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All newsletters and magazines survive on the submissions of subscribers; The Odyssey is no different.

Do you have anything interesting to tell our subscribers - holidays, poetry, jokes, motorcycle stories, reports on Ulysses activities, hobbies, photos? Send it in and get yourself in print! The Odyssey, as always, is receptive to 'stuff' from all branches. We want to know what you've been up to.

How about some wedding photos?

Editor

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- 19th September for the October issue
- 19th November for the December issue
- 19th January for the February issue
- 19th March for the April issue
- 19th May for the June issue

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Hello Everyone

Another year has almost gone! Not sure where, but it is gone! When I look back, I have so much to be thankful for - 2 beautiful new great grandchildren, a healthy family, memories of a great trip and time spent with friends and family.



The coming year has a lot going for it - the AGM in Wodonga and the Whyalla Odyssey just to name two things. There's also the prospect of another exciting year of football to which I am looking forward.

I urge you to give serious thought to nominating for a position on our committee for the coming year. Information and a nomination form are on pages 13 and 15.

You will also find a levy form for The Odyssey for the coming year on page 15.

I draw your attention to the notice below regarding our monthly meeting in January.

Thank you for your continued support of your Branch Newsletter, and a special thanks to those who contribute to its content in any way.

On behalf of myself, Garry and Daisy, I wish everyone a blessed Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.
Wendy

Hi Folks



Well, here we are again at the end of another busy, memorable year, and next year looks like being just as busy.

I'm sure you all know there are exciting times ahead for all SA branches with the chance of an AGM being held in our great State. It's early days yet, but there will be a need for many volunteers, so please give some thought to helping with this event.

We have our branch AGM coming up in February and nominations have to be in by our January meeting, which, by the way, is a week later than normal to it falling on New Year's Day; the meeting will be held on Thursday the 8th January, so please give some serious thought to nominating to be part of the 2015 committee and be involved in the running of our great Branch.

As usual, we will have a full Ride Calendar and I believe that there a few weekend away trips are being organized as well, which will be great if this comes to being.

I hope everyone has had a great 2014 and has a fantastic Christmas and wonderful New Year. If you can come along on the last ride of the year (the Ho HoHo ride), please do so, as it's always a good ride with a fantastic lunch and is a good way to finish the year with club mates. The destination this year is different to the last few.

Anyway, enough from me other than to thank everyone for their friendship and support throughout the year, and to wish you all Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Andrew Mill
Ulysses Club Inc.
Adelaide Branch
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Due to the European Catering venue not being opened on New Year's Day (1st Thursday of the month), the January meeting will be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month, 8th January. All other arrangements remain the same.

Ken Wagnitz
Secretary
Ulysses Club Inc, Adelaide Branch

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Date	Leader	Event	Destination	Departure Point
December 7 9.30 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Day Ride	Clayton Bay	Civic Park North East Road, Modbury
December 14	MRA	TOY RUN See MRA web site for details	Callington Oval	See page 7 for breakfast details
December 21 9.30 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	HO HO HO Ride	Black Hill	Top of Taps
January 4	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Day Ride	Strathalbyn	Civic Park
January 11	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Day Ride	Williamstown	Top of Taps
January 18	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Day Ride	Wellington	Macca's, Magill
January 25		NO RIDE - AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND		
February 1	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Day Ride	Mannum	Top of Taps
February 8	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Day Ride	Clayton Bay	Civic Park
February 15	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Day Ride	Ashbourne (Greenman Inn)	Macca's
February 22	Andrew Mill 0412 312	Day Ride	Normanville	Top of Taps

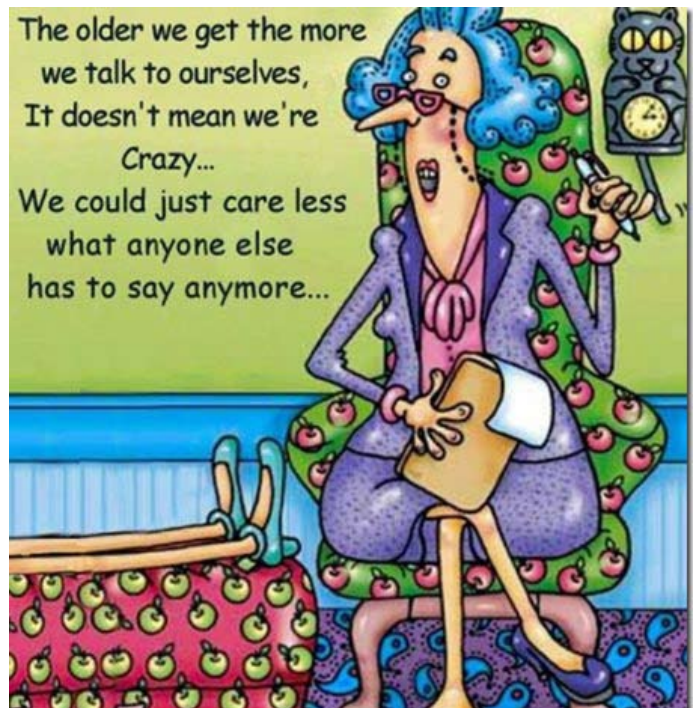
For further information, contact: Andrew Mill on 0412 312 243

Macca's, 303-306 Magill Road, Trinity Gardens
Civic Park, North East Road, Modbury
Top of Taps, Main South Road, O'Halloran Hill

Watch for updated calendars in future Odysseys and the Web Site



"You misspelled 'constant criticism'."



The older we get the more
we talk to ourselves,
It doesn't mean we're
Crazy...
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what anyone else
has to say anymore...

Adelaide Branch Meetings

First Thursday of the month

European Catering

2 Chief Street

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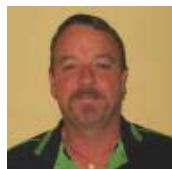
8.00 pm

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Andrew Mill

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Wednesday Rides Captain

Kevin Brenton 8332 4719

Wednesday Rides

All runs will leave at 10.30 am

1st Wednesday	Feathers Hotel Car Park, Burnside
2nd Wednesday	Feathers Hotel Car Park, Burnside
3rd Wednesday	Victoria Hotel, Top o'Taps
4th Wednesday	Victoria Hotel, Top o'Taps
5th Wednesday	Feathers Hotel Car Park, Burnside

Bring or buy your own lunch

For details, ring Kevin Brenton
8332 4719

Monthly Dinners

2nd Friday of the month

At various venues

Co-ordinator: Michelle Stevens
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Secretary	Julie Hendrickx	0457 641 507
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Yorke Peninsula (Wednesday Riders)

Leader	Clive Ford	8821 1598
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Yorke Peninsula Riding Group

Co-ordinator	Rod Lind	0418 527 977
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Adelaide Branch's Legendary Christmas Toy Run Breakfast

Sunday 14th December 2014

Chris Roberts and his Christmas elves will be at The South Parklands, corner of Greenhill and Glen Osmond Roads

serving up a full breakfast to start your Toy Run day off with a warm, full tummy for **the tiny cost of \$7 per person.**

(Please bring correct money.)

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If you've been before, enough said. If not, why not come along and join in with 100+ toy runners.



Monthly Dinners

For dinner bookings and cancellations

Contact Michelle Stevens by emailing dinners@ulyssesadelaide.com.au or phone 0419 822 717.

Do not phone the venue.

Bookings close Wednesday prior to the event.



Friday, 9th January
7.00 pm

The Goody Hotel
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Bookings close Wednesday, 7th January



Christmas Dinner

Friday, December 12
at 7pm

Clearview Bowling Club,
Gordon Ave, Clearview



After dinner, if people would like to try bowling, they may.

Bookings close Wednesday,
10th December



Friday, 13th February
7pm

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Bookings close Wednesday, 11th February

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Siamese twins walk into a bar in Australia and park themselves on a bar stool.

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The bartender, feeling slightly awkward, tries to make polite conversation while pouring the beers. "Been on holiday yet, lads?"

"Off to America next month," says John. "We go to America every year, rent a car and drive for miles. Don't we, Jim?" Jim agrees.

"Ah, America!" says the bartender. "Wonderful country... New York, L.A, Vegas..."

"Nah, we don't like that American crap," says John.

"Meat pies and Fosters beer, that's us, eh Jim? And we can't stand the Yanks - they're so arrogant and rude."

"So why keep going to America?" asks the bartender. "It's the only chance Jim gets to drive."

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Proposed South Australian AGM Event in 2018

On September 8th at the Torrens Valley Branch Committee meeting, our newly appointed National Secretary, Mark Seja made a request for the Branch to consider running an AGM Event in S.A. possibly in 2018 or 2019. On recovering from the initial shock, the Committee was at one that the best possible outcome would be to involve all the S.A. Branches wherever possible.

The idea was then an agenda item at the Port Pirie Odyssey Presidents and Secretaries meeting and received a very positive hearing, but the Torrens Valley Committee was adamant that the final decision whether we 'go for it' was best coming from the Ulysses Members and not the Branch Committees. The Torrens Valley Branch Committee is firmly behind the hosting of this AGM Event.

Mallee Branch President Graeme Rule, a past National Committee Ex Officio National AGM Event Coordinator (NAGMEC), was completely in agreement and spoke to the affirmative at the Port Pirie Odyssey meeting.

On a short private holiday to the Riverland Region during the following week and by sheer chance, I attended the Riverland Field Days at their dedicated site some 3 kilometres out of Barmera on the road to Monash (Sturt Highway) and noticed the great facilities there. I met Graeme there, we went through the list of amenities, and the pros and cons, and quickly came to the conclusion that it was indeed a perfect place for an AGM Event. All the boxes were ticked!!

As we anticipate around 3,000 members to attend the 2018 Event with the half these members camping on site, the facilities would easily cater for this number as well as the ever growing RV numbers. The number of hard beds in the adjacent Riverland region is around 1200 therefore catering for those needing this type of accommodation. The surrounding major towns of Berri, Loxton, Waikerie, Barmera and Renmark are close by and within easy commuting distance and have excellent hard accommodation facilities in the form of Hotel/Motel, high grade caravan parks, short term house rental, plus the ready availability of supplementary houseboat accommodation. One potentially attractive option would be to import large paddle steamers to be moored for the week at

Renmark or Berri to cater for any overflow of those needing hard bed accommodation. There are several large halls nearby to hold the AGM and elections.

This AGM Event will be known as the **Riverland AGM** and, seeing as it is within the Mallee Branch precincts, it will be the nominal host. However, we hope that the AGM Event Host Committee that will organise and oversee this National event will comprise of interested Ulysses Club members from many SA and interstate Branches including the close-by Mildura Branch.

National Secretary, Mark Seja, Torrens Valley Branch President, Steve Lennard, Torrens Valley Branch Secretary, Linda Price, and myself have attended meetings at Fleurieu, Torrens Valley, Adelaide and Lower Murray Branch where the support for the proposal was high. Graeme has personally informed Mallee Branch members. Because of the tyranny of distance, we will be unable to attend the Port Lincoln, Whyalla, Limestone Coast and Mallee Branch meetings, but these branches have been fully informed.

A Steering Committee has been formed and consists of Graeme Rule, Linda Price as the Event Secretary and myself. We have until the end of December 2014 to construct a Proposal Document to go to the NatCom for their consideration for 2018 or maybe 2019 depending on the number of applications for the 2018 year. The decision will be announced at the 2015 AGM Event in Wodonga.

We seek your comments and input on this important matter and trust that you will promulgate this information to your members at branch level. You will receive another communique in some 12 months time asking for expressions of interest for members to join the Organising Committee. It is envisaged that this Committee will liaise via email on a regular basis with a site inspection and some meetings on a face to face basis.

Regards,
Neville Gray #3394
Graeme Rule #17528
Linda Price #51526



Sunday Round-up

12th October Day Ride to Birdwood

There were some 20 or so brave souls met at Civic Park on a warm and sunny day. As Andrew and Bundi were having the weekend off to move even further from the rat-race, Frank Pellas stepped in to head the ride.



19th October Day Ride to Pt Elliot



2nd Nov Day Ride to Normanville

A good size group of over 20 were at Top of Taps for the annual President's Ride, after we were briefed by our President (not the usual one given by the Ride Captain)



9th November, the not Pitmans Ride

A good size group of around 23 (including 2 new members, which is good to see) gathered at Pitmans in glorious sunshine, the sponsored part of the ride was off



Sunday Round-up

16th Nov Day Ride to Ashbourne

A good sized group of around 20 gathered at Civic Park including the Nappas on their Goldwing Trike. (Oh, and the GT Falcon club were there as well)



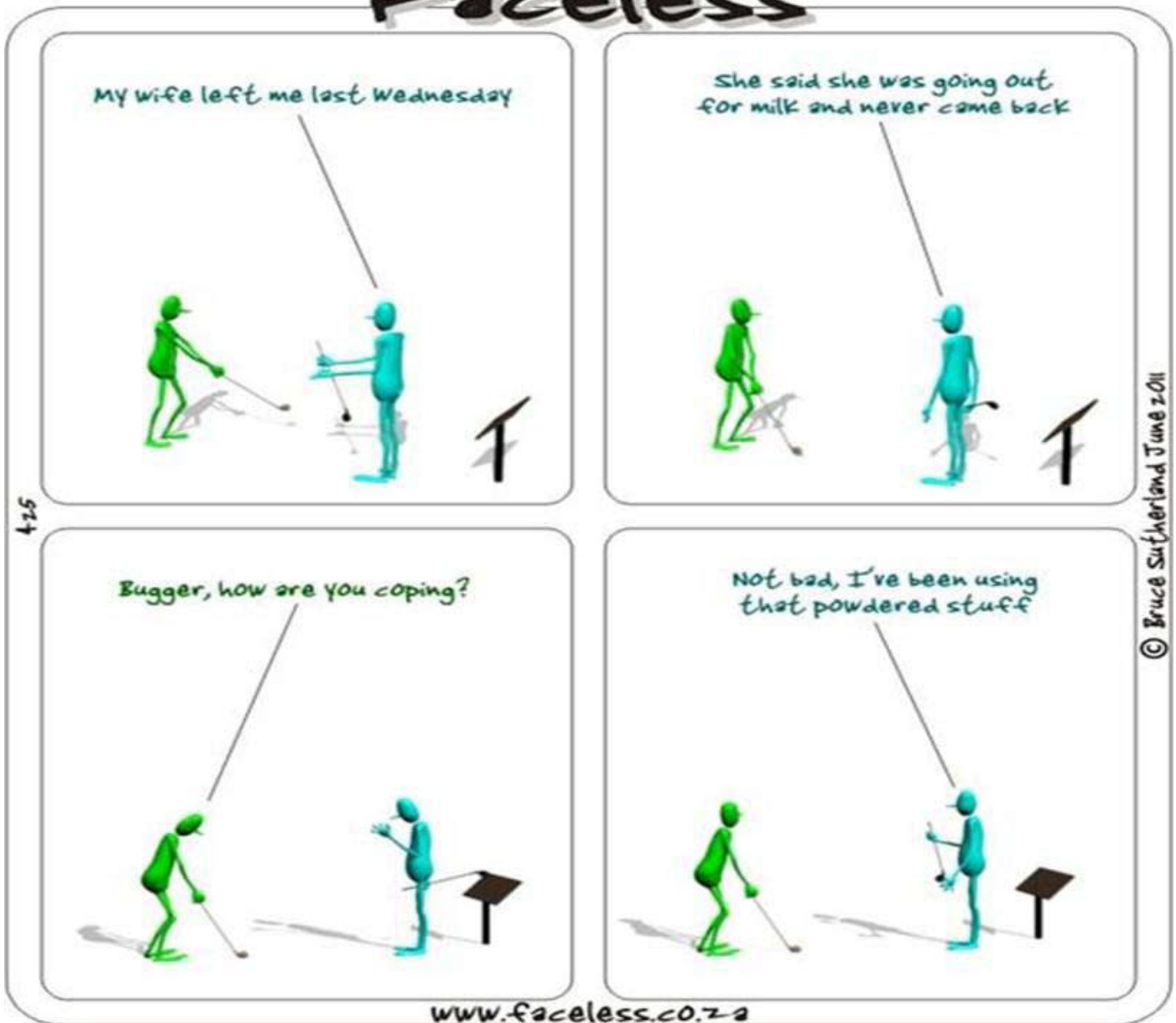
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Two Glasgow boys, Hamish and Jock, are sitting in the pub discussing Jock's forthcoming wedding.

'Aye, it's all going like magic,' says Jock. 'I've got everything organized already: the flowers, the church, the cars, the reception, the rings, the minister, even ma stag night.'

Hamish nods approvingly.

'Hell, I've even bought a kilt to be married in!' continues Jock.

'A kilt?' exclaims Hamish, 'That's grand; you'll look pure smart in that! And what's the tartan?'

'I imagine she'll be in white,' says Jock

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8 PM Thursday 5th February 2015

This important meeting is coming up soon. Please come along if you can.

Have you considered joining the Adelaide Branch Committee?
Nominations must be in by the January meeting on 8th January.

Being involved is an opportunity for you to have a say in the activities and financial management of the club. Committee Meetings are held once monthly just prior to each social meeting. The day, time and place for these are decided by the committee.

At the AGM all positions are declared vacant. The three positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer must be filled for the club to remain a Ulysses Branch.

Plus general committee members are needed.

Other possible positions you can involve yourself in are:

- Welfare Officer
- Gear Shop CoOrdinator
- Raffle Organizer

As Ray Murray has resigned and Bundi Mill will not be standing, there are at least two positions to be filled. If you would like to nominate yourself or another member, please complete the form on the next page and return by post to the Secretary or bring it to the next meeting.

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Sometimes, when I look at my children, I say to myself, 'Lillian, you should have remained a virgin..' - Lillian Carter (mother of Jimmy Carter)



I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalogue: - 'No good in a bed, but fine against a wall.' - Eleanor Roosevelt



Last week, I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I had ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister, and now wish to withdraw that statement.. - Mark Twain



The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible - George Burns



Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year. - Victor Borge



Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint.. - Mark Twain



By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher. - Socrates



I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury. - Groucho Marx



My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe. - Jimmy Durante



I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back. - Zsa Zsa Gabor



Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat. - Alex Levine

My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery, people would stop dying. - Rodney Dangerfield



Money can't buy you happiness But it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery. - Spike Milligan



Until I was thirteen, I thought my name was SHUT UP . - Joe Namath



I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap. - Bob Hope



I never drink water because of the disgusting things that fish do in it.. - W. C. Fields



We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress. - Will Rogers



Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you. - Winston Churchill



Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty .. But everything else starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out. - Phyllis Diller



By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere. - Billy Crystal

And the cardiologist's diet: - If it tastes good spit it out.



May your troubles be less, may your blessings be more, and
May nothing but happiness come through your door



**Nomination Form for Committee
Adelaide Branch
AGM
Thursday, 5th February, 2015
at
European Catering
2 Chief Street
Hindmarsh**

(Nominations to be in the hands of the Secretary
by the close of the meeting on January, 8th January, 2015)

I, Member #
(Please Print)

nominate Member #
(Please Print)

for the position of on the Adelaide Branch Committee for 2015

This nomination is seconded by Member #
(Please Print)

Nominator's Signature:

Seconder's Signature:

I, accept this nomination.
(Please Print)

Nominee's Signature:

If posting, address envelope to
The Secretary
Adelaide Ulysses Branch
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My trip to (Spain, France,) Poland

The flight from Paris to Krakow was interesting. We flew by Easyjet. I certainly hope the engine of the plane was in better condition than the interior - upholstery falling apart, generally dilapidated, etc. No frills means exactly that; food and drinks are purchased on the plane and the coffee has to be the very worst I have ever tasted, but a guess a muffin is a muffin everywhere, even if it is a little bit dry. A reasonably short journey over Germany, so not to worry.

The first thing I noticed about Poland is how inexpensive the taxi fares are. Where we were paying a standard fee of around 50euros from the airport to wherever we were staying, the number of zlotys paid were approximately equivalent to a flag fall in Adelaide! Our hotel's facade was under renovation and we started to get nervous, but the concierges were all great and a young man carried our bags up to the second floor. (No lift again.) The advantage of this hotel was that it was a ten minute walk from the Main Square, where 'it all happens'.



Arriving on a Sunday, we came across a market (mainly food) with an entertainment by a group of young Poles in national dress, and singing national songs - set the mood from the get-go.

That first night, we attended a concert by a classical pianist (whose name I have forgotten) playing Chopin. At \$20 a ticket including a glass of red wine, was the bargain of the whole holiday - even if I did have a 10 second power nap! lol

The next day, we were booked on a tour to go to Auschwitz and Burkenau Museum. The bus took just over an hour to get to our destination, where there many busses and tourists in groups waiting for their guide to get going.

It is hard to describe the experience of 'touring' Auschwitz and listen to the details of what 'life' was like for those kept there. The tour took a few hours all together, so it isn't possible for me to detail everything I saw. I'm so glad that I was prepared somewhat by lots of reading and film over the years, but to actually *see* mountains of human hair, spectacles, prosthetics, suitcase (many with names written on them), clothing (the children's clothing was especially heartbreaking), shoes, etc., was surreal. There was an example of a coat/blanket made out of human hair!

The living conditions would have been appalling, especially the latrine section. It's not hard to see why dysentery was so rife.

Although I had often heard that 6,000,000 Jews were murdered during the holocaust, I didn't know that 3,000,000 of them came from Poland and that there was another 3,000,000 persons murdered for other reasons - the priests, monks, academics, because they had such great influence over the populace, anyone with a disability or unable to work, anyone the Germans simply didn't like. Many were killed for political reasons, this when no other excuse could be found.

The whole camp area had an eerie feel to it with no bird life or wind noise, etc., and although there were probably a couple of thousand tourists tramping around, there was no noise. It seemed almost disrespectful to talk to others, except in very low tones, sometimes just touch and point was all that was needed. I was also very mindful that this excursion was important to Paula, as her father had been incarcerated there and was a survivor.

The life expectancy of the people, once they were in the camp, was three to six months

There is nothing to indicate that the Nazis were ever in the camp (swastikas, mannequins in uniforms, photos of 'the enemy'). There are many photos in a corridor of victims which are very confronting (these were real people).

Our guide was a youngish woman who spoke with respectfulness in the language and tone of her voice, always waiting for a short time after an explanation, to give us time to take it all in and think about what she had just said. Think she was the best tour guide I have ever had.



Many tourists brought bunches/sheaves of flowers and laid them by a wall that was used as the back-drop for prisoners who were shot (mostly after being tortured. I found this particularly moving, even now as I am writing.

There were many school groups visiting - the usual laughing and talking pre-tour was happening, but once they students got into the camp itself and the buildings, many, of them were walking around with their arms folded - a sure sign they were affected by what they were seeing and hearing.

The trip back in the bus was silent and a quiet night followed a long day.

My trip to (Spain, France,) Poland

The next couple of days were taken up with shopping, churches (each one more amazing than the last), synagogues, eating, beer, and generally just bumming around. We hired one of guy pedalling a car (bit like a tuk tuk). It was for a couple of hours and saw many sights. During the journey, Paula had him talking about himself - came from the Ukraine to work and sends the money back to his family who still live in there. In Australian dollars he worked his butt off for about \$100 riding a bike around the streets pulling two overweight old birds in the back!!! I was quite please to be able to give him a generous tip, because the tip went in his pocket and not to his manager. There are many workers in Poland from other countries. The wages are very low, but the cost of living is also very low. If you are looking for a cheap European holiday, I would thoroughly recommend Poland - beautiful and safe.

seemed to be sisters. What an amazing story they would be able to tell! The language barrier didn't allow for any information to be exchanged. They were a pretty good age and looked gorgeous - full make-up, flowers in their hair and lots of lace, and the dresses were long.



Another of the 'nice' things we did in Krakow was to take a tour around the CBD at night in a landau. The horses are decked out beautifully, as the driver in her hat, cravat and black riding coat. We even had a white, faux fur blanket to put around our legs, as it was quite cold at night.

On the 1st October, we flew to Warsaw. We were booked into a private hotel for two nights. It was out in the boondocks, but was really the best accommodation we had the whole trip; \$32 each per night including a sumptuous breakfast. On the first morning I had 2 large pancakes filled with apples with cream and chocolate sauce drizzled over them. The second morning, I had 2 large pancakes filled with marscopone cheese (if you haven't had this, you haven't lived), with a heap of whipped cream and, you guessed it, drizzled with chocolate sauce. It made a nice change from chocolate croissants and ham and cheese crusty rolls, and anything else that was available. Some days we compensated by having only 2 meals instead of 3. Still trying to get rid of the extra weight I put on. If we hadn't done so much walking, I would have had to buy bigger clothes to wear home.



The beautifully decorated horses used to pull the landeaux



With Michael, the Archangel

In the Main Square, there were living statues with whom one can have a photo taken - they are spectacular - each requiring a donation in the container on the ground.



I spied these two wonderful ladies (below) just leaving the Square. They were happy and kind enough to allow me to photograph them. Not sure, but they

My trip to (Spain, France,) Poland

Didn't do a lot in Warsaw, but we know all about catching a local bus into the city with the locals. Going back in the dark was a bit of a challenge as to when we were near our stop. Fortunately, we were able to recognise some points along the way.



In the area where the Jewish Ghetto was during the war, there was part of the wall which surrounded it still intact. There were many young people putting candles in glass containers in a long line on the footpath, hundreds of them. I was told it was to show where the wall used to be, but I can't verify that. I don't know how often this happens.

The trip home by Emirates was of the usual high standard, but I can't understand how 2 travellers who booked there tickets 6 months in advance, can not only be separated on both flights, but on the second leg, Paula was on stand-by!!! There were 3 other couples in the same area as we were who were in the same boat. A bit of shuffling after take-off sort some of it. We were at the airport in plenty of time to get our seat allocation, so no idea how they work the seat allocation.

Anyway, I watched movies almost non stop for the 5 hours on the first leg and 11 hours on the second leg!! Talk about a movie marathon!

On arrival, would you believe there was only 1 customs officer checking declaration cards???? There were two airport security guys who managed to keep the angry hordes under control and, eventually, they went along the lines doing the customs' job by asking questions and stamping the cards. This speeded up the process of getting through the gate. It was pitiful and no way to welcome a monster planeload of passengers after such a long trip - welcome to Adelaide!!!

Through the gates, out the door and there was Garry and Paula's husband, Wayne, to meet us. Oh happy reunion!

Not going anywhere next year. Going to wait and see how the rest of the world is going in a couple of years. The so-called safe countries are starting to get fewer every day. Ireland is still on my bucket list! Family roots and all that!!!

At least we get to choose to stay in Australia, definitely the lucky country. We spoke to many people who were from the Ukraine, and other trouble spots in Europe who were working in Poland because their parents had sent them there for safety. **Wendy King**
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Something else



A new memorial monument for the murdered Jews of the Podgorze Ghetto in Krakow was inaugurated on 8 December 2005. The winning project by Krakow architects Piotr Lewicki and Kazimierz Łatak included 33 illuminated chairs (1.4 m high) in the square and 37 smaller chairs (1.2 m high) standing on the edge of the square and at the tram stops. They called their project "Nowy Plac Zgody" which means "New Concordia Square".

The fundamental symbolical idea behind the project is a stylistic representation of all the old furniture being thrown out onto the so-called Umschlagplatz at the Podgorze Ghetto, when the inhabitants of the ghetto had finally been assembled by the German SS in so-called Aktionen to be sent to death (mainly to Belzec).

The chairs are the main part of the monument which includes also a marking of the former ghetto walls in the pavement, and a place to burn memorial candles (in the small building on the square).



Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is the only surviving part of the destroyed Saxon Palace. The palace was constructed during the 17th century though the tomb was not added to the complex until 1925. Eerily, the tomb was the only part of the structure to survive being dynamited by the Nazis. The ashes of unknown soldiers from WWII have been fittingly added.

Ash's Speedway Motorcycle Museum

While visiting Bathurst, I visited a great place called *Ash's Speedway Motor Cycle Museum*. This is in a big warehouse and the collection is fantastic, as it covers many years of racing and the champions that made it. The collection of bike and memorabilia is unbelievable, and the photos supplied are just small sample of this guy's collection.

The bikes on display range from early flat trackers like JAP, JAWA -ESO, Godden powered bikes up to the 45deg power plants of today. The collection of vests, helmets and handle-bar wraps are magnificent. Mr. Ash also has a memorial section to the late Billy Sander, plus The Crump Father and Son Section, not forgetting THE MAN, Mr. Ivan Mauger.

If you visit Bathurst, don't miss this nor the National Motor Museum at Mt Panorama; it is a big must.
Paul 'Vespa Boy' Hancock



The Odyssey



DUCKS IN HEAVEN !!!



Three women die together in an accident and go to heaven.

When they get there, St. Peter says, 'We only have one rule here in heaven: Don't step on the ducks!'

So they enter heaven, and sure enough, there are ducks all over the place. It is almost impossible not to step on a duck, and although they try their best to avoid them, the first woman accidentally steps on one.

Along comes St. Peter with the ugliest man she ever saw. St. Peter chains them together and says, 'Your punishment for stepping on a duck is to spend eternity chained to this ugly man!'

The next day, the second woman steps accidentally on a duck and along comes St. Peter, who doesn't miss a thing. With him is another extremely ugly man. He chains them together with the same admonishment as for the first woman.

The third woman has observed all this and, not wanting to be chained for all eternity to an ugly man, is very, VERY careful where she steps.

She manages to go months without stepping on any ducks, but one day St. Peter comes up to her with the most handsome man she has ever laid eyes on very tall, long eyelashes, muscular.

St. Peter chains them together without saying a word.

The happy woman says, 'I wonder what I did to deserve being chained to you for all of eternity?'

The guy says, 'I don't know about you, but I stepped on a duck.'

The Irish Do Have a Certain Way About Them

Bloke at a horse race whispers to Paddy next to him, "Do you want the winner of the next race?" Paddy replies "No tanks, oi've only got a small yard."

Paddy and Mick found 3 hand grenades and decided to take them to the police station. Mick "What if one explodes before we get there?" Paddy: "We'll lie and say we only found two!"

A coach load of paddies on a mystery tour decided to run a sweepstake to guess where they were going..... the driver won £52!

Paddy finds a sandwich with two wires stickin out of it. He phones the police and says "Bejusus I've just found a sandwich dat looks like a bomb." The operator asks, "is it tickin?" Paddy says "No, oi tink it's beef"

Joe says to Paddy: "Close your curtains the next time you're making love to your wife. The whole street was watching and laughing at you yesterday." Paddy says: "Well the joke's on them because I wasn't even at home yesterday."

Mick walks into Paddy's barn and catches him dancing naked in front of a tractor. Mick says, "Oi Paddy, what ya doing?" Paddy says, "Well me and Mary haven't been getting on in the bedroom lately & the therapist recommended I do something sexy to a tractor."

The Irish have solved their own fuel problems. They imported 50 million tonnes of sand from the Arabs and they're going to drill for their own oil...

Paddy says to Mick - I'm ready for a holiday, only this year I'm going to do it a bit different

.
3 years ago I went to Spain and Mary got pregnant

.
2 years ago I went to Italy and Mary got pregnant.

Last year I went to Majorca and Mary got pregnant."

Mick asks - So what are you going to do this year? Paddy replies, - I'll take her with me!"

Paddy says to Mick, "Christmas is on a Friday this year" Mick says "Let's hope it's not the 13th."



Story of pics: whilst staying in Deloraine ie 'GODS COUNTRY' we came across this cafe called 'OL 55 Cafe' When you enter this place it's like walking onto the set of 'Happy Days'. The interior is fantastic and I recommend those of you going to the AGM in Tassie pay a visit to this part of Tassie as it has magic motor cycle roads. I have sampled them – OH YES! and beautiful scenery.

One morning whilst try to take photos through the plate glass windows, as a sign advises no photos inside, the owner came up for a chat, so I introduced myself and explained my admiration for the establishment and as a baby boomer/old biker with auto engineering background this place pushed my buttons. YES you guessed it, come in mate and take as many pics as you like before opening, a big bloody TA was my response.

When you have finished the pics come out the back and check out the work shop TA again. The workshop OH my god this guy does panel work like the old school sheet metal trades. There was a metal cutting guillotine, sheet metal rollers for bending contours, welding equipment and lots of equipment. He restores classic cars, makes bonnets, guards, boot lids door etc. He showed me hot rods and his beautiful classic Pontiac, I could go on but YA just got to go to this place, oh yes he said that bikers are more than welcome as they are more appreciative than the four wheeled brigade.

Note: The cafe reminds me of when times were real fun and life was simple with less BS to put up with.

Regards
Paul 'Vespa Boy' Hancock

Moira and I spent a couple of weeks early in the year touring Tassie and although it's our fourth time including 10 days riding motor bikes around this magic part of Australia we never get sick of this beautiful place and find something different every time we visit.





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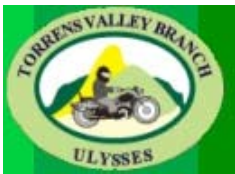
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Social Meeting

2nd Tuesday of the Month held at Murray
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Meal and bar facilities are
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Rides

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Rides depart McDonalds,
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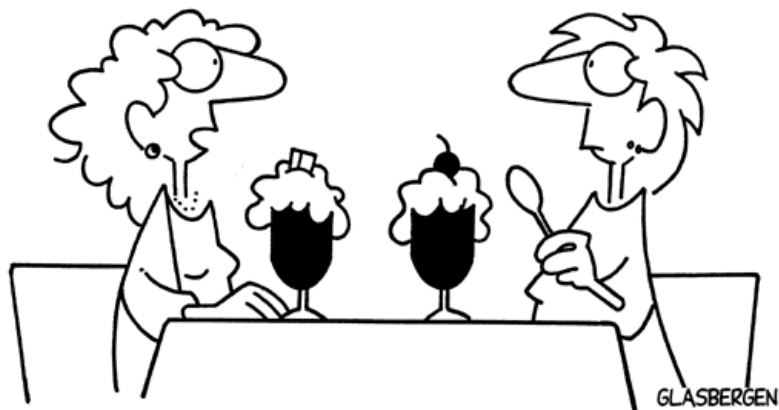
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I’ve sure gotten old!

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Have bouts with dementia. Have poor circulation;

hardly feel my hands and feet anymore.

Can’t remember if I’m 85 or 92.

Have lost all my friends.

But, thank God, I still have my driver’s licence.

I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape,

so I got my doctor’s permission to join a fitness club and start exercising.

I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors.

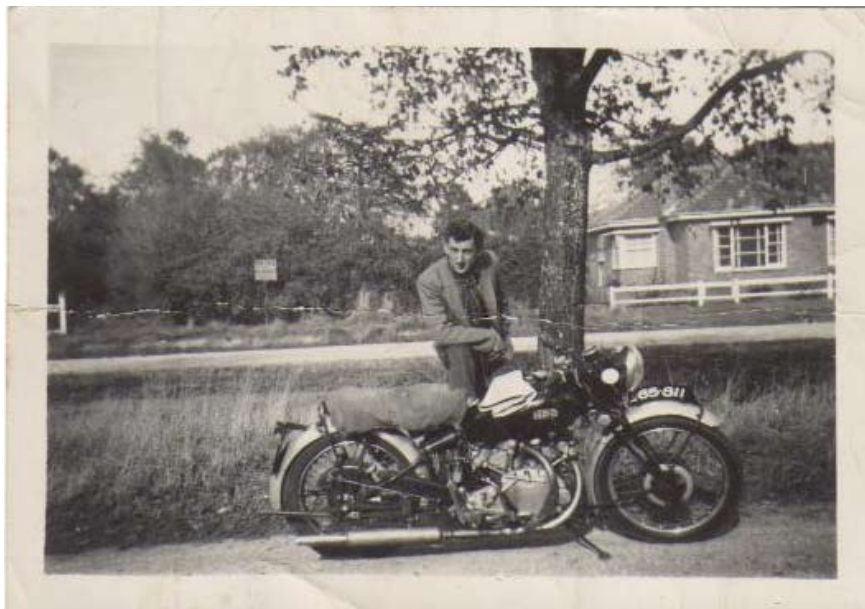
I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour.

But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

Blast From the past!



The Odyssey



Christmas at Eden Valley with the RV Mob

The lead up to the weekend was a warm one with temperatures going to 37°C on the Thursday. With this in mind, we were hoping for a little cooler weather before the weekend. The drive along the Torrens Valley Scenic Drive, believe it or not, was very scenic! A beautiful area, still with green pastures, bales of hay and full dams. As it is only a little over an hour's drive from Adelaide, it was easy for members to get there. The park is about 1.5 km out of the township, set in a lovely rural setting. We were warmly welcomed by the proprietor, Ian, who directed us to an area he had set aside especially for us. The grassed area was well prepared with water and there was also very clean facilities close by. At a cost of \$15 per couple per night, it was great value. We circled the vans and set up our area for a great night of fun. It was fabulous to have a few new folk at the gathering so we could tell our old jokes again. With nibbles and drinks served, we soon settled into a night of laughs and tall tales.



Saturday crept upon us in a grey veil with wispy winds. There was much to see and do in the local area with local and farmers markets, as well as some lovely country towns. It is quite a central spot in which to stay. As the afternoon wore on, the members started returning from their tours and more folk were arriving. By tea time, we had quite a crowd getting ready to prepare the feast when down came the rain. It is amazing how many people you can get into a gazebo! We all got in touch physically with other members. This only increased the laughter and fun! The rain would cease, we would come out and the rain would come again. After approximately 18 inches of rain, it stopped. Tea was made in haste and then we regrouped for another fun night of storytelling and laughs. When the proprietor came over to see how we had coped with the rain, he was amazed at the fun and festivities we were having. This continued well into the night.



Blue skies and a light wind greeted us on Sunday morning. The smell of bacon and eggs filled the air and made for a very pleasant atmosphere. Soon enough it was time to start packing up and heading for home. The people at Eden Valley Caravan Park had made us very welcome and commented on what a friendly and fun filled group we have.



'Thanks' to all who came and made it such a great weekend. Hope you all have a fabulous Christmas and New Year, and we will catch up with you next year. The 2015 events calendar will be out soon.

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Aussie Empathy.

A priest, a doctor, a rich businessman and an Aussie were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers in front of them.

The Aussie fumed, 'What's with those blokes? We must have been waiting for fifteen minutes!' The doctor chimed in, 'I don't know, but I've never seen such poor golf!'

The businessman called out, 'Move it, time is money.' The priest said, 'Here comes George the greenkeeper. Let's have a word with him.'

'Hello, George,' said the priest. 'What's wrong with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?'

George the greenkeeper replied, 'Oh, yes. That's a group of blind fire fighters. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free any time.'

The group fell silent for a moment. The priest said, 'That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight.'

The doctor said, 'Good idea. I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist colleague and see if there's anything he can do for them.'

The businessman replied, 'I think I'll donate \$50,000 to the fire-fighters in honour of these brave souls.'

The Aussie said, 'Why the f%\$k can't they play at night?'

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