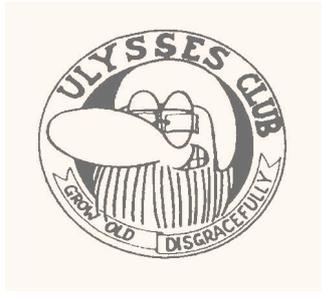


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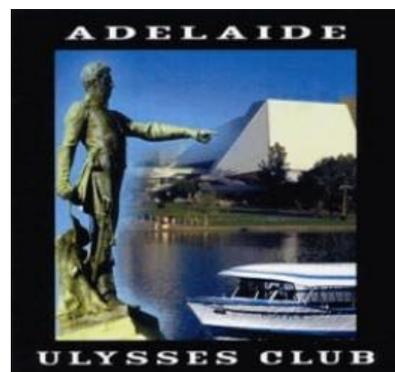


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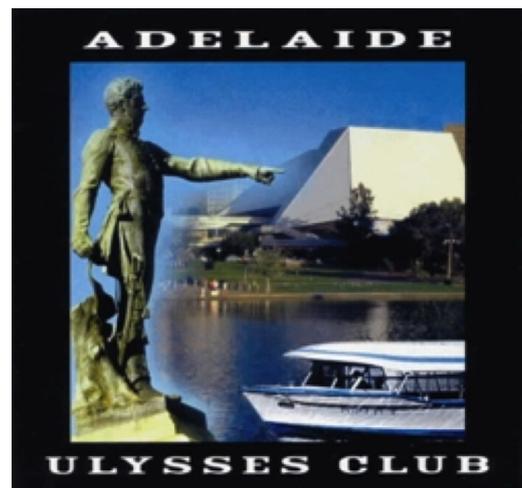


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Hi All,

Hope everyone had a great time at the AGM in the Riverland. There are a couple of reports in this issue from members, and I thank them for that.

I forgot to mention in the April issue, that we have a new sponsor: John Wilson, Marriage Celebrant - see John's ad on page 17.

So glad to see some cold weather, at last. Getting my winter jumpers unpacked was like going on a shopping spree, I hadn't seen them for so long. Another item I like about winter is an electric throw rug one of my girls gave me some years ago. Same daughter has now given one to Garry. Not sure if we need the gas heater any more. lol

Just a reminder that my days are numbered as Editor, so if you would like to take over, please let Ken, or any member of the committee know.

This issue has been posted to all subscribers - had too many trips to Adelaide of late, and a 300+ round trip is getting harder to 'hand out' only about 25 copies to members.

The Registration Forms for The 25th Odyssey to be held at Robe and hosted by the Fleurieu Peninsula Branch, can be found on pages 12 and 13. Information is all on page 10. Looking forward to spending a weekend 'down there'. Robe is such a pretty place.

Cheers  
**Wendy**



A child asked his father, "How were people born?" So his father said, "Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on." The child then went to his mother, asked her the same question and she told him, "We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now." The child ran back to his father and said, "You lied to me!" His father replied, "No, your mom was talking about her side of the family."

I threw a boomerang a few years ago. Now I live in constant fear.

The Lord said unto John, 'Come forth, and you will receive eternal life'.  
John came fifth and won a toaster.

My wife accused me of being immature. I told her to get out of my fort.

I told my wife she was drawing her eyebrows too high. She looked surprised.

Someone stole my mood ring. I don't know how I feel about that.

What do you call a Frechman wearing thongs?  
Phillipe Phillope.

Communism jokes aren't funny unless everyone gets them.

I've been told I'm condescending. That means I talk down to people.

I have an epipen. My friend gave it to me when he was dying. It seemed very important to him that I have it.

Teacher: "If I gave you 2 cats and another 2 cats and another 2, how many will you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "No, listen carefully... If I gave you 2 cats, and another 2 cats and another 2, how many will you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you 2 apples, and another 2 apples and another 2, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Six."

Teacher: "Good. Now if I gave you 2 cats, and another 2 cats and another 2, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven!"

Teacher: "Johnny, where in the heck do you get seven from?"

Johnny: Because I've already got a freaking cat!"

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## Adelaide Branch Ride Calendar June-September 2018

Date	Leader	Event	Destination	Leaving from
Slunday 17th June 9.30 am	Peter Wood 0487 452 200	Day Ride	Wellington	McDonald's 303 Magill Road Trinity Gardens
Sunday 24th June 9.30 am	Brenton George 0432 535 163	Ride to Greenock Aviation Museum	Greenock	McDonald's 303 Magill Road Trinity Gardens
Sunday 1st. July 9.30 am		Day Ride	Lobethal	Victoria Hotel Main South Road O'Halloran Hill
Sunday 15th July 9.30 am		Day Ride	Murray Bridge	Civic Park Main North East Road
Sunday 29th July 9.30 am		Day Ride	Strathalblyn	McDonalds 303 Magill Road Trinity Gardens

### Sunday ride

- Start locations usually rotate between the same three places, leaving at 9.30am.
- We cover 200+ km, stopping for morning tea around 11am, and lunch around 1pm. From the lunch stop, riders make their own way home.
- Rides are for Ulysses members only (except for Friends & Rellies rides).
- But feel free to come on a ride if you are thinking of joining and want to see what our rides (and members) are like.
- Unless indicated otherwise in the event description, the Sunday ride leader is usually Frank Pellas, our Rides Coordinator.
- You can ring Frank on 0411 600 255 if you have a question about a Sunday ride.



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## Sunday Rides Co-ordinator

Frank Pellas  
0411 600 255

## Wednesday Rides Captain

Kevin Brenton 8332 4719

## Wednesday Rides

All runs will leave at 10.30 am

1st Wednesday	Feathers Hotel Car park, Burnside
2nd Wednesday	Feathers Hotel Car Park, Burnside
3rd Wednesday	Victoria Hotel, Top o'Taps
4th Wednesday	Victoria Hotel, Top o'Taps
5th Wednesday	Feather Hotel Car Park, Burnside

Bring or buy your own lunch  
For details, ring Kevin Brenton  
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## Branch Dinners

held monthly

usually the 2nd Friday. of the month  
at various venues

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Bookings close on the Wednesday prior  
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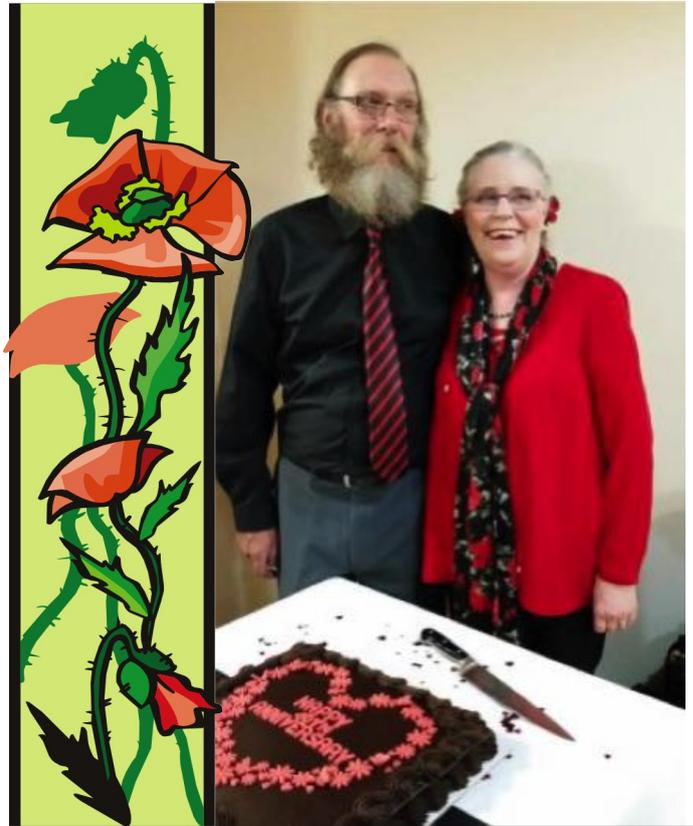


Friday, 15th June, 2018

The Hackney Hotel  
& Function Centre,  
95 Hackney Road,  
Hackney

Bookings to Sue on 0413 567 747  
by Wednesday, 13th June

**DO NOT BOOK WITH THE VENUE**



Brian and Daphne Pengilly celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary, recently, at the Alma Hotel Function Room in Willunga. Ulysses members from Adelaide, Fleurieu and Torrens Valley Branches attended.

Daphne and Brian are pictured above with their cake, beautifully decorated by their daughter, Amanda



Friday, 13th July, 2018

Largs Pier Hotel  
198 Esplanade,  
Largs Bay

Bookings to Sue on 0413 567 747  
by Wednesday, 11th July

**DO NOT BOOK WITH THE VENUE**





# 25th Central Odyssey 2018

Come and join the Ulysses Club – Fleurieu Branch for the 25th SA Odyssey. Relax with us and wear your favourite robe to dinner Saturday night.



- Date:** Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 'til Monday, 1st October, 2018
- To be held at:** Robe Football Club  
O'Halloran St  
Robe SA 5276
- Registration:** Registration forms can be accessed through the Fleurieu Branch website and Facebook page.  
Registrations will close on the 18th August, 2018.  
There will be an early registration prize for those members who have registered before 21 July 2018.
- Meals:** Evening Meals are available: Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
Breakfasts are available: Saturday, Sunday and Monday  
(Meal tickets must be purchased when registering and presented at each meal)
- Theme:** Robes of all shapes and sizes
- Entertainment:** Saturday & Sunday nights
- Accommodation:** On-site camping is available around the oval for tents campers' motorhomes and caravans.  
For those of you planning to stay at the oval, there is a campsite fee of \$10.00  
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\*\*\*\*\*Please fill in one Registration Form for each person attending\*\*\*\*\*

<b>Surname</b>		<b>Given Name</b>			
<b>Street</b>					
<b>Town/Suburb</b>				<b>State</b>	
<b>Phone</b>		<b>Mobile</b>		<b>Post Code</b>	
<b>Email</b>				<b>Member#</b>	
<b>Odyssey Registration including badge</b>				<b>1</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>
<b>Odyssey Cloth Patch</b>				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$8.00
<b>Camping Site - note only one camping site required per couple</b>				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$10.00
<b>Friday Night Dinner:</b>					
Mixed Grill of sausages, steak, chicken shashliks, onions, bread & salad				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$18.70
<b>Saturday Breakfast:</b>					
Continental - cereal, fruit, toast, tea & coffee				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$10.00
Cooked - Continental + bacon, eggs scrambled or fried, on a bun or plate				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$17.60
<b>Saturday Night Dinner</b>					
Roast Beef with vegetables & gravy				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$22.00
Roast Pork with vegetables & gravy				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$22.00
Apple Crumble				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$8.00
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Sticky Date				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$8.00
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## Sunday Round-up

### 9th Apr Day Ride to McLaren Vale

What a great day for a ride. I expected more bikes, but we had only 20 today, including 2 visitors from the Grampians Branch and a trike. No pillions with us today for the first time this year. There was a big mob of bikes in the Victoria Hotel carpark, as we shared our start venue with the MRA. They must have had more that 30 bikes and scooters. Fortunately, we were leaving half an hour before them.

The route I had in the GPS was incorrect, and I apologise to those who had this ride loaded up on their device. Just as well I didn't follow the route at Piggot Hill Road as we would have ended up on some rough dirt. An orderly u-turn around a tree on States Road got us back on track though. More research by the ride leader in future!

Morning tea was at Mt Compass, a top spot to stop so I will add that to the list of smoko venues to visit. Did anyone notice that we rode along the north and the south sides of the Okaparinga River National Park. And we also rode on Seaview and Oliver's Roads twice. Lunch on the lawn under a shady tree was a great finish to the ride.

Thanks to Trevor and Peter for their regular ride support effort.

### Frank Pellas



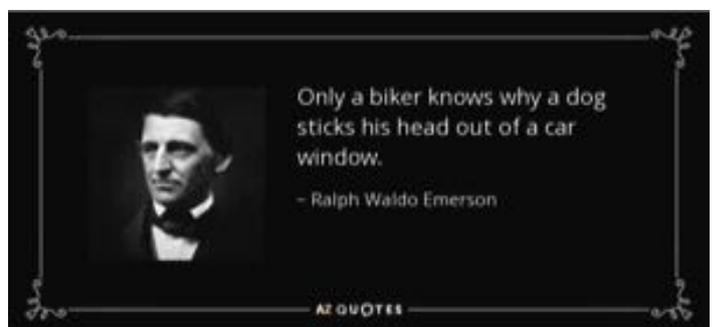
### 22nd Apr Day Ride to Meadows

About 26 bikes turned up on a near perfect morning for our ride, but without Frank, who was unavailable. I was asked to lead the ride for the day and took us for an uneventful ride through Birdwood for morning tea and on to lunch at Meadows.

We had some first timers and a few members from the Torrens Valley Branch come along and I think all of us had a great day out.

Thanks to Trevor and Ray for their continued Tail-end Charlie duties, and to Gary Priest, Brenton George and Peter Jolly for taking some of the photos.

### Peter Wood



## Sunday Round-up



6th May Day Ride to Normanville

### 20th May Day Ride to Birdwood

It was my intention to have an exciting and challenging ride today, one that we could recall with fond memories years from now. The roll-up was good – 30 bikes and 4 pillions, some people we haven't seen for a while. At the riders' briefing, I asked everyone to be on their toes, as today's ride was going to be tight and windy.

We set off at around 9:40 and the plan was to arrive at Balhannah for morning tea. Just as I stopped at the bakery there at 11:00, I received a phone call from one of the corner marshals. He had been waiting for ages and the Tail End Charlies had not come past. I headed back, picking up corner marshals along the way and sending them off to Balhannah. One by one I got to everyone, and on the way received lots more phone calls from worried riders.

I finally came across our lost souls after picking up 11 corner marshals, and making sure they could find their own way to the bakery. Trevor, Ray and I finally arrived at Balhannah amid a chorus of cheers, half an hour late. Yes, it was exciting and challenging.

Ken the Prez had a few words before we left Balhannah, presenting me with a card signed by all present and a nice



bottle of red wine. BIG 'thank you'!

Leaving later than expected, we all trooped off to Birdwood. Another tight and windy route, but I had to cut it short so we arrived at Lovell's Bakery in Birdwood just after 1:00 pm. All arrived safe and sound – a great ride in the after all.

As usual' my thanks go to Trevor, Ray and Peter for their support. I would especially like to acknowledge the riders who remained at their assigned corners today. Your patience is well appreciated.

I sign off now as this was my final ride as the Rides Coordinator for Adelaide Ulysses Branch. It has been an honour and a privilege to do this. I thank you all for the support and encouragement you have given me over the last 3 years.

**Frank Pellas**

## 2018 Riverland AGM Rides Report

Considered overall, the rides program for this AGM was successful. This was largely due to the capability, enthusiasm, and preparation of the rides leaders from Mallee, Torrens Valley, Adelaide, Fleurieu and Lower Murray Branches. All were punctual, addressed their groups comprehensively and some made modifications to their rides to suit the circumstances.

There were 281 motorcycle rides with some pillions as well, meaning there were approximately 300 people-rides, some of course being on more than one ride. The total distance covered was close to 75.000 kilometres, with the only minor accident being a rider who, against advice, undertook a dirt ride with road tyres. He slipped in some sand but sustained only a small abrasion to one hand. An incident form was duly filed.

The ride to Morgan with four ferry crossings, was by far the most popular ride, with forty riders one day. My team and I heard numerous favourable comments about the various rides from visitors who enjoyed their journeys, and I was pleased there were no complaints

Guy Malpass added a visit to the historic Herbig tree in Springton to his journey, sharing an interesting piece of history. Brenton George added a visit to the Irrigation and Steam Museum to his Loveday Internment Camp ride as there was a replica of a barracks building in the museum. Brian Cullinan reversed the loop on the Morgan run as the Morgan ferry closed at 10 for a cable replacement – he and his group made it by ten minutes. Other ride leaders stopped for extra photo opportunities. It was very pleasing to hear these leaders were so keen to make the visitors' rides enjoyable.

Someone reported that the volunteers at an historic heritage home, "The Pines" in Loxton, were hoping we'd visit them for a tour and morning tea – we gladly took up this offer which also solved our parking problem in the busy main street of Loxton where we had intended to have a break at a bakery.

The lady at the chocolate shop which the Loveday Camp ride visited daily, made a large chocolate freckle for us in appreciation of our visits.

Ian Stone, an accomplished dirt rider, took his small but enthusiastic groups on his two dirt rides. Larger, heavier adventure type bikes found it challenging, but the "chook-chasers" managed better. Ian was ably supported by Werner of Mallee branch, who kindly took his 4WD and trailer as a back-up vehicle.

I must mention too, men who offered to lead rides but unfortunately did not get the opportunity. Peter Davidson, David Barr, Barry Grace and Gerard Daff all offered. As he had an important role supporting Terry Mader, I left Peter as a reserve. Through lack of bookings and bad weather, David's Barry's and Gerard's rides did not eventuate. As reserve leaders, I appreciated their willingness which was re-assuring had anyone not been able to lead.

Pleasingly, there were no instances of unpleasant behaviour or arguments on any of the rides. That doesn't surprise me as the

leaders were all keen, competent and friendly members eager to make the visitors happy.

The daily despatching of rides went fairly well to schedule. We weren't quite as punctual as Tokyo railway station, but no ride left more than a few minutes late, and importantly the long rides were close to the mark – the early sunset in May being a cause for concern. Leaders said they were pleased that visitors were on time for departures, so the stressing of these times at the briefing before the ride, and on the Rides Description board at the booking office had the right effect.

Fortunately neither the medical or puncture kits had to be used. It was great to have Craig Todd accompany one of the long rides, and his colleague Lee ride with the other. A lady pillion said she felt reassured with an ambulance rider's presence. Happily both rides were free of incidents and the ambo men had an enjoyable ride too.

The self-guided rides were popular. These were all to local places of interest with the longest being about 70 km to Loxton village and back. Several visitors mentioned that they'd enjoyed whichever ride they had done. A lot of people took the sheets of directions with mud-maps for these rides and many undertook them.

An outstanding feature of the Riverland AGM is its site. The area has lovely river scenery but no mountains with a plethora of challenging roads. This simplified our task. We only identified three local rides, and two long ones. This meant our ride leaders were able to study these routes and become familiar with them, either by joining our familiarisation weekend in March, or installing the GPS files which Ken Wagnitz, president of the Adelaide branch, so kindly prepared for us, spending many hours working on these. This support was greatly appreciated as most of us have varying degrees of computer illiteracy.

How fortunate I was to have Terry Wilksch of Lower Murray branch assisting me. He was particularly enthusiastic, making many helpful suggestions and together we planned, rode and modified ride plans. It was a bitter blow when he was sidelined because of his age, and we were both delighted when Natcom wisely reversed the decision to cap volunteers' age at 80. Though past that milestone, Terry made a mockery of conventional 'wisdom' by working long hours in the office each day, booking in rides and patiently fielding questions from visitors. He was also Tail-End-Charlie on a 170km ride and filled that role capably too. He was a great asset to our team.

Praise is also due to my wife Marilyn and Terry's partner Ann for their hard work and long hours. We appreciated Rita's co-operation in giving us freedom to work our own rosters. None of us are 'work-to-rules' people; we were there to get the task done, we all knew the whole deal and the clerical procedures we had created and with freedom to work our own area we did not have to train others or correct their mistakes. Our small dedicated team ensured efficiency.

Our portfolio hardly engages with others, with most of our dealings being with Signage. What a co-operative bunch of fellows they were. Ashley Clark was always most obliging, making extra signs at short notice and lending us the

equipment to mount them. Linda and Peter in HQ were also most co-operative with photocopying & clerical supplies – top people. My manager, the jovial Robert Hobbit, was helpful the few times I troubled him, and I really appreciated Neville Gray giving me a vehicle permit to enter the grounds – or I'd have been carting heavy bollard weights, puncture and medical kits, clipboards and rolls each day to my car.

The biggest disappointment this year was the day of stormy weather. Rain, high winds and low temperatures forced cancellations of the long rides into the Adelaide Hills that day. Rides are to enjoy and that day would not have been enjoyable – it was somewhat dangerous. Those who booked were encouraged to go on other days which many did.

I have handed a lot of our forms and information to the co-ordinator for the 2019 Mornington Peninsula Rally, which he and his team are welcome to use or adapt for their event. We'll keep in contact assisting them any way we can, hoping their event is as successful as ours has been.

We were rather tired at the conclusion of the event, but it was a very rewarding experience and we were all glad we were able to contribute to what we thought was a very good final AGM event. As senior citizens we were also most appreciative of the kindness of our Ulysses friends Rob Todd and Carol Pickering. We spent almost two weeks in Carol's Barmera home which ensured we had a lot easier time than living in a tent. That's yet another instance of Ulyssians helping other Ulyssians, which is a defining feature of our great club.

**Bob Braunsthal**

(privileged to be Rides Co-ordinator @ the 2018 Riverland AGM)



**Southern Flinders Ride Group  
May ride to Cradock Hotel**

Sunday, May 20, saw 7 bikes (including Ross on his new steed) leave Pt Pirie in fantastic weather to head to the Cradock Hotel for lunch. We went straight up the highway to Pt Augusta for a coffee (and breakfast for some). After a break, we headed through Pichi Richi Pass to Quorn, where we caught up with Dave and Jeannette (on the revitalised outfit), Brian (late start with a flat battery) and Karen (we all felt sorry for Chris having to work but we got over it) in the car. We took off to Hawker for a refuel with the outfit and car heading direct to Cradock, as they didn't need any fuel.

After fuelling up, we headed out to Cradock (still in perfect riding conditions) for lunch. As is usual, the meals were fantastic and nobody was left hungry (and not everyone could eat the whole meal). The service was great and, if you are ever heading to the Flinders, it is always worth a stop to support this great little business.

Once lunch was finished and the bulsh\*\* was slowing down, we aimed the bikes towards Orroroo dodging roadkill and live Emus. Wallets (formerly known as Wayne) got the prize for being the closest in our Pin the Tail on the Emu contest: within 12 inches at 110 kmh(ish) was a good effort and saw him heading to the toilet at Booleroo to clean up.

**Les Beyer**



**KNOCK! KNOCK!**

**WHO'S THERE? CONTROL FREAK  
CON... OKAY, NOW YOU SAY,  
"CONTROL FREAK WHO?"**

**WHAT'S THE BEST THING  
ABOUT SWITZERLAND?**

**I DON'T KNOW, BUT THE  
FLAG IS A BIG PLUS.**

# Breakfast Club

We had another great turn out for the SA Breakfast Club on Saturday at Birkenhead Tavern, I think the number was around 35 of us in the end.

We were joined by John and Paul from The Grampians branch as well as some familiar faces from local branches: Adelaide, Torrens Valley and some from Fleurieu - Gov and Barbie, Hobbit and Vicki, Brenton, John and Cathy.

It was also great to see some of our new and intending members, Lloyd and Trisha, join us for breakfast to get to know a few of the crew.

I'm sure I will have missed some names, but we all appreciate you coming along.

I think all would agree that breakfasts were of ample proportions, coffee was hot and strong, all was delivered very promptly, and with a smile and a bit of fun.

All in all, it was a great venue for our breakfast and a social catch up.

Ciao for now

**Shelley**



## *Michele's Greek Night Out*

Michele Wagnitz organised a dinner at the Mallee Estate Winery on the Friday night, during the AGM. It has a Greek restaurant and I went with the theme and had Fish & Chips.

Total of 23 of us (Torrens Valley, Adelaide, Fleurieu and Victorian Branches) there and all seemed to have a good time; there were plates with food left on them at the end of the night, so no one went hungry.

My Psari tis Imeras (Murray Cod) and Patates Tou Kati Aliou (Chips) was delicious.

**Peter Castle**



## Profile - Peter Castle

This is a brief summary of my bike life. Let's see if my memory serves me correctly.

I started riding motorcycles back in my pre-teens, in the '70s, and, apart from an occasional 6-12 month break along the way, I have had a bike ever since (almost 50 years).

My first on road riding experience was when my cousin and I would "borrow" his mother's Honda step-through with pedal assist, and visit mates that lived a couple of suburbs away.

That ended badly, one night, when we got caught by the cops and taken home to surprise his mother that neither us nor the bike were safely tucked up in bed.

I got my learners' on my 16th birthday and then my bike licence 3 days later; I didn't bother with a car licence for a few years, so the bikes were my only transport.

Over the next 5 years, I had lots of different makes, models and sizes: Suzuki 500 twin, Cossack Minsk 125, Honda 500/4, Norton Commando 850, Kawasaki 900, then I bought a Yamaha RD250, soon upgraded to RD350 and then my 1st brand new bike, the first release RD400.

Then, within 12 months I got married to someone that had never been on a bike (and still hasn't), so the EK Holden became my main transport for a year, until I could convince my then pregnant wife to get her licence, to enable her to go to appointments, etc., while I was working. That gave me and the RD400 another



year before it had to go, due to 3 separate occasions where I had to have up to 6 weeks off work with broken collarbones; I was a slow learner when it came to twisting the wrist too early while turning a corner can be detrimental to your health and wealth.

Over the next 20 or so years, I had a few commuter bikes that were held onto until they became unusable, and then no bike for 6-12 months, and then another cheapy to ride into the ground.

Then in 2001, the marriage ended and, after the divorce was finalised, I picked up my current bike on the 11th December 2002, the pre-ordered Anniversary Edition Harley Davidson FLHSC2003, and 15 years and 150,000kms, later we are still together.

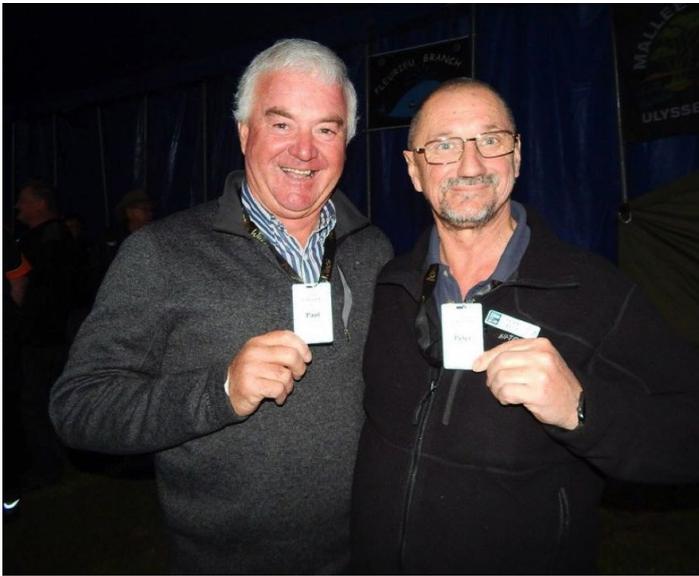
As soon as I had the new bike, a friend encouraged me to attend a meeting of Ulysses Fleurieu Branch, and I was hooked.

My first weekend away was Beachport on the Australia Day weekend in 2003, and then, on the way to the AGM in Mudgee a couple of months later, a guy on the side of the Freeway at Crafers joined our group, and when we stopped at Tailem Bend, I met Ken Wagnitz for the first time and we have travelled to, from and around ever since; we even take Michele with us most times.

Bikes are a big part of me, and Ulysses has been, and still is, a major part of my social life with most of my long term friends having come into my life through Ulysses.



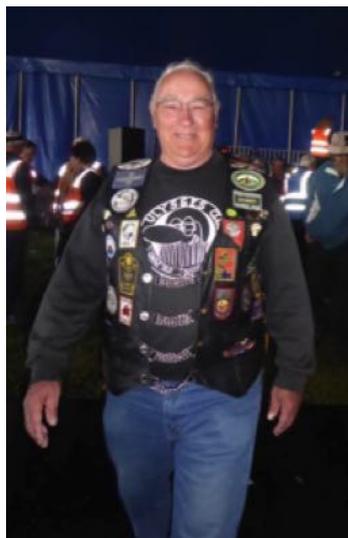
**Some of the many happy faces of the National AGM in the Riverland:** from the top: Paul Harrington (Grampians) and Peter Castle, Terry & Lester, Brenton and Glenda George, Gayle Priest, John (Robbo) Robinson, Adrian Telfer, Gary Priest.



**Time for a sidecar?**

**John Wilson**  
Civil Celebrant

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## An AGM Virgin's take on the 2018 AGM in the Riverland

To sum it up, Adrian and I both absolutely enjoyed every minute of it: the riding, the socialising, the events, the dinners and the fantastic sense of humour of the Ulyssians.

Although we have been in the Club for a while now, this was our first AGM; we had no idea what to expect, but by the end of the week, it would be fair to say that we had a great time and met so many gorgeous people who really made us feel welcome. It was fantastic to meet up with the many people from the various branches that we already knew and call friends, but also to meet new people from all over Australia.

We both enjoyed the many conversations and stories that we were a part of over the week; the stories that were long, short, funny, animated, some possibly even over exaggerated, but all told with the same spirited passion that seems to resonate from the Ulyssians.

As the week wore on and our group of Motorcyclists grew in numbers, invading the Riverland towns, I'm pretty sure most Ulyssians would have experienced what we did, and that was that wherever we went in the area, from the Cafes, Hotels, Motels, Caravan Parks, Woolworths, Bunnings, The Newsagents, Wineries, Big W, Service Stations, etc. the locals were all ready for a chat, a smile or to give us a wave.

Thank you all for such a hospitable welcome and stay!

I'm pretty sure that if you asked Adrian what was the most memorable part of the week for him, he would say that our test ride on the Kawasaki Supercharged Ninja H2 SX-SE was right up there. The back story to this is that I actually thought we were taking the Ninja 1000 for a ride; Adrian may or may not have made that clear to me. I had no idea that we would be allowed to take the Supercharged H2 for a spin. As a regular pillion, I didn't think that the ride could get any smoother. With 40 odd years of riding under his belt, I think Adrian is pretty exceptional with his gear changes, but this bike delivered an extra sophisticated ride with its hydraulic assist and slipper clutch, and really transitioned beautifully through the gears from acceleration to braking and back again. Okay, so my opinion, even though the ride was a little restricted, because we had to sit between the Kawasaki team ride leader and the tail end Charlie, I would have to agree that it was a pretty noteworthy motorcycle and I was actually surprised at how comfortable it was.

I can't write this and not mention the incredibly hard work that went into the event from the many volunteers, coordinators and everyone else who was involved behind the scenes and the actual event: thank you to you all, you all did a fantastic job.

**Shelley Telfer**



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