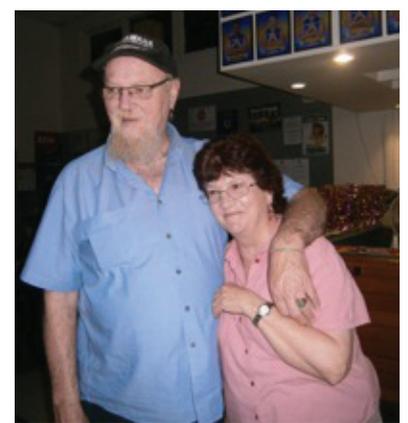


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Do you have anything interesting to tell our subscribers - holidays, poetry, jokes, motorcycle stories, reports on Ulysses activities, hobbies, photos? Send it in and get yourself in print! The Odyssey, as always, is receptive to 'stuff' from all branches. We want to know what you've been up to.

How about some wedding photos?

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Hi All

The feedback from members who were at the Port Pirie Odyssey has been all favourable! Well done, committee!

I am so looking forward to Whyalla next year. The Whyalla members are an enthusiastic lot, as can be seen by their reports on recent activities 'up there'. There will be details in December's Odyssey and on the web site regarding accommodation, etc.

My 3 weeks + trip OS went quickly, but I was ready to come home when it ended. Report a bit further on.

I was saddened to hear of **Ross Murray's** passing whilst I was away. Ross and Geraldine have always 'been around' in Ulysses circles, and Ross will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Condolences to Geraldine and her family at this sad time.

I was also greeted with the news that **Don Freene** had a serious 'off' a couple of days before I got home, cracking two vertebrae. I've spoken to Sue and after a week or so in hospital, he's home and resting until his back has healed.

Congratulations to **Mark Seja** on his appointment as National Secretary. All the best, Mark (and Penny).

We're all booked up for a three week holiday, incorporating the AGM at Wodonga next year. Looking forward to that. Need to get some more ks under my bum before then. As a fair weather rider, I have some to catch up on.

I have no info in the **Toy Run breakfast**, but check out the web site and hopefully it will be in December's issue.

Wendy



This is how I saw the 21st Central Odyssey



Thursday, Bundi and I set off for Port Pirie; we had a great ride up through the Barossa and Clare Valleys, and Crystal Brook, and then to Pirie. The ride up was magnificent at around 21degrees and little or no breeze. We booked into the Travelway Motel across the road from Memorial Oval and caught up with the Halls (Barry and Mary) when they arrived a little later.

We were up bright and early the next morning (Friday) putting up some Ulysses signs to guide folk to the venue and, a while later, we went to Memorial Oval to set up for registrations. It was great to greet so many happy Ulyssians as they arrived, set up camp and register for the weekend.

Friday night saw the Meet and Greet BBQ which was well catered and quite a few were having problems fitting all the food in that was served up.

Saturday arrived, but the planned tour of the Golden North Ice-Cream factory had to be cancelled, due to increased production and so the factory was in operation. Instead, folk did a bit of local sightseeing, catching up some more with friends and relaxing (drinking). I went for a ride with a small group to Horrocks Pass, Wilmington, Melrose, back along a very dangerous Germein Gorge and to Pirie.

At the meeting of branch representatives, some of the details for next year's Odyssey in Whyalla were revealed. A proposal for an AGM in SA was discussed and the Fluerieu Branch put its hand up to host the 2016 Odyssey - great to see. We then set up the room for the Saturday night meal and entertainment.

WOW what a great night this was: fantastic food and great company. We were joined by Helena Gritton (our National President) and Dave, her Louis Vuitton hand bag, Mark Seja (our National Secretary) and Penny, and Brenton Vanstone, the Mayor of Port Pirie. After the official part of the evening, the entertainment, which included a great singer keeping us entertained, was under way. There was much dancing being done by some very energetic Ulyssians until late into the night.

Sunday was the day for the organised ride led by Stax, and from all reports, it was well planned and very well led through some fantastic countryside. Bundi and I chose to go on the bus trip organised by Ray Murray. The bus took us to Germein Gorge and a winery, then on through Melrose and Wilmington, to an interesting Ghost Town called Hammond. The bus company put on lunch for us here at the hall (fantastic) and a good friend of Ray's (John), who lives on a nearby station, came along and gave us talk on the history of Hammond which, in its time, was a booming community. We then were taken to Quorn where a few went to the Pichi Richi Train workshops, while the rest of us wandered around town sightseeing. Then it was then back on the bus to Pirie to prepare for dinner. We all had a fantastic time on the bus tour, it was interesting how, when we left in the morning there was lots of chatter and noise on the bus, but on the final leg of our journey after food, warm sunshine and a long drive, it was very quiet except for the occasional snore and snort.

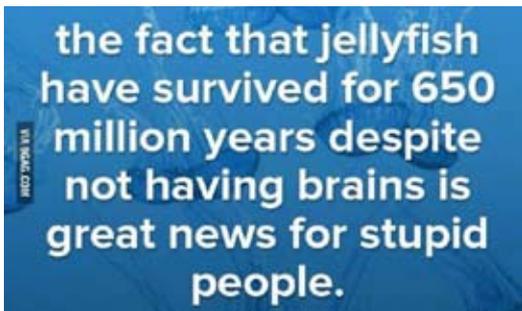
Sunday night's meal was again up to a great standard and enjoyed by all. As usually happens on Sunday nights at Odysseys, folk head off early to prepare for their trip home on the Monday.

It was as expected another absolutely fantastic Odyssey, it's always great to see so many folk catch up with friends from all over not only SA but other states as well.

I would like to thank the committee who all helped out in organizing this Odyssey at short notice, you all did a fantastic job. That was my take of the 21st central Odyssey and if you were there I'm sure you would agree with me on how good a time we all had.

So here's looking forward to the 2015 Odyssey in Whyalla.

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November 2 9.30 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	President's Ride	Normanville	Top of Taps
November 9 9.00 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Sponsored Ride Breakfast at Pitman's	Meadows	Pitman's Yamaha 320 Main North Road Blair Athol
November 16 9.30 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	DayRide	Ashbourne Greenman Inn	Civic Park North East Road, Modbury
Saturday November 22	Guy Malpass 0402 414 276	Guy's FAR Ride		
November 23 9.30 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Friends & Rellies Ride	Milang	Top of Taps
November 30 9.30 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Day Ride	Goolwa	McDonalds 303-306 Magill Road, Trinity Gardens
December 7 9.30 am	Andrew Mill 0412 312 243	Day Ride	Clayton Bay	Civic Park North East Road, Modbury
December 14	MRA	TOY RUN See MRA web site for details See Events page on our web site for breakfast details	Callington Oval	
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Ridden On

Ross Munro Murray #2299

08/02/1934 - 12/09/2014

Ross joined the Ulysses Club at the Adelaide Branch in 1989 and enjoyed 25 years of touring Australia with his wife, Geraldine, attending many Odysseys and AGMs.

At 16 years of age, he got his driver's licence in his lunch hour, then bought his first bike after work - a 1929 Norton.

So began a lifetime of fun on motorbikes and making many lasting friendships through various clubs.

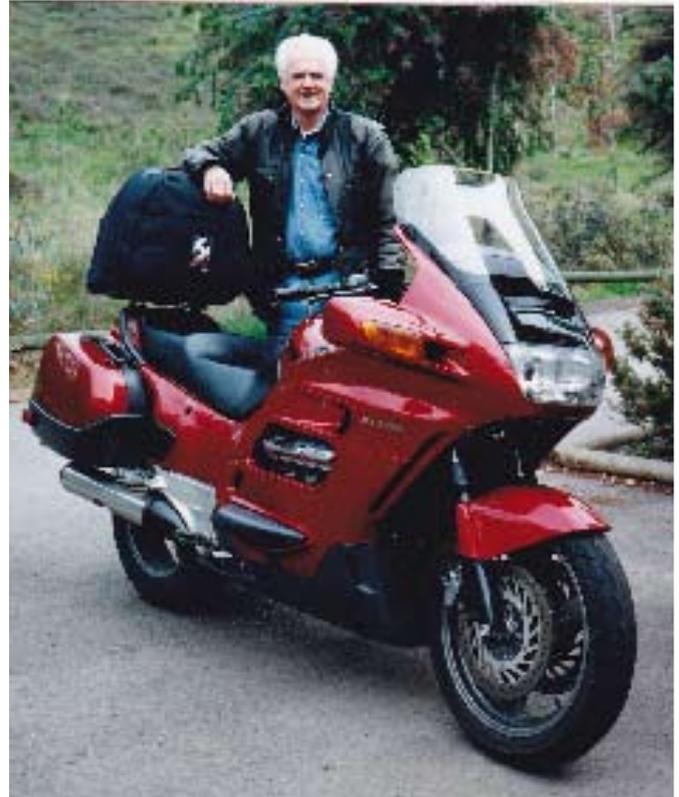
Ross sold his last bike (a Honda Deauville 650) after his 80th birthday, this year.

Ross was a great character, loved by his family and friends. His definition of a successful life was - 'to form meaningful relationships with other people'.

By the reaction to Ross' death in September, he was extremely 'successful' in his life!

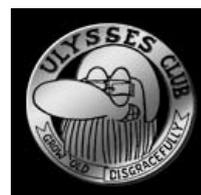
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"Another one trying to fool everyone with pious preaching and stupid hats!"

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"Ah, now dat's sad," says the third Irishman.

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Sunday Round-up

3rd August Day Ride to Normanville

Around fifteen of us set off from Magill to Norton Summit, Uraidla and along Greenhill Road to Swamp Road, Vickers Road and Tiers Road which we followed to Woodside. We then headed to Nairne and around Bald Hills Road to Wistow, down the hill through Woodchester and on to Strath for morning tea. We then set off to Ashbourne, along Bull Creek Road to Meadows where we made our way to Brookman Road, and along Peters Creek Road to Whickam Hill Road, eventually making our way to Pages Flat, then it was over the Myponga dam and to a very sunny Normanville for lunch.



10th August Meet the Kings Ride

Around sixteen of us gathered at a very very busy Caltex Bolivar, from where we made our way to Angle Vale, Lewiston and Two Wells where it started to rain. We followed the rain to Malalla where we turned and headed to a dry, sunny Balaklava for morning tea and to meet the Torrens Valley guys. We then set off for Pt Wakefield and over to the Yorke Peninsula. We headed over the Hummocks to Kulpara where we turned along the Maitland Road to Arthurton where we turned and went to Wendy and Garry's house in Ardrossan. Here we met up with around a dozen more folk and had a great lunch wonderfully prepared by Wendy and Garry. We all had a fantastic day out, and it was great to catch up with folk not seen for a while. Plans have already been put in place for this ride again next year. Many thanks to Wendy and Garry for their efforts and opening up their property for us all to enjoy.

Editor's Note: All the photos I took are somewhere in Paris, where I left my camera in a taxi. The only one I have, of Daisy on the back of Bruce Lehman's bike trailer, was sent by Di Lehman from Whyalla. Could have combed her hair!!



The Odyssey

17th August Day Ride to Clayton Bay

There was a good size group of eighteen at Top of Taps, to set off to Clarendon, Blewitt Springs and McLaren Flat. We then went to the Range and on to Pages Flat Road, from where we went over the Myponga Dam to Yankalilla for morning tea. We then headed up the hill to Parawa and along Range Road to Victor Harbour, Airport Road, through Currency Creek and along Winery Road, towards Finnis, on to Milang and around the lake to Clayton Bay for lunch at the Sails Cafe, where we were met by Chris and Anne. We were treated to fantastic weather all day even though our route took us awful close to some mighty dark clouds.

24th August Day Ride to Wellington

We had fourteen riders and two pillion passengers arrive keen for a ride from Civic Park to Wellington. Andrew was away suffering with a bout of the flu, so the ride was led by Frank Pellas, assisted skilfully by Peter Wood taking his first turn as Tail End Charlie. Morning tea was planned for Littlehampton, and at the pre-ride briefing, Harry informed us of the Cockney rhyming slang of "Little Hampton-Wick, Little Di..." Well it was funny if you were there! Endeavouring to take advantage of every corner between Modbury and Littlehampton, we set off to St Agnes then, via Perseverance Road, to Ansteys Hill, around the north side of the Paracombe golf links and down to Gorge Road. A right turn here took us on a very leisurely cruise down to Corkscrew Road where most of us made it to the top without too much trouble. Discretion forbids the naming of those who toppled over, but they were both on BMWs, both unhurt and no damage done. Then along Montacute Road, then left onto the Lobethal Road. Frank stopped for a mob-up at Camelot Castle. At Forest Range we turned into Leslie Road and went over the hill to Swamp Road where we turned right heading for Greenhill Road. A quick squirt back towards Uraidla and then left on Beaumonts Road on over to Verdun. A short run along Onkaparinga Road, then right into Johnson Road took us almost to Balhannah. From there we had a straight run along Junction Road to Little Di, er Littlehampton. After coffee and pies at the bakery, we trundled through to Mount Barker, Flaxley then Macclesfield for another mob-up before taking off along Gemmell Road and Long Valley Road to Wistow. A right turn at Wistow took us along Wellington Road to Woodchester, then through to Callington and the Old Princes Highway. Just before Murray Bridge, we detoured down the Old Swanport Road to Jervois Road. This took us past the cows and dairies to the Wellington Pub. A fine lunch for all at the oldest country pub in SA - except the two who toppled - they went home after morning tea.



Sunday Round-up

31st August Day Ride to Strathalbyn

A group of around fourteen gathered at Magill, before heading up to Norton Summit and on to Summertown, Uraidla and Stirling via Rangeview Road. We then headed towards Longwood and did a loop around through to Mylor. Our next port of call was Echunga, on to Hahndorf and Balhannah for morning tea. We then went along Swamp Road to Lenswood and along Tiers Road to Woodside, Brakunga, Nairne, Bald Hills Road and Mt Barker Springs and Callington where we turned to Woodchester, Langehorne Creek and finally High Street Starthalbyn for lunch. We were treated to some great weather, apart from a bit of wind that blew up, but the sunshine was great.



21st September Day Ride to Yankalilla

Eighteen of us gathered at Magill under fantastic sunny skies, before making our way up to Summertown, through the Picadilly Valley, then along past Woodhouse. We then went along Ridge Road, along Gum Flat Road and into Verdun, from where we made our way to Hahndorf around the back way to Mt Barker. We then headed towards Flaxley before turning along Stamps Road, Gemmell Road and Long Valley Road to Strath for morning tea. We set off again (well all but two of our group left Strath; Bunny and Bev couldn't continue due to a flat battery) and went to Ashbourne and Meadows, through the Kuitpo Forrest, along Peters Creek Road, and Whickham Hill to the Range where we turned and went along Brookman Road before turning back to the Range, down the hill and into Willunga, Pages Flat, Myponga and Yankalilla for lunch. It was a great day out in the still green Adelaide Hills, and, boy, were we treated to some of the best weather we have had since much earlier this year.



7th September Day Ride to Williamstown

There were around fifteen of us at Top of Taps in glorious sunshine, where we set off, making our way to Clarendon, Cherry Gardens, Longwood and Mylor. We then rode to Echunga, Stamps Road and then to Macclesfield, where we headed down the bumpy hill to Strath and then along Paris Creek Road to Meadows for morning tea. We set off for Gemmell Road and on to Wistow, along Paech Road, where one of our group had an off on a bend (shouldn't grab front brake while in gravel). Once everything was sorted, (rider and bike not seriously damaged) we set off on a modified route to Woodside, Lobethal, Cuddlee Creek and on to Williamstown for lunch. All bar one, had a great day out in some lovely green countryside riding great SA roads in lovely sunshine.



Sunday Round-up

28th September Day Ride to Goolwa

A group of 18 were at Top of Taps in sunny but blustery conditions including Harry on his Goldwing sporting some very fancy dangly bits, we set off and made our way to Ackland Hill and on to Ironbank, we then made our way up to Upper Sturt rd and on to Crafers, then through the Picadilly Valley and up Parish Hill rd and to Deviation rd, we then followed the Lobethal rd to Lenswood where we turned along Tiers rd, Vickers rd and then along Swamp rd to Greenhill rd, we next headed to Hahndorf and around the back way to Balhannah for morning tea where all the shops had no power so no hot coffee for the caffeine addicts. Around 6 left us here and the rest of us went towards Woodside, then to Brakunga, Nairne, Mt Barker Springs, Wistow and to the Flaxley rd, we then went along Old Mt Barker rd to Echunga and on to Meadows. Our route then took us down Bull Creek rd, through Currency Creek and to Goolwa for lunch. We were all blown around all day and I think some one even said they almost got sucked off (\$20

is \$20) but we all survived what turned out to be a great ride. See ya all in a couple of weeks after the Pirie Odyssey :-) (Oh ye and a house move)



Leaving for Clayton Bay on 7th August

Paddy says to Murphy
'My mate came off his motorbike today'.

'Oh really?' Says Murphy

'Yes' Paddy answers.

'He has brain damage, 2 broken arms and is blind in one eye!

Murphy says

'F-ckin Hell, no wonder he came off!'

A man went to church one day and afterward he stopped to shake the priest's hand.

He said, 'Fr. Donnelly I'll tell you, that was a damned fine sermon. Damned good!'

Donnelly said, 'Thank you sir, but I'd rather you didn't use profanity.'

The man said, 'I was so damned impressed with that sermon I put five thousand dollars in the offering plate!'

Donnelly said, 'No shit?'

MRA Rallies 2014

Date	Name	Contact	Venue
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Nov 7-8	Fish Holes	Phil 0412 838 765	Portland (Vic)
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Only in Glasgow

A young Glaswegian
guy takes his new
girlfriend home to meet
the family. The dad looks
up and says "Who's is
this lovely young lady?"

Boy says "It's Amanda."

The dad jumps up and
shouts "It's a f*cking
what?"



A REDNECK LOVE POEM

SUSIE LEE DONE FELL IN LOVE,
SHE PLANNED TO MARRY JOE.
SHE WAS SO HAPPY 'BOUT IT ALL,
SHE TOLD HER PAPPY SO.

PAPPY TOLD HER, SUSIE GAL,
YOU'LL HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER.
I'D JUST AS SOON YO' MA DON'T KNOW,
BUT JOE IS YO' HALF BROTHER.

SO SUSIE PUT ASIDE HER JOE
AND PLANNED TO MARRY WILL.
BUT AFTER TELLING PAPPY THIS,
HE SAID, 'THERE'S TROUBLE STILL!

YOU CAN'T MARRY WILL, MY GAL,
AND PLEASE DON'T TELL YO' MOTHER.
BUT WILL AND JOE, AND SEVERAL MO'
I KNOW IS YO' HALF BROTHER.

BUT MAMA KNEW AND SAID, MY CHILD,
JUST DO WHAT MAKES YO' HAPPY.
MARRY WILL OR MARRY JOE;
YOU AIN'T NO KIN TO PAPPY.

(Kinda brings a tear to yer eye, don't it!)



An Irish Miracle

Murphy drops some buttered toast on the kitchen floor and it lands butter-side-up.

He looks down in astonishment, for he knows that it's a law of nature of the universe that buttered toast always falls butter-down.

So he rushes round to the presbytery to fetch Father Flanagan.

He tells the priest that a miracle has occurred in his kitchen.

But he won't say what it is, so he asks Fr. Flanagan to come and see it with his own eyes.

He leads Fr. Flanagan into the kitchen and asks him what he sees on the floor.

"Well," says the priest, "it's pretty obvious. Someone has dropped some buttered toast on the floor and then, for some reason, they flipped it over so that the butter was on top."

"No, Father, I dropped it and it landed like that!" exclaimed Murphy

"Oh my Lord," says Fr. Flanagan, "dropped toast never falls with the butter side up. It's a mir....

Wait... it's not for me to say it's a miracle. I'll have to report this matter to the Bishop and he'll have to deal with it. He'll send some people round; to interview you, take photos, etc."

A thorough investigation is conducted, not only by the archdiocese but by scientists sent over from the Curia in Rome. No expense is spared. There is great excitement in the town as everyone knows that a miracle will bring in much need tourism revenue.

Then, after 8 long weeks and with great fanfare, the Bishop announces the final ruling.

"It is certain that some kind of an extraordinary event took place in Murphy's kitchen, quite outside the natural laws of the universe. Yet the Holy See must be very cautious before ruling a miracle. All other explanations must be ruled out.

Unfortunately, in this case, it has been declared 'No Miracle' because they think that Murphy may have buttered the toast on the wrong side!"



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Some history you never learnt at school

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500s:

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, Don't throw the baby out with the Bath water..

Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying . It's raining cats and dogs.

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, Dirt poor. The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entranceway. Hence the saying a threshold. (Getting quite an education, aren't you?)

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They

would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme, Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old..

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, bring home the bacon. They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and chew the fat..

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the upper crust.

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of holding a wake.

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift.) to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be saved by the bell or was considered a dead ringer...

And that's the truth...Now, whoever said History was boring !!!

THE TOUR OF THE MURRAY RIVER. (or RIDING WITH PURPOSE)

From the 28th July to 3rd August, a lucky few Ulyssians were invited to officiate at the *Tour of the Murray River*, a major bicycle race run by Cycling Victoria, and part of Cycling Australia's Subaru National Road Series. Chris and Deb Sherman, who hold accreditation as Commissaires (cycling officials), asked Trevor Thomas, Ray Murray and me if we would be interested in participating as Moto Scouts. Actually, the bits we heard were "Mildura", "free fuel and accommodation" and "ride your bike and get paid for it", so naturally we agreed immediately. There was also some vague reference to something about a bike race. Well, I've seen the Tour de France on TV, and it didn't look all that tricky. And anyway, we dodge around heaps of cyclists every Sunday when we ride in the Hills. How hard can it be? We should have asked for more information, but never mind.

The Tour was a week long event which started in Mildura and finished in Yarrawonga. Riders covered a different predetermined course every day, which took in numerous small towns and some bigger ones - like Swan Hill, Echuca, and Cobram - as well as a lot of highways and byways. There are a lot of people involved in organising and running a bike race, and it takes quite a while to learn what they are all called and what they all do. Moto Scouts are the motorcyclists who ride out in front of the field and locate potential traffic hazards, mainly cross streets and intersections. They then guard those points from conflicting traffic movements until all the cyclists and support vehicles are safely past. Then they go like scalded cats to get back in front of everybody, and do it over again. It's like playing a motorised version of leapfrog on amphetamines (I imagine). The police manage the whole thing and operate what they call a "rolling road closure". This means that they have a police vehicle at the front and another one at the back, and everywhere in-between these two moving vehicles, the road is deemed temporarily closed and the normal road rules do not apply. The whole shebang moves forward at a pretty reasonable speed, sometimes as much as 80-90kph depending on terrain. They also have motorcycle police (in this case, 14 of them) who do much the same thing as the Moto Scouts, but with the added clout of being able to stop whoever they want, wherever they want, for whatever reason they want, (and the power to book them) for example approaching cars and trucks on main highways, either inside or outside the rolling closure. If a Moto Scout was to find himself/herself outside the rolling closure envelope at any time, normal road rules apply until they get back inside the envelope. Geddit?

Ok, here is where it gets interesting. As well as a hundred or so competitors jockeying for position, there are also a lot of team cars carrying spare bikes, etc. These



can be called forward by the competitors at any time for assistance. There are also judges and other officials in cars or as pillions on motorcycles, TV and Press cameramen as pillions, medical vehicles and so on. And most of them are constantly jockeying for position as well. The Moto Scouts have to get past all this lot to regain their positions ahead of the field, then find the next unattended traffic conflict point. Having a car suddenly pull out in front of you is something we all have to contend with as motorcyclists, but the real scary bit happens when you have to get past the main pack of riders. It's called the Peleton, but you already knew that didn't you? You have to get over to one side of the road, reduce speed, constantly beep the horn, and the riders are supposed to move out of your way to let you get through. Sometimes they can't because they are too tightly packed. Sometimes they don't because they are busy thinking tactics or actually sprinting. Sometimes you nearly make it through, only to have the leaders cut you off at the last second, allowing the guys you just passed to get back in front of you. There are literally only millimetres to spare. Frequently you end up in the dirt just off the bitumen, and sometimes the racers do too. The risk of losing control, or hitting someone or something, and seriously damaging your bike or bringing cyclists down in an ugly pile up is very real, and very scary. And sometimes you even get an earful of expletives from the competitors, which reminds you that this whole event is not put on just so you can ride your motorcycle (apparently), it's actually a bicycle race. Ungrateful bastards.

Having said that, the really good bit about the job is this. Within the envelope, and when it is safe to do so, you can really rip and tear. It's amazing how much faster you can ride if you can use the whole road with complete impunity. For instance, crossing double lines and tipping into blind bends on the wrong side of the

road while the cops are watching is quite liberating, although you do fleetingly hope everyone else further ahead is doing their job properly. And red lining it past a bike cop on the inside at 130kph or more is even better, although you do have to overcome the natural tendency to back off when you see red and blue flashing lights. Once you get used to doing it, its hard not to, just for the hell of it. But things did not start all that well.

On the second morning, we had a briefing from the police, where we were told that to do the job properly, i.e., to protect the peloton, we needed to really lift our game, and to “ride with more purpose” than we had done on the first day. The word “speed” was never actually mentioned, but we got the message, and did not need to be told that part again. And the police criticism was mostly quite justified. Considering there were quite a few of us Scouts who had never done this before, and that we had been inadequately briefed at the start, we newbies faced a very steep learning curve on day 1 when we left the start line in Mildura. Despite being issued with a “mocca”, which we thought had something to do with where we would be stopping for coffee, but is actually cycling jargon for a route description document, we were still none the wiser. The mocca showed street names and distances from the start and it might as well have been written in Chinese for all the use it was to us.

We didn't know where we were, where we were going, who was in charge and who was supposed to be doing what. We didn't realise how many vehicles were involved nor how fast it was going to be either, and having cops and other riders whipping past on either side of us was very unsettling. At the very first roundabout, several scouts took a wrong turn, and like a dill, I just followed. And my first attempt at weaving through the Peloton was laughable. It took me about five minutes, but I did meet a lot of new people. Pretty soon most of us were way down at the back of the field instead of up at the front where we should have been. Great start. Anyway, by the next day we had it pretty much under control, and began to really enjoy it from then on. Sadly though, the police were not impressed that Chris and Deb were riding their Spyders, which in the Police view were potentially hazardous to the cyclists, and they got sidelined to traffic control duties which did not involve riding through the field.

As it turns out, road cycling is a rather brutal sport. After racing for a couple of hundred kilometres in sometimes appalling weather, to be brought down in a huge pile up within sight of the finish line is just cruel. They wear next to no protective clothing, and anyone who hits the deck is going to lose a lot of skin, never mind the other injuries. Some of the bloodsoaked aftermaths we saw

were just horrendous, and then they front up and do it again the next day. But I guess people say that about motorcyclists, don't they?

And on top of that, here's another danger you might not expect in the middle of a Victorian winter. On one particular day, the race was declared finished some 3km short of the intended finish line in Cohuna, because of a bushfire right next to the road which had cut visibility to zero, and the entire circus had to wait until it was put out. Damn good idea, I thought, but apparently it threw the race results into complete chaos. Have I mentioned how cold it was? On a few mornings, the bikes and cars were all blanketed in thick frost. At least I think it was frost, it might have been snow. I felt like starting a bloody bushfire myself.

When we were not doing all this stuff, we were learning new words, making new acquaintances, eating, drinking or talking motorcycles. Business as usual. Which brings us to the finish line. I firmly believe that what happens on tour stays on tour for many reasons, so don't ask me about the intriguing photo of certain people indulging in a bit of after-dark aquatic hanky panky in the spa bath. Talk about disgraceful. And I had to share a room with them. Then there were the bedtime stories. Oops! Anyway, we all finished up at Barooga NSW, just over the river from Cobram, Vic. Our group of five rode straight home from there, a bit of a hike these days at 785 km in one hit, and bloody freezing to boot, but we all wanted to get home and get warm. In my case, Jack Daniels was waiting for me next to the heater. Good Old Jack.

Mike Green.



3rd, 4th, fifth & sixth from left: Trevor Thomas, Ray Murray, Debbie Sherman & Chris Sherman.
Above opposite: Mike Green

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Guy's Far Ride 500

Ph: 0402-414-276

This is the third ride in my far-Ride series.

How it works:

The destination for this ride is the Jetty at Moonta Bay. It is the participant's aim to get there and on time. They must also, within 24hrs, complete 500kms. This will be a Friends and Rellies ride, so bring your friends, family and even the grand-kids.

You will need to plan your route, fuel stops, toilet breaks and coffee/lunch breaks yourself to arrive at the destination on time, also plan your own activities while there: fishing, swimming - kids will love the rock pools. There is heaps to see and do. Be mindful that you have a schedule to keep, so don't stay too long.

This is not a ride for everyone, and the fact that it will be run on a Saturday will probably omit some people. This is going to be a long ride for many; hopefully this isn't too daunting and won't put anyone off.

What I suggest is for you to work out how far the destination is from your starting point, using anything at your disposal - paper maps, Google maps, GPS, etc., subtract the distance from the ride distance and plan to have that distance covered by the time you check in. Example: If you live 100kms from the destination, subtract that from 500kms, which leaves 400kms. So, ideally, your ride needs to be 400kms when you check in. What you can do is ride to the destination of 100kms, ride past it another 150kms or more, then return back to the location, leaving the required trip back home to complete the 500kms. Another method, and probably more interesting, would be a zig-zag or

a circular route. You need to be careful that you don't fall short of the 500kms target. It is hard to make up the shortfall around town, on busy 50kph roads with traffic lights!

Time can be your friend, so plan it wisely. Try and avoid leisurely rides through the hills on roads of low speeds. You have to make your way quickly using the most direct route through to high speed roads and highways capable of 100 and 110kph. As a guide, I use the formula 1 hour and 20 mins per 100 kms to be travelled. So, in the above example, I would need to travel 400kms or more to check in, hence I would allow 4 x 1hr 20 min = 5hrs 20mins travel plus any breaks etc.

Think you can plan and do this ride? Then give it a go!!

On Saturday, 22nd November, we are heading to the Jetty at Moonta Bay, arriving between 13:00 – 13:15. As your leaving home, send me an SMS with your name, pillion name, odometer reading and the time of departure. I will get the rest of the details I need at check in. When you arrive home or at the end of your ride, send me another SMS with your name, odometer reading and time you finish.

I hope to see you there!

Guy Malpas



John Crowe's Travels

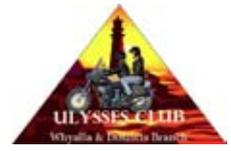
At the western wall of the second temple (commonly known as the "wailing wall") in Jerusalem recently. I didn't bang my head! Glad I'm not there now, as I might be dodging some Hamas 'incoming'! Timing is everything.

Cheers,
John Crowe





Ulysses Club Inc Whyalla & Districts Branch



Prostate Cancer Ride

The Whyalla & District Branch had its Prostate Cancer fund-raiser ride on September 21, to Quorn.

There were 18 from Whyalla who either rode or drove to Pt Augusta where we met up with another 6 (Rod and Rae from Pt Clinton, Chris and Les from Andrews Farm, and Maurice and Danni from Edithburgh) which gave us a total of 24 heading to Quorn to have lunch at Emily's Bistro.

The meal ended up being lamb on spit (not pig on spit), but with no complaints, as it was still a beautiful lunch had by all with perfect spring weather for our ride. Overall, it was a fantastic day for riding and having fun.

We had two BBQ tool sets as raffle prizes which were won by Pete Hauser of Whyalla, and Les Apostolides of Angle Vale. Congratulations guys.

Blue wrist bands and pins were also available for a donation, with Gerry making sure they were all gone by getting the other patrons of Emily's Bistro donating to our fund-raiser. Well done, Gerry!

Gerry also organised to use Emily's Bistro flying fox as a fund raiser and for a \$1 a pull there was quite a bit of pulling being done.

Overall we raised a total of \$418.50 with all proceeds going to Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia.

I would like to thank everyone who joined us on the ride for a fantastic day and to everyone who donated to this worthy cause.

Also, 'thank you' to Rod, Rae, Chris, Les, Maurice & Danni for travelling from other Branches to join us.

Thanks again everyone

Moo
President
Whyalla & District Branch

Ulysses Club Inc. Whyalla & Districts Branch

Meet and Greet

top shopz deli on McDouall Stuart ave, [Next to Harris Scarfes]. At 9:30am on the first and third Sunday of the month starting Sunday 22nd January.

Ride Co-ordinators

Di Lehman - phone 0409 675 829
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Ulysses Club Inc Whyalla & Districts Branch



We held our first awareness & information stall at the Whyalla Show this year.

We had quite a few people inquire about our Branch and what we do, and stop to look at the photo collage of our rides and the fun we have etc., we had on display.

There were a few that took our membership forms with the intention of joining us and also email addresses were given as they were very interested in our ride and social calendar.

I would like to thank the members who gave up a few hours of their time to help out over the two days.

Overall it was a great success, so we have decided to do it again next year.

Di Lehman (Moo)



The Whyalla & District Branch drew the Fathers' Day Raffle at our coffee morning, and the winners are as follows:

- 1st prize: B15 George Savaidis (Whyalla)
- 2nd prize D090 Ivan O'Hara (Angaston)
- 3rd prize: B36 Kevin Gale (Whyalla)
- 4th prize: B28 Paul McKay (Whyalla)
- 5th prize: B96 Moo (Whyalla)

Congratulations to all winners and a big 'thank you' to everyone who brought tickets.



President, Di Lehman, caught up with National President, Helena Gritton, at the Odyssey in Port Pirie



My trip to Spain, France, Poland

Paula and I left for Barcelona on 10th September via Emirates. With a few hours stopover in Dubai, it would be approximately 22 hours before we landed. Plenty of time to catch up on movies and they feed you quite regularly. All helps to pass the time.

Hotel was nice (had a lift) but the room was very small, and after settling in, went for a walk to suss out the area. So many places for breakfast and lunch, it was probably the hardest decision each day as to where and what we were going to eat, and in Spain, they know what a cup of coffee is - latte or cappuccino! Spanish ham on crusty rolls are the go here, as well. Not too keen of Tapas, and it's everywhere.

The hop-on hop-off bus was a great way to check out the wonderful architecture and we were able to get off and have a closer look at some of it, a highlight being Casa Milà, popularly known as 'La Pedrera', is one of the most famous and iconic buildings by the renowned architect Antonio Gaudí (1852–1926). This unique complex, constructed between 1906 and 1912 was originally despised by the residents of the affluent Passeig de Gracia and the nickname La Pedrera (meaning the Quarry) signaled their dislike of this ground-breaking design.

However over time residents and visitors to Barcelona have grown to love the unique style and in 1984 Casa Mila was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site. Today it is the headquarters of Fundació Catalunya-La Pedrera and houses a popular cultural centre.



Found some great markets and did some shopping, in between watching the handbag sellers being chased off by the local constabulary.

A favourite spot was the Port, where there were some great shops, and outdoor eating places to watch the people go by.

Attended a dinner/show at the Tablao Cordobes, where we had a taste of the local cuisine and a great flamenco show afterwards. For me, this was one of the highlights - passion and skill of the dancers was all that I expected and more.

The tour of La Sagrada Familia (the Church of the Holy Family) (another Gaudi building) was breathtaking. La Sagrada Familia is richly and symbolically decorated and our expert guide helped us understand the significance attached to all the fittings. Despite being unfinished the Sagrada Familia is a UNESCO World Heritage site and Barcelona's most visited landmark.



On the third day, we went to the Montserrat Royal Basilica, with its 12th-century carving of the Black Virgin and, after hearing its history from a guide, we enjoyed free time to explore the peaceful surroundings and do a bit more souvenir shopping. The mountain scenery is spectacular! The Black Madonna isn't very big, but is in a prominent position above the altar of the basilica in an alcove. There was a queue a mile long to get up close to her, but I settled for a postcard! There is a legend attached to it, but it is quite lengthy. The basilica itself was awesome (as they all are) and there was an area at the side like a long underground cave where literally hundreds of candles of various sizes were lit by visitors (I lit one for my mum - she's got candles in so many churches, now). It was quite a spectacular show!



The Black Madonna

On the 16th September, we went to Madrid by train. The train systems in Europe make ours laughable! The speed and comfort is amazing.

The usual hop-on hop-off bus tour was had on the first day.

Next day, we had a full day tour to Toledo. Toledo is one of the Spanish cities with the greatest wealth of monuments. Known as the "city of the three cultures", because Christians, Arabs and Jews lived together there for centuries behind its walls, Toledo preserves an artistic and cultural legacy in the form of churches, palaces, fortresses, mosques and synagogues. This great diversity of artistic styles makes the old quarter of the capital of Castile - La Mancha a real open-air museum, which has led to it being declared a World Heritage Site.

Toledo is also a city linked to deep popular traditions, as the procession of the Most Holy Corpus Christi, a festival declared of International Tourist Interest, demonstrates every year.

This was probably one of the most taxing (physically) trips we did - we climbed steps and walked up loooooong hilly, cobblestone streets that were barely wide enough for a small car.



Don Quixote & His Good Squire Sancho Panza in Madrid

My trip to Spain, France, Poland

Then came the biggest hiccup of the whole trip - Air France cancelled our flight from Madrid to Paris the day before we were to leave! The notification was sent to my home email address and Garry sent it on. Fortunately, Paula had a laptop with her so I found another flight with another airline at double the original cost. Tickets and boarding passes had to be printed before going to the airport and our hotel didn't have one - can you imagine!!!??? Never did find the internet cafe we were directed to by many people, but a clinic (after explaining our situation, agree to print our stuff off. Up to a hotel, free WiFi and emailed said documents to clinic. The girls were so gracious and helpful!

In the meantime, Air France got us on another flight!!! Still fighting with E-dreams for a refund of our original tickets, but are really hoping our Travel Insurance will come to the party here and pay us back the dear tickets! Fingers crossed!

Seems there was a pilot strike with Air France, so not sure how they got us on another flight.

We had a room in a hotel in Montmartre, (no lift and on the third floor, but Paula said her friend had a bad knee - true - and could we possibly get lower. We got on the second floor. It's the luggage, not the stairs, themselves that are the problem), thinking it would be a 'nice' place to stay (me and my romantic notions of artists, and what I had seen in old movies). What a culture shock!!! The streets were filthy and didn't feel it was safe to eat anywhere! Fortunately, we were close to the Metro and travelled to a stop near the Notre Dame, where there were eating places galore and the place to be!

First day: Hop-on hop-off bus!



The next day, we did the Louvre. Enjoyed the exhibits, but if you are going just to say you've seen the Mona Lisa, you'd be better off buying a postcard! We also did the Eiffel Tower that day!! All the museums in Paris are closed on a Monday, so all the tourists were in the aforementioned two places! That's another thing - if you don't really do heights, there is no real reason to pay to go up the Tower, especially

when there is only one lift working as there was that day.

The next night, we went on a Dinner Cruise on the River Seine. Very nice, silver service, blah, blah, blah! All the lights of Paris were sparkling and the Eiffel Tower gets fully lit every hour on the hour - quite speccy!

A free day saw us wandering around shopping and taking in some more sights.

On the 25th, we did a side trip to Lille, 200ks north of Paris, by train - 50 minutes it took! What a nice little place, although not that little, it seems. The contrast between Rome and Venice was mirrored in the contrast between Paris and Lille! More up-market and cleaner. We had no plans and our hotel was (at last) in walking distance from our transport. 'Found' the casino here, again in walking distance, and had a profitable spell in there (again). We were here only 2 nights, and it was back to Paris for one night before flying off the Krakow.

Everything is more expensive in France than Spain or anywhere else, from what I can gather. Taxi to the airport was a killer, about \$60 and dearer. The fares to airports in Europe (I have found) are a set price - big! And if the concierge decides to call you a hire car, it's even dearer. But who's going to argue when it pulls up and you are on a timetable?!



To get to this church, we had to climb these steps + the same amount around the corner when we got to the top. 264 altogether. I think the name of the church was St Michael's, but I saw so many, I could be confused. When we got to the top we went back down by CABLE CARRIAGE!!!! Bah hahaha!

You get to drink a lot of coffee in Europe, as public toilets are non-existent! Fortunately, there is no such thing as a bod cup of coffee there.

There are 3 prices: cheapest at about 1 euro (\$1.50) is standing up inside, a bit dearer to sit inside (about 2 euros - \$3) and to sit outside is the most expensive (about 3-4 euros - \$4.50-\$6). One place we felt quite ripped off at about 5 euros (\$7.50).



We were then off to Poland for a week where we had everything so much cheaper. The cost of living is very low, but the wages are very low as well. But, I will put that part of the trip in the next issue.

Wendy



Top Left: James Bartsch (Walleroo), and Mike Green (Adelaide)

Top right: Most of the mob at The Shed for lunch on Saturday.

Left: Whyalla & Districts Branch President, Di Lehman, Bruce Lehman, Bernie Whyte and Pete Hauser.

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Y.P – E.P Combined Ride 2014

Rae and I left Port Clinton on a fairly chilly morning and headed off for Port Wakefield to meet up with the group that were travelling with us to Whyalla.

When we arrived at Pope's Deli, it was great to see quite a few members enjoying their morning tea and having a bit of a getting to know you chat with members from other branches. By the time we were ready to depart, we had members from Yorke Peninsula, Torrens Valley, Adelaide and Fleurieu Branches participating in the ride.

After a welcome and ride briefing, we set off for our first stop at the Tin Man at Port Pirie. On arrival, the first thing that most of us did was to start shedding layers of clothing, as the weather had warmed up considerably.

After a bit of a leg stretch and a toilet break, we headed off to Port Augusta for lunch. Lunch was at Macca's except for a few of us who are attempting to regain our teenage weight by opting for BYO or Subway.

After lunch, it was off to Whyalla where we were joined by the E.P members.

The majority of us booked into the Sundowner Hotel/Motel, where we were very well looked after by Verity and Fred, the complex managers.

The accommodation and meals were of an exceedingly high standard and very reasonably priced. Friday night's dinner was at the Sundowner where we were joined by members from the Whyalla & Districts Ulysses Branch. It was a good chance to catch up with old friends and meet up with some new ones.

Saturday morning, after breakfast at the Sundowner, it was free time until 11.30am when we met up to ride around to the 086 Shed for a BBQ lunch.

It was quite an eye opener for quite a few of our members as they had never visited The Shed before. Thanks to all of the 086 Group for making us so welcome, and for putting on a top barby.

After lunch, we headed off to Port Augusta, where most of us stayed at the Shoreline Caravan Park or the Poinsettia Motel. Both of these venues are within walking distance of the West Augusta Football Club, where we had our evening meal.

Sunday morning, we met up at the Shoreline Caravan Park for our organised ride. It was very pleasing to be joined by the Southern Flinders Riding Group, Whyalla & Districts Ulysses Branch members, and two new riders who are thinking of becoming Ulyssians.

Our first stop after a great ride through Pichi Richi Pass was at the Quandong Café at Quorn for morning tea.

After this stop, we headed off to Hawker for lunch at the Hawker General Store; the owner was very happy to have so many customers as over winter things have been a bit quiet for him.

After our appetites had been taken care of, we headed back to Port Augusta via Orreroo and Horrock's Pass. Unfortunately, we got stuck behind a horse float through the pass, and the descent was somewhat slower than I would normally travel.

Tea Sunday night was to be a takeaway, but quite a few of us ended up at the Western Hotel for our last bit of socialising.



Peter and Marlene Poole, from Tumbly Bay

By the time we were ready to leave on Monday morning, the rain had arrived; the farmers would be happy, but those that didn't bring wet weather gear were not. Even though it rained for most of the way home, it never spoiled what was a great event.

Thanks to all who supported the ride and to those who acted as Tail end Charlies.

Rodney Lind
Torrens Valley Ride Co-Ordinator
0418 52 977

Ed's Note: Garry and I had a great weekend. It was a pity we had to leave on Sunday, but it was good to catch up with so many from so many areas. The Sundowner Motel/Hotel was wonderful and couldn't do enough for us. Stay there any time!

If you haven't been fortunate enough to take part in any of Rod & Rae's weekends, get on board for the next one - you won't be disappointed! Rod and Rae put a lot of time into their research to make sure the weekends are full on and fun. We are already looking forward to the next one at Euston, in 2015.

9th Annual Y.P – E.P Ride 2015 Preliminary Notice.

Venue: Euston . N.S W. (430kms from Gawler)
Date: Friday, 21st August, 2015 – Sunday 23rd August 2015.
Preferred Accommodation (3 Nights Required)

- Euston Club Resort Ph. 03 50 264 244
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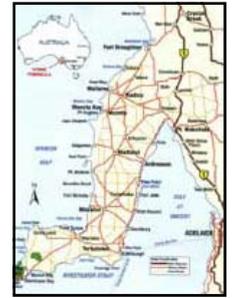
All of these venues are walking distance to the Euston Club Restaurant.

An itinerary and registration form will be sent out early June 2015.

This preliminary advice is to enable early accommodation booking.

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Yorke Peninsula



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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Sec: Sherilyn Sparks



Ride Coord: Steve Jones
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Social Meeting

2nd Tuesday of the Month held at Murray
Bridge RSL Club at 7.30pm.
Meal and bar facilities are
available from 6.00pm

Rides

Ride calendar can be found on the Ulysses Web Page with
all the details of each ride.
Rides depart McDonalds,
Murray Bridge, usually 9.30 unless stated on calendar.

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Come on any event on any sort of wheels!
Sunday impromptu rides from Town Jetty 10 00 am
All rides subject to change.
Visitors welcome.

Southern Flinders Riding Group Port Pirie



SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE AT HOT BREAD SHOP

We meet at the Hot Bread Shop on Sunday mornings for
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Sunday Meeting Place : Meet at the RSL on Sturt Street,
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here unless advised otherwise.

Check our ride calendar on the website as some rides may
depart earlier.

Rides : As per Ride Calendar on the Web

Web Site: www.branches.ulyssesclub.org/limestonecoast
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Reports & Photos.



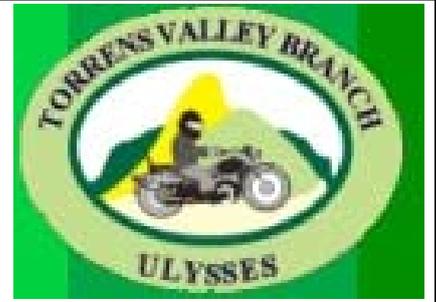
Torrens Valley Branch Meetings

7.30pm

Third Tuesday of the Month

Parafield Gardens Community Club
Shepherdson Road, Parafield Gardens

Meals available from the Club before the Meeting
All welcome



Torrens Valley Branch and Yorke Peninsula Riding Group Calendar
Inquiries: Rodney Lind 0418 527 927

Date	Leader	Event	Destination	Departure Time/Place
Sunday 19th October	Rodney Lind 0418 527 977	Melba's Chocolate Factory	Woodside	Julian Tce Gawler 10.00 am
Friday, 31st October-Monday, 3rd November	Rodney Lind 0418 527 977	Meet and Greet with Westgate Wanderers	Mildura	Julian Tce Gawler 10.00 am
Saturday, 22nd November	Guy Malpass 0402 527 276	500km Long Ride	Moonta Bay	Make own way there
Sunday, 23rd November	Rodney Lind 0418 527 977	Twilight Ride and Dinner	Angaston Hotel	Julian Tce Gawler 4.30 pm

Blast From the past!



Who Is this loved up couple on their
honeymoon?

Answer on page 28

GUY'S 500KM FAR RIDE

Please be advised that the date for Guy's Far Ride has been changed from Saturday 18th October 2014 to Saturday 22nd November 2014.

Revised details below :

Title : Guys 500 Far Ride

Date : Saturday 22nd November 2014

Departure : Make own way there

Destination : Moonta Bay Jetty. Arrive between
13:00 – 13:15

Activity : Day Ride

Ride Organiser : Guy Malpass

Contact Number: 0402 414 276

Why Older Men Don't Get Hired

Job interview: -

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Human Resources Manager: I don't think honesty is
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Older Man: I don't really give a shit what you think.



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Little Bruce and his friend Jenny are only 10 years old, but they know they are in love. One day they decide that they want to get married, so Bruce goes to Jenny's father to ask him for her hand.



Bruce bravely walks up to him and says, "Mr. Smith, me and Jenny are in love and I want to ask you for her hand in marriage."

Thinking that this was just the cutest thing, Mr. Smith replies, "Well, Bruce, you are only 10. Where will you two live?"

Without even taking a moment to think about it, Bruce replies, "In Jenny's room. It's bigger than mine and we can both fit in it nicely."

Still thinking this is just adorable, Mr. Smith says with a huge grin, "Okay, then how will you live? You're not old enough to get a job. You'll need to support Jenny."

Again, Bruce instantly replies, "Our allowance, Jenny makes five bucks a week and I make 10 bucks a week. That's about 60 bucks a month, so that should do us just fine."

Mr. Smith is impressed. Bruce has put so much thought into this.

"Well Bruce, it seems like you have everything figured out. I just have one more question. What will you do if the two of you should have little children of your own?"

Bruce just shrugs his shoulders and says, "Well, we've been lucky so far."

Mr. Smith no longer thinks the little shit is adorable.

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