide+ken@gmail.com or **SMS 0417 353 389**



Adelaide Branch Monthly Meeting

Official meeting starts at 7:30pm

Thursday 2nd September and **Thursday 7th October**

Venue: European Catering Reception, 2 Chief St, Hindmarsh. Come early and enjoy a meal and drink available at the venue at very reasonable prices. A raffle is held on the night with numerous prizes.



Adelaide Branch Monthly Dinner

6.30 pm

Friday 13th August 6.30pm Venue: **Coopers Alehouse Gepps Cross**, 560 Main North Rd, Blair Athol

Friday 19th September 6.30pm Venue: **Walkers Arms**, 36 North East Rd, Walkerville

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Chat 'n' Coffee

Fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 am. Venue around Adelaide. Anyone is welcome to suggest a venue. Send suggestions to michele.wagnits@gmail.com

Tuesday 24th August 10am Café Brunelli, Shop 308, Westfield West Lakes, 111 Brebner Dr, West Lakes

If you have or know of an upcoming event and would like it to be included on the Odyssey 'What's On' page, please email editorsodyssey@gmail.com or phone 0419 822 717

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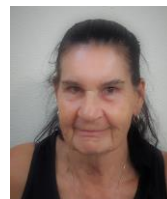
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Welfare Officer - Friendly Reminder



As Ulyssians we greatly value the camaraderie and support that is provided by our fellow members.

Adelaide's Welfare Officer is a central person in our branch to ensure members in need are assisted in whatever manner is appropriate for that individual.

All members have a responsibility to inform the Welfare Officer if you know of someone who needs support. Perhaps they are unwell, had a close relative / companion die, or experiencing any other physical or emotional need.

Let the Adelaide Branch Welfare Officer know immediately so she can organize a hospital visit, home visit, send a card or arrange any other appropriate help.

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