THE ODYSSEY

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The End of an Era.

On the 20th of July, 2018 I rode up to Ardrossan to visit Wendy and her husband to discuss the handing over of the Editing of Odyssey. I was met at the front gate by Barry who had heard my bike coming up the street. I was welcomed inside the stone cottage which I was told was 101 years old this year. A beautiful home indeed. We sat on the rear deck and chatted for an hour.

To say I learnt at lot in that hour would be an understatement. I was told that how in the beginning there was one magazine for the whole State. It was called the Odyssey and other branches all made contributions to it.

I was advised that it was not uncommon for monthly meeting to attract 300 souls. and how weekend rides would attract hundreds of riders. Then new branches formed to the north, south and east and each wanted their own magazine.

When I heard that Wendy was looking for someone to take over from her after 17 years of editorial excellence, I discussed it with my wife and decided to take it on. I have some publishing skills so it just seemed right.

I am all too aware that I have big shoes to fill and expectations to meet. My aim for the magazine is to make it contemporary and relevant to all members.

I have started a resource of articles ready to go for future editions so don't wait until asked to send me something.

Editor.



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Editorial

Well the baton has been passed to me. I stand in awe of what Wendy has achieved. So here we go—you would have already noticed a new layout for the Odyssey. I guess at this point it is important for you to know that my Editorial style is no reflection on Wendy's format and style. We are all different.

Quality content is the life blood of any good magazine, I have some sources for articles but what is important is that you the reader feel empowered to contribute an article, a comment, some feedback or maybe even a joke or photograph.

Without your input, the Odyssey becomes my voice and no one ever intended that—heaven forbid!!

So kick back, grab a glass or a cup of your preferred beverage and I hope you will enjoy your new magazine

If you do please let me know.

If you don't, please give me some feedback on what to change and what you would like to see.

Kind Regards

Lloyd,

Editor

Make Life a Ride -

Sunday August 12 - The President's ride

Weather: 14C with a 100% chance of RAIN



"The forecast was rain, and we had a bit, but not enough to impact on the ride too much. Though added to that, the debris on some of the roads didn't help. 17 hardy souls turned up, a few of whom were pillions. It was an uneventful ride, with only one U-turn, when I missed a corner. Some commented that they didn't know those wineries were there.
:)

Morning tea was at the Meadows bakery, where service seemed to me snappier than usual. After a fair yack and a bit more drizzle, we headed off on a circuitous route to home. I had plotted a course from Mylor to Aldgate, as per Michele's instruction, but we didn't manage to find Mylor. It had moved. My GPS was offering to take me to strange places, so I ignored its direction a few times. After a brief stint on the freeway at a leisurely pace, we did get to Angaston, for what I think is a nice ride through Stirling and Upper Sturt to home. Of course it's much prettier on a sunny day.

At the Waggies we were treated to a great feed of pasta of various types, followed by delicious slices. The crowd was swelled by those who came in cars. I was busy making coffees on my slow machine. (I think all who wanted one got it.)

Brian treated us to a demo of the Stop&Go tyre plug system (which I've bought to take on my trip). He even brought a tyre for the purpose!

Thanks to the usual guys, Trevor & Ray as tail-ends, Peter for photos, and all those lovely people who helped and provided the food, Michele, Brenton, Michelle & Sue. Some of us hung around chatting for quite a while, encouraged by some wines and beers.

A good event, pleasant riding if a bit wet, no offs, great food and friendship. Definitely a success by the usual measure".

Ken.



:Leaving as full as a goog



Ray tucks in.



The president rallies the troops - aww c'mon guys.



They came from near they came from far.



Stop and Go tyre repair method demonstrated .



Ken surveys his kingdom and ponders his next treat.

LUNCH MENU AT WAGGIES 12/8/18

\$2 donation towards lunch please.

Bike gear & handbags etc

Middle of hall - spare room master bedroom

Toilets

Middle of hallway or master bedroom at front of house.

Menu:

Cans of soft drink in small fridge on verandah.

Chorizo PASTA (Thanks to Brenton George)

Ricotta & pumpkin pasta bake (vegetarian & GLUTEN FREE)

Corn & rice tortelli

Butternut pumpkin

Garlic

Basil

Tomatoes

Ricotta, mozzarella & parmesan cheeses

Sage

Organic vegetable stock

Chicken Pasta Bake

Macaroni pasta

Chicken Breast fillets

Bacon

Butter

Plain four

Milk

Tasty & parmesan cheeses

Baby spinach

Butternut pumpkin

SWEETS

Lemon Slice & Vanilla slice (thank you to Michelle Stevens) Cake (thank you to Sue Freene)

The trials and tribulations of young Seamus.

"Bless me Father, for I have sinned. I have been with a loose girl."

The priest asks, "Is dat you, little Seamus Flynn

"Yes, Father, it is."

"And who was the girl you were with?"

"I can't tell you, Father. I don't want to ruin her reputation."

"Well, Seamus, I'm sure to find out her name sooner or later so you may as well tell me now. Was it Sheila Mac Carthy?"

"I cannot say."

"Was it Patricia Devlin?"

"I'll never tell."

"Was it Rose McDaid?"

"I'm sorry, but I will not name her"

"Was it Cathy O'Reilley?"

"My lips are sealed."

"Was it Becky Murphy, then?"

"Please, Father! I cannot tell you."

The priest sighs in frustration.
"You're very tight lipped, and I
admire dat. But you've sinned and
have to atone. You cannot be an
altar boy now for 4 months. Now
you go away and behave yourself."

Joey walks back to his pew, and his friend Billy slides over and whispers, "What'd ya get?"

"Four months' off and five good leads..."



When heavyweight meets lightweight



Member Profile



Mr. Ray Murray

Ray Murray, AKA The Raffleman, was born in London in 1947, the son of a London Police Officer.

He went to sea on SS Orcades, one of the famous P&O Line ir 1963 aged just 16. Ray spent the next six years on aboard as a bedroom steward and saw most of the World's ports.

He migrated to Australia in 1969 settling in Adelaide where he joined Olivetti Australia (Typewriters) as a junior salesman. He spent almost 20 years with the company in SA arising to become South Australian Branch Manager.

He later left and bought a local office equipment Company (Holdsworth and Co.) which he ran successfully for five years. Eventually he left the industry and started a building renovation company which he ran successfully for ten years, doing repairs maintenance, insurance work and renovations before officially retiring in 2003.

Ray has been an active member of the club for about 13 years.

His first bike was a Lambretta scooter (with 20 mirrors—Editor) as a young lad and have had various bikes ever since. He has had a close friendship with mates who run a sheep and cattle property in the Flinders ranges for over 28 years and visits them frequently.

Ray lives in HOVE SA with two cats, have two kids one of which (ALEX) often joins us on rides on his BMW GS Adventure. He spent time with him when he lived in Spain and did a long road trip through Spain and France on a BMW Rt1150 a few years ago which he hired over there. Was the first time he had ridden on the wrong side and bike had a \$3000 deposit, which all made him very nervous initially.

Ray has a large collection of antique typewriters. He makes and restores old furniture, recently restored a vintage boat. (photos page 9)



Ray's seat warmers



Part of Ray's typewriter collection



Recently restored Vintage Boat

The Road Less Travelled

If you are ever heading across to Victoria via Pinnaroo and Ouyen, turn south 29 kms before Ouyen at Walpeup and head towards Patchewollock C247.

This road undulates and curves through scrub and native pine vegetation that is in places a Mallee fowl habitat. The road is good bitumen and makes a pleasant change from the straight roads of the Mallee Highway B12.

Turn into Patchewollock and view the Silo Art and then head on towards Speed. That is not an instruction but the name of the next town. The town was named after the brothers William, Harold and Gordon Speed who settled in the district in 1903 in case you were wondering.

From Speed you can head south on the B220 and check out more of the silo art in this area or head east towards Sea Lake and Swan Hill.

Snake Tales.....

Handwritten by the snake and direct to you.

Politicians and Nappies need to be changed often and for the same reason!

Marriage is like a deck of cards. In the beginning., all you need is two hearts and a diamond. By the end, you wish you had a club and a spade.

Some people just need a sympathetic pat.....

On the head

With a hammer.

I went fishing this morning but after short time run out of worms.

Then I spied and Eastern Brown Snake with a frog in its mouth. Frogs are good bass bait.

Knowing the snake couldn't bite me with the frog in its mouth I grabbed him right behind the head, took the frog and put it in my bait bucket.

Now the dilemma was how to release the snake without getting bit. So, I grabbed my bottle of JACK DANIELS and poured a little whiskey into its mouth.

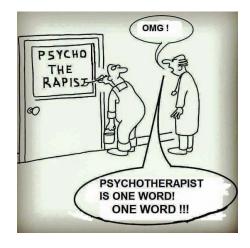
His eyes rolled back and he went limp.

I released him into the lake without incident and carried on fishing using the frog.

A little later, I felt a nudge at my foot.

It was the same snake, with two more frogs......

Snake





At every monthly meeting/dinner I have been to, Gus has jokingly complained that he gets less chips than others at the table—at one stage even demanding a chip count. At the September meeting, Management took pity on him and provided him with a bonus plate of chips which he kindly shared with all on Table 4.

Editor



Dear Members

ONLINE REGISTRATION PORTAL IS NOW OPEN

Thanks to the great work by the National Administration Office, the ONLINE REGISTRA-TION PORTAL is **now open for registration**. To access the online portal, members need to access the 2019 Ulysses Club National Rally website: www.agm2019.ulyssesclub.org

This will take you to the **Sign In** page - if you aren't sure about your password, please email to administration@ulysses.org.au

Once you have logged in, click on the National Rally 2019 tab, then follow the directions for registration.

If you have any queries or issues about the Online Registration, please contact National Administration Office on email: administration@ulysses.org.au

See you in summer for the 2019 National Rally.

Robert Hunt
Director
2019 Ulysses Club National Rally



Inter Branch Christmas Dinner

Come and share the Christmas spirit with your Ulysses family and friends with a lovely meal and good entertainment

Date: 30th November 2018, 6.30pm for 7pm dinner.

Venue: European Catering Reception, 2 Chief Street Hindmarsh

Cost: \$25.00

Entertainment: Sonic Fusion

Tickets are available at your branch meetings or by contacting your branch Come and share the Christmas spirit with your Ulysses family and

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Did You Know?

SPORTS BIKE tyres contain no rubber. They are made of synthetics in order to balance traction and durability.

FAMOUS HELMET manufacturer ARAI started life in Japan in 1926 making headgear for the construction industry. The company is still privately owned and is currently run by the third generation of the ARAI family.

IN 16,000 KM, the average four cylinder motorcycle engine will have completed 100,000,000 revolutions and it is estimated that the con-rods of a sports bike engine at full song withstands 10 tons of compression and tensile forces 500 times a second!

HAYABUSA, as used by Suzuki, is actually a Peregrine falcon as well as a World War 2 Japanese fighter plane – the Nakajima Ki-43 known more widely as the Zero.



THE EVER AMBITIOUS JOB APPLICANT

Caption Competition

Send in your funny caption to the Editor <code>sanderson.lloyd@gmail.com</code> —the prize is bragging rights for two months.





The Facts

Invercargill is the southernmost and westernmost city in New Zealand, and one of the southernmost cities in the world. It is the commercial centre of the Southland Region. The city lies in the heart of the wide expanse of the Southland Plains on the Oreti river some 18 km north of Bluff which is the southernmost town in the South Island. Many of the roads and Streets are named after rivers in the United Kingdom—the Dee. Tay, Esk, Don, Ness and Yarrow to name a few.

Indians!!

INVERCARGILL, NEW ZEALAND

If you want to see half of all the motorbikes in all of New Zealand in one city over a single weekend, be in Invercargill next year, 2019, between January7 and Jan 10. The reason is the annual Burt Munro Challenge. On offer are 6 different events, in 6 different locations over 4 days. All in and around Invercargill. This unique event attracts top New Zealand riders as well as all the weekend warriors, many entering multiple events on the same bike. Understanding the variety of events: hill climb, drags, beach and circuit racing, speedway and street racing makes sense of the Challenge part of its name. Knowing a little about Burt Munro of The World's Fastest Indian fame helps understand what underlies the event and why a relatively quiet town in the South Island of New Zealand would be bursting at the seams with Indian motorcycles of all vintages on that weekend. Burt Munro is a bit of a legend in those parts.

He had his first Indian Scout in 1920 and continued to modify that same bike (with his own custom made unique parts) for the rest of his life. He set a number of New Zealand land speed records and went on to compete at Bonneville 9 times, setting a record for the fastest ever recorded speed on an Indian motorcycle. It still stands today. He was 68 at the time. Ingenuity, determination, and love of speed and motorcycles are what you'll see at the Burt Munro Challenge.



DOWNTOWN INVERCARGILL

We were there in 2018. The organising committee had opted to move the four-day challenge, historically held in November, to what is considered the calmer February weather window and were rewarded with sunny days and record crowds. Motels in Invercargill were filled to capacity, the main street was flanked with bikes and the coffee shops and footpaths overflowed with riders. Consistent with the Burt Munro spirit the events offered great racing with a grass roots feel. To get the full measure of motorcycle culture visit the Classic Motorcycle Mecca Museum. It has a world class display of 300 rare and exotic bikes not to be missed. Transport World and E Hayes and Sons Hardware store which houses a collection of Burt Munro memorabilia are also worth a visit.

Maybe one reason for Invercargill's celebrated obsession with motorcycles is the fact that the South Island of New Zealand is a wonderful place to ride a motorcycle. The scenery is spectacular and the roads a wicked pleasure to ride. We have made the trip twice now, in February, flying into Christchurch where we picked up the hire bikes and headed straight for the open road.

The Hema New Zealand Motorcycle Atlas and Twisted Throttle New Zealand were our planning guides for both trips and offer often entertaining descriptions and good maps of the best riding roads so I'll just leave it at that.

Glenda & Brenton George



READY FOR THE OFF



ONE PART OF THE MUSEUM,



SHAKESPEARE

Stratford on Avon— A very intoxicated William Shakespeare bursts into his local tavern reciting poetry at full volume.

The Inn Keeper looks up and says—

"HEY BILLIE SHAKESPEARE GET OUT OF HERE YOU'RE BARRED"

Think about it.....

And just for Ray—a raffle joke

A woman arrives home from work and her husband notices she's wearing a diamond necklace. He asks his wife, "Where did you get that necklace?"

She replies, "I won it in a raffle at work. Go get my bath ready while I start dinner."

The next day, the women arrives home from work wearing a diamond bracelet. Her husband asks, "Where did you get the bracelet?"

She replies, "I won it in a raffle at work. Go get my bath ready while I start dinner."

The next day, her husband notices she arrives home from work wearing a mink coat. He says, "I suppose you won that in a raffle at work?"

She replies, "Yeah I did! How did you guess? Go get my bath ready while I start supper."

Later after supper, she goes to take her bath and she notices there is only one inch of water in the tub. She yells to her husband, "HEY! There's only a half inch of water in the tub."

He replies, "I didn't want you to get your raffle ticket wet."



Did you know?

Morgan Park Raceway at Warwick in Queensland is the only approved racing circuit in the world with an official Kangaroo caution flag in the Flag Marshall's kit. Apparently the Kangaroos hop in around dinner time and are not fussed what racing cars or superbikes they upset along the way

THE SNOWY RIDE

The Snowy Ride is an annual event held on the first Saturday in November. It was first held in 2001, and this year will be the fifteenth time I have participated.

What's it all about, you ask? It is in memory of a young motorcyclist, Steven Walter. To quote from the website at https://stevenwalterfoundation.org.au/campaigns-events/the-snowy-ride/, "Steven Walter was passionate about many things in life; family, friends, motorbikes and raising money to cure childhood cancer – 'So that one day no other kid will have to go through what I've been through.'

Steven was only nineteen years old when he died after his heroic eight-year fight against cancer in the year 2000.

Steve was diagnosed with cancer in his right leg at 11 years of age. He fought bravely through chemotherapy and the removal of a major bone in his leg. Anytime you asked Steve how he was feeling he always answered "I'm okay". He never complained about how he felt; nothing was ever too hard. All Steve ever wanted was to live a normal life and to ride his bike."

Having lost my daughter-in-law to cancer (which started in her leg too) and my mother to breast cancer, raising money for finding better treatments for cancer is a cause dear to my heart, and that's what the Snowy Ride is all about.

Again, to quote from the website, "All monies raised by Steven Walter Children's Cancer Foundation goes to childhood cancer research programs and support of children with cancer. The aim of the Snowy Ride was to involve the motorcycle riders of Australia into raising money for research into childhood cancer and its side effects and to give the local volunteer organisations of the Snowy mountains area the chance to raise money for their own communities."

The way the money is raised is through riders and pillions paying a registration fee of \$60 each, through selling raffle tickets and through major sponsorship by Honda, Snowy Hydro and many smaller donations. Honda also donate a motorcycle which you can win just by registering for the ride.

My pillion in a million has accompanied me on most of the rides, and usually I manage to encourage some other riders to come along with us too. This year, there are at least six bikes coming on the ride with us from South Australia. In other years there have been over three thousand riders, mainly from the eastern states, but everyone is welcome.



Cont...

The basic outline of the Snowy Ride is that you enjoy riding the scenic, twisting roads of the Snowy Mountains and end up at Thredbo for a 5.00 p.m. prize presentation and update on progress in cancer research. Families of children from the cancer wards in Sydney and Melbourne are brought together at Thredbo. The navy even brings a helicopter on a training exercise, which just happens to involve taking the children on flights around the area.

I try to take different routes to get from the Adelaide Hills to Thredbo. These have included crossing the Hay plain, following the Murray, going through the middle of Victoria (Bendigo), following the Great Ocean Road, the Cann River Road or going up the south coast of NSW and over Brown Mountain.

We try to go at a reasonably cruisy pace, doing between 500 and 600 km a day. That way we can enjoy the sights (and the bakeries!) in the towns we pass through and stay at.

Travelling with a group of other motorcyclists who are casual acquaintances over that distance is an interesting experience, often like trying to herd cats! A good idea is just to agree to catch up at the next town.

While the Snowy Ride is not a Ulysses Club sponsored ride, I thoroughly recommend it to fellow Ulysseans. The only reason I do it for the sake of the children.

The ride is terrible - NOT!

Marcel Smith, Member 24283





ON ANY SUNDAY

July 29 to Strathalbyn.

There were 11 bikes (plus a trike) at McDonalds for our ride on a day that turned out to be dry, if a little windy. We headed up through the hills to Crafers, down to Kangarilla and on to McLaren Vale for morning tea. After a pleasant chat and refill we continued on through Mt Compass to lunch at the Strath bakery, where a lovely young couple gave up a large table so we could all sit together for lunch. The ride went smoothly with no hold ups or lost souls with the only problems being glasses issues for both John and Ken.

A most enjoyable day. Peter



ON ANY SUNDAY

August 26 to ASHBOURNE— No narrative so the photos can talk for themselves













Sunday rides for the remainder of 2018—where did that go?

Sun 07 Oct

9.30am Peter Wood

0487 452 200 Day Ride Goolwa. Meet at: Civic Park, Main North East Rd, Modbury

Sun 21 Oct

9.30am Mike Green

0419 003 010 Day Ride Swan Reach. Meet at: McDonalds, 303 Magill Rd, Trinity

Gardens

Sun 04 Nov

9.30am Brenton George

0432 535 163 Day Ride Yankalilla. Meet at Top of Taps

Sun 18 Nov

9.30am Peter Wood

0487 452 200 Captains Ride. Other branches meet at Balhannah around 11am. TBA Meet at Civic Park, Main North East Rd, Modbury

Sun 02 Dec

9.30am Peter Wood

0487 452 200 Day Ride Meadows. Meet at McDonalds, 303 Magill Rd, Trinity

Gardens

Sun 09 Dec MRATOY RUN Callington Oval. Meet at Victoria Park. Departing at 11AM.

Sun 16 Dec

9.30am Brenton George

0432 535 163 Day Ride Port Elliot. Meet Top of Taps



FOR SALE

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\$ 3500 ono - Queen Size Foam mattress.- Plenty of storage.— Front Esky.

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Thanks David Rogers

Member No. #66562

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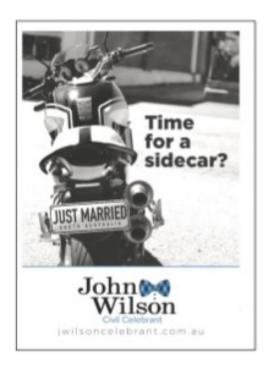
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