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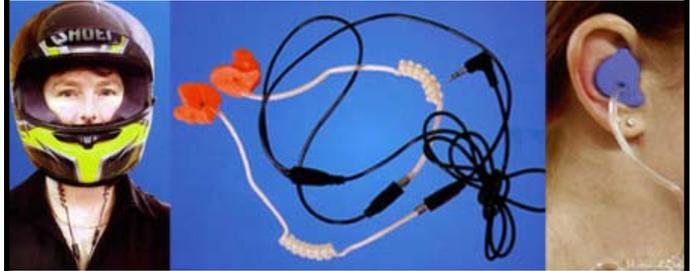
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Hi All



At the time of writing, we are having the rainfall that the farmers were looking for, so the crops will ripen and be ready for harvest in the not too distant future. It seems to get earlier every year. Not so many years ago, farmers were having to knock off for Christmas Day, but not these days for most.

Those who are going to Barmera for the Odyssey are 'getting ready' (well, Garry is) and looking forward to meeting up with old friends and new for a great weekend. I will be there to collect any levies to save people the hassle of cheques/postage, etc. I'll also have the quilt raffle for Di Longson's Boys on the go. (Thank you Mallee Branch for allowing me to do this.) It will be drawn at the Odyssey.

Didn't get to Copi Hollow for the Ghost Town Rally, but the setting is delightful and by all accounts everyone had a good time, despite the horrible winds that blew up during the day time. The entertainment was excellent and they even had a pole dancer. Ask Don Freene about it!

Mid North Suzuki, Port Pirie (one of our advertisers) has had a name change to 'Boats'n'Bikes' Port Pirie. Look for their ads (4 of them) scattered throughout the magazine. They always give Ulyssians a good deal and there is always a welcome cup of coffee/tea waiting for anyone who drops in.

**On the sick list**

Spare a thought for Sandy Shaw who is going through treatment for breast cancer. Sandy will give it everything she's got to win this battle, but a few prayers will surely not go astray.

Garry's got his bike back! Went to the Wombat and Bush Pig rallies and had his 1000k service - all going well so far.

**The Wombat Rally** has the best bonfire ever! and Greg Stevens and his band of workers always put on a nice little weekend at **Bush Pig Rally** at Crystalbrook, in a scenic, bush land setting around the track. This year was their 21st birthday and was celebrated with a monstrous cake with lots of chocolate and cream!

There's some info and entry form further on in regards to the **Ride to the Rock**. It's possibly a bit late for some to decide to go, but make sure you take note, check out their web site and put it on your riding calendar for next year. Good fun, and a good cause.

There is a levy form for The Odyssey at the back. Please use this when paying for 2010's mags. And if you are paying at Barmera, look for me at registration. It's not a good idea to give it to me when a) you don't have a form with the money, b) I don't have pencil and paper, and most importantly, c) when I've been drinking!

Cheers for now,

**Wendy**

## Adelaide Branch Meetings

First Thursday of the month

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on the 1st Sunday of the month



## Rides Captain

Andrew Mill

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## Wednesday Rides Captain

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## 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	North: Caltex, Munno Para
or	South: Victoria Hotel, Top o'Taps
4th Wednesday	North: Tea Tree Gully Hotel
or	South: Victoria Hotel, Top o'Taps
5th Wednesday	Feathers Hotel

(3rd & 4th Wed: There are two rides - 1 north and 1 south  
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## From your Pres

G'day everyone,

Well another Odyssey is upon us, seems like only 12 months since the last one at Victor Harbour. I am sure like me, if you are going you are really looking forward to what will be a great time in Barmera.

This year has really flown by and hopefully we should start to get some better weather for riding and socializing, our Rides Captain tells me that we have a few shop sponsored rides coming up in the next few months so check the ride calendar for dates etc.

We are still in need of a volunteer or volunteers to take up the running of the raffle at branch meetings, we have had some excellent help over the last couple of months but it would be great to have a regular raffle person/s. On a similar theme, at



our September meeting Russell our Quatermaster who does an excellent job with the gear shop, has indicated that he may not be available to fill this position next year, so if you are interested or have any questions speak to Russell or myself.

Nomination forms for the Adelaide Committee 2010 should be in the December issue of the Odyssey magazine, nominations have to be in 30 days before the AGM in February. If you would like to be part of the committee please fill in a nomination form and forward it to our secretary, being on the committee is a fun and rewarding experience, if you have an interest in this have a go.

Anyway that's enough from me, I'm sure theres more interesting stuff to read in the magazine, so get out, enjoy, and live life to the full (disgracefully ofcourse).

**Andrew Mill**  
**Adelaide Branch**  
**President**

## Adelaide Branch Ride Calendar June-August

Date	Time	Leader	Event	From
11 Oct	9.30 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	President's Ride	McDonalds 303 Magill Road, Trinity Gardens
18 Oct	9.00 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Bolton's Kawasaki Sponsored Ride	Bolton's Kawasaki 340 Main South Road, Richmond
25 Oct	10.00 am		Pink Ribbon Ride See ad further on in this issue	Burnside Village Shopping Centre
1 Nov	9.30 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Day Rid	Top o'Taps
8 Nov	9.30 am	Neville Gray 8263 7566	Friends and Rellies' Ride	Civic Park Main North East Road, Modbury
15 Nov	9.00 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Yamaha Pitman's Sponsored Ride	Pitmans Yamaha 320 Main North Road, Blair Athol
22 Nov	<b>9.30 am</b>	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Day Ride	McDonalds 303 Magill Road, Trinity Gardens
29 Nov	9.00 am	Nigel from Yamaha World	Yamaha World Sponsored Ride	Yamaha World 855 Main South Road, Clarence Gardens
6 Dec	9.30 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Day Ride	Civic Park Main North East Road, Modbury

## Rumour about legality of Corner Marshall

It has been brought to my attention that there is a rumour going around, that the way we do our corner marshalling on our Branch rides is illegal.

I have made calls to the SA Police Traffic Department and explained what we do, and how we do the corner marshalling.

Their advice is that a person can be charged under the LAWFUL FLOW OF TRAFFIC ACT **only** if the bike and or rider are obstructing traffic.

The way we do the corner marshalling is to park well off to the

side of the road, or against the gutter with the indicators on, or hands out, indicating the intended direction of the ride; and sitting on our motorcycles, is fine.

The three separate Police Officers, with whom I spoke, do not see a problem with how we do our corner marshalling.



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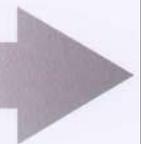
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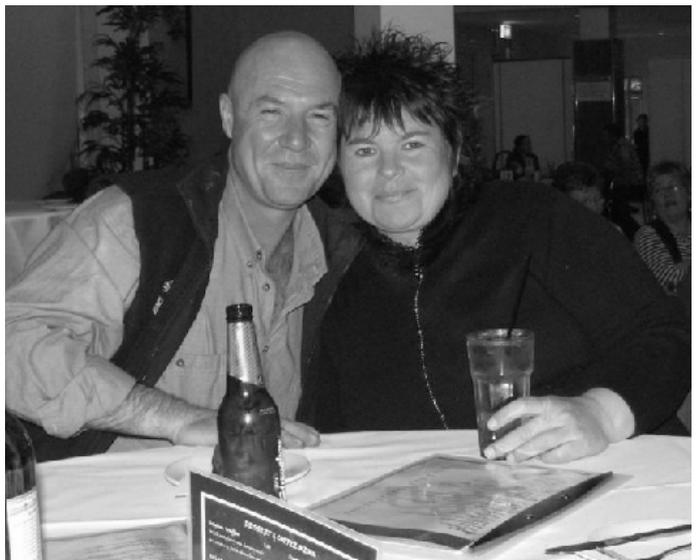


**Bring a present to the value of \$10 each for**  
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bookings close Wednesday, 9th December



**Modbury Plaza Hotel** was a great place to eat and chat in once again. Good to see Mick (above), Andy and Wayne well on recovery lane. Ian & Annette are off to China again and we wish them a good trip.



The **Highbury Hotel** was a good dining place again to meet with fellow Ulyssians. Good to see everyone in good health and catching up with events like Kath and Alvin and crocodiles! Above: Mikele (Piper) Amorico and his partner, Chris.

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her glasses and says,

'Fock off, ye'll no bring it back'

# Pink Ribbon Ride

# Sunday round-up

## 2nd August

25 bikes gathered at Magill in fabulous sunshine for a day ride with a difference, the difference was we were being led by Chris Roberts. We set off through Norton Summit, Mt. Lofty, then we stopped for a regroup where we were informed about a couple of offs that had occurred, slow speed no one hurt etc. From here it was through Ironbank, Cherry Gardens and on to Clarendon for morning tea. We tasted the wares at the bakery and then set off to Kangarilla, Meadows and then almost Meadows again, Echunga, Hahndorf, Verdun, Carey Gully, Ashton, Corkscrew road, Gorge road and on to Gumeracha for lunch. The weather all day was great, the ride was great, the company was great. More about the folk who fell over at this weeks meeting.



## 9th August

There were only 9 bikes at Civic Park, not sure where everyone was cause the weather was cool but fine all day. We set off through Chain of Ponds, on to Fox Creek Road and via a detour to Lenswood, along Swamp Road, through VeRoadun and along River Road to Echunga, Macclesfield and on to Strath for morning tea. From here we went up Paris Creek Road and along Bull Creek Road to Ashbourne where we turned baCreek to Strath, we rode through Strath and on to Milang where we followed the “lake” through Clayton and on to Goolwa for lunch. While we were here most took a walk to the craft market in the hall in the main street.

Chris, Trevor, Ivan and our fearless leader, Andrew



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## 16th August

10 diehards came to Top of taps in cool and windy conditions for a ride to Williamstown. We set off to Ackland Hill Road and on through Ironbank, then past Warrawong Sanctuary to Mylor and on to Aldgate, Bridgewater, Mt. George and on to Balhannah for morning tea. Then it was off through Oakbank where we turned towards Swamp Road and on to Lenswood and Lobethal. From here we headed to Gumeracha and over Checkers Hill Road to Kersbrook where we turned and went to Gawler, we took the back road through Kaleeba, Cockatoo Valley and on to the bakery in Williamstown for lunch. The ride was good, no rain all day but it was just a bit windy.



Bunny, Trevor, Bev

## 23rd August

Well what a difference some sunshine makes, there were 26 bikes at Macca’s at Magill in fabulous conditions. Ray had a little present for some of the regulars who haven’t been out of late in the wet weather (he bought them all shower caps, see below). We set off up Greenhill Road and then turned off to Picadilly and on to Stirling, then it was on to Mylor, Echunga where we headed towaRoads Flaxley and took a baCreek road into Macclesfield and on to Meadows via Greenhills Road. We had morning tea in Meadows where we met up with Chris who was out on a short ride. When we set off again we headed along Bull Creek Road to Ashbourne where we turned to Strath, from Strath we went to Flaxley and on to Woodchester, Langehorne Creek and on to Milang for lunch. The weather was sunny all day if a little windy at times but everyone appeared to enjoy themselves.



Ulysses Adelaide Branch

# Sunday round-up



## 30th August

9 fabulous folk (picture) were at Civic Park in cool but fine conditions, Reg was there on his Bergman complete with new windscreen and Kim was also there so we knew it wouldn't rain. We set off through Snake Gully to Kersbrook then headed through Williamstown where we turned off to Springton and on to Mt. Pleasant for morning tea where we were met by Bernie. Mt. Pleasant was freezing so once fed and watered we headed off along the Walker Flat Road and then turned towards Palmer

and then on to Mannum. From here we followed the river to Walker Flat where we had a comfort stop while waiting for the ferry. One of the group was spotted using the toilet normally reserved for the opposite sex (no names mentioned FJR rider). We crossed the river via the ferry and headed to Swan Reach for lunch in the park by the river. Piper discovered the burnt out takeaway has now been rebuilt while the rest of us solved the problems of the world over lunch.

## 6th September

Well there were 18 of us at Top of Taps for the annual Fathers day ride. We headed off to Clarendon made our way to Meadows and along Bull Creek Road (see video) to Cleland Gully Road and followed this fantastic piece of bitumen to the main Adelaide-Victor road and turned off on the Goolwa Road to Goolwa where we stopped for morning tea. After consuming much coffee and cake at the bakery we headed towards Pt. Elliott and turned along Waterport Road to the Victor-Adelaide Road and followed this to the Myponga Road, we went through Myponga and on to Yankalilla and Normanville. From Normanville we headed over the Myponga Dam and then followed Main Sth Road to Rob and Helen's house where we had lunch and a free raffle along with much conversation and socialising. The spread put on for lunch was fantastic and many thanks must go to Helen and Rob for organising the day. Even the weather played its part.

Ivan and Ray on the love seat!



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## 13th September

There were around 22 of us at Macca's in glorious sunshine for the annual Memorial Day Ride, this is a national ride day to remember those club mates, family and friends who are no longer with us. We set off up to Norton Summit and on to Ashton then through to Greenhill Road which we followed to Carey Gully, from here we made our way to Bridgewater and on to Verdun, then on to River Road, Echunga, Meadows, along Brookman Road to Pottery Road which we followed to McLaren Flat and then on to McLaren Vale for morning tea. We then set off through Willunga and up Old Willunga Hill to the main Adelaide Victor road and then we turned along Pages Flat Road where the weather started to change for the worse. Then it was along Hindmarsh Tiers Road to Hutchinson Road and into Victor Harbour, we made our way to Range Road to Parawa in the wind and showers and turned towards Yankalilla and on to Normanville for lunch. The ride finished at the Jetty by the beach and we all observed a minutes silence on the lawn area overlooking the sea. It was a great day even though the weather wasn't the best all day but the friendly faces more than made up for that.



Left:  
Gordon



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You know how sometimes you just get sooooo stressed and little things just seem funny?

Yeah, well I couldn't believe it.... he was a DWARF!!!

He stormed over to my car, looked up at me, and shouted, 'I AM NOT HAPPY!!!'

So, I looked down at him and said, 'Well, then which one are you?'

And then the fight started... .

### Two drunks:

One says to other, 'I can't be bothered to walk all the way home.'

'I know, me too but we've no money for a cab and we've missed the last bus home.'

'We could steal a bus from the depot,' replies his mate.

They arrive at the bus depot and one goes in to get a bus while the other keeps a look-out.

After shuffling around for ages, the lookout shouts, 'What are you doing? Have you not found one yet?'

'I can't find a No. 91'

'Oh Jeysus Christ, ye tick sod, take the No. 14 and we'll walk from the roundabout.'

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# Ridden on

**Trevor Nicolle, Member # 13939**  
**31/05/1946 – 29/08/2009**

It is with a sad heart that I inform the Ulysses members of the passing of our mate Trevor, who lost his 5 year battle with Leukemia.

Trevor joined the Adelaide Branch in 1997 and enjoyed the fellowship of the Ulysses family. He led a few memorable breakfast rides during those years. Chris and I have been lucky to travel many roads to AGMs, Odysseys, holidays and week-ends away with Trevor and Sue, and are very proud to call them our close friends.



In the past few years, caravanning became their mode of choice for holidays, AGMs and Odysseys.

Trevor has been a regular at the Torrens Valley Branch meetings for the last 5 years and his jovial and dignified demeanour will be remembered and missed by the many friends who knew him.

About 40 members on bikes from many branches of SA joined together and rode a memorial ride to attend Trevor's funeral service. There were many more in attendance, showing how liked and respected he was with the members of the Ulysses Club.

Ride on Trev, Will miss you mate!  
**Rod (Stoney) Stoneman**

**Trevor Schutz #8266**  
**1955-12/08/2009**

It is with great sadness to pass on details of the late Trevor Schutz who sadly died suddenly on the 12/08/2009.

The funeral was held at Centennial Park Crematorium on Monday 24/08/09. There was a short cortège from the main gate to the Heysen Chapel with a cruiser motorcycle with the coffin mounted on a motorcycle trailer behind, as Trevor only ever rode motorcycle. Trevor was 54.

**Yours sincerely**  
**Alan Stapleton.**  
**#7573**



Trevor on his bike, with his sister, nephew's partner and nephew.



**Ten Question with Ulysses Member  
Symen Kromkamp**

Q1. How long have you been a Ulysses member?

A1. About 14 Years

Q2. What influenced you to join?

A2. The Ulysses club was recommended to me by another rider

Q3. What motor bike are you currently riding?

A3. BMW F800 GS

Q4. How many bikes have you owned over the years?

A4. About 10

Q5. Name some of the bikes you have owned?

A5. My learners bike was on a Honda 4 500cc. Then I moved to a Norton 850, a Honda 750 and another Norton 850. This was a big mistake as it seized after 6,000 miles. I've also owned a Yamaha 650, BMW R60, BMW R850 and a BMW R1150 Adventurer which I still own. I also owned Yamaha XT600, Suzuki DR600, and Kawasaki KLR650 trail bikes.

Q6. What will be your next bike?

A6. It would be nice to have a BMW 1200 with panniers as it would be good to take my partner around Australia for 4 months. I would also be tempted to have a trailer behind as we like camping.

Q7. What is, or was you favorite bike?

A7. I am happy with the BMW F 800GS. It does what I

want it to do. I have and continue to do outback rides with friends or on my own. This bike you can pick up if you drop it out in the desert.

Q8. If money was no object and you could have any bike in the world, what would it be?

A8. I would still have a BMW road bike of 1200cc. I have never been disappointed with Beemers.

Q9. What do you enjoy about the Ulysses Club?

A9. The mates you meet, they are a great bunch.

Q10. Do you have any nick name? Come on I know you do!!

A10. None though I deserve some bad ones

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## Wednesday Riders

Went for a great ride, the day started at 10.30 at the Feathers Hotel car park in South Australia. There were about 30 bikes. We meet at various places to keep it interesting, as this leads to different rides. What I like about the club is that new members are not treated like strangers, if we see there is a new member, someone will say g'day.

Well we set off into the hills, looking for a top day of 21c. The sun is shining down on us all. Where the leader (Ken and his Buell) knows all these roads to go from here to there, I'm buggered if I know! Any way we eventually ended up at a country town called Birdwood, about 30km from Adelaide for morning lunch. The ride to Birdwood took about 1.5hrs to 2hrs.

After a short stop and the sun still shining, we left to head thru Crawford Forest and on to Angaston. The heavens don't look to good, the temp. is coming down.

We arrive at Moculta, a few km out from Angaston, where there is a fantastic oval for football and soccer, the winter rains have done wonders. There are shelters and seating to look over the oval. Then just to the rear, there is a huge undercover area with B.B.Qs.

Clean ablution block only 30 to 50mtrs away. Hmm. the weather doesn't look good. Yep, it starts to rain lightly, then a little bit heavier. Damn! I left my wet weather gear home, because it was going to be 21 and sunny till late in the day. Well, no use prolonging the agony, I put on my leathers and away I go.

Well, the rain is not heavy, but each drop is like a bullet from hell, even thru two layers of neckerchief. I decided not to go back home thru the hills and bad weather, but to skirt around. So this was another 40km out of my way, that's OK. I would rather do extra km, as another time I got caught out, my Johnny Reb boots were chockers of water. There must have been 2lts of water in them. I always take my waterproofs, but not today, because it was to be sunny and 21c.

Now, bugger, I have to spend 4hrs cleaning the bike. But, OH HELL, What a day.

### Photos and rides by Allan Hubbard (Skippy) member 15903

I have just started up a web page; it's not quite completed yet. I want to put up ride photos with first names or nick names and what happened on the day. At the moment, I have people looking at my web site from (1st) Australia, (2nd) Switzerland, Germany, Holland (3rd) America, (4th) Turkey and (5th) Philippines.. I want to get more interest from Europe and America.

I write on Ulysses (general) forum. I go by the name "IamSkippy", my web site is <http://bibnbub.com/> This is my personal web site (My Journal) and show only clean material. I change videos around once a week and write. My wife and I have our biography going. I put up some interesting items and would like to do more on daily international news soon.

**Allan Hubbard**  
#15903



How good is it to see Mick Sandley on the Wednesday rides again, albeit in the passenger seat of Neil Hudson's trike!?! Bet it won't be long before he's sitting 'up front' again soon.



Some other 'old' faces



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## The Internet for Old Farts Analogue to Digital... (the continuing revolution)



When I joined Telstra in 1973, phones, like the above left were still common. When you rotated the dial and released it, the pulses would drive Strowger switches in the older exchanges like Port Adelaide, with a noisy whir. A series of such switches would connect copper wires all the way from your telephone, to your friend's phone in another suburb. When you spoke, the metal microphone diaphragm vibrated carbon particles, varying the electrical resistance, hence the current flowing. That, in turn, vibrated a 'rocking armature' diaphragm in the friend's phone earpiece. Thus your voice was projected to your friend's ear. The sound quality was pretty poor, if you remember.

Jump forward to now. I have a mobile phone of the model shown in the photo on the right. It not only makes phone calls, but is a fully fledged computer, tells me where I am on the ground, and has a very nice video screen. All my land-line phones at home are electronic. The microphones are tiny, the ear pieces not much bigger, and the sound quality is pretty good.

The signal between my home phone and the exchange is analogue, ie, voltage varying with voice at audio frequencies, but that is where it ends. The exchange converts that analogue signal to digital, and it stays that way until leaving the far exchange to which my friend's copper wire pair is connected.

When we had relay-based telephone exchanges, the telephone numbers were significant. Each suburb or call area had its own number prefix. That was how the calls got directed to the right relays.

But now, that significance is gone. Digital exchanges aren't that dumb as to have to use the group number to connect to destinations.

We all used to have a pair of copper wires running to our house from the exchange. Most still do, but some people are connected to the exchange via a 'RIM' or pair-gain system. In the very new housing estates, houses can be connected to the exchange solely by fibre-optic cable (glass fibre). The government's new broadband plan should see fibre to most homes (too bad about the bush).

So what does all this mean to me? (Apart from my having smaller phones.)

Well, some of the technology limitations we have now, are artificially imposed, usually by Telstra hanging on desperately to its revenue stream, and just maybe, the possibilities haven't been fully spelled out to Telstra's customers.

So I'd like to tell you about some options you may not have known about.

(The situation should improve when Telstra is split into wholesale carrier, and retail reseller.)

### **VOIP (Voice Over IP, which includes 'Skype')**

By using a VOIP phone in your house, you are extending the digital signal all the way from the exchange to your phone.

VOIP has these features:

- The number ranges are different. My VOIP number is 08 7127 0806. But the 'normal' number prefix for the Blackwood exchange is 08 8278. The prefix isn't predetermined by the locality any more. In the future this might mean that you keep the same number wherever you live, for life.
- A number of phone calls can occur simultaneously, over the one copper pair. Depending on your broadband speed, you can have at least two calls, but maybe three or four, at good quality.
- The price of calls becomes independent of where you are calling, or for how long (within reason). No such thing as 'trunk' or 'STD' calls. Anywhere in Australia is the same price, as low as 10 cents or less per call.
- You can make 'phone' calls to or from your computer. These can include video.

### **'Last Mile' reseller choice**

- You don't have to get your home phone service through Telstra. Many other companies, including ISPs (Internet Service Providers) can resell the service to you. This might save money, but even if it doesn't, it could mean one bill instead of two, when the ISP sells you both broadband Internet and telephone service. Even smaller ISPs are getting into this.
- You can save money by not having a conventional home phone service at all. This is usually called a 'naked' service. You only have broadband digital, and use VOIP for your phone calls. No other choice if you have a fibre connection to the house. If you have a mobile phone as backup, this can be safe and cheap option.
- You don't have to get your broadband service from Telstra, even if other ISPs can't install their equipment in the exchange. -Some explanation here: Normally to get fast broadband, ie ADSL2+, with an ISP like Internode or Adam (our local folk), you have to be connected to their modem (DSLAM) in the exchange. This may not be possible for various reasons. But even when connected to Telstra equipment, you can get the broadband service through another ISP. They just resell the Telstra connection, possibly giving a better plan along the way.
- So if you keep the conventional phone service and have a broadband data service, these can both be sold to you by an ISP as a 'bundle'. With only broadband and no conventional connection, you go 'naked'.
- Unfortunately, at the moment you can't go naked, and 'port' your home number to a VOIP number, ie keep your old number to use for VOIP.

However... watch this space.

## Mobile Data

- Depending on circumstances, the time might be right to use a mobile phone plan for your data, instead of a home broadband connection. This will depend on how much data you download or upload, and whether you want to be mobile. Unfortunately most if not all carriers don't allow VOIP traffic over mobile data, which could potentially be much cheaper than a mobile phone call.
- You don't have to get your mobile data service from the big carriers (Telstra, Optus, Vodafone, Three). Some ISPs (eg Internode) resell mobile data. This gives more price competition.
- Two ways of having a data plan:
  1. Attached to your mobile phone plan, so you have a phone plan, and pay extra for data. With the right phone, you can connect it to your computer and use it as a data modem.
  2. Data only. You buy or get on a plan, a USB mobile 'modem' which plugs into the computer. No phone calls associated with this one.
- All traffic is metered. Data both up and down is metered with mobile carriers.

## Free Stuff

Some ISPs provide a heap of things free, ie unmetered, not charged for.

- **ABC iView.** This service is great for watching an ABC series episode you missed, especially if you have a computer connected to your big LCD or plasma TV (not hard to do). Adam and Internode provide this free.
- **Streaming radio.** Listen to high quality music of various genres, via your computer.
- **Programs and source code.** Download files like linux ISOs, or Windows utility programs & games.
- **TiVo content.** Load up your TiVo with films at no download cost.
- **Games net.** Hook up with other gamers and play online games.
- **TV.** There is some limited TV streaming out there for free.

## Who ya gunna call for advice?

- Talk to friends, relatives, neighbours etc to see what their computer setup does for them, and how they find their ISP.
- Look for low prices in your ISP, but a) not so low that they won't be here tomorrow, and b) not so low that the advertisements you read are obviously a con. Look for the fine print, especially with companies like Dodo. Are data uploads metered? Is the allowance split over various times of the day, some not convenient?
- Browse the net. Look at ISP web sites to assess what is on offer. Is their site easy to read, and not misleading?
- See how many times an ISP has come to the attention of the ACCC or Telecommunications Ombudsman compared with their size (eg Dodo).
- When you ring the ISP's help line for assistance, a) will the person answering be in India and hard to understand? b) will they actually be helpful and solve your problem; c) what hours can you ring them?
- If you don't mind a bit of tech talk, one of the best resources for info on ISPs, mobile phones, and all sorts of other things, is <http://forums.whirlpool.net.au/>.

**Ken Wagnitz**  
Adelaide branch webmaster.

## Little known facts about Penguins

Did you ever wonder why you never see dead penguins on the ice in Antarctica? Ever wonder where they go? Wonder no more. It is a known fact that the penguin is a very ritualistic bird which lives an extremely ordered and complex life.

The penguins have a very strong community bond. They are very committed to their family and will mate for life. They also maintain a form of compassionate contact with their offspring throughout its life.

If a penguin is found dead on the ice surface, other members of the family and social circle have been known to dig holes in the ice, using their vestigial wings and beaks, until the hole is deep enough for the dead bird to be rolled into and buried. The male penguins then gather in a circle around the freshly-dug grave and sing.....

"Freeze a jolly good fellow..."

A man got on the bus with both of his front pockets full of golf balls and sat down next to a beautiful blonde. The puzzled blonde kept looking at him and his bulging pockets.

Finally, after many such glances from her, he said, "It's golf balls".

Nevertheless, the blonde continued to look at him for a very long time, thinking deeply about what he had said.

After several minutes, not being able to contain her curiosity any longer, she asked, "Does it hurt as much as tennis elbow?"





The winning team from the recent Tri-Branch Quiz Night  
 From left: Damien, Kevin Brenton, Jeannie Brenton, Lyn Whipp, Kathy McCaffey, Andy Whipp, Michael McCaffey

### Ghost Town Rally



Left: This mob went to the Ghost Town Rally on their way home from a 6 week trek in the outback. Above: Lester Launer and Jeff Chilton. Below left: A couple of 'wee people' from Port Wakefield - Chaddie and Di



## Southern Flinders Ranges Riding Group

### Sunday 16th. August. Ride to Eudunda

4 riders attempted this ride, but due to the weather, they rode only as far as Burra, had lunch, then rode home.

### Saturday 19th September. Overnight ride to Hahndorf

Left Caltex at 8.30 am and rode to Clare where we met up with James and Heather from the YP Ride Group, fuelled up and coffeed. We were then led by Daniel and Susan through Tarlee, and stopped at Nuriootpa for lunch at the Vine Inn, where Rob ("Tail End Charlie") was waiting for his lunch. We then rode on to Melba's Chocolate Factory where everyone bought up sugar free chocolate – boring!

After that we rode on to Woodside and stopped for coffee, then on to Hahndorf to found our motel (Hahndorf Lodge Motor Inn). Leon and Deb were a fair way down the road – he booked into The Manna. We booked in and the boys went to the Hahndorf Hotel for drinks and the girls unpacked and got ready to go to the German Arms for tea, which was away down the road.

Everyone seemed to enjoy their meal and company. We then walked backed to our motel where we sat around the heated pool for drinks, coffee and nibbles. I'm told that a while later some went for a swim.

On Sunday morning we met at 8.00 am for breakfast and some window shopping. (The guys felt safe with that as being on bikes there wasn't a lot of room to pack anything.)

We left Hahndorf at 11.00 am and rode through some hills and stopped at Tanunda for lunch and a look down the street.

We then rode to Burra and stopped for coffee before heading back to Pirie. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, as they do on the "overnighters". Looking forward to our next one at Renmark in November.

### Sunday 20th September

Stax organised this ride for the riders who didn't go to Hahndorf. Left Caltex at 10.00 am with 14 bikes and 18 people, with good weather and good spirits, picked up 3 more bikes on the Gladstone/Crystal Brook corner, and rode to Laura, Stonehut then on to Jamestown.

It was great to see Ellie and Boney join them before they leave for their big trip to Victoria on their Goldwing. Bit worried about Boney though, Ellie has no trouble getting on the Goldwing, but needed help getting off, I mean the bike, and I know what you were thinking! They then rode to Peterborough via Whyte Yarcowie and Terowie where they then had lunch and checked out the Motor Bike Museum.

Stax told me he had a minor problem with his trike, he forgot to put his oil filler cap on the motor (there was oil everywhere, he wasn't impressed). Well Stax we all learn by our mistakes. I also heard that Wayne had been tinkering with Bev's bike and blaming dirty fuel for the problems she was having, but the rumour getting around is that Wayne probably caused the problem.

They headed for Orroroo and onto Stonehut for coffee, some how they lost a few riders at the last corner; anyway they enjoyed coffee and company and farewelled Rod and Rae and picked up another rider Mick Martin and headed back to Port Pirie, a great day with great company according to Stax and are looking forward to the next ride.

### Sunday October 18th Ride Leader Les Beyer 86.325565 or 0427 632 213

Ride to Eudunda.  
Leave Caltex @ 9.00am.  
Travel via Hallet to Eudunda for lunch at the hotel, then home via Auburn and Blyth.



### Saturday November 21st

#### Ride Leader Leon Stevens 8632 1211 or 0407 727 035

Overnight ride to Renmark  
Leave Caltex @ 8.30am.  
Book your own Accommodation, Comfort Inn 210 Renmark Ave. Ph. 8585 6717 or Renmark Hotel Ph.1800 Renmark or 8586 6755

### Sunday December 20th. Ride Leader, Solly 8633 0385 or 0420 859 492

Leave Caltex @ 10.00  
Ride to Moonta (Hotel) for lunch.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

Where: French Hot Bread Shop  
(In the main street of Pt Pirie next to the ANZ bank and opposite the playground)

When: Every Sunday at 10:00am  
All welcome.

All rides will still leave Pt. Pirie from the Solomontown Caltex service station. Riders are welcome to come on all or part of the ride.

The ride calendar will be updated monthly if required. Any updates during the month will be emailed out and copies put on the counter at Boats & Bikes (former Mid North Suzuki) on Esmond Road. The calendar will also be on display in the window.

All rides will have a ride leader and a tail end Charlie (will always stay at the back of the group) so that everyone can ride at their own pace. We will also use corner marshals when the ride leader thinks it is required. The rider immediately behind the leader will stop and wait on a corner if the ride leader indicates (by pointing to the corner) and will remain on the corner directing other riders until tail end Charlie goes past. If you are willing to be a corner marshal then you just need to ride up the front but if you don't want the job then don't ride immediately behind the leader. The system works well if adhered to and lets everyone ride in confidence that they will not get lost even if they cannot see any other riders.

If you would like to have this calendar and any updates emailed to you email me (Solly) at [treena.solomon@yahoo.com.au](mailto:treena.solomon@yahoo.com.au) and I will email the calendar to you in future.

Any questions or ideas for rides please contact me.

**Glen (Solly) & Treena Solomon**  
8633 0385  
or 0420 859 492

# 086 Group



# Whyalla South Australia

*Where the outback meets the sea*



Went on Ride to Port Broughton on 1st August - fabulous! Everything esd really green, unusual for this end of the world.  
Cheers  
Christine Clothier

From Left Phillip Holliday, Ray Clothier, Bob Breuker, Julie Holliday, Gerry Messias, Graham Gill. The Port Broughton Hotel in the background has excellent meals!



Maybe a bit closer to the sea would suit you!

This was in the window of the local real estate agent. Port Broughton awaits you!



New Ulysses member, he is awaiting his membership #, Dave Baverstock, celebrated his 60th Birthday at the Shed, 1st August 09, with friends and family. Pictured with his Honda DN - 01, named the Georgie B.





### RIDE TO THE ROCK MUSIC NIGHT RAISES OVER \$1,300

The Ride to the Rock Music Night held in the 086 Group Shed at Whyalla on Saturday night raised over \$1,300 from donations at the door, raffles and auctions of donated items.

Entertainment was supplied by local duo "CJ Acoustics" who donated their time to the event and kept the crowd of nearly 70 happily dancing and singing along to the classics from the 60s, 70s and 80s from 6:30pm 'til midnight.

While the patrons were enjoying the abundant chicken, salad and pastry supper donated by the 086 Group, Ride to the Rock Coordinator, Steve Woolley, explained that Ride to the Rock is an annual motorcycle charity ride loosely based on the Variety Club Bash concept with all funds raised being directed to Cancer Council DA.

"We began in 2005, when Brendon Corby and myself were involved in the "Relay for Life" event at Clare. Brendon had just bought a brand new 1300cc Yamaha and was looking for a long ride to run it in. Between us we dreamed up the idea of riding from Clare to Uluru (Ayer's Rock) and return over 5 days and then were amazed when 9 other riders on 7 bikes paid to join us.

We raised \$5,000 that year and were encouraged to repeat it in 2006 when we returned to Uluru, and 2007 & 08 when we rode to Wudinna Rock via the coast of Eyre Peninsula." He said

"We raised over \$25,000 over those 4 Rides and this year are heading from Spalding via the Clare, Barossa and Murray Valley wine regions for an over night stop at Wentworth, then 2 nights at Broken Hill before venturing down to the Black Rock Dirt Circuit Club where the riders will get the chance to test the abilities in several donated dirt circuit race cars. Already husbands are being challenged by wives eager to prove that women are better drivers" He added.

"Each rider is encouraged to raise money for Cancer Council by staging events, raffles or other fund raising activities. We have a successful Golf Day each year at Spalding and are hoping to make this music night in Whyalla an annual event as well.

Several Whyalla Ulysses Club members have registered for this year's event with Di Lehmann being our first female rider to enter on her own 250cc Yamaha. Many women have ridden as pillion passengers or in support cars, but this is a first and Di is to be congratulated for making the commitment to our cause." Steve concluded.

Steve then proceeded to draw the lucky door prize for men and women, the 16 prize 'pick of the table' raffle and auction of a further 10 items including dog food, personal training sessions,

gym memberships and art work including a pyro-graph of a classic Honda 750 motorcycle created by one of South Australia's Living Artists, John Helbig of Spalding.

"John suffers from multiple sclerosis and has found that burning images into plywood assists in maintaining his hand and eye coordination, encourages concentration and keeps him active.

"He scans a photo into his computer then draws that image free hand onto the plywood before burning the final picture into the wood using an electric soldering iron. This motor cycle image would have taken many weeks to create, before he applied a sealing top coat and then hand-made the frame.

"Our Ride to the Rock logo of a Harley approaching Ayers Rock was taken from a similar work that John donated in 2008 and which sold at Auction in Smoky Bay for \$800 that year." Steve explained.

Despite some spirited bidding on this item, it failed to reach the reserve and was withdrawn. Following a hastily convened meeting of the 086 Group Committee the work was purchased by the Group at the reserve price and now is proudly on display over the bar at the Shed.

Steve then wound up the formalities of the night by thanking all sponsors of the event, the 086 Group Committee and members who worked tirelessly throughout Saturday to prepare the Shed and those who attended and contributed to the success by donating cash and taking part in the whole fund raising activity. Opposite page shows just some of the members who had a great night out.

**Christine Clothier**  
Secretary



086 Group President, Richard Henderson-Wilson, being presented with the pyro-graph by Steve Woolley and Di Lehman, 'won' at auction at the fundraising night.



## An idea 2005

Like most good ideas, Ride to the Rock was started with a couple of blokes talking about going for a long ride to run in a new motorbike. The decision was made that the best way to run in the machine would be to stretch its legs to Uluru - or Ayer's Rock as the oldies remember it - so the idea of Ride to the Rock was formed, not realizing that a nice long ride would grow to be the event that it has become.

Those two blokes, Steve Woolley and Brendon Corby, were at the time involved in the Cancer Council's Relay for Life event at Clare. They figured the best justification to go for a nice long ride like this and to have a bit of fun along the way was to raise some money for the Cancer Council as part of the relay for life. The charity ride, loosely based on the Variety Clubs Bash concept, would see motorbikes head up to "The Rock" and back over a period of five days. Steve and Brendon were amazed when nine other riders and seven bikes actually paid to join them on the ride.

Brendon rode his FJR 1300 Yamaha and it got its long run in without missing a beat. Steve on the other hand, being a little adventurous, dusted off his 1978 Honda 750 F2 Super Sport. As well as a few unauthorised off road excursions, the old girl suffered drastic oil consumption, and, after limping home, sits in the shed undergoing a full restoration.

This first year, these two blokes and their mates raised \$5,000 and were encouraged to repeat it, heading back to "The Rock" in 2006. Following in 2007 and 2008 the Ride to the Rock saw the riders heading to a new rock - Wudinna Rock on South Australia's Eyre Peninsula.

The 2009 Ride to the Rock will commence in Spalding and finish in the Northern settlement of Black Rock travelling via Wentworth and Broken Hill.

So far Ride to the Rock has raised over \$25,000 in cash and donations in kind for the Cancer Council of South Australia.

Brendon and Steve... what a great idea!

Opposite is information and an entry form for this year's ride. For all updates and more information, go to [www.ridetotherock.com.au](http://www.ridetotherock.com.au)

If it's too late for you to take part this year, put this event on your calendar of 'things to do' for next year.

**Steve Woolley 0439 501 901**

### Rob Watts Memorial Trophy

Rob Watts was one of the eleven riders who took part in the inaugural "Ride to the Rock". Rob raised over \$2500 in the Balaclava



area knocking on the doors of every business in the town and cheekily refusing to leave until they had made a donation to the cause.....some could only spare \$5 or \$10 while others supported Rob with hundreds- it didn't matter to Rob he knew every cent counted to the end result.

Those who knew Rob will be well aware that he stood in excess of 6 feet 3 inches, was pencil thin and rode a police-style BMW K1100 motorcycle, which despite its large & tall frame could not keep Rob comfortable on extremely long runs. In order to ease his discomfort Rob would often flip the lid on his crash helmet and stand fully upright on the front pegs while cruising at the maximum speed allowed. In the Northern Territory a passing road train driver was heard to comment on the CB radio that Rob looked like a meerkat steering a push-bike and the nickname stuck, with many other riders finally mastering the trick.

Rob was only able to partake in the first of the rides. At the time unknown to all he was to fall ill with Cancer which took him in January 2008. We will remember him via our perpetual trophy which is awarded to each year's greatest fund raiser and bares his name as the inaugural winner.

Rob's passing is a stark reminder of the reason that friends should gather and continue the fellowship and camaraderie that he helped engender and to raise much needed funds to assist in the fight against cancer.

Each year "The Rob Watts Memorial Trophy" is awarded to the entrant or group that has raised the most money for the years "Ride to the Rock". Rob was presented with the award at the 2006 presentation night.

The Rob Watts Memorial Trophy was made from a toy 750 Suzuki donated by Des Woolley of Burra and Al Kilsby of Elizabeth who created a unique wooden support work

# Yorke Peninsula

## Beast Feast Sat. 1st & Sun 2nd August 2009

It was a very cold and foggy night, but the food, location and the camaraderie amongst those who attended more than compensated for the weather conditions. The main hall which was used as a dining area & later on as a bunkhouse soon warmed up as it filled. The other option was to congregate around the huge bonfire which was lit up on the oval.

The evening meal consisted of three courses for \$12.00 per head not bad value considering everyone was offered second helpings. Breakfast was \$5.00 per head consisting of bacon, eggs & toast etc. Tea & coffee was provided throughout the whole weekend. All things being considered it was a fantastic weekend, it seems to be growing each year, with attendance being bolstered by visitors from other branches and riding groups who seem to make it an annual pilgrimage. The success of this event is due to the great team effort of the members of the Fleurieu Branch. It is supposed to be a non profit event but looking at it from the outside I would be surprised if it could break even, Hobbitt assured me that it made \$1.00 profit last year. At the Rides Committee meeting which was held Saturday afternoon, I was pleased to be given the opportunity to organise a combined ride with the Fleurieu Branch again on the long weekend in June 2010, so jot this date down in your calendar to help make it as successful as the last one. It is a good opportunity to meet some like minded people and "Have A Whale Of A Time"

## Jamestown Sunday 6th September 2009

When we met at Port Wakefield the temperature was what you could expect for a beautiful spring day, only one problem a North wind blowing at 25 knots. We decided to make the most of an average situation and headed off for Jamestown led by James & Heather Bartsch.

We travelled through quite a few country towns before arriving at Yacka for a short break, the ride up to this point could be described as a Mid North meander. We then left Yacka for the short run into Jamestown where we met up with the Southern Flinders Riding Group for a pub lunch. James decided to use the Commercial Hotel this time as a bit of a change, we found the food and service to be of an excellent standard and we will certainly use them again when we are up that way again. It is good to see two neighbouring riding groups both promoting each others rides, and it was great to meet up with some old friends and make some new ones. Thanks to James and Heather for organising such good ride and for selecting such a value for money venue, every one who attended enjoyed it immensely.

## Coming Rides

### October 2nd, 3rd, 4th 2009

Sixteenth Annual S.A. Odyssey hosted by the Mallee Branch at Barmera.

### Sunday 8th November 2009. (Note Date Change)

Meet at B.P Ardrossan at 10.00 am. We will then travel to Point Turton where we will have lunch at the Tavern.

### November 10th, 11th, 12th November 2009.

We will be hosting the Fleurieu branch for a three day tour of the Yorke Peninsula.

### Friday 11th, Sat. 12th, Sunday 13th December 2009.

Combined ride with Eyre Peninsula Branch. Ride details in August Odyssey

### Saturday January 6th 2010.

Meet at B.P Ardrossan 5.00 pm for an evening ride, mystery destination for a pub meal.

### Saturday February 7th 2010

Meet at B.P Port Wakefield 5.00 pm for another evening ride, same as last month another mystery destination finishing with a pub meal. Note! January and February usually have very high day time temperatures. hence the two evening rides.

### February 27th, 28th, 2010.

Yorke Peninsula Vintage, Veteran & Classic M.C.C Rally

### Sunday March 7th 2010.

Meet at the B.P Port Wakefield 10.00 am for a ride to the Barossa Valley.



The leg on which Australia stands

Rodney Lind

Yorke Peninsula Riding Group  
Ride Coordinator



On the verandah of the Jamestown pub

### Sunday Rides

are held on the first Sunday of the month. Watch these pages for details and updates or contact Rod Lind on 8837 7260/0148 527 977 for info.

### Wednesday Rides

leave the parking bay in the centre of Kadina Park at 9.30 am on Wednesdays. Please contact Clive Ford on 8821 1598 before any Wednesday ride to get the latest information.

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The pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and took off. Once in the air, the photographer instructed the pilot, 'Fly over the valley and make low passes so I can take pictures of the fires on the hillsides.'

'Why?' asked the pilot.

'Because I'm a photographer for Fox Cable News,' he responded. 'and I need to get some close up shots.'

The pilot was strangely silent for a moment.....

Finally, he stammered, 'So, what you're telling me is .... you're NOT my flight instructor?'

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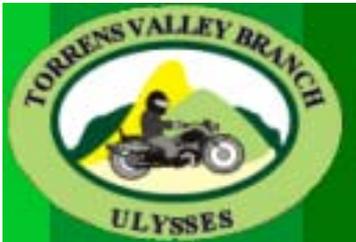
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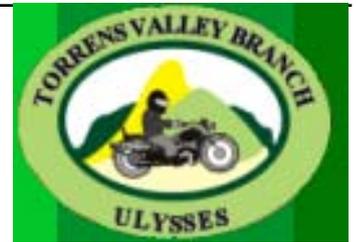
7.30pm

**Third Tuesday of the Month**

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Meals available from the Club before the Meeting

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## Rides Calendar

Date	Time	Leader/Contact	Event	Venue	Depart/Leaving
August 23			Meet the FUBs		McDonald's Car Park
October 18	Sunday 9.00am	Neville Gray 8263 7566	Meet the Barossa Mob		Civic Park
October 18			Pink Ribbon Ride		Burnside Village
Oct 31 – Nov 2		Mark Seja 0402 982 402	Meet the Westgate Wanderers	Mt Gambier	Tailem Bend
November 8	Sunday 9.30am	Neville Gray 8263 7566	Friends & Rellies Ride		Civic Park
December 13			Toy Run		

**There are three signs of old age.**

The first is loss of memory. I forgot the other two.



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**Rides Start Location  
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*Dolphin Cruise 2010*



*Penny's Dolphin Cruise is on again!*

*Sunday, 21st February, 2010*

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*Price: \$24 pp includes a two course meal.*

*This will be a joint venture with Adelaide and  
Fleurieu Branches, and the Yorke Peninsula Riding  
Group*

G'Day Folks,

Well what a great couple of months we have had, firstly going to the Wombat Rally. This is always good fun with the greatest bonfire you will ever find. It is also good to catch up with local members and the mob from Broken Hill. This is also great preparation for the Ghost Town rally, which this year was held at Copi Hollow, just short of Menindee.

Quite a group from our branch set out for the Ghost Town. The wind was blowing a gale and just to keep it interesting, it was blowing at right angles to the bike. A few times I thought the bike was going to be blown away from underneath me. We were pretty tired by the time we arrived at Broken Hill but fortunately the wind was up our tail from there to Copi Hollow. We were greeted by members that had already arrived and informed us that it was to be a six person job to erect our tent. How good is it to have friends? That night, as if on cue, the wind dropped, the band started, meals were served and the festivities began. It was a fabulous evening. Woke up the next day and the wind was blowing again, so we did the bus trip around the area. This was an eye opener, after hearing of all this water that was meant to be up there, only one lake was full. As the evening approached the wind dropped again. Another great meal, footy finals on the TV in the club rooms, band outside. Some of us enjoyed the evening right thru to early hours of the morning. Sunday we packed up, had brekky and set off. Congratulations to the folk at Broken Hill, you did a great job organising the rally and in making us feel very welcome.

Our mid week rides are getting quite a regular following. I think between the lunches and the bakeries the group is expanding, mainly around the waist though! On our Brass Monkey ride we did a reverse ride where we started at Goolwa and rode back to Willunga. The wind blew us around a fair bit but the meal at the end was well worth it. For the Memorial Ride we joined up with the Longriders to the Middleton Pub. The weather was fabulous and we thank the Longriders for conducting the service.

### Coming Events

**20 September** Mystery Gourmet Ride  
Groups to gather food for a picnic

**27 September** Victor Motorcycles  
Ride: BBQ at Victor Motorcycles

**2-5 October** Barmera Odyssey

**17 October** Bowls Evening  
6.00 start at Noarlunga Bowls – pizza after

**25 October** Pink Ribbon ride

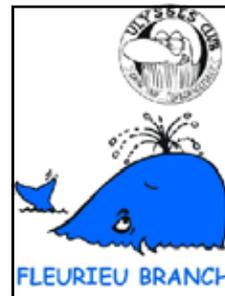
**Not the Australia Day Long Weekend – 2001 January 29, 30 & 31st**

The weekend will be at the Dzintari Camp, Normanville, SA, overlooking the beautiful Gulf of St Vincent. There will be coastal rides, music and fun on site. BBQ Friday night, cooked breakfast Saturday & Sunday morning and a catered meal Saturday night. Bunkhouse accommodation and camping available. You are all invited! To register please go to our web site at [www.fub.org.au/](http://www.fub.org.au/) and get more information and registration forms.

We would love you to come along to any of our events. Meetings are held at 8.00 pm on the third Thursday of the month at the Willunga Golf Club, St Peters Terrace, Willunga. Meals and full bar facilities are available from 6.00 pm. Love to catch up with ya.

'Friends are the family we choose for ourselves'

Regards  
Hobbit  
President  
Fleurieu Branch  
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**Ulysses Club  
Limestone Coast Mount Gambier Branch  
10th Anniversary**

Eighty past and present members, along with the National Committee, celebrated the Branch's tenth anniversary at the Blue Lake Golf Links, on the 15th August.

The current Branch President, Meredith Herpich, had the attendees cast their minds back to 1999, by reminding them of the popular songs, TV programs and the AFL grand final results for that year. At that time, a small group was meeting at the South Eastern Hotel on Friday nights and swapping stories about Motorbike riding.

The founding members of the Branch had been meeting since 1996, with the Branch receiving its charter from the National Committee in 1999. Meredith thanked those founding members, and subsequent members and committees, for growing the Branch into the strong group it has become.

Kim Kennerson, National President, (right) introduced the National Committee, and thanked the local committee for the invitation, and for providing lunch for the bi monthly National Committee Meeting, which was held during the day.



Meredith Herpich (President) and Kym Reichelt (Treasurer) attended part of the Natcom Meeting and got an insight into the running of the Ulysses Club.

Entertainment for the evening was self generated, stimulated by 100 place mats with photographs of members and events from the last ten years scattered around the tables. Members moved from table to table reminiscing and embellishing old stories. As the place mats could be taken home, you could see swapping and negotiating going on all night. A bit like kids swapping footy cards in the playground.

A slide show of 200 slides of events and members from the last ten years was on display on the large TV. To test the observation skills, there was a quiz relating to a bear that appeared occasionally on the screen. Out of a possible score of 5 the maximum score was 2. Kim Kennerson selected the winning table who received champagne and chocolate.

Door prizes (donated by local businesses the prizes included a helmet, fuel vouchers, alcohol, Coca Cola & Jim Beam products) were drawn for 5 lucky members.

The evening was concluded with the juke box playing old hits and our own dancing girls from the Branch showing us their style.

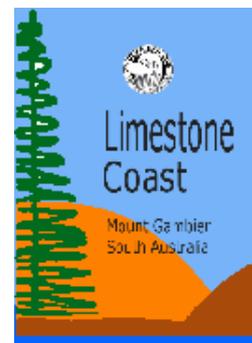
As a celebration of the event, a new Branch shirt has been created and it was great to see many wearing it on the night. The evening was a fantastic event for the Branch bringing together past and present members, and the opportunity to meet the National Committee of our great Club.

Many thanks to the current committee who put a lot of time and effort into organising the event, and the staff of the Blue Lake Golf Links who provided good food and service, and a great facility.

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Secretary: Jill Gilmore  
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Rides Captain: Trevor Blackall  
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**Sunday Meeting Place :** Collars & Cuffs Café,  
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**Rides :** As per Ride Calendar on the Web

**Web Site:** <http://www.ulysses.org.au/branches/limestonecoast/>

Our Web is now updated regularly, with Ride Calendar, Ride Reports & Photos.

**Meredith Herpich  
President  
Limestone Coast Mount gambier Branch  
#27605**



Above: Limestone Coast Mount Gambier Branch Committee  
Committee Below: Part of the crowd of revellers



## NINE WORDS/PHRASES WOMEN USE

- (1) **Fine:** This is the word women use to end an argument when they are right and you need to shut up.
- (2) **Five minutes:** If she is getting dressed, this means a half an hour. Five minutes is only five minutes if you have just been given five more minutes to watch the game before helping around the house.
- (3) **Nothing:** This is the calm before the storm. This means something, and you should be on your toes. Arguments that begin with nothing usually end in fine.
- (4) **Go Ahead:** This is a dare, not permission. Don't Do It!
- (5) **Loud sigh:** This is actually a word, but is a non-verbal statement often misunderstood by men. A loud sigh means she thinks you are an idiot and wonders why she is wasting her time standing here and arguing with you about nothing. (Refer back to # 3 for the meaning of nothing.)
- (6) **That's okay:** This is one of the most dangerous statements a woman can make to a man... That's okay means she wants to think long and hard before deciding how and when you will pay for your mistake.
- (7) **Thanks:** A woman is thanking you, do not question, or faint. Just say you're welcome. (I want to add in a clause here - This is true, unless she says 'Thanks a lot' - that is PURE sarcasm and she is not thanking you at all. DO NOT say 'you're welcome' . that will bring on a 'whatever').
- (8) **Whatever:** Is a woman's way of saying F-- YOU!
- (9) **Don't worry about it, I got it:** Another dangerous statement, meaning this is something that a woman has told a man to do several times, but is now doing it herself. This will later result in a man asking 'What's wrong?' For the woman's response refer to # 3.  
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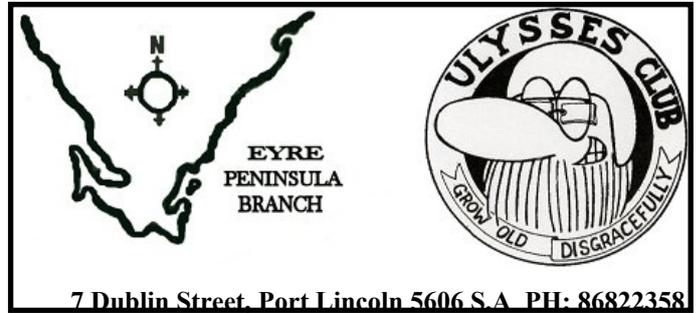
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# Eyre Peninsula Branch Ride Calendar

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Date	Ride	Contact	Advise by	Leave	Time
24-25 Oct	Coodilie Park	John Mansfield 0408 988 9987	27 September	Town Jetty	10.00 am
1 Nov	Cougar's Breakfast - Cummins	Bill Sellen 8682 2713	18 October	Town Jetty	8.00 am
15 November	Tumby BYO BBQ	Bill Richter 8682 8212	1 November	North Shields	11.00 am
TBA	Cowley's Annual Toy Run				
28-29 Nov	Wudinna Christmas Dinner - Secret Santa (Ride or Drive)	Trish Pruis 8682 2358	1 November	Town Jetty	1.00 pm
11-14 Dec	Walleroo Trip (Ferry - 10.30 am)	Herman Pruis 8682 2358	8 November	North Shields	8.00 am

## LAST S.A. RALLY for 2009

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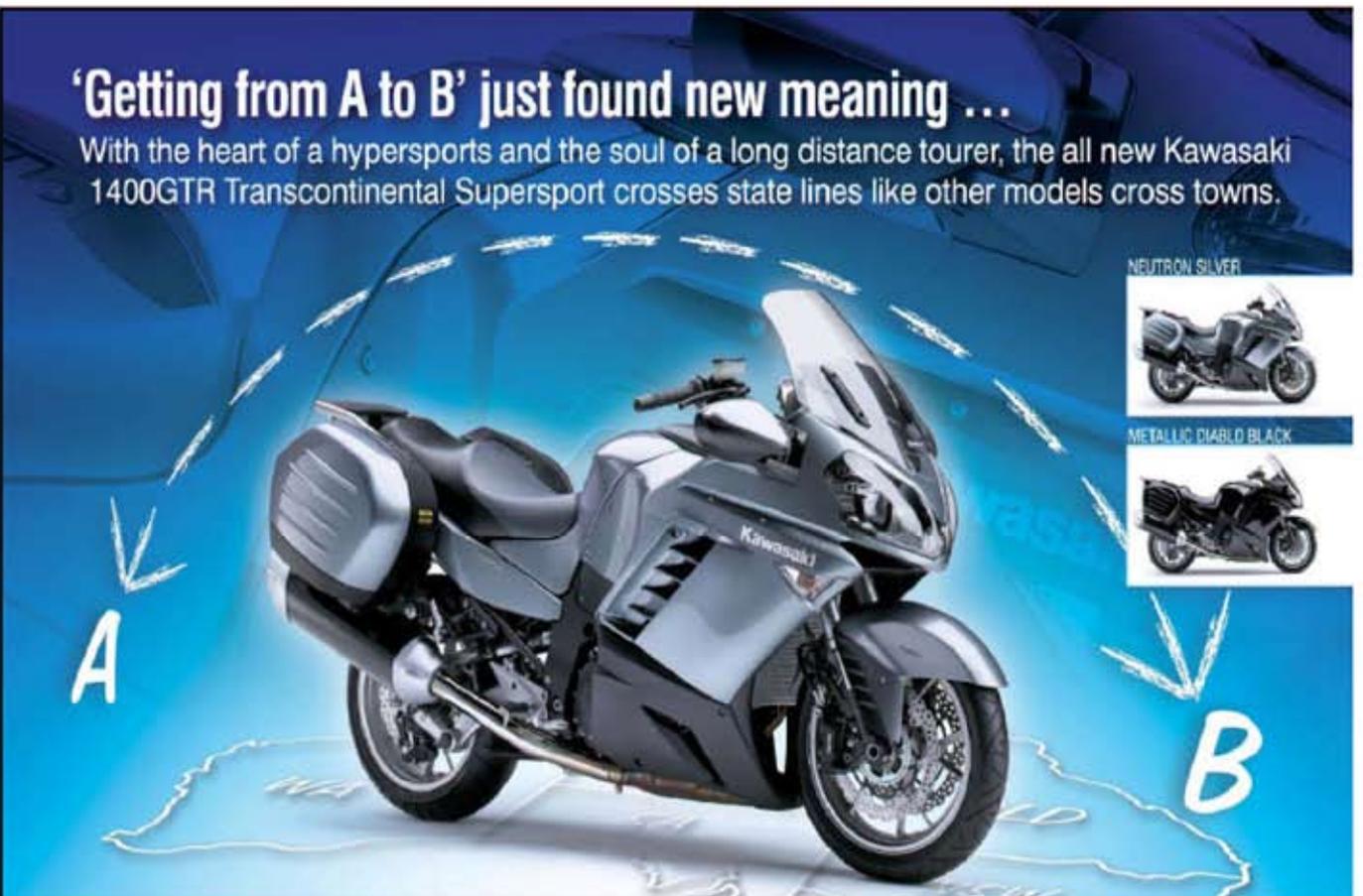


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## The Spin Doctors

Judy Wallman, a professional genealogical researcher, discovered that Hillary Clinton's great-great uncle, Remus Rodham, was hanged for horse stealing and train robbery in Montana in 1889.

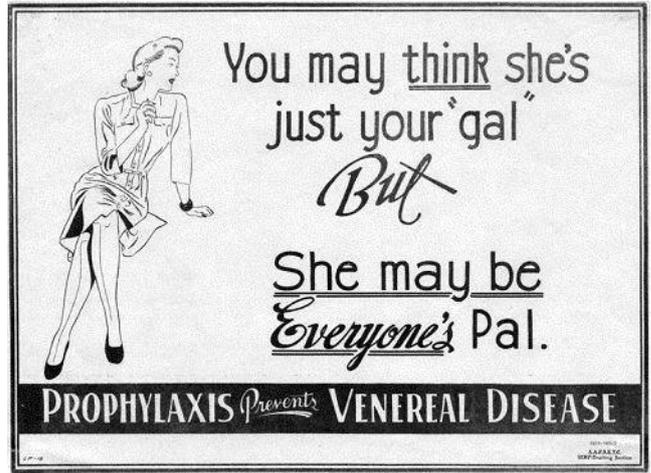
The only known photograph of Remus shows him standing on the gallows. On the back of the picture is this inscription: 'Remus Rodham; horse thief, sent to Montana Territorial Prison 1885, escaped 1887, robbed the Montana Flyer six times. Caught by Pinkerton detectives, convicted and hanged in 1889.'

Judy e-mailed Hillary Clinton for information about her great-great uncle. Hillary's staff sent back the following biographical sketch:

'Remus Rodham was a famous cowboy in the Montana Territory. His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and intimate dealings with the Montana railroad. Beginning in 1883, he devoted several years of his life to government service, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad. In 1887, he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the renowned Pinkerton Detective Agency.'

In 1889, Remus passed away during an important civic function held in his honor when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed.'

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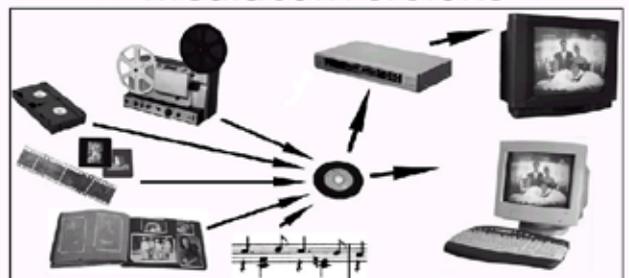
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