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## From the editors

Hi,

Another couple of months have gone by and we are still under the cloud of Covid19. On the bright side, South Australia has eased restrictions enough that we can almost go about business as normal. Rides are well represented and we can dine in pubs and restaurants again. Monthly meetings are back to normal numbers with social distancing observed of course.

At the September meeting Sue Freene was deservedly awarded the Telemachus Medal for service to the club. Read about it later in this issue.

Members are getting out on rides. We have had some good weather of late with great treks and even better company. See the photos below.

I had a letter sent in commending our Branch on how friendly we all are. I have included it in this issue as I feel it represents what our club is about and how our members embrace the ethos.

Ken has been away on holidays again and taking advantage of the open border to the Northern Territory. He has included some detail in his President Report. I'm sure he will be glad to elaborate more when we see him at the next meeting.

A big thankyou goes to contributions from Robin Butler and Michele Wagnitz.

Keep safe and well.

Cheers

*Maurice Stevens*



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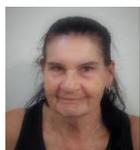
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# Adelaide Branch President's Report

I'm writing this in Alice Springs Big4 caravan park. We towed our little van up here for an outing. Tomorrow we head for Kings Canyon, then Uluru (our first visit to the rock).



Michele & I were lucky enough to stay a few nights in a flash house made of 3 containers. The king-size bed, kitchen and living area all one room, with large windows and no curtains. Just as well it is very isolated. Here is the view from the patio.

The NT is pretty relaxed about COVID19. Plenty of signs, but no real impact.

Closer to home, we are seeing cancellations galore, our Odyssey, the Beast Feast, Ghost Rally, and various other events. Like with our SABC breakfasts and branch dinners, having to give numbers beforehand makes it all that much harder, and providing deposits is out of the question. Nailing down Ulyssians as to whether they will go to a meal or not, is nigh on impossible.

But various branches are still doing multi-day rides and weekenders. We have one at the end of October at Tumbly Bay. Check the website or calendar for details.

It was great to be able to present Sue Freene with a Telemachus award last meeting. Sue and husband Don have done a lot for the branch over many years, starting before most of us joined. Thanks for your efforts, Sue (and Don).

Our new polo shirts were at the last meeting for sale. Not many got sold. Bring along some money, I'll be bringing the shirts to meetings. They look and feel pretty good.



Seen in our travels East of Alice Springs, a memorial to a fellow who died riding his Harley.

Regards all,  
Ken Wagnitz.

# Sunday Rides Up Coming Dates.

Date	Ride Leader	Event	Destination	Start 9.30am
4 Oct	<b>Peter Wood</b> 0487 452 200	Day Ride. (Odyssey weekend)	Lyndoch	<a href="#">Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel</a> <a href="#">OHalloran Hill</a>
18 Oct	<b>Bob Braunsthal</b>	Day Ride.	TBA	<a href="#">Pelican Plaza,</a> <a href="#">1007 North East Rd, Modbury</a>
1 Nov	<b>Mike Green</b> 0419 003 010	Day Ride.	Nuriootpa	<a href="#">McDonalds,</a> <a href="#">303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens</a>
15 Nov	<b>Brenton George</b> 0432 535 163	Day Ride to Freene's for lunch.	St Marys	<a href="#">Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel</a> <a href="#">OHalloran Hill</a>
29 Nov	<b>Rob Hartridge</b> 0422 114 225	Day Ride.	TBA	<a href="#">Pelican Plaza,</a> <a href="#">1007 North East Rd, Modbury</a>

## Adelaide Branch Christmas Dinner



# Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December

## 6.30pm to 11.30 pm

Venue: European Club  
2 Chief St, Hindmarsh.

### 3 Course Dinner

## Entertainment by DJ

(60's 70's 80's & current music)



## \$25 per Head

So you don't miss out, phone or text  
**Peter Castle on 0403 007 415**

# Sunday Ride Round Up 9<sup>th</sup> August Meadows Ride Leader Brenton George

The ride left Maccas with a fairly ambitious schedule of reaching Strathalbyn by 11. To make it more difficult we turned north and headed for Montacute road. We arrived at Strath two minutes late and the park was full of Fleurieu Branch riders getting off their bikes. I had a quick chat with their ride leader so that we would avoid them and then we headed off in opposite directions. The road I chose to get to Milang surprised a couple of people as it is not used that often. I also went on a section of road I had not been on before as we headed for Meadows. The roads were wet and the temperature low but at least we didn't get rained on. Thanks to TECs.



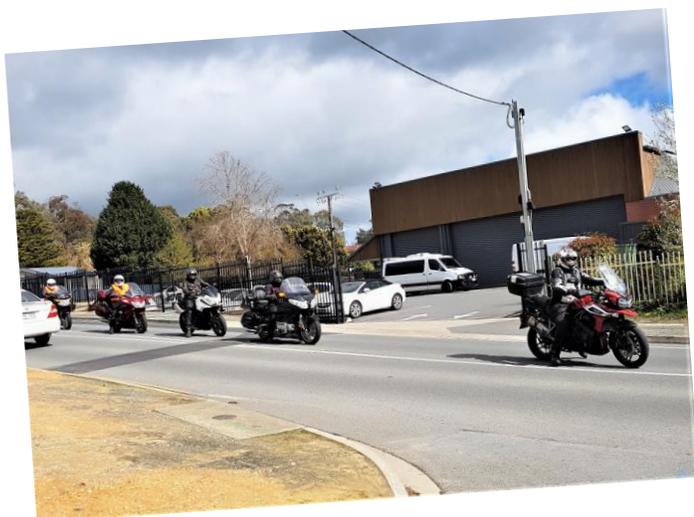
# Sunday Ride Round Up 23<sup>rd</sup> August Littlehampton Ride Leader Rob Hartridge

The day started with a weather report that wasn't too promising and the Judy turned up just in time to inform she had a flat battery and to top it off Rob was also afflicted with the same issue. She would start the ride and Rob would take over at Cherry Gardens. Well the weather was kind with only a few sprinkles and the change of ride leader was so seamless, most didn't know until they spotted Judy as a corner marshal.

Morning tea was at Wistow after winding through the hills via Ironbank, Heathfield, Bridgewater, Echunga and Mt Barker. Then it was on to Littlehampton for lunch, obviously taking the long way through Woodchester, Callington, Brukunga, Balhannah and Hahndorf.



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Ride Leader Mike Green



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# Sunday Ride Round Up 20<sup>th</sup> September Goolwa

Ride leader **Judy Manoel**

The day couldn't be more perfect for riding. Clear skies, moderate temperature and Judy leading the ride. Nice to see an old face (Frank Pellas) joining in with his new bike. The ride was full of twists and turns along many roads not travelled on before. By the time we got to morning tea at Stirling most of us had made full use of our riding skills and enjoyed the experience. A slightly less testing ride concluded at Goolwa for lunch. Great ride Judy and thanks to Tail End Charlies.



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Ride leader Judy Manoel



# August Branch Meeting



# September Branch Meeting



# Telemachus Award

At the September Meeting Sue Freene was awarded the Telemachus Award for service to the Club. Proudly presented by our President Ken Wagnitz. Michele Wagnitz recited the letter she submitted to NatCom for the nomination on behalf of the Branch.

It reads:

Sue has been a member for more than 25 years with a small break when experiencing ill health. Her ongoing commitment to the Ulysses Club, Adelaide Branch, has been demonstrated through a wide range of activities and outstanding effort.

In her role as Social Co-Ordinator at several AGMs, Sue has devised and actioned many creative ideas and activities such as talent competitions, op shop bus trips and poetry readings to name but a few. Her ideas have only limited by the budget she has been given.

In the past 3 years, Sue has been the Dinner Coordinator and fulfils this role with her usual thoroughness, enthusiasm and energy. On the regular times the dinners are close to her residence, Sue welcomes everyone back to her house for a feast of desserts and drinks. At these times, the membership have valuable socialising time in the informal comfort of her home.

Sue's enthusiasm for all things Ulysses are to be commended. She deeply values the ethos of Ulysses camaraderie and does all she can to nurture it.

Other roles Sue has ably taken on over many years are: raffle organisation at monthly meetings; Assistant to Magazine Editor; organised weekends away for members; organised film nights at a local cinema; organised and transported the branch BBQ trailer to many occasions.

Sue and Don regularly host end of ride meals at their house. Ably providing soup meals or BBQs, Sue always provides for the needs of all members, e.g. vegetarians and other dietary needs.

For many years, Sue, with the support of her husband Don, coordinated the Adelaide Branch Toy Run Breakfast for up to 150 members. This involved all the organisation of purchasing the consumables, organising the helpers and the requirements such as tables, chairs etc.

As well as taking all these to the parklands, setting up early in the morning, cooking, and cleaning up afterwards.

Sue Freene's positive, outgoing, happy and caring personality endears her to all she meets. Everyone knows Sue! On many occasions, I have witnessed how these traits have directly benefited individual members. Times such as when members are terminally ill or having significant health issues. I have seen her efforts in enriching lives and supporting several people in a variety of both emotional and practical ways. Sue's awareness of people's situations and her heart felt actions are to be commended. Sue and her husband are now unable to ride motorbikes but remain strong advocates for the club as well as being actively involved. They participate in the RV Group and seldom miss an Adelaide meeting, event, Odyssey or AGM.

Sue continues to be a driving force for fun and spreading the word about our great club.

**Michele Wagnitz #24390**



# Adelaide Ulysses to the Rescue

We recently received a letter from Peter Angel from Loxton. He happened to be on the receiving end of our club's great attitude, in particular Ray Murray.

Here is the letter:

Hi Maurice and Michelle,

A note of thanks for your Club magazine.

On Father's Day after breakfast with our adult kids, my wife & I left Loxton on our BMW K1600GT heading for The Hills. Much as we love living in the Riverland, the lack of bends in the roads make riding unexciting! But with the Mount Lofty Ranges only an hour and a half away, a beautiful spring day of riding beckoned.

As we just missed the Swan Reach ferry, we turned the bike off, and while waiting for its slow return gave us the opportunity to admire a dozen bikes parked at the cafe. As many of the riders mirrored my own white beard and bald head...I surmised they must have been a Ulysses club! After a couple of acknowledging nods from fellow riders, the return of the ferry brought my attention back to our bike and our planned day of carving up the winding mountain roads. Alas, when I hit the starter all I heard was the unexpected and disappointing 'rrr-rrr-rrr' of a weak battery.

Pushing the bike to the side so ferry traffic could go past, I looked blankly at my otherwise reliable machine. A second attempt provided only a 'rr-rr' this time and confirmation that the battery was indeed suffering from COVID-19 and breathing its last!

But as the community of bike riders do, without even asking for help a gentleman wandered over with a very welcome power pack in his hand. Introducing himself as Ray, my rescuer loaned us his power pack and allowed me to fire up the beast.

Of course, then came the obligatory, albeit brief, chat about bikes. It seems Ray is considering upgrading from his Honda ST1300 to a BMW K1600 so, despite current embarrassing circumstances, it gave me a couple of minutes to extol the virtues of the BMW six-cylinder mother-ship. And while chatting, another silver-haired gentleman handed me a pen emblazoned with the Adelaide Ulysses Club name, confirming my earlier guess.

Unfortunately our only realistic option involved returning home, so for the second time that morning we covered the very unexciting 100km from Swan Reach back to Loxton so I could arrange a new battery.

So please ensure this note of thanks is brought to Ray's attention, and rest assured that the old adage is alive and well - you never leave a fellow rider stranded!

Peter Angel

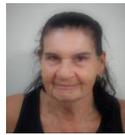
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## Product Review by Michele Wagnitz.....



I have discovered a fabulous "heatpod" like a hot water bottle but you charge it and then it stays hot for up to 8 hours. It is safe and awesome for sore bits but also as a water bottle when camping etc. I found it wonderful for sore neck, shoulders and lower back. The one drawback I have found is that it only comes in one shape (rectangle and fairly fat when heated). I bought at Chemist Warehouse for \$22 on special a couple of months ago but they can be found at many chemists ranging from \$28 to \$32. It is easily charged, taking about 15 minutes.

### Welfare Officer - Friendly Reminder



As Ulyssians we greatly value the camaraderie and support that is provided by our fellow members.

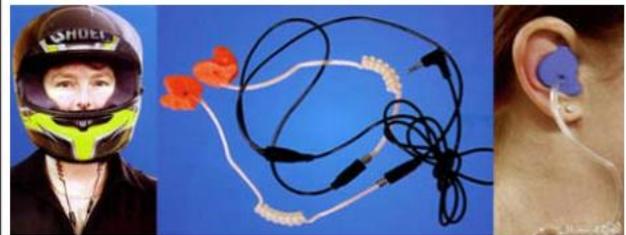
Adelaide's Welfare Officer is a central person in our branch to ensure members in need are assisted in whatever manner is appropriate for that individual.

All members have a responsibility to inform the Welfare Officer if you know of someone who needs support. Perhaps they are unwell, had a close relative / companion die, or experiencing any other physical or emotional need.

Let the Adelaide Branch Welfare Officer know immediately so he/she can organize a hospital visit, home visit, send a card or arrange any other appropriate help.

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# In these unprecedented times

By Michele Wagnitz

In these unprecedented times we are experiencing change like never before. Here in Australia, we have lived "charmed lives" where we have been able to rely on many positive aspects of our lives and futures. Recently however, it has been necessary to adapt, be flexible and reassess our values. It has been important to take some time for ourselves, put the brakes on our "pace of life" and to both reassess our strategies for caring for ourselves and create new ways of doing things. A dear friend of mine in country Victoria made this statement on her Facebook page and it struck a chord with me... "Thinking about the hundreds of people with Covid-19 : the deaths of so many & the grief for the families: the lockdowns for so many people: the Nursing Home Residents who can't see their loved ones: the divisions between cultural groups, States, local council regions, etc.... so many people doing it tough through loss of work. We can but try to be a light in others' pain. Thanks for being that light for me. " And so now it is even more important to reach out to others, support where you can, but also be open to calling out for whatever support you yourself might find you need. That support may be physical, emotional or practical support. The Ulysses Family has a history of doing this and we are all very grateful for that. Here are some ideas that a small group want you to consider being part of. We think having things to look forward to can play a part in supporting both others and ourselves .....

## Ulysses Chat'N'Coffee... 4th Tuesday of month, 10am - 12noon

\*\*Venues to be decided, alternating between central, north, south, hills places.

27th October

24 November

22nd December

All members are encouraged to send your suggestions to [michele.wagnitz@gmail.com](mailto:michele.wagnitz@gmail.com).



## Ulysses Not The 2020 Odyssey Weekender

**Friday 30th October - Monday 2nd November**

Venue: **Big 4 Pt Elliot Caravan Park** Book your cabin, campsite or whatever as soon as possible.

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# 3P's Ride to Quorn 18 to 20 September 2020

by Robin Butler

This year's 3P ride was clearly not 3 Peninsulas. Rather it was more like Precipitation Persistently Pissing-down, which nicely described the weather in the Flinders. After many dry years the heavens opened and rewarded the thirsty North with a good drenching.

Starting early Friday morning, Dom Carli from Fleurieu Branch led a group starting way down south, with a stop at Meadows for the likes of your scribe to join the convoy. Making our way to Mt Pleasant to hook up with members from Torrens Valley and Adelaide, then Truro to collect the last of the convoy, and fuel for those on Cruisers. By now we counted 32 bikes with a number of pillions as well.

Lunch at Burra, then Hallet, Jamestown to Melrose for a quick stop then on to Wilmington, where those with younger backsides (or softer seats) took on the Horrocks Pass/Pichi Richi Pass combination. Those of us who tire more easily took the shortcut to Quorn and dinner at a packed-out Transcontinental.

Friday night the heavens opened dropping 30mm on Quorn and 25mm on Hawker. The locals were loving it!

After an excellent breakfast at the Quondong Cafe, the plan for Saturday was to ride to Blinman, but after seeing the creeks and fords with water over the road between Quorn and Hawker, and the heavy rain visible to the east and west of the road, we stopped at Hawker and decided discretion was the better part of valour and turned around and headed back, through a lovely little hailstorm, to Quorn. Photos I obtained from my spies up north shows what was awaiting us 20km north of Hawker had we headed that way.

On our return to Quorn a little side trip out to Warren Gorge was a nice diversion, and served to prove you don't need an adventure bike to get off the beaten track! Mind you, it did raise the pucker factor wrestling 360kg of Boulevard Cruiser over a steep, muddy track!

Saturday night once again the Transcontinental was packed with hungry thirsty bikers.

Sunday morning, after another excellent breakfast at the very busy Quandong Cafe we set out in various directions back home. Your scribe joined the group visiting the Peterborough Motorcycle Museum, ably led by Gaz from Fleurieu Branch. This was followed by a leisurely tour back through the Clare Valley with a lunch stop at the Little Red Grape in Seven Hills. I can thoroughly recommend their pie selection. The cake selection is pretty dam good as well. I didn't try out the wine tasting room, but it sure looked tempting.

Unfortunately, at this point I had to part company with my travel companions as my rear tyre had developed a severe flat spot (but only on the bottom). Fortunately, the RAA came to my rescue and got me home with minimal inconvenience.

I had a great time, with a really great bunch of people. It was fantastic to get away from Adelaide even if only for a couple of days. I will be joining them again next year, and I'd recommend it to all.



## What's On Page

**Wednesday Midweek Rides** - All Rides Depart at 10.30am for more details phone **Steve 0405 120 542** or **John 0407 794 147** – 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday depart from **The Feathers Hotel Car Park Burnside**. 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday depart from the **Top of Taps**

**The SA Breakfast Club** - meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month from 9.30am somewhere around the state. **Note: These have been cancelled until further notice due to Covid19 Restrictions**

**Adelaide Branch Monthly Meeting** - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec

**Venue:** European Catering Reception, 2 Chief St, Hindmarsh. Official meeting starts at 7:30. Come early and enjoy a meal and drink available at the venue at very reasonable prices. A raffle is held on the night with numerous prizes with free tea, coffee & cake following the meeting.

**Adelaide Branch Dinner** – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Dinner see advert on page 6.

If you have or know of an upcoming event and would like it to be included on the Odyssey 'What's On' page, please email [editorsodyssey@gmail.com](mailto:editorsodyssey@gmail.com) or phone 0419 822 717

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## Home Made Baileys

Total Time -10 mins

Makes 20 Servings

### Ingredients

1. 1 tsp instant coffee dissolved in boiling water
2. 1 cup (240g) cream - Use a cream that does not easily curdle or whip (I like to use [Bulla Cooking Cream](#) which doesn't curdle or whip) but if you can't buy this brand, choose a thin pouring cream and mix on a very speed to combine.
3. 395 g sweetened condensed milk
4. 1 2/3 cup (375g) Irish whiskey Any brand of Irish whiskey is absolutely fine to use. [Jameson Irish whiskey](#) was used in this recipe.
5. 3 tbs (45g) chocolate topping or syrup
6. 1 tsp vanilla extract

### Instructions

Mix the coffee granules with 2 tbs of boiling water and allow to cool completely (*this step is optional - but recommended for a smooth result*).

Place all ingredients (*including the cold coffee liquid*) into a blender.

Very slowly increase to medium/low speed for 20 seconds or until just combined.

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