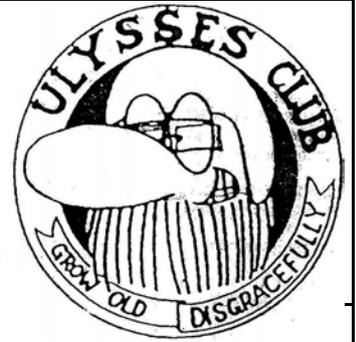


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HOT AND THROBBING

by DOT CAMERER, Editor (23934)

You might be thinking that you've missed out on a couple of issues of The Ithaca Times. In fact one Member rang to tell me just that. You haven't. Since the May issue, this is the first of a new era with TIT. Since March 1989 (more than 30 years!) it has been produced each month, except December. It was originally produced to be distributed at the monthly Social Meetings and posted to Members who did not attend that meeting.

The new Committee has decided that TIT will be produced quarterly, starting from this issue, as we have the website and the weekly emails for current information. So, each issue should be larger than those to which you have become accustomed. We'll see. And there will be three months' of birthdays to celebrate in each issue.

Another initiative of the Committee is to have each Committee Member write an article for each issue. So far that has not happened, but we do have an interesting articles on BSA productions by TONY SOUTHALL, another on flying to Dirk Hartog Island by GLENN RYAN, ED LOWE'S reasons for selling his Triumph and buying a Moto Guzzi, and CLIVE JARMAN'S interesting ride to Albany on a bicycle. Plus, there are two ride reports by WAYNE BAVIN. Added to this list, are two articles from DAVE WRIGHT and information on Black Dog Rides.

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| TONY SOUTHALL | DAVE WRIGHT |

UNDERSTANDING WOMEN

submitted by RAY PRIOR (14398)

A wise man to his son: "My boy! When you accumulate the understanding to know why a pizza is made round, to be put in a square box and is eaten in triangles, then, my son, you will be able to understand women."

Footnote

Not in Rome. When I was there, pizzas were made in rectangles, cut into smaller rectangles, folded in half and put into a white paper bag. Perhaps Romans already understood their women.—Editor

BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

Happy Birthday to these Members who celebrated their Birthdays in June and July as they haven't previously been acknowledged.

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| JUNE | 7 | TONY SOUTHALL |
| | 16 | ALF BRIDLE (Dec) |
| JULY | 2 | JOHN GLIDDON |
| | 2 | DEBBIE MUELLER |
| | 10 | KARL AMBROSE |
| | 19 | LYN DALY |



Happy Birthday to these Members who will celebrate their Birthdays in August, September and October.

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| AUGUST | 1 | LAWRY AARONS | |
| | 2 | BRUCE DAVIS | |
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| | | 19 | STEVE ANDREWS |
| 30 | | STEVE STARLING | |
| OCTOBER | 8 | KEVIN SARNEY | |
| | 22 | BUSHY (PETER BUSH) | |
| | 23 | CHRIS BRANDIS | |

Is your birthday not listed here? Then you haven't told me. **Don't tell the President or the Treasurer or even the Web Master.** When you tell me, your Birthday will be featured here and celebrated at the following Social Meeting. Thanks —Editor.

RIDE REPORTS

POKER RUN Sunday 19 May

by WAYNE BAVIN (64693)

This year's Poker Run will be one of two novelty fund raising rides for the Branch. The route selected would take in the wheatbelt north and east of Perth. Five cards drawn by each participant at different locations.

Sunday morning and we are greeted with a cold snap in Perth. 2 degrees at 7am might have frightened a few off as a small group of 10 at East Perth. JAYGEE (JOHN GLIDDON) set the ground rules for the cards and with the temperature rising to 10 degrees by 9am, we headed off for our first stop, Bindoon Bakehaus via Chittering Valley.

Mid May and still the paddocks looking very dry even through the valley. 2nd card received while we munched on the Bakehaus goods. GREG, of course, returning for a second helping.

We headed further north along the highway before turning east to Calingiri. The road to Calingiri is a delight to traverse on a motorbike. This correspondent got a bit caught up enjoying himself, neglecting to select 6th gear. Fuel economy suffered accordingly. 3rd card received at Calingiri, then down to Bolgart for our 4th card and comfort stop for some.

From Bolgart, we continued south to Bejording Road. Never been on it so a new experience for me. Lovely road as it has some nice bends but the consensus was it was quite bumpy. Then Irishtown Road to take us into Northam for lunch and our 5th card.

We elected to sit inside, somewhat unusual for our group, but the warmth was welcome. An elderly chap from a tour bus had a fall, SIMON straight on the scene to assist. Time to show our hands, much pontificating and huff and puff by some, but GREG produced 2 pair for the winning hand. RUDI, a pair of Aces, then JAYGEE a pair of something which was better than my pair of 6s. Prizes from Branch merchandise to the first 3.

MIKE'S puny 10-litre tank required another drink at Northam, the rest of us stopping at The Lakes for a final chinwag before heading home.

\$100 raised for the Branch, thankyou to all who attended.



THE ANNUAL OPEN DAY OF THE MACHINERY PRESERVATION SOCIETY IN MIDLAND Sunday 7 July

by WAYNE BAVIN (64693)

Typically chilly morning greeted us but 9 Members at East Perth to take in a short ride to the Annual Open Day at The Machinery Preservation Society in Midland. The Open Day also has displays of vintage motorcycles and one vehicle. Always a popular event with a host of machines from a bygone era on display and running.

We departed East Perth and escaped the city in what is rapidly becoming my favourite escape route, Guildford Road, Tonkin Highway, Gnangara Road. Few corners, not many lights and highway speeds makes this route a breeze. The rollercoaster in my sights this morning, never disappoints, and 3 newish Members had their first experience of this road. All had grins. Then it was back to Midland via Toodyay Road and to the MPC workshops.





Lunch stop at Northam

An hour was spent soaking up the displays, along with other Members who had driven direct to Midland. Seven elected to continue on to Northam for lunch at the Riverside Hotel. We took the scenic route up through Darlington to Mundaring then the Great Eastern Highway, and finished off through Spencers Brook.

Our return trip also through Spencer Brook, then home via the Highway. Another great day.

TIME TO LAUGH

submitted by Peta Laine

**It's the start
of a brand new day,
and I'm off like a herd
of turtles.**

**I'm bored.
I think I'll go to the mall,
find a great parking spot
and sit in my car with the
reverse lights on.**

**If you're sitting in
public and a stranger
takes the seat next
to you, just stare
straight ahead and
say, "Did you bring
the money?"**

TELLING IT LIKE IT IS

submitted by Brien Bush

Lying around, pondering the problems of the world, I realised that, at my age, I don't really give a rat's ass anymore.

If walking is good for your health, the postman would be immortal.

A whale swims all day, only eats fish and drinks water, but is still fat.

A rabbit runs and hops and only lives 15 years, while a tortoise doesn't run and does mostly nothing, yet it lives for 150 years. And they tell us to exercise? I don't think so.

Now that I'm older, here's what I've discovered:

- 1 I started out with nothing and I still have most of it.
- 2 2 My wild oats are mostly enjoyed with prunes and All-Bran.
- 3 3 Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
- 4 4 Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
- 5 If all is not lost, then where the heck is it?
- 6 It was a whole lot easier to get older than it was to get wiser.
- 7 Some days, you're the top dog, some days you're the hydrant.
- 8 I wish the buck really did stop here; I sure could use a few of them.
- 9 Kids in the back seat cause accidents.
- 10 Accidents in the back seat cause kids.
- 11 It is hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
- 12 The world only beats a path to your door when you're in the bathroom.
- 13 If God wanted me to touch my toes, he'd have put them on my knees.
- 14 When I'm finally holding all the right cards, everyone want to play chess.
- 15 It is not hard to meet expenses. They're everywhere.
- 16 The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
- 17 These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter ... I go somewhere to get something and then wonder what I'm "here after".
- 18 Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
- 19 It is a lot better to be seen than viewed.
- 20 Have I sent this message to you before, or did I get it from you?

BSA—"THE COMPANY" (1861 TO 1973)

by TONY SOUTHALL (44389)

Before I start writing this article, I should explain that as a young lad the first four motorcycles I purchased were all BSAs and I was intrigued by the round badge with three stacked rifles and a bandoleer of ammunition that adorned the tank of my third bike, a 1954 B31 (350cc single). What could this mean and why did a motorcycle manufacturer choose this badge?



Well, I hope you all enjoy a short history lesson because we start the explanation of this badge in 1861. The British Empire was approaching its peak and Britain was on top of the world manufacturing things and Birmingham, in particular, was called the "Workshop of the World" due to the variety of "things" manufactured there.

This story is focused on one trade which is the manufacture of military and sporting guns. Until the 1850s guns were handmade but American companies were starting to use machinery in the manufacturing process of firearms. Not wishing to be left behind, the British government encouraged 14 gunsmiths in Birmingham to join together for the purpose of manufacturing guns by machine. The 14 gunsmiths started a company called the Birmingham Small Arms Company in 1861 and quickly purchased 25 acres of land in Small Heath, Birmingham to build a factory and construct a road on the site which BSA called Armoury Road.

Things happened quickly in Victorian England and by 1862 the factory commenced production. It always helps to have a war if you make guns and the American Civil War (1861-1865) was in full swing when BSA commenced production. During this conflict, English manufactures, including BSA, supplied 800,000 weapons to both sides of this

conflict. BSA was also awarded a contract from the army of the Ottoman Empire (modern Turkey) which wanted to modernise, and a total of 50,000 rifles were supplied. This meant that BSA was a great success, and in the mid 1870s BSA was the largest, privately owned gun making company in Europe.

However, management knew they had to diversify production due to the fact that, when the world was peaceful no-one wanted to buy guns, so in 1879 BSA had to close the Small Heath factory for the whole year.

In 1880, the gun making machinery was found to be perfect for the manufacture of high volume, accurately machined, low cost standard parts for the rapidly expanding bicycle industry. It was not until 1885 that BSA sold bicycles under its own name and not until 1910 that BSA started motorcycle production.

In modern terms BSA could be called a diversified industrial group or conglomerate, and over its life BSA has manufactured such things as guns, ammunition, bicycles, motorcycles, cars, buses, steel and iron castings, power and machine tools, hard chroming process, machines for the coal industry etc. But as they say, each of these manufacturing operations could be the subject of a separate story, but that is for another day.

Little Nuggets From the Life of BSA

Did you know that General Custer of Little Bighorn fame, used a revolver made by BSA as it was faster loading than American made revolvers. It didn't seem to do him much good!!

In 1871, it became known that Turkey wanted to buy 200,000 rifles and that the order would be placed after a trial of various types of weapons. The order was worth a vast sum of money and armaments firms from all parts of Europe and America sent representatives to Constantinople. BSA dispatched two representatives but the rifle which they were to enter into the trial and which had been sent to the company's agent to forward, failed to arrive in time and the order went elsewhere. Later it was discovered that the company's agent was also acting for two firms in the United States and had deliberately held back BSA's entry in the hope that the order would go to one of the American companies from which a larger commission would have been earned. Just another example to show that greed was alive and well 150 years ago.

During WW1, BSA made huge numbers of munitions, rifles, machine guns, motorcycles, aero engines, aero parts and complete aeroplanes. BSA was briefly the largest aircraft manufacturer in the world with an aircraft coming off the production line every 45 minutes.

BSA—"The Company" (1861-1973) cont'd

In the early 1930s, BSA was a major car manufacturer having a 15% share of the total UK market. Both 3 - and 4-wheel vehicles were produced under the Daimler, Lanchester and BSA names.

During the WW2, BSA produced millions of firearms which included 468,000 Browning machine guns for the aircraft industry which were installed in many different aircraft including the Spitfire and Hurricane fighters.

After Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's German army was defeated at the battle of El Alamein in North Africa, he retreated in a captured BSA-made Daimler Scout car.

At the end of WW2, BSA was the largest it would be in its corporate life, employing 45,000 people spread over 68 factories

After BSA purchased Triumph motorcycles in 1951 the company became the largest motorcycle manufacturer in the world, a title BSA held until 1959 when it was overtaken by Honda. Many articles and books have been written over the years on how a company on top of the world can be bust 14 years later!

Just to give you an idea of the scale of manufacturing in today's world: In 1959 total motorcycle production in the UK was 167,000 machines produced for domestic and export markets. In 2018 Honda produced 19.6 million motorcycles.

In October 2016 the Mahindra Group from India purchased the BSA name for motorcycle production for AUD\$6.2m. Keep an eye open to see if or when BSA motorcycles return to our roads.

submitted by RAY PRIOR (14398)

One big difference
between men and women
is that if a woman
says "Smell this",
it usually smells nice.

Since I bought this toy for my dog...
no more salesmen,
break-ins, or friends popping in
unannounced.
Just peace & quiet.



OLD LOVE

both jokes submitted by RAY PRIOR (14398)

I was in my back yard trying to fly a kite.

I threw the kite up in the air, the wind would catch it for a few seconds, then it would come crashing back down to earth.

I tried this a few more times with no success. All the while, Karen is watching from the kitchen window, muttering to herself how men need to be told how to do everything.

She opened the window and yelled to me, "You need a piece of tail."

I turned with a confused look on my face and said, "Make up your mind. Last night, you told me to go fly a kite."



PERTH TO DIRK HARTOG ISLAND BY AIR

by GLENN RYAN (66412)

In response to a call for content for the esteemed The Ithaca Times at a recent Club meeting, I had no recent bike trip to write about but my offer to pen a story of a memorable light aircraft flying trip was enthusiastically accepted, so here it is.

In October 2018 my partner Sharon and I decided to crank up a 40-year-old Cessna plane and fly from Perth to Shark Bay and Exmouth. Our primary destination was the remote and historic Dirk Hartog Island in the Shark Bay World Heritage Area. Access to the island is restricted to loading your serious 4WD (which I don't have) onto a private barge for a short crossing from the mainland, or by light aircraft, landing on an airstrip near the only homestead on the island.

After a careful aircraft pre-flight check, filling the fuel tanks and loading luggage, we left Serpentine airfield south of Perth early on Wednesday 10 October.

In fine sunny weather we had an enjoyable flight north along the coast to Geraldton, overflying Mandurah, Fremantle, Lancelin, Jurien Bay and Dongara on the way. After a short rest and refueling stop in Geraldton, we departed for our first overnight stop, Wooramel River Homestead Retreat. We flew over the Kalbarri gorges and were soon in the majestic Shark Bay area, landing at the Wooramel River dirt airstrip in mid-afternoon.

On prior advice to save a walk after landing, we taxied along a road to the homestead and parked for the night. Wooramel offers campsites and some on-site tent accommodation in a beautiful setting under gum trees along the wide, dry Wooramel River complete with abundant bird life and therapeutic hot springs. No problem roughing it here for a night!

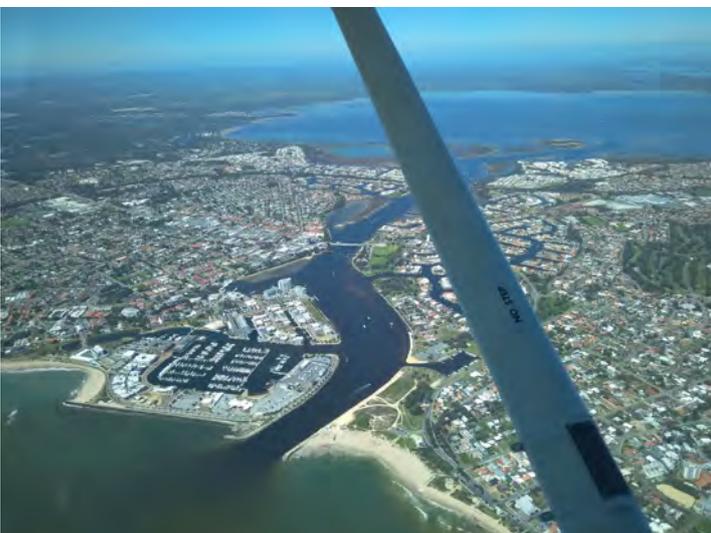
Apparently the river only runs for a few days most years and was as dry as a bone when we were there. Wooramel is a popular overnight stop for campers and caravans travelling between Geraldton and Carnarvon. More information can be found at <https://www.wooramel.com.au/>



Pre-flying the Cessna in its hangar at Serpentine airfield



Flying over Shark Bay



Flying over Mandurah on our way north



Sharon on the dry Wooramel riverbed

Perth to Dirk Hartog Island by Air cont'd

The following morning we enjoyed some bird watching along the Wooramel riverbed followed by a soak in the hot springs. Our next destination was Dirk Hartog Island, about 100km west of Wooramel, tracking mostly over the beautiful Shark Bay waters. We cranked up the plane mid-morning. Some on-coming cars kindly gave way to us as we taxied along the road from the Wooramel Homestead to the airstrip.

Once airborne we enjoyed a very scenic 40-minute low-level flight passing over Monkey Mia, Denham and onto Dirk Hartog Island. Apparently the Dirk Hartog airstrip is on a clay pan that becomes very soft and slippery when wet. Fortunately it was dry that day and our landing was uneventful.

The island has a long European history starting with the explorer Captain Dirk Hartog arriving by ship in 1616, leaving an inscribed plate with his name and date of arrival at what is now known as Cape Inscription. A succession of European explorers followed over the next 200 years and pastoral activities started on the island in the 1860s. In 1993 Kieran Wardle, the grandson of Sir Thomas Wardle (of Tom the Cheap fame), took over the island and began a new page in the island's history – tourism.



Flying west between Wooramel and



Dirk Hartog Island

We stayed at the only Homestead on the Island as guests of Kieran and his wife Tory for 3 nights. Guided 4WD tours, walks and kayaking activities during our stay exposed the island's amazing scenery, pristine secluded beaches and rich past and present history.

While touring the island we learned about the remarkable 'Return to 1616' project. It's a public/private funded and managed initiative to restore the vegetation, habitats and wildlife of Dirk Hartog Island to how Dirk Hartog would have seen them in 1616. This was a brave goal since the island has experienced significant changes since Dirk Hartog landed there. Introduced sheep and goats changed the vegetation, their grazing habits and trampling reducing the food and shelter available for native species. Feral cat predation added to the pressures on native species and made it impossible for some to survive. The Feral animal eradication was completed recently in October 2018 and the project is currently focussed on restoring natural vegetation and reintroducing lost animal species to the island. You can read more about the 'Return to 1616' Project at <https://www.sharkbay.org/restoration/dirk-hartog-island-return-1616/>.



Luxurious Dirk Hartog Homestead



Rusting barge used to transport sheep off the island

Perth to Dirk Hartog Island by Air cont'd



One of many pristine deserted beach on the island



Can you spot the whale?



Dirk Hartog Island lighthouse built in 1910

On Sunday 14 October we reluctantly left Dirk Hartog Island bound for Exmouth. After a 45 minute flight, mostly over very big fish-infested water, we landed and refuelled in Carnarvon.

From there we flew up the coast over the beautiful Coral Bay reefs and into Exmouth airstrip, landing around noon. Exmouth felt like a mega city after our stay on the remote Dirk Hartog Island.



Feeling small in Exmouth Mega City.

After 4 fun-filled days indulging in the usual activities in and around Exmouth, we ended the trip on Thursday 18 October with a 7-hour flight from Exmouth back to Serpentine, refuelling and resting at Carnarvon and Geraldton along the way. Weather was fine and the navigation was simple, thanks to advice I was given in the old Potshot Hotel in Exmouth—just head south, keep the land on the left, the water on the right and turn left just before Mandurah and look for Serpentine. Worked a treat to end a memorable trip.

My next contribution to The Ithaca Times will be about a motorcycle trip—I promise.

SOLD MY TRIUMPH AND BOUGHT A MOTO GUZZI

by ED LOWE (

According to the pundits at Motorcycle Trader Magazine, the Triumph Sprint GT is one of the best sport/touring bikes on the planet. After riding mine for nearly 60,000km, I agree. So why did I sell it, and buy a motorcycle with half the horsepower and a name that hardly anyone can pronounce correctly? Read on.

The Triumph Sprint GT (hereafter referred to as the Triumph to save typing) is a terrific motorcycle. It has a 1050cc triple engine that makes an alleged 128hp, heated hand grips, gel seat, panniers and a top box with enough space to store a couple of toddlers and it handles really well. It's a very comfortable bike on the open road. Riding it to Melbourne and back was a doddle.



Triumph Sprint GT

There are however some drawbacks. It's pretty heavy. It weighs 265kg and that's without the panniers and top box fitted. That means moving it around in confined spaces, like my driveway, is a pain and while the engine is a joy once you're on the open road, it's not too happy in slow moving traffic.

In the looks department the Triumph was fine without its luggage fitted, but with the panniers on I couldn't help thinking: "Yes. Your arse does look big in those."

For four years the Triumph suited me very well. Its strengths outweighed its weaknesses. Gradually however I found myself thinking about getting another bike.

Time to start thinking like the experienced analyst that I used to be. What do I want in a bike?

I decided that I wanted it to be lighter and easier to push around than the Triumph. It had to be enjoyable for overnighters and Sunday rides and more fun to ride around town. A reasonable range and tubeless tyres would be essential. It also had to look good.

Since I've been riding Triumphs for the past 8 years, and I have always had good service from JCS Motorcycles, I started by looking at the Triumph range.

The current Bonneville/Street Twin range look good and get good reviews, but they have a 12-litre fuel tank. I didn't think that would be enough.

I test rode a Street Triple, because I've heard and read nothing but good things about them. They are fantastic bikes and I had a lot of fun riding around in Victoria Park in 2nd gear, but the seat is about 1/2 thick and since I don't do track-days or "ride like I stile it", I'd feel a bit of an idiot on one. Great bike, but not for me, and I think they look a bit odd.

Right. Time to ditch logic and go with emotion. In 2012, I visited Mandello del Lario and ever since I have wanted to own a Moto Guzzi.

I went and rode a V7 and guess what? It's old-school. It does this weird lurch to the right when you start it up, it way less powerful than the Triumph I had been riding and I love it.

Many "retro" bikes are modern bikes designed to look a bit old-style. Not the Moto Guzzi. The V7 is basically one of their old designs that's been updated a bit. It has a 750cc transverse V twin, a 21litre tank and shaft drive, but it also has fuel injection, ABS and traction control.

So far it's working out well and I'm happy with my decision. I've found it comfortable on a a 270km Sunday ride. It feels really steady and planted in the corners and around town it feels light and flickable. I'm noticing some bumps in the road that I didn't feel on the Triumph, but I'll just have to "harden the f*** up".

On the day I picked it up I stopped at the local shops. Two tradies parked next to me and as I was walking into the shop one of them said to me, "Nice bike. My mate says that if you can walk away from your bike without looking back, the way that you just looked back at yours, then you've got the wrong bike." I agree.



Moto Guzzi V7



FREE STAR RATED CLOTHING SEMINAR



Please join us for an information session explaining all the details of our Star Rating system for motorcycle clothing.

This Seminar will be presented by Professor Christopher Hurren from Deakin University, Victoria, who is managing this project.

As many of you will know, we have been in the dark in the past as to the suitability and safety of the protective motorcycle clothing that we have purchased. Motocap is designed to help us to choose the safest clothing available, based on specific tests that the garments are put through. The tests including impact protection, abrasion, tearing and comfort.

Where: Scarborough Community Centre, 163 The Esplanade, Scarborough

When: Saturday 10 August

Time: 10am-11:30am—riders and rider group representatives
1PM-2:30pm—Motorcycle dealers and motorcycle clothing retailers

Contact: DAVE WRIGHT for more information and to reserve your place, phone 0418 954 424, email davmer08@bigpond.com

This seminar is being supported by the Road Safety Community Grants Programme



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FROM DAVE WRIGHT

Hi

I have attached the flier for a free seminar presented by Professor Christopher Hurren from Deakin University, who will explain all the details of our Star Sting for motorcycle protective clothing (Motocap)

Can you please get back to me if you can attend this seminar on Saturday 10 August?

Morning tea provided.

I hope to see you there.

Cheers

Dave Wright

Motorcycle Riders Association of WA Inc

Life Member #8

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THEN MY DOG BIT ME

submitted by RAY PRIOR (14398)

I was sitting at the bar staring at my drink when a large, trouble-making biker steps up next to me, grabs my drink and gulps it down in one swig.

“Well, whatcha’ gonna do about it?” he says, menacingly, as I burst into tears.

“Come on, man,” the biker says, “I didn’t think you’d cry. I can’t stand to see a man crying.

“This is the worst day of my life,” I said. “I’m a complete failure.

“I was late to a meeting and my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car had been stolen and I don’t have any insurance.

“I left my wallet in the cab I took home. I found my wife with another man ... and then my dog bit me.

“So, I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all.

“I buy a drink, I drop a capsule in it and sit here watching the poison dissolve. Then you show up and drink the whole damn thing!

“But enough about me, how are you doing?”

Motorcycle Riders Association of WA INC

PRESIDENT'S AND OTHER REPORTS JULY 2019

by DAVE WRIGHT (51871)

Chair, Road Safety Committee

Purchasing, Advertising, Membership and Community
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Phone: 9417 854 424

Hi All

This report is a mix of President's and Safety Reports in no particular order.

As you may have heard I decide not to nominate for any positions on the MRA Committee and stood down as President/Safety Officer at our AGM on Tuesday 16th July.

It has been an absolute pleasure working on the MRA Committee for the past 15 years with some wonderful people, but it is time for a new group to move the MRA forward. I am extremely confident that the new committee of Jeff Thomas, Steven Wheadon, Ainslie Kounis and the rest of the new MRAWA Committee will work hard for your best interests and I wish them every success for all motorcycle riders.

As this is my last report as MRAWA President I will keep this report short as I am sure you will all want to hear from the new President and Committee.

ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY 2020 -2028

The Road Safety Commission has now released its public. I urge all motorcycle riders to take the time to complete the survey as there are some major changes proposed in the strategy, (I am sure you have heard of the proposal to lower speeds across all WA roads by 10km/h) and now is your opportunity to let the Government know your views on this and many other proposed changes.

Go to the website and register to have your voice heard. <https://imaginezero.rsc.wa.gov.au>

I am currently working with the Road Safety Commission to arrange a motorcycle rider specific forum to discuss the changes that we would like to see in the new Safety Strategy. The possible date is late July or early August at the moment, although this could change. I will make sure you all get notified once they let me know the final date.

MOTORCYCLE LANE FILTERING

This has been an issue that I have been working on for a few years now and I will keep hammering the Road Safety Commission until I get a result. I have been assured that it is progressing, although it seems at a glacial pace.

MOTORCYCLE USE OF BUS LANES

As above - this has been an issue that I have been working on for a few years now and will keep hammering the Road Safety Commission until I get a result,

MOTOCAP ROAD SAFETY COMMISSION GRANT

of \$1,000 has been approved for the MRAWA to conduct a Motocap, Five Star Rated Protective Clothing Seminar. I have invited Liz, Five Star Rated Protective Clothing Seminar. I have invited Professor Christopher Hurren from Deakin University to present at this seminar. He is the man charged with the testing of motorcycle protective clothing at the University and he is also a keen motorcycle rider.

The seminar will be held at Scarborough Community Centre on Saturday 8 August 2019 at 10am for motorcycle rider groups and individuals who wish to learn more of how this benefits you. A second seminar will be held in the after noon for motorcycle dealers and accessory retailers.

For more details on Motocap go to

www.motocap.com.au

MOTORCYCLE TESTING

There is a report circulating regarding stopping motorcycle and scooter riding tests at Joondalup License Centre from 1 July and there is a protest ride planned for Saturday 20 July 2019.

I have been in touch with the Department of Transport (licencing services) who have reversed their decision and testing of motorcycle and scooter riders will recommence on 5 August 2019. This is official and has been signed of by the DoT General Manager.

I hope to see some of you on an MRA ride soon as the weather will soon be turning fantastic. Remember to ride like you life depends on it—it does.

MRAWA PRESIDENT

- As I am standing down as MRA WA President, I have been reflecting on some of the wonderful people who I have worked with at the MRA over the past 15 years. I will not attempt to list them all but you know who you are. I have been thinking of our actions and achievements we have been able to successfully complete during my time on the committee. I will not try and list all the work that we have done for riders but would like to highlight some.
- I joined the MRA Committee in 2004 as Ride Co-ordinator and Safety Officer.
- One of the first actions that we tackled was rejecting the push to fit front number plates on motorcycles.
- We organised a protest ride to Parliament House where we presented a petition signed by over a thousand riders to ban wire rope barriers.
- In 2006 I took over the President's role from George Batt.
- 2007 was the year that we first started working with the Office of Road Safety, after we called for the sacking of the chair of the Road Safety Council, Grant Dorrington, and the RAC as the representative on the Road Safety Council, due to their lack of commitment to motorcycle rider safety.
- 2009 saw the start to the conversation to establish a Road Safety Strategy for motorcycle riders and a working group was set up through the Minister for Road Safety to arrange a series of three Motorcycle forums. The final outcome from these forums was a list of 50 action related to motorcycle safety, all of which were completed. This was a huge success for motorcycle riders as this was the turning point where Government agencies started to consider riders' needs.
- 2010-2012 was taken up ensuring that all the actions were being progressed and completed as agreed at the forums. We attended every one of the quarterly meeting on progressing these actions, and indeed, added some new actions through the Office of Road Safety.
- 2013 saw the establishment of the Vulnerable Road User Group and our partnership with the RAC on a number of safety issues including funding for future forums every two years to look at new safety actions that could be established, the review of crash investigations into all motorcycle fatal crashes, and funding for Motorcycle Road Safety Auditor Training.
- A couple of years after the Vulnerable Road User Group was disbanded the Minister for Road Safety established the Vulnerable Road User Advisory Group in 2016. This group actively reports directly to the Minister on road safety

- Because of our involvement over many years we now have regular access to Government Ministers and agencies including Department of Transport, Main Roads Department, Road Safety Commission, WA Police, WA Local Government Association, who are all willing to listen to any of our concerns and indeed seek our input through stakeholder consultation.

I will now put my feet up for a rest and hand over to the new MRAWA Committee, although I will always be more than happy to discuss any issues or give some insight into past actions.

Although I have stood down from the MRAWA, rest assured that I will still be working for road safety and the rights of Ulysses Club Member on Government Safety Groups and with their agencies.

GETTING ON A BIT

submitted by Peta Laine

Someone had to remind me, so I'm reminding you, too. Perks of reaching 50 or being over 60 and heading towards 70 or beyond!

- 1 Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
- 2 In a hostage situation, you are likely to be released first.
- 3 No one expects you to run anywhere.
- 4 People call at midday and ask, 'Did I wake you?'
- 5 People no longer view you as hypochondriac.
- 6 There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
- 7 Things you buy now won't wear out.
- 8 You can eat supper at 4pm.
- 9 You can live without sex but not your glasses.
- 10 You get into heated arguments about pension plans.
- 11 You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
- 10 You quit trying to hold your stomach in no matter who walks into the room.
- 11 You sing along with elevator music.
- 12 Your eyes won't get much worse.
- 13 Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.
- 14 Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the weather report.
- 15 Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
- 16 Your supply of brain cells is finally down to a manageable size.
- 17 You can't remember who sent you this list.

A CYCLE TRIP TO ALBANY

by CLIVE JARMAN (67795)



Swollen eye from the bee sting.

In September 2013, I cycled from Perth to Albany on a self-supported tour. I carried all my supplies and camping equipment on the bicycle, about 30kg. It is my preferred way of cycle touring. I enjoy bush camping as much as possible, only stopping in caravan parks or hostels when I feel the need or to get a break from bad weather. When planning my tours I try to avoid highways or busy roads, it's safer and makes cycling more enjoyable. The down side to this is it can add a lot more distance to the rides, but cycling, like motorcycling, is all about the journey not the destination.

I left home in Nollamara on Friday 30 August taking the freeway cycle path south to Canning Bridge where I took the train to Mandurah. Then the serious riding began as I made my way through rain and the hills of the Darling Ranges to Dwellingup, arriving cold and wet, at the caravan park at 3pm. A long hot shower revived me.

After a blustery night in the tent, I woke to another wet but warmer day as the sun peeked through between the clouds. I cycled on through the hills towards Boddington then took the road to Quindanning. About 10kms from Quindanning while flying down a hill with a great tailwind, I collided with a Bee; it stung my right eyebrow. I found a good spot to stealth camp just up the road from the popular Quindanning Hotel which, being a Saturday, was busy. Was woken in the night by the sound of a lot of Harleys riding past.

Sunday 1 September dawned bright and sunny, crisp morning with the sounds of birds, sheep and cows—spring at last! The Harleys rode past again and I peeked through the trees to make out the badge on the back of one of the riders—Coffin Cheaters. My Bee sting right eye had swollen badly, but I had a wonderful tailwind ride through rolling countryside to Williams. I stopped for a while at the Wool Shed for lunch and chatted with a group of cyclists out for the day from Narrogin.

A dash down the Albany Highway for 15km to turn east along Pieceville Road toward Wagin. Found a good bush camp by the Arthur River, but lots of mozzies. Next morning was cold but fine and I was away early and in Wagin by 7:15am. Got a wonderful cooked breakfast at Rosa's by the railway.

From Wagin I cycled south through miles of canola fields and rolled into Katanning early afternoon where I got a nice hot shower at the road house, then continued south for about 10km and found a good bush camp spot well off the road out of sight and settled in for the evening, cooking dinner on my Trangia stove and enjoying the bush. It was also my best riding day today with the tailwind. I covered 90km.

By now I had settled into the rhythm of cycle touring and got into a routine with pitching the tent and cooking meals. Breakfast is always porridge, unless a good cafe is in sight. Lunch is flat bread with peanut paste and jam. Dinner is dried meals I prepare at home before the trip on my dehydrator. These meals cook quickly on the fuel stove and are light to carry on the bike. I also shop for bananas and fresh fruit when in towns. Cycling with a heavy bike is slow but I get used to just cruising along and stopping when I see interesting things or scenic views.

Tuesday 3 September dawned foggy but soon cleared as the sun rose. Heavy cloud to the north west looked threatening and soon it was pouring. Cycling through the towns of Broomehill and Tambellup, I arrived at Cranbrook soaked at 12:30pm and went into the only cafe in town to get out of the rain. After a sandwich and a pot of tea, the rain had stopped so back on the bike along quiet back roads to the little settlement of Tenterden, where I found another good bush camp amongst orchids. I counted five different varieties of orchid within a few metres radius of my tent. It rained heavy in the night and I woke to a very cold but clear morning.

A Cycle Trip to Albany cont'd



Broomehill. The start of the Holland track.

Wednesday 4th. From Tenterden I followed the railway south along gravel roads through Kendenup and along Barrow Road which brought me to Porongurup where I pulled in at the local store/cafe for lunch. While talking with Scott, the owner, I found out he runs a backpackers hostel at the back of the shop, after two cold and wet days, I didn't need any persuading to stay.



Porongurup Store - note the Ned Kelly petrol pump

I ended up staying two nights. I was the only guest. The next day, Thursday, I had a rest day and walked up Castle Rock—well worth the effort, spectacular views all the way to Albany. Porongurup Backpackers is a great place to stay if you want a nice quiet weekend away in the country, nice private rooms, and good food in the cafe.

Friday 6 September. My last day dawned cold but clear with a heavy dew. I rode slowly through Porongurup a little reluctant to go. Took Chester Pass Road toward Albany, a bit scary with heavy road trains and no shoulder on the road. Stopped by the King River for a break before taking the road to Lower King then the cycle path which brought me out at Middleton Beach, Albany.



View from Castle Rock

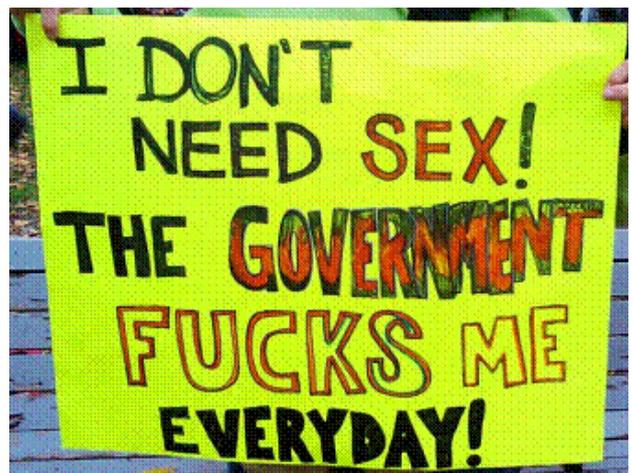
Despite the wet weather I had a tail wind every day except the last day. I cycled some lovely country and met nice people along the way. The total distance cycled was 511km. I had thoughts about cycling back to Perth, but work commitments got in the way so my partner, Linda, drove down to collect me.

A note about what must appear an unusual bicycle. Its a tailor-made folding touring bike built for me by Green Gear Cycling company In Oregon USA. It's called Bike Friday!



Middleton Beach, Albany.

submitted by Peta Laine



2019 NATIONAL RIDES

Around Australia Ride - 15,696km epic journey right around the mainland of Australia, started from Busselton WA on 26 July and ends back in Busselton on 29 August. For more details, contact Jon Benham (jon.benham@blackdogride.org.au).

Western Australia State Ride – started in Busselton WA on 26th July (with the Around Australia Riders), finishing in Northam on back to Busselton WA on 29 July. For more information contact Jon Benham (jon.benham@blackdogride.org.au).

On the 10th Anniversary of the ride that inspired a nation, Black Dog Riders will embark on a 15,696km epic journey of personal discovery and community awareness.

In 2009, after the suicide of a loved one, Steve saddled up and set out to raise awareness of depression. 10 years later his visionary act has grown into a nationally respected Australian mental health charity involving hundreds of community leaders with lived experience organising activities each year, all with one aim: to raise awareness of depression and suicide prevention.

On July 26 2019, Black Dog Ride departed from Busselton WA, the original departure date and location in 2009.

Those who would love to join us but can't get the time off work or commit the funds are encouraged to join us on our 1 to 13 day State Rides, and Around Australia Riders will meet up with them during the lap of our nation. The average daily distance is 500km, with 5 rest days spread across the duration of the ride. Participants will be part of Black Dog Ride's community engagements with schools, community orgs, and local businesses, raising awareness of depression and suicide prevention.

WIN AN INDIAN SCOUT BOBBER

We are delighted to announce the launch of our raffle for a brand new 2019 Indian Scout Bobber.

Proceeds from this raffle will go towards helping us with our mission to raise awareness of mental health and suicide prevention. So please buy a ticket or three.

This raffle has been made possible with the great support of Indian Motorcycles. Thank you Indian!



WORLD SUPERBIKES IN SUPPORT OF BLACK DOG RIDE



Black Dog Ride World Superbikes 2019 participants

World Superbikes have confirmed that Black Dog Ride will again be their charity of choice in 2020. This means we will be back there again in February 2020 (dates to be announced), for our third Black Dog Ride World Superbikes event.

This year Bernie Garvey, Victorian Coordinator, along with Scott Quayle and other helpers ran a great ride down to the Phillip Island Circuit for a weekend at the World Superbikes. Over the weekend our Black Dog Riders took turns manning a stall at the expo centre where they spoke with thousands of people and handed out thousands of information sheets. This was fantastic exposure for our cause.

Bernie has already started planning for this event, and is super keen to make our Superbikes (great play on words right?) event even bigger and better in 2020.

Take care of yourself and reach out to your mates regularly. If you're struggling, pick up the phone and call Lifeline 24/7 on 13 11 14 or Suicide Call Back Service 24/7 on 1300 659 467.

WA ULYSSES BRANCHES MEETINGS and CONTACT DETAILS

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Meet first Thursday each month at 8:00pm
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FREMANTLE BRANCH

Meet 2nd Wednesday each month at 8:00pm
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GERALDTON BRANCH

Meet first Wednesday each month at 7:30pm
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JOONDALUP BRANCH

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KALGOORLIE BRANCH

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SWAN VALLEY HILLS BRANCH

Meets 3rd Thursday each month at 6:30pm
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WARNBRO SOUND WANDERERS BRANCH

Meet 2nd Tuesday each month at 8:00pm at
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CLUB DISCOUNTS

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BLG Cafe, Pingelly -Ulysses Discount

Camping Australia Fremantle—10% on all items

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Custom Bike Electrics & Restorations, Unit 2, 5-7 Kembla Way South, Willetton

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M & T Motorcycle Clothing & Accessories U2B/34 Prindiville Drive, Wangara (opp Wanneroo Markets) 9408 0500 - Mark & Trudi Holland

Margaret River Tavern—10% discount on meals

Miners Rest, Mt Magnet—\$100 double inc breakfast JIM NASH (11476)

Motorcycle Pit Shop 29 Angove Street, North Perth -10% discount on most with discounts on various items on production of Membership Card to Craig or Karen

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The Giddy Goat, Chittering Valley—10% on hot drinks, special prices on food for group bookings

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A Border Collie is given an order and it says, "What's next?"

Give a Kelpie an order and it says, "What for?"

Now I understand my dog a little better. His mother was half Border Collie and half Kelpie, and I was told his father was a little brown "Carnamah Cross". —Editor

THE IRISH CHRISTENING

submitted by RAY PRIOR (14398)

Paddy's pregnant sister was in a terrible car accident and went into a deep coma. After being in a coma for nearly 6 months, she wakes up and sees that she is no longer pregnant. Frantically, she asks the doctor about her baby.

The doctor replied, "Ma'am, you had twins ... a boy and a girl. The babies are fine.

However, they were poorly at birth and had to be christened immediately – so your brother Paddy came in and named them."

The woman thinks to herself, "Oh suffering Jesus, no, not me brother. He's a fucking clueless idiot!"

Expecting the worst, she asks the doctor "Well, what's my daughter's name?"

"Denise," says the doctor. The new mother is somewhat relieved. "Wow, that's a really beautiful name. I guess I was wrong about my brother. She thought, "I really like Denise."

Then she asked, "What's the boy's name?"

the doctor replies, "Denephew."

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SOCIAL EVENTS

WEDNESDAY LUNCH EVERY WEDNESDAY

Check the website for venue details. Venues change each week.

COFFEE STOP EVERY SATURDAY

Dome Coffee Shop, cnr Albany Highway and McMaster Street, Victoria Park, 4:00pm-5:30pm

SOCIAL EVENTS AND FUNCTIONS

by JOHN GLIDDON (35299)

Attendance at our social functions and events has been down over the past few months and we love to see more involvement from Members and partners at future Branch functions. All social events are posted on our Branch webpage and Facebook page.

SATURDAY COFFEE

Dome Victoria Park – Cnr Albany Hwy & McMaster Street - 3.30pm-5.30pm

Have a cuppa and chat Saturday afternoons at the Dome in Vic Park. This is an enjoyable social get-together for Branch Members and prospective Members every Saturday afternoon.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH

Our Wednesday lunches are held at a different venue every Wednesday from noon. We have visited some very interesting venues over the past few months, including Jandakot Airport and Whiteman Park. Many thanks to GLENN RYAN for his guided tour around Jandakot Airport.

RESTAURANT NIGHTS

Enjoy a casual night out at a local restaurant or café for dinner. We have dinners planned for August and October, so mark the dates on your calendar.

Dinner dates

Friday 9 August - Harvest Lakes BBQ Chinese Restaurant – 7pm (BYO), Shop 9/80, Lyon Road, Aubin Grove. Phone 9395-8046 (See details next page.)

Friday 11 October - Venue TBA

BIKE MAINTENANCE DAY AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Sunday 22 September

With Summer just around the corner, this will be the perfect time to service the bike and enjoy a BBQ lunch.

Our ride to the venue will depart from BP East Perth at 9am arriving at our destination at approx 10.30am. Partners are very welcome to join us for morning tea and lunch.

For more details contact: JOHN GLIDDON on 0417 945 789 or WAYNE BAVIN on 0401 796 018.

WA ODYSSEY – BRIDGETOWN

Saturday 28–Monday 30 September

If you have never been to an Odyssey, this is a good opportunity to catch up with fellow Ulysses Members for a great weekend in Bridgetown. The weekend will include: planned rides, social dinners, Olympics Games, skits and much more. There is still plenty of accommodation in Bridgetown but be quick!

submitted by CLAYTON CREAM (64245)

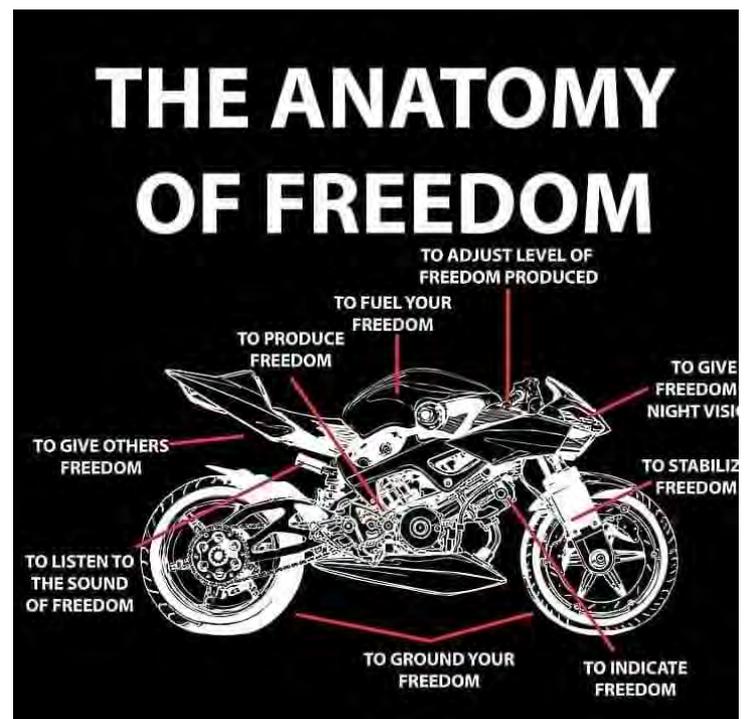


Wife: I'm heading to the store. Do you want anything?

Husband: I want a sense of meaning and purpose in my life ... I seek fulfilment and completeness within my soul ... I want to connect to God and discover the spiritual side of me ...

Wife: Be more specific. Beer or vodka?

submitted by Marcell Billingham





BRANCH DINNER

Friday August 9th

CHINESE

**HARVEST LAKES BBQ
CHINESE RESTAURANT**

80 Lyon Rd, Aubin Grove

7pm - BYO

Call John G 0417 945 789

RIDES



GINGIN FOR MORNING TEA Sunday 24 August

Depart East Perth at 9:00am. A shorter winter ride, to Gingin for morning tea. Return via Bindoon and Chittering Valley. Distance = 220km

Ride Leader: WAYNE BAVIN
Phone: 0401 796 018

ULYSSES ANNUAL MEMORIAL RIDE Sunday 8 September

Ulysses Branches around the country, indeed around the world, dedicate the 2nd Sunday in September each year as a day of remembrance for those Members who have ridden on. In most cases, this is done in practice by all the Ulysses Branches in a given area jointly or independently riding to a place where a short ceremony is conducted to honour those Members.

The tradition in the greater Perth area is for Branches from as far north as Geraldton and as far south as Bunbury and as far east as Kalgoorlie, to ride to the park at Lake Leschenaultia, Rosedale Road, Chidlow. There, someone conducts a short memorial service by the banks of the lake, at a monument dedicated by those Branches as a permanent marker for this purpose.

Meet at BP East Perth at 9:00am.

Ride Leader: JOHN GLIDDON
Phone: 0417 945 789

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS WRITTEN BY COUNCIL TENANTS

submitted by BUZZ ROWE (19406)

- 1 It's the dogs mess that I find hard to swallow.
- 2 I want some repairs done to my cooker as it has backfired and burnt my knob off.
- 3 I wish to complain that my father twisted his ankle very badly when he put his foot in the hole in his back passage
- 4 Their 18 year old son is continually banging his balls against my fence.
- 5 I wish to report that tiles are missing from the outside toilet roof. I think it was bad wind the other day that blew them off.
- 6 My lavatory seat is cracked, where do I stand?
- 7 I am writing on behalf of my sink, which is coming away from the wall.
- 8 Will you please send someone to mend the garden path. My wife tripped and fell on it yesterday and now she is pregnant.
- 9 I request permission to remove my drawers in the kitchen.
- 10 50% of the walls are damp, 50% have crumbling plaster, and 50% are just plain filthy.
- 11 The next door neighbour has got this huge tool that vibrates the whole house and I just can't take it anymore.
- 12 The toilet is blocked and we cannot bath the children until it is cleared.
- 13 Will you please send a man to look at my water, it is a funny colour and not fit to drink.
- 14 Our lavatory seat is broken in half and now is in three pieces.
- 15 I want to complain about the farmer across the road. Every morning at 6am his cock wakes me up and it's now getting too much for me.
- 16 The man next door has a large erection in the back garden, which is unsightly and dangerous.

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**ULYSSES CLUB
WA ODYSSEY 2019
Bridgetown
Friday 27-Monday
30 September**

**Hosted by Mandurah-Murray
Branch**

The Odyssey venue is Bridgetown Sports Ground.
The parade will be on Saturday.
Saturday main meal and skits will be at the shire hall.
Shuttle bus to ferry members to and from the Saturday night dinner.
Sunday: group ride, and, BBQ dinner at the venue.
Odyssey Program:

Friday 27th

Arrive Midday
4-6pm Check in
5:30pm Bar opens—bring in a take-away and chat with long lost friends, or check out restaurants/hotels in town.

Saturday 28th

7am—8.30am Breakfast
7am—8.30am Check In.
7am—8.30am Quartermasters.
9am Parade, Sports ground, through to Blackwood River Park. 6km.
Organised ride, leaving from Blackwood river Park.
9.30am Casual Rides From Blackwood River Park.
3pm-5pm Gives you the chance to compete against other Branches in the Ulympics Games. Come prepared.

Sunday 29th

7.30am—9am Breakfast
7.30am—9am Quartermasters.
8am-9am Late Check In.
9.30am Organised Ride leaving Sports ground, heading for Clancy's Fish Pub Dunsborough & back of course.
10am Leisurely Wine Tour. From Sports Ground. \$10 Per person.
4pm--5pm Presidents Meeting In the Sports Bar. Casual BBQ Diner and Music.

Monday 30th

7am—9am Breakfast

Safe ride home and see you next year.



Perth Branch Members attending the Odyssey will depart from Armadale on Friday 27 September at 9am.

If you would like to share a 2-bedroom chalet overlooking the river, call JOHN GLIDDON on 0417 945 789

For more Odyssey details: <http://odyssey.ulysses-wa.org/>



See you all at the Odyssey!

**MAINTENANCE DAY—BBQ
Sunday 22 September at 2pm**

Maintenance Day and Sausage Sizzle BBQ

Departs East Perth at 9am, arriving at 10:30am.
Morning tea and lunch provided.
Partners welcome to join the food parts.

ULYSSES CLUB RALLY (AGM) 2021 TO BE HELD IN MANDURAH Tuesday 23– Monday 29 March

by JOHN GLIDDON (35299)

Mandurah and the Peel Region of Western Australia have been selected as the destination for the Ulysses Club 2021 Rally and AGM.

The seven-day event will be staged at multiple Man-



durah venues from Tuesday 23 March until Monday 29 March 2021.

The Rally HQ and central camping area will be at Peelwood Reserve, Halls Head.

Peelwood Reserve is also home to three community sporting clubs – Mandurah City Football Club, Halls Head Cricket Club and Peel Hockey Association – with a combined membership base of more than 2200 members.

The Mandurah 2021 Rally will be a combined Branch event with the majority of WA Branches assisting with the planning of the Rally. JOHN GLIDDON and TONY SOUTHALL have been given the role of co-ordinating and planning the Grand Parade which is already proving to be a real challenge. Getting 800+ bikes down Mandurah Terrace on a Saturday morning to the finish point is going to be a major exercise.

At this stage we are planning to exit Peelwood Parade and take a scenic ride along the coast back to the old Mandurah Bridge via the marinas and estuary. After crossing the 'old' bridge we will head down Mandurah Terrace before reaching the presentation area for the official welcome and speeches.

In order for the Parade to run smoothly, we will require many volunteers on the day. If you can assist please give JOHN or TONY a call.

The Mandurah 2021 Rally website will soon be up and running with all the details and event information.



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- 17 Our kitchen floor is damp. We have two children and would like a third, so please send someone round to do something about it.
- 18 I am a single woman living in a downstairs flat and would you please do something about the noise made by the man on top of me every night.
- 19 Please send a man with the right tool to finish the job and satisfy my wife..
- 20 I have had the clerk of works down on the floor six times but I still have no satisfaction.



RIDE and SOCIAL CALENDAR

MAY to SEPTEMBER 2019

RIDE DEPARTURE POINT: BP Service Station, Cnr East Parade & Brown Street, East Perth, unless otherwise stated

| Date | Event | Location | Contact |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| JULY | | | |
| Wed 31 | SOCIAL MEETING—CANCELLED! | | |
| AUGUST | | | |
| Sun 4 | DECIDE AND RIDE | East Perth at 9am | |
| Fri 9 | BRANCH DINNER | HARVEST LAKES BBQ CHINESE RESTAURANT 80 Lyon Road. Aubin Grove at 7pm—BYO | JOHN GLIDDON 0418 945 890 |
| Sun 11 | DECIDE AND RIDE | East Perth at 9am | |
| Sun 25 | GINGIN FOR MORNING TEA | East Perth at 9am | |
| Wed 29 | SOCIAL MEETING | Carlisle Hotel at 8:00pm | |
| SEPTEMBER | | | |
| Sun 8 | ANNUAL MEMORIAL RIDE | East Perth at 9am | |
| Sun 22 | BARBECUE AND MAINTENANCE DAY | East Perth at 9am | |
| Fri 27-Mon 30 | WA ODYSSEY, BRIDGETOWN | Armadale at 9am | MANDURAH-MURRAY BRANCH |
| OCTOBER | | | |
| Sun 27 | FUEL MISER RIDE | East Perth at 9am | |

RIDE PROTOCOL

RIDE LEADER

- * Appoint and brief Tail End Charlie (TEC)
- * Welcome riders and first timers
- * Confirm objectives, ride safe and have fun
- * Review corner marking procedures
- * Outline distances, fuelling stops, etc
- * On freeways and multi-lane roads, maintain well spaced in staggered formation behind leader

RIDERS

- * Arrive early, fully fuelled and ready to depart
- * Ride at your own pace for comfort and safety
- * Maintain good spacing from rider in front
- * Do not overtake on left of other riders
- * Stay alert, advise leader or TEC if leaving early

If undeliverable please return to:
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PO BOX 60
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