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OFFEND SOME PEOPLE**

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Macedon Ranges Newsletter

Social Nights are held on the Third Tuesday of each month at the Sunbury Bowling Club Rooms “Clark Oval Riddel Rd Sunbury from 7.00 pm onwards. Come along and enjoy a great nights chat and a nice meal.

Saturday Morning Coffee’s are at the “Jolly Miller” in the Gisborne shopping centre, Brantome St Gisborne from approx 10AM onward till about 12.00 noon. Just look for the Bikes and Foxy’s happy smile or even Smokeys

Midweek rides are from the Caltex Servo in Station Rd Gisborne on each Wednesday Morning at 10 AM. (Gentlemans hours) Usually arranged on the day

Calendar Rides leave from Mac Donalds Horne St Sunbury at 9.30 AM unless otherwise organised. see ride calender on www.mrug.net for dates

Please read this

Some jokes may be deemed to be offensive to some people. However, it should be recognised that most jokes, if not all jokes, would be deemed to be offensive to some people. Let's face it; just about every joke ever told contains something offensive that will get right up the nose of someone.

Just because jokes offend some people it is no case for censorship. Humour, of all varieties, exists for those who enjoy it.

Never forget how to laugh!

COVER: Ain’t love grand..... Well for this two the honeymoon just goes on and on and on and on..... Love ya Matty and Mish.....



A Word from your President.....

Hello members, as you read this you will be aware of two things, I am not at the AGM and I am not running as president. Work commitments have me in Sydney and there was no way I could get out of it. As for the president's role I have put in a few years as ride coordinator, secretary and president. I am at a point where I would like to step back and given the quality of our current committee, the club is in fine hands. I hope that my efforts have been up to standard and intend to support the new crew as best as I can.

So how has the last year been..... The level and choice of rides has been superb although numbers of riders on each ride has been down. I think that keeping the ride destinations fresh is a challenge and how many times can you ride to Heathcote!! Remember that the destinations may not vary wildly but the company is consistently good. I have said this many times, I consider myself very lucky to be a part of this branch as I have met many really fine people.

We sadly said goodbye to one of our longest serving members Jim Ferrie. Jim is deeply missed although it is good to see Judith Brooks one of our newest members still active within the branch. Illness and injury have been unfortunately high last year with a couple of "offs" resulting in ambulance rides and a few members with health issues. I suppose this is part and parcel when you combine age with a high risk activity, none the less please take care. We would all much rather shake your hand than send you flowers!

In closing I would like to thank all of the committee for their efforts over the past year and also thank members who have led rides. Also a big thankyou to the first lady for agreeing to host the XMAS party and for putting up with me. It has been a pleasure being a part of running the club and it was a hard act to follow after Smokey.

Cheers

Mark Freestone #58912

President MRUB





A Word from our Secretary

In a recent Ulysses Victorian Presidents / Secretary meeting in Melbourne we were told of some of the services that National offer the Branches. One of these is a postcode matching offer whereby we ask for all financial members living in a particular postcode and that information is forwarded. Taking advantage of this offer I sent a list of all the postcodes that our members have supplied on their membership forms (we cover a very large and very diverse area I might add). The resulting list was some 522 names long.

My first task was to match all our existing branch members to a name on the list to confirm our list was up to date with only financial members. Prior to this process we had some 239 members on our list. however when comparing with the Ulysses National list we found that of that number some 103 were no longer members of Ulysses (or had perhaps moved to some obscure post code and not informed the Branch). This reduced our numbers to 136 financial members. Since then we have joined one more new member so our figures as of the new year are 137 members. Being 114 male (80%) and 23 female (20%). Whilst this is a drop on past reports I find it very reassuring as I can guarantee that each of our members are, if not always active with the branch, at least active Ulysses members.

This does however raise an interesting question - namely what to do with the remaining 386 names supplied by National. These are the people who are members of Ulysses but are not affiliated with our branch and live in the same postcode as some of our members. In an ideal world we could just contact them and point out what we offer and where and when we meet. Potential here to boost our branch numbers considerably as well as offering the non-affiliated member an expanded forum for their bike ownership. This however is not an ideal world... in case you were wondering.

Some of our Branch members live well outside what might be called our "catchment area" and travel some distance to tyre kicks and meetings. So the expanse of the postcode list I have is vast. Hence people who live in those areas may well already be members of other branches and I certainly don't want to be seen as "poaching" other branches members or potential members. Luckily I have their email addresses so cost, which was a problem with normal mail, is now not a concern. What I am aiming to do is pick a particular postcode which I'm confident we as a branch will be close to, and send out some exploratory emails to those not already on our membership list. If all goes well over time we should be able to connect with many new members and hopefully grow our group.

As I write this our AGM is still over a month away. At this stage we have nominations for all positions on Committee. I of course at this stage can't predict who will be in which position but enough said that 2017 will be in good hands regardless of who stands. I can however mention that our current President Mark Freestone is, after 5 years on Committee, stepping down. I would take this opportunity to just say that in the last year I've been on committee working with Mark he was a real asset to you all and made us all proud by his enthusiasm, willingness to step up to the task regardless of whatever it was and his generosity and gentle spirit. All this is epitomized by his organization and participation in the 2016 Memorial ride to Mt. Macedon. It was not only a great event but Mark spoke well during the service and helped make the whole day special. On behalf of the Branch I'd just like to say thank you Mark for your time on Committee.



A Word from your Treasurer.....



TREASURERS REPORT 18 JANUARY 2017

These figures quoted are correct as at 18 January 2017.

Affiliates Admin fees: This quarter we have received payment for admin fees as follows:

Admin fees: 7 couples \$140.00 @ \$20

Admin fees: 1 single with newsletter @ \$25

I would once again I would like to encourage those who have not yet paid the Admin fee to do so as this money is used to support the club through-out the year for the following:

1. Web hosting,
2. Printing of newsletters,
3. Christmas parties, and
4. Get well cards and flowers.

Raffles.

Raffles have yielded an income of \$79.00 for this quarter. Down from previous quarter.

Sales of Merchandise.

Total sales: \$722.00 which up from previous quarter.

Where we stand as at 18 January 2017:

Cash in bank	\$ 1,432.82
QM Stock	\$ 2,277.45
Club Assets	\$ 1,288.50
Total	\$ 4,998.77

Troy Steckelbruck # 62816

Treasurer MRUB

18 January 2017



From Your Friendly Editor.....



And so here we go again for another year 2017. Where the hell did 2016 go?

Well life's back to norm or kind of for Mrs Puss and my self. Making plans for the ride to port Mac in May which I hope I'll be fit enough for and if I am will be so cool. Made all the bookings for Stud, Gomez, Mikel and me so all I need is two good legs and woo hoo. Odd that the hot springs caravan park at Moree questioned if there was any Maltese in the foursome.... hmmm

We had our Xmas party at Mark and the delightful and sweet Lucy (better known as grumpy) and what a day it was. The weather was better than perfect and Marks place was just absolutely the ideal place for the event. Including an indoor pool... hmm hmm. As usual foxy was in great form with her raffle and prizes flowed on to the lucky members. Lucy and Mark put on a spread that defied all odds. The food was awesome and finished off with sweets to die for. I could go on and on but I think papas' pics that are in this edition say it all. Again thanks mate for one hell of a great day. Hope you enjoy Pappas memories of 2016. They are pretty cool also.

Stud, Mrs Puss and I hobbled around the Bike show and though it was pretty good. But noticed a missing Honda stand which we thought strange. The outside demos were really great and the inside displays were of top standard. Von's stall (Girl Rider) looked good as always and Ken and Von seemed to be doing well. All in all, not a bad show. Two years till next one.

Now if you wonder why the letter is a little short of reports etc. well its because all you lot seem to be now downloading everything onto the Facebook. Well if that's what you all want that's fine by me but I have decided in my wisdom not to bother chasing around anymore for stories and so if the letter ends up as just a 6 page report from the committee so be it. The survival of a decent letter is in you, yes you the members hands.

As always, I hope that the year brings you all good luck and good riding.

Cheers

Meow





A Word from our Quartermaster

Thank you to all our MRUB members who supported our branch by purchasing and displaying Ulysses and branch merchandise over the past year. It is very gratifying to see members identifying to Ulysses with the patches and badges on their vests and jackets. There's a real sense of belonging there. Funny story from one member at the tyre kick, who said when he's been pulled over and they spotted the Ulysses badges, they let him go! Take that tongue in cheek, but nice to hear!

December takings were great considering I couldn't set up my wares at a formal meeting. This was due to me hounding everyone and anyone to purchase the new green and black patch for our branch, which I make no apology for. I had a hundred given to me to sell and forty of the old red and black patches still in stock! So, time to make a deal. \$5 for the new patch, or \$8 for both the new and old! Quite a bargain considering the old patch had sold for \$10! Many took the opportunity to get a second patch for another jacket or vest. I will continue to sell this deal, so come see me at the tyre kick as I always have some on me and of course at the meetings.

Also happy to mail any items, including merchandise from the Ride On magazine for any member not able to make those venues. Cheers from your Quartermaster. :)



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- BUTTERFLY POLO - WHITE - 16
- ULYSSES BUTTERFLY TEE - BLUE MARLE - 18 + 22
- ULYSSES BELT BUCKLE SMALL - 3D
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OR

\$8 WITH THE RED AND BLACK PATCH INCLUDED.



A Word from our Welfare Officer



This year has started really well, great weather and from all accounts great rides.

With Christmas and welcoming in the new year all done and dusted, we are all fired up for a fabulous 2017.

Hopefully everyone stays well and healthy, all able to enjoy everything that the year will deliver.....bring it on!

As the job of the welfare officer is only as good as the information given, please let me know if you hear of anyone not well or if in need of any assistance.

Contact me via phone or email.

#0413269022 or #97445656

#foxys@internode.on.net

Moira (foxy)🐾





A Word from our Paparazzi

Good-bye 2016, hello 2017. I hope everyone had a great time over the festive season. Well, the meetings and rides have started for the year. Could I please remind all members, that it only takes a moment to record a photo of these occasions on your camera or phone? Only another moment to send these photos to "Cat" our editor. Attach a few words, like, how many riders, weather and outcome. These small articles are what makes the newsletter great. The bottom line is that it make Cats' job easier by not needing to chase these said articles.

Thank you to the members who have taken time to write a piece for "Caught in the Headlight" these articles are appearing in the newsletter. I will be asking people in turn for their piece, so think about it. Also, I am starting of a small piece called, "My First Bike" I am asking everyone to search for a photo of your first or second bike. Write something and send it to me. I will organise these small pieces for the Editor.

Send articles to vickicronin@bigpond.com





Good-bye 2016







Good-bye 2016



MOVIE NIGHTS

Wednesday the 2nd of November was the Official MRUB Movie Night. What a fantastic turn out. Arumets, Barry, Bartleson, the Behan's, the Bevan's, Brooke, Cronin, the Dridan's and the Robson's. The evening started out with Dinner at Itahalia then we all went to see Dr Strange at the Readings Cinema, Sunbury. We have had several unofficial movie nights as advertised on the MRUB Facebook page and we intend to continue the trend. As usual, the more the merrier and everyone is welcome. Some of us meet for dinner or coffee before the movie. Some just come for the movie and some just come for dinner and skip the movie. It's all about the fellowship.

Cheers. Vicki.

28/10/16

Twenty five intrepid general knowledge gurus attended another successful Trivia night at the Snowgum Hotel in Taylors Lakes. Our host, the Honourable Charles Meson fired off fifty taxing questions and the newbies, under the watchful eye of Kim Bouchier, won the night. MRUB is planning another Trivia Night in February 2017, so, start practising. The movie nights are becoming a regular fixture and all are welcome. Please, watch the Facebook page for details and pass on the invitation to those members who do not frequent the internet.

Cheers... Paparazzi.



Bloke goes in an adult store and asks for an inflatable doll.

Bloke behind the counter says , 'Male or female?'
Customer says , 'Female.'

Counter bloke asks , 'Black or white?'
Customer says , 'White.'

Counter bloke asks , 'Christian or Muslim?'
Customer says , 'What the hell does religion have to do with it?'

Counter man says , 'The Muslim one blows itself up.'

I went to the pub last night and saw a BIG woman dancing on a table.
"Good legs!" I said!

The girl giggled and said, "Do you really think so?"

I said, "Definitely! ... Most tables would have collapsed by now."

Cost me another 6 stitches... But, when you're over seventy; who cares?



Melbourne Bike Show 2016

Stud, Mrs Puss and I attended the Melbourne bike show and was again more than impressed with the now professional presentation given to what we all coincider an important event for the year.

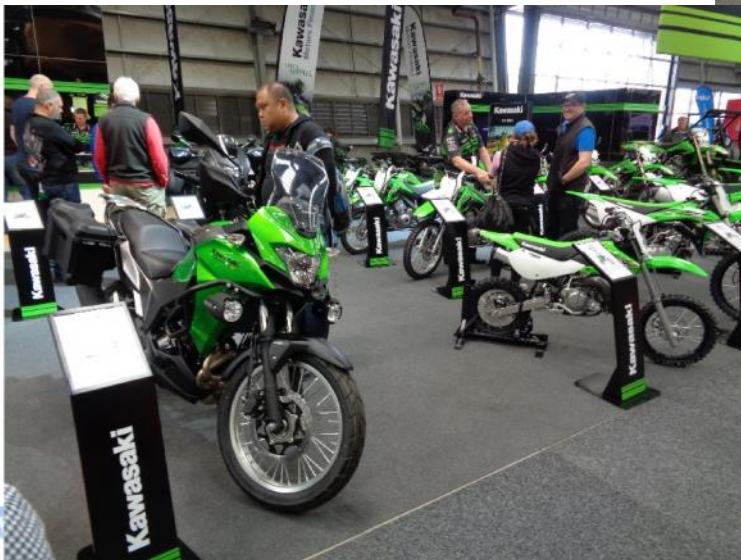
Almost all makes were represented with the exception of Suzuki (well we couldn't find them) and Honda which we did locate but away from the main hall. I had hoped for a few more of the smaller manufactures and customises to be there but the few that were did a fine job and were great to talk too.

The outside entertainment was also really top quality and kept us amused while we had a break from walking the stands.

All in all a good arvo was had by us and look forward to the next one in two years time



Oh stud you just cant be trusted





A Few from the ranges were there

Avoca Ride, 27 November



Only ten riding enthusiasts (Gomez, The Pres, Lucretia, Steve (first Ulysses ride!), Wally, Ernst, Macca, Christo, Tony, and me) from the Macedon Ranges Ulysses Branch were willing to subject themselves to an interesting and pleasant day's outing. One bike had a weak battery (six years old) and needed a jump start (thanks Gomez) before we could leave McDonald's. Took the usual roads to Bacchus Marsh, then the Western Highway to Pentland Hills Road to Greendale and then to Ballan. From there it was mostly two lane roads with gentle curves and straight straights through Gordon, to Creswick, through Clunes, around Talbot, turn left onto the one lane road through Amherst and arrive at Avoca. Two hours riding and 166km.

The return trip was via the Pyrennes Highway so we headed to Maryborough where we took the alternate route around town. Tony left us to head to Bendigo while we continued on to Castlemaine. Out of there via Chewton through Metcalfe, past the Kyneton Airfield (still don't know how one can have a field of air), and avoided Kyneton. Macca (the tail end person) left us somewhere to head to Lancefield, possibly at Carlsruhe, the remaining riders continued on to Woodend where five stopped for a drink and/or food. One hour forty-five minutes to ride 131km of mostly two lane roads.

The weather in Sunbury and through to Creswick was grey clouds and cool (14c) but by the time we got to Clunes blue skies with only a few wisps of white clouds, with the temperature moving to 20c by the time we got to Avoca. The return trip saw the temp rise to 24c before Kyneton and the return of the grey clouds and cooler temperatures.

A big THANK YOU to Macca for doing a sterling job as the tail end!

Hey Yu

Everyone seems to be wondering why Muslim Terrorists are so quick to commit suicide.

Lets have a look at the evidence:

- No Christmas
- No television - No nude women
- No football - No pork chops
- No hot dogs - No burgers
- No beer No bacon
- Rags for clothes
- Towels for hats
- Constant wailing from some idiot in a tower
- More than one wife

More than one mother in law

- You can't shave
- Your wife can't shave
- You can't wash off the smell of donkey
- You cook over burning camel poo
- Your wife is picked by someone else for you
- and your wife smells worse than your donkey
- Then they tell you that "when you die, it all gets better"??
- Well no S\$%t, Sherlock!....

It's not like it could get much worse



20170108 Ride to Heathcote

On a warm and cloudy morning Richard led Ken, Colin Tony , Mel and Sue to Lancefield where we met up with Smokey and Dawn. We had a great ride to Redesdale for morning tea. Then to Heathcote, there we met up with Max and some other Echuca Uylssians for lunch. Thanks to all for a great day.



MACEDON RANGES
ULYSSES BRANCH



CHRISTMAS IN JULY



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A woman and her 12-year-old son were riding in a taxi in Detroit. It was raining and all the prostitutes were standing under awnings. "Mom," said the boy, "what are all those women doing?" "They're waiting for their husbands to get off work," she replied. The taxi driver turns around and says, "Geez lady, why don't you tell him the truth? They're hookers, boy! They have sex with men for money." The little boy's eyes get wide and he says, "Is that true Mom?" His mother, glaring hard at the driver, answers "Yes." After a few minutes the kid asks, "Mom, if those women have babies, what happens to them?" She said, "Most of them become taxi drivers."

A man was riding on a full bus minding his own business when the gorgeous woman next to him started to breast-feed her baby. The baby wouldn't take it so she said, "Come on sweetie, eat it all up or I'll have to give it to this nice man next to us." Five minutes later the baby was still not feeding, so she said, "Come on, honey. Take it or I'll give it to this nice man here." A few minutes later the anxious man blurted out, "Come on kid. Make up your mind! I was supposed to get off four stops ago!"



20170112 MRUB Movie Night

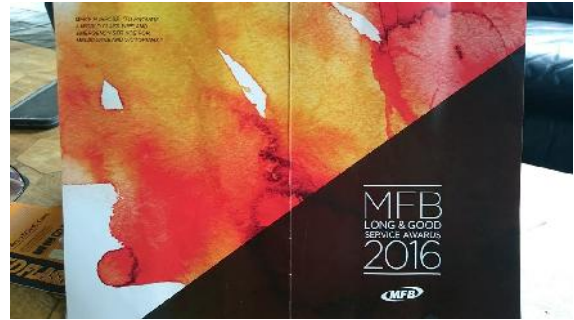
- The MRUB Movie Nights are a new feature on our club calendar. The new \$10 tickets for all sessions at Sunbury has made it an affordable night out at a location that is central for many of us. Also, if the movie is not quite to your taste then you have only paid \$10 to hang out with a bunch of awesome people. So here is the deal... due to the cinemas advertising policy it is only possible to project session times a couple weeks in advance. So, as soon as we spot a movie that may appeal to a few of us we put out the word. Nights are usual Wednesdays or Thursdays and the session time is decided by consensus. Some of us meet an hour before for dinner, some just come for coffee, some don't even stay for the movie and everyone is welcome.




Look who was having dinner at Itahlia. Who would have that that 16 Ulyssians would be having dinner at the same time?

Ex Prez's Big Day

This morning some of the family attended a Metropolitan Fire Brigade ceremony at the Melbourne Cricket Ground where [Stephen Draper](#) was presented with a 40 years... long and good service award as well as an academic award for training. We're all very proud of his commitment to his job and the community. I'd like to especially thank [Renae Boucher](#), [Rohan Draper](#), [Rikki Garner](#), Paul O'Brien and grand-children Abbey, Jacob and Thomas for coming along to share the occasion.





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A Harley dude is strolling through the Taronga Park Zoo, Sydney, when he sees a little girl leaning into the Lions' cage.

Suddenly, a lion pounces at the fence and grabs her by the cuff of her jacket and tries to pull her inside, under the eyes of her screaming parents.

The biker runs to the cage and hits the lion square on the nose with a powerful punch. Whimpering from the pain, it jumps back, letting go of the girl and the biker brings her to her terrified parents who thank him endlessly.

An ABC TV team by chance recorded the entire event. The reporter has also watched the whole event. The reporter, addressing the biker says, 'Mate, that was the most gallant and brave thing I've seen a man do in my whole life.'

The Harley rider replies 'It was nothing, really. The lion was behind bars. I just saw this little kid in danger and acted.' The reporter says, 'Well, I'll make sure this won't go unnoticed. I'm a journalist and tonight's 7 O'clock News and 7.30 Report will run this story at the top of the programme. So, what do you do for a living and what political affiliation do you have?'

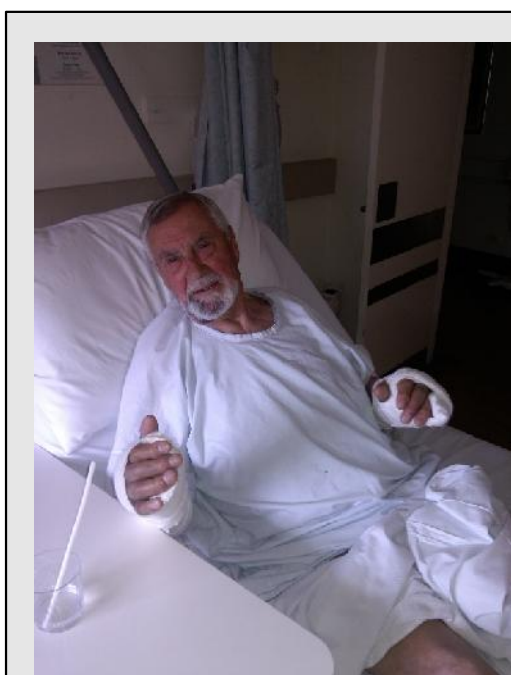
The biker replied, 'I'm an SAS soldier just returned from Afghanistan and a Liberal party supporter.'

The ABC journalist makes a few notes and leaves.

That evening the biker sits down to watch the news report of his actions, and sees first thing on the news:

SAS SOLDIER ASSAULTS AFRICAN IMMIGRANT AND STEALS HIS LUNCH.

Pretty much sums up the ABC's media's approach these days.



11 Dec 2016 Ernst has a tumble

One of our veteran riders Ernst Wegel had a bit of an unfortunate mishap on a ride led by Kenny Patterson.

There was some loose gravel on a nasty corner and whilst Ken got back control of his bike Ernst wasn't so luckily resulting in two broken wrists and further surgery to fix up tendon damage. The rest of the crew seen the carnage and were able to pull up in time. Just lousy luck but as they say in the classics poo happens.

Called in to see him and as usual he was in great spirits and looking totally positive. The bike didn't survive as well as Ernst though so a new BM might be on the shopping list.

I was talking to a young woman in the bar last night. She said, "If you lost a few pounds, had a shave and got your hair cut, you'd look all right."

I said, "If I did that, I'd be talking to your friends over there instead of you."

Cost me a fat lip... But, when you're over seventy; who cares?

Memorial Day. A particularly poignant day for MRUB, this year





In the Headlight with Ken Hagar



Why Australia?

This question has been asked of me several times. My answer varies and is dependent upon the circumstance and person asking. Also, because I don't really know why. Here is some of the influences which I think lead me living here.

The first memory of Australia comes from grade school where we sang about a 'Kookaburra sits in the old Gum Tree.' I do remember asking about what a kookaburra was as well as what is a gum tree. In high school I/we learned a bit about the Civil War. Actually, it was a lot about the causes and consequences. The Confederacy ship 'Shenandoah' made a repair stop in Australia. In studying World War II we learned about McArthur in the Philippines, his departure from there, and his return. Where was he in the mean time? Australia.

While attending the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater on a student deferment kindly provide by the local Draft Board, many males of my age spent time in Viet Nam, including several high school classmates and my brother. He went to Sydney for his R&R, as did many soldiers.

By 1975 I had taught for several years at Richmond-Burton Community High School and could see the handwriting on the wall. Stay there and be doing the same things for the next x number of years or leave. I chose the latter. While my alternate employment was interesting but even more poorly paid, I happened upon an information session regarding teaching opportunities in Victoria, Australia, which was to be held at UW-Madison. Nothing to lose but a day's wages.

So, in early November, I drove to Madison, found the lecture hall, and along with 500 other people listened to the presentation. By the end of the presentation there was less than 50 people! Three major incentives were offered. One, free airfare from San Francisco to Melbourne. Two, guaranteed salary for the duration of the contract (one or two years). Three, no Australian taxes for the duration of the contract (a +30% bonus). For those still interested, there were forms to be filled, which eliminated a few more people. After lunch, we were interviewed for possible teaching positions for the Catholic Education Office in Victoria. Mathematics & Science people were interviewed together, all two of us! During the interview, the interviewer was called out and upon his return, he informed us that they had received information which would be of importance to us. He could offer us a contract on the day. I basically said, 'where do I sign?'

At a gathering of friends from the dormitory at which we stayed while at UWW, one of the friends said, 'Do you remember saying how you would like to go to Australia?' Of course I didn't, but he did!

Then it was the various details to do. Get a passport. At the time, this was a 6-8 week process plus I had Christmas and New Year to cope with. Get a police check. (This was very hard because the local police, county Sheriff, only had my driver's license details to use for the report. After a few generic questions they wrote a paragraph stating I was of good character and had no criminal record.) Inform my employer I wasn't going to be staying the year we agreed upon. Save enough money from my pittance of wages to buy a one-way ticket from Chicago to San Francisco. Inform my relatives what was happening. During Christmas lunch one of my cousins asked me what was I doing in the new year. When I mentioned I was going to Australia there was silence like I never heard at any family gathering! Finally got the passport, forwarded it to the Australia Consulate-General in San Francisco for my visa. Time comes to fly to San Francisco, no passport or visa in my hand, as it is supposed to be in the hands of the people who hired me when they meet me at the airport. It was there with the permanent resident visa attached!

I went from -10°F in Chicago to a balmy 60°F in San Francisco to a warm 75°F in Honolulu to a sweltering 35°C in Sydney, all in a 24 hour period. Missed my connecting flight to Melbourne because of some industrial dispute (welcome to Australia). Managed to find the person who was looking after the group of us coming from the USA. All but 3 made the connecting flight on time. Arrangements were made for the 3 of us to get on the next flight and we were in Melbourne, January 1976.

That is how I got to Australia.

Why did I stay? Well, after the first year of my two year contract, I met Dianne in January 1977. We married in July 1978. Lived and worked in Illinois for the 1979-80 school year. Returned to Melbourne and continued to enjoy the climate (it doesn't snow), life style, and to jobs each of us had left (this was a bonus, as neither of us expected openings to be available). Various jobs and career changes for each of us, until I retired in 2009 and Dianne's death in February 2011.

Why do I stay now? This is home. So many positive events have happened to me since arriving in January 1976 that I can't imagine living anywhere else.

*Of the thirty people I travelled with to Australia, there were only two of us from that meeting in Madison. Yes, the only two mathematics or science people. Little did I know that the 'Lucky Country' was already having influence on my future.

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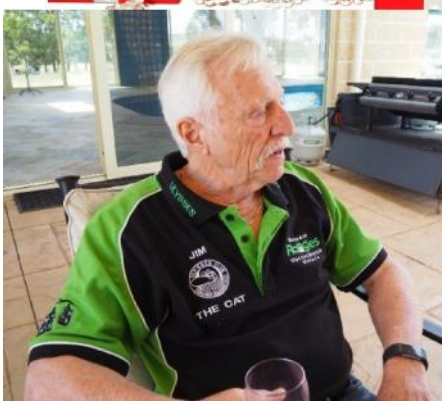
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Suppliers of fresh home made, pasta including ravioli, tortellini, lasagne's, gnocchi and home made sauces. We also have a small gluten free range.



MRUB Christmas Party 20161203





And the Raffle Prize winners were



Our good mate Macca who was our Web Master has moved to Bright and has logically decided to hand over the reigns to someone else. Here is his letter of resignation and Richards reply

Hi Mark et al,
I've decided to stop updating the MRUB website. Jane and I have a new life up here and little contact with the Macedon Ranges. For some time now, I haven't received any updates from the committee and had to second-guess what I read on the Facebook page and move it across to the website. I'm not sure that anyone is using the website, anyhow. Certainly the forum hasn't been used for 2 years. I suggest that you place the ride calendar on Facebook. I did this several years ago but Smokey received a heap of complaints from members because their phones kept going off, so I had to delete it all. But time moves on and members are probably more phone savvy now. I have all the webpage files saved if anyone wants to download Kompozer (free) and take up managing the site.
Cheers,
David

G'day David,
1 Firstly, on behalf of the Macedon Ranges Ulysses Branch, a special thankyou for your great work as Webmaster over many many years.
Your step down is fully understandable.
2 We had a committee meeting last Tuesday, and we agreed an MRUB web site is important to our group.
It is the first point of contact for members and prospective members.
Our Facebook site is a closed group for members only.
3 Smokey assisted by myself and Michael, have volunteered to carry on the website.
Thanks again for all your work.

Richard Bouchier
#59778
Ride Coordinator
MRUB Macedon Ranges
Ulysses Club Inc

Fire Sale

**FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY
AT THE A.G.M.
THESE ITEMS AT GREATLY REDUCED
PRICES:**

- BLACK SINGLET - SMALL LOGO - XL
- SHORT SLEEVE WHITE T SHIRT - SMALL LOGO - L
- SHORT SLEEVE WHITE T SHIRT - LARGE LOGO - L
- LONG SLEEVE WHITE T SHIRT - LARGE LOGO - L
- LADIES POLO TOP WITH LOGO - 14 + 16
- BUTTERFLY POLO - WHITE - 16
- ULYSSES BUTTERFLY TEE - BLUE MARLE - 18 + 22
- ULYSSES BELT BUCKLE SMALL - 3D
- ULYSSES COASTER SET OF 4
- NUMBER PLATE COVER - BLACK TOP, CHROME TOP
- ASSORTED ULYSSES PATCHES
- ALL STICKERS!!

DON'T FORGET THE DEAL WITH MRUB PATCHES:
\$5 FOR THE NEW GREEN AND BLACK PATCH
OR
\$8 WITH THE RED AND BLACK PATCH INCLUDED.



Time is like a river. You cannot touch the water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again. Enjoy every moment of life. As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the Nova Scotia back country. As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost and, being a typical man, I didn't stop for directions. I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late. I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play. The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before for this homeless man. And as I played "Amazing Grace", the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head was hung low, my heart was full.

As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen anything like that before, and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."



On Saturday mornings the members of MRUB gather for a tyre Kick, chat and have a cup of coffee. What makes our branch great is, that no matter what you ride you are accepted. We have adventure bikes, scooters, big bikes and small. All types and styles, two wheels and three. No one brand dominates the group, as we all enjoy our bikes. Oh, by the way, Congratulations Moose on a great choice!



Black Dog Ride

“we need to talk”

1 DAYER 2017

Black Dog Ride's iconic annual 1 Dayer aims to start a **national conversation about depression and suicide prevention.**

Get the country talking and ride with your local 1 Dayer at:

WANGARATTA VIC

Sunday 19th March

Meet: 8am Check in & breakfast at Wangaratta Airport Precinct

Contact: Jim Redmond e: wangaratta@blackdogride.com.au

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Register Online and WIN!

Register as a rider for Black Dog Ride's 1 Dayer by midnight AEST

6th March and be in the draw to WIN the all new

Indian Scout valued at \$19,995! Raffle drawn

19th March 2017. Prize generously donated by

Indian Motorcycle Australia. Don't miss out!



Register Today: blackdogride.com.au



"Mental Health Matters"

Bendigo 2017 Ride4Lifeline

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This form will allow you to register for the Bendigo Charity Ride on the 19th March. The form is for a Rider registration, however if you tick the box for a pillion as well as a rider, then fields will appear to complete the pillions details. If you have any queries about the ride, you can email bendigo@ride4life.org.au For full details of the ride, visit the [Bendigo Ride page](#).

Event Properties

Event Date	19-03-2017 8:00 am
Registration Start Date	10-01-2017
Capacity	Unlimited
Registered	9
Individual Price	\$25 Riders (\$30 on day) \$10 Pillions (\$15 on day)
Rider	\$25
Pillion	\$10
Location	Bendigo Ride Start

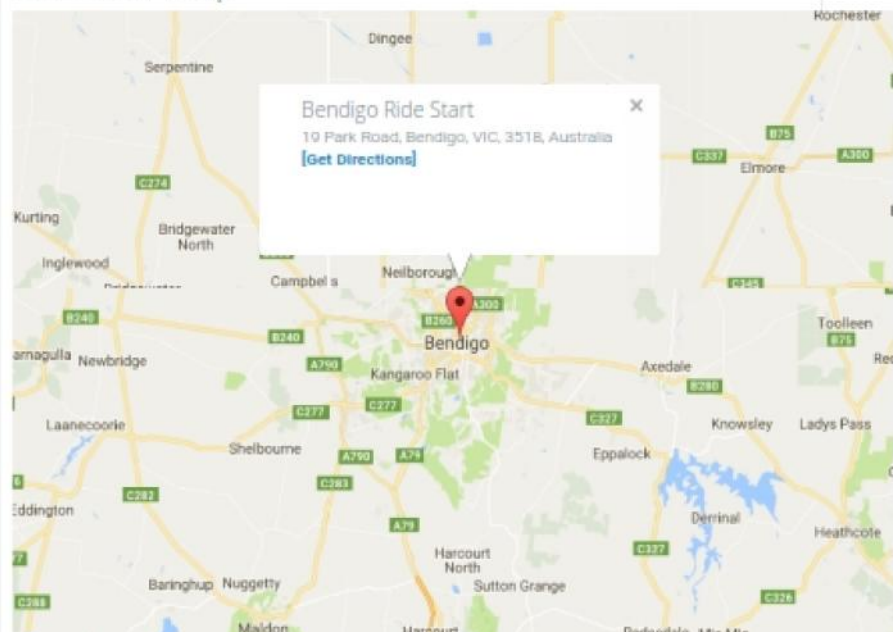
[Register \(Individual\)](#)

[Save to](#)

[Invite Friend](#)

[Google Calendar](#)
[Yahoo Calendar](#)
[Save Ical](#)

Location Map



For those of you who haven't had the chance to get an "Admin Fee's Form " here is one for you to fill out and "send to" or "hand to" one of our committee members or email to treasurer@mrug.net ASAP

Remember this club needs you subs to keep it healthy and running like you expect and want it



Macedon Ranges Ulysses



Administration Fees 2017

\$20.00 single or couple (both Ulysses members)

plus \$5 if a printed newsletter is required

(All prices include GST)

2017 fees are due on 1 January 2017

this fee contributes to providing:

- Newsletters
- Website hosting and domain name registration (<http://www.mrub.org.au>)
- General administration
- Christmas Function
- Occasional Subsidized Branch Activities

Exemption

- Persons 70 years of age and over are exempt from paying the fee
(Please display your license to the Club Secretary to claim the exemption)

Please pay by one of the following options:

- By mail with cheque or money order, to PO Box 552, Gisborne 3437
- In person via the Club Treasurer
- By Direct Deposit (Macedon Ranges Ulysses Group BSB 633-000 Acc 116352774)
(Make sure you use your name as the reference when making bank deposits)

Please provide the following details:

	Your Details	Partners Details (If Ulysses member)
Ulysses No.	Exp / /	Exp / /
Name	_____	_____
Address	_____	_____
Home phone	_____	_____
Mobile	_____	_____
D.O.B	/ /	/ /
E-mail address	_____	_____
Bike Details (include brand, model and year) _____		

(All members **must** complete questions below)

We would like to include your details on a contact list for the branch. The contact list will be available To all branch affiliates. Your email address will be added to the branch email list, this list is used for branch news, events and notices only

Newsletter Method Email or Post (Circle one)

Add to Branch Contact List Yes or No (Circle one)

Office Use	
Amount	\$ _____
Receipt No.	_____
Date	____ / ____ / ____

Date

/ /

**THANKS TO THESE MEMBERS THAT MADE THE LETTER
WHAT IT IS.....**

Ken (Hey – you) Hager

Ted (my pommy mate)

Vicky (Pappa)

Richard and Macca

Colin Randell

Dennis Holland (Dutchy)

Not that many out of a club of 200 plus

So.....Where the hell are you ALL

So what about it.....

Where's your bit.....

E MAIL TO ME AND SEE YOUR NAME IN LIGHTS

Or are you just like the rest and do Bugger all.....