

THE WHALER



ULYSSES CLUB INC. FLEURIEU BRANCH NEWSLETTER July 2020



Presidents Chat

Hello All,

Great news everyone, we are back.

As from this Thursday 16th our monthly social meetings return, with some slight changes. The layout of the room will look different. The little bar will now be used for ordering meals and drinks, so please go straight into the meeting room. On entry there will be hand sanitizer and a sign-in book. The book is for Covid 19 tracing, so please enter your name and phone number. This is a requirement of entry, so folks, if you do not wish to sign in, please do not attend. If you are attending and want a feed, please let Mikey know. This is for The Alma so they can arrange staffing levels.

Our rides have started again as per the calendar. You all should have Rev 5, if not, see Mikey, or page 4. We have had two Sunday rides since the return, led by Tony and Jack. Brilliant rides, read about them inside. Dom's Wednesday rides and Gary's Friday rides are also back and are usually well attended.

This year's Odyssey is still an unknown. Adelaide Branch still wish to hold it, at Jamestown. The Beast Feast will go ahead later in the year, when it is warm. We will need to discuss dates with Jo and Ray. Look inside for more events.




We are back, but, this thing has not gone away, look at Victoria. It just takes one stuffup and we will be right back where we started. None of us wants that, so please do the right thing, no handshakes, no hugging, and maintain social distancing. The Alma has been very good in allowing our return so we do not want to put them in an awkward position.

Cheers, Brett.









Be Safe out there.

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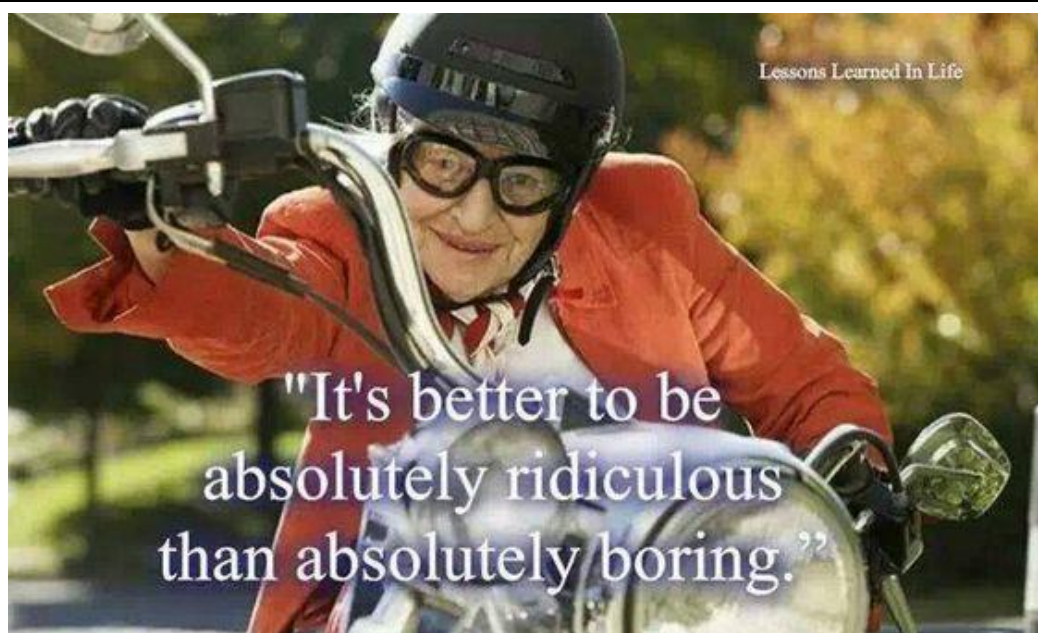
Best covid protection!

Fleurieu Sunday Rides

Date	Leaving	Ride Leader	Destination
July 26th	Alma 10am	Robbo - Scott Robinson	TBA
August 9th	Alma 10am	Marie Selby	TBA
August 23rd	Alma 10am	Roundabout - John Green	TBA
September 6th	Alma 10am	Rainman - Dave Polkinghorne	TBA

Up Coming Social Events & Weekenders

Date	Event
July 16 th Thursday	Fleurieu Branch meeting third Thursday of the month at the Alma Hotel Willunga from 6.30 onwards. Meeting start time 7.30.
September 18 th - 20 th Fri-Sun	3 Peninsulas Ride 2020. Quorn, Fri and Sat night, including Saturday ride to Blinman for lunch. Sunday ride to Warren Gorge then heading home via Peterborough Motorbike Museum. See page 7 for details.
*please note calendar date - December 13 th	Xmas Ride and Lunch. Ride finishing at the Pt Noarlunga Bowling Club for lunch. Further details with be provided closer to the date. Early notice for you to reserve the date.



Ride/Meeting Calendar July-December 2020

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Sunday Rides
 Wednesday Rides
 Friday Rides
 Public Holidays

 Social Meetings

Ride Reports

Sunday 28th June Ride with Tony



“Why would anyone want to visit South Australia” asked Daniel Andrews. Let me enlighten you. If you ride with the Fleurieu branch of Ulysses on a fine winter’s day. You would encounter, vista after spectacular vista. You would see rolling paddocks of numerous greens, you would bathe in glorious coastal landscapes with the bluest sea and shimmering reflections. Miles of sculptured vineyards, geometrically laid out. You would breathe clean air that you could almost drink. And country fragrances of dairy country, which is just nectar to us Adelaidians. And you would be in the company of the best beneath the Southern Cross. Having said that, let me say thank-you to all the beautiful people who said, “it’s great to see you back” I know it’s something we all say, but I really appreciate it. And it goes both ways. It’s great to be back amongst you all.

Tony you excelled, great ride. It had everything for this little black duck, back from exile. Main roads, gentle curves, long straights, the best of views and a gentle pace. And Daniel Andrews just as an aside, we have courteous riders who respect other travellers, even cyclists that insist on riding mid lane on curvy roads. A very enjoyable ride day with the usual suspects. As I was riding I was thinking, it would make it perfect if the usual suspects included Vicki and Hobbit, low and behold they appeared at Middleton.

Also great to see Chris, this time of year (she's normally in the north) and our ex-pres. Symmo. Also new riders that I've yet to get to know. Big thanks also to our rides co-ordinator Dirt-track, who puts in big time to organise these occasions. Stay safe folks. GPS



Sunday 12th July Jack's Ride



Last Sunday had a very good turnout for a midwinter ride, considering the weather could have turned nasty. Luckily for us it was fine and we even enjoyed a few patches of warming sun. Jack led us on an interesting path that included stunning coastal views, thick eucalypt lined roadways and many stunning vistas of the magnificent Fleurieu Peninsula. First stop was Crows Nest Lookout, then we skirted past Goolwa to Milang for morning tea break and of course the obligatory chat. We started the next leg with a ride around the edge of Lake Alexandrina and then onto Langhorne Creek, Strath, Macclesfield, to finish at Pik a Pie Meadows for refreshments and lunch. When Brett and I arrived back home we had clocked over 195km.

Thanks to Jack for a ride that provided twists, turns, ups, downs, gentle curves and long straight stretches. Also thanks again to Fonzie who held the tail end admirably. JS.



Wednesday and Friday Rides



Dominic Carli is leading **WEDNESDAY** Rides. Meet at the Alma at 10am or Victor at 9.30.

Next ride is **Wednesday 29th July** then Wed.26 Aug. (every four weeks)

For details please contact Ducati Dom on 0433 052 053

Gary Parker is leading **FRIDAY** Rides.

Meet at Alma. Starts up at 10am. and ride for lunch somewhere. Next ride is

Friday 17th July then Fri.14th August (every four weeks)

Gary's contact mobile is 0410 803 633

Up Coming Events

3 Peninsulas Ride (14th ANNUAL Y.P- E.P) 2020

Venue: Quorn

Date: **Friday 18th, Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th September 2020**

Accommodation:

- Transcontinental 8648 6076
- Great Northern Lodge 8648 6940
- Austral Inn Hotel 8648 6017
- Quorn CV Park 8648 6206
- Flinders Rangers Motel 1800 994 960
- Quandong Appartments 0432 112 473

Meals: Meals will be at the Transcontinental. All within walking distance of these venues.

Rides: Will meet up with riders 10.00 am @ Mt Pleasant, 11.30 am @ Truro, then ride for lunch at Burra. Ride to Melrose via Jamestown & Wirrabara painted silo for arvo break. Ride Horrocks Pass & Pichi Richi Pass to Quorn to meet up with other Branch members Friday for overnight stay & dinner, then ride with them Saturday to Blinman for lunch, ride back to Quorn for Saturday night dinner and stay. Sunday morning ride to Warren Gorge before heading home via Peterborough motorbike museum.

Badges: Cloth badges may be available from me once I have the numbers

Please contact me if you are going & book your accommodation early as it is the start of the busy time for these venues.

Dominic & Sue Carli

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Ulysses Fleurieu Branch

RALLIES 2020

Narrung Run Pre-season warm up	Jan 24-25-26	Bring everything
Redback Rally Charlton (VIC)	Feb 7-8-9	Redbackrally.com Nico 0417 386 787
Grots River Rat Run - formerly Rivergum Rally	March 6-7-8-9 long weekend (SA)	Back to Basics Grot 0412602272
Caltowie Pub Bike Rally	TBA	Rabbit 0408082257
Pekina SA Sidecar Gathering	April 3-4-5	Andrew 0418 803 293 Pub
Coonalpyn Pub Run	March 28	Andy 0411 212076
Sidecar Rally Strathmerton Vic	April 18-19	Monarchs Club Vic
Roaming Swagman Tank Crystal Brook	May 1-2-3	Lefty 0412 767945
Wunkar Pub	May 16-17	Kingy 0421 073 909
Great Escape Marrabel back to basics	May 23-24	Harald 0421 289714 Peter 0414 399000
Pooncarrie NSW	June 5-6-7-8 Long Weekend	Beatle 0458 294 271
Wintersun Mildura	June 5-6-7-8 Long Weekend (SA)	Sy 03 50211111
Up the Creek Jung near Horsham Vic	July 3-4-5	Sharon 0409 215 338 Greg 0437010061
Wombat Scout Camp Napperby	August 7-8-9	Lefty 0412767945
Peregrine Rally Jabuk Reserve	August 28-29-30 back to basics	<u>Trevor.nowak@icloud.com</u> 0412 866 045
Burra Bon Accord Pub SA Tourers	Sept 12-13	Ray 0400 202 994
Ghost Town Copi Hollow	Sept 11-12-13	Chickenman 0419983193
Farrell Flat	Oct 10-11	Andy Burford 0437 516 105 Pub 8846 6181
Oasis Venue TBA	Oct 2-3-4-5 Long weekend (SA)	Bear 0407 394322
Redback Tourers Overland Corner Pub	Oct 16-17-18	Pete 0437 930699
Fish Holes Portland	Nov 6-7-8	0401522786

List - compliments Andrew & Marlene 0418 803293 - To report errors phone 1300 tuff tittie

Ride Safe and Save Lives

Motorcycle fatalities: by Jeremy Rocho Published: Mon June 22, 2020 RAA samotor magazine

The first half of 2020 has been devastating for motorcycle-related deaths on South Australian roads, with 9 riders and 2 passengers killed in the past 6 months.

While motorcycles make up just 3.7% of South Australia’s registered vehicles, motorcyclists and their passengers have accounted for about 20% of the state’s road fatalities so far this year.

Last year, 17 motorcyclists died on SA roads – a 34% increase on 2018 when 10 motorbike riders lost their lives.

At the current rate, South Australia could record the highest number of motorcyclist fatalities since 2017, when the total was 24.

RAA Senior Manager of Safety and Infrastructure, Charles Mountain, said it was a timely reminder that all road users need to take care on the road.

“By sharing the road and following a few simple rules, you can help keep motorcyclists safe,” he says. Here are a few quick tips:

For motorcyclists

- Wear the correct protective gear when riding.
- Only [lane filter](#) when it’s legal to do so and watch for vehicles changing lanes.
- Don’t lane filter through bike lanes.
- When riding in wet weather, slow down and beware of potentially slippery conditions such as oil on the road, particularly at intersections.

For drivers

- When sitting in traffic at the lights, if possible, leave enough space between you and the vehicle next to you so motorcyclists can lane filter safely.
- Before changing lanes, check your blind spots to ensure a motorcyclist isn’t lane filtering.
- Motorcyclists can take up a whole lane, so overtake them in the same manner you would other vehicles.

Motorcyclist fatalities by year

Year (2012 to 2019) Number of motorcyclist fatalities recorded on SA roads

2012	13
2013	12
2014	11
2015	11
2016	8
2017	24
2018	10
2019	17

Good News Stories

Kangaroo Island Relief & Recovery

BLAZE AID Kangaroo Island - email received April 18th via Sonia and Warren Jamieson

We are finally finding a few moments to correspond with our wonderful supporters and give you an update of where we are along our journey working with fire affected farmers on Kangaroo Island.

Firstly, thank you for your very generous donation to the work of Blazeaid.

In these difficult times our volunteers are continuing their essential work. Luckily, we have been deemed an essential service. We closed the camp to new volunteers a few weeks ago so we have a core group of 36 of volunteers still here. They are working on individual farms traveling from camp to farms and then back to camp.

We are following hygiene measures and spacing requirements. Luckily, we have a large shed (camp) which allows for good spacing.

Our volunteers, mainly backpackers, are keeping themselves busy in the evenings with boardgame competitions, film nights, origami, and a quiz night, which was an interesting exercise with teams spread around the camp inside and out. Also, a cookie decorating night.

They are a great group of young people who are committed to keeping the work going.

Statistics for the work done:

Properties registered	151
Properties started	137
Properties completed	6
Fences cleared	1049 kilometres
Fences erected	414.7 kilometres

We have had 646 volunteers registered since we opened, and worked 4559 volunteer days.

Again, thank you for your support. Without the wonderful extended voluntary work that continues across Australia we would not be able to continue our work on the fence lines.

Best Wishes

Ann

Ann Stevens

Camp Coordinator



Blaze Aid volunteer Ross Murray working with Army Reservists to replace stock fencing on farmer Josh Graham's property. Picture: Brad Fleet

Welfare Matters



Cherie Thorpe is our Welfare officer.
mob. 0498 711 137 email.
fleurieubrand.welfare@gmail.com

Her 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 Fleurieu members to inform Cherie if you know a member who needs support. Let Cherie know asap so she can organize a hospital visit, send a card or arrange other appropriate help. Cherie will report on current welfare matters at each Thursday monthly social meeting.

Blast from the Past



Hint- His past career was providing vehicle maintenance on the Roads not the Trails.

Guess who????

First correct email or text answer to me will receive a voucher for Long Shot Cafe at the next branch social meeting.

Email

judy.summers@internode.on.net

text 0413 594 864

Keep the photos coming please!

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Excerpt from an article of interest in the Advertiser on Saturday July 4th



RAF vet's lifelong passion for bikes - MICHAEL GEORGE LOCKYER

Design engineer and adventurer Born:1926 Forest Gate United Kingdom Died: June 2020 Adelaide

Mike Lockyer's earliest memory was riding on the petrol tank of his father's motorcycle at the age of three. Perhaps this was why he loved them so much, set an Australian record and was still riding one nearly 90 years later.

He grew up next to Hornchurch airfield on the outskirts of London and had a front-row seat when the war came to Britain. After air raids, he and his teenage friends would pedal their bikes in search of downed enemy aircraft, sometimes arriving before the authorities and taking souvenirs.

At 18, Michael enlisted in the RAF reserve and, in early 1945, was called up. Despite passing all the tests for pilot training, he was transferred to the army because of an excess of volunteers at the time.

In 1950, Michael took up an offer from the Australian Government of free passage for skilled ex-servicemen. Disembarking in Melbourne, he worked in the Government Aircraft Factories at Fisherman's Bend, designing the plant layout for the construction of Canberra bombers.

Michael soon saved enough to buy a motorbike and spent his free time exploring regional Victoria, gradually extending his trips to NSW and Queensland.

In 1953, he saw an advert in a motorbike magazine for an all-expenses-paid trip around Australia. It was an expedition to test the reliability of a bike chain, made in Benalla under licence by UK firm Renold Chains.

As an observer, Michael's job was to ride alongside Renold's company rider Vern Train. He saw it as the opportunity of a lifetime. Dubbed Operation Transmatilda, it began in Melbourne and took the two strangers – soon to become lifelong friends – in an anticlockwise circumnavigation of the continent. It was a gruelling test of men and machines, a BSA and a Triumph, covering almost 17,000km.

The journey was the first verified motorcycle trip around Australia, with the pair stopping at police stations across the country to have their presence recorded by a sworn officer.

In the early 1950s, only 10 per cent of Australia's country roads were sealed.

That, and getting enough fuel and water in the Outback, meant this was at times a life-and-death challenge.

Near the odyssey's end, during the filming of a Cinesound newsreel, Michael met his riding partner's sister, Kathleen. Romance followed and, in 1955, they married and settled in Tasmania. First son Michael was born in 1957.

In 1960, they moved to Adelaide and had a second child, Christopher, in 1964. Michael continued his work as a design engineer at Port Adelaide but always looked to the weekends for his next adventure.

He had a passion for spearfishing and diving and survived a few close encounters with great white sharks. His love of motor cycling returned when son Michael started riding. But, tragically, the 17-year-old had his life cut short in a fatal riding accident.

In 1981, Michael retired from engineering and turned to industrial diving around South Australia. By his early 60s, he'd earned enough and his diving became recreational.

About this time, he once again donned the leathers, joining the **Ulysses Motorcycle Club**. One ride was inland all the way to Cairns.

Michael rode until he was 91, only stopping when his weary bones wouldn't flex enough to swing his leg over his machine.

Age & Service Badges

Please remember to contact our Quartermaster Mark if you are due for an AGE or YEARS of SERVICE BADGE. You need to supply your membership number, as Mark has to get your current membership status confirmed by NAO.

Branch Jackets

Jacket is lightweight and easy to pack in a pannier. At \$60 (plus \$5 if you want your name embroidered on the right chest) represents very good value and a way to promote our branch.



Branch Polo Shirts and Long sleeve Tee Shirt

Our delightful "Branch Shirts Co-Ordinator", Grant "Mudgutz" Wittaker has updated the order form to include the option to order and pay online AND for an additional \$5 you can have your name embroidered on your shirt.

You can of course still fill in a paper form (see Secretary, Grant, or print one off) and hand it to Grant at the social meeting with the correct cash if you prefer. Many thanks to Grant for doing this.

The shirts Grant gets for us are great value, he gets them at cost price, so get your orders in now. link to the

Links to download forms.

[Polo Shirt](#)

[Long sleeve Tee shirt](#)

[Jackets](#)

Branch Classifieds

If branch members would like a classified in the Whaler please see the committee.



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