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NEWSLETTER MAY OFFEND  
SOME PEOPLE**

**PLEASE BE AWARE OF THIS AND  
READ THE INFO ON PAGE  
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**Macedon Ranges Newsletter**

***Social Nights*** are held on the Third Monday of each month at the Sunbury Football Club Rooms “Clark Oval Riddel Rd Sunbury from 6.15 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 Michaels (yet I doubt it)

***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*** Sunday rides leave from Mac Donalds Horne St Sunbury at 9.30 AM unless otherwise organised. see ride calender on [www.mrug.net](http://www.mrug.net) for dates  
Saturday rides leave from Jolley Miller about 11-ish

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***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: Well you may ask??????**

## **Your Committee**

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## *A Word from your President.....*

Ok I have a few things I need to mention so please read them all

### Donate Raffle

Next social night is Donate a prize for the raffle night, the last time we did this it was a great success and raise money for the club, so if you have a raffle prize you won and never used it you can bring this along and donate it to the raffle or if you have a gift someone gave you and don't really think you will use it you can also bring that in for the raffle, please remember other people will win these as prizes in the raffle so make sure these items haven't been used. We will be having the donate raffle twice a year.

### Social Night /Branch Election

Please don't forget next Monday is our next social night and it is also the Branch Election night  
So let's all get together and have a good turnout, Don't forget to vote you need to bring you Ulysses card.

### 209 Ulysses Rally Mornington

Time is running out to join us at this year's Rally, it would be good to get a big group from our Branch  
As we have at the last 2 AGM's held in Victoria, so do yourself favour and come down an see what it's all about  
You can register on the day at the site and you can get a Week Pass or if you're not going for that long there is a 3 day  
Pass or if you just want to come for a day there is an open day ticket for Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>. If you are looking for something  
Different to do they are looking for volunteers to help out with all aspects of the event.  
We will be having a Branch Dinner on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm and a Branch breakfast either on the Wednesday or Friday  
Morning (Day and venue to be decided). If you plan on coming and it will be god to see you there then email me  
At [president@mrub.org.au](mailto:president@mrub.org.au) with your contact mobile number.

### Rides

I became a little disappointed that it is more frequent that either a very small number or no one turns up for the  
Branch organised rides or it's the same people that lead the rides, so this year I'm hoping we can all get behind  
The organised rides and have a better number turn up.

Regards

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## A Word from our Secretary

As I write this we are approaching another A.G.M. No doubt there will be many of the same faces on committee, but I am pleased to hear that there are several new people who have put up their hand for consideration. It always bodes well when people want to get involved!

At this time of year I am also in the process of updating (as in creating a new 2019 database) with all our membership details. Among the jobs that need to get done are ticking off those affiliates that have paid their \$20 and making sure the information on our database is up to date (so please let me know if you've changes address or email or whatever in the last 12 months). I'm also keen to get any updates on your Ulysses membership, although I have another way of checking this. I only mention it as "in theory" Ulysses will let you know when your membership expires. However I know several people where this just didn't happen and they needed to discover it themselves. So when did you last check your card for the expiry date?

It's been a few years since I touched base with Ulysses National so I am also going through that process as well. They basically require a postcode for all our affiliates then send me all the financial members who live in those postcodes. I then troll through a few thousand names and tick off all our affiliates who have remained financial and update their expiry dates on the database. Now in doing this I came across some figures that I thought you might find interesting.

If I were to ask you which town has the most MRUB affiliates you would answer what?

The answer is Sunbury with 30 affiliates. So where do the rest of us come from? After Sunbury, Gisborne is next with 17, Melton with 13, then Riddles Creek with 8, Romsey with 7, followed by Woodend and Diggers Rest with 6 each, Bacchus Marsh with 5, Kyneton 4, and Lancefield and Caroline Springs with 3 each. After that there are heaps of doubles and singles and even some from as far afield as Phillip Island and Queensland. This is all based on 2018 figures and there will no doubt be some changes once I've completed the revamp, but it won't change that much. So Macedon Ranges covers quite a diverse area and it's good to know there is usually another member living no too far away.

See you at the A.G.M.

Cheers

Fluffy





## Word from your Ride Co-ordinator

The last Sunday ride was to Lake Nagambie where we held a BBQ lunch and met with another motorcycle group. December's ride was put off due to the Christmas season. The new year 2019 sees a good selection of rides coming up:

- 20 Jan Ride to Lake Cairne Curran for a barbeque via Daylesford for morning tea.

Ride Leader Colin Randall and departs Sunbury Maccas carpark at 9.30 am sharp - be ready and be early;

- There will also be a night ride on Friday 25 Jan (see the Ride Calendar on [mrub.org.au](http://mrub.org.au));

- 17 Feb is a ride to the Batesford Hotel at Geelong via the Brisbane Ranges - this will be a great ride led by the inimitable Silvia/Vicky team. Departs Sunbury Maccas carpark at 9.30 am sharp and is set to complete by 4.30 pm, Be early, ready and don't be late;

- The Ulysses AGM/Rally will be on from Feb 25th to Mar 3 for those going and early bird registrations closed on Fri 11 Feb (past).

- The Sunday ride for March is on the 17th led by Hey You (AKA Ken Hager) Departing Sunbury Maccas carpark at 9.31 am?? To Rochester for Culture and cuisine. Be ready, be early and prepared.

The regular Wednesday ride departs Gisborne Caltex at 10 am ish for mystery destinations revealed on the day or by mutual agreement. It is preferred that your bike or trike is re-fuelled and ready for a briefing 10 minutes or so before departure time.

Finally, I will be retiring as Ride Coordinator as of this years MRUB AGM and anyone interested should let the Secretary have your nomination ASAP.

CAT - This is my final report for your inclusion in the news bulletin and; Hey you - I think you have most of this if not more on the website.

Regards All

Jim to most and Tom to others.



Thank you for doing a great job as Ride Co-ordinator Jim! You always approached the role with efficiency and humour. Sorry to see you relinquish this position but understand that we all have priorities. Will look forward to seeing you and Dawn on more rides!  
Sylvia

## From Your Friendly Editor.....



And so there we go for another issue and another year of joyous reporting.

And we start it off with a top effort by our new web master Ken Hey-u who has set up our new web site on the net. Looks good, covers everything, and easy to use. What more could you ask for. Top effort Ken

Hope you all had a top festive season with a great Christmas Day and a fabulous New Years celebrations. I know I did.

Our ride co ord is still having trouble getting ride leaders for the weekend and Saturday rides so come on how about putting your hand up and having a go. Its not hard and your king for a day. Surely we All have a favourite piece of road we all love to go on.

Talking of rides I rode with Michael and ken to Ricketts point for the Ulysses Breakfast Club meet. Was great fun and caught up with a lot of folk I haven't seen in a while. You should all try it one day. We could even make an overnighter of it perhaps.

Rode to Cann Curran with Col and what a great day that was. 10 rider's, no rain, great BBQ, and lots of laughs. Another successful ride for the Club.

Still pissed off with the input to the letter. With a branch our size only 5 people put something in. Hmmmm. Guess you are proving at least to me that the newsletter is now getting quite quickly to its used by date.

By the time you've read this all nominations for new committee will be in and settled. If you don't like what's happened then you really don't care do you.

Keep upright

Meow







## A Word from our Welfare Officer

Foxys gone a flying and we don't know where she are.



## A Word from our Paparazzi and Event Co-ordinator



Here we are 2019, a new year has arrived and the Macedon Ranges Branch is set for a new committee. I hope that the members that have supported the past outings will continue through this year.

Some movie and dinner night are on the cards as well as, Trivia nights, Bowling later in the year and Christmas in July.

Thank you to the members that have taken the time to write a piece for the newsletter. Also, a big thank you to the members who post photos of their rides. More photo and more stories make the newsletter what it is.

Just look out for NEW MEMBERS as we have a few. Take time to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

Regards  
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## A Word from our Quartermaster

Starting a new year is always a good time for reflection and resolving to do better. 2018 had its ups and downs, selling little to nothing some months, yet at other times members rallied around to support the fire sales and special sidewalk displays in Gisborne. Established members know what merchandise Ulysses offers and the branch tops we have in MRUB. But do new members know? The Riding On magazine no longer prints items from their gear shop. Members need to go to their website, log on and search the gear shop section to see what is available. On the other hand, you can come to me. I display a selection of Ulysses gear and MRUB tops at our monthly meeting. If you need something that is not there, I can source it for you and put in an order. I am also open to any suggestions for improving our sales. It feels good to show others through our gear and patches that we belong to an international motorbike club for those growing old disgracefully, but also that we belong to a friendly and inclusive branch of that club.

## Mid Week Ride 19/12/2018



A team, l/r Dean, Keith, Daryl, Bruce, Rod, Macca, Dennis, Colin(ride leader), Phillip, Ron, Jim not in photo plus Wally behind the lens. Ballan for smoko, D grade roads to Buninyong for lunch. Return via Greenvale, Trentham & Woodend. As usual, great ride with great company.

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### A true story!

When Colin and I were over in Frisco with Hey –u we were walking through San Francisco's Chinatown, as tourists from from Aussie we were enjoying the artistry of all the Chinese restaurants, shops, signs etc. When he turned a corner and saw a building with the sign..... 'Moishe Plotnik's Laundry.' 'Moishe Plotnik?' we wondered. 'How does that belong in Chinatown?' We walked into the shop and saw a fairly standard looking dry cleaner, although we could see that the proprietors were clearly aware of the uniqueness of the store name as there were baseball hats, T-shirts and coffee mugs emblazoned with the logo 'Moishe Plotnik's Chinese Laundry.' We selected a coffee cup as a conversation piece to take back to Aussie. Behind the counter was a smiling old Chinese gentleman who thanked him for his purchase. We asked, 'Can you explain how this place got a name like 'Moishe Plotnik's Laundry?'

The Oldman answered, 'Ah..Evleebody ask me dat.It name of owner.' Looking around, we asked, 'Is he here now?' 'It me, Me him!' replied the old man. Really? You're Chinese. How did you get a Jewish name like Moishe Plotnik?' 'It simple'said the old man. 'Many, many year ago I come to this country. I, standing in line at 'Document Centre of Immigration.' Man in front of me was man from Poland.' 'Lady at counter look at him and say to him, 'What you name?' He (Polish man) say to her, 'Moishe Plotnik.' Then she look at me and say, 'What your name?' I say, 'Sam Ting.'

## 20181226 Wednesday Ride



Andy, dean & wally, corner marking was rather hectic today.

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## Frozen Carburettor

People frequently complain about the police, but you rarely hear about the positive things they do, such as this incident involving a biker and a frozen carburettor.

Last January on a bitterly cold winter's day, a North Dakota State Trooper on patrol came upon a motorcyclist who was stalled by the roadside.

The biker was swathed in heavy protective clothing and wearing a full-face helmet to protect the face from the cold weather.

"What's the matter? asked the Trooper "

"Carburettor's frozen," was the terse reply.

"Pee on it. That'll thaw it out."

"I can't," said the biker. "

"OK, watch me closely and I'll show you."

The Trooper unzipped and promptly warmed the carburettor as promised.

Moments later the bike started and the rider drove off, waving.

A few days later, the local State Troopers' office received a note of thanks

from the father of the motorcyclist.

It began: "On behalf of my daughter Janice...





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### 20190102 Wednesday Ride



**Big line-up for today's ride..**

## 20190105 Saturday Ride. Bevan's Magical Mystery Tour.

The air was full of sparkles (or was that rain). We found ourselves in Lancefield, at the Pub, wringing wet. Laughs all around as the stream rose from our clothes and we ate a hearty meal and took our separate roads home. Thanks for today everyone.





## 20190105 MRUB Gisborne Tyre Kick.

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A wet start to our Saturday morning tyre kicks. A great turn out, and Trump was able to get 12 brave souls to join him, to an unknown destination





## My Very First Real Bike by your very own editor

Well where do I start. I guess we all had our flings on all kind of bikes in our early years but the first steady bike I owned was a Honda Bentley 125. It was a cast off from my brother John who changed his bikes like I changed me under dungers. It was a great little bike. Something that the youth of today would have laughed at what with its knuckle front suspension, a pressed steel frame, a totally enclosed chain guard, a pressed steel handle bar, and the motor: now that was really something. It was a reversed engineered Laverta twin with four valves per cylinder, and it revved so hard compared to the British machines of the day that we all thought the life of the motor would be months. But no the little 125 just kept spinning at incredible revs and kept going. Mind you the handling was awful, in fact scary, the exhaust system di-integrated after 5000km and was then turned into the first straight out system Honda had.



The bike used to run me up to Melton and back from the ammo factory 5 days a week for years until one day the unions called a petrol strike. Now petrol was being rationed out even numbers one day odd numbers the next, no petrol on Sundays. My next door neighbour who drove a Holden suggested that we share petrol so for the next 5 weeks that little Honda to me and my pillion to Footscray and back. Not a bad effort for a 125. Remember one night after overtime at the ammo factory and riding home in the pitch black (awful headlight) a copper rode up beside me and pulled me over. Told me to get the exhaust fixed so that night we had baked beans for tea and I riveted over the ends on the rusted remains of the two mufflers two baked bean tins. Took it up to the Melton police station the next morning and the local policeman (constable Garlic) cracked up laughing and told me to get on my way. They blew off half way to work.

My wife at the time and I decided to go our own ways and so I started residing at my parents' house in Moonee ponds. Waking up one morning to heaps of wailing from my dad I discovered his beloved shed and my new garage for my gem had been broken into and the bike was gone. Shattered we rang the police. They took all the info but said hope in finding it was pretty hopeless as it would probably end up a paddock bike for some ketone. But as luck happened the bike being almost indestructible had got a flat tyre and was left in long grass just short of the Aberfeldie state school and kids walking to school (yes kids did actually walk to school even as late as the 60's) had stumbled upon in and it had been reported to the police. Like a rabbit on heat I high tailed it up to the paddock and there it was, now painted flat black, no mufflers, bent bars, and looking pretty sad.

Dad and I restored the little gem and I continued riding it until my brother who by this time had had numerous triumphs, Norton's, BSA's and also approx. 5 different cars bought himself a brand new Suzuki posi-force 250 Hustler. Now this was the new era I decided, and so the little Honda was traded in on a 64 hustler, green, and the new pride and joy.

I sometimes wish I still had that little 125. As far as reliability it was indestructible (as I recall 53000 miles even with the time as a paddock bike), gave awesome mileage (about 65 mpg) and bugger it, it was fantastic fun.

So that was what I called my original real bike and from that day on I have never been without a bike one day. There have been numerous bikes since that day including my Suzuki water bottle which owner for approx. 30 years and did 98000miles on it; but that's another story for another day..... Meow

A Highway Patrol officer on duty spots a car on the Hume freeway going a very slow 31kph in a 110kph zone. He turns his lights and sirens on and stops the car. As he approaches he can see a little old lady by the name of Vicky behind the wheel and some of her friends. The officer then explains to her how dangerous it is to be driving at such a speed. The lady answers "Officer I was going the speed limit! 31kph!" The officer says... "that M31 is the route number, that's what highway you're on". "But I need to ask you" says the police officer, "are your friends okay, they seem a little shaken up and pale". The little old lady answers "Oh they'll be fine soon officer, we just got off of the A300 not so long ago"

**Whenever someone says to me, "Oh, you look so familiar, where do I know you from?" I like to respond with, "Do you watch porn?"**

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## **Mid Week 2019/01/09**



**Another big day with the A team, I/r Anthony, Russell, Brian, David, Bill, Bruce, Ken, 2U/K, sorry, Colin, Trina, Philip, Ron, Keith, not in photo Andy Louise & Wally. Castlemaine for smoko, Dunolly for lunch via parts unknown**



## Ulysses Breakfast at Rickets Point 12/01/2019

Met Michael and ken at Mickleham rd. Maccas at 8:30 and headed of to Rickets point on the bay. Glorious morning, light traffic, and no trouble finding the place as there were bikes everywhere.

Nice café and good company (sat with the crowd from the Grampians.

We also caught up with Max, Perry and a few others we knew from around the traps.

Shame if you missed it as it was great fun all finishing with the mandatory group picture on the sea side. Check next riding on

Cheers

Meow



I recently called an old Engineering buddy of mine and asked what he was working on these days.

He replied that he was working on "Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminium and steel, under a constrained environment."

I was impressed until, upon further inquiry, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision.

## 20190116 Wednesday Ride




**Report Colin Randall:** 11 set off from Gisborne this morning for coffee at Anakie. 7 continued to cooler climes at Winchelsea for lunch. Met up with Charlie Farugia, on his way home from the coast in 4 wheels towing 2 more.

**Report: Wally Fielder.** Better late than never, I/r Jim, Brian, Lucy, Ken, Phillip, Dennis, Ron, Colin, Macca, William & wally on camera. Anakie for smoko, where 5 of the old folk left for home, the rest on to Winchelsea for lunch. Then home via Hwy

Philip Bouchier Warm ride till we reached the fringe of Geelong. Enjoyable day out. Thanks to the leaders and the tail enders.





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## 20 Jan 2019 ride to Can Curran

Great ride handled by Colin. We went on roads most of us had never been on before and at 100km from Sunbury to Dayle3sford was a very interesting journey. Finished off the day with a BBQ and then a just as interesting ride back to Woodend. Great weather, great company, no body fell off and didn't lose anyone on the way. Just a top day6

Thanks Col

Meow



Ps – Hey-u was looking for shade for his bike and missed the picture



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

Dennis (Dutchy) Holland (Great Jokes)

Ken (Hey – you) Hager (Always puts in)

Vicky

Stud

Colin

OTOOS

*Not that many out of a club of 100 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.....*