



WHALER



October - November 2022

A social club for motorcyclists over the age of 40



The Can-Am Spyder ("Spyder")

The Can Am Spyder is one of the most eye catching vehicles you see on the road. Can Am created this vehicle to appeal to the people who are looking for a motorcycle but are easier to operate. The Can Am Spyder is extremely easy to drive, the transmission is automatic and braking to all three wheels is done through a single, right foot brake pedal, just like in a car. Can Am's original target market were the baby boomers who were no longer interested in operating a 2 wheel motorcycle due to stability or safety concerns but still wanted to have style and express their personality. This is still a large percentage of the Spyder owners but they are now attracting the younger generations! Can Am also makes the Ryker, a more affordable and customizable version of the Spyder. The Ryker is aimed at millennial's who are interested in learning how to ride a motorcycle but prefer something that is easy to operate, affordable and will allow them to express themselves.

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President Chat

Hello everyone. Two months is a lot of time to try to remember what has happened. I will try.

Rides

There were only three rides this time. Unfortunately, due to the lousy weather, Jacks ride on the 30th October was cancelled. Marie and Phil led two and Ian led the ride on 16th of October. Due to certain commitments, I was unable to do any of those rides. Pity that, as they were all great rides (as usual). Anyway, full reports inside.

Odyssey at Mannum

The Odyssey was a success, well done Lower Murray Branch. They managed to pull the event together and overcome a couple of glitches. Apparently about 12 members of the other branches got Covid. Fleurieu dodged a bullet there.

Macclesfield bike show

What a day! Perfect weather, a great turnout by our members, and a huge number of bikes on show, far more than the last time. Our stand was well presented with the flags, A frame, and pamphlets. We scored 12 new enquiries which is outstanding and shows the relevance of attending an event like that. We will be attending next year. And, as always if anyone has suggestions for improvement, let us know.

For the last five years I have had the privilege of being President of the Fleurieu Branch of Ulysses. In those five years your committee has achieved a lot. We have many new members. A real feeling of community. No politics, and no agendas. A good committee is only good with the backing of you, our members. Every one of you should feel proud of your contribution to our branch.

However, there comes a time to move on and allow fresh minds to take over. With that in mind, I will not be seeking nomination for the role next year.

Cheers All, Brett.

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Branch AGM

The branch AGM will be held at the Alma Hotel Willunga on Thursday February 16th 2023 at 7:30 pm Nominations for the Branch Committee 2023, open this Thursday November 17th. Nominations forms will be available at the next social meeting. Nomination forms can be requested from the Branch Secretary.

Positions for nomination are:

- **President**
- **Secretary**
- **Treasurer**
- **Three ordinary committee members**

Please note that all nominations must be in writing and need to be signed by the Proposer, Seconder and Nominee, who must all be financial members of Ulysses Club Inc.

Branch Christmas Dinner

The Branch Christmas dinner will be held at the Alma Hotel Willunga on Saturday December 17th at 6:30 pm. There will be raffles and a door prize. Please note, this Christmas dinner replaces the social meeting scheduled for December.

3 Course Menu \$39.00 or a 2 Course Menu \$34.00.

Your branch will subsidise each person \$10.00.

- **Entrée:** Pumpkin Soup with Bread roll or Traditional Prawn Cocktail.
- **Main:** Aldinga Turkey Breast and Cranberry or Roast Pork or Roast Beef.
(All are served with roast potatoes, vegetables and gravy)
- **Dessert:** Traditional Christmas pudding served with brandied custard or Individual Pavlova served with berry coulis, cream and Passionfruit pulp.

Please call 0405 174 741 with your name and how many are planning to attend. This will allow us to let the Alma know the final numbers well in advance.

Note - Close off date for reservations Friday Dec 9th.

SA Breakfast Club

Saturday 3rd December 2022 from 9.30 am at

Oasis Gardens & Function Centre, 726 Langhorne Creek Rd, Belvidere.

Come early if you wish, but we need to be out by 11.30 am. Confirmation to

0417 353 389 required by Thursday 1st December.

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Branch Rides

Sunday Rides

- Every Fortnight, refer Ride Calendars following.
- Departing from the Alma Hotel Willunga unless a scheduled changed.

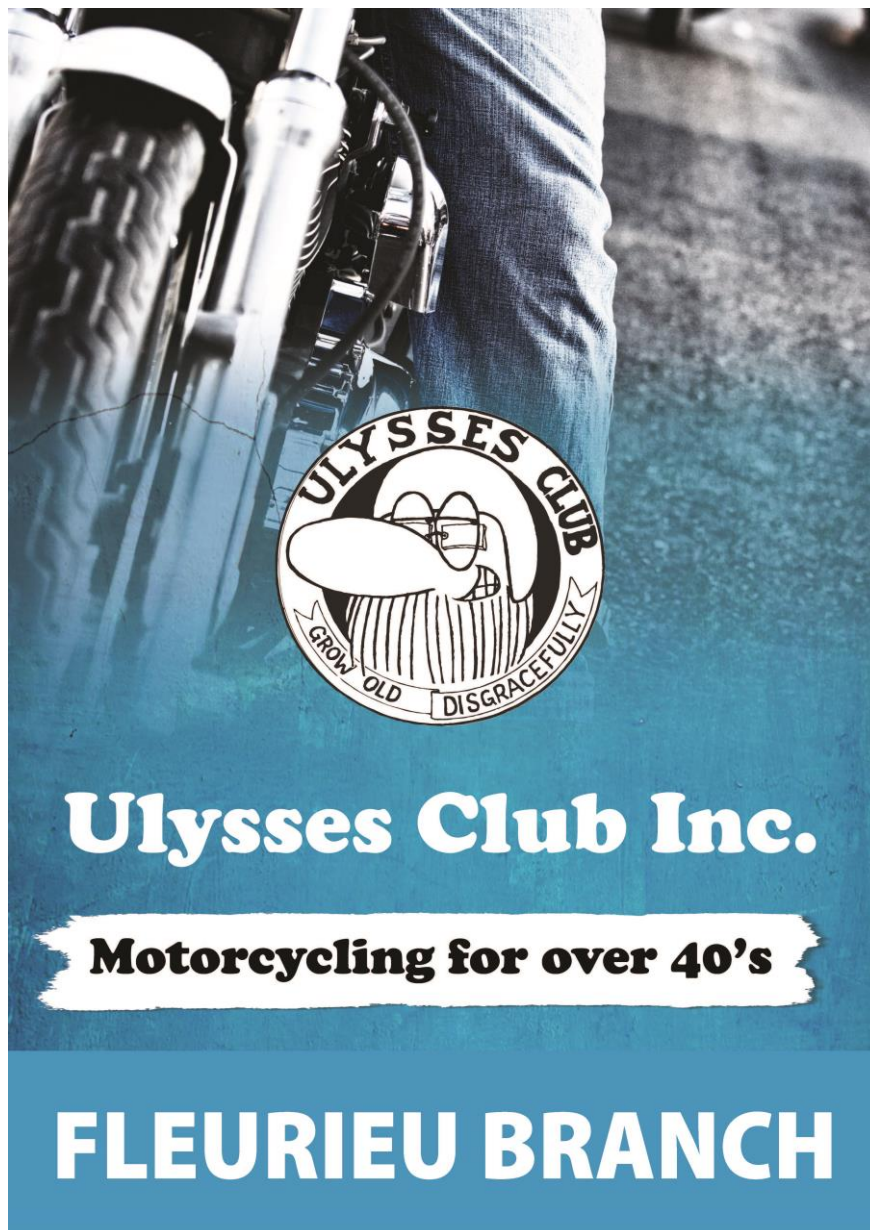
Ride Leaders - November

20th Onkaparinga Pageant

27th Brenton Jones

Ride Leaders - December

11th Toy Run Vicki & Philip Wilson



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Motorcycling for over 40's

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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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Sunday rides every second Sunday. Refer to Ride Calendar above for dates.

Meet at the Alma Hotel well before at 10:00 am.

Ride Briefing at 09:50 with Stands Up at 10:00 am Sharp.

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There are Wednesday and a Friday Rides between the Sunday rides.
Refer to Ride Calendar above for dates.



Dominic Carli leads Wednesday Rides.

Meet at Victor at 9.30 am.
Meet at the Alma Hotel
Well before at 10:00 am
Stands Up at 10:00 am Sharp

Next rides
October 5th
November 2nd

For details please contact
Dom on 0433 052 053



Gary Parker leads Friday Rides.

Meet at the Alma well before at 10:00 am
Stands Up at 10:00 am Sharp

Next rides
September 23rd
October 21st

For details please contact
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Can-Am Spyder

The Can-Am Spyder is a three-wheeled motorcycle manufactured by Can-Am motorcycles, a division of Bombardier Recreational Products. The vehicle has a single rear drive wheel and two wheels in front for steering. The Spyder uses an ATV-like chassis and has traction and stability control, and ABS. The manufacturer refers to it as a "roadster," but in technical terms, it is more of what has been traditionally called a trike.

All Spyder models have storage space under the hood at the front of the vehicle, referred to as a frunk. Top rear dual helmet boxes and other accessories for the Spyder are also available. The Spyder front and rear brakes are both actuated by the same foot pedal, a reverse gear, power steering and an optional electric shift semi-automatic transmission.

The Spyder was formerly produced in both manual and semi-automatic transmission styles. As of the 2020 model year, all Spyder models are equipped with a semi-automatic transmission and Ryker models are equipped with fully automatic continuously variable transmissions (CVT). The manual transmissions follow the standard motorcycle design: a left-foot-actuated shifter and a left-hand-actuated clutch. The semi-automatic transmission models use a paddle-shifter on the left-hand grip, and it will automatically downshift as the vehicle slows, but upshifting must be manually performed by the rider.

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Better Traffic Visibility

A Spyder has a unique design and shape, one that is sure to catch your eye. This is a huge plus on the road because people will notice you! Most 2-wheel motorcycle accidents happen because drivers typically don't see them, they are looking for other cars and/or trucks. With a Spyder you have a wider vehicle than the typical 2-wheel motorcycle, making it easier to see you. In addition, a Spyder isn't narrow enough to fit in between cars that are driving in traffic, resulting in less crashes.

Less Swerving

On a Spyder you handle it much like driving a car. You use the handle bars, not your body. With a 2-wheel motorcycle, you ride it like a bicycle, you use your body and you lean as you steer.

Comfort

Spyder's now offer extra-long touring floorboards to ensure the rider is comfortable for those longer rides. The seating features lower centre of gravity plush rider and passenger heated seats. The suspension calibration improves riding dynamics. The superior wind protection allows for you and your passenger to put more distance between each stop on your adventure.

Balance

Spyder's are more stable than a motorcycle and they do not require you to hold them steady at traffic lights. The stability definitely makes it easier to ride in bad weather or on sandy/gravelly terrain than a motorcycle. In addition, a Spyder is less likely to tip over because it has three points of support. Extra stability can open the door to more people who would not normally be confident enough to experience the open highway.

Style

As mentioned before, the Spyder has a unique look to it. The design is full of rich textures and finishes along with premium LED headlights and full color LCD displays. Every last detail is unique and tailored with the rider in mind.

Support for the disabled

Due to health and/or physical issues some people are unable to ride motorcycles and that often times gets overlooked.

Support for the elderly

Helping keep a generation of born to run riders on the roads.

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Fact or Fiction

Article was written by Rob White #22674

I was having a yarn with a long-term Club member recently and he raised a point about members, particularly newer ones, who don't understand who NATCOM are, or what they do. He pointed out that some members have almost no idea about their Club's structure, or how it is run.

Maybe we should begin at the beginning; NATCOM (the National Committee) is you! The NATCOM is a committee of seven members who are elected to run the Club's affairs on behalf of the rest of the members who live all over Australia, and beyond.

To help familiarise you with how things work within the National Committee and National Administration Office, we thought we'd try and dispel some popular myths, while providing you with a few facts along the way. So here goes:

FICTION - NATCOM are paid to look after our Club, just like any Board of Directors.

FACT - NATCOM members are not paid. They are volunteers. The Club does reimburse them for travel, accommodation and meal expenses when they attend NATCOM meetings, and a monthly allowance is paid to cover telephone calls and internet access. Sometimes, reimbursement may also be approved for a specific presentation or meeting where a NATCOM member's presence is required. And before you ask; No, they have to buy their own drinks when they attend functions!

FICTION - At the National Rally each year there is an Extended NATCOM Meeting, which is one of the six meetings mandated by the Constitution. Does that mean then, that NATCOM members are reimbursed for attending the National Rally?

FACT – No. While NATCOM members are expected to attend the National Rally and AGM, they pay their own way, and they are not reimbursed.

FICTION – NATCOM members handle the day-to-day operations and administration of the Club.

FACT – The Club currently employs one permanent staff member. As the name implies, our Administration Office staff look after general administrative tasks such as enquiries, membership processing, warehousing, dispatch and AGM Event registrations as well as assisting our (volunteer) Editor with the production of the Club's quarterly journal, *Riding On*.

FICTION – NATCOM members work at the National Administration Office in Sydney.

FACT – The National Committee members live and work in separate Australian states and territories. Some are employed in normal 9-5 jobs, others run their own businesses and one or two thought they were retired ... before they were elected to NATCOM!

Occasionally, individual NATCOM members will spend a day or two at the National Office completing specific jobs that require them to be 'on site'. They try to make these visits coincide with regular NATCOM meetings (which are usually on a Saturday) so that travel expenses can be minimised.

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Push Bike Matters & Law

The road cycling events calendar is starting to increase across SA and is likely to get even more intense in the build up to the Tour Down Under. This means an increase in push bikes on the road when we are riding. Now some push bike riders remain considerate of other road users where others become more belligerent than usual. If you come across a group of push bike riders with competition numbers on their backs then it is likely they are more interested in the competition than the road rules:

- Expect sudden movements from the riders.
- Riders overtaking others wider than 2 abreast.
- Large groups across the road on corners.
- Groups of vehicles that have slowed down because of the riders, sometimes at awkward locations.
- Support vehicles travelling as slow as the bikes
- Officials with signs suddenly stopping traffic to allow bikes to cross the road.
- Vehicles coming towards you that are crossing double barrier lines to get around push bikes.
- Remember when passing a push bike in a "country" location there must be a 1 metre to 1.5 metre distance between the bike and your motor bike, depending on the road speed limit.
- You can legally cross double barrier lines and solid single lines to pass push bikes, **only when safe to do so**



The South Australia Road Rules state:

Two cyclists may ride abreast on a road, but they must not ride more than 1.5 metres apart. Three or more bicycles must not ride abreast, but a cyclist may overtake two cyclists who are riding abreast.

Drivers are required to give a minimum of one metre when passing a cyclist where the speed limit is 60 km/h or less or 1.5 metres where the speed limit is over 60 km/h.

The Highway Safety Code invokes motorists' good judgment: Article 344 states that a driver may cross a solid single or double line when overtaking a cyclist, provided it can be done safely.

Phil Wilson - Ride Coordinator #53322

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Ride Reports

Robbo's Ride 2nd October 2022.

There is a saying "Suns Out Guns Out", well on Sunday 2nd October it was different "Suns Out Bikes Out".

The briefing was given to 33 riders and some pillions, yes that is correct 33. We had two new riders in Libby and Robert, 2 ex-Presidents in Julie and Symo plus a few we had not seen for a while. And away we went up the centre piece of the Fleurieu, Willunga Hill. Small issue at the top a couple turned just before the Victor Harbour Road, but after a phone call from TEC Poida everyone eventually caught up. We wandered along Pages Flat and Hindmarsh Tiers Rd, by passed Victor, touched Middleton and then on through to the Milang bakery for morning break.

All was running well. As we came to the close of morning break another quick briefing where it was decided that if you have a "small one" it would help putting your hand out. For the uninformed this related to indicators. Some bikes have very small indicators, which appear to be a tacked-on afterthought and with the sun it can make seeing them a little difficult. Some of those present thought I said if you had a "small one put your hand up", a couple of embarrassed looks so we all just returned to our bikes.

Off we went through Langhorne Creek, Strathalbyn, Ashbourne and Meadows to the McLaren Flat Bakery for lunch. We saw a variety of animals along the way, including cows with waist bands attached, all looking decidedly happier with the sun shining on them. It was another great ride.

Thanks Robbo.

Phil Wilson - Ride Coordinator #53322



Gangs all here



Ready to Lead



Its Spyder time

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Brewers Ride Sunday 16th October 2022.

Brewers Ride was met with another sunny day with 24 bikes set to go. Of those were the original President Warren and Lady Sonia. Both took their own ride to lunch. Also with us was Ken and Michelle Wagntiz. Away went 22 bikes, winding our way through the back roads of McLaren Vale & McLaren Flat trying to avoid a cycling event that was in progress. We travelled through some twisty roads on our way to Mylor. A small, missed turn by one in Hawthorndene, but soon all back in line. Mylor is lovely albeit the barista at the local coffee stop was obviously working to a plan of how long she can stretch out an order of coffees. The Ride Coordinator was very understanding giving those who had only just got their coffees an extra full minute before we left.

After Mylor onto the Finnis Café where the ride was now a lot straighter and quicker. We went via Echunga and Meadows, along the Bull Creek Road and into Finnis. The only slow point being Meadows where they were having some sort of fair. Poorly organised by the Meadows community who need to check with us in future to determine which weekend they can have their fair. Finnis as always is a good location.

Another great ride. Well done Brewer.

Phil Wilson - Ride Coordinator #53322



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Phil & Maries Ride Sunday 13th November 2022

Power out, petrol stations closed, coffee shops inactive, but riding was still on. Poida, Richard, Las and Stick It headed off on a changed route due to the small number of riders and their safety. We travelled Main South Road, thru Morphett Vale (I now remember why I do not miss commuter riding, the traffic lights). Encountered a few rain sprinkles on the approach to Aldinga, then on towards Myponga and over the Myponga Dam. Yes, there is water in it and water running out of it. Over the dam and round through to Yankalilla Bakery. The weather was now a balmy 20 degrees, no rain, little wind and blue sky and white clouds. After a break, up Yankalilla Hill, through Myponga, Pages Flat Road, down the old Willunga Hill, thru Willunga and McLaren Vale and on to home.

There were several points in the trip where there was mud and stones on the road, especially when making the right turn towards the dam. A few new holes in the road and the occasionally piece of debris but overall, fairly good road conditions.



Richard, Stick It and Poida.

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Macclesfield Lions Bike Show Sunday November 6th.

2,500 bikes through the gates during the day and parked on the Macclesfield football oval. There was every type of bike, trike & Spyder at this event. The Lions are planning on 3,000 through the gates next year, so if you get a chance to visit you will not be disappointed with the bike show.



As very special thank you to all the members who joined in on the day and parked their special bikes, trikes & Spyders onto our Fleurieu site for the event. We have a constant stream of visitors during the day looking over our special collection of bikes, trikes & Spyders

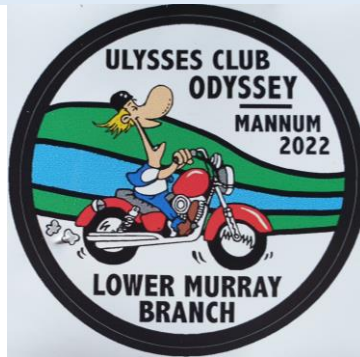
This was a great day for our Fleurieu branch to promote ourselves and to promote the Ulysses Club. We have over a couple of years picked up new members form this event. We were lucky enough to pick up sixteen new contacts to add to our subscribers list.



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Mannum Odyssey 2022



Gary Parker joined his Friday ride group with the group ride to the Mannum Odyssey. The two groups meet at the Grunthal Brewery car park Hahndorf and then departed via Mount Pleasant to Mannum. Regrettably we had to leave one rider behind as his new beautifully smooth, responsive and incredibly refined ride, Triumph rocket would not start. Checking later he did get home OK. Those riders not continuing on the Odyssey left us at Mt Pleasant.



We travelled onto the Mannum Odyssey via Mount Pleasant, Sedan, Swan Reach, Nidottie, Bowhill, Younghusband as check in at the caravan park was after 2.00 pm.

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Just on 90 Ulyssians registered for this event and many appreciated the Friday night greet & meet BBQ. The Saturday night gathering was at the Mannum Community club where 90 Ulyssians enjoy a great 2 course meal served by the Club.

The weather played a big part in curtailing group riding and it was very interesting to watch the fast flowing River Murray in all its glory. Unfortunately some members (not Fleurieu) who attended did take home Covid.

Friday night Meet & Greet



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Saturday Night Dinner



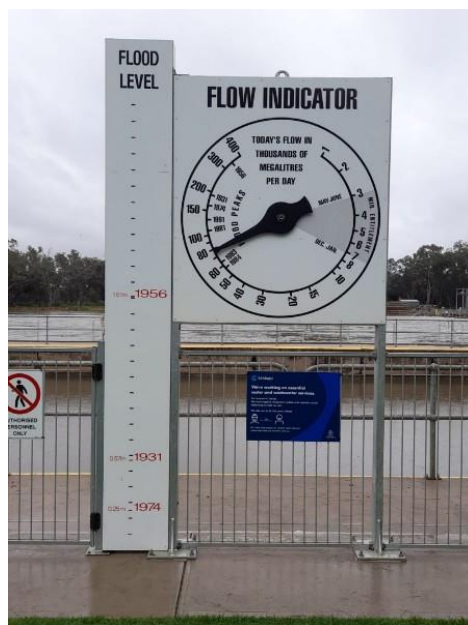
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Mannum Caravan Park



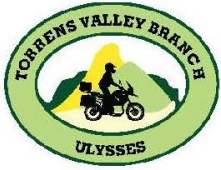
The mighty River Murray from the Mannum Caravan Park



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Future Event Odyssey 2023



Save The Date - 13th to the 15th October 2023

South Australian Odyssey



The next South Australian Odyssey will be held at Clare in the Mid north of the State.

Party Central will be at the Discovery Park, just to the south of the Township from the **13th to the 15th October 2023**.

All accommodation in the Park has been held for us and early bookings are highly recommended to ensure a cabin or space for your caravan.

We will get a 10% discount on mentioning the Ulysses Club when booking.
Phone 8842 2724 to book.

Planning is well advanced, and we will do a few things very differently to past Events.
The Saturday evening festivities will be held at the Clare Golf Club.

Registration will be available mid next year.
For further information, phone Nev Gray on 0416 050 189.



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. Just let inform Cherie if you know of a member who needs support.

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Age, Service Badges & Branch Shirts



Mikey receiving 70 year badge

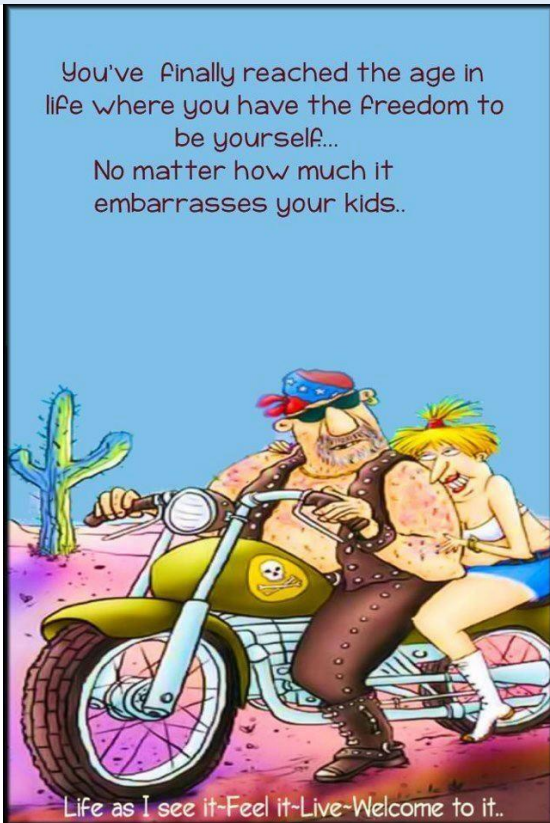


Paul Watson (Gov) receiving 20 year membership badge

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.

The Funny Side



"That's not exactly how I intended you to use the treadmill."

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ADVENTURE

Remember, it's not a real adventure until things stop going as planned...



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NICKNAMES FOR YOUR WORKMATES

- Wicket keeper** - puts on gloves and stands back
Harvey Norman - 3 years no interest
Sensor light - only works if someone walks past
Noodles - thinks all jobs take 2 minutes
Blister - appears when the hard work is done
Showbag - full of sh..
Lantern - not very bright and has to be carried
Deck chair - always folds under pressure
Perth - 3 hours behind everyone else
Bushranger – holds everyone up
Wheelbarrow - only works when he's pushed
Limo - carries about 8 people
Cordless - charges all night but only works for 2 hours

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Who Said Spelling is important.

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Fleurieu Branch Wines



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 Fleurieu Branch Label attached

\$10.00 per bottle

Fleurieu Branch Label attached

\$12.00 per bottle

Branch Classified ads



Manufactured in Victor Harbor Email: acrossozcampers@telstra.com
Phone: Ray Hann - 0429 890 830

Pete Flynn
33 Justin Crescent
Christie Downs
SA 5164
pflynn@adam.com.au
Mobile: 0493 408 711

Please call first to ensure i am there!

New Computer Sales, Service & Upgrades

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