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NEWSLETTER MAY OFFEND
SOME PEOPLE**

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READ THE INFO ON PAGE
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**Lucy
Ron
Christine
R.I.P.**

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 6.45 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 for dates
Saturday rides leave from Jolley Miller about 11-ish and end up somewhere for lunch,yumm.....

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: Loving memories of 3 lost members.. Gone to soon. R.I.P.

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A Word from your President.....



H everyone,

This is my second report for the year and unfortunately, not much has happened since the last one. As we are near the beginning of winter, I am sure they will be less riding going on as well so don't forget we are also a social club.

Your committee spends its time trying to come up with events which we can enjoy, so show your support and attend a couple of them or all of them. We also have a new member Kevin, he has a couple of bikes, a Harley and a trike so please make Kevin feel very welcome and of course don't forget to let him win the raffle (joke).

As we all know, Anthony Henry came and went from the committee. That left a vacancy on the committee. After a suggestion from one of the members, the committee decided to ask Mark Freestone if he would be interested in taking up the position left by Anthony Henry. He accepted and is now one of the current committee members. I welcome him on-board as I am sure everyone will.

The branch has tried to make ourselves known to the community. People see us gathered in Sunbury or Gisborne and some may have an idea who we are and what we do, other people may not. Your committee has worked to improve this situation

by involving the Branch in some community activities. Our most recent event was at the Kruze 4 Kids Car Show & Family Day in Sunbury on Good Friday. The next outing is a sausage sizzle at Coles in Woodend at the end of June. If you have some spare time and would like to help out I am sure we can accommodate you (contact Vicki Cronin). If you don't wish to help out just pop in and buy a sausage or two, the proceeds go to the Branch.

The road to recovery is a long one and I must admit I thought I would be well and truly over my injuries from the accident but, alas, this is not the case. I still have some fractures to heal and a lot of fluid on my left lung that needs to go but these will all heal in time. The other thing that I wish to write, about and I must stress, I am not making this all about me because that is certainly not my intention.

I was one of those blokes who takes things on the chin as they come, and I do get upset from time to time and blows my top. Frankly, I thought I was on top and could handle anything. I never cried because that's not what men do, unless it was the birth of a child or giving away a girl at her wedding. Unfortunately, I could not give my daughter away at her wedding because I was at home recovering. As the weeks went by, I found that for no reason I would start crying and this would happen 2 or 3 times a week. I was struggling to get a handle on why good old tough me had become a cry baby. I tried at first to talk to my wife, but sort of felt I am supposed to be the one holding the place together not the one falling apart. I then tried to talk to some of my friends and although they are a good shoulder to lean on, they could not offer me a reason as to why my mental health was going backwards. Finally, I thought it would be a good idea if I talked to my local doctor and see if he can give me some ideas or help. Unfortunately, his first choice was to give me some tablets for depression and although that may be a solution for some people I didn't want to go down that track. I wanted to know what the cause was and try and deal with that. I voiced that to him and he suggested I talk to a therapist so I agreed.

I have seen the therapist a couple of times now, and she has managed to put things into perspective for me. It turns out losing Mum and Dad late last year and the trauma from the accident was the trigger I needed to affect my mental health. She has guided me onto a path that should help me deal with these issues.

By writing this, I don't want you to feel sorry for me in anyway. The reason I put this out there is to let you know it doesn't matter how big or small or tough you think you are, we all need to look after our mental health. If you are finding you are having issue that you think isn't right or you can't cope then do yourself a favour, and talk to family and friends, If that's doesn't seem to be working for you, at least talk to your doctor.

Michael Bevan
President
#50364



From Your Friendly Editor.....



And so

And so it was a very sad occasion in Sunbury when we as a club said goodbye to Lucy. The attendance from our branch was amazing and just showed the love we all had for her and Mark. The branch formed up in a solemn line after the service as the hearse passed. It was a fitting club tribute.

And now we have yet another passing of one of our founding members. Ron Weste. Ron was actually the first person I spoke to as a rode in to the jolly miller on a Saturday morning to introduce myself to the club. Ron was always the elder gentleman of the club and was the initial president of the branch. I personally will always think very fondly of Ron and I'm sure the club will be always grateful for his efforts with in the Ulysses branch. Again the club showed their respect for Ron by turning up in large numbers for his funeral. As with Lucy the members formed a guard of honour as the hearse left the -0parlor

And yet we had to inform our members of the branch of yet another sad occasion. That of Christine Cameron, (the wife of Brian a long time member of the club) who passed away . I've known Brian a very long time and though I didn't know his wife that well my deepest sympathies go out to Brian and his family.

It's a pretty sad time for our branch right now.....

Talking of more pleasant things, the club had a great day at the Kruze for Kids day at the Sunbury Soccer Club on Good Friday. The event was to raised money for the Royal Children's Hospital and our branch set up a site promoting our branch and the Ulysses club in general. A great day was had by all that helped. Now with a bike I can actually join in..... Finally

We also had a great night at our monthly meeting at the Sunbury footy club where Charlie Meson put on a musical trivia night. Lots of laughs and banter helped make it a great event. This followed up with a guest speaker who owns "Brilliant Polish" an Aussie Company he is just getting off the ground. He came with goods and gave a talk and demo on his products. Really enjoyable. If you see it in the Auto shops give it a go.

The Club ventured down to Phillip Island on the 4th of may to spend the weekend with long time associates and now permanent residents of Philip Island Jen and Mal. What a great time the 11 of us had. We had a lovely BBQ at there place and the next morning a great breakfast at the beach café. Top weekend with great company

Another milestone was reached in the club over the past few weeks that being our very own foxy lady retired from Qantas after thirty odd years as a Flight Attendant. Well done fox. Reckon one of the high lights must have been looking after my son on that one occasion. I think Qantas will be worse off with out you. So now it's on to the grandchildren duties hey....

Great to see Trumpy up and about again and as grumpy as ever. Perhaps it was better when he was the quiet Trump. Hmmmmm.

As always...

Keep upright

Meow





A Word from our Welfare Officer

Winter is coming!

It has arrived! With that comes the slippery roads and what is left of the remainder of the autumn leaves. I just ask that everyone please be situationally aware and to be careful on the roads.

So far, there have been a few milestone birthdays, with everyone being well healthy and happy, we would like to keep it that way.

On a sad note we all farewelled Ron Weste. He passed away peacefully on the 19th April. Flowers and cards were sent to Colleen, along with many phone calls and messages.

Being one of the inaugural members of Macedon Ranges Ulysses. He had a long history with our branch, at one time President. We had a beautiful day to say goodbye, with many people from his many clubs, that he belonged to.

An intrepid traveler through and through.

Flowers were sent to Brian Cameron, along with our love and support on the passing of his beautiful wife Christine. Having had a history of ill health, her strength and stamina had seen her through the worst. Our condolences to Brian.

The job of the Welfare Officer is made easier, if you let me know of anyone in need of help or assistance.

My contact details are: [0413269022](tel:0413269022)
or foxys@internode.on.net

Moira Burgess
(Foxy)





A Word from our Paparazzi and Event Coordinator

It was great to see so many members being engaged with the guest speaker Mark Farrell from “Briliant” Polish. A couple of members were lucky enough to win a bottle of the famous polish. We have a few guest speakers over the coming months so, please come along and support them.

A few Events coming up, a JUNE 30th Fundraising BBQ at Woodend Coles. I am asking for volunteers through the day to assist in setting up, working a couple of hours and cleaning up. Remember this is for all of the members NOT just the committee. (Flyer on Facebook).

Christmas in July: This will be held at the Gali Restaurant (Event flyer on Facebook). Please send your payment to the Treasurer. We need 40 members at least...

As always I am seeking from members a short stories, “Caught in The Headlight”, this can be why you ride, why Ulysses, why anything, also about their “First Bike”. It really isn’t that hard. Come on, come, come on, come on....write the story. Email me events@mrub.org.au

Regards
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Macedon Ranges Branch
Ulysses Club Inc.
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A Word from our Quartermaster

Winter has come! Don't be put off by the cold when deciding on a ride. Since my last report, I have purchased a sample of the Ulysses Winter woollies for you to check out at the monthly meetings, including the stone beanie, long sleeve T-shirt and riding shirt. The neck warmer is a must if you don't have one.

Our MRUB jumpers continue to be popular. I have a range of sizes still available, though some of the smaller sizes are being snapped up by a few shrinking members! (Not looking at anyone Mark! Now, which Mark is that? We have so many!)

As usual, if you want me to source a Ulysses item or an MRUB jumper or polo top, just ask. I'm available at the tyre kicks, the meeting nights or send me a text at 0413188894 or email

Quartermaster@mrub.org.au

Cheers

Sylvia (Blondie)

Your friendly Quartermaster



MINUTES

MRUB Committee Meeting 20/5/19
Sunbury Football Club 6.05 pm

Present: Michael Bevan, Mark Behan, Moira Burgess, Vicki Cronin, Sylvia Behan, Andy Brady, Steve Clark, Jim Alley, John Barry

Apologies: Nil

- Committee acknowledged the resignation of Anthony Henry from both the committee and the branch.
- Feedback from our display at 'Kruz4kids' was very positive with our display greatly enhanced by the new pull up banners and an excellent turnout by members. It was agreed that further activities like this should be pursued with at least two activities each year at either Gisborne Twilight Fair in November and / or the Sunbury Sunfest.
- With the resignation of Anthony Henry it presented an opportunity to add some experience onto the committee. It was suggested that Mark Freestone would be invited to participate as a general committee member. All were in favour and Sylvia was tasked with discussing this possibility with Mark.
- The Treasurer reported that the current bank balance was \$1454.65
- A query was raised re access to our Facebook page. The chair pointed out that constitutionally no current Ulysses member could be denied access.
- The ride calendar has not been operating well with too many "TBA" results. This has been tracked down to a communication problem between the Ride Coordinator and Ken. Part of this has already been addressed and Michael will liaise with Andy to get him functional on 'Dropbox'.
- The chair noted that ALL club activities / events should go through spread sheets in Dropbox. This is required as we must pay G.S.T. on all monies collected (which is reported to and refunded by National).
- Activities coming up are:
 - Xmas in July @ Galli Winery on the 14th. Club will subsidise \$5 per head. Cost is (before subsidy) \$45 per head.
 - Bowling (and lunch) on 8th September.
 - Colac two nights away (25 – 27 October)
 - Movie nights when possible.
- Application for a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Sunbury is in hand (letter circulated). It was also suggested that a similar opportunity exists at Coles Woodend. Vicki to follow up. *(N.B. since the meeting Vicki has secured a date from Coles Woodend of June 30)*
- It was agreed that members should have access to these committee minutes, and it was agreed the best way to distribute them was via the newsletter. This will happen for all future minutes.
- Quartermaster announced that she has limited stock of new Ulysses Winter gear – more can be ordered if demand exists.
- Ride Coordinator reported that all rides have been successful with positive feedback from participants.
- There was some discussion re mental health initiatives and Steve will supply some material to the facebook page.
- Moira announced that flowers were sent to both Ron Weste and Christine Cameron.
- The new artwork for the club logo is available in Dropbox.

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- Vicki showed (and later demonstrated) the clubs new overhead projector. An excellent buy for only \$40. The projector will reside with Vicki.

Meeting closed at 6.45



Memories of Lucy RIP



Michelle and I first met Lucy around ten years ago. We were on a club ride around the Bay when she sidled up and asked Michelle - "Why did you decide to come on a ride with your father"..? That set the tone for the next ten years of life with Lucy Freestone.

She cost me a mint when she convinced Michelle that Paris was for us, we did two bike trips to the USA with Lucy and Mark. She helped scrape us up off Highway 50 in Utah when we came a gutser and Michelle broke her wrist. She would come in each morning and help Michelle dress, hang her cloths and help us complete our journey together.

"I can't help it" she said, "I've bonded with you now, like a baby" - and so it was...

Everywhere we went, Lucy (and Mark) were part of our lives. We shared countless journeys, nights out and laughs together. We could talk for hours - and we did.

Those conversations always began with a giant hug from her, before genuinely enquiring as to my well being, never hers. She sort to solve all your problems - that was her way.

Yes - we came to know Lucy well. We would call her up and say "Saddle up the sisters, we're going for a ride..." We would nearly always laugh until she cried tears of joy and for myself - there was always a sense of satisfaction watching her daub the tears of laughter away before the next lot came. I will miss that.

We had our last meal together a fortnight ago and said goodbye, for what turned out to be the last time. She gave me three of the biggest hugs a man could carry and said the kindest things before heading off into the night. That was the last time we saw her.

Lucy Freestone was entertaining - but she was not just here for our entertainment..! Knowing Lucy- her empathy, compassion and the infinite love she had to give, I know she never would have left us unless it was her absolute last resort.

In the same way that she could not possibly know the level of heart ache left behind - WE will never know the level of torment that Lucy endured within. Nor will we ever know just how long she held on and suffered, so as to try and spare us this heart ache. For that I am grateful.

The worst thing that can happen now, is that we fail to embrace the gifts Lucy gave us.!

She showed us how to instantly turn a newcomer into a friend and make them feel at ease. How to turn a 'frown upside down' with just smile and a hug. How to laugh in the face of adversity and to "Work with what you have". How to recognise and reach out to those in need of a lift. These are the things that I shall remember her for.

To our dear Lucy -

She's gliding now beside us, laughing as we go.

A 'bonza tart' with a giant heart, the like's we've never known.

R.I.P Lucy

Matt and Michael Driden.



Lucy Freestone – My tribute to an inspirational Girl Rider and friend.

5th April 2019... I must say I was completely overcome with the sad and sudden news, hearing of the loss of a wonderful lady....” Lucy” our heart goes out to her husband Mark and extended family at this time and always, as Lucy will never be forgotten.

Lucy was one of my original customers from when I first established Girl Rider. She told me she loved what I was doing and she forever cherished her t-shirt I gifted to her some time back which she even proudly wore in the USA on her last trip. Each time we saw each other Lucy would take the time to see how things have been going and with complete encouragement would offer some wonderful suggestions.... finishing off the conversation with ...”gee I still need to spend the gift voucher I won...oh well next time I see you I will sort it out with you”...I cannot believe that there is not going to be a next time.

Both Lucy and Mark would never fail to come and say hello at any of the trade events attended where we bumped into each other. I would be greeted with the best and biggest genuine hug and kiss from both of them... Such a friendship was founded... so much so on their recommendation both Ken and I joined the same Ulysses club they attended – Macedon Ranges. Lucy & Mark made us feel very welcome as well as many other members of the club.... so much so Ken & I have established such wonderful friendships within our fantastic club and enjoy the rides we go on together.

At the time of Lucy’s passing I was asked if I had any photos to share...its took me a few hours to find it but I knew I had a wonderful that would encapsulate the true Lucy enjoying riding. I captured this photo at the Albury/Wodonga AGM 2015, I rushed down to the street to see the ride through the township. With luck would have it I found the best place to stand to capture some wonderful images of our club members during the procession...I must say this image of Lucy was my favourite on the day and I never realised until now how special it would be to me. Especially seeing it in the photos during Lucy’s service in the church and more so after being told by Mark he uses the photo as his screen saver and not knowing that I took the photo.



This shining light will be sadly missed.... May you forever ride with the Angels... RIP Lucy
...Love Yvonne & Ken Barker



Memories of Ron RIP



My thoughts of Ron Weste

I met Ron on the first day I ever had anything to do with the Ulysses club. Dave Barrow and myself had decided ride down to Gisborne on the Saturday morning to make enquiries about the club and as I got off my bike Ron was standing near the gutter where I had stopped. He walked up put out his hand and said good morning my names Ron and I don't think I've seen you here. Are you interested in this club?. This was the Ron I remember. He was always the thorough gentleman, always willing to make anyone feel more than welcome and always ready to make anyone feel at ease and welcome in his company.

Ron was one of the founding members of the club and was not only tied up with the first committee but was the first president of the Macedon ranges. He was a always held in the highest regard by all members of our branch and because of this respect was always asked to officiate at every AGM of the branch as the new committee was elected in to office. Ron's love was his kawaka. A relic of the past, a 6 cylinder monster which he dearly loved and would if the occasion seemed appropriate, if the weather was nice and if he felt like it would remove from the shed and with pride ride. That's not really true as Ron would quite often ride it down to the tyre kick on a Saturday morning and park it in pride of place for all to count the six pipes. Ron we are going to miss your smiling face, your endless knowledge on older bikes, your wise guidance and most of all your friendship. You will always be remembered by all who knew you

RIP

Jim Alley (the Cat)



Hi Everyone

I received the below email from Colleen after Ron's funeral and thought I would share it

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Please accept my heartfelt thanks to all our Ulysses friends for flowers, cards and so much support.

Ron fully participated for 30 years in Ulysses and through you all formed deep lasting friendships while nurturing his passion for motorcycles and motorcycling.

I'm sure he would have been honoured to have you escort him on his last ride.

Also through Ron's Z1300 close friend in Holland Wilco Vonk, tributes have been pouring in from Z1300 riders all over Europe whom he met in Germany last year. Thank you. Ulysses gave Ron a rich life.

**Regards,
Colleen**

**Colleen Weste
Textile Artist - Silk and Threads**

My Thoughts on Christine Cameron

I only met Christine a few times but her husband Brian, a long time friend of mine, has been a long time member of our branch who with his mate Charlie attended the AGM's on a regular basis, always camping and making the most of the event. Christine who before her illnesses had been a keen motor cyclist supporting Brian and the club. She rode a 250 Yamaha which she adored, and loved to ride with Brian on regular occasions. Christine did, but not on a regular basis, turn up to the Saturday tyre kick with Brian on her Yammy.

Christine who had battled her illness for many years, finally become to her illness and passed away peacefully with Brian by her side.

I'm sure that all that had met and knew her will miss her smiling face and her great attitude to life.

R.I.P.

Jim Alley (The Cat)



20190417 Wednesday Ride

The Wednesday "A" team out for another scoot around the country side. l/r Henry, Trina, Ivan, Bill, Richard, Colin, Annie, Keith, Macca, Bruce. Wandong for smoko, Kinglake for lunch, great ride with a great crew.



I am putting this in only for my smart friends. I could not figure it out. My first thought was wrong and I had to look at the answer..

See if you can figure out what these seven words all have in common?

1. Banana
2. Dresser
3. Grammar
4. Potato
5. Revive
6. Uneven
7. Assess

Are you peeking or have you already given up?

Give it another try....

Look at each word carefully. You'll kick yourself when you discover the answer.

No, it is not that they all have at least 2 double letters....

Answer on the last page



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

MRUB is holding a BBQ at Woodend Coles June 30th, 9am -2pm. The Committee is asking for volunteers to help with this event. We need members to man the stall, set up, assist of an hour or two and clean up. Remember this is for the benefit of the branch. If you can help please contact: Vicki events@mrub.org.au

20190605 Wednesday Ride Report

Winter wanderers, I/r Annie, Peter, Colin, Geoff, Rod, David, Macca, Mick and Wally on camera. Smoko at the koffeehaus in Castlemaine , Heathcote for lunch. Great ride with good people





This is a genuine add from 1964 when WD-40 was first released

"While out walking along the edge of a pond just outside of Gagudju Lodge in Kakadu National Park with my soon to be ex-husband discussing property settlement and other divorce issues, we were surprised by a huge 16 foot crocodile which suddenly emerged from the murky water and began charging us with its large jaws wide open. She must have been protecting her nest because she was extremely aggressive.

If I had not had my little Beretta Jetfire .25 calibre pistol with me, I would not be here today! Just one shot to my estranged husband's knee cap was all it took. The croc got him easily and I was able to escape by just walking away at a brisk pace.

That pistol saved my life and amount I saved in lawyer's fees was incredible."

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An Airbus 380 is on its way across the Atlantic. It flies consistently at 650 mph at 40,000 feet, when suddenly a Eurofighter with Tempo Mach 2 appears.

The pilot of the fighter jet slows down, flies alongside the Airbus and greets the pilot of the passenger plane by radio: "Airbus flight, boring flying isn't it? Take a look at this!"

He rolls the fighter on its back, accelerates, breaks through the sound barrier, rises rapidly to a dizzying height, only to swoop down almost to sea level in a breathtaking dive. He loops back next to the Airbus and asks, "Well, how was that?"

The Airbus pilot answers: "Very impressive, but now have a look here!"

The jet pilot watches the Airbus, but nothing happens. It continues to fly stubbornly straight, with the same speed.

After five minutes, the Airbus pilot radioed, "Well, what are you saying now?"

The fighter pilot asks confused: "What did you do?"

The Airbus pilot laughs and says, "I got up, stretched my legs, went to the back of the aircraft to the bathroom, got a cup of coffee and a cinnamon cake and made an appointment with the stewardess for the next three nights - in a 5 Star hotel - which is paid for by my employer. "

The moral of the story is:

When you are young, speed and adrenaline seems to be great. But as you get older and wiser, comfort and peace are not to be despised either.

This is called S.O.S.: Slower, Older, Smarter.



Wilfred Erben:

First Bike in Austria, 1961 Punch customized to Kneeler for racing.
1963 "Derby Italjet" Toured this little Monster around Austria,
Northern Italy, Switzerland and Southern Germany.

I moved to Australia in 1966 for a Holiday and stayed, started a new Home .

First Bike was a Suzuki 125 Twin (Stinger) in 1971 lovely bike to ride. 1980 new Bike Kawasaki BR250 and joined QL Club.

1985 Kawasaki GPZ 250 Belt drive a new experience.

Lots of Rider Training and Stay Upright Courses.

1987 Suzuki GSX-R250 4 Cylinder, I rode that thing to Darwin, what a thrill.

1989 BMW GS 800, joined the Ulysses Club1 May 1991 Member No. #3423 Toured the big monster all over OZ, from Melbourne to Cairns, Cooktown, Normanton, Bourke, Mt. Isa, Darwin, Kununurra, Broome, the Devils Marbles, Alice Springs, Adelaide, Perth, Kalgoorlie, to Port Augusta via the Railway Access Road, Snowtown Hotel, (remember the Bodies in the Barrels in the Bank Vault). Broken Hill and Home.

2006 Kangaroo Incident wrote bike off after 476,000 kms.

2009 BMW 1000 They are getting too big too tall and too heavy, that didn't last.

2010 got back to my senses and brought a Yamaha 250 FZX Zeal again a 4 Cylinder. At least I can get my feet on the ground (being the proverbial Shortarse) and having lots of fun.

Saw a lot and had a lot of Disgraceful good clean fun on my journeys. Slowing down a bit due to Arthritis in my wrists but trying to go to the End. That's all Folks.

Regards the old Bear.



20190424 Wednesday ride

The report from the Wednesday Riders.

The midweek wonders, l/r Dean, Macca, Bill, Geoff, Colin, Wally on camera and missing.....

Colin Randel

VALE

RON WESTE

STILL RIDING WITH US

RIP





20190501 Wednesday Ride



Attached is the report from Geoff Eustace:
Well looks like I'm riding with the Wednesday boy's on my own today. Maybe it's only Ex Queensland people that come out to play on a wet windy day.

Trivia night 15/04-2019

And so our very own Charlie Meson produced yet another great trivia night for the crowd on our Monday meets at the footy Club.

This time it was musical trivia and Charlie produced segments of songs for us to guess the name and musician or band.

Great night, lots fun and laughs. Didn't matter who won the night every one there was a winner.



The Chinese invented playing cards in AD 1000 - so herewith some interesting facts and observations about "playing cards":

Did you know that the traditional deck of the playing cards are a strikingly coherent form of a calendar? Very intriguing indeed!

There are 52 weeks in the year and there are 52 playing cards in a deck.

There are 13 weeks in each season and there are 13 cards in each suit.

There are 4 seasons in a year and 4 suits in the deck.

There are 12 months in a year so there are 12 court cards. (those with faces namely Jack, Queen, King in each suit.)

The red cards represent Day, while black cards represent the Night.

Jacks = 11, Queens = 12, and the Kings = 13, then add up all the sums of $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots$ to 13 = 91.

Multiply this by 4, for the 4 suits, therefore $91 \times 4 = 364$,

Add 1 that is the Joker and you will arrive at the number 365 being the days in a year?

Is this construct a mere coincidence or the sign of great intelligence?

Of interest is the sum of the letters in all the names of the cards, e.g., add up the letters in "one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, Jack, Queen, King" = 52!

The Spades indicated ploughing or working.
The Hearts indicated love for the crops.
The Diamonds indicated reaping the wealth.
The Clubs indicated protection and growth.

Also, in some card games 2 Jokers are used - indicating the Leap year.

This mathematical perfection is mind blowing !

CORNER MARKING

Many rides will utilise corner marking.

- The Ride Leader will indicate, by pointing, a safe location where he/she would like the **rider directly behind him/her** to mark a corner.
- The corner marker should stop in a **safe place that is visible to following riders**, indicate with the turn signal to following riders the route and **remain in position until Tail End Charlie indicates to re-join the ride**. Rejoin the ride safely.
- If there are inexperienced riders the **corner marker may need to wait for a while** but remember other riders' enjoyment is dependent on your effort.

Corner marking is utilised to allow a ride to progress in an orderly and systematic way regardless of factors that could cause a disrupted ride.

Some of these factors include the following.

- A wide range of rider experience that would cause frustration to more experienced riders by frequently stopping to allow slower riders to catch up.
- Traffic conditions, e.g. frequent traffic lights, or congestion, that cause the ride to break up into groups that lose touch with one another.
- Some riders who just want to "amble" along having a leisurely ride while others go ahead.

Sometimes the ride leader will decide that ride members have similar experience and ability and so corner marking can be dispensed with. This means that the ride leader needs to be able to see following riders in his/her mirrors and may prevent the ride breaking up by introducing occasional stops.

You're invited to our

Christmas in July

MRUB celebration

3 Course Christmas meal & filtered Coffee/Tea.

\$40 per person. Drinks at bar prices.

Where: Gail Restaurant 1507 Melton Hwy ~~Clunston~~

When: July 14th

Time: 12 mid

Please make payment to the Treasurer

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With reference Xmas in July & your name.



An 86 year old man walked into the doctors for his annual checkup

The doctor asked him how he was feeling, and the 86-year-old said , 'Things are great and I've never felt better.'

I now have a 20 year-old bride who is pregnant with my child.

"So what do you think about that Doc ?"

The doctor considered his question for a minute and then began to tell a story.

"I have an older friend , much like you, who is an avid hunter and never misses a season."

One day he was setting off to go hunting.

In a bit of a hurry , he accidentally picked up his walking cane instead of his gun."

"As he neared a lake , he came across a very large male beaver sitting at the water's edge.

He realized he'd left his gun at home and so he couldn't shoot the magnificent creature.

Out of habit he raised his cane , aimed it at the animal as if it were his favourite hunting rifle and went 'bang, bang'."

"Miraculously , two shots rang out and the beaver fell over dead.

Now, what do you think of that ?" asked the doctor.

The 86-year-old said ,

"Logic would strongly suggest that somebody else pumped a couple of rounds into that beaver."

The doctor replied , "My point exactly."

The judge says to a double-homicide defendant... "You're charged with beating your wife to death with a hammer."

A voice at the back of the courtroom yells out, "You bastard!"

The judge says, "You're also charged with beating your mother-in-law to death with a hammer."

The voice in the back of the courtroom yells out, "You rotten bastard!"

The judge stops and says to Paddy in the back of the courtroom. "Sir, I can understand your anger and frustration at these crimes, but no more outbursts from you, or I'll charge you with contempt... Is that understood?"

Paddy stands up and says, "I'm sorry, Your Honour , but for fifteen years I've lived next door to that bastard, and every time I asked to borrow a hammer, he said he didn't have one."





"Welcome back, sir. Are you planning on being our guest for one night only, or will this be your usual extended stay?"

DOWN AT THE RETIREMENT CENTRE

80-year old Bessie bursts into the rec room at the retirement home.

She holds her clenched fist in the air and announces,

"Anyone who can guess what's in my hand can have sex with me tonight!"

An elderly gentleman in the rear shouts out,

"An elephant?"

Bessie thinks a minute and says,

"Close enough."



*Take care and
 enjoy life
 because you only
 pass this way
 once so enjoy it!!*

The Old Fart



Kruse for the Kids 2019

Another great day held by the club at the 2019 "Kruze for the kids: Children's hospital day held at the Sunbury Soccer Ground.

The Club put on a great display giving kids balloons and there parents info about the Ulysses Club and activities. There was a great display of custom cars, with heaps of people dressed up as super hero's and comic characters. All in all a great day.



20190508 Wednesday Ride



Good day on the scooter with good people, l/r Colin (1 Duck), Jim, (training wheels), William (the speedster)& Dean (the chook chaser) &Wally (the cameraman). Tooborac for smoko, Strathfieldsaye for lunch, return via Colin's magic mystery tour then thru Sutton Grange, Kyneton, Woodend. No showers but certainly missed some.

20190529 Wednesday Ride

Only 1 starter today, but eventful. Hit and killed a roo on the way to Gisborne, but did a Heidi and stayed upright! Lost a side cover, bugger they're hard to get. Coffee at Riddell's Creek, lunch in Sunbury. Kept dry too.

20190522 Wednesday Ride

Another great day with the A crew, Anakie for smoko, Bannockburn for lunch return via Meredith. I/r Geoff, Heidi, Annie, Henry, Colin, Macca, Peter. Forgot to mention that Heidi hit a fox, did a great job to keep it upright. Heidi 1 - 0 Fox



Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement centre were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says:

'Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?'

Slim says, 'I feel just like a newborn baby.'

'Really!? Like a newborn baby!?'

'Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just shit my pants.'



20190515 Wednesday Ride



Another great on with the Wednesday wanderers. L/r Mark, Mick, Bill, Peter, Jim, Geoff, Rod, Henry, late as usual was Annie, and Wally on camera. Redesdale for smoko, Heathcote via Axedale for lunch, return via Lancefield for another coffee.

The Pope and our Ulysses President Trumpy are on the same stage at the AGM in front of a huge crowd.

The Pope leans towards this Trumpy and said, "Do you know that with one little wave of my hand I can make every person in this crowd go wild with joy? This joy will not be a momentary display, but will go deep into their hearts and they'll forever speak of this day and rejoice!"

The Prez replied, "I seriously doubt that! With one little wave of your hand?....Show me!"

So the Pope backhanded him and knocked him off the stage!

AND THE CROWD ROARED & CHEERED WILDLY and there was happiness throughout the land!.....



20190919 Alexandra Ride



Four riders headed off from Sunbury to Alexandra for lunch today with a smoko stop at Yea. Rode home via the Black Spur to Healesville then Kinglake, Whittlesea and Kilmore. Great ride and great company. Thanks Andy..

WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT
IF WE COULD PUT OURSELVES
IN THE DRYER
FOR 10 MINUTES
AND COME OUT
WRINKLE FREE AND
TWO SIZES SMALLER

I HAVE NEITHER
THE TIME OR
THE CRAYONS
TO EXPLAIN
THIS TO YOU

20190520 MRUB Guest Speaker: Mark Farrell.

Mark Farrell is the owner of an Australian business based in Eaglehawk, Bendigo. His company manufactures and sells the “Briliant” range of cleaning and polishing products. “Briliant” spelt with one “L” because it is one “L” of a shine.

By day Mark sells excavators and, in his non-existing spare time, he manufactures and sells Briliant. The polish market has been hard for Mark to break into but now he has distributors in England, France, New Zealand and the USA. He is passionate about selling a high quality product at a very competitive price. Mark was able to answer all of the questions that the MRUB member threw at him. Several members took the opportunity to purchase discounted products, after the presentation. Briliant products can purchased online at www.briliantpolish.com.



Cowes Weekend 4/.5 may 2019

What a great weekend all that came (11 of us) had at Cowes over the weekend. The crew got a little rain on the way down to the island but that did not dampen the fun and frivolity had over the two days.

We all met at Mal and Jenny's for a BBQ on the Saturday night and the spread that Jenny laid out was just fantastic. All finishing with sweets to die for. We all reassembled after a pleasant walk down the beach the following morning at "the beach cafe" where we all has a group breakfast together. Great time. We then headed out on the bikes and went to the Nobbies, followed by a visit to the track where we caught a few laps of some rather mean V8's, then on to the Vietnam museum. It was from there we all headed home. What a great time made even more special by Mal and Jenny's hospitality
Thoughts of an annual event perhaps????





An elderly couple learned to send text messages on their mobile phones.

The wife, a retired college English instructor with emphasis on the Classics, was an unapologetic romantic; her husband, a retired salty Navy chief petty officer of thirty years' service, was a no-nonsense guy.

One afternoon the wife went to the local Starbuck's to meet a friend for coffee. While awaiting her friend's arrival, she exercised her new skill by sending her husband a romantic text message: "If you are sleeping, send me your dreams. If you are laughing, send me your smile. If you are eating, send me a bite. If you are drinking, send me a sip. If you are crying, send me your tears. I love you."

The husband responded: "I'm takin' a shit. Please advise".

Subject: The World's Shortest Essay

This is a story of a 16 year-old boy from Tamworth in NSW who won the World's Shortest Essay competition. He was awarded a scholarship at the University of Sydney for his imagination and humour...Here it is...

Shortest Essay:

An English creative writing class was asked to write a concise essay containing the following elements:

1. Religion
2. Royalty
3. Physical Disability
4. Racism
5. Homosexuality

The prize-winner wrote:

'My God,' cried the Queen, 'That one-legged coon is a poofter.'

A brunette goes into a doctor's office and says that her body hurts wherever she touches it. "Impossible," says the doctor. "Show me." She takes her finger, presses on her elbow, and screams in agony. She pushes her knee and screams, pushes her ankle and screams, and so it goes on; everywhere she touches makes her scream with pain. The doctor says, "You're not really a brunette are you?" She says, "No, I dyed my hair. I'm naturally blonde." "I thought so," he says. "Your finger is broken."

"Honey it's me. I don't want to scare you, but I was hit by a car as I was leaving the office. Paula brought me to the hospital. They checked me over and did some tests and x-rays. The blow to my head was bad, but it didn't break anything. However, I've three broken ribs, a compound fracture in the left leg, and they think they may have to amputate my right foot."

"Who the hell is Paula?"



RELAX
It's just
EGG SHELLS

A Lexus mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a LS460 when he spotted a well-known cardiologist in his shop. The cardiologist was there waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his car when the mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey Doc, want to take a look at this?"

The cardiologist, a bit surprised, walked over to where the mechanic was working.

The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I opened its heart, took the valves out, repaired or replaced anything damaged, and then put everything back in, and when I finished, it worked just like new. So how is it that I make \$48,000 a year and you make \$1.7 million when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The cardiologist paused, leaned over and whispered to the mechanic, "Try doing it with the engine running."

Sometime this year, we taxpayers may again receive an 'Economic Stimulus' payment.

This is indeed a very exciting program and I'll explain it by using a Q & A format:

Q. What is an 'Economic Stimulus' payment ?

A. It is money the Federal Government will send to taxpayers.

Q. Where will the government get this money ?

A. From taxpayers.

Q. So the government is giving me back my own money?

A. Only a smidgen of it.

Q. What is the purpose of this payment?

A. The plan is for you to use the money to purchase a High-definition TV set, thus stimulating the economy.

Q. But isn't that stimulating the economy of China ?

A. Shut up.

Below is some helpful advice on how to best help the Australian Economy by spending your stimulus cheque wisely:

* If you spend the stimulus money at K-Mart, Big W, Target or the host of \$2 shops we have, the money will go to China, Vietnam or Sri Lanka ..

* If you spend it on petrol, your money will go to the Arabs.

* If you purchase a computer, it will go to India, Taiwan or China ...

* If you purchase fruit and vegetables, it will go to China, India, Peru.....

* If you buy an efficient car, it will go to Japan or Korea .

* If you purchase useless stuff, it will go to Taiwan .

* If you pay off your credit cards or buy stock, it will go to management bonuses and they will hide it offshore.

Instead, keep the money in Australia by:

- 1) Spending it at garage sales or
- 2) Going to footy games or
- 3) Spending it on prostitutes, or
- 4) Beer or
- 5) Tattoos.

(These are just about the only Australian businesses still operating in OZ.)

Conclusion:

Go to a footy game with a tattooed prostitute that you met at a garage sale and drink beer all day !

No need to thank me, I'm just glad I could be of help



MY FIRST BIKE: Charles Meson

As seen in the photograph this was my first real motorcycle, but not my first motorised cycle. It was the 197cc high compression single cylinder Ariel Colt. I purchased a 50cc auto cycle which was no more than a bicycle with an assisted engine. With the help of my dad we renovated this machine and I subsequently traded it in for the Colt.

This motorcycle served me well for about two years. At that time I was an apprentice carpenter and the bike was my only means of transport. This was OK in the English summers but in the winter, with my tool bag across the petrol tank travelling about five miles backwards and forward to my place of work, in freezing conditions by the time I arrived my hands were so cold I could not straighten my fingers out for at least ten minutes. I remember on my way home from work I had to navigate a steep hill (every foot the hill dropped one foot) and when this hill was covered with ice and snow, going down was very nerve racking, the only way I could safely go down was to mount the footpath put the bike in first gear put both feet on the ground and slowly go down, fortunately I never came off.

All in all it was a great little bike and I have fond memories of the summer rides with various girl friends on the back. I eventually sold the bike to a mate and purchased a small van much better suited to my trade as a carpenter.

In the following years I had other bikes, mainly dirt bikes, until I came to Australia.

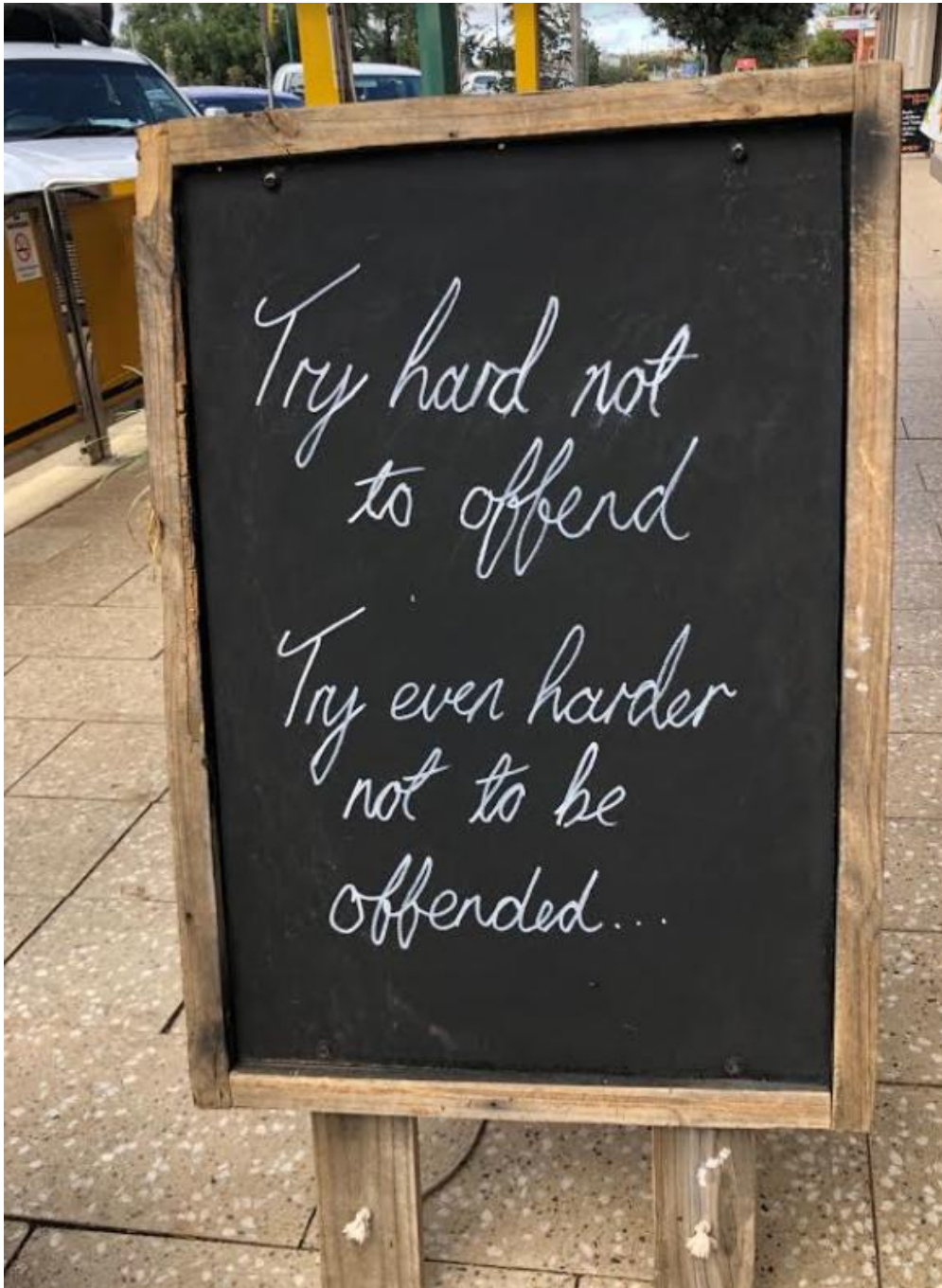
The photo is dated approximately 1955.



Sent to me from Mattie Dridan

This looks like you Jimmy..
Outside the Wedderburn Pub

Just love it.....ed



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

Dennis (Dutchy) Holland (Great Jokes)

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

Vicky

Helli

Von

Matt

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.....

In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word. Did you figure it out? No? Then send this to more people and stump them as well. Then, you'll feel better too.