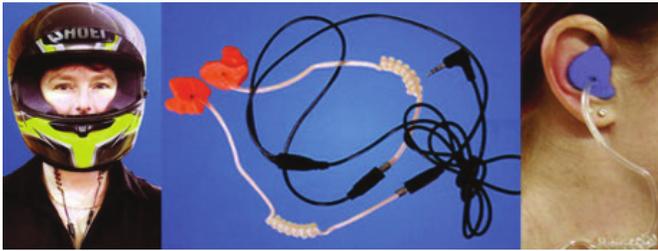


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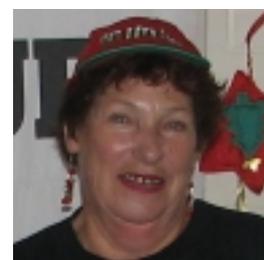
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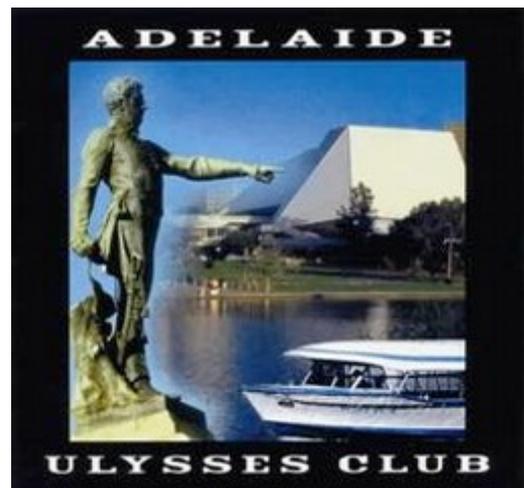
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Hello Everyone,

There goes another SA Odyssey!

I can't tell you how can't tell you how much joy it gave me that the 24th Odyssey was held in Ardrossan! The build-up to the members arriving on Friday, by the townspeople, was amazing. The feedback I have had so far is nothing but positive. I know of a few businesses that were absolutely delighted with the extra people in town, especially coffee shops and the op shop!

It's hard to believe that 12 months work was over in 3 days! A bit like the build up to Christmas and then it's all over in a flash.

No decision yet on who or where the 25th one will be held, but it will be held. An email is going out to all branches with a few survey questions and encouragement for a branch to take it on for 2018. There was a late suggestion that Kadina might be a possible venue - think about it; it has lots of merit. But I'm sure there will be other suggestions for consideration. It's ultimately up to the Branch that is hosting.

The experience of holding an Odyssey in a small town has a lot of positives.

Don't forget our Mini Market in December.

Wendy
#8818
TM #65



PS: My house phone rang and I picked it up, as you do.
Me: Hello, Wendy
She: Hello, I'm Mary Bloggs, and I'm from Whatever, and I'm ringing you about your computer.
Me: But I don't have a computer.
She: No other item, laptop, notebook, etc.
Me: No.
She: But I have evidence here that you DO have a computer.
Me: Are you going to argue with me?
She: Yes.
Me: Well, you are wasting your time.
It was then time to hang up.

Swagman's Roll

1 tbl oil
500g beef mince
1 onion, diced
1 tsp beef stock powder
½ cup tomato sauce
4 sheets puff pastry
1 tbl milk

1. Preheat oven to 180deg C (moderate).
2. Line a baking tray with baking paper.
3. Heat oil in fry pan. Add mince & cook, stirring until browned.
4. Add onion, stock powder & tomato sauce.
5. Simmer until cooked & liquid evaporates, set aside to cool.
6. Roll out pastry to form a rectangle, spread mince over the pastry, leaving 1 cm border around the edge.
7. Moisten the edges with milk & roll up from long side like a Swiss roll.
8. Place on prepared tray, cut slits along top.
9. Brush with milk.
10. Bake 15 – 20 mins or until golden brown.
11. Serve warm, cut into slices on an angle.

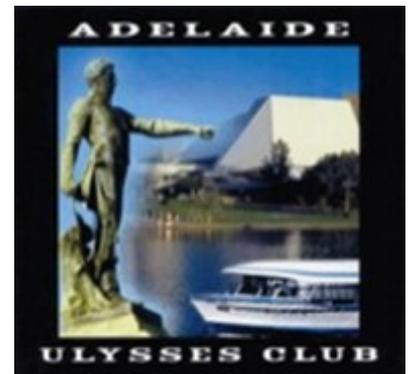
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Wednesday Rides

All runs will leave at 10.30 am

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

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Weekenders 2017

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From Adelaide 683ks via Port August, Tumby Bay,
Cowell, Port Lincoln.

Lots to see and do here.

Friday night BBQ tea provided in camp kitchen.

Joint hot breakfasts Sat, Sun, Mon.
Saturday ride to local points of interest.
Saturday dinner at Coffin Bay Tavern.

For catering purposes, it is important that you RSVP
Michele Wagnitz on
8278 7712 or mobile 0429 673 381

Quorn Caravan Park 24-27 November

www.quorncaravanpark.com.au
08 8648 6206

From Adelaide 333ks via Princes Highway OR 374ks via
A32 via Gawler, Riverton, Mt Bryan, Peterborough,
Wilmington.

Lots to see and do around here.

Friday night tea of chicken and steak hamburgers
provided in the camp kitchen.

Joint hot breakfasts Sat, Sun, Mon.

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Adelaide Branch Ride Calendar 2017

Date	Leader	Event	Venue	Leaving from
Sunday 8 October 9.30 am	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Lyndoch	Top o'Taps
Sunday 22 October 9.30 am	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride Gold coin lunch at the Freenes'	St Marys	Civic Park Main North East Rd Modbury
Sunday 5 November 9.30 am	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Angaston	McDonalds 303 Magill Road Trinity Gardens
Sunday 19 November 9.30 am	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Captains' Ride Meet at Balhannah around 11.00 am	Birdwood	Top o'Taps
Sunday, 3rd December	MRA	Toy Run	See page 7 for information about the Toy Run Breakfast	
Sunday, 17th December 9.30 am	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Victor Harbor	McDonalds 303 Magill Road Trinity Gardens

Coffin Bay October 27-30 2017

Ulysses Adelaide Weekender

- Please ring on 8278 7712, or mobile 0429 673 381 or email Michele.Wagnitz@gmail.com your intention to attend, plus any comments/ideas.
- ALL ULYSSES MEMBERS WELCOME TO ATTEND whole weekend, dinners and/or rides.

683 kms from Adelaide

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Activity suggestions:

Lots to see and do here, see <http://coffinbay.net/what-to-do-around-coffin-bay/> and <http://eyrepeninsula.com/destinations>. Joint BBQ Friday night & hot breakfasts Sat/Sun/Mon. Saturday dinner at Coffin Bay Tavern.



Friday ...

- 8 am Congregate at Bolivar OTR/Krispy Creams.
- 9 am Arrive Pt Wakefield (80 kms) Kiplings Bakery, (centre of town next to Shell) for morning tea & refuel for some.
- 9.30am Leave. 209kms to Pt Augusta for fuel & lunch - arrive approx 11.30.
- 12.15pm Leave, on 184 kms (2 hrs) to Cowell.
- 2.30pm Cowell for fuel stop, ?drop into jade shop?
- 3 pm Leave Cowell to Tumbly Bay, Cummins, Coffin Bay (197 kms) arriving approx. 5pm
- **6.30 pm Drinks followed by BBQ in the Camp Kitchen.**

Saturday options....

- 8.30 am Hot breakfast in caravan park camp kitchen.
- Saturday options:
 - 11 am: \$40 per person Oyster Farm Tour - **Please let Michele know if you are interested as numbers need to be confirmed a week before.**
 - Ride options available & decided by consensus on the Friday night (see suggestions attached)
- 7pm Saturday dinner at Coffin Bay Hotel, 900 metre walk.

Sunday....

- 8.30 am Hot breakfast in caravan park camp kitchen.
- Ride options to be decided by group, ?lunch in Pt Lincoln perhaps (see suggestions attached)

Monday...

- 8.30 am Hot breakfast in caravan park camp kitchen.

Other places to visit/see in Coffin Bay....

- 1802 Oyster Bar & Bistro, 61 Esplanade, Coffin Bay. Open daily lunch & dinner. Beaut view of bay - highly recommended and not just oysters - all seafood. See their FaceBook page.
- The Oyster Bay Shed - 9 Martindale Street, Coffin Bay. Phone 0428 261 806. Can buy fresh oysters from here or do a Pure Coffin Bay Oysters Tasting Tours by appointment (Monday to Friday only).
- Have an oyster pie or something else at the Beachcomber Café Bakery on the foreshore.
- Walk the Oyster Walk.
- Visit Coffin Bay National Park - see Point Avoid, Almonta Beach, Golden Island, Yangie Bay - all sealed roads (see info in package & rides).

Final 2017 weekender is Quorn 24-27 November.

2017 Ulysses Adelaide Weekender 24 - 27 November Quorn

- * Please ring on 8278 7712, or mobile 0429 673 381 or email Michele.Wagnitz@gmail.com your intention to attend, plus any comments/ideas.
 - * ALL ULYSSES MEMBERS WELCOME TO ATTEND whole weekend, dinners and/or rides.
 - * More details to come - watch the website or grab flyers at monthly meetings.
- PLEASE ADVISE OF ANY DIETARY NEEDS.**

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Activity suggestions:

Lots to see and do around here, for more information go to
<http://www.frc.sa.gov.au/flindersRanges>

Friday ...

- 8.45 am Gawler, meet at carpark opposite Repco on Julian Terrace, leave 9am.
- 177 kms On via Tarlee, Auburn, Clare, Spalding, Gulnare Road to Gladstone for petrol stop. Then on to Stone Hut (18 kms).
- 11.30am approximately arrive Stone Hut - morning tea.
- 12 noon On 105 km to Quorn via Wirrabara, Melrose, Wilmington.
- 1.30pm Arrive Quorn.
- 6pm Drinks followed by chicken or steak hamburgers in the Camp Kitchen.

Saturday options....

- 8.30 am Hot breakfast in caravan park camp kitchen.
- Walk around the town - quaint shops and cafes.
- PM Ride to be decided, dependent on weather group consensus.
- Saturday night Pichi Richi Railway Twilight Explorer
- 7pm Saturday dinner at Emily's Bistro (500 metre walk across railway line)
<https://www.facebook.com/emilysbistro>

Sunday....

- 8.30 am Hot breakfast in caravan park camp kitchen.
- Sunday spit roast lunch at Emily's Bistro <https://www.facebook.com/emilysbistro>
- PM ride to be decided.

Other places to visit/see.....

- Mt Brown 5 hour walk - medium rating. 30 kms south of Quorn.
- Ride to the stunningly beautiful Warren Gorge - recently sealed road. 21kms north of Quorn. A haven for kangaroos, echidnas, lizards & birds. Excellent views over forests, reservoir & bushland. 4 walks including part of Heysen Trail, but most are very steep & challenging. Suggestion - Walking Trail - 5.2 km circuit, can take dogs.



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For dinner bookings and cancellations
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Do not phone the venue
Bookings close on the Wednesday prior to the event



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Wednesday, 11th October



Friday, 10th November

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Mini Christmas Market

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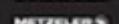
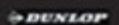
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Weekend at Cobdogla

Watching the weather report on Thursday night was a bit much. Some of our Ulysses people do have some pretty funny stories and know how to tell them too. We were hoping that Tim Noonan might tell us that the weather was going to be as dry as his sense of humour but unfortunately Tim reported that the B.O.M was predicting wild damaging storms and rain and hail. Some might say that we had all gone mad to even consider packing up the bikes and heading away for the weekend but we did it anyway.



Day One Friday:

So off we went Friday morning to meet everyone at Angaston. After a quick coffee and entertainingly putting our wet weather pants on (Adrian and I that is) Ken & Michele Wagnitz took the lead and led us the scenic way out of Angaston, apart from being extremely windy the road we travelled had some fantastic sweepers and some truly amazing views, some of those wind gusts were incredibly strong and for anyone following behind us we must have looked like a group of motorcyclists who had perfected the Mexican wave on two wheels.

We crossed the river at Swan Reach and for a while there it looked like it was going to be a beautiful sunny day. We arrived at Cobdogla mid-afternoon, checked into our cabins and then headed out to lunch at Backyard Bread - Flavours of the Riverland about 10km's from Cobdogla, where we were all spoiled for choice with some lovely local sourced and made gourmet foods, soups, breads etc.



for pre-dinner nibbles, main meal of Penne Bolognese, Garlic Bread and some sweet treats that Michele had kindly whipped up for us all. All in all a really great night with lots of conversation, stories and laughs, add some smooth blend of port and muscat and my cheeks still hurt from laughing so



Day Two Saturday:

Up at the crack of dawn, VWXX am well it was pretty early anyway for breakfast in the Camp Kitchen at YWXX am, one thing I've learnt is that no-one ever goes hungry on a Ulysses Weekend, on the menu was Bacon, Eggs, Home-made Bread for toasting, Orange Juice, Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit, Coffee (the good stuff) thanks for that Pete.

After breakfast we all had a quick conversation about what everyone might want to do during the day, with a multitude of different places to see in the Riverland such as Banrock Station Winery, Bella Lavender Estate, Wilkedene Woolshed Brewery, Monash Adventure Park etc.

We all agreed to do our own thing before lunch and if anyone wanted to catch up for lunch we would meet at The Renmark Club, so most went their separate ways to check out the local breweries and so on, we then settled for a ride to Renmark and met up for coffee with one of my dearest friends Deb from Port Augusta who happened to be visiting her daughter before we met up with the others for lunch at the Club.

Later in the evening we all made our way to the Cobdogla Club for dinner where we were again spoiled for choice and another evening of great conversations and laughter. Day Three Sunday:



Another hearty breakfast in the camp Kitchen the same as the day before and then straight back to the cabin to finish packing and try and beat the wild weather that was being forecast for Adelaide and expected to get much worse later in the afternoon. Around 7am we all headed off in dribs and drabs from Cobdogla and made our way towards the wild weather.

The wind was much more ferocious than on the Friday so I tucked myself in behind Adrian to try and get out of the front on wind as much as possible which proved to be a bit unsuccessful because it was blowing us from all directions.

A quick stop at Truro to grab a coffee, add a few more layers and changeover to one of my many pairs of gloves (the really really warm ones). Mike and Carolyn were already there putting on some more layers to keep out the cold and next was Brian.

While waiting for our coffee I overheard two CFS guys chatting and one said "Geez I wouldn't like to be on a motorcycle in this weather" it's funny how people think because I was thinking "Geez I wouldn't want to be in the CFS in this weather getting called out left, right and centre."

I can't tell you how much we enjoyed that hot coffee but I can say it might even have been the best coffee all weekend; it could be because the cups were so toasty and warm in our hands. As we sipped and pondered the last leg of our journey home we watched the rain start falling and the many people who stopped and got out of their cars wearing jeans and only T-Shirts and convinced ourselves that their drive home must have been dull?

Coffee done we headed for home again and got lucky with only a few small drops of rain here and there, the wind kept up but we were all



wrapped up nice and toasty with about six layers each on top and bottom.

I'm pretty sure that these conditions would have definitely been a challenge for even the most experienced of riders, I had complete trust that Adrian was the man for the job and would get us home safely.

I think I can speak for most that it was another enjoyable Ulysses weekend of riding, friendships, fun and food.

Thanks again to Adelaide Ulysses for having us.
Bye for now, Shelley Telfer x



Feeling Warm in Vietnam

- Part 3, Mekong Delta Village & Wedding - by Thao Coates & Michele Wagnitz

Preparation for the Wedding:

About three weeks before the wedding there was a kind of engagement party at the bride's house. At this time the groom's parents gave the bride lots of gold jewellery for her to wear on her wedding day, as well as money to pay for the engagement party. We both did not arrive until just 4 days before the wedding. The next three days Thao spent going backwards and forwards to the market to buy food for the groom's party on the day of the formal ceremony. One night Thao went to the seafood market 22km away at 1am to order the seafood. The next night it was 12 midnight to go to pick up vegetables and to collect the seafood, but there was no squid! So Thao had to return the next night (the night before the wedding) at 11pm specially to collect the squid. Thao worked day and night in preparation for the wedding.

2 days before the wedding, Thao's mother and us (Michele & Thao) went to the beauty salon in the local market. We were there for about 3 hours, having our hair washed, a mask, facial, manicure, pedicure including nail polish. \$15 for us all!



Beauty salon Vietnam style....

Over the two days before the wedding there was much organisation to be done at the groom's house in readiness for the party on the wedding day. The chef was given his instructions, helpers organised for the day for the food preparation, and the shade, tables, chairs etc all set up together with the food preparation. It was a huge task to prepare for the meal to be served to 350 people.

The day before the formalities of day 1 of the wedding, the Father of the groom prepared a traditional tray to take to the bride's house on the eve of the wedding. The groom, his friend (best man), and uncle took this tray as a gift on the night before

the wedding together with some soft drink. This will be consumed at the bride's party. The tray held a decanter with rice wine, 2 small cups, beetle nut wrapped in beetle leaf and the lime that is consumed with these.

The Wedding:

Day 1 Bride's party about 450 people attended throughout the day at this party that the bride's parents put on for their families & friends. Michele was lucky to be a special guest and attended with the groom's mother and father (no others from the groom's side). We arrived about 9am at a restaurant in Binh Minh (about 11 kms away).



On arrival, guests gave money in envelopes to pay for the party. This money goes to the parents as it is them who are paying for the wedding.

The food was a feast of more than 12 dishes - all delicious. The bride and groom were presented to the guests together with both sets of parents. There was some Western traditions included such as the bridal waltz, champagne toasting and cutting of the cake. The bride changed into 3 different wedding dresses throughout the day.

The groom and his family returned to his house after the meal. The remainder of the day was spent preparing for the next big day by decorating the house and entertaining some of his friends who were not coming to the next day ceremony.

Day 2 - The formal ceremony.... Leaving at dawn, all at the Groom's house went to the bride's house early to collect her to take to her to her new home (with her in laws). Everyone was up early at the groom's house and at 5.30am we walked along the path to the road where the wedding car and a minibus awaited. The groom, father, 4 groom's friends, each carried a wooden tray of different gifts for the bride's family. Separate trays contained Western wine, shortbread, big bunch of beetle nut, traditional tray of rice wine & cups, and another of green tea. All the trays were covered in red fabric. We travelled the 14 kms, then left the cars and walked the 500 metres along the river path to the house.



The groom and celebrant stood at the head of the table in the front (formal room). The parents and a few others sat at the long table, whilst the rest of us stood out on the verandah looking in. We were provided with refreshments on our arrival. The celebrant (senior representative from the groom's family) talked to the bride's family representing the bride to thank the parents for caring for her until her wedding day. From this day, the bride lives with and belongs to the groom's family. The bride then appeared at the door of the front room, with her suitcase and stood beside her groom. The bride's parents gave her gifts of gold and/or jewellery to help her to build up some assets for her new family. The bride then served rice wine to her husband's family to accept her into their family. The groom served his new in laws wine to accept him into their family. The bride and groom and all his family then left, returning to the wedding car and bus for the journey to the groom's house. The bride's parents come in another car.

Ceremony at groom's house.....



The groom's family gave their gifts of jewellery and money, including us! Those that give gifts, were served wine by the couple. The bride gave wine to her new parents and the groom serves the bride's parents once again. The celebrant welcomed the bride to her new family and talks about the importance of a strong marriage in which there is respect.



The bride's family (about 50 people) were served lunch by the couple and the groom's family, and then they leave. They do not have to give any gifts or money. Other guests arrived over the next few hours and these were from the groom's family and friends. They gave money in envelopes to pay for the party, which is for the groom's parents who are paying for the party. Food was served in shifts as there was only seating for about 100 people, approximately 400 in total. There was entertainment (singing and dancing), karaoke & fireworks. Celebrations went on well into the evening.

Day 3 - In the early morning, the bride and groom went to the bride's parents house to prepare lunch for the immediate families on both sides. The next day, life for all returned to normal activities.



Village Life:

Baby Nhat (Thao's nephew) sleeping in hammock after eve of Thao - 4 months in Vietnam! Michele's hotel Mother has sung a traditional song whilst rocking him to sleep.



Thao's house built over a year ago under the watchful



5 & 6 year old children doing morning exercises at the local school....



His care is shared by all in the family and he gets hugs and affection from everyone. He is equally happy with grandma, aunts, cousins etc. because of this.

Café across the road from Thao's house... (one only has to shout across the street to order a morning coffee delivery).

Thao's Mum & Dad...

Recently, electric lights were installed down the main street. Each household pays \$1 per month for these.



The lotus flower is the National Flower of Vietnam and can be found in ponds all over the country

"IGA on wheels" comes to the houses...



Local hospital wheelchair...

Sunday Round-up

27th Aug Day Ride to Ashbourne

We had a typical bleak winter's day to begin our ride today. I imagine it was because of this that only 13 riders showed up at the Victoria Hotel for our annual ride to the Greenman Inn. And we had 3 hardy pillions as well. For those who stayed home you missed Peter Wood's new bike debut, (see photos). Now I have to say that Peter is not in favour of riding in the cold and wet, so for him to front up at all was a surprise. Then again there was the new bike to show off. It's a beauty too.

Well it was cold when we left, but not raining. And not as cold as it was at Crafers when Wayne left home - only 5°! The roads were still wet though as we made our way down through the Southern Vales. We found some road works with some sloppy dirt that sprayed up all over our clean bikes. Yes, I washed mine the day before, and Peter's was brand sparkly new. I have to say that the V-Strom looked suitably soiled when we arrived at the Yankalilla Bakery for morning tea. By then we had dry roads and mostly sun skies.

As we left Yankalilla, Felix rode in on Inman Valley Road from the opposite direction. He was with us at the start, but how he got there is a mystery to me. Anyway, we all had a great time riding around the back blocks of Torrens Vale and Victor Harbor, except for Felix. We never saw him again. We had some new roads thrown for this ride, and some new directions on familiar roads. The weather was kind to us up until lunch time. As I went home in the other direction, I hoped that those heading back to Adelaide managed to stay dry.

Lunch at the Greenman Inn was excellent, although it took a while to get fed; they were very busy. The small group was much easier for me to manage. For those who are taking notes we had: BMW 7, Suzuki 2, Triumph 2, and Honda and Yamaha 1 each. My thanks to all who came along and helped to make this a great ride - great company. Thanks again to Trevor and Ray for their Tail End Charlie efforts. Thanks also to Peter wood for his photos, although I did notice that there is no picture of the V-Strom after it was covered in dirt. Funny that!

Frank Pellas
Rides Coordinator.



10th September Ride to Gumeracha



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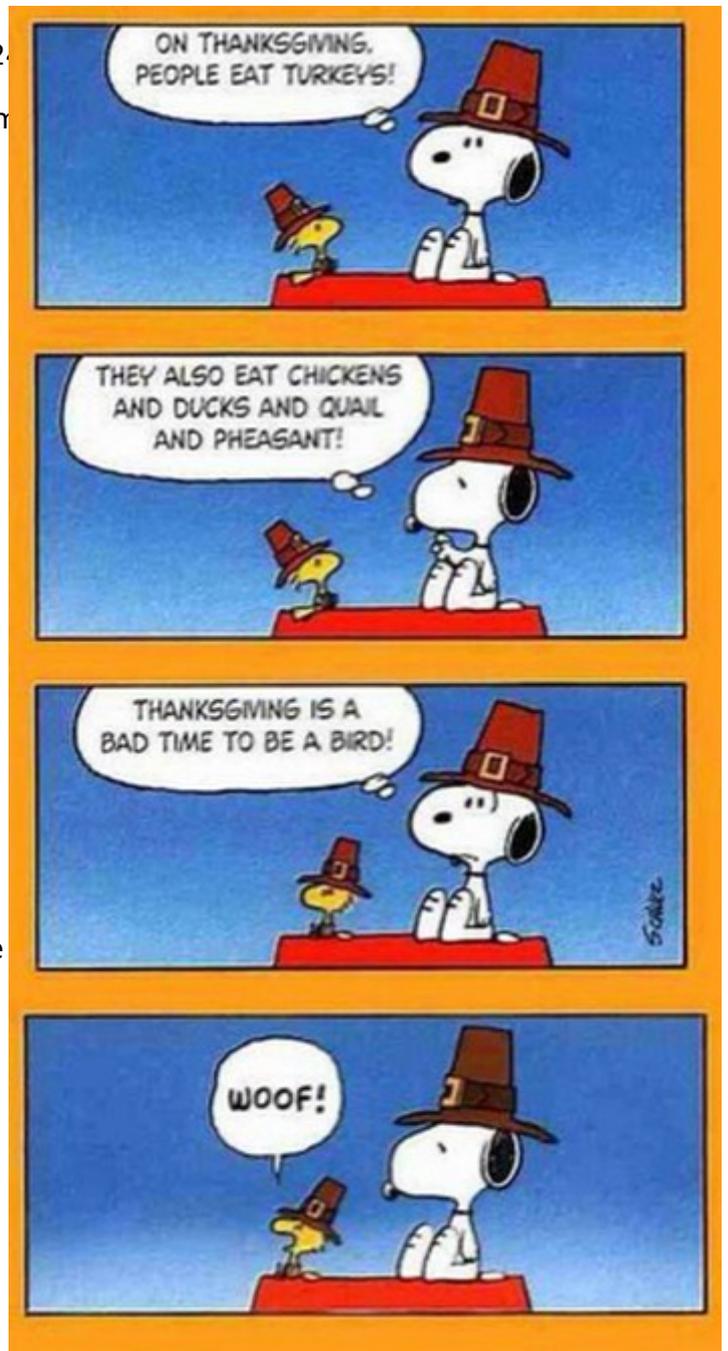
The promise of nice weather brought out 2. riders and 4 pillion passengers for our ride to the Big Rocking Horse. It was good to see some people that have not been riding with us for a some time. While it was a bit overcast when we left Civic Park, the sun soon shone on us as we got into the hills. And there were lots of other bikes out too. As you can see if you click on the map link below we went out to Mt Pleasant and then along the Walker Flat road. Very windy as we went over the top of the hill. On the road from there to Mannum we saw the vast yellow canola flower fields, and the off-road racers with their tracks going around the edges of the paddocks.

Morning tea was at Mannum, and I was told by a couple of people that the bakery there is not very good. Martin went across to the pub and had a great coffee and a a cheesecake - very good he reckons.

Some of the group left us at Mannum to go in a different direction. I reckon they missed the best part of the ride today. We left Mannum to ride down along the river flats, past the dairy cows, then back across to the Murray Bridge road and up to Gumeracha via Palmer and Birdwood. Lunch at the Toy Factory Cafe for most of us - some went home. Good food but it took a while coming. Thankfully the great company and tall stories made the time pass easily.

Trevor and Ray did their usual stint as the best Tail Enders ever, and thanks to Peter Wood again for his pictures.

24th September Day Ride to Strathalbyn



CHILD RESTRAINTS IN WORK VEHICLES

All child restraints sold in Australia must meet the Australian Standard AS 1754; however, some restraints provide more protection and are easier to use than others. You can compare child car seats at: <https://www.childcarseats.com.au/>

A child's age, height and weight must be considered when choosing a restraint or booster seat. They should grow out of one type of restraint before moving up to the next type of restraint.

Children up to the age of 6 months must use an approved rear-ward facing infant restraint (capsule). Children 6 months up to 4 years must use either an approved rear-ward facing infant restraint or a forward-facing child safety seat with an inbuilt harness. Children under 4 years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle that has two or more rows of seats.

Children 4 years up to 7 years must use either an approved forward-facing child safety seat with an inbuilt harness, or a booster seat with a properly fastened and adjusted lap-sash seatbelt or child safety harness. They must **not** travel in the front seat of a vehicle that has two or more rows of seats unless all the other back seats are already occupied by children less than 7 years.

Medical exemptions can be given for children with health conditions, such as having a leg in plaster, which prevent them from using a rear seat; but be aware that front seats and seatbelts are designed for adult bodies. Research shows that an adult lap-sash seatbelt will not generally fit a child properly until they are at least 145cm tall, often around 10-12 years of age.



GOPHERS

If you are considering purchasing a motorised wheelchair (also referred to as gophers or scooters) for a relative, you need to understand how its size (weight) and capacity determines where and how they may use it.

Under the Australian Road Rules, a motorised wheelchair that is not capable of travelling at a speed greater than 10km/h and is used by a person who is unable to walk or has difficulty walking, is treated as a pedestrian. Therefore, users of motorised wheelchairs must observe the same road rules applicable to all pedestrians, including:

- using the footpath or nature strip where one is available
- keeping to the far left or far right of a road where no footpath or nature strip is provided or is not practicable to use
- not travelling in bike lanes
- crossing a road at pedestrian lights and at traffic lights, and
- not causing a traffic hazard or obstruction.

Many motorised wheelchairs do not have the capacity to travel faster than 10 km/h but if a motorised wheelchair can travel over 10 km/h, it may only be driven on a footpath if:

- it does not travel faster than 10 km/h, and
- it has an unladen mass not exceeding 110 kg's, and
- the user has a physical condition with a reasonable need to use the motorised wheelchair.

When travelling in congested areas, motorized wheelchairs should use the slowest speed possible and should always travel up and down ramps and inclines in as straight a line as possible.



The 24th Odyssey held in Ardrossan and hosted by the Adelaide Branch, 2017

One hundred Ulysses Club members roared into Ardrossan on Friday, ready for a great weekend of eating, drinking and entertainment, and they weren't disappointed.

With the Ardrossan and Districts Community Club as their headquarters, Friday's meal was provided by our famous Angels and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Steve Nettle kept the crowd entertained, even using quartets of 'backing singers', much to the amusement of all.

Saturday started, for some, with breakfast at Meraki Sole – huge serves of great food at a great price. Rhys and Alex opened at 7.30 am for us, even on Sunday, their day off.

The parade up and down First Street went off without a hitch – no one fell off – after which one group went to Yorketown for lunch and another to Eyomeni Winery where Ossie gave a short talk on the background of the vineyard and Maria generously provided nibbles to go with tastings of their wines.

Saturday night's dinner was supplied by the Recreation Centre Caterers, ably led by Lisa Cooney. The Juke Box Boys from Port Pirie fitted our age group beautifully. Clare McDonald travelled from Adelaide and put on a wonderful display of exotic/belly dancing. We also had our local comedian, Dean Errington, gave up his time to do an hilarious stand up comedy routine, clearly appreciated by the audience.

An auction of a Raw Funk Photography print of Pondalowie Bay, by Vicki Freer, raised \$200 and was won by John Roots. The proceeds, plus a whip-around (\$90) by a member has been donated to the skate park fund.

A giant raffle raised \$513 and has been donated to the Riley Nixon Trust Fund.

Sunday: Most members had a delicious 3 course lunch at John and Rita Molnar's, two members who live in Stansbury.

Festivities resumed at 4.00 pm at the Community Club, with nibbles, quizzes, and music by the talented Caleb Raymond. The many favourable comments would indicate there is a bigger future in the music scene for Caleb. His style suited the mood of quietly finishing off a busy weekend.

Another great meal, this time by the Community Club, also led by Lisa Cooney, finished off a wonderful weekend. The members were exceptional in the compliments on our town, the friendly people, who made them feel so welcome.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this weekend such a success.

Wendy King
#8818



Top left: Thursday night - packing bags; Above: Deb & John from Stawell who intend spreading the word for next year's Odyssey to his Victorian mates; Bottom: The Pengillys and the Andersons; Left: Ray Martin, Peter Sellen, Neville Gray and Rex Wallace



The female backing singers with Steve Nettle - Wendy, Julie, Chris & Jo



The male backing singers with Steve Nettle: Peter, Brian, Ken and Paul Dennes



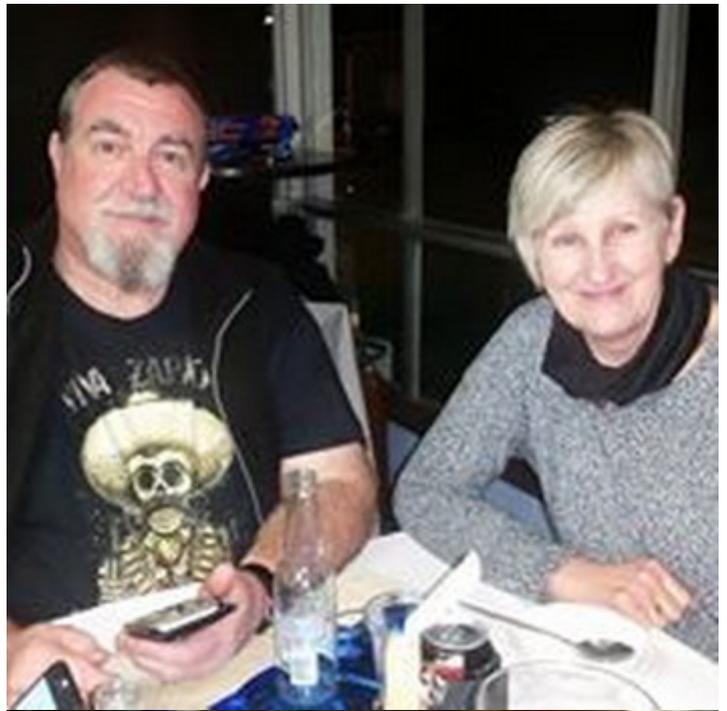
Saturday night's dinner





Sunday lunch at the Molnars'







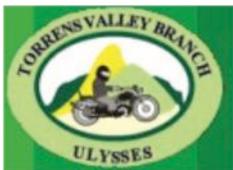
**Ulysses Club Inc
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Meet and Greet

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.

President	Perry Zimmerman	0419134511
Secretary	John Lawson	0421170181
Ride Co-ordinator	Gerry Messias	0475 075 413



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

SA RV Events

RV events are open to any Ulysses member or partner.

Any type of vehicle can be used to get you there, what is important is that you are there.

Any further enquiries contact
Max Hart on 0407 564 109

May 5th to 7th 2017

Cockatoo Downs (near Keith)

August 4th to 6th 2017

Mt Pleasant Caravan Park/Showgrounds

October 17th to 23rd 2017

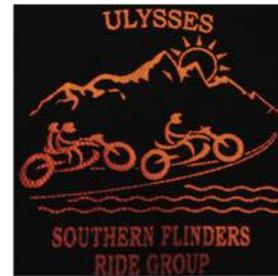
AGM Margaret River Western Australia

November 2017 to be advised

All types of camping welcome, from swags to motorhomes.

Any further enquiries contact Max Hart on 0407 564 109
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Southern Flinders Riding Group Port Pirie



SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE AT HOT BREAD SHOP

We meet at the Hot Bread Shop on Sunday mornings for impromptu rides.

Rides Co-ordinator: **Ross Greenfield**

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Secretary Linda Jones
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Sunday Meeting Place : Meet at the RSL on Sturt Street, Mount Gambier from 9.30 am onwards. All rides leave from 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

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

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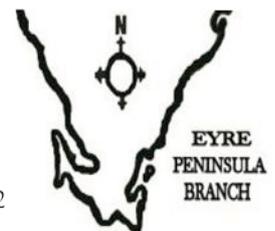
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