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From the editor

Welcome to the October issue of the Odyssey Magazine. We have an article submitted by Gary Priest on his and Gail's first AGM, made memorable for a number of reasons.

There are the usual rides photos with reports if submitted. Trevor Thomas announced he is hanging up his riding gear for the last time and will be greatly missed on Sunday rides where he was a regular Tail End Charlie. Don't worry, we will still see him at club events, just not on his bike.

We sadly lost another rider, Dean Earle, to a medical episode. He was a cheerful addition to the Sunday rides.

Catch up with the news in What's On for the next Dinners, Chat n Coffee, Meetings and Breakfast club.

There are photos from various club events. Come along, you can see we have a lot of fun.

Cheers

Maurice Stevens



Please email your story ideas and contributions for the Odyssey magazine to ulyssesadelaide+editor@gmail.com or phone us on 0419 822 717 **love to hear from you.**

2021 Ulysses Club 27th SA Odyssey at Berri



Hosted by Ulysses Mallee Branch



Friday 8th to Monday 11th of October 2021

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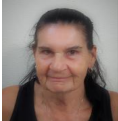
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Adelaide Branch President's Report

It feels like not much has happened since I last wrote a 'report'. But of course, we've lost our mate Dean, Trevor has hung up his boots, Ray's health has kept him off the bike, Chris and Deb aren't going well. The number of regular riders is dropping. We haven't had many on Sunday rides lately. Reality is, by most measures, Adelaide Branch is the smallest of the local branches. At the Middleton pub lunch after a ride, the Lower Murray Branch table was twice the size of the Adelaide table. (And Trevor had brought Ray by car.) Our Sunday rides are less popular than our Wednesday rides. Seems to be the same for other branches.

The flavour of our club has changed. It was quite different when I first joined in 2000. The emphasis was on riding. I can remember many feeling you were a wimp if you turned up to an event in a car, and hard accommodation at events was only for softies. What has happened is that we've all got older, less of us are riding, more of us have health issues, or just "old bones" that prefer a warm car to a cold hard bike seat, but the club goes on. For many of us, me included, the Ulysses Club is a big part of our social life. Many of our friends are Ulyssians. I'm fortunate in still being able to ride and enjoy my bike, but buying a caravan (before COVID19 to go to WA, ha ha ha), has impacted my riding. Now it is convenient and cheaper, to take the van somewhere and pay site fees, rather than cabin or motel fees. So last weekend saw Michele, myself and Cullinans taking our vans to Burra for the SABC breakfast, where previously we'd have ridden. (Those that rode up on the day were treated to glorious weather.) I'll also be taking the van to the November SABC at Wallaroo, set there to coincide with the RV weekend. But hey, I'm still a rider. :)

So, our numbers are down, but all the usual events keep happening. The website front page doesn't change much (cos I'm slack). However, inside it keeps up with what's going on. The rides calendar is always current, the SABC page tells you where the next one will be, dinner locations are on the *Events* page, and photos sneak into the Gallery all the time. (Thanks to Peter Wood for the Sunday Ride shots.) If I'm on a ride, there will be a map there of the ride route. All events are in the Google Calendar as well. The combined calendar continues to be a good resource for all the SA branches.

As previously, I've done online registration for the Odyssey on our website. (108 registrations on close.) That function, along with the various information pages, photo gallery and magazine repository, are what makes a real website, as opposed to the post now, gone later, nature of Facebook and the like. Don't forget the search facility on our website. If you are looking for something from the past, try it. It also searches into our *Odyssey* magazines online.

Spam continues to be a problem for us all. Our branch email account gets over 30 spams a day. Fortunately, Google is very good at sorting out spam from genuine emails. Like most of you, I also get plenty of SMS spam and phone calls, telling me about Amazon bills, Telstra issues, imminent NBN disconnection, parcel arrivals, voice messages, etc. Hopefully you haven't clicked on any spurious links, or given any bank details away to con artists and don't bother blocking the spam phone numbers. They are randomly chosen and don't equate to the real sender. The simple rule is, don't respond to unsolicited communication. If it seems interesting, go to the known source. Ring the company from a phone book number, or go to their website independently.

See you all on the road or at a social gathering. Get in before we get locked down!
Ken.

Sunday Ride Round Up 1st August Sevenhill Ride Leader Mike Green



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Sunday Ride Round Up 15th August Lyndoch

Ride Leader Rob Hartridge

We departed from Macca's on Magill Rd in perfect riding weather. 20 bikes and 21 people made for a good-sized group. The ride moved along at a good pace, so the only mob up was at the bottom of Old Norton Summit Rd. A gentleman with a hair dryer and a fast car was looking for motorists going too fast on the downhill outbound track of Gorge Rd, just past the Torrens Hill Rd junction. I've not seen him there before, apparently he likes to park there frequently.

Having morning tea at Inglewood was a bit different. If anyone else wants to do so, call them the day before and let them know that we are coming and need access to the toilet. We had one bike leave and one bike join us at morning tea. Nobody wanted a pub meal, but the rest area opposite the Lyndoch Bakery was great with the fair weather with plenty of socialising over lunch.



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It was a rather unusual start to a ride. We had John Crowe turn up on his latest bike, a new Yamaha MT09, very nice, but then he took off to a previous engagement before we even started! We also had 2 members of the Harley owners club turn up, only to find out their ride had been cancelled due to the weather. Ken invited them to join our ride, which they did, and we set off to Angaston for morning tea with the roads a little damp, but no rain. However, we had just settled down to morning tea and a mini storm came through with heavy rain and wind, and when we went back to our bikes, there were gloves and a helmet (mine) all over the place. One of the Harley's and Harry left us there, but the rest of us carried on on damp roads, but with only a couple of brief showers to Birdwood. After a quick but pleasant lunch we headed home through persistent rain, at least it held off for most of the ride. My thanks to Ken for taking on the Tail End Charlie duties, and to the rest of the group for keeping pretty well together and making it a pleasant ride.



Sunday Ride Round Up 12th September Birdwood

Ride Leader Peter Wood



Sunday Ride Round Up 26th September Middleton

Ride Leader Judy Manoel



Up Coming Sunday Rides All Rides Depart at 9.30am



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

Gail & Gary's First AGM 2016

So where do I start. I had recently returned to riding and Gail had never ridden a bike before, she was on her R date licence and rode a 650 VStar. I took the Harley Superglide.



We headed off to the AGM and travelled to the spirit of Tasmania with minimal problems. Getting the bikes on to the ship was interesting as the decks were wet and fairly slippery. I had my boots sliding on the decks like out riggers to make sure I didn't drop the bike in front of a pile of other bikers. No problems though. We slept on the way over, got up, left the boat and rode to our back packer's accommodation in Launceston. That's where our story of merriment and mayhem begins.

So, we settle in to the back packers. Later in the evening we hear a couple of bikes pull up. We went to see who it was and it was some fellow Ullysiens from Penrith. We showed them around and offered them coffee. 20 minutes later Dave says "What are you guys doing after the AGM". We were just going to ride around Tassie for a couple of weeks. Dave said "We're going to a resort at 7 mile beach do you want to come?". We went sure. They had another rider join them the following day and from then the 5 five of us rode together constantly.

We went to the AGM and did a few rides together. I remember doing some spirited riding to Cradle Mountain one day. Dragged the foot pegs on the Harley a few times. This guy had been ribbing me about the similarities between Harleys and sheep dogs, something about both of them coming home on the back of a truck.

Any way coming back on the Bass Highway and just passed through a town riding at 80 Kph bike gets the wobbles in the back. Felt like it was slewing all over the road so I let the bike slow on its own then parked the bike and found the rear tyre flat and off the rim bead.

I Called the RAA, who after a bit of discussion got their counter parts came out with a truck and took the bike back to our digs. So yes the Harley went out on its own and came home on the back of a truck.

The road service took the bike to the Harley dealer for a new tyre the next morning. The dealer made us wait 3 hours and then charged me \$498.00 for the back tyre, at which point I said to guy "Are you sure?" He looked at his computer and said yes, then told me, by the way your rear brake fluids off, you should change it. After 3 hours wait and \$500, I was not going to ask if they could do it, as I was afraid I was going to have to sell a child to pay for it.

By the way I checked the price for the exact same tyre fitted by Harley Heaven in Adelaide; it was about \$100 cheaper. The Tassie dealer rang for feedback on their service. I believe my words were; You robbed me blind you bastards. Of course, I said that in the nicest way possible.

Any way we rode out of the place a bit poorer and regrouped with the others. We decided to go to the pub for a drink. Late in the afternoon, when we were leaving, some of us got waylaid. People were coming in for the evening entertainment. John had headed out to the street. When we got to the door, we found a group of young girls lined up showing him ID as they went in. Each time he just nodded. Apparently, they thought he was the bouncer, which we all thought was quite hilarious. Good on John, he just went along with it!

With the AGM over we went to 7 mile beach. We did day rides, explored the island, hung out in the pool and SPA.

One ride we went for was quite long. Toward the end of the day, we were riding through some back roads. I was second to last. As we went through a few bends I lost sight of Bob behind me. I got to the next junction and waited for Bob. A car came up behind me, so I turned the corner to get out of his way. I was on the verge where the grass was about 6 inches long. As I moved the bike, my front wheel fell in to a drain and I couldn't get it out. I cursed, Gail heard me on the intercom and thought I had come off. The others were parked down the road a bit waiting for Bob and I.

They rode back to me to lend a hand and we struggled to get the wheel out of the drain. In the end, John was lifting the front wheel while Dave was hanging off the back. I held the bike upright and pulled backwards. With a huge effort the wheel suddenly came out of the ditch the bike rolled backwards quickly. Dave fell backwards and the back wheel ran over his foot. It looked hilarious and we all burst out laughing.

We dusted ourselves off and then I said Bob hasn't come down the hill. We jumped on our bikes and went back up the hill to find half a dozen people standing around Bob who had come off his bike. He was uninjured except for a few grazes and a bruised pride.

The bike had bent floor boards, bars and the head light pointing to the stars. We did what we could to straighten things so it could be ridden. A short test ride found the bike serviceable, so we headed back down the hill, got to the bottom and realised Dave was missing. I went back up the hill to find Dave had dropped his bike in the gravel. We helped him get it back up undamaged. One of the bystanders came over and said "Do you guys ride much?"

Went back to the resort and chilled. The next day we borrowed a large hammer from the maintenance guy at the resort and straightened Bobs bike out a bit. Some duct tape here and there, all good.

We did many trips lunches and dinners, drinking and laughing all the way.



After that we went to Queenstown and stayed in the pub. There was some excellent riding in the area. One night there was some sort of party in the bar. John and I were drinking and he was taking some interest in some of the girls who all seemed to have boyfriends the size of small mountains. We had had a few and I thought there might be trouble so I went and got Gail. She went over to John said "Is this your beer on the bar?" He nodded, Gail picked up the pint downed it and said time to go, grabbed his hand and we left the bar before any trouble with the boyfriends happened.

It was in this pub that I met Hobbit and Vicki from Fleurieu Branch. I heard him playing the ukulele. A long way to go to meet them I thought.

We went on the railway to Strahan which was a good day.

We left Queenstown and made our way to Penguin, our last place to stay. Bob, Dave and John said their goodbyes, as they left Tassie a few days before us. We moved digs to a cabin in the local caravan park, as it happens, Piper was camped right in front of our cabin so we had home cooked dinners, lots of conversation and went on daily rides. He was happy to have some company and we were happy to chill with him.

We made another trip to Cradle Mountain and went to see some caves. Each morning Piper made us a pot of coffee and left it on our doorstep.

We left Tassie without incident, rode to Seymour and stayed with my sister. Next day Gail and I rode home, around 720 Kms.

PS we kept in contact Dave and John and stayed with them in Port McQuarrie and Dave in Barmera.

I don't suppose I have to tell you the Ulysses club is great for socialising. We make long standing friends far and wide, but there are friendships that are more casual as well. Gail and I have seen a guy named Tom at all the AGMs we have been. We greet each other enthusiastically whenever we meet. I have no idea what his last name is. If I want to see him again, I guess we will have to go to the next AGM.

Gail and I are having a great time in the club enough said.



Socialising at Meetings, Dinners, Chat'n'Coffee



Sharing the load in 2022.....

Several people have commented how much fun the many events and rides have been in 2021 - SA Breakfasts, Monthly Dinners, Chat'N'Coffee, Rides, Raffles, and lunches at the end of rides. These have all been organised by members who have done these tasks for several years.

Do you value these activities?

If you do, and you want these to continue, please consider taking some responsibility in sharing the load and doing YOUR part to support fun activities.

Have a chat to the following people to find out more information....

Michele Wagnitz (Chat'N'Coffee)

Sue Freene (Monthly Dinners)

Ken Wagnitz (SA Breakfasts)

Ray Murray (Raffles).

Other ideas for playing your part..

- . Put your hand up to lead a ride.
- . Join the Committee in Feb 2022
- . Provide a sausage sizzle at the end of a ride.

Crustless Citrus Tart

Can be served warm or cold. Easy one bowl mixing and no fiddly pastry. Delicious with cream and fresh fruit.

3 eggs

½ cup flour

1 cup sugar

100g butter, melted

1 tbsp lemon zest (or more for extra zing)

1/2 cup lemon juice

1 cup cream

½ tsp vanilla

Icing sugar to serve

1. Preheat oven to 180°C and grease & line 20cm round springform cake tin.
2. Bowl – add eggs, whisk lightly.
3. Whisk in flour until well combined.
4. Add remaining ingredients and whisk again.
5. Pour into prepared pan.
6. Bake 35 – 40 mins until edges lightly browned and centre still a little wobbly.
7. Leave in pan to cool slightly before removing,
8. Dust with icing sugar to serve.

Vale: Dean Ivor EARLE #39318

30/2/1952 – 29/8/2021

Lost suddenly following a medical event, Dean had been a member of Ulysses (Adelaide Branch) since 2005 and was a regular Sunday Rider on his beloved Triumph America.

One of life's true gentlemen, always with a bright smile and trademark scarf (he must have had a whole wardrobe of them).

Dean hardly missed a Sunday Ride Day and we understand he was a regular rider with the SA Triumph Riders club as well, so very well-liked and respected in the South Aussie Motorcycle fraternity.

A loving Husband, Father and Grandfather, Dean will be sorely missed by his Brothers and Sisters of the SA Ulysses community generally. And particularly at the Adelaide Branch, who were pleased to provide a scarved motorcycle escort for the family from funeral parlour to wake.

Our condolences go out to his wife Danuta and his family.

Ulysses Club, Adelaide Branch.



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**. The **1st 2nd & 5th Wednesday** depart from **The Feathers Hotel Car Park Burnside** and the **3rd 4th Wednesday** depart from the **Top of Taps**.

The SA Breakfast Club- When: **6th November 9.30am** Where: Wallaroo Sailing Club
When: **4th December 9.30am** Where: Pt Pirie, The Fam Hotel

Please confirm your attendance as venues require numbers to provide adequate staff.

Contact Ken Wagnitz ulyssesadelaide+ken@gmail.com or **SMS 0417 353 389**



Adelaide Branch Monthly Meeting Official meeting starts at 7:30pm

Thursday 4th November 2021 and **Thursday 2nd December 2021**

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

Friday 15th October 2021 6.30pm Venue: Morphett Arms, 138 Morphett Rd, Glengowrie

Friday 12th November 2021 6.30pm Venue: West Lakes Golf Club, 26 Lochside Dr. West Lakes

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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 Ph. 0429 673 381

Tuesday 26th October 2021 Venue: Adelaide Biplanes Kitchen, 174 Colville Rd. Aldinga.

Tuesday 23rd November 2021 Venue: St George Bakery, 183 Philip Hwy Elizabeth South

Note: In these COVID19 times, the venues want numbers to schedule staff, so please let Michele or Sue know if you plan to come.

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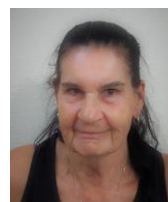
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Welfare Officer - Friendly Reminder



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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