

THE WHALER



ULYSSES CLUB INC. FLEURIEU BRANCH NEWSLETTER March 2020



Presidents Chat

Hello All,

Social Distancing

The branch committee held an extraordinary meeting yesterday to discuss three issues in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic. These are:

1. The Beast Feast.

It has been decided to cancel the event due to be held on 4th April and reschedule later in the year. As far as your tickets go, there are two options. Full refund, or hold on to your tickets until later (I have a complete record of all ticket holders).

2. Social meetings.

Until further notice we will not be holding any social events including the regular monthly Thursday meetings.

3. Rides.

We have decided that rides do not need to be cancelled. However, ride leaders need to be aware of destinations and the risks involved. It may be prudent to do rides that end back in Willunga or similar.

It may seem to some that we are overreacting. We do not think so. A lot of our members fit into the vulnerable group and we must put the welfare of all our members above all other considerations. We will keep you informed by regular 'Comms'.




For the time being we should stop our usual greetings, no handshakes and/or smooching.

Cheers, Brett.









Be Safe out there.

Your Committee 2019-2020

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Fleurieu Sunday Rides

Date	Leaving	Ride Leader	Destination
March 22nd *	Alma 10am	Self guided	TBA
April 5th	Alma 10am	Kym Pridam	Cape Jervis
April 19th	Victoria Hotel O'Halloran Hill 10am	Combined Adelaide / Fleurieu Ride	Mannum
May 3rd	Alma 10am	John Green (Roundabout)	Soup Run finishing at Chris & Bob Matthews, Goolwa

***Please note: Macies Ride Sun 22nd March has been cancelled.**

Up Coming Events

Date	Event
March 21st Sat	Sonia's Branch Coffee 'N Chat Social Get-Together CANCELLED
April 4 th Sat	SA Breakfast Club - Carrickalinga CANCELLED
April 4th Sat.	Beast Feast - CANCELLED
May 2 nd Sat	SA Breakfast Club - CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
May 4th -10th	Ulysses Club National Rally 2020 held in Lismore NSW at North Coast National Showground. CANCELLED

Ride Reports

Sunday 23rd February Ride with Rainman



Sunday 8th March Phil and Marie's Ride



On Sunday 8th March 2020 Marie and I led our first branch ride with about 20 other bikes. The two of us led so that our bike-to-bike communications would remain in range. Marie pointed to the corner marshal locations. The weather started off a little cool but soon warmed up. We left Willunga and took a few back roads to Meadows. Stopped just prior to Meadows to allow all riders to get back in line again. Then off through Meadows to the Paris Creek Road and onto Strathalbyn. Stopped at Strathalbyn for coffee and little somethings and then off again taking the road down through Langhorne Creek and on to the Wellington Ferry. There was only one car waiting and the ferry berthed soon after our arrival. All bikes on and over the River we went. On the other side we rode out to the Princess Highway and round into Taillem Bend, where we turned at the Rhinoceros and down to the Jervois Ferry for our second river crossing. There were a couple of cars waiting as the ferry was just about the berth. The Ferry Man managed to juggle the bike positions and get us all on. The River Murray looked wonderful and was calm, once over the Jervois Ferry we followed the road round into Murray Bridge and ended up at the Murray Bridge Hotel. The only down part of the day being the time to make some groups lunches. The hotel had three large groups booked in as it was a long weekend but had not increased its on-duty staff for the day. Marie now looks forward to leading her own ride later this year.



Wednesday and Friday Rides



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

Next ride is **Wed. April 8th** then Wed. May 9th (every four weeks)

For details please contact Ducati Dom on 0433 052 053



Gary Parker is leading **FRIDAY** Rides.

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

Fri. March 27th then Fri. April 24th

(every four weeks)

Gary's contact mobile is 0410 803 633

Up Coming Events

Fleurieu Branch Social Dinners cancelled until further notice.

Last dinner - Friday 6th March Aussie Inn



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

Good News Stories

Kangaroo Island Relief & Recovery

“COLOUR THE ASHES QUILTS AND BLAZE AID DONATIONS”

A very sincere thank you to all members of the Fleurieu Branch. Your generosity helped many people in need.

We delivered the much needed fence pliers, tools, nail gun and groceries to the Blazeaid Camp at Parndana. They were so thrilled to receive the items and were touched that our Branch cared. Imagine a Ulysses Odyssey site at an oval. That is what the Camp looks like. Many volunteers are sleeping in tents after a hard days work helping farmers with fencing and other jobs. They expect to be there until at least June.

We were saddened by the devastation, but the willingness of the volunteers to give so much of themselves was inspirational.

Our next stop was Island Care Inc where we delivered 66 quilts, knitted beanies, scarves, teddy bears, rugs, baby clothes, flannelette shirts and socks. One of the volunteers there said she was “struggling to hold her emotions” when we started to unload. She appreciated the time, effort and money that goes into a quilt. Each one was wrapped in cellophane with a photo of the quilt on the front so they didn’t have to be opened. They started distributing to those who have lost everything straight away, and within 24 hours we had a thank you and a photo of two girls cuddling into their new quilts. One made by our beautiful Helen Staples and one made by Sonia. It certainly brings a tear to the eye.

There are so many sad stories and they are still in need of support

If you, or someone you know is going over to Kangaroo Island, please ask them to take something over and donate to Island Care. Catherine Kewley, the Island Care Co-ordinator, knows every one who has been impacted. She is an amazing woman working 6 days a week and is on call 24/7 for receiving and giving out donations. You can contact her through Island Care Inc. Facebook page, or email islandcare@y7mail.com.

Your donations meant a lot, not only in the physical sense but an uplifting one to let people know they haven’t been forgotten.

THANK YOU amazing Fleurieu Branch.

Sonia and Warren Jamieson



Blazeaid Parndana Camp Manager Greg receiving the tools and food



Catherine and Jenny, Island Care Inc. receiving the quilts and soft goods

Fleurieu Branch Ulyssian on the Fire Front

Alan Mundy (Barra) wrote the following article on his firefighting experience over the past months. The Fleurieu Branch extends a big thank you to Barra for his tireless effort as a CFS volunteer both locally and on interstate deployment. The selfless acts of these wonderful people amongst us is both humbling and inspiring.



Hi my name is Alan (Barra) Mundy and I am a firefighter at Cherry Gardens. In Late October last year, we received a call from the RFS for volunteers to deploy to NSW. I volunteered as a truck driver. And so, began my first of 3, five-day deployments. In my first deployment we flew out of Adelaide to Armidale. We then transferred to the Base camp at Glen Innes. We were briefed and shown to our accommodation in one of many 12 person tents. The next day started with another briefing and vehicle allocation. I was put in a 3-person small NSW RFS tanker. Our task was to drive in a convoy to the Drake Long Gully fire and secure the fire edge.

This was a 3 ½ hour drive through some heavily fire ravaged areas. We spent 5 hours blacking out hot spots then a return drive back to Glen Innes.

The next day two days were more of the same. By this time, we were able to make this fire 'SAFE'. The final day was travelling back home. So ended my first deployment.

My next deployment was to Armidale, in the evening we were briefed on the next day's activities. We were to drive to a local fire and do more blacking out etc. Then, much to our surprise 10 minutes later we were told there would be 'a change of plans', tomorrow you will drive the SACFS trucks to Texas Queensland which was about 450 kms away to work on a new fire at Yetman. This fire was started by lightning and was in a national Park.

Next day we drove to the Yetman fire. I was driving a bulk water carrier this time with a crew of 2. At Yetman we were met by a couple of NSW national parks firefighters who briefed us. They would monitor the fire overnight and tomorrow we would commence back burning operations to contain the fire. We then drove through a large dust storm to our accommodation at Goondiwindi.

For the next 2 days we were involved in lighting a number of back burns and blacking out to make this fire contained and then 'SAFE'. Again, the final day was travelling back home.

On my third deployment I was sent to Kempsey.

Again, I was assigned to a small NSW RFS Tanker. This time we were tasked to help the National Parks crews to do a back burn in a remote rainforest area inland from Kempsey. This involved a fair bit of 4-wheel driving on narrow, slippery and hilly tracks.

We were back burning on a track where a large fire was expected to impact the area in a couple of days time. We were protecting an area of the forest where there were some rare and endangered species of trees and shrubs. Unfortunately, we were only able to back burn a small length of the road due to high humidity and unexpected thunder storms.

Over the next couple of days, it was more of the same and we were a bit disappointed that we could not fulfil our task completely.

So, after 3 days of working in a beautiful environment we headed back home to Adelaide.

To conclude, over the past couple of months I have been deployed 15 days to NSW, 3 days at the Cudlee Creek fire, 2-night shifts in Port Lincoln and 5 days on Kangaroo Island. Not to mention a couple of local fires in Clarendon and Scott creek.

I'm lucky to have the support of my family, a wonderful Brigade and being retired.





Welfare Matters



Cherie Thorpe is our Welfare officer.
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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



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!

☺ JS

The committee member is in the hat !!

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](#)

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[Jackets](#)

A long ride is
the answer to a
question you will
soon forget.

Branch Classifieds

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



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