



THE WHALER



MAY 2022



YZF-R7 "OW02" 1999

The YZF-R7 was Yamaha's answer to the World Superbike Championship.

Built with exotic materials and engineered based on the YZR500 Grand Prix racer, the company called it a racer out of the box. It had flat slide carburetors, titanium conrods, titanium valves, Öhlins suspension and weighed only 189 kg, dry. It was delivered with 106 hp, but a second race kit would bump that up to 162 hp. And it had Yamaha's signature 20-valve Genesis head, too.

The bike did win a number of races but never won a championship.

Only 500 were ever built at an astronomical price of USD 32,000 circa 1999



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



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President Chat

GROUP RIDING HOLIDAY, A PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE

I have recently returned from a ride to the Great Ocean Road with a group of friends. This was an eight day trip taking in Halls Gap, Apollo Bay, Warrnambool, and Mt Gambier. Unlike the trip to Tassie last month, this one was all cabins in caravan parks. So, being in close proximity for eight days, how do you stay sane and not experience conflict.

Planning is probably the most important factor. Knowing well in advance things like timings, the route, fuel availability, destinations, and accommodation makes the trip so much easier for all. Therefore, one person needs to take control of planning with input from all. That person may need to delegate various responsibilities such as researching and booking accommodation. It is a good idea to make a Messenger chat group to aid in the exchange of ideas.

On a holiday, riding with true friends and not just occasional riding buddies can make for a more pleasant experience. It is better to know how each person ticks so you when to butt in or step back. Differences of opinion will arise, you must be able to acknowledge that the opinion of others is as valid as yours. Meals can be problematic, there will be those who wish to eat out all the time and those who may need to count the pennies and sometimes cook in the cabin or camp kitchen.

The trip we have just completed ticked all of the above and we had a great holiday.

Now, you are probably thinking its only a bike ride, why make it so complicated. When you think about it, even our Sunday rides are planned by the ride leader in advance with a lot of the above taken into consideration.

Cheers All, Brett.

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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.

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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[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

- **May 18th**
- **June 16th**

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

- **June 3rd**
- **July 1st**

For details please contact Gary on 0410 803 633

What does "Ride Safely" actually mean?

We often hear people say to us, "Ride Safely". For a lot of us, that's a usual catch-cry when someone rides off to go somewhere, but what does it actually mean? Should we ride slowly? Ride at the speed limit? Obey all the road rules all the time? Is there more to riding safely than all that? Well, we reckon there is and so we've come up with some stuff here that we hope will get you thinking a little more about just what being 'safe' means when we are riding.

Most riders probably reckon that they're pretty safe and whilst that may be fair enough, unfortunately, too many crashes are due to a rider's own failings to be just that – 'safe'. Something went wrong for some reason. There's a valid viewpoint that riding a motorcycle inherently predisposes riders to a degree of danger, certainly greater than driving a car (when matters beyond our control are equal), so let's have a think about some of the things that need to be considered and or practiced so that riders can do their very best to remain safe. The following is not an exhaustive list of everything that could possibly be done but it does cover important stuff that every rider really should try to follow if you want to stay as safe as you can.



Be honest with yourself and critically assess your capabilities.

This can be a little challenging for some of us at times, that's to be truthful in recognizing our riding abilities and weaknesses. How good are you at describing your attitude when riding and does it change as the environment you encounter changes? How good is your actual skill-set these days? E.g. when was the last time you successfully managed a tight U-turn on a narrow road without putting a foot down?

When was the last time you actually 'practiced' manoeuvring your bike? Have you considered doing a 'refresher' course? Remember that the Ulysses Club provides a generous rebate for completing a recognized training/refresher course. The old adage of "if you don't use it you lose it" is very true when it comes to riding.

A lot of crashes happen when riders fail to negotiate a bend or turn in the road. It can be quite surprising for some riders when they realise just how much more/better their bikes can actually lean, stop or swerve than the rider might dare to input. This awareness and the ability to do just that, might make the difference when it comes to reacting to unexpected situations. Doing an accredited riding course provides an opportunity to improve your confidence and skills.

Importantly, when it comes to honesty and self-assessment – ride your own way! Don't be pressured into riding in such a way where you start to compromise your own safety because another rider might be going faster or overtaking when you ordinarily might not. Your ride, first and foremost should be about enjoyment and not an exercise on being stressed or having to prove anything to yourself or others.

Remember also, the effect that wind, rain, glare or darkness will have on your level of risk and your need to adjust how you're riding. Exactly what YOU might need to adjust will come back to your own honest assessment about your riding.



Effective risk minimisation

This sounds like a fancy catchphrase but it's simply all about 'switching on'. Yes it's great to be on the bike and out there enjoying yourself and as we've already said that's what riding's about but we still need to focus when we ride – on ourselves, on the road surface, on what's ahead and then what we should be doing (as in our bike control) as we approach 'hazards' within the road environment. Remember, a 'hazard' can be anything from an intersection or a vehicle ahead of us or a line of vehicles obstructing our vision.

A common method to assist with hazard identification and risk perception when riding is to practice doing what's known as a personal 'commentary ride', where you start telling yourself about each and every potential hazard you're identifying as you ride. In some road situations, particularly in built-up areas, if you're doing your commentary effectively, you won't be able to shut up! Effective risk minimisation has to be a deliberate and concentrated effort and it simply won't happen if we sit back, relax and daydream about how great the ride is.



You and your bike

How's my bike going? Oil and coolant levels? Tyres? That small road contact patch is critical to your safety whilst riding and includes the tyre wear and pressures. How're the lights, indicators and everything else? Your safety can even come down to you and the type of bike you're riding? This relates to our first point about being honest in your ability to manage the type of bike you're riding. This is an important consideration, particularly if you've recently changed the style of bike. For example, say you're only around 170 cm tall and just love that new 'adventure' bike? How're you going to cope with the 850 mm seat height? There's only so much you can do with ergonomic adjustments, even when most modern bikes offer adjustment capability.

Ok, so you're right with your bike? What about you? Are you well enough to ride today? Being tired, stressed, angry, depressed, even just hungry or any combination of these is probably not going to be conducive to helping you be your best. Again, this comes back to the honesty and self-awareness aspect. If you don't think you're right, best leave the ride for another day. It's not a sign of weakness, just being smart.



In the group

Hey we're Ulyssians! How good is it to get together and head off on another 'adventure'? Of course it's great but remember, it's best to have our ride planned and managed. We need to know where we're going, routes, the weather forecast and where we're stopping as a group to consider.

Are we all the same? No. What's the ride protocol (assuming there is one)? Some riders will want to go faster than others and if riding in a group, this is a contingency that needs to be managed for everyone's safety and peace of mind. Hard to ride safely if people are stressed or unsure. Ulysses Club branches seem to have this aspect pretty well sorted in the main.

Stops

We've written some articles on this before but given the topic, worth revisiting. We're not here to preach but sometimes it's worthwhile to have a think about the importance of our stops when out on a ride. Common-sense stuff.

Stop regularly to assist with comfort and re-focusing our attention

Hydrate regularly. Dehydration is a killer when it comes to your ability to focus and concentrate let alone your overall health. Don't wait until you start feeling thirsty as that's already a warning sign of de-hydration. What about a couple of ales? Alcohol will only de-hydrate you, even though it might taste nice, cold and wet.

Sustenance. We need it but riding with a heap of gut-luggage is not great. Small meals are best for your concentration levels. Save the big meals for dinner when you've finished riding. Discuss your riding. Talk about how your bike's going. Yeah, sometimes you hear stuff stretching the imagination but we also hear important things that might benefit.

Gear

We don't really want to preach here again but, the reality is if you do have the misfortune to come off your bike, you'll likely suffer a lot less (perhaps not your pride) if you're protected by 'good' riding gear.

Be honest with yourself and critically assess your apparel, it's your choice (or skin).

By Permission - Peter Ivanoff #18790 Ulysses Club Road Safety Committee (UCRSC)

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.

30 now pre-registered to date. Come on, this is a special celebration. You must pre-register to secure your meal. No additional meals available on the day.

A 3 Course meal will be served at 6:00 pm.

Hann's Haus Menu

- 3 Soups – Pea & Ham, Seafood Chowder & Pumpkin.
 - 3 Types of BBQ meats with salads & Baked Potatoes.
 - 3 Deserts – Vanilla Slice, Fresh Winter Fruit Salad, Apple Crumble & Ice Cream or Cream.
- Please BYO alcohol & soft drinks.
- Please BYO chairs as there are a limited number of chairs available.

We have been fortunate to secure artists Songbird Maryanne, Ukulalian's Hobbit, Gary and Trev.

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

ULYSSES CLUB – FLEURIEU BRANCH 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 Ride Coordinator.
- ❖ 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 Ride Leader to ensure they have the minimum numbers and who will be their Ride Leader for the day.
- ❖ Due to the smaller numbers of riders, there may be no need for a Tail End Charlie.
- ❖ The ride will depart from the same location as the Sunday ride but most likely later.

Gary Parkers Ride to Mount Gambier – April 6th.

After gathering for a short time at Meadows, we headed for Strathalbyn to join up with the Adelaide and Torrens Valley Branch guys.

After hello's and a briefing about the weekend, 19 Bikes and 23 people headed for the Ferry at Wellington for the first stage of our weekend ride. Upon arriving at Wellington, and waiting for the ferry, people took the chance to rekindle old friendships and chat about bikes, weather and riding. All 19 bikes were able to get on the ferry together which certainly helped with timing. We headed for Meningie for coffee and toilet stop. Some guys took the opportunity for fuel, then off we headed for Kingston and then on to Robe for lunch and fuel.

Some of the Adelaide group split off and headed for Mt Gambier for an early Beer O clock session. The rest of us regrouped and rode on to Beachport, and circumnavigated the Tourist Route, taking in some lovely sights Beachport has to offer. We then rode on to Mt Gambier. After settling in to our various accommodation, we settled for a quiet ale before gathering for dinner. Dinner was in a function room provided by the hotel for us, which meant we were able to chat amongst ourselves with ease, and were given a little personalized service from the staff.

Saturday, after breaky, saw Kym take the lead, as he is an ex local, we headed for Port MacDonnell, then onto Nelson and returning to the Mount. The ride from the Mount to Pt Mac, was excellent with a stop at one of the small lakes that abound the area. Lots of questions to divers that were using the lake as their playground. We took in a lot of rugged coastal views and also a visit to a private museum, with a very big collection of Valiant Cars, and various other collectable items.

Back at the Mount we gathered for a quiet beverage or two, prior to dinner. Then dinner and various discussions about which way people were going home the next day. Sunday saw breakfast taken and good byes spoken.

Huge thank you to the Adelaide and Torrens Valley guys who came along to enjoy the weekend. Big thanks also to Kym and Longy for Tail End work and Kym for his navigation and leading the group for the Saturday tour.

Hope to see you all again on next year's ride.

Gary Parker (Gaz)









Dave Polinghorne's Travels Around Oz



This would be Carnarvon or Kalbarri we think.

Mikey's Sunday Ride– May 1st.

Destination: Strath for morning tea, Mt Pleasant for lunch.

Mikey the Lead, Me the Pointer and Trevor our TEC.

16 bikes, 18 people.

Included, 4 Newbies: Mark from Eden Hills, Lachlan from Strath, John and Viv from Somerton Park (returned rider)

Tool-box Chat with Trevor explaining corner marking etc to our newbies.

Off we went, slight glitch where some riders lined up behind one of the corner markers, Brett phoned Mikey to explain the delay and to re-group when possible.

What a great day for a ride!!! , no rain, very little wind and we all know It's always nice riding in the Adelaide Hills, but really good to see some green pastures and hills appearing after summer and some rain. Road kill was at an all-time low however we could easily tell that the vines had recently been fertilised with Blood and Bone.

Morning tea was enjoyed at our favourite spot, Strathalbyn. 9 bikes finished the first half at Strathalbyn, with 7 proceeding on the second half of the ride to Mt Pleasant. This was a quicker pace due to the long straights and awesome sweeps which allowed all riders to blow out some cobwebs along the way.

We settled down at Mt Pleasant Bakery for lunch and a chat, (we decided the Distillery looked interesting but better to come back and experience it on 4 wheels not 2.) Slowly everyone took their turn at finding their own route home. Bomber and Paul decided the Corkscrew was for them, Mark wanted the scenic route home, and Jerry had to return home to go fishing over on the York Peninsula. The rest of us, just took our time getting home.

To the Newbies: welcome to the playground of Fleurieu Ulysses Branch.

Summary:

300km round trip, very little traffic to hold us up with exception of a few horse floats, no rain, great company, no-one got lost, everyone rode at their own pace, what more could you want?

Maybe I am a bit bias but Mikey is a considerate ride leader, always checking his mirrors, slowing down to close any gaps, and even though some may not approve, he regrouped on 3 occasions when safe to do so to avoid the group getting split. Even at intersections if there was oncoming traffic, Mikey waited until he thought the gap was enough for all riders to get through.

Due to our newbies Mikey felt it was important to stay as a group and allow each one to ride at their own pace on roads they were not familiar with.

The Pointer Cherie





Martins Sunday Ride – May 15th.

10.00 a.m. and the toolbox talk given and introduced the ride leader to SIX other riders, yes that right SIX.

Of that included John and Vivian on the second recent ride and Ken and Michele from the Adelaide Branch joining in. (Brett, Hughie, Poida, The beautiful Marie and Myself)

The morning was sunny, blue sky and scattered clouds. Hughie (Martin Sutherland) headed off west then north towards McLaren Vale, into that township and off on a side road and away we went. Passing numerous wineries, vineyards, cows, sheep lambs and horses. We went along some seldom used roads and meandered around to Mount Compass. Coffee and chat with Steve in his sports Nissan joining us.

Weather still 18°C and sunny. It was here that John and Vivian left us, the remainder wandered onwards. Again, travelling some uncommon roads passing a field full of cockatoos, except for three hanging upsides down in a tree, one of them decided to dive bomb Hughie. Just missing him and the bike. I am sure the others were giving a score out of 10 for timing, commitment, and annoyance.

Through to Yankalilla, Inman Valley Road and then cutting up some back roads to Range Road. Here we caught some unpleasant rain for about 10 minutes before sunshine going down into Victor. Bypassing the town and back to Mount Compass for lunch, once again weather now beautiful.

Well done, Hughie.

Phil Wilson (Ride Coordinator)



Awards & Badges



Tony Jarman's new patch – Daylight

One hour early for the Sunday ride after Daylight Saving finished

What's on May/June

Next Social Meeting

- **Thursday 19th May**

Next Sunday Ride

- **Philip Wilson Sunday 29th May.**

SABC

The next SABC is on Saturday 4th June from 9.30am at [Breeze](#), 163 Esplanade Aldinga, SA.

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

2022 Ulysses Club 28th Odyssey- Mannum

Hosted by Lower Murray Branch - Friday 21st – Monday 24th 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

Itinary

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

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.

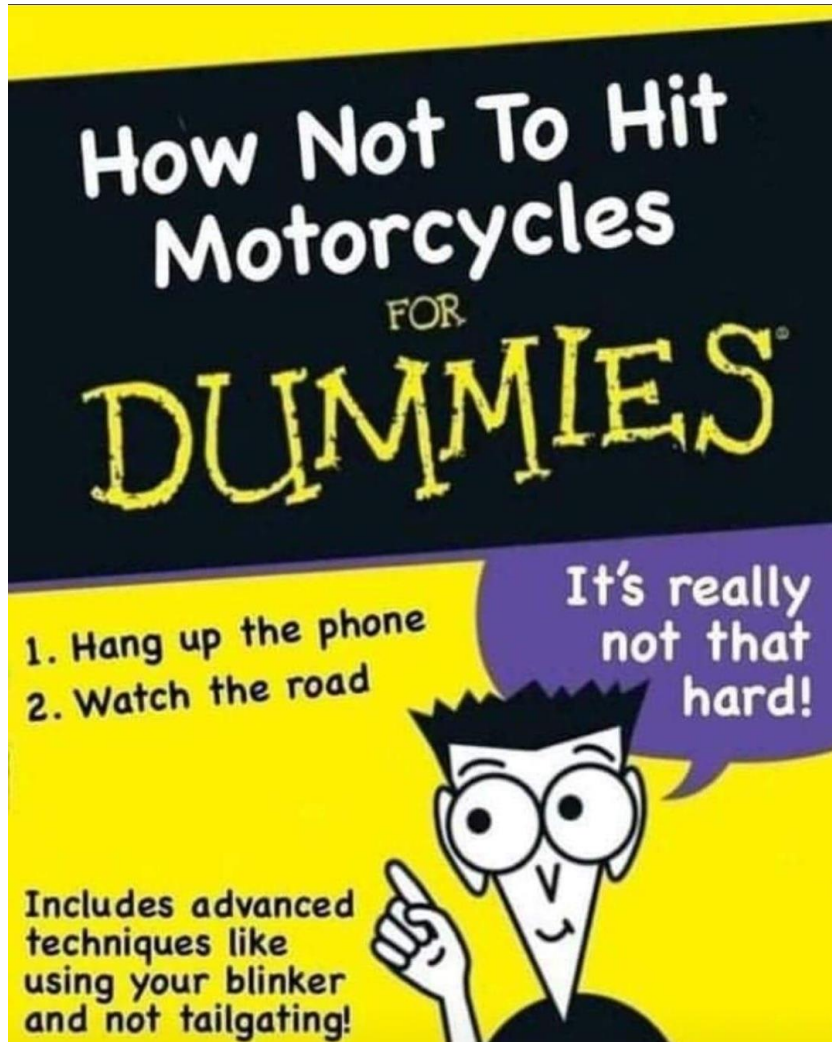
Age, Service Badges & Branch Shirts

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

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



Fleurieu Branch Wine

	<p>Any Branch member who would like to purchase Dogridge Winery Canvas red or white wines please contact Phil Wilson marie.selby@optus.com.au</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 \$10.00 per bottle</p> <p>Fleurieu Branch Label attached \$12.00 per bottle</p>
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Branch Classified ads



Manufactured in Victor Harbor Email: 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

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