



THE WHALER



April 2022



When your pipes have been too loud for too long

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ULYSSES CLUB INC. - FLEURIEU BRANCH
SOCIAL MEETINGS HELD AT THE ALMA HOTEL
WILLUNGA
EVERY 3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH.
6:00 PM FOR MEALS.
MEETING FROM 7:30 PM



1. President Chat

Hello dear members, last Thursday Jude and I returned from a 26 day tour of Tasmania on our Spyders. It was a magic tour with our group of seven other Spyders. However, it was not without some issues.

A. Maintenance.

Even though we had both Spyders in for servicing before we left, I dropped a rear wheel bearing. Luckily, the Spyder rear wheel has three bearings, so we were able to travel from Strahan to Hobart to the Can Am dealer who was kind enough to fit the bike in straight away, fly the parts in from Melbourne and do the job. I have since found out that when towing a trailer, the bearings should be replaced at 25,000 Km. My Spyder had done 52,000. A \$744 lesson learned.

B. Illness

Tony, the ride leader had indulged in some Cray and Oysters the night before. The next day after visiting some great scenery in the Huon Valley, Jude and I decided to ride back to the caravan park. Tony said he didn't feel too well and would ride back with us. We got as far as the next town and Tony pulled over and started vomiting into the gutter. Suddenly he just kept leaning and passed out before he hit the road. We eventually got him back to the park. After a couple of hours of no improvement, an ambo was called. Possible food poisoning. The lesson here? If one of our members is not well, do not let them ride alone.

C. Covid.

What do you do if you are touring and become positive for Covid? A couple in our group found out the hard way, we were in Hobart, they were in a basic cabin with no facilities and had to isolate for seven days in situ. Luckily, they came out of isolation the day before having to catch the ferry back to Melbourne. Lesson, plan, and think of what you may have to do if you become positive. So, there you are, and things do go wrong. But lessons can be learned.

The next major event for us is The Beast Feast on Saturday June 4th. So far only 19 are attending. You have all seen the Comms with the information you need to tell Mikey if you are staying for breakfast and the banking details to pay. No excuses people, it's the most fun Branch thing to do fully dressed. Great entertainment as well.

Cheers All, Brett.

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3. Ride Options

- Public Holidays
- Branch Sunday Rides
- Committee Meetings
- Social Meetings
- Gary Parker Friday Rides
- Dominic Carli Wednesday Rides
- 3Cs Coffee

2022

Fleurieu Branch Ride Calendar

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4. Branch Rides

Sunday Rides

- Every Fortnight, refer to the Ride Calendar above.

Ride Leaders Calendar

January

9th Brett Wise
23rd Dave Polkinghorne

April

3rd Robert Ryan
17th Easter.

July

10th Daryl Lambert
24th Peter Swallow

October

2nd Scott Robinson
(Long weekend)
16th Ian Kennedy
21st – 24th Odyssey Mannum.
30th Jack Ash

February

8th Peter Swallow
20th Marie Wilson

May

1st Mike Thorpe
15th Martin Sutherland
29th Philip Wilson

August

7th John Green
21st Philip Salter

November

6th Lions Bike Show
13th Trevor Staples
27th Brenton Jones

March

6th Jack Ash
20th Dave Polkinghorne

June

12th Brett Wise
(Long weekend
20th Anniversary ride)
26th John Thorp

September

4th Dave Polkinghorne
18th Marie & Philip Wilson

December

11th Toy Run or ride ???

Some of these Ride Leaders may not start from the Alma Hotel.

Wednesday Rides

- Every Four weeks, refer to the Ride Calendar above.



Dominic Carli leads **Wednesday** Rides.

Meet at Victor at 9.30 am.

Meet at the Alma well before at 10:00 am

Stands Up at 10:00 am Sharp

Next rides

- **April 20th**
- **May 18th**

For details please contact Dom on 0433 052 053

Friday Rides

- Every Four weeks refer to the Ride Calendar above.



Gary Parker leads **Friday** Rides.

Meet at the Alma well before at 10:00 am

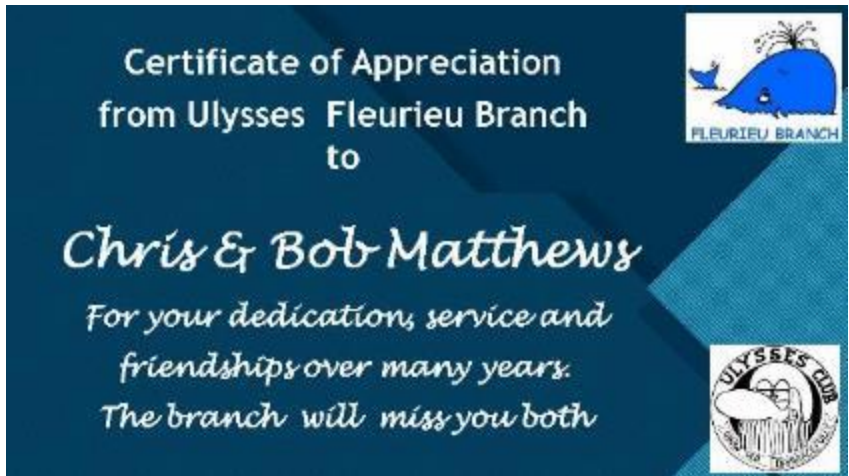
Stands Up at 10:00 am Sharp

Next rides

- **May 6th**
- **June 3rd**

For details please contact Gary on 0410 803 633

5. Awards & Badges



Chris & Bob are relocating to Crystal Brooke.
The Branch wished them the best with these keepsakes of apperception for the works carried out by both of them over the last 20 years ago.



Scott Robinson 70th Badge

6. Some Photos from our Social meeting 17th March



7. What's On March/April

3C's Saturday Coffee

Last Saturday of the Month at The Tin Shed, McLaren Vale from 2:00 pm.

- **Saturday 30th April.**

This will be the last 3C's Saturday Coffee until the weather warms up. Keep a look out in the Branch Comms.

Next Social Meeting

- **Thursday 21st April**

8. Beast Feast & 20th Anniversary Celebrations – Sat June 4th

Jo & Ray Hann's Farm, 142 Hancock Road, Inman Valley

Gates open from 9:00 am. Come early and help set up.

Only 19 pre-registered to date. Come on, we need more for this special celebration.

Please come along and make this a special event for our branch and join in our 20th anniversary celebrations.

We do need to know who will be attending for catering purposes. Please fill in the attached form.

Three ways to pre pay and register for the Beast feast.

1. Print off the form in this newsletter, fill in your details, take a photo of the form and text the photo to Mikey at 0405 174 741.
2. Print off the form, fill in your details and give the form to Brett Wise with payment.
3. Collect a form from Brett Wise at our social meeting, and give the form to Brett Wise with payment.

Cut-off Date for registration - Wednesday 1st June

Beast Feast & Fleurieu Branch 20th Anniversary Celebrations.



Saturday 4th June 2022

Fill out this form
to reserve
your meal(s).



First Name:
Last Name:
Email:
Phone No.:
<u>Saturday Night Meal</u>
How Many: (\$15.00 per person)
<u>Sunday Breakfast</u>
How Many: (\$5.00 per person)
<u>Payment</u>
Cash Amount: _____
EFT Amount: _____
BSB: 105-186
A/C: 035498140
Account Name: Ulysses Club Fleurieu Branch
Reference: _____ <i>Your Name</i>

9. Sunday Ride Reports

A Ride with Rainman 20th March 2022

A good group gathered at the Alma Hotel all looking skywards with anticipation of what we could be in store for, but to their dismay the skies were clear.

Off we went up Old Willunga Hill, one of the best pieces of road anywhere. Onto Range road and turned left at the Range Road Hall into Penny's Hill Road, with magnificent views over McLaren Vale and down to the coast. Through McLaren Flat and up Wickham Hill Road, better riding up than coming down, and back onto Range Road. Turned left at Range Road Hall (I think we just did that), onto Brookman Road. Through Kangarilla and Meadows, small detour on Greenhill Road and onto Macclesfield for coffee stop.

A new coffee shop "Garage 29" offering good coffee and giftware, a good atmosphere with lots of memorabilia, a good spot to revisit.

Off we go headed towards Strathalbyn turned into Callington Road, turned right into Meechi Road to Langhorne Creek onto Lake Plains Road onto Lake Road, a beautiful ride along Lake Alexandrina through Milang and a detour through Clayton Bay, the sailing club was full of activity with a number of boats out on the lake. Headed towards Finnis turning left onto Winery Road crossing the causeway on the Finnis River and on into Goolwa. Following the lake on Liverpool Road and finishing up at Chris and Bob Mathews place for our traditional soup and bread lunch, thanks Chris and Bob for a great afternoon.

Dave Polkinghorne





HOBBIT's Ride to Magnificent Food.

Another wonderful day greeted 23 riders. Arrival times varied but no one could beat Tony "Daylight" Jarman, who forgot about the end of daylight saving. We were joined by new rider Mike, first time Sunday rider Taffy and the return of ex-President Symo. Also, a special mention to "Brewer" on his new Harley and "Bottla" who was out on her first ride for 6 years. Hobbit took us along an assortment of roads, some not ridden for a while. From the Alma, thru McLaren Flat, Meadows, Macclesfield, Wistow and into Nairne. During the ride we were treated to the aromatic fragrance of pine trees wafting through our nostrils.

We reached Nairne and all had gone well until we went down into the *&^\$#&)*^%## car park which was initially gravel but turn into large loose pebbles. Here we had a break and then had the "widow maker" hill climb out of the car park onto the road.

We came up one at a time, at speed and then braked sharply on the small footpath before Robbo and the Ride Coordinator made gaps in the passing cars for riders to leave.

From here a serene ride through to Verdun, into the first part of Hahndorf, Mylor and then Meadows.

Lunch at Pik a Pie, where Marie had to rescue an errant frog from the footpath and return him to the local park. (No she didn't kiss it hoping for a Prince because she already has one).

Phil and Marie Wilson - Great ride Hobbit

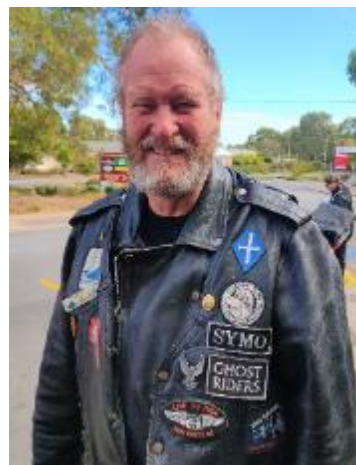




Madame Lee aka 'Bottla' after a 6 years hiatus acquired 2021 Harley Davidson and is back and in fine form. Extensive interviewing of potential driver/valets landed 'Brewer' the plum job.



A potential new Ulyssian 'Mike'



Back and upright
Former President
'SYM0' who has
come out the other
side of COVID after
a stint in ICU and
on the mend.

Philip Wilson Easter Sunday 17th April 2022

15 riders gathered for the ride with overcast skies but warm weather. The Prez and Miss Judy were back from Tasmania, and we were joined by 'Eliminator' Roger for his first branch ride of the year and Bob for his possible last before moving to Crystal Brook. Off we went with Phil leading and the very Beautiful Marie doing her "game show hostess" flair of nominating the Corner Marshal positions. Down Aldinga Road and other side road to South Road, towards Aldinga and then back up to the other side roads to Binney and Gaffney Rds. Willunga. Down past the Alma Hotel and up the Old Hill. Range Road and thru McLaren Flat to Meadows. The 4-day Meadows Easter Fair was in progress so there was a slow point before turning left at the Battunga Road 'Traffic Lights' (local kids thought it was Xmas) to Echunga for a watering and coffee. The 7 ½ minute warning call was given and towards Strathalbyn via Flaxley and Macclesfield. Skirted Strath and Ashbourne Road, Bull Creek Road back through Meadows and left past Kuitpo. Just about the reach to Old Hill again to travel down when along came the Rain, not bad but enough to slow us down and then to the McLaren Vale Bakery. We saw cows have a foot spa in a dam, calves playing chases in a paddock and a mass of chickens preparing for the next chook raffle. Another great day for the Branch.





Ulyssian Riders



Ulyssian Knowledge



'Rascally Roger' returns to the fold chewing the Fat over morning tea at Echunga



Echunga rest after 80 mins of twisty riding



Ulyssians Grey Bearded Gentlemen



Lunch at McLaren Vale Barkery

10. Johns Potters Funeral

John Potter's family asked if we could provide pallbearers for the service as well as a bikes for a final ride send off. Three Ulysses members shared compassionate words during the service.

The family requested we share with the branch members, John was dressed for his final journey in his favourite Fleurieu Branch tee shirt.





11. Welfare Matters



Cherie Thorpe is our Welfare Officer.

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Cherie's role is to be the central person in our branch to ensure members in need are assisted in whatever manner is appropriate for that individual. This note is a friendly reminder to inform Cherie if you know a member who needs support.

12. Age, Service Badges & Branch Shirts

Please remember to contact our Quartermaster, Peter Swallow if you are due for an **AGE** or **YEARS** of **SERVICE BADGE**. You need to supply your membership number, and your current membership status needs to be confirmed by NATCOM.

New Branch Shirts are now available to members. Please contact Peter for details to order these new branch Shirts.

13. RV Weekenders

<u>Ryelands Farm</u>	<u>Kingston on Murray</u>	<u>Stony Creek</u>	<u>Wallaroo</u>
May 20 th -22 nd	Aug 12 th – 14 th	September 23 rd – 25 th	November 4 th – 6 th

Milang Weekend

What a fabulous start to the year for getting out and about. Blue skies and, unusual as it is, a blue Lake. After the meeting and greetings were exchanged, we could start to smell the on site Fish and Chip Van getting ready for the evening. How could we resist!



What a great evening chatting with friends over fish, chips and a little wine. It was fantastic to have a few members drop in to catch up and have a chat. The temperature dropped fairly rapidly and so we were off to bed earlier than normal. Saturday was as perfect as the day before with sunshine, no wind and blue skies. Milang is a fabulous place to walk around and see the history of the town. Warren and Sonia popped in for lunch in their very nice mustang. That turned a few heads!



What a great catch up. The chatting, nibbles and drinks went on all afternoon and into the evening. Thank you to all who attended and made it such a great weekend.

14. The Funny Side





Just a Thought

Motivation alone is not enough.

If you have an idiot and motivate him, now you have a motivated idiot

2000 dead crows on the highways

The Police found over 2000 dead crows on local highways recently, and there was concern that they may have died from Avian Flu. A Pathologist examined the remains of all the crows, and, to everyone's relief, confirmed the problem was NOT Avian Flu. The cause of death appeared to be from vehicular impacts. However, during analysis it was noted that varying colours of paints appeared on the bird's beaks and claws. By analysing these paint residues it was found that 98% of the crows had been killed by impact with motorbikes, while only 2% were killed by cars. The Police then hired an Ornithological Behaviourist to determine if there was a cause for the disproportionate percentages of motorbike kills versus car kills. The Ornithological Behaviourist quickly concluded that when crows eat road kill, they always have a look-out crow to warn of danger. They discovered that while all the **lookout crows could shout "Cah", not a single one could shout "bike"**.

15. Fleurieu Branch Wine



Any Branch member who would like to purchase Dogridge Winery Canvas red or white wines please contact Phil Wilson marie.selby@optus.com.au

The Canvas wine is a variety prepared by the winery without labels to enable the purchaser to place any design of their making on the wine

As a member of the Winery I can purchase the wines for any member who would like some. I can purchase both the red and white at the following rates.

No label affixed

\$10.00 per bottle

Fleurieu Branch Label attached

\$12.00 per bottle

16. Branch Classified

For Sale Bob Matthews 2009 Suzuki Boulevard C90 50,297 km. \$6,900.00

<https://www.facebook.com/marketplace/item/662473531850690/>

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17. The Alma Hotel



The Alma Hotel was built in 1856 by an English Stonemason William Toll. Willunga was established in 1839 and soon developed into a booming slate mining town, and was also a stopping point for travellers with Cobb and Co coaches travelling further south. There would have been stables out the back along with its own well. In the late 1800's the upstairs section was added, primarily for holidaymakers from Adelaide where, from the balcony guests could see all the way to the township of Aldinga and the busy port of Port Willunga.

Many people ask about how it was named Alma Hotel. One line of thought is that it was named after the 1854 Battle of the Alma in the Crimean War which many Englishmen fought in. Alma was also a popular ladies name. In Latin, it also means good and true.

Being one of the first substantial buildings in Willunga the hotel was used for many different purposes in the early years, as a morgue, coroner's court, housing shipwrecked immigrants, hairdresser and even for the visiting dentist

There are stories of the hotel being haunted, people who have felt a ghostly presence, or items being moved about or turned on. A clairvoyant visited the hotel in 2013 and found three ghosts to inhabit the hotel. Read the story about how one of the ghosts came about by the fire in the front bar. Don't worry though, they are all friendly ghosts!

Melinda and Jason McCauley have owned the hotel since 2003, with Jason being the second longest running licensee in over 160 years. Have a look at the licensee board in the front bar, in the 1970's where some people were licensee for only a few days!

The McCauleys and staff hope you enjoy your time at the Alma Hotel. We cater for any bus groups, private functions, meetings and any event. Please ask for our function pack for more information, look at our website or contact Melinda



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