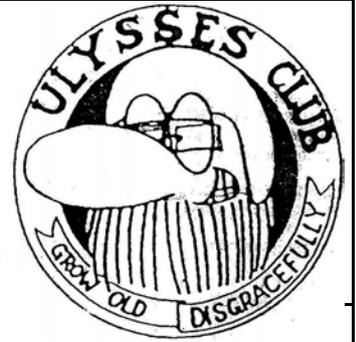


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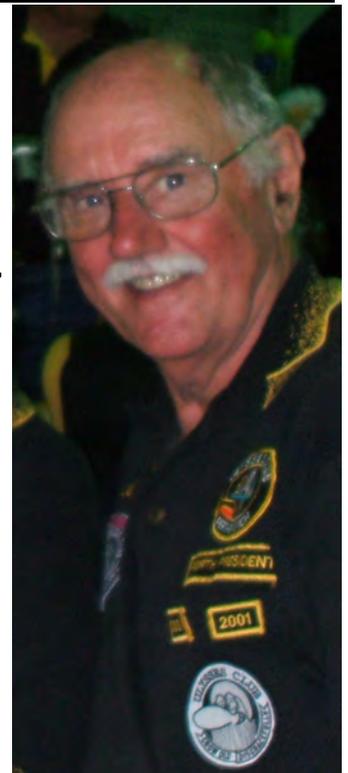
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## ALISON "BUZZ" ROWE



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**ALF BRIDLE**  
16.6.1937—29.1.2017  
Perth Branch's No 1  
Founding Member  
and our First Editor



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**When I was a kid, my parents would always say, "Excuse my French" just after a swear word... I'll never forget my first day at school when my teacher asked if any of us knew any French**

## HOT AND THROBBING

by DOT CAMERER, Editor (23934)

I trust you all had a great Christmas with family. Now I wish you all a Happy New Year for 2020. May it be a fantastic year for riding! Wish I could join you.

In this issue of The Ithaca Times we have some ride reports and some articles by Members as well as the usual information. Please let me know if you are happy with the newsletter or alternatively, unhappy with it. Otherwise I'll carry on in my own sweet way.

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## BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY, MARCH & APRIL

Happy Birthday to these Members who will celebrate their Birthdays in February, March and April.



### FEBRUARY

3 GLENN RYAN      22 RITA WESTERHUIS  
4 BEV ELLERY      28 BRYAN WILSON  
14 DICK HENDREN

### MARCH

4 SANDI HERRLING    14 JIM NASH  
13 BUZZ ROWE      21 JIM CHEESEMAN

### APRIL

2 MARK SKINNER    29 KURT MUELLER

Is your birthday listed here? If not, then your name is not on my Birthday List. When I have your birthday, it will be featured here and celebrated at the following Social Meeting. Thanks –Editor.

## FROM THE RIDE CO-ORDINATOR

by WAYNE BAVIN (64693)

Another quarter approaches conclusion and as I reflect back on the events of the past two and a half months, we have enjoyed some great rides. Planned rides have been led by ED LOWE, DAVE GRESSER, DANNY BRADY and myself. ED kicked off the quarter, taking us through the Hotham Valley to Quindanning for lunch. Always a popular route and lunch location.

DANNY led a ride to Waroona that included many favourite roads up and down the escarpment. The descent into Waroona via Nanga Brook Road, a highlight. Incorporating the back roads between South West Highway and Forrest Highway for our return journey gets a big “yes” from me. And who would believe there is a Pinjarra bakery in Waroona! (There is also one in Kelmscott!)

DAVE led the Christmas ride to our Christmas BBQ at Churchman Brook. New route this year and by all accounts a reconnaissance the week prior was justified. Gravel encountered and hence eliminated before the Branch ride.

My contribution was a repeat of the Odd Way to York which sort of goes to York via Toodyay, Irishtown and Meckering. Bit odd, but great fun.

We finished off on 5 January with a short summer ride to Gwelup. A warm day and a short 70 minute ride was sufficient. Great café in Gwelup, hot coffee and excellent service.

For the calendar year 2019, we had 21 planned rides, 8 different ride leaders, and 12 Tail End Charlies. Planned rides are those listed on the events calendar and do not include “decide and ride”. 2019 may well have been one of our best years for corner marking. I can only recall three occasions where riders have erred. We have a nucleus of experienced TECs who look after the ride. The role of TEC is critical to a successful ride. In 2020 we will blood a few more people.

Planned rides continue to be well supported, usually attracting a dozen or more participants. Even the short summer ride on 5 January with a forecast of 35 degrees, had 13 of us at East Perth.

The Branch website is kept up to date at least daily and it is worth mentioning to check the website for any late changes or additions.

On the next page is our group at Kaffee Café, Gwelup on 5 January.



## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

by JOHN GLIDDON (35299)

Our rides are going exceptionally well with good numbers turning up every Sunday. We have a good variety of rides planned for the next few months with shorter summer rides, overnights and breakfast rides. Our Ride Co-ordinator WAYNE BAVIN is doing a great job

We now have 128 members on our Facebook Page which makes it easy to post events, reports and pictures. Hopefully some of our new lady members will soon join us on a ride.

Our new Branch webpage looks excellent and displays all Branch information including rides, social events and contact details. Thanks to MARK DIXON.

With a different venue every week our Wednesday lunches are proving to be a very popular. Details are posted on the webpage and also on our Facebook page.

Numbers at our regular Saturday afternoon coffee have dropped off a little over the past few months due to the hot weather. Hopefully numbers will pick up again as the cooler weather approaches.

The change of our Social Meetings to quarterly has worked well. and we have seen an increase in attendance since the change.

Things are looking extremely good for Perth Branch in 2020.

## SPELLING

submitted by BUZZ ROWE (18496)

Eye halve a spelling chequer  
It came with my pea sea,  
It plainly marques four my revue  
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.  
Eye strike a key and type a word  
And weight four it two say  
Weather eye am wrong oar write  
It shows me strait a weigh.  
As soon as a mist ache is maid  
If nose bee fore two long  
And eye can put the error rite  
Its rarely ever wrong.  
Eye have run this poem threw it  
I am shore your pleased two no  
Its letter perfect in its weigh  
My chequer tolled me sew.

## RIDE REPORTS

### FUEL MISER RIDE Sunday 27 October

by WAYNE BAVIN (64693)

Our Branch has had an annual Fuel Miser Ride. The concept is a test in itself, ie to ride conserving fuel tends to not be the mindset of most motorcyclists. A motor that has a redline at 10,000+rpm makes it difficult to shift up at 3,500rpm and maintain that discipline on a ride that is 300km. In past years, it has always been best economy wins, meaning anyone with a postie bike or at least access to a 250cc machine, was a shoe in.

So, I set out to redefine the concept to make it an even contest and a test of one's conservative riding skills. My initial thinking was to get manufacturer economy data. That data is readily available for cars but it seems bike manufacturers are not legally obligated to publish. Countless hours wasted trying to source data. Fortunately, ED LOWE put me onto a site, [www.fuely.com](http://www.fuely.com).

This site has heaps of fuel data from individual people who post up whenever they fill the tank. So, it is real world riding data. Just about all makes, models and years are listed. Not perfect, but good enough for us to use as a benchmark to our own riding and get the revamped concept off the ground and running. At Committee level, we decided to use this event as a Branch fundraiser with \$10 per bike entry and prizes from the Branch Gearshop. Funds raised go towards our Branch BBQ events and trailer registrations etc.

With enlisted help from JOHN GLIDDON, ED LOWE and TONY SOUTHALL, the day dawned. Good weather although it did get a bit hot after lunch. 13 bikes plus JOHN GLIDDON in the ute raising \$135 for the Branch.

Our route was fairly straight forward. Welshpool Road etc to Karragullen for morning tea, Brookton Highway and Wandering-Pingelly Road to Tanglefoot Winery for lunch. After lunch and fuel stop at North Bannister, Albany Highway, Jarrahdale and down to the finish in Byford.

I got in the groove of this gentle riding stuff and decided for the day I would be as conservative as possible. I usually get 4.5l/100km. The benchmark for my bike was set at 4.9. I achieved 4.2l/100km which I was happy with, ie 85% of the benchmark.



*Lunch at Tanglefoot Winery*

This accelerate-gently stuff is hard work and takes concentration. On Brookton Highway, we caught a tanker with trailer travelling at his allowed 100km/h. I was lucky, when it came my turn to pass, I was presented with a long straight and no oncoming traffic. I crawled past the tanker. And then there was the moment after a turn, gently acceleration up to 108km/h and a big flashy Harley cruises on past me!! Such audacity and extremely difficult to allow said Harley to ride off into the distance. It's the only time I will let PETER get away with that one!! He also caught and passed JIM on his V-Strom.

The most economical bike was DAVID on his BMW F800ST. But the winner was determined by comparing to the benchmark for individual bike. PETER WEST is our winner achieving 71% of his benchmark on his Buell XB12. Who would believe a Harley motor could win a fuel economy event, but that was the concept of using Fuely Real World Data. I suspect the Buell owners who put their data on Fuely, ride their bikes around town and give them a fistful of revs. (see next page for results.)



submitted by IAN BILLINGHURST (44537)

## FUEL MISER RIDE RESULTS

Name	Bench	Fuel Used	l/100	% of Bench	Rank	Bike	Model	Year	Cap
BRUCE	5.5	12.7	4.3	78		BMW	R1200GS	14	1200
CLIVE A	6.1	15.5	5.2	85		Suzuki	GSX	94	750
DANNY	5.7	12.9	4.3	77		Triumph	Tiger Sport	09	1050
DAVID N	4.2	11.3	3.8	91		BMW	F800ST	11	800
ED	4.7	11.9	4.03	86		M'Guzzi	V7 Milano	18	750
FRED	5.7	13	4.4	77		Triumph	Tiger Sport	17	1050
GREG G	5.5	12.4	4.2	76		BMW	R1200GS	-14	1200
JIM S	5.0	12.1	4.1	82		Suzuki	V-Strom	14	1000
MISHA	5.8		4.8	83		Yamaha	FJR	07	1300
PETER M	6.6	12.6	4.2	79		Harley	Fatboy FLFB	18	1745
PETER W	5.6	11.7	3.97	71	1	Buell	XB12XT	09	1203
TONY	5.7	13.9	4.7	83		Honda	ST1300	06	1300
WAYNE	4.9	12.3	4.2	85		Triumph	Tiger 800	15	800

submitted by RAY PRIOR (14398)

**ONE WAY TO FIND OUT IF YOU ARE OLD IS TO FALL DOWN IN FRONT OF A LOT OF PEOPLE. IF THEY LAUGH, YOU'RE STILL YOUNG. IF THEY PANIC AND START RUNNING TO YOU, YOU'RE OLD.**

WHEN YOU'RE DEAD,  
YOU DON'T KNOW  
YOU'RE DEAD. THE PAIN  
IS ONLY FELT BY  
OTHERS.

THE SAME THING  
HAPPENS WHEN  
YOU'RE STUPID.

# DECIDE AND RIDE Sunday 17 November

by WAYNE BAVIN (64693)

The weather forecast maximums: Perth, Pinjarra and Lancelin, all 28 degrees. Toodyay and York headed for a top of 39. Unusual for such a difference. Clearly a coast ride would be the order of the day.



*DANNY  
BRADY  
and bike*

Nine of us at East Perth including DANNY on his new ride. Impressive bike. Two Members had other commitments which left a small group of 7 for the day's fun.



*DANNY BRADY,  
Morning Tea  
at Pinjarra*

Freeway South and the usual back roads to Pinjarra for coffees and scones at the Edenvale Tearooms. After our caffeine fix and solving the world's problems, we headed further south and Old Bunbury Road across to Lake Clifton and Southern Estuary Drive. Some corners on this road can catch the unwary.

Then more south and inland towards Waroona on Coronation road before some quaint, narrow back roads eventually returning us to Old Bunbury Road and Pinjarra. Our lunch stop at the Bakery which



was packed as usual, but service still good.  
*Pinjarra Bakery for Lunch*

Our return to Perth via Hopelands King Roads etc. total distance 295km. Forty corners for the day and we didn't lose anyone.

Decide and Rides often turn into gems. This was another. Ride Leader—WAYNE, Tail End Charlie—JIM S.

**Try to remember,  
the greener grass  
across the fence  
may be due to a  
septic tank issue.**

submitted by RAY PRIOR (14398)

**BASSENDEAN FOR MORNING TEA**  
**Sunday 19 January**  
by WAYNE BAVIN (64693)

This ride had its genesis back in early December when we had a sequence of bloody hot days. My thought process was that we were odds-on to have a heatwave in early January. So, a short ride was constructed thinking only a few hardy fools would join me.

The week prior to the day saw the forecast top in the range of 28-31, hardly a heat wave and well within the realms of what most of us consider great riding weather. Another life lesson, leave weather forecasting to the blokes and sheilas at the BOM (or ED LOWE).

Sunday arrived with a forecast of 30, almost perfect conditions, so a good turnout was on the cards. Sixteen of us at East Perth, our largest group for several months. One new face, DAVID TAYLOR, a returning Ulyssian, joined us. DEAN "BOXER" ELLIS was a no-show after teasing us on Facebook!!

President, JOHN GLIDDON, took on Tail End Charlie duties, briefing held and we were off. Orrong Road, Gooseberry Hill and onto Kalamunda all without incident.

Mundaring Weir Road, I had not been through there in yonks and they have done some good work on widening the road. Should raise the speed limit from 70km/h to 110km/h, I reckon. A quick regroup in Mundaring, we hadn't lost anyone and continue to Darlington and Glen Forrest. The journey down the escarpment is an interesting one, Rycroft, Victor and Clayton Roads.

Then it happened. A ride leader's nightmare. On Scott Street there was a long line of bikes behind me. Turned the corner into Helena Valley Road and suddenly only one headlight behind me and nothing visible in my mirrors. We stop and wait and wait. Nothing, no-one appears. MICK WILSON had a slip on the corner—only damage, just his ego. Onwards to our destination, Dome Bassendean. Plenty of caffeine, calories and stories jaw flapping.

Five of our group elected to continue on, as JIM STANGER put it, "My leave pass is for the day".

The shorter ride was well supported, no doubt the temperature played a helping hand.



*The Group at Dome Bassendean*

**THINGS TO KNOW**

submitted by BUZZ ROWE (18,496)

In the 1400s a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence, we have "the rule of thumb".

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Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled "Gentlemen Only, Ladies Forbidden". And thus, the word GOLF entered into the English language.

\*\*\*\*\*

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV were Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

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Coca-Cola was originally green

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It is impossible to lick your elbow.

\*\*\*\*\*

The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of 11 is 10,120 pounds.

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The first novel ever written on a typewriter, "Tom Sawyer".

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# MEMBERS' STORIES

## RIDING SCOOTERS IN BALI

by JOHN GLIDDON (35299)

Since my first trip to Bali in 1980, I've discovered that scooters are a way of life. And if you travel to the island regularly, it pays to know what you're doing. Certainly, riding a scooter in Bali is an exhilarating, cost-efficient and convenient way to get around. It goes without saying that if you don't have a licence to ride a motorbike in Australia, then you shouldn't be riding in Bali.

There are a host of motorbike rental places in Kuta or Sanur and most will deliver a scooter to your hotel. You can expect to pay between \$8 and \$10 a day to hire a scooter though most vendors will offer a better rate if you hire the bike for a set length of time. A scooter is the best way to enjoy Bali, particularly in places with narrow streets such as Kuta or Seminyak. If you are a small group and you want to discover the area without having to take a driver, renting scooters is ideal.

### ***A Check List Before Renting a Scooter***

- 1 Make sure the brakes actually work (front and rear).
- 2 Check the headlights as the laneways in Bali are very dark and the lighting is extremely poor.
- 3 Check the tyres. I've seen many bald tyres in Bali and not one yellow sticker.

When it rains in Bali, it really buckets down and within minutes of the first few drops of rain, the traders will be selling umbrellas and ponchos on every street corner—at a great bargain price!

It is common to see scooters parked in the large puddles or on the side of the lanes and roads. Humidity, dust and rain are not a good mix for a scooter.



- 4 Make sure that the helmet actually fits correctly and that the strap isn't broken. Take your own helmet if you intend to do some serious riding. You will notice many of the locals not wearing helmets because the Balinese only started to do so in the 1990s and at the moment it is not compulsory for the locals to wear helmets.

Police patrol the major roads looking for unsuspecting tourists that decide to leave their helmets back in the hotel, so make sure you wear your helmet at all times when riding your scooter or it could cost you.

### ***A Few rips On Riding In Bali***

Because of the huge volume of bikes and lack of road rules, I found that the best way to ride in the busy areas is to follow the locals. This can be very handy as they know which red light to stop at!

If someone honks the horn, you.....don't give them the finger! Using the horn is a sign that they are behind you and going to pass or just letting you know where they are.

Always carry your international licence and bike registration with you when riding.....plus \$20 (Rp225,000) just in case you decide to make a donation to the local boys in blue on your journey. Licence checks are very common in the Kuta area and major roads.

Don't be surprised to see Mum, Dad and the three kids on the scooter heading out to do the shopping or dropping the kids to school. Scooters are the preferred mode of transport with the very narrow lanes and continual traffic congestion. If the roads are blocked and traffic isn't moving, then the next best option is the footpath.....yes, up on the footpath and you're on your way.



## Riding Scooters In Bali cont'd



### Parking the Scooter

It can be extremely hard finding a parking spot near the major shopping areas and the locals can get a little upset if you park in the wrong spot.....but don't worry.....the local "Parkir" will assist you. Just pull up near the shops, pubs or restaurants and he will find you in a matter of minutes. For approximately 50 cents you will receive a little voucher which looks like a dodgy raffle ticket and Mr Parkir will park your bike for you. When you return to collect your scooter, he will get out his trusty whistle and block the traffic as you negotiate the oncoming mass of scooters and cars.



### Buying Petrol

Buying fuel for the scooter can be a little daunting as it is very different to buying petrol in Australia. You have to line up with another 20 plus scooters and wait for the service guy to fill or top up the tank for you. The cost of the petrol is rarely on the pump or the litres you actually purchase. Simply produce a few small notes and the attendant will take the correct amount, well, usually the correct amount.

Approximately \$8 should fill the tank.

*Bensin* (petrol) is sold by the government owned Pertamina company and costs a cheap (subsidised) 8,000Rp per litre (85 cents).

If waiting in a line for service isn't your thing, fuel is often sold from roadside stands in 750ml Absolut vodka bottles. These little shops can be found in alleys and laneways around Kuta and Legian.

Some of the new shops actually have flash petrol pumps next to the ice creams and Bintangs!



After hiring a bike year after year, I decided it was time to make an investment and buy a scooter. A Balinese friend of mine offered to look after the scooter for me and keep it secure in his village in Denpasar.

When I returned to Perth, I was sent a picture of the scooter and informed that a bike blessing ceremony was held in his village to bless my bike.

I'm not sure if that's because the scooter made it back in one piece after our ride or they were blessing it before my next trip to Bali.



**Riding Scooters in Bali cont'd**

submitted by RAY PRIOR (14398)

**THE BALI SWING**

The Bali Swing is held each year in July to escape the cold Perth winter and experience the most popular island holiday destination in the Indonesian archipelago.

Bali is home to an endless array of ancient temples, with several of them being the island's most iconic landmarks, thanks to their magnificent centuries-old architecture set against exotic backdrops. Though you'll find temples all over Bali and on every street corner, there are a few stand-out and must-visit temples that'll really give you a taste of the island's fascinating religious beliefs and dedication to the Hindu Gods.

If you would like to join us for the Bali Swing in 2020, keep an eye on the Branch webpage for details.

**THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW**

submitted by BUZZ ROWE (18496)

Each King in a deck of playing cards represents a great Kings in history.

- Spades - King David
- Hearts - Charlemagne
- Clubs - Alexander the Great
- Diamonds - Julius Caesar

\*\*\*\*\*

If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle.

If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died because of wounds received in battle.

If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died, of natural causes.

\*\*\*\*\*

If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter "A"?

One thousand.

\*\*\*\*\*

What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers have in common?

All wee invented by women.

\*\*\*\*\*

Our wireless doorbells sitting on their chargers....



"I find, these days, that most of my conversations start out with: Did I tell you this already? or What was I going to say?"



**IF YOUR EYES HURT AFTER YOU DRINK COFFEE,**



**YOU HAVE TO TAKE THE SPOON OUT OF THE CUP.**

# BUZZ BEE TRIBUTE

by KURT MUELLER (25593)

Hmmmmm, where to start!

**Location:** Pelican Point Sea Scout Group grounds

**When:** Weekend before Australia Day 2003

This was at the first Ulysses Perth Branch camping weekend at the Point. There was this (unknown to me) strange lady who had arrived in a white van, pacing around our campsite.

Eventually, we met and she was introduced to me as "BUZZ".

A raucous lady with a wicked smile and sense of humour.



Over the following years, she worked her magic within the ranks of our Members, sharing her zany humour and insights with us on our camps and monthly meetings.....in those days, she was also a driving force within the Perth Branch.

The accompanying photos tell the BUZZ Story, much of which, words cannot describe. Her ride was a Yellow and Black Ducati, which she piloted with enthusiasm, her nickname going before her—"BUZZ BEE" on her Ducati.



Many a night was spent in her company when she had us all over for an evening of feasting and hosting her famous "didjabringaplatealong" dinners/BBQs open to all.

Her influences also led to choreography for Skits and Olympics at the Odysseys and as Welfare Officer, before retiring from the Branch.

If there was ever any ACTION happening, whenever BUZZ was in town, we, the Branch, either were part of it or heard of it.



**BUZZ BEE Tribute cont'd**

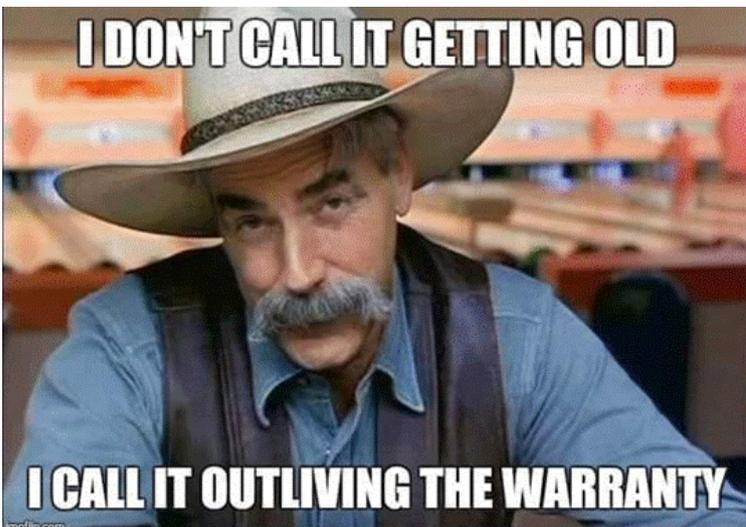
Since BUZZ retired from the group, we have all noticed the absence and, on behalf of the Branch, we all wish her a warm and gratifying retirement with her grandchildren, her family and Luke.

.May BUZZ remember us well in her future efforts, as we will always remember "BUZZ".



Everything will kill you

submitted by RAY PRIOR (14398)



so choose something fun



## A Ride Across Australia shows the deep time of Evolution cont'd



### Approaching the Melbourne GPO building

We park the bike near the GPO and walk towards it. Modern humans (*Homo sapiens*) appeared on Earth about [315,000 years ago](#), or just 315 metres from our destination. To mark the point in time when the first peoples arrived in Australia, around 60,000 years ago, we reach a point just 60 metres from our final destination.

Finally, we take five large steps, each a metre, to reach the front door of the GPO and in this final act we've gone through most of recorded human civilisation, taken from the first [step pyramid of Djoser](#) about 5,000 years ago in Egypt, to today.

*You have reached your destination—The Melbourne*



*GPO building is now a shopping centre*

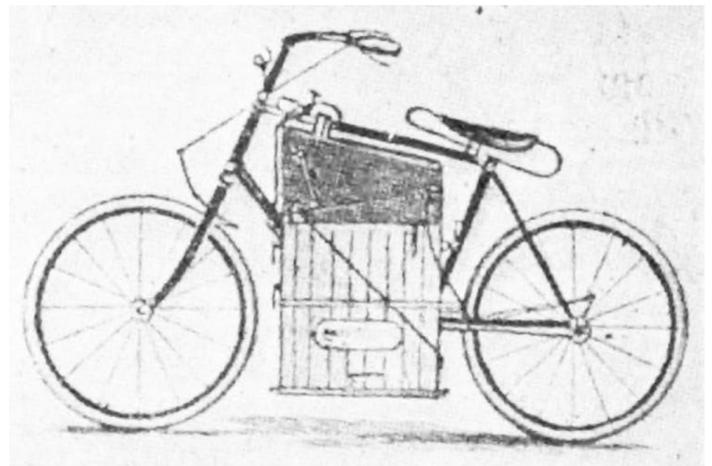
## THE RATE OF EVOLUTION OF LIFE COMPARED WITH EARLY MOTORCYCLES

As a palaeontologist who studies life of the past, I see [evolution](#) in action all around me. Not just in species of animals and plants that have adapted as their environments, but also through fossil species that couldn't adapt and went extinct.

I'm now going to explore the metaphor of how the history of motorcycle development shows a similar tempo for diversification as that of early life, even if it is on a totally different scale of time.

Motorcycles, like life, had a long, slow history of development – followed by sudden explosions of innovative engineering diversification. Let's arbitrarily start the clock from the invention of the first atmospheric combustion engine, the [Newcomen steam engine](#), in 1712.

Early steam-driven motorcycles, such as [Sylvester Roper's steam velocipede](#), were hazardous, as the metal boiler building up pressure was positioned between the rider's legs – not something our safety advisers would like today.



*The Roper steam velocipede, an early steam powered motorcycle (c 1886)*

The machine could run at speeds of 64km/h for up to an hour, becoming the first non-railed machine that could power a human at far greater speeds than just running.

The next major milestone is the creation of the fuel-air compressed combustion engine by [Beau de Rochas](#) in 1862. Our modern four-stroke engine was developed by [Nicklaus Otto](#) around 1864 with help from [Eugen Langden](#).

## THE FIRST MOTORCYCLE

The first ridden two-wheeled machine with handlebars and a combustion engine powered by this engine was Wilhelm Maybach and Gottlieb Daimler's [Reitwagen](#) or "[riding car](#)" – considered to be the world's first motorcycle.

## A Ride Across Australia shows the deep time of Evolution cont'd



*A test vehicle for the high-speed four-stroke engine invented by Gottlieb Daimler and Wilhelm Maybach. The 'riding car' is also considered the world's first motorcycle.*

The first trial ride was particularly exciting, as Daimler's son Paul, aged 17, drove it for 12km on November 18, 1885. It was an unexpectedly eventful journey as the rider's seat caught fire due to the hot tube ignition system wedged immediately below it.

It took another decade before Hildebrand and Wolfmuller of Germany would commercially produce a [powered motorcycle](#) that was freely available on the open market in 1894.

Just like the sudden Cambrian explosion of life, the next few years saw a sudden great explosion of motorcycle diversity as expressed by varied engine types – a time when efficient four-stroke combustion engines of many kinds and varieties were fitted into strengthened bicycle-type frames.

Motorcycles of nearly all modern configurations then suddenly appeared between 1900 and 1912 from manufacturers in England, Europe and the United States.

Varied engine positions were trialled, from up high on the handlebars, or attached to either the front or rear wheels, but eventually the engine position stabilised (evolved) in a slung frame at the centre of the bike.



*The 300cc Cyclon made in Berlin (1900) had the engine mounted above the handlebars. Many experimental bike designs were trialled.*

We find examples of single-cylinder engines of many types ([vertical](#), [sloping](#), horizontal), twin engines up-right, [in line V-twin](#), transverse and inline; [flat horizontal twins](#)), [radial engines](#), even three and four cylinder engines.

The first working two-stroke engine bikes were commercially available in 1908. The British motorcycle manufacturer Humber had an [electric-powered bicycle](#) on the scene around 1897. Even the [first rotary engine motorcycle](#), invented by Felix Millet in 1889, went into production in 1900.



*This 1912 Verdel 5 cylinder radial engine motorcycle*

**A Ride Across Australia shows the deep time of Evolution cont'd**

**RATES OF EVOLUTION: MOTORCYCLES –v– EARLY LIFE**

I'm now going to measure the rate of motorcycle evolution from the first atmospheric combustion steam engine in 1712 through to an arbitrary milestone in the 20th century that represents the emergence of the first highly complex modern motorcycle.

I'm choosing the appearance of Guilio Carcano's V8 double overhead cam [499cc Moto Guzzi racer of 1955](#) to represent the dawn of the modern superbike.



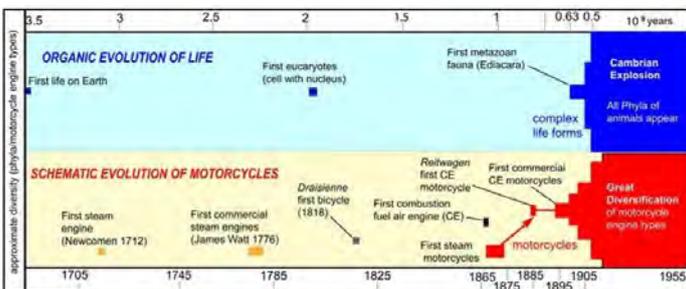
*A 1955 Moto Guzzi V8 (500cc) perhaps the world's first superbike at the Moto Guzzi Museum, Mandello Del Lario, Italy*

Using this analogy, the time and tempo for motorcycle development (scaled between 1712-1955) follows a very similar pattern of diversification as the evolution of life over 3.5 billion years.

Since the invention of the first steam engine in 1712, it took about 160 years for the first steam-driven motorcycle to appear (about 62% of the time), and 182 years until the first commercial combustion-engine motorcycles were sold in 1894 (about 75% of the time).

**READ MORE: Life on Earth still favours Evolution over Creationism**

The peak of early motorcycle diversification at around 1908 took place at exactly 80% of the time elapsed, almost exactly at the same time ratio as the Cambrian explosion of life took place since life first appeared on Earth.



*A comparison showing the long slow development and then sudden diversification of life (top) with a similar pattern for the development of the combustion engine and motorcycle diversification (below) Uncanny similarity perhaps?*

I can probably find other comparison tales in the development of aircraft, ships, trains, cars or in any form of technology. But, it's a good example of how transdisciplinary knowledge can inform two disparate topics, seemingly not related, but with learning benefits on each side.

Something to think about next time you see or ride a motorcycle.



Published with the approval of the author, John Long Strategic Professor in Palaeontology, Flinders University

submitted by RAY PRIOR (14398)



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## INTERESTING STUFF

### **1957 CHEVY MOTORCYCLE (VIDEO)**



submitted by PAM HENDREN (26237)

Las Vegas seems like everyone knows the look of a classic 1957 Chevrolet, whether its the chrome rockers on the front or the jutting tailfins in back. But when comes to finding those same distinctive features on a motorcycle, now that's a surprise.

Sure enough, a motorcycle builder who goes only by the name Lupo, from Toulouse, France, says the 11-foot-long motorcycle that he built to pay homage to the '57 Chevy took 3,000 hours to build.

The bike has touches from the famous Chevy throughout, including that massive tailfin made by splitting a replica pair and combining them. Lupo says the idea for the motorcycle came from a customer, who later dropped out of the project, and he took it on himself.

We found Lupo here last month at the SEMA after-market auto parts, one of scores of car fanciers who staked out their machines in the massive convention centre parking lot

The engine is from a Harley-Davidson but that he had to pretty much make everything else himself. How's it ride?

"Really safe and comfortable," he says.

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## **IT'S ERIC**

submitted by RAY PRIOR (14398)

After a tiring day, a commuter settled down in her seat and closed her eyes.

As the train rolled out of the station, the guy sitting next to her pulled out his cell phone and started talking in a loud voice:

"Hi sweetheart, it's Eric, I'm on the train.

"Yes, I know it's the six thirty and not the four thirty, but I had a long meeting."

No, honey, not with that blonde from the accounts office, it was with the boss."

"No sweetheart, you're the only one in my life."

"Yes, I'm sure, cross my heart."

Fifteen minutes later, he was still talking loudly.

When the young woman sitting next to him had enough, she leaned over and said into he phone, "Eric, hang up the phone and come back to bed."

Eric doesn't use his cell phone in public any longer.

I like this woman. Wish I had her nerve!

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## **PADDY'S DOG DIED**

submitted by CLAYTON CREAM (64235)

Paddy's dog died so he took the dog to the Catholic priest and asked him to give the dog a funeral. The priest said, "Don't be ridiculous, take the dog to the protestants down the road, they'll do a funeral for your dog."

SO Paddy went down the road and asked the protestant minister to give his dog a funeral. The minister replied, "No problem, but it will cost you 400 quid."

Paddy couldn't afford this and went back to see the Catholic priest. The priest asked Paddy, "Well, what did he say?"

Paddy replied, "It will cost 500 quid."

The priest replied, "Well, why didn't you tell me the dog was Catholic?"

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### **WARNBRO SOUND WANDERERS BRANCH**

Meet 2nd Tuesday each month at 8:00pm at  
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## **FIRST TEXT MESSAGE**

submitted by BUZZ ROWE (18496)

"Hi Max. This is Richard, next door. I've been riddled with guilt for a few months and have been trying to get up the courage to tell you face-to-face. When you're not around, I've been sharing your wife, day and night, probably much more than you. I haven't been getting it at home recently. I know that's no excuse. The temptation was just too great. I can't live with the guilt and hope you'll accept my sincere apology and forgive me. Please suggest a fee for usage and I'll pay you. Richard"

Max, feeling enraged and betrayed, grabbed his gun, went next door and shot Richard dead. He returned home, shot his wife, poured himself a stiff drink and sat down on the sofa. Max then looked at his phone and discovered a second text message from Richard.

"Hi Max. Richard here again. Sorry about the typo on my last text. I assume you figured it out and noticed that the darned Spell Check had changed "Wi-Fi" to "wife". Technology, huh? It'll be the death of us all.

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## **A BLAST FROM THE PAST**



*ROB and INA MORGAN*

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## SOCIAL EVENTS



by JOHN GLIDDON (35299)

Attendance at our social functions and events has been down over the past few months and we would 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 SPOT

Dome Victoria Park, cnr Albany Highway & McMaster Street, Victoria Park from 3.30pm to 5.30pm

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

## WEDNESDAY LUNCHES

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. The next venue is still to be arranged so keep your eyes on the website and Facebook page for details.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

by KEN EATON



Once again my apologies for being a slack bugger.

**Due to all the long weekends in 2020**

There is **NO** Breakfast Club in January.

Armadale BC at the Old Narrogin Inn, Armadale, **Saturday 22 February.**

Warnbro Sound will do BC for March – **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

Swan Valley Hills will do BC for April – **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

Venues will be advertised on the Month.

Let me know if your branches are interested in future dates.

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## FUNNIES

What is it called when a cat wins a Dog Show?  
A cat-has-trophy!

What do you get if you cross a Beatle with an Australian dog?  
Dingo Starr.

You know dogs can't operate MRI machines.....but catscan.

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## AFTER I RETIRED

submitted by CLAYTON CREAM (64235)

After I retired, my wife insisted that I accompany her on her trips to Target. Unfortunately, like most men, I found shopping boring and preferred to get in and get out. Equally unfortunate, my wife is like most women - she loves to browse. Yesterday my dear wife received the following letter, from the local Target:

Dear Mrs. Mogga

Over the past six months, your husband has caused quite a commotion, in our store. We cannot tolerate this behaviour and have been forced to, ban both of you from the store. Our complaints against your husband, Mr. Harris, are listed below and are documented by our video surveillance cameras:

- 1 June 15: He took 24 boxes of condoms and randomly put them in other people's carts when they weren't looking.
- 2 July 2: Set all the alarm clocks in Housewares to go off at 5-minute intervals.
- 3 July 7: He made a trail of tomato juice on the floor leading to the women's restroom.
- 4 July 19: Walked up to an employee and told her in an official voice, 'Code 3 in Housewares. Get on it right away.' This caused the employee to leave her assigned station and receive a reprimand from her Supervisor that in turn resulted with a union grievance, causing management to lose time and costing the company money. We don't have a Code 3.
- 5 August 4: Went to the Service Desk and tried to put a bag of M&Ms on layaway.
- 6 August 14: Moved a, 'CAUTION - WET FLOOR' sign to a carpeted area.
- 7 August 15: Set up a tent in the camping department and told the children shoppers he'd invite them in if they would bring pillows and blankets from the Bedding Department to which twenty children obliged.
- 8 August 23: When a clerk asked if they could help him, he began crying and screamed, 'Why can't you people just leave me alone?' EMTs were called.
- 9 September 4: Looked right into the security camera and used it as a mirror while he picked his nose.

- 10 September 10: While handling guns in the Hunting Department, he asked the clerk where the antidepressants were.
- 11 October 3: Darted around the store suspiciously while, loudly humming the, 'Mission Impossible' theme.
- 12 October 6: In the Auto Department, he practised his, 'Madonna Look' using different sizes of funnels.
- 13 October 18: Hid in a clothing rack and when people browsed through, yelled, 'PICK ME! PICK ME!'
- 14 October 22: When an announcement came over the loud speaker, he assumed a foetal position and screamed; 'OH NO! IT'S THOSE VOICES AGAIN!'
- 15 Took a box of condoms to the checkout clerk and asked where is the fitting room?

And last, but not least:

- 16 October 23: Went into a fitting room, shut the door, waited a while, then yelled very loudly, 'Hey! There's no toilet paper in here.' One of the clerks passed out.

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## YOUTHFUL EXUBERANCE

submitted by RAY PRIOR (14398)

An old man is walking in Perth and passes a hooker standing at her doorway.

She asks him: "Granddad, why don't we give it a try?"

He replies: "No girlie, that's no longer possible for me."

Says the hooker: "Come on, what have we got to lose, we can give it a try!"

So, he made up his mind and they both go inside.

They undress and he performs like a young buck, 5 times in a row.

Oh, my goodness", says the hooker, breathless, "and you said that SEX was no longer possible for you?!"

Says the old guy: "Oh, the sex part is still going well, it's the PAYMENT that is no longer possible!"

Old age and experience will always outdo youthful

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## RIDES



### **DECIDE AND RIDE Sunday 2 February**

Meet at BP East Perth and decide where we will ride.. Depart at 9am.

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### **BREAKFAST SAUSAGE SIZZLE Sunday 9 February**

Meet at the BP East Perth. Depart at 8am, pick up at Ye Olde Narrogin Inne carpark on South West Highway, Armadale at 8:30am.

Route will be Tonkin Highway, Albany Highway, South West Highway and Nettleton Road.

Arrive at Serpentine dam lower BBQ area approx 9:20am.

Branch will provide buns, sausages, onions and sauces. Bring your own anything else you would like to eat. If you can bring a flask of hot water for tea and coffee, please do so.

Plenty of options to ride further after being fed.

**Contact:**  
**JOHN GLIDDON on 0417 945 789**  
**or WAYNE BAVIN on 0401 796 018**

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### **DECIDE AND RIDE Sunday 16 February**

Meet at BP East Perth and decide on the morning where we will go. Depart at 9am.

### **DECIDE AND RIDE Sunday 23 February**

Meet at BP East Perth and decide where we will ride. Depart at 9am.

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### **SEABIRD FOR LUNCH Sunday 8 March**

Meet at BP East Perth. Depart East Peth at 9;am. Morning Tea in Bindoon and fuel top up.

Lunch at the Tavern overlooking the Indian Ocean at approx 1pm.

Make your own way home down Indian Ocean Drive.

Total distance is 270km.

**Ride Leader: WAYNE BAVIN**  
**0401 796 018**

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### **SCULPTURE BY THE SEA IN COTTESLOE Sunday 15 March**

Meet at BP East Perth. Depart at 9:00am.

Head north, then down the West Coast Highway to Cottesloe.



Bring bathers if you want to swim.

Food outlets are available but crowded, so you might want to bring a snack and/or thermos.

**Ride Leader: MARK DIXON**  
**0413 820 071 or mdixon@dixemail**

**Event Information:**  
**<https://sculpturebythesea.com/cottesloe/>**

## THE LONG WAY ROUND RIDE Friday 20—Monday 23 March

- Day 1 Depart BP East Perth at 8:00am on Monday 20 March. Perth to Kalgoorlie. Staying at Midas Motel phone: 9021 1088. Twin share room is \$120, single room is \$135.
- Day 2 Kalgoorlie to Esperance, staying at the Hospitality Motel phone: 9071 1999. Twin share room is \$129.
- Day 3 Esperance to Albany. Staying at the Ace Motel phone 9841 1177. Twin share room is \$109. Deposit required on booking.
- Day 4 Albany to Perth.

Call the Motels direct to book and mention Ulysses Club to receive the discounted room rates.

**Contact:**  
**JOHN GLIDDON on 0417 945 789**

## POKER RUN Sunday 25 April

Depart BP East Perth at 9:00am. Poker run with each participant receiving 5 cards. Prizes for 1st and 2nd from Branch merchandise. Entry fee is \$10 per participant including Ride Leader and TEC. TEC will hand out cards at the start, Bindoon, Calingiri, Bolgart and Northam. This will be a fundraising event for the Branch.



Morning Tea at Bindoon Bakehaus. Lunch and prizes at Riverside Hotel, Northam at approx 1pm.

Ride distance 323km

**Ride Leader: WAYNE BAVIN**  
**Tail End Charlie: JOHN GLIDDON**

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The trip from Brisbane to Darwin replicates the first event from 2002. It is the longest in terms of distance and travels through some of the most remote places of any of our previous trips. Travelling through local forests out of Brisbane you will find the landscape change daily, becoming sparse then scorched as the roads change to single lane and then red dirt. The humidity builds as we head north and west across some amazing landscapes. Remote towns, long ribbons of bitumen road, dirt, sand and bulldust is guaranteed. Several hot days will be rewarded with clear artesian water holes to swim in. Even time for a visit to the Qantas museum and Stockman's Hall of fame in Longreach!

Adventure is in the journey rather than the destination and this is one not to be missed. At times you will ride with a group; sometimes alone; you will feel remote; a million miles away from civilisation; there will be long days on the bitumen; your sand and dirt riding skills will be tested; some days you will travel at full speed (75km/hr!!!) and others will be spent negotiating narrow dirt roads at 30-40km/hr; YOUR MISSION: keep your small motorcycle going for the 3500+ kilometres!

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# RIDE and SOCIAL CALENDAR

## November 2019 to January 2020

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Date	Event	Location	Contact
<b><u>FEBRUARY</u></b>			
Sun 2	<b>DECIDE AND RIDE</b>	BP East Perth at 9:00am	
Sun 9	<b>BREAKFAST AT SERPENTINE DAM</b>	BP East Perth at 8:00am	JOHN GLIDDON 0417 945 789
Sun 16	<b>DECIDE AND RIDE</b>	BP East Perth at 9:00am	
Sat 22	<b>BREAKFAST CLUB</b>	Ye Olde Narrogin Inne	Armadale Branch
Sun 23	<b>DECIDE AND RIDE</b>	BP East Perth at 9:00am	
Wed 26	<b>SOCIAL MEETING</b>	Carlisle Hotel at 7:30pm	
<b><u>MARCH</u></b>			
Sun 8	<b>SEABIRD FOR LUNCH</b>	BP East Perth at 9:00am	WAYNE BAVIN 0401 796 018
Sun 15	<b>SCULPTURES BY THE SEA</b>	BP East Perth at 9:00am	MARK DIXON 0412 820 071
Fri 20- Mon 23	<b>THE LONG WAY ROUND RIDE</b>	BP East Perth at 8:00m	JOHN GLIDDON 0417 945 789
Sat 28	<b>BREAKFAST CLUB</b>		Warnbro Sound Wanderers Branch
<b><u>APRIL</u></b>			
Sat 18	<b>BREAKFAST CLUB</b>		Swan Valley Hills Branch
Sun 26	<b>POKER RUN</b>	BP East Perth at 9:00am	WAYNE BAVIN 0401 796 018
<b><u>MAY</u></b>			
Wed 27	<b>SOCIAL MEETING</b>	Carlisle Hotel at 7:30pm	

## 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

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