



# THE WHALER



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## Kawasaki Ninja GPz900R

The Kawasaki GPZ900R (also known as the ZX900A or Ninja 900) is a motorcycle that was manufactured by Kawasaki from 1984 to 2003. It is the earliest member of the Ninja family of sport bikes. The 1984 GPZ900R (or ZX900A-1) was a revolutionary design that became the immediate predecessor of the modern-day sport bike. Developed in secret over six years, it was Kawasaki's and the world's first 16-valve liquid-cooled inline four-cylinder motorcycle engine. The 908 cc four-cylinder engine delivered 115 bhp (86 kW), allowing the bike to reach speeds of 243 km/h, making it the first stock road bike to exceed 240 km/h.

In the movie 'Top Gun' 1986, Tom Cruise aka "Maverick", made the very first Kawasaki Ninja, into a cultural icon by whizzing around his US airbase as fighter planes took off, changing gear many times, followed by riding to his on/off girlfriend's house. In his new 2022 movie he gets to ride it again.



# ULYSSES CLUB INC. - FLEURIEU BRANCH



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## President Chat

### **Beast Feast Report**

It all kicked off early Saturday morning. The Man Cave to sort, moving furniture, putting up tables, etc. Fires to light, a big tarp to go up in the shed, signs and flags on the entry roads. Jo, Cherie, Marie, and Jules (we missed you Sharryn) in the house making yummy stuff.

The weather outside was lousy. But, as people started to arrive, they were greeted by a toasty warm room with the aroma of hot, Pumpkin, Seafood, and Pea & Ham soups. It was a smaller group this year fitting inside the room comfortably. Ken, Michelle, Craig, and Gayle from Adelaide Branch were made to feel most welcome. Unfortunately, John and Debbie from Grampians Branch had Covid issues so were unable to attend.

We had laid out the tables with warming trays so people could serve themselves to lots of roast chicken and pork, corned beef, crispy pork crackling, and plentiful amounts of steaming veggies. Very tasty. Now that everyone had plentiful sufficiency and were feeling relaxed, the entertainment was next.

Maryanne was first with her blend of Folk, 60's, and 70's. It was a combination of a wonderful voice and marvellous sound gear. Next up, G & T (Gary and Trevor) on their Ukes gave us some songs some written by Gary, nice lyrics Gary. Last up, the dulcet tones of Hobbit and his Uke with some of his own material. As a branch we are really lucky to have so many talented members. After the entertainment, we were treated to delicious homemade vanilla slices, apple crumble, and fruit salad & ice-cream for dessert.

Some stayed overnight and some returned on Sunday morning for a breakfast of pancakes, eggs & bacon, and bubble & squeak. Then, of course came the clean-up. Another fabulous Fleurieu Branch event!

So, on to the acknowledgments. First and foremost, a very special thanks to Jo and Ray Hann for opening their property for us again. We have been to other venues, nothing has the same atmosphere. Marie for taking on the organisation role. Jo, Cherie, Marie, and Julie catering and clean up. Ray for the bbq roasts. Mikey for set up assist. Well done all. In our determination to hold the 2022 event, we moved the date so many times because of clashes and still it clashed.

**NOTE - Calendar Date: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023 for the next Beast Feast.** Only something like an extinction level event will change this.

**Cheers All, Brett.**

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## Branch Rides

### Sunday Rides

- Every Fortnight, refer Ride Calendar following.
- Departing from the Alma Hotel Willunga.
- **Theses rides depart Top of Taps.**
- **These rides are events.**

### Ride Leaders Calendar

#### January

9<sup>th</sup> Brett Wise  
23<sup>rd</sup> Dave Polkinghorne

#### April

3<sup>rd</sup> Robert Ryan  
17<sup>th</sup> Easter.

#### July

10<sup>th</sup> **Brett Wise**  
24<sup>th</sup> **Peter Swallow**

#### October

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

#### February

8<sup>th</sup> Peter Swallow  
20<sup>th</sup> Marie Wilson

#### May

1<sup>st</sup> Mike Thorpe  
15<sup>th</sup> Martin Sutherland  
29<sup>th</sup> Philip Wilson

#### August

7<sup>th</sup> **John Green**  
21<sup>st</sup> **Philip Salter**

#### November

6<sup>th</sup> **Lions Bike Show**  
13<sup>th</sup> **Trevor Staples**  
27<sup>th</sup> **Brenton Jones**

#### March

6<sup>th</sup> Jack Ash  
20<sup>th</sup> Dave Polkinghorne

#### June

12<sup>th</sup> Brett Wise  
(Long weekend  
20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ride)  
26<sup>th</sup> **Philip Wilson**

#### September

4<sup>th</sup> **Dave Polkinghorne**  
18<sup>th</sup> **Marie & Philip Wilson**

#### December

11<sup>th</sup> **Toy Run or ride ???**



# 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

| January |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| December |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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## 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

- **June 15<sup>th</sup>**
- **July 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

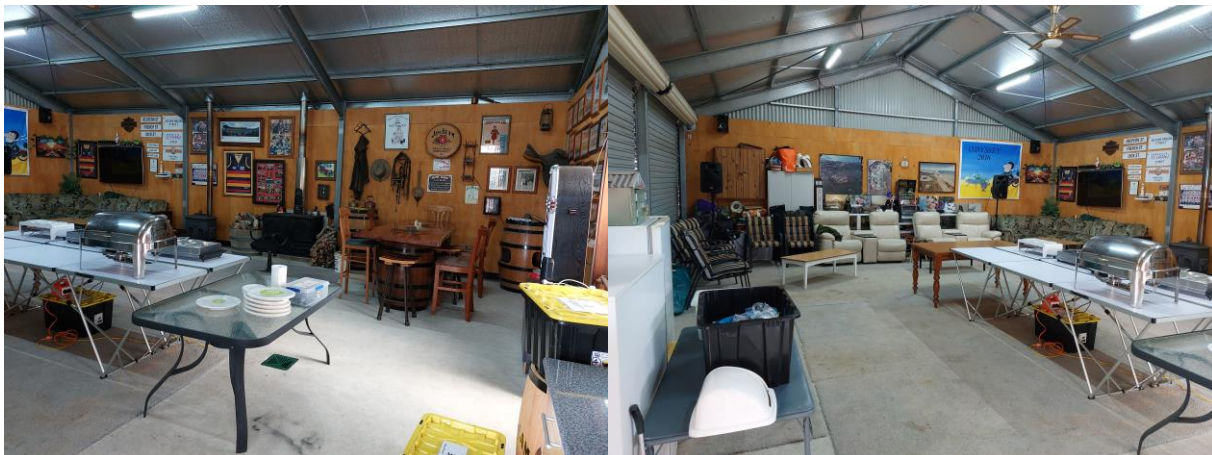
### Next rides

- **July 1<sup>st</sup>**
- **July 29<sup>th</sup>**
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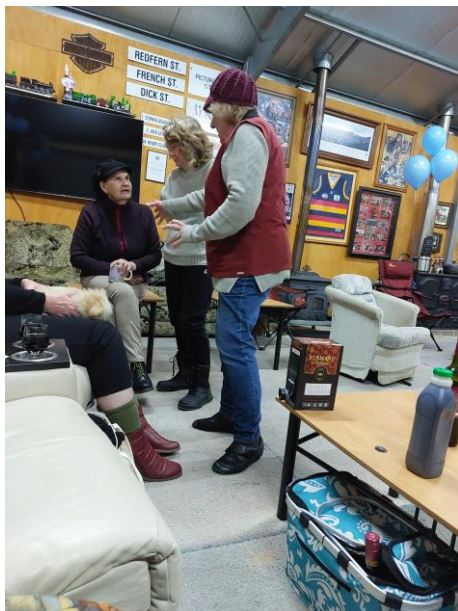
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## Beast Feast Photos





















## You're All Over the Road!!!!

I quite often get this retort when I ride with my fellow Ulyssians – allow me to explain.

The best place to ride on a carriageway is in the right hand wheel path and for good reasons. It gives me a wide escape route both left and right when something goes wrong such as dodging a stray animal on the road or suffering a tyre blowout. I would rather have to emergency brake on bitumen than on dirt or grass! It is also the smoothest place to ride, the left lane being the roughest as it is closest to the pavement edge.

There are some exceptions to my 'right wheel path' plan. When approaching a crest, I veer over to the left wheel path as I never know what is about to come over the hill towards me. I also go to the left when any vehicle approaches – passing a large truck with my right elbow a metre away with a combined closing speed of 200 kph is just scary and you never know what the other roads users' state of mind is so I need to be as far away as I can as they pass. The other exception is during wet weather when the centre of the lane is my preferred place to be. As the pavement wears down with time, the wheel paths are subject to subsidence caused by the vertical forces of heavy trucks and this is where water will pond causing possible aquaplaning.

The middle is not subject to these forces and therefore has a courser aggregate texture depth - you can easily see this when riding along. The centre wheel path is therefore drier and will dry out more quickly.

Of course when riding this way it virtually eliminates the possibility of riding in staggered file formation of which I am not a huge fan. I like to ride obeying the 3 second rule. That is keeping at least 3 seconds away from the bike in front of me which allows plenty of time to take evasive action when something goes wrong. The 3 second rule is independent of speed. When staggered riding is practiced, the 3 second rule becomes the 1.5 second rule as really you are only riding 1.5 seconds behind the rider in front. On corners all this theory goes pear-shaped as bikes come together as each rider changes their position in the lane to safely negotiate the corner. The other problem with staggered riding formation is when a Casey Stoner wannabe blasts past and pulls in front thereby destroying the staggered pattern system that has been carefully set up by the majority of the riders.

The Ulysses Club National Committee however, has a policy that it never instructs members how to ride. Natcom assumes that each rider has a valid licence, has been instructed in road-craft practices and needs no reminding of the road rules. The above explanation is purely the way I prefer to ride, honed from many years of crash free riding especially when riding in groups – touch wood!!

One possible extension of the way I prefer to ride is when on long trips with each rider practicing the above techniques of 'riding all over the road'. If all riders in the group did this and then someone 'forgot' and maintained a constant position, then quite possibly that rider is starting to suffer fatigue and may be it is time to pull over and take a break. It is like a little game that we can play that maybe could save a fatigue related crash from happening especially on the longer trips.

So far this year to date, South Australia has had 2 motorcycle fatalities which is way down on this time last year – let's keep the trend going by constantly thinking as we ride.

The road-craft we practice and where we place our bikes within the lane is a good start to this process. So there you have it, I am not drunk or reckless as I veer all over the lane but just practicing my chosen road-craft techniques.

Ride Safer

**By Permission - Neville Gray #3394  
Former National Vice President (10yrs) & Road Safety Coordinator.**

# Fleurieu Branch Riding Guidelines

## 1. Ulysses Club National Committee

The Ulysses Club National Committee (NATCOM) has a policy that it never instructs members how to ride. NATCOM assumes that each rider has a valid licence, has been instructed in road-craft practices and needs no reminding of the road rules.

## 2. Weather Conditions Riding Restrains

Rides are cancelled if the forecast temperature is over 35°C, or if there is a forecast for storms or heavy continuous rain around the time of departure making riding hazardous.

## 3. Abbreviations

**RC** (Ride Coordinator) **RL** (Ride Leader) **CM** (Corner Marshal) **TEC** (Tail End Charlie)

## 4. Ride Coordinator (RC) – Ride Day

Provide a “toolbox” pre ride briefing.

- ❖ Spacing.
- ❖ Ride safely and respect the road rules.
- ❖ Speed Camera locations and speeding.
- ❖ Interaction with other ride groups.
- ❖ Regrouping.
- ❖ Road conditions and riding within your limitations.
- ❖ New/Returning riders.
- ❖ Corner Marshalling duties.
- ❖ Tail End Charlie.
- ❖ 5-minute warning at morning coffee.
- ❖ Helmets off if not continuing the ride after coffee.
- ❖ Remember who was in front of you in case we cross over with other ride groups, and you follow them.
- ❖ Where possible try and be aware of the rider behind you, keep their headlight in your rear mirror.
- ❖ Introduce today's **RL**.
- ❖ At roundabouts, if there is no **CM**, then continue on the main road you are currently on even if that is a  $\frac{3}{4}$  turn thru the roundabout.

## 5. Ride Coordinator (RC) – Other rides.

There will be occasions when the branch is involved in rides other than our weekly/fortnightly rides. These include the:

- State Odyssey
- Overnight trips
- Other events promoted by the Branch.

The **RC** will be responsible for:

- ❖ Arranging Rendezvous Points (RV) for each part of the ride
- ❖ Setting the start time for each day.
- ❖ Setting the route to be taken either to or from the event.
- ❖ Researching locations for petrol and comfort stops.
- ❖ Identifying overnight locations (where applicable).
- ❖ Ensuring the days travel distance is not “excessive”.



## 6. Ride Leader (RL)

- ❖ Plan the ride beforehand.
- ❖ Advise **RC**, via email, the route of your ride prior to your ride.
- ❖ **RC** will disseminate a "Branch Comms" relative to each ride.
- ❖ Please highlight any challenging sections of the ride.
- ❖ Some members may not be comfortable with challenging sections.
- ❖ Wear an orange high visibility vest, provided by **RC**.
- ❖ If there are two ride leaders explain this in your ride briefing.
- ❖ Be ready to give a short briefing prior to the ride, including coffee and lunch locations.
- ❖ Ensure you are aware who the **TEC** is prior to leaving.
- ❖ Wait for the **TEC** "all riders ready advice" before moving off from the start or coffee break.
- ❖ Advise the **RC** if you are going to submit a rider report. If not, the **RC** will submit a report.
- ❖ The **RL** or Committee member can stop a ride if they believe the riding style of any individual is unsafe or reckless.

## 7. Corner Marshal (CM)

- ❖ At a road corner the **RL** indicates to next rider behind where a **CM** is needed.
- ❖ The next rider stops and activates their indicator for the direction of riders to turn.
- ❖ The **CM** may also indicate the directions using their arm.
- ❖ Ensure the use of the arm and indicator are the same direction.
- ❖ If you ride a Trike or a Spyder and the **CM** position is likely to cause an issue or embarrassment to yourself or other road users indicate to the next rider to take up the **CM** position.
- ❖ If you think the **RL** has missed a corner, then use initiative and become the **CM**.
- ❖ Stay on the corner until you see **TEC** approaching.
- ❖ Re-join the ride in front of **TEC** if safe to do so
- ❖ If not safe re-join the ride, wave the **TEC** through, and re-join behind the **TEC**, when it is safe to re-enter the traffic. The **TEC** will then wave you past them when safe.
- ❖ Each time a **CM** re-joins the ride in front of **TEC**, it is this rider's responsibility to keep the **TEC** headlights in their rear mirrors until the next **CM** re-joins. This is to ensure the safety of the **TEC**.

## 8. Tail End Charlie (TEC)

- ❖ There will be one **TEC** providing the **TEC** can have phone contact with **RL**, **RC** or another rider to update them should there be an incident.
- ❖ This contact is preferably the **RL** or **RC** or someone **TEC** knows has phone access through their on-board communications
- ❖ **TEC** travels at the rear of the ride pack.
- ❖ **TEC** will wear an orange high visibility vest.
- ❖ Prior to the ride group taking off from any location the **TEC** will ride past all members ensuring every rider is ready and then advise the **RL** to move off.
- ❖ **TEC** falls into to the rear of the pack.
- ❖ **TEC** will check the safety/wellbeing of any rider that stops unexpectedly during the ride.
- ❖ The rider in front of the **TEC** will keep **TEC** headlights in their rear mirror in case **TEC** has to stop or has an issue.
- ❖ The **TEC** will liaise with the **RC** re this matter before each ride.
- ❖ Also see "Fallen Rider Protocol".

## 9. Ride Formation

- ❖ The safest riding formation is the staggered formation. It allows each rider a clear vision of the road past the rider in front. This also allows for a better stopping distance should there be any reason for sudden braking.
- ❖ Allow at least 3 seconds between riders.
- ❖ When approaching bends/corners break away from the staggered formation and approach the bend/corner using your best line.
- ❖ Beware of riders not associated with our group cutting into the ride formation.
- ❖ If this occurs let them through, do not try and "block them in".

## 10. Rider Safety and Comfort Is Of the Highest Importance

- ❖ Each rider must possess a current driver's licence and class to operate their motorcycle.
- ❖ Each motorcycle must be road worthy.
- ❖ Best to start a ride with no alcohol in your system.
- ❖ Do not ride with a hangover.
- ❖ Be mindful of how much alcohol you consume at any ride stop.
- ❖ If you are a slower rider, it is recommended that you ride towards the rear of the group.
- ❖ If a slower rider finds themselves forward in the group, then it is recommended, where safe, to move to the left to allow other riders to overtake.
- ❖ When moving to the left to allow others to pass this must be done on a straight section of road where there are no double barrier lines.
- ❖ Should the **RL** decide there is a need for all riders to regroup, the **RL** will select a safe location where riders can leave the road. The **RL** will wait until the **TEC** arrives and gives all clear to resume the ride.
- ❖ All riders will take care when stopping and re-joining the ride. If unsafe wait.

## 11. Group Riding Etiquette

- ❖ Ensure your bike is fuelled before arriving at the initial start point.
- ❖ Be on time for the ride briefing, that way the start is not delayed.
- ❖ Be ready to ride after the briefing – Now is not the time for a comfort break.
- ❖ Be courteous and think of other road users.
- ❖ If you are a rider that gets a little "excited" and wants to "give it a bit" be mindful of your actions and do not "spook" other riders in the group.
- ❖ If you are leaving a ride before the next stop, ensure **TEC** and **RL** are aware. Position yourself towards the rear.
- ❖ Pull off to the left before leaving the ride and until the **TEC** has passed your location.
- ❖ ALWAYS overtake on the right.
- ❖ DO NOT overtake crossing double barrier lines.
- ❖ DO NOT bring adverse attention to the Club/Branch because of your riding.
- ❖ Not all riders are experienced either in the group or other road users.
- ❖ Beware of the "Domino Effect" caused by sudden braking.
- ❖ If a rider is stopped by law enforcement the remainder of the riders keep going and stop a reasonable distance up the road. Do not attempt to intercede between rider and law enforcement.

## 12. Fallen Rider Protocol

- ❖ DO NOT PUT YOURSELF IN DANGER TRYING TO HELP OTHERS.
- ❖ If there is "bike down" situation let those who know what to "do it" and not crowd them.
- ❖ **TEC** will arrange traffic control around the site (where applicable).
- ❖ Park your bikes off the road.
- ❖ Do not try and move the fallen bike unless safe.
- ❖ **TEC** to ensure an ambulance or medical assistance has been arranged/called.
- ❖ Do not remove the fallen riders/pillion helmet.
- ❖ Ensure no "valuables" are left at the scene.
- ❖ Ensure contact is made with another rider still in the ride pack to appraise them of the events. Preferably the **RL** or **RC** or someone **TEC** knows has phone access through their on-board communications.
- ❖ If emergency services are not required, then **TEC** will remain until the rider/bike can be moved.
- ❖ Update at the designated contact point with the rider group, of any situation changes and any delays in re-joining the group.

## 13. Ride Advise Branch Communication

Each Sunday fortnight the Ulysses Fleurieu Branch conducts a motor cycle ride for those interested. There is usually a different ride leader (**RL**) each week. Not all members have the desire to lead a ride and that is understandable. However, if you do not wish to lead do not criticise those that do. Some members lead one ride a year and some lead more.

Prior to leading a ride, a Branch Comms is disseminated for the information of all members should they wish to attend the ride.

The **RL** is requested to submit the following information to the **RC** at least 6 days before the ride date. *Submit to email [marie.selby@optusnet.com.au](mailto:marie.selby@optusnet.com.au)*

Please include the following:

- Who is leading the ride.
- The contact details of the **RL**.
- Departure time.
- Departure location.
- Overview of the ride route.
- Coffee stop location.
- Lunch stop location.
- Does the **RL** have their phone connected to any on board communications system.
- Any parts of the ride that may challenge rider's abilities more than normal



## 14. Ride Report

The **RL** is requested to submit a ride report after each ride for inclusion in the Fleurieu Branch Whaler Newsletter. Ride Reports are of great interest to those that rode and those that did not. It is also a way of promoting the Branch to new/prospective members.

If the **RL** does not wish to submit a ride report then the **RL** is to advise the **RC** who will submit a ride report.

**Submit to email** [marie.selby@optusnet.com.au](mailto:marie.selby@optusnet.com.au)

A ride report could include:

- Date
- Weather
- Departure Point
- Coffee stop
- Completion point
- Any funny incidents (e.g., A rider being left at Strathalbyn in the toilets)
- Any returning riders
- Pictures (preferably 3)
- Overview of where went
- Any new riders
- Number of bikes involved
- Anything else you think can brighten the report

## 15. Ezy Rides

- ❖ As some riders get older in years balance protocols, riding skills and at times confidence, can affect the riders desire to be involved in the general Sunday rides.
- ❖ It is important that these members still get an opportunity to ride on a regular basis and embrace their wind therapy.
- ❖ The Fleurieu Branch Committee has decided to include an optional Ezy ride once a month for members interested.
- ❖ These rides are a morning ride to the coffee stop where members of the usual Sunday ride will be meeting.
- ❖ These rides, start location and departure time will be planned, where possible, by the **RC**.
- ❖ The ride route will be more direct than the standard ride and will have less winding sections.
- ❖ Riders on these rides must understand that not all sections of this ride will be without winding sections.
- ❖ There must be a minimum of four riders to warrant a ride being prepared.
- ❖ There will be a contact person nominated for the Ezy Rides who will liaise with the **RL** to ensure they have the minimum numbers and who will be their **RL** for the day.
- ❖ Due to the smaller numbers of riders, there may be no need for a TEC.
- ❖ The ride will depart from the same location as the Sunday ride but most likely later



## Anniversary Ride Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

A smallish group of thirteen assembled at The Alma, the weather was overcast and cold. Phil gave a toolbox talk and I gave a route briefing. We set off at 10 and turned straight onto Victor Harbor Road, after 24 Kms turned right onto Pambula Road and then some nice Fleurieu country roads where I missed the turn on to Sawpit Road and performed a perfect 'Hollis' manoeuvre. The break was at Yilki Store on Franklin Parade at Encounter Bay, a short 53 Kms.

After the break we said goodbye to Vivian and John and headed for Delamere via the wonderful Range Road then on to Normanville for a 'comfort stop'. Feeling much relieved we travelled north over the Myponga reservoir dam wall, something I have not done before. Usually it's the other way, but the view this way is quite spectacular. Along South Road, past the Buddha, and then a right turn onto Hahn Road.

A couple of turns later and we were in Willunga's High Street, 104 Kms of enjoyable riding. The lunch destination was supposed to be the Willunga Bakery. However, it was closed for this long weekend Sunday. Not to be fazed, we went into Willunga General Store and what a find! The place has fresh produce, a selection of unusual products, essential oils, pickles, pasta, etc. Ask Poida about chocolate. The coffee and egg & bacon roll I had was excellent. Jude and Vicki had the Pumpkin and Ginger soup, said it was delicious.

All in all, a good ride with a variety of roads and a lovely place to end. Cheers, Brett.



The Starters



Fairly New Boys



## What's on June/July

### Next Social Meetings

➤ **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

➤ **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

### Next Sunday Ride

➤ **Philip and Marie Wilson Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June.**

### SABC

**The next SABC is on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July from 9.30 am at Angle Vale Tavern 115 Heaslip Road Angle Vale.**

Please RSVP Ken by the Wednesday before, with a text to 0417 353 389 - SABC, your name, how many require breakfast.

## 2022 Ulysses Club 28<sup>th</sup> Odyssey- Mannum

**Hosted by Lower Murray Branch - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

### **Accommodation**

Mannum Motel 08 8569 1808

Pretoria Hotel 08 8569 1109

Mannum Big 4 Caravan Park 08 8569 1402 -Mention that you are Ulysses for 10% off.

Bolto Reserve (other side of river) \$10 per night camping and caravans.

Mannum council for info, 08 8564 6020

### **Itinerary**

#### **Friday 21st**

Registration and BBQ tea -possibly at rowing club.

#### **Saturday 22nd**

Breakfast in Main Street wherever you wish.

Led ride, including lunch stop.

Dinner at Pretoria Hotel (prepaid).

#### **Sunday 23rd**

Breakfast in Main Street wherever you wish.

Led ride, including lunch stop.

Dinner wherever you wish

Online registration opening soon.



## Welfare Matters



**Cherie Thorpe** is our Welfare Officer.

Mobile. **0498 711 137**

Email. [reumes.thorpe@gmail.com](mailto:reumes.thorpe@gmail.com)

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.

## Age, Service Badges & Branch Shirts

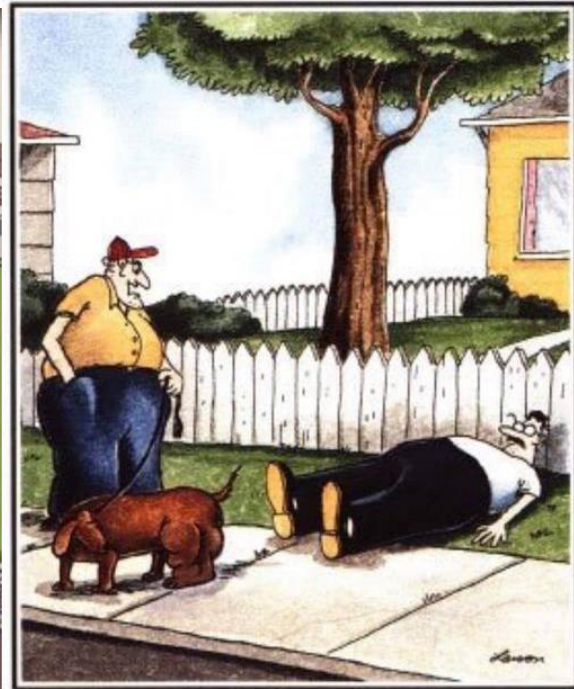
Please remember to contact our Quartermaster, Peter Swallow if you are due for an **AGE** or **YEARS** of **SERVICE BADGE**. You need to supply your membership number, and your current membership status needs to be confirmed by NATCOM.

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

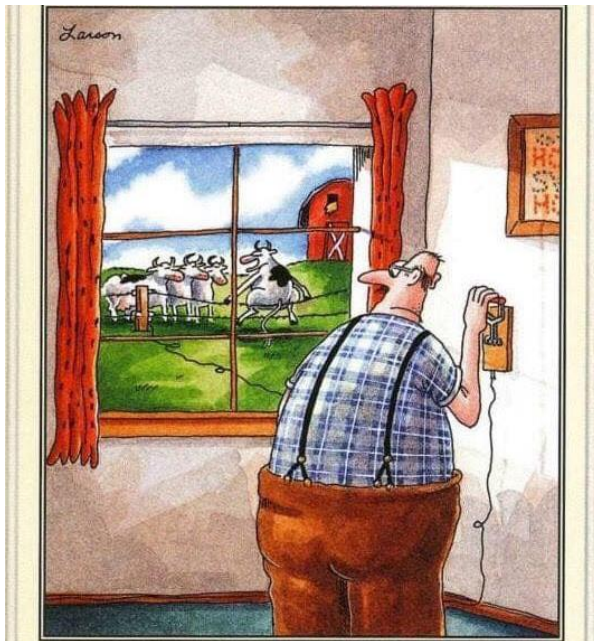
## RV Weekenders

| <b><u>Kingston<br/>on Murray</u></b>       | <b><u>Stony Creek</u></b>                        | <b><u>Wallaroo</u></b>                        |
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| Aug<br>12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> | September<br>23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> | November<br>4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> |

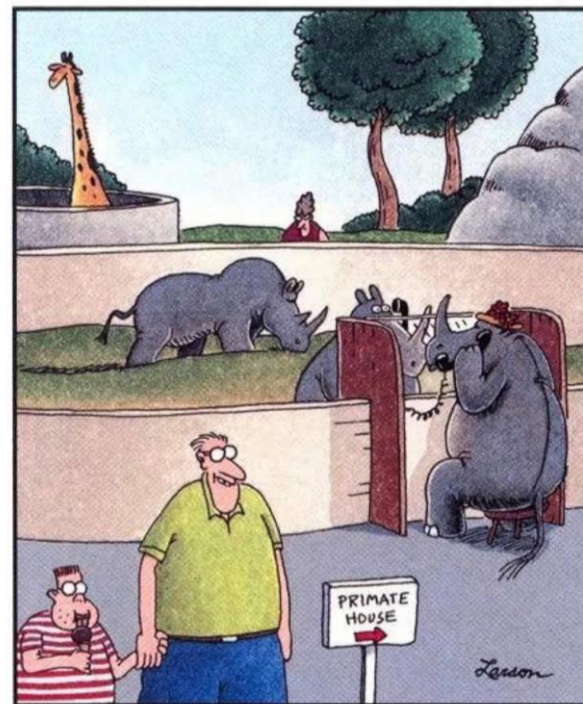
# The Funny Side




"You didn't give me a chance to elaborate, friend. ... Mitsy doesn't bite, but man, can she kick!"



"Look, if it was electric, could I do this?"



## Fleurieu Branch Wine

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|  | <p>Any Branch member who would like to purchase Dogridge Winery Canvas red or white wines please contact Phil Wilson <a href="mailto:marie.selby@optus.com.au">marie.selby@optus.com.au</a></p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>No label affixed<br/><b>\$10.00 per bottle</b></p> <p>Fleurieu Branch Label attached<br/><b>\$12.00 per bottle</b></p> |
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## Branch Classified ads



Manufactured in Victor Harbor Email: [acrossozcampers@telstra.com](mailto:acrossozcampers@telstra.com)

Phone: Ray Hann - 0429 890 830

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

Whaler Editor: [mike.thorpe@bigpond.com](mailto:mike.thorpe@bigpond.com)



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