



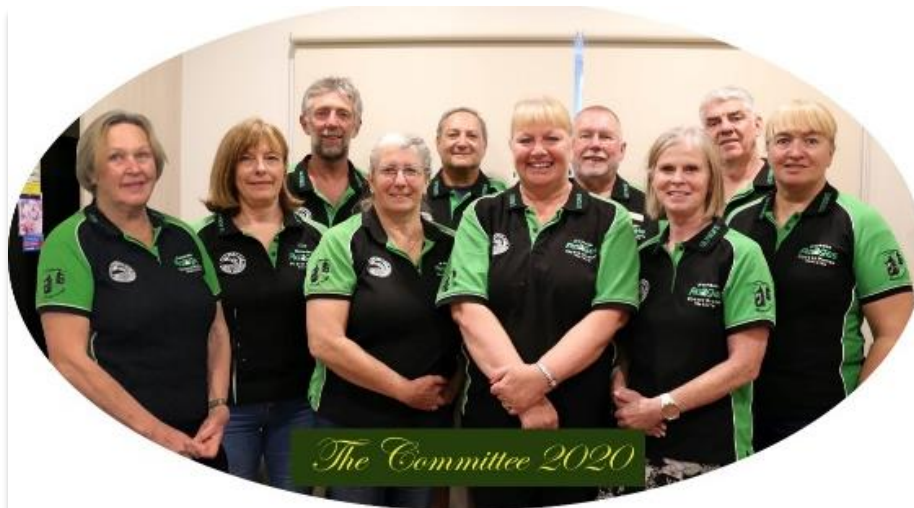
Macedon Ranges Ulysses Branch

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Christmas At The Willows

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RIDES AND MEETINGS

RIDES	<p>Sunday – 3rd of month, leaving McDonalds, 7-11 Horne Street, Sunbury at 9.30am sharp with full tanks. Refer ride calendar.</p> <p>Wednesday – weekly. Leaving from Caltex Station, 4 Station Road, Gisborne at 10am will full tanks. Destination to be advised on the day.</p> <p>Saturday – 1st of month, leaving Brantome Street, Gisborne (near Jolly Miller Bakery, approximately 11am following tyre kick). Usually a short ride to a prearranged location for lunch.</p>
WEEKLY GET-TOGETHER “TYRE KICK”	Saturday 10am – Brantome Street, Gisborne – Jolly Miller Bakery and Food Court, Shopping Centre.
MONTHLY SOCIAL MEETING	<p>Monday – 3rd of month Sunbury Football Social Club, 47 Riddell Road, Sunbury. From 6pm for dinner. Meeting commences at 7pm.</p> <p>Opportunity for all members to get together, join in the raffle, on occasion listen to visiting speakers and hear what’s going on in the club.</p>
COMMITTEE MEETINGS	<p>Monday – April, June, August, October, December Meetings are held prior to monthly social meeting and input from all branch members is welcome and can be directed to any committee member. Members can also see either the President or Secretary if they wish to address the committee. Elections are held annually, usually in February.</p>



From your Branch President ...

Welcome to the December issue of our branch newsletter. 2020 has been a tough year for your new committee, but I think you'll agree, this amazing team has held it together and made the most of every opportunity to ride and socialise. As well as keeping you informed and connected through the newsletters and monthly meetings, we have tried to be there at the tyre kicks, the Wednesday rides and scheduled ride events. So I'm taking this opportunity to thank each of the committee members for their support this year and a big thanks to you our members, for just turning up and keeping the spirit of our branch alive.

Soon we will make new year resolutions, as well as reflect on the year gone by. At each lockdown and restriction, I've seen members abiding by the rules, following safety protocols and riding within their limits, eager to reconnect with friends and riding partners. I resolved once restrictions eased, to get back to the tyre kicks, to foster new member relationships and to reconnect with members about how they have fared through this pandemic.

I was also resolved to making sure two important events could now go ahead, the memorial ride and the Christmas party! Twelve bikes made their way up the mount to the cross, where we reflected in a minute silence on the year past and the members injured and hospitalised. We continue to hold them in our thoughts and prayers and hope for the best outcomes. Please continue to support them and their partners, as I know you will.

As you can see from the photos, the Christmas party this year was a great success! Yvonne found us a lovely venue at The Willows in Melton, we had a huge turn up of members and Moira outdid herself with the monster raffle, collecting donations and discounts from various businesses. Thanks go to our new sponsor Matt Jones for his generosity.

Looking forward and in keeping with tradition, there is no branch meeting this month having just met for our party and getting this newsletter to you in time for Christmas, always a busy time on the calendar. We will continue through December with the tyre kicks and the Wednesday rides no doubt, but scheduled rides will happen again in the new year. We hope to have the ride calendar and newsletters available on hard copy at future meetings, the first being on Monday the 18th January at the Sunbury Football Club, same room, same time. I will let you know on Facebook and email what menu they will be offering.

Until then, stay safe, keep riding and have the merriest of Christmases for you and your families! We have a lot to be thankful for and a lot to look forward to in 2021.

Cheers from your friendly president,
Sylvia

RIDE & EVENTS CALENDAR

Macedon Ranges Ulysses Branch Rides 2020			
Date	Ride Leader	Destination	Details

All of the above are subject to change

MEMBER BUY SWAP OR SELL

For Sale

Givi Xstream Range 60Lt seat bag
As new, never been used
\$150
Contact: Deb 0408 611 963



Got something to sell or buy?
Send in details to editor@mrub.org.au

Minutes Of The Last Meeting

MINUTES

MRUB Committee
Sunbury Bowling

Meeting 16/11/2020
Club 5.50 pm

Present: Sylvia Behan, Mark Behan, Moira Burgess, Deb Stuckey, Mark Freestone, Andy Brady, Yvonne Barker, Heidi Frankl, Vicki Cronin, Nick Pantelis

Apologies: Nil

- In relation to suggested review of venue for monthly MRUB Meeting. Currently the bowls club is under further renovations which are in progress. When complete the back meeting room where we used to meet will be a sports bar. The middle room is to be developed as a secondary dining area (the old kitchen will be reopened) and may be available but there is a degree of uncertainty about availability. Meanwhile the Football Club is happy to have us back in the current room but exact numbers that will be allowed are dependant on whatever Government guidelines are in force on the 18th January when our first meeting is due. Sylvia will liaise with the Football club and further information will be sent to members. Meanwhile Deb has offered to look at the options, if any, at the Olive Tree Hotel in Sunbury.
- The Ride Calendar will be resurrected in the new year. Andy and Mark will recycle many of the rides that had to be cancelled this year due to Co-vid restrictions. It was agreed that there was probably no rush to get it out this year with December usually too busy for most people. The Memorial Ride had to be cancelled this year for the same reason, but Sylvia will, in discussion with Steve, organise a ride up to the cross for just our branch on November 28th from the tyre kick. It will not have a formal religious service but will give those who attend a chance to remember those who have ridden on this year. If possible, we will have a lunch either on the mountain or back in Mt. Macedon.
- Under the current restrictions we are still looking for a replacement venue for the Xmas party. The Rotary Clun rotunda in Lygar St Sunbury can't be booked but Yvonne has offered to follow up on The Willows in Melton. Sylvia will check if you're able to consume alcohol and so we'll wait for Yvonne to report. At the Xmas function it was agreed that due to Co-vid it will be a picnic arrangement with everyone bringing their own food. This means that as the club will not be subsidising anything Moira moved that we spend a little more money and make the raffle a 'Monster Raffle'. It was unanimously moved that Moira be able to spend approximately \$600 this year. The club will also supply soft drink on the day with Andy bringing the leftover cans from our Bunnings venture.
- Treasurers report – as per copy emailed prior to meeting. Only action was two administration payments leaving a balance of \$4,013.49 in the account. The Treasurer also asked that two committee members verify the accounts and it was agreed that it should be Sylvia and one other member (but not the two Marks 😊).
- In General business Mark F. asked that we put on line a link to the R.U. OK Christmas Day Ride – all were in agreement. Mark F. also mentioned that he had secured Mat Jones Motorcycles as a sponsor – Sylvia to follow up. The committee thanked Mark for his efforts and forethought.
- Moira reported that the only Flowers this period were to Mark F. and Paul Arumets. The committee asked Vicki to pass on our best wishes to Paul for a speedy recovery

Meeting closed approx. 6.23 p.m.

MRUB Treasurer's Report as at 16/11/20

Bank balance b/f from previous meeting	\$3,973.49
ADD Receipts	
Jason Faulkner	\$20.00
Mark Smith	<u>\$20.00</u>
	\$40.00
 LESS Expenses	 \$0.00
 Bank balances as at 16/11/20	 \$4,013.49
 Represented by:	
YTD GST liability to NatCom (year end)**	\$205.96
Funds available	<u>\$3,807.53</u>
	\$4,013.49

Note: Payment for flowers re Mark and Paul not included above.

**It appears we didn't receive GST refund of \$40.40 re 2018 – will take up with Nat Com when we receive financial statement

OUT & ABOUT WITH OUR MEMBERS...



Please welcome a new member Jason Faulkner



Hi,
My name is Jason and I am a new member of the Ulysses Club, but I'm not new to motorbike riding. I was born in Tasmania and lived there for 42 Years until I moved to Victoria in 2012.
I have been riding bikes since I was 8 years old.
My dad and I would ride every Sunday into the Pine Plantations of NW Coast, Tasmania. Naturally my first licence was my motorbike licence. My first ride was a 1978 Yamaha DT175.
I passed my full licence on this bike and the week after, I passed my car licence. Since then I have had three bikes including my current one.
I've had a 1980's Yamaha XS 250 and a brand new Kawasaki KLE 550 which happened to be my last bike since I lived in Tassie. I haven't had a bike for 8 Years until 3 months ago. This was inspired by me visiting Gisborne (Prior COVID) one sunny day and seeing around 7 bikes heading toward the Calder Freeway and that's when I longed for another bike.
It took me a few months to save but I eventually bought my current bike, a 2012 Honda NS700S from a local dealer. It has done a few kms but I Love It!!
I've recently joined the Ulysses Club as it appears to be a safe and family oriented club and fun as well. I am really looking forward to meeting you all very soon.
Cheers
Jason Faulkner
#69684



Great to be on the road (and Trail) again

With our increasingly gorgeous weather and for those of us who can, day rides through our wonderful region beckon. The Macedon Ranges are blessed with picturesque and interesting local rides on both bitumen roads and dirt trails.

Many Macedon Ranges Ulysses Branch (MRUB) members get out into deep bush regularly whilst others enjoy less frequent visits to well-known haunts such as the Wombat Forest and the network of bush tracks around Gisborne, Riddell and Macedon. In the bustle of busy lives, it's easy to forget how pristine our area is with colourful seasonal wild flowers and fresh clean air. For those who can, it's time to get your bike out and enjoy our wonderful natural environment.

Top Tip : Always ride responsibly, particularly on dirt tracks. They are generally shared carriageways used by walkers, other vehicles and horse riders too. Plus remember, there are mobile phone black spots in our hills, so don't fall off or take unnecessary risks. Help may be difficult to call!

So until you can share a coffee, meal or just great company with our wider MRUB family, please stay well and keep safe! But remember, club get-togethers won't happen if our community and beyond don't do the right thing and stay vigilant in fighting this pandemic!

Stay in touch by checking out our Ride Calendar at www.mrub.org.au or join us for a chat and club news via facebook. See you on the dirt sometime!

Cherry Cole





Riders find ways to keep in contact

COVID-19 restrictions have proven challenging, with members living across multiple “lockdown” stages and overall group activities significantly curtailed.

However, using both ingenuity and current technology, MRUB’s committee and members have found alternative ways to keep communicating.

President Sylvia posts regular YouTube videos of committee discussions and outcomes while news-letter editor Nick emails and posts our bi-monthly newsletter full of great stories and pictures.

As Ulysses members, we are also kept up to date with national news through emails and the Riding On magazine. Our MRUB Facebook pages share member stories, bike restoration progress, family news and ride updates, plus lots of humour to make you chuckle!

And, of course, there have been our keen Saturday morning shoppers saying hello in Gisborne.

While as a club we have used digital communication effectively, nothing beats a good ride with friends; so wash that bike, check your gear and get ready for our spring-summer season on the road again. But remember, it won’t happen if our community and beyond don’t mask up etc and listen to the experts.

Until you can share a coffee, meal or just great company with us, please stay well and keep safe.

And in anticipation, check out our Ride Calendar at www.mrub.org.au or join us for a chat on Facebook.

Cherry Cole

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Ticket to Ride...

As the Beatles 1965 classic song says: we’ve got a ticket to ride! With the easing of metropolitan and regional Covid-19 rules, the Macedon Ranges Ulysses Branch (MRUB) once again converged on Gisborne’s Brantome Street precinct mid-November for the first of our Covid normal Saturday tyre-kicks.

Great weather saw 35+ bikes and MRUB members from Gisborne and surrounding towns come together for the first time in many months. New bikes were examined, coffees were had, new members were welcomed and much happy catching-up took place; all within appropriate masking and distancing rules.

Top Tip: If you are thinking of connecting with our Ulysses Branch, the weekly Saturday tyre-kick is a great opportunity. We are open for business and look forward to welcoming you! The MRUB Committee also held its first face to face meeting since lockdown, establishing arrangements for our casual ride calendar over rest of 202 ahead of a more comprehensive ride schedule for 2021.

So stay in touch and up to date by checking our regular catch-up events, social get-togethers and Ride Calendar at www.mrub.org.au or join us for a chat and club news via Facebook. Keep safe and ride safely this festive season!

Cherry Cole

Tyre Kick At Gisborne on 14-11-20 our 1st since the lockdown





What a great turnout. We all felt good just to see and speak with each other once again, thank you one and all.
Nicholas

Christmas Party – Melton Willows 6-12-20





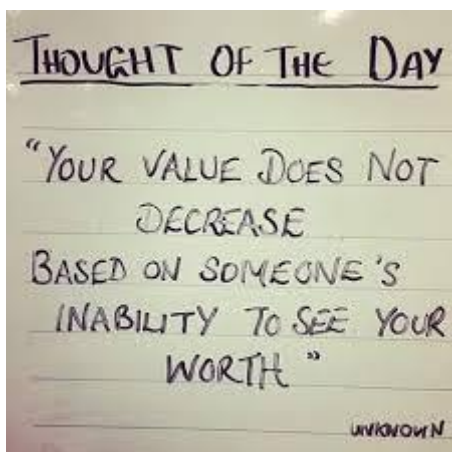


Recent Mt Macedon Memorial Ride





From Your Editor – a thought or two for this period



YOU WERE
BORN TO
BE REAL,
NOT TO
BE PERFECT.

As we are approaching Christmas 2020, I wish to thank all the committee members for the work they have done during the year. Everyone has put in a lot of work to keep our committee going coupled with personal issues we all had to endure. This year has been difficult for all of us. I wish us all a good and prosperous, safe christmas and happy new year. My wishes and thoughts go out to Vicki . Thank you all for your advice and input during the year, Merry Christmas.

Your Editor

Nicholas Pantelis

It is with heavy heart to announce the passing of Paul Arumets. Our thoughts and love goes out to Vicki and family.



Guess Who Segment

Please send an old picture of yourself and your bike to the editor.

