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**ISSUE No 86**

**SOME CONTENTS OF THIS  
NEWSLETTER MAY OFFEND  
SOME PEOPLE**

**PLEASE BE AWARE OF THIS AND  
READ THE INFO ON PAGE  
TWO**

**Thanks all for your  
support over the  
last 14 years  
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](http://www.mrug.net) for dates  
Saturday rides leave from Jolley Miller about 11-ish and end up somewhere for lunch,yumm.....

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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: Thanks for the memories**

## **Your Committee**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Nickname</b>	<b>Phone</b>
President	Michael Bevan	Trump	0431 495 673
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Treasurer	John Barry	Stud	0447 083 590
Quartermaster	Sylvia Behan	Blondie	0413 188 894
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Events Coordinator	Vicky Cronin	Paparazzi	0409 434 101
Committee	Steve Clark	NYT	0448 828 414
	Mark Freestone	Freo	0437 674 642

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



Well just like that another year is in the past and what a year it was, we had a couple of offs myself and Nick and we also lost some great souls from the branch and they will also be in our hearts and memories.

Everyone by now should know that this will be my last report as I am not running for any position on the committee as I feel my time is up and there are others with ideas that are going to be stepping up to the plate, my time on the committee as the Treasurer and President has been great and I can say I have enjoyed full support from all past and present committee members and it has been a pleasure working with them all.

The new committee has nothing but the best interest of the branch in their hearts so I encourage everyone to get behind them and give them all the encouragement and support they deserve.

The branch is a very good financial position thanks to the efforts of everyone involved with the sausage sizzle that were held at Coles in Woodend and Bunnings in Sunbury and job well done by everyone who help with these and to the branch affiliates who came along to buy a sausage, I am sure the new committee will put those funds to good use.

Lastly I understand peoples interests change over time and we see less of people we have become use to seeing at the tyre kick or on the rides and because of this some people make it a point to whinge about the branch and Ulysses club itself , we'll all I can say is that this is a problem for all clubs, we are no different to other branches and clubs and really you only get out what you are prepared to put in, so if you only turn up at the tyre kick and don't attend the social night or any of the social events or rides then you are the loser and have no right to whinge. So I would like to encourage you all to attend these events, come along to at least 4 rides per year and if you can help out by leading a ride or two and stop leaving I to the same old same old

Well that's all I have to get off my chest, thanks to everyone again for your support



Regards  
Michael Bevan (Trump)  
#50364  
President  
Macedon Ranges Ulysses Branch



## Word from your Treasurer

The financial report for the period February 2019 to January 2020 and the asset statement for end of year at 31 January 2020 are both attached.

Since taking on this role as treasurer, I have been fortunate to have had the Guidance of Michael Bevan and his assistance. Although I was conned into this position by Michael who was asking several members .. "What does 18 plus 7 equal?" at the usual Saturday gathering at Gisborne. On hearing this, I just answered 25, and he immediately turned and pointed at me saying you have got the position of treasurer. I would also like to thank the other committee members who gave me assistance

As you know we have been running sausage sizzles to boost our cash flow due to the drop in membership and this has been successful. The Woodend Coles ones gave us a income just over \$800 and the recent one at Bunnings \$1128 which has left us with a healthy bank balance of \$3877 as at 12th February .

Thank you everyone for your friendship and for putting up with Sarbi and her floating white contamination.

Cheers  
John  
Aka Stud



## Macedon Ranges Ulysses Branch Financial Report for Year Feb 2019/Jan 2020

INCOME \$ EXPENSES \$ MRUB Admin

fees 1,040.00 \$

27 x singles @ 20.00 \$ 540.00 \$ 13 x couples @ 20.00 \$ 260.00 \$  
6 x couples @ 40.00 \$ 240.00 \$

Raffles INCOME EXPENSE 1,318.00 \$ 971.40 \$

Merchandise INCOME EXPENSE 1,455.50 \$ 1,002.15 \$ Ulysses Merchandise 417.00 \$ 349.45 \$ Branch Merchandise 1,038.50 \$  
642.70 \$ Name Badges 10.00 \$

Newsletters INCOME EXPENSE - \$ - \$

Events INCOME EXPENSE 3,669.55 \$ 3,705.29 \$ Xmas in July 1,880.00 \$ 2,070.00 \$ Colac trip 380.00 \$ 350.00 \$ Cowes trip  
449.00 \$ 465.00 \$ Cairn Curran BBQ (ref Note 1) 90.00 \$ 20th Anniversary cake 29.99 \$ Xmas BBQ @ Hanging Rock 296.45 \$

Sausage Sizzle at Woodend 23/7 564.48 \$ Less supplies bought at Coles 133.93 \$ 430.55 \$ 23.68 \$  
Donation at above 20.00 \$

Sausage Sizzle Float at Woodend 23/11 (Note 2) 300.00 \$ Sausage Sizzle at Woodend 23/11 713.35 \$  
75.11 \$ Less Cash retained for future Sizzles 293.35 \$ 420.00 \$

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle 1/2 44.50 \$

Rally (AGM) 2019 Breakfast 50.56 \$

Admin costs, Hosting, etc. EXPENSE 685.48 \$ Website hosting 110.00 \$ Domain renewal 35.98 \$ Printing - Brochures for new  
members 70.00 \$ Print/stands for Banners 323.49 \$ Graphic for Branch Logo 86.50 \$ Epson Projector and Elec.leads 59.51 \$

Other INCOME EXPENSE 75.50 \$ 710.01 \$ 2018 GST Refund / Payment

Donations to club 75.50 \$ Flowers, Cards, Notices & Special gifts for members 710.01 \$

Notes

1 --Supplies surplus x Sausage sizzle 23/7 2 - Surplus  
frozen for future use

Totals 7,558.55 \$ 7,074.33 \$

Balance b/forward as at 1 February 2019 1,846.95 \$ Plus Income 7,558.55 \$ Less Expenses 7,074.33 \$ Books balance  
as at 31 January 2020 2,331.17 \$

Bendigo Bank Statement 2,331.17 \$ Equals Books Balance

Petty cash on hand Quartermaster 50.00 \$ Petty Cash on hand Treasurer for Bunnings Sausage Sizzle  
293.35 \$ Value of Ulysses stock on hand (at cost price) 699.54 \$ Value of Branch stock on hand (at cost  
price) (incl Mugs) 915.50 \$ Value of Other Assets (at cost price) 1,671.50 \$ Total Assets 5,961.06 \$

GST Liability to 31 December 2019 GST Payable/Debits on Income of 7,363.25 \$ 669.39 \$ Less GST  
Credits on Expenses of 7,127.83 \$ 647.98 \$ GST Payable/ Refundable 31 December 2019 21.41 \$ ( already  
Paid)

E & O A John Barry- MRUB Treasurer

## From Your Friendly Editor.....



And so Xmas has been and gone again and we are all getting ready for the AGM. Woops , the National Rally. Hoping it is a good one and the ride will be worth it. Nar, even if it was around the corner every ride is a good one hey. But the Amigos are at it again being Trump, Stud and myself but with a difference. Were taking the girls..... Hmmm being Mrs Puss and "Sarbi " Studs Woman and what a woman she is....

A pity our president Trump has pulled the pin but after the years he's put in and the great job he has done keeping us all in order I'm sure we all wish him the best..

The Xmas breakup at the rock was a good affair as usual with great food, good company and good weather. Pity a few more didn't make the effort to attend. Still their loss hey.

And so it is time for me to sign off for the last time as after 14 years as editor for our branch I feel its time I hung up my pen and paper and let some other younger more energetic member have a crack at being the lad with the poison pen. I'd really like to thank all members that have over the years put in jokes, articles, and other pieces that made the letter what it is today. Without you it would be just a sheet of blank paper. To my successor who ever you may be, all the best and I know the members will be right behind you in your new endeavours.....



As always...

Keep upright

Jim Alley aka The Cat

Meow



## A Word from our Welfare Officer

With Christmas and New Year come and gone, and everyone back to routine (for the ones who are not retired).

It pays to be extra vigilant on the roads when riding either in groups or travelling by yourselves.

There are no major items for the Welfare Officer to report, and that's exactly how it should be.

Rumour has it that this will be the last newsletter organised by our illustrious 'Cat'. It's hard to believe it's been nearly thirteen years that he has given us many laughs through his medium. What a great job he has done. And we thank him for all his effort and hard work.

With a new year, a new decade, comes a new committee. The vibe feels exciting, it would be nice if everyone help support and stand by the club.

As the job of the Welfare Officer is only as good as the information given. If you know of anyone in need of help, please let me know.

Moira Burgess

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## **A Word from our Paparazzi and Event Coordinator**

2020 is a new year, with new ideas and a new committee. I would like to thank Michael for being a wonderful President an excellent team player and an all-round good guy. Now it is his time to be an ordinary member. Thank you Michael.

More changes to the committee with our beloved Cat retiring. Maybe a new look for the newsletter with the new Editor. Thank you, Cat for your service and your never ending support towards me. John “Stud” Barry is moving on as well due to health reasons. We all wish you a speedy recovery.

I would like to welcome the new Committee and hopefully the members will give them more support during the year.

The Events are being placed on the Website Calendar. Please check them out, attend the meeting to hear the fantastic Guest Speakers.

Regards  
Vicki Cronin #63980  
Events Cordinator  
Macedon Ranges Branch  
Ulysses Club Inc.  
[events@mrub.org.au](mailto:events@mrub.org.au)  
Ph 0409 434 101







## A Word from our Quartermaster

Here's my last Quartermaster report.

Sales of merchandise kind of took a backseat in recent months, just purchasing a Ulysses BBQ apron for future cooks. It was an amazing effort from everyone involved in our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. Started off slowly with Mark Freo cooking, Richard and Deb on food handling and Kim on money. Lovely to see everyone in their branch polo. Were told we looked very professional. Even had time for some photos! After that, flat out! Couldn't believe the amount of sausages we went through, even when the rain came, it didn't deter the customers.

A huge thanks to John Barry for organising the sausages (so many compliments about how nice they were), onions and eskis. Mark Behan did a great job organising the day and pitching in all day where needed, even ferrying customers to our stand using the Bunnings umbrella during the downpour! Mark Smith jumped in readily when the lunchtime rush happened, Heidi did more than just handling money, serving and organising bread and drinks. Moira did just about everything from cooking to serving to replenishing our stock from the supermarket, then cleaned up! Andy and Louise were a dynamic duo dealing with the rush hour traffic and Andy was the only one brave enough to ride with Louise in the rain and then displayed his bike! Cherry handled the money and counted with John at the end of the day.

Must say, it was nice having Ken and Henry there at the end to help with the cleaning and packing up. Great to see some of our members drop in for a sausage and a chat. Lastly, thanks to Sunbury Bunnings for setting up and supporting our event. They made it easy.

As my last report as Quartermaster, I'd like to thank all the members for supporting our branch through both Ulysses and MRUB sales. I always had positive responses to my sales pitches, even at the tyre kicks, but especially at the meetings. I'm handing the reins to Heidi Frankl who has graciously agreed to be our new Quartermaster. She will do a great job and I'm sure everyone will support her.

Cheers

Sylvia



**March 2020 Edition V1 11/2/2020**  
**Macedon Ranges Ulysses Branch (MRUB)**

**Leadership Change!**

By the time you read this, our Branch's annual AGM will have installed a new Committee. We'll introduce them next edition! Thank you for a great job to those members retiring from Committee duties. With change comes the opportunity for renewal and we actively encourage all members to share their ideas about how to make our Ulysses branch more effective and interesting. Our website will shortly list a planned "get to know you" BBQ hosted by our incoming Committee.

Speaking of BBQs, we had a great day recently at Bunnings Sunbury, meeting lots of people and cooking a mountain of sausages and onions! And of course, our Wednesday, Saturday lunch and Sunday rides successfully continue to explore our wonderful Macedon Ranges region.

Join us for a coffee, meal or just great company at our regular: Tyre Kicks - weekly 10am+ Saturday mornings, Brantome Street, Gisborne; Wednesday rides - weekly 10am servo 4 Station Road, Gisborne; Saturday lunch rides - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 11am Brantome St; Sunday rides - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 9.30am Maccas Sunbury; plus our monthly Branch Social and special rides/events.

You can check club activities and news via our Calendar at [www.mrub.org.au](http://www.mrub.org.au) or on Facebook. Come riding with us sometime.

*Cherry Cole*

Coffee break on Wednesday ride (29/1/2020) around the Ranges



Photo Credit: Wally Feidler

Wednesday ride to Healesville (1) 1/1/2020



Photo Credit: Amanda Michelle

Wednesday ride to Healesville (2) 1/1/2020



Photo Credit: Amanda Michelle

Four old-timers were playing their weekly game of golf. One remarked how nice it would be to wake up on Christmas morning, roll out of bed and without an argument go directly to the golf course, meet his buddies and play a round. His buddies all chimed in said, "Let's do it! We'll make it a priority - figure out a way and meet here early, Christmas morning."

Months later, that special morning arrives, and there they are on the golf course. The first guy says, "Boy this game cost me a fortune! I bought my wife a diamond ring that she can't take her eyes off of."

The second guy says, "I spent a ton too. My wife is at home planning the cruise I gave her. She was up to her eyeballs in brochures."

The third guy says "Well my wife is at home admiring her new car, reading the manual."

They all turned to the last guy in the group who is staring at them like they have lost their minds. "I can't believe you all went to such expense for this golf game. I slapped my wife on the bum and said, 'Well babe, Merry Christmas! It's a great morning - golf course or intercourse?' She said, 'Don't forget your hat.'"

**A Husband and Wife are Christmas Shopping at a busy shopping mall just before Christmas. The wife suddenly noticed that her husband was missing and as they had a lot to do, so she called him on his cell.**

The wife said "Where are you, you know we have lots to do." He said "Do you remember the jewellers we went into about 10 years ago, and you fell in love with that diamond necklace? I could not afford it at the time and I said that one day I would get it for you?"

Little tears started to flow down her cheek and she got all choked up ...

"Yes, I do remember that shop." she replied.

"Well I am in the motorcycle shop next door to that."

A man wakes up in a hospital, bandaged from head to foot.

The doctor comes in and says, "Ah, I see you've regained consciousness. Now, you probably won't remember, but you were in a huge pile-up on the motorway. You're going to be okay, you'll walk again and everything, however, your penis was severed in the accident and the paramedics couldn't find it."

The man groans, but the doctor goes on... "You do have \$9,000 in insurance compensation coming though, and we now have the technology to build a new penis.

They work great but they don't come cheap. It's roughly \$1,000 an inch. (25mm)

The man perks up.

So, the doctor says, "You must decide how many inches you want.

But understand that you have been married for over thirty years and this is something you should discuss with your wife.

If you had a five incher before and get a nine incher now, she might be a bit uncomfortable.

If you had a nine incher before and you decide to only invest in a five incher now, she might be disappointed.

Ill give you the night to consider your options."

The doctor comes back the next day, "So, have you spoken with your wife?"

"Yes I have," says the man.

"And has she helped you make a decision?"

"Yes," says the man.

"What is your decision?" asks the doctor.

"We're getting a new kitchen."



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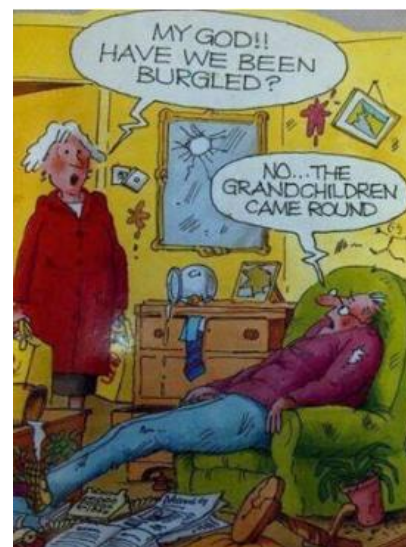
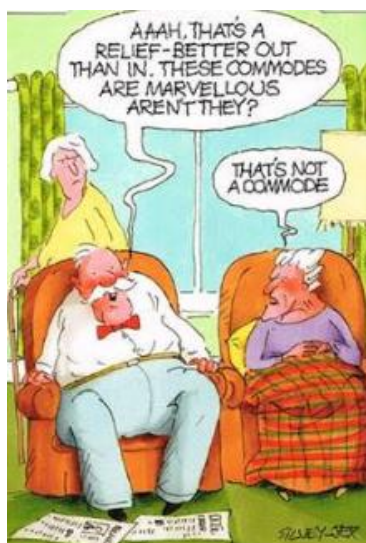
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Ron's wife Colleen and nephew Neil Weste.



Judy Cope-Williams, Rosemary Davies and Jacky Ogeil.





## 20200101 Wednesday Ride



**New Year's Day 2020. Another perfect day riding with the wandering Wednesday warriors. L/r Daryl, Amanda, Terry2, Susan, Mal, Bruce, Ken, Macca, Colin, Mark, Michael & Wally on camera. Wallan for smoko, Healesville for lunch, more people than Pitt street on a Sat**

**The Pope is handing out miracles to kids in Liverpool.  
Billy walks on stage and asks him, "Can you help me with my hearing?"**

**The Pope says, "Yes" and puts his hands on Billy's ears and prays.  
He removes his hands and says "How's your hearing now?"  
Billy says, "I don't know, it's not until next week."**

## 20191218 Wednesday Ride



A hot one with the Wednesday warriors. Wandong for smoko, king lake for lunch. L/r Terry2, Dennis, Annie, Ken, Macca, Jim & wife turned up for photo & departed, Colin and Wally on camera





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Gisborne Gazette December 2019

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## 20200104 Saturday Ride

Report by Mark Behan.

First lunch ride of the year, led by me with seven bikes in total, such a long distance to ... Flanagan's pub in Bacchus Marsh! Went the long way over the ridgeback from Gisborne, past Merrimu, Long forest Road (very dry), then through the cutting along the Avenue (can smell the hot strawberries), turned onto Woolpack Road then over the hill into Maddingley and round to the pub via Graham St. Took about 45 minutes, but we decided to avoid the fire prone areas for a longer ride.

Had a great lunch at the pub, the photo showing Mark (my Mark), Ken, Moose, Mark Smith, Peter (prospective member), Rob, Andy, Kim and Richard.

Great way to start the year!

[Mark Behan.](#)





## Article in the local paper by Cherry Cole

Gisborne Gazette December 2019



*The Macedon Ranges branch of Ulysses motorcycle group at the Cross for the memorial service.*

## Remembering those who have ridden on...

On November 11 Macedon Ranges Ulysses Branch (MRUB) joined other motorcycling colleagues on the annual Ulysses Victorian Memorial Ride remembering those Ulysses members who have ridden on during the year. About 100 bikes participated in the run from Centennial Park to the service at Mt Macedon's Memorial Cross. Our branch lost four valued members in 2019: Christine Cameron, Wilfred Erben, Lucy Freestone and Ron Weste. May they rest in peace.

Our next enmasse ride will be the annual Christmas Toy Run on Sunday December 15, leaving Sunbury at 9.30am and finishing up near Keilor Park Drive. So join our great club and come

loaded with new toys for those less fortunate families among us. Details on our website Ride Calendar.

Or meet us for a coffee, meal and friendly banter at: Tyre Kicks: 10am+ every Saturday morning, Brantome Street, Gisborne; Wednesday rides: every Wednesday 10am service station 4 Station Road, Gisborne; Branch Social: 7.30pm third Monday every month at Sunbury Football Club; and Special rides/events such the Christmas Toy Run.

A comprehensive Calendar of Events is at [www.mruba.com.au](#) or search Macedon Ranges Ulysses Branch on Facebook for updates, Committee contact information and the Ride Calendar.

Come riding with us sometime!

Cherry Cole



## Dinky Di Aussie Song

A Queensland radio station played this twice every hour.  
Not one single complaint was received.  
That radio station is in Townsville, Queensland.

SHOULD GO TO NUMBER ONE ACROSS THE LAND  
AND STAY THERE PERMANENTLY

<http://safeshare.tv/w/FnokYEpyb>

**A couple of friends made a deal that whoever died first would come back and inform the other if there is sex after death.**

**Their biggest fear was that there was no afterlife at all. After a long life, Frank was the first to die. True to his word, he made the first contact: "Kris, Kris, can you hear me?"**

**"Is that you, Frank?"**

**"Yes, I've come back like we agreed."**

**"That's wonderful! What's it like?"**

**"Well, I get up in the morning, I have sex and then I have breakfast and then it's off to the golf course. I have sex again, bathe in the warm sun and then have sex a couple of more times. Then I have lunch (and Kris, you'd be proud -- lots of greens). Another romp around the golf course, then pretty much have sex the rest of the afternoon. After supper, it's back to the golf course again. Then it's more sex until late at night. I catch some much needed sleep and then the next day it starts all over again" "Oh, Frank! Are you in Heaven?"**

**"No -- I'm a rabbit somewhere in Arizona."**

## 20200111 Ulysses Breakfast Ride



Three of our members headed to Kyabram for breakfast this morning. There was a good turnout and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Thanks to Michael for leading us on a very pleasant ride



Places in the local rag from our cherry  
Well done  
Ed....

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### **Macedon Ranges Ulysses Branch (MRUB)**

#### **2020 is the year to check your head gear!**

It doesn't matter if you're a motorcyclist, horse rider, skate boarder, skier or bicyclist everyone needs their head protected. So make 2020 the year you check your head gear. For motorcycle helmets, manufacturers use the 5 year general replacement rule but if it crashes, throw it away and always check for damage after a heavy drop. Major deterioration can occur within the lining's foam and fabric, so if its coming apart, get a new one.

By the time you read this we'll have had 7 great January rides including a lunch run and several Wednesday warrior rides plus a Branch social night, and we'll do it all again in February!

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Catch up with club activities and news via our Calendar at [\[redacted\]](#) or on Facebook and come riding with us sometime. And check your helmet!

*Cherry Cole*

**Prepared by Cherry Cole on behalf of MRUB committee**

**Q: Doctor, I've heard that cardiovascular exercise can prolong life. Is this true?**

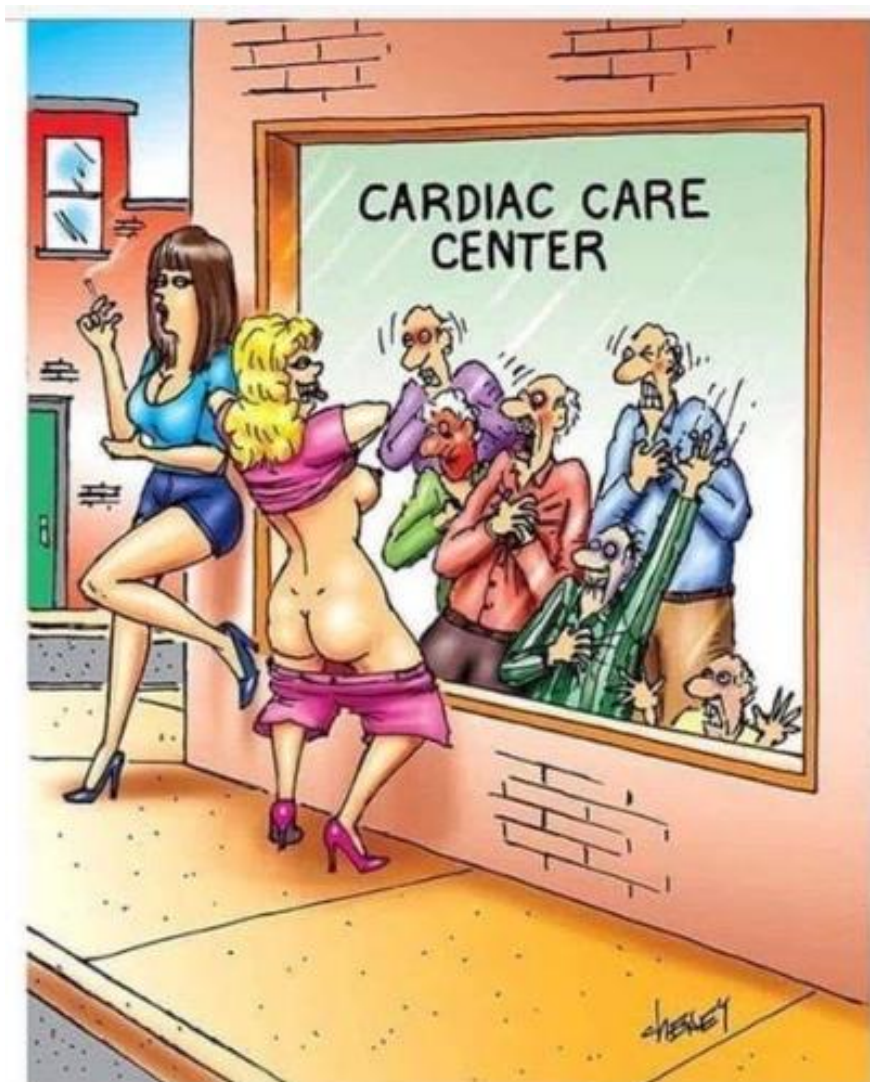
**A:** Your heart only good for so many beats, and that it...don't waste on exercise. Everything wear out eventually. Speeding up heart not make you live longer; it like saying you extend life of car by driving faster. Want to live longer? Take nap.

**Q: Should I cut down on meat and eat more fruits and vegetables?**

**A:** You must grasp logistical efficiency. What does cow eat? Hay and corn. And what are these? Vegetables. So steak is nothing more than efficient mechanism of delivering vegetables to your system. Need grain? Eat chicken. Beef also good source of field grass (green leafy vegetable). And pork chop can give you 100% of recommended daily allowance of vegetable product.

**Q: Should I reduce my alcohol intake?**

**A:** No, not at all. Wine made from fruit. Brandy is distilled wine, that mean they take water out of fruity bit so you get even more of goodness that way. Beer also made of grain. Bottom up!



*"You are one sick puppy, Nadine."*

And remember:

Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways - Chardonnay in one hand - chocolate in the other - body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming "WOO-HOO, what a ride!!"

AND.....

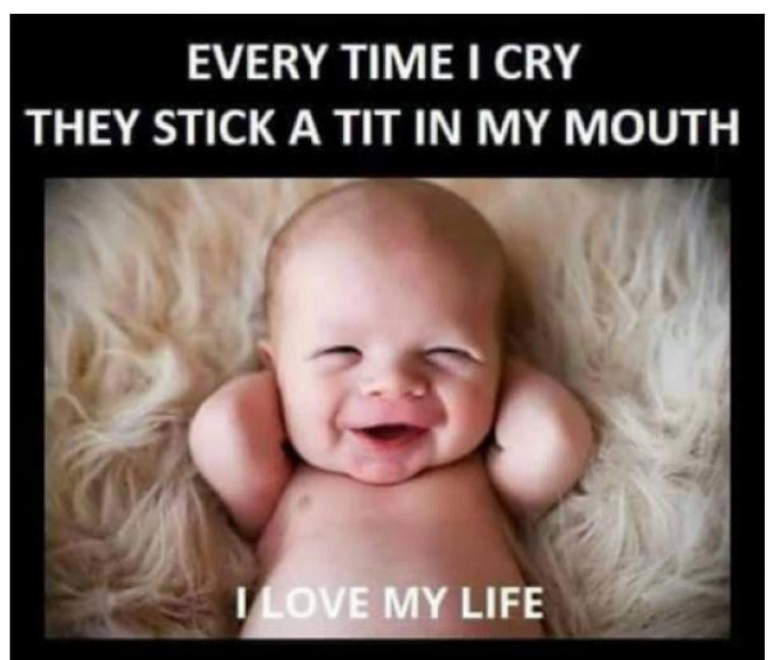
For those of you who watch what you eat, here's the final word on nutrition and health. It's a relief to know the truth after all those conflicting nutritional studies.

1. The Japanese eat very little fat  
and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
2. The Mexicans eat a lot of fat  
and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
3. The Chinese drink very little red wine  
and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
4. The Italians drink a lot of red wine  
and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
5. The Germans drink a lot of beer and eat lots of sausages and fats  
and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.

CONCLUSION:

Eat and drink what you like.  
Speaking English is apparently what kills you.

I HAD A REALLY BAD DAY.  
  
FIRST, MY EX GOT RUN OVER BY A BUS.  
  
THEN I GOT FIRED FROM MY JOB AS A BUS DRIVER.



**A husband and wife  
had been  
arguing all day. They  
pass a herd of  
jackasses. The wife  
says  
"relatives of yours?"  
Husband says,  
"yep in laws."**

A fireman was working on the engine outside the station, when he noticed a little girl nearby in a little red wagon with little ladders hung off the sides and a garden hose tightly coiled in the middle. The girl was wearing a fireman's helmet and the wagon was being pulled by her dog and her cat. The fireman walked over to take a closer look and said, "That sure is a nice fire engine." The little girl replied "Thanks." The fireman looked a little closer. The girl had tied the wagon to her dogs collar and to the cats testicles. The fireman said "Little partner, i don't want to tell you how to run your rig, but if you tie that rope around the cats collar i think you could go faster." "The little girl paused for a moment then replied, "You're probably right but then i wouldn't have a siren."





## 20200119 Sunday Ride to Yea



**Today's Ride. Smoko at Yea, checkout Ken's new ride. Great day thanks Andy.**

Three girls, **Jan**, **Sue** and **Mary** haven't seen each other since leaving school. They rediscover each other via Facebook and arrange to meet for lunch ...

**Jan** arrives first, wearing a beige Versace dress. She orders a bottle of Pinot Grigio.

**Sue** arrives shortly afterward, wearing a grey Chanel number, after the initial hugs and kisses she joins Jan in a glass of wine.

**Mary** walks in, wearing a faded old tee-shirt, blue jeans and boots, she too shares the wine.

**Jan** explains that after leaving school and attending Oxford University she met and married Timothy, with whom she has a beautiful daughter, Timothy is a partner in one of Sydney's leading law firms, they live in a 4000 sq ft apartment on the North Shore and Susanna, the daughter, attends drama school, they have a second home in Bali.

**Sue** relates that she graduated from Monash University, studied to become a doctor and became a surgeon, her husband, Clive, is a leading financial investment banker in Melbourne, they live in the Toorak area and have a second home in Italy.

**Mary** explains that after she left school at 17, she ran off with her boyfriend, Mark they run a tropical bird park on the Sunshine Coast and grow their own vegetables. Mark can stand five parrots, side by side, on his erect penis.

Halfway down the third bottle of wine and several hours later, **Jan** blurts out that her husband is really a cashier at Target they live in a small apartment and have a camper trailer parked on the front drive.

**Sue**, chastened and encouraged by her old friend's honesty, explains that she and Clive are both nursing care assistants in an old people's home, they live in Hoppers Crossing and take camping holidays on the Murray.

**Mary** admits that the fifth parrot has to stand on one leg to fit on Mark's penis.

Sunbury Bunnings sausage sizzle....huge success....awesome effort



Perhaps “Shortys’ ” next bike....ED



Three women, two younger, and one senior citizen, were sitting naked in a sauna. Suddenly there was a beeping sound. The young woman pressed her forearm and the beep stopped. The others looked at her questioningly. 'That was my pager,' she said. 'I have a microchip under the skin of my arm.'

A few minutes later, a phone rang. The second young woman lifted her palm to her ear. When she finished, she explained, 'That was my mobile phone. I have a microchip in my hand.'

The older woman felt very low -tech. Not to be out done, she decided she had to do something just as impressive. She stepped out of the sauna and went to the bathroom & she returned with a piece of toilet paper hanging from her rear end.

The others raised their eyebrows and stared at her.

The older woman finally said.....'Well, will you look at that....I'm getting a fax!!'



**Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 2020**



**Another glorious day on the scooters with the wandering Wednesday warriors. Redesdale for smoko, Maldon via Mt Alexander for lunch, return via Castlemaine, Taradale, Kyneton. L/r Macca, Ivan, Bruce, Ken, Tim, Colin and Wally on camera.**

**I spent last night  
defrosting the fridge,**

**Or foreplay as she  
likes to call it.**

## Our girls in Bubi for the Baton Run

Vicky, Sudu & myself have begun our adventure. It's only Monday and in three days we've done a lot and seen lots of bikes. We even attended a Mods & Rockers get together.



**Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020**



**Big crew today, great ride led by Colin as usual. Harcourt for smoko, Strathfieldsaye via Mt Alexander lunch, return via Redesdale, Kyneton.**

**L/r Bruce, Dawn, Phillip, Bill, Colin, Richard, Macca. Rod, Henry (still talking), Dennis, Ian, Dean & Wally on camera. Great riding weather**

1. The Japanese eat very little fat  
and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
2. The Mexicans eat a lot of fat  
and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
3. The Chinese drink very little red wine  
and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
4. The Italians drink a lot of red wine  
and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
5. The Germans drink a lot of beer and eat lots of sausages and fats  
and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.

**CONCLUSION:**

**Eat and drink what you like.  
Speaking English is apparently what kills you.**

**FEB 5<sup>th</sup> 2020**

Another great scoot with the Wednesday warriors, Ballan for smoko, Buninyong for lunch, return via Ballan, Greenvale. L/r Dean, Rod, Phillip, Henry, Ivan, Macca, Terry2, Tony, Ian, Lee, not in photo, Ken and Wally on Camera.



**Hi Everyone**

**A big thank you should go out to all those who spent their time organising and helping out at the Branch Bunnings Sausage Sizzle last Saturday their efforts resulted in \$1128.00 after costs going into the branch bank account, this money will be well spent by the new committee. So let's give everyone involved a big pat on the back !**

**Regards  
Michael Bevan  
President  
Macedon Ranges Ulysses Branch**



**I love a Sunburnt country, a land  
of sweeping plains.  
But I've gotta tell ya mate, I like it  
better when it rains.  
The countryside is dying and  
there's just no end in site,  
and just to rub salt in the  
wounds, the bush has caught  
alight.  
The landscape is on fire from  
Brisbane to the Gong  
And everybody's asking "where  
the hell did we go wrong?  
But we can get through this one  
if we help each other out,  
take care of your neighbour ,  
that's what Aussies are about.  
The rain is going to fall again ,  
the good times will return.  
But living in Australia means at  
times it's going to burn.  
So if you need a helping hand,  
just give a mate a call.  
We're all here to help you out  
and catch you when you fall.  
The RFS, the SES, the firey's,  
and police,  
all put their lives upon the line to  
help to keep the peace and beat  
this beast.  
So hats off to these hero's and  
thanks for all you do  
And I hope when this is over we  
can make it up to you!**

## 20200212 Wednesday Ride



Must have been overcast, all the fine weather riders stayed in bed, bit of light drizzle till Woodend, beautiful riding weather after that for the hardy Wednesday warriors. Castlemaine for smoko, round the lake to Maldon for lunch, return via Harcourt, Kyneton, Woodend. L/r Dawn, Macca, Ivan, Phillip and Wally on camera.



No matter what side of the political fence you're on, THIS is FUNNY and VERY telling! It just all depends on how you look at the same things.

Judy Rudd, an amateur genealogy researcher in south east Queensland , was doing some personal work on her own family tree. She discovered that ex-Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's great-great uncle, Remus Rudd, was hanged for horse stealing and train robbery in Melbourne in 1889. Both Judy and Kevin Rudd share this common ancestor.

The only known photograph of Remus shows him standing on the gallows at the Melbourne Jail. On the back of the picture Judy obtained during her research is this inscription:

'Remus Rudd horse thief, sent to Melbourne Jail 1885, escaped 1887, robbed the Melbourne-Geelong train six times.

Caught by Victoria Police Force, convicted and hanged in 1889.'

So Judy recently e-mailed ex-Prime Minister Rudd for information about their great-great uncle, Remus Rudd.

Believe it or not, Kevin Rudd's staff sent back the following for her genealogy research:

"Remus Rudd was famous in Victoria during the mid to late 1800s. His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and intimate dealings with the Melbourne-Geelong Railroad..

Beginning in 1883, he devoted several years of his life to government service, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad.

In 1887, he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the Victoria Police Force.

In 1889, **Remus passed away during an important civic function held in his honour when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed."**

NOW That's how it's done, Folks!

**That's real POLITICAL SPIN.**

THANKS TO ALL MEMBERS THAT MADE THE LETTER WHAT  
IT IS.....

With the Internet and Facebook and all the new instant gratification that's around lets all hope that the written word in the form of such things as this newsletter that I hope over the past 14 years has brought many smiles and memories, that, can be kept and stored for future generations to recall and enjoy, will continue and not, as so many old school practices be forgotten as irrelevant.

Cheers

And thanks again

Jim the Cat

