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NEWSLETTER MAY OFFEND
SOME PEOPLE**

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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 6.45 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: And yes it was Bloody cold at the clubs fund raiser at Woodend, but we did have a lot of fun

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A Word from your President.....

H everyone,

Well I don't know about the rest of you but I am so over the cold weather and can't wait to the sun starts heating up again, with the cold weather comes all the colds, flu and chest infections that go with it as well as a little snow chucked in for color And I feel sorry for most of you because you have bikes to ride around in it. I do envy the few lucky ones who headed north to get away from the cold.

There has not much been happening since my last report so I don't really have much to say other than the following:-

Next month we have a bowling day organized and if you would like to come along and make a fool of yourself and join in the fun you will need to send an email to events@mrub.org.au to be included otherwise you will miss out.

The weekend away to Colac will be here before you know it as well, this is scheduled for late October and last year was well attended and Mark and Sylvia organized a great weekend, as there are cabins booked for that weekend so you will need to speak to Sylvia or email events@mrub.org.au if you would like to join us.

Events posted on Facebook, just so everyone knows and yes I know I go on about it but I just want to make sure everyone understands that events posted on Facebook are put on there as a reminder that an event is coming up, they are not put on there for bookings in other words you can click on the going button to say you are going but that doesn't do anything other than change your status on the event that you are going, It Does Not Notify Anyone You Are Going in order to book your place you have to email events@mrub.org.au and if you haven't then we haven't catered for you and you're not going.

Lastly for those who are under 70 the branch has an admin fee of \$20 that goes to running the club and pays for a lot of the backend stuff that most of you don't see, it does not go to my new bike or my next holiday it all goes back to the club and over the years the amount of people that pay it gets smaller and smaller, this is the result of an aging population I guess, the branch did well at the BBQ that was organized in Woodend and we do have others planned later in the year, so if you haven't yet paid the admin fee see one of the committee members and they can sort this out

Lastly for those that are thinking of doing the Trip to Lismore in May for the 2020 Rally its time to start planning your trip and booking accommodation, There are quite a few good riding roads on the way up and around Lismore that will make the trip worth it. If you get accommodation and would like to find someone to share it with post what you have on our facebook page and im sure someone will take it up.

Michael Bevan
President
#50364





A Word from our Secretary

MINUTES

MRUB Committee Meeting 15/7/19
Sunbury Football Club 6.05 pm

Present: Michael Bevan, Mark Behan, Vicki Cronin, Sylvia Behan, Andy Brady, Steve Clark, John Barry, Mark Freestone, Jim Alley (6.25 pm)

Apologies: Moira Burgess

- The events notification system / timing needs to be fine-tuned as currently they come in at midnight which causes alerts for those who receive notification on their phones. It was agreed that they should be issued 7 days and again 3 days prior to an event and that the notices are posted at 8 am. Michael will discuss with Ken Hager re changes.

- Cherry Cole has been arranging for articles to be printed in the local paper and it was agreed she be authorised to continue on her own authority. Any suggestions and, in particular photos, should be forwarded directly to Cherry.

- In regard 'Drop Box' it is important that the ONLY person who should be saving the membership details is the Secretary. If you open the membership spread sheet DO NOT 'save' a copy upon exit.

- The Treasurer reported that the current bank balance is \$3726.36 (N.B. there are expenses for \$2070 to come out of that for Xmas in July).

- The President noted he was in possession of historical Treasury documents. These will be culled to only the last six years and passed on to the treasurer.

- The recent Coles BBQ activity raised a total of \$430 and was well supported by members. Vicki was thanked for organising it and has booked another for November 24th. There are a number of sausages left over and a "mystery ride" will be organised ending at Andy & Louise's place for a \$5 per head BBQ. Date to be notified.

- There has been a significant rise in the outgoings in regard flowers. The committee noted that Moira does a fantastic job but needed to support her efforts. It was tabled that flowers would continue to be sent to members and their spouses when appropriate, but only a card for those more distant relatives.

Activities coming up are:

- Bowling (and lunch) on 8th September.
- Colac two nights away (25 – 27 October)
- Sausage Sizzle Coles Woodend (24th November).
- Phillip Island late February.



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- When activities are mentioned / advertised on Facebook it was noted that clicking “going” is not enough to actually book a place. An email to “events” MUST be sent! This will be emphasised to members at the meeting.

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- Vicki has suggested that the new Italian restaurant in Gisborne looked promising and that we consider having a club meal there. Several people offered to check out the cuisine and if good we will organise an event.

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- Jim suggested that we may be able to source a guest speaker via ‘Raceway at Niddrie’. He will investigate it.

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- Vicki informed us that the current schedule for guest speakers at the monthly meeting are –

- - July – Andy
 - Aug – Yvonne
 - Sept – Bingo / music trivia
 - Oct – HART riding school

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- Vicki is also looking at the possibility of organising an advanced riders’ course with Rider Brothers.

Meeting closed at 6.45

From Your Friendly Editor.....



And so how cold is cold. Well I've just had heated grips put on the Enfield. Guess I'm getting soft.

We all converged on Woodend Coles Supermarket for our Inaugural Sausage Sizzle. This was done to lift the coffers of our branch as there are too many branch members who seem to have forgotten about the yearly subs..... Pity hey. Anyway the members that turned up had a great time and although the weather was Bloody cold we all chipped in and made the day a great success.

The club had its lunch time July Saturday ride and was pleased with the turn out. Admittedly the day was awesome with blue sky's and no wind but even so it was great to see the numbers on bikes... Well done

It seems the Wednesday rides are still huge with good numbers turning up most days and the destination still a mystery. Could be that's the attraction.

Been going down to Raceway Motor cycles on a Thursday night for a good time get together. It started out just for Enfield riders but it has seemed to blossom out to anybody that rides. Real good mob and a snag in bread and a stubby never go amiss.

Great time at the Galli for our 2019 Xmas in July. I'm sure all that went had a great time.

Well that's about it for this edition from me. Yes its been bloody cold but it is winter so stop the whining and keep on riding, its fun so they say.....

As always...

Keep upright

Meow





A Word from our Welfare Officer

Welfare officers report.

We have had a fairly quiet three months, apart from the usual illnesses with the dreaded colds and flu. A little reminder to be forever vigilant on our slippery, wet, and even snowy roads. You just never know what you will encounter these days.. 🐾

We had a wonderful turn up for our Xmas in July, we had a good turn out to Galli Winery, food was great, the company was great, hopefully everyone had a good time.

As the position of the welfare officer is as good as the information given, contact me if you know of anyone that is not well, or in need of help.

You can call me on [0413269022](tel:0413269022) or email foxys@internode.on.net

Moira Burgess....Xx





A Word from our Paparazzi and Event Coordinator

I hope that everyone has enjoyed the guest speakers that we have had. There is more to come. A fantastic turn out for the Christmas in July @ the Galli Restaurant, who knew that we had so many members...

A few activities coming up soon, Bowling September 8th @ Watergardens I need confirmation of numbers please. Also, our weekend away to Colac in October please contact Sylvia.

As usual I am looking for club members to write a short story on their First Bike. You all love to tell me about it but I need it in on an email please.

Love you all

Pappa





A Word from our Quartermaster

Facebook users may have noticed a recent post for the Ulysses Gear Shop E-newsletter that gives you a link to view the monthly highlighted items. I'm not sure how many of you have gone online to log in and view what gear Ulysses has to offer, as they no longer publish them in the Ride On magazine. If you are computer savvy and do this regularly, great.

Just remember that by going through me with an order, the branch benefits, not a great deal as I refuse to overprice items for our members, but some. As your Quartermaster I'm also aware that many members are not computer savvy and appreciate seeing the items before buying. So either way, tell me what you would like to purchase and I will get it for you.

Since our last meeting, I have purchased more beanies, khaki and stone (both very popular), another neck warmer and a stainless steel water bottle, to mention just a few. I have on display at the meeting a long sleeve T-shirt and riding shirt and various sized patches from both Ulysses and MRUB, not forgetting our branch polo tops and jumpers (also popular this time of year). See you there.

Cheers
Your friendly Quartermaster

Sylvia



20190616 Sunday Ride



Thanks to Andy for ordering good weather, organising a scenic ride, and the great company of a Sunday A Team of 5; Andy, Macca, John, a new member (sorry forgot your name, great Trike Kevin), and Richard on camera.

Woodend for coffee, Trentham Falls, Lake Wendouree, lunch at The Lake View Hotel.

A student asked his English professor, "What is the definition of a dilemma?"

The professor said, "Well, there's nothing better than an example to illustrate that."

"Imagine that you are lying in a big bed with a beautiful aroused naked young woman on one side and a very excited gay man on the other. "

"Who are you going to turn your back on?"

A man in a Florida Supermarket tried to buy a half head of lettuce.
A very young produce assistant told him that they sell only whole heads of lettuce.
The man persisted and asked to see the manager. The boy said he'd ask his manager about it.
Walking into the back room, the boy said to his manager, "Some asshole wants to buy a half head of lettuce."
As he finished his sentence, he turned to find the man standing right behind him, so he added,
"and this gentleman has kindly offered to buy the other half."
The manager approved the deal, and the man went on his way.
Later, the manager said to the boy, "I was impressed with the way you got yourself out of that situation earlier."
We like people who think on their feet here.
Where are you from, son?"
"Canada, sir, the boy replied.
"Well, why did you leave Canada?" the manager asked.
The boy said, "Sir, there's nothing but whores and hockey players up there."
"Really?" said the manager. "My wife is from Canada."
"No shit?" replied the boy. "Who'd she play for?"



20190619 Wednesday Ride

Another great day on the scooters with some of the Wednesday crew. I/r Mark, Deb, Richard, Colin, Neal and Wally on camera. Cold but sunny day for most of the ride to Castlemaine for smoko, around the lake to Maldon for lunch.

20190626 Wednesday Ride



Another great day on the scooters with the Wednesday wanderers, I/r Bruce, Mark, Rod, Deet, Ivan, Bill, Colin, Macca and wally on camera. Wallan for smoko, Kinglake for lunch. MISSING, Heidi & Henry, Heidi's scooter packed up before we even got going.



Raceway Cycles Social Nights

On any Thursday night Raceway Cycles are having a get together for all bike minded people. So far the support has been really good. You are invited to partake in a quiet frothy and a snag in bread off the BBQ and all who have attended have had a great night. If your doing nothing worth a drop in between 5:30 and 7. Highlight of the other night was Greg getting his Enfield with chair presented to him

Meow



It was the monthly meeting at the Sunbury footy Club.

The guest speaker for the night Claude the hypnotist explained: "I'm here to put you into a trance;

I intend to hypnotise each and every member of the audience."

The excitement was almost electric as Claude withdrew a beautiful antique pocket watch from his coat.

"I want each of you to keep your eyes on this antique watch. It's a very special watch.

It's been in my family for six generations."

He began to swing the watch gently back and forth while quietly chanting, "Watch the watch, watch the watch, watch the watch..."

All the members became mesmerized as the watch swayed back and forth, light gleaming off its polished surface.

A hundred pairs of eyes followed the swaying watch until, suddenly, the chain broke; it slipped from the hypnotist's fingers and fell to the floor, breaking into a hundred pieces. "Shit!" said the hypnotist.

It took three days to clean up the Sunbury Footy Club

Claude has never invited back



And yes Greg has finally got his new Enfield Twin with Side car on the road. And didn't it cause some talk among older members of the public at the Sausage Sizzle

1st July 2019

And what a great day was had at Woodend Coles where we had our Inaugural Sausage Sizzle. The weather was bloody cold but the spirits weren't and all that turned up to help raise a few bob for our branch had a great time promoting our branch and chatting to the many people who showed interest in our activities.

Thanks all who turned up.
Let's do it again but next time in the summer please ..

Cheers
Meow



20190717 Wednesday Ride



Mid-winter all weather warriors. l/r Richard, Colin, Annie, Dean and wally on camera. Anakie for smoko, Meredith for lunch. Max 8c some rain but good ride nonetheless with good company.

In the great days of the British Empire, a new commanding officer was sent to a South African bush outpost to relieve the retiring colonel. After welcoming his replacement and showing the usual courtesies (gin and tonic, cucumber sandwiches etc.) which protocol decrees, the retiring colonel said, 'You must meet my Adjutant, Captain Smithers. He's my right-hand man and is really the strength of this office. His talent is simply boundless. 'Smithers was summoned and introduced to the new CO, who was surprised to meet a hunchback, one eyed, toothless, hairless, scabbed and pockmarked specimen of humanity, a particularly unattractive man less than three feet tall. 'Smithers, old man, tell your new CO about yourself.

"Well, sir, I graduated with honours from Sandhurst, joined the regiment and won the Military Cross and Bar after three expeditions behind enemy lines. I've represented Great Britain in equestrian events and won a Silver Medal in the middleweight division. I have researched the history of...'At that point, the colonel interrupted, 'Yes, yes. Never mind that Smithers, he can find all that in your file. Tell him about the day you told the witch doctor to **ck off.'

Xmas in July 2019

Well what a great afternoon them that turned up to the Xmas in July had. Held at the Galli which is on the Melton Keilor Rd the staff put on a well remembered afternoon. The food was good but not spectacular but the entr  e's especially the prawn cocktails were really tops. Drink prices were what one would expect at a winery but the wine was of good standard for a house red. The crowd mixed all afternoon and made the day great. Foxy's raffle as usual was the highlight of the arvo and those that had a win won really well.

Well that's about it for another year. Same place next year? Well wait and see hey

Cheers

Meow









One day, the wife comes home with a spectacular diamond ring.

"Where did you get that ring?" her husband asks.

"Well, she replies, "My boss and I played the lotto and we won, so I bought it with my share of the winnings." A week later, his wife comes home with a long shiny fur coat.

Where did you get that coat?" her husband asks.

She replies, "My boss and I played the lotto and we won again, so I bought it with my share of the winnings." Another week later, his wife comes home, driving a flaming red Ferrari - you guessed it, her share of the lotto winnings.

That night, the wife asks her husband to run her a nice warm bath while she gets undressed.

When she enters the bathroom, she finds that there is barely enough water in the bath to cover the bath plug.

"What's this?" she asks her husband.

"Well," he replies, "We don't want to get your lotto ticket wet, do we?!"

This was sent to our local paper with accompanying photos. Great job Cherry

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Macedon Ranges Ulysses Branch (MRUB)

And we don't just ride motorcycles!

You'd be surprised what Macedon Ranges Ulysses Branch (MRUB) members get up to when they're not riding motorcycles! There are the obvious motorcycle restorers and classic bike or racing enthusiasts. However, we also have members interested in aviation, IT, engineering, technical trades, teaching, vintage radios, model aircraft, photography and animal husbandry! Some members are retired, some travel regularly, others do volunteer work or participate in community based activities such as wildlife caring. The club welcomes and has a significant number of active women members. So, we pretty much mirror the general population.

Come meet us sometime and we're sure you'll fit in. Join us for a hot coffee or meal at:

- Tyre Kicks – 10am+ every Saturday morning, Brantome Street, Gisborne;
- Wednesday rides – every Wednesday 10am servo 4 Station Road, Gisborne;
- Branch Social Meeting – 7.30pm 3rd Monday every month at Sunbury Football Club; and
- Special events such our mid year Xmas lunch.

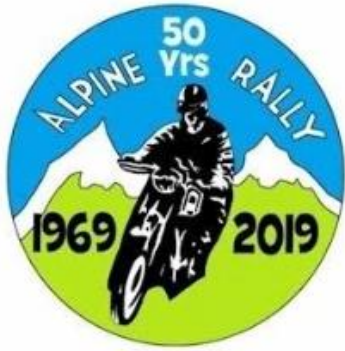
You'll find a comprehensive Calendar of Events on our website at www.mrub.org.au or search *Macedon Ranges Ulysses Branch* on Facebook for updates, Committee contact information and the Ride Calendar.

Come riding with us!

Prepared by Cherry Cole on behalf of MRUB committee

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G'day Cat,

An article and some photos for the next newsletter. I've got a couple more photos to come as the email got too big for the server.

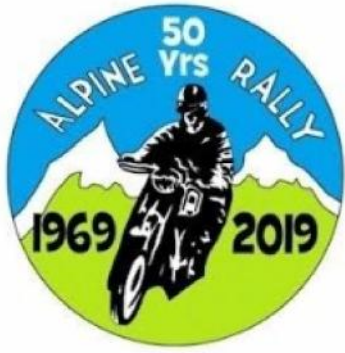
In the interests of transparency, I should say that a slightly different version of this article, with fewer photos has been sent to another club's (WMCC) newsletter. As far as I know the only overlap between the two clubs is me J .

Watch for the next email, with the extra photos.

Happy reading,

Bruce H.





A blonde & her husband are lying in bed listening to the next door neighbour's dog.. It has been in the backyard barking for hours & hours. The blonde jumps up out of bed and says, "I've had enough of this". She goes downstairs.

The blonde finally comes back up to bed and her husband says, "The dog is still barking, what have you been doing?" The blonde says, "I put the dog in our backyard, let's see how THEY like it!"

20190807 Wednesday Ride



Another good day with the Wednesday wanderers. l/r Colin, Phillip, Dean, Jim, Richard, Wally on camera. Guildford for smoko, Creswick for lunch, return via Dean, Gordon, Ballan.

Love it! This story does have a familiar ring to it !

After a beautiful wedding and the overseas honeymoon, Tom was occupied doing some welding in the garage. His new wife was standing there by the bench watching him.

After a long period of silence she finally said: "Honey, I've been thinking; now that we are married, maybe you don't need to spend so much of your time out here working in your garage. You could consider selling some of your machinery, tools and things like your gun collection, fishing gear, boat and get rid of all those stupid model cars. How about selling that old classic car that's in the garage that only goes out once a month? "

Tom got a most horrified look on his face and silently stared at her.

She said, "Darling, what's wrong?"

He replied, "Nothing ... but for a minute there, you were starting to sound like my ex-wife."

"Ex-wife!?" she screamed, "You NEVER told me you were previously married!"

Tom replied, "I wasn't"...



Attaching photo taken today at the lunch ride to Gordon Pub. Vicki has written a short article to go with it, which she will send.
Cheers

Lynn & Judy were doing some carpenter work on a Habitat for Humanity House.
Lynn was nailing down house siding, would reach into her nail pouch, pull out a nail & either toss it over her shoulder or nail it in.

Judy, figuring this was worth looking into, asked, 'Why are you throwing those nails away?'
Lynn explained, 'When I pull a nail out of my pouch, about half of them have the head on the wrong end & I throw them away.'
Judy got completely upset & yelled, 'You moron! Those nails aren't defective! They're for the other side of the house!'

20190731 Wednesday Ride



Wednesday winter warriors. l/r Phillip, deb, Jim, Geoff, Colin, Macca, wally on camera. Jim departed at Romsey, Tooborac for smoko. wally home via Heathcote, Redesdale, Woodend. The rest continued on to Strathfieldsaye for lunch. — with [Colin Randall](#).

Did you hear about the two blondes
who froze to death in a drive-in movie?

They had gone to see 'Closed for the Winter.'

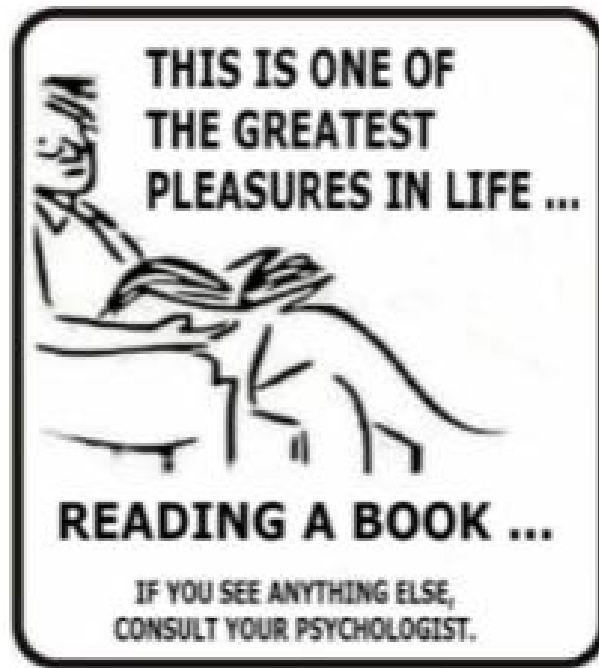
20190706 Saturday lunch ride



Attached are the photos of the 20190706 Saturday Lunch Ride. Photos by Mal. A great turn out for our lunch ride and a good meal at the Blackwood pub. After lunch everyone went on their merry way indifferent directions.

Cheers... Vicki





20190306 Wednesday Ride

Another day with the Wednesday wanderers, overcast day with a max 8c. Koffeehouse at Castlemaine for smoko, Heathcote for lunch. L/r Richard, Kevin, Mark, Phillip, Deb, Colin, Henry, Ken, Ivan, Bill, missing from photo, two latecomers, David & Mick.



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

Dennis (Dutchy) Holland (Great Jokes)

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

Vicky

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.....