

**COMMITTEE  
To be announced****Ed's bit**

A short newsletter this time as we have no official President and committee at this stage.

A little controversy in regards to elections at AGM, At this stage most who were "elected" previously are standing again.

Please attend the new AGM so that your voice and vote will count.

With sadness in the passing of our founding secretary/treasurer Keith Miller, and Jim Bain.



On a lighter note Happy Easter to one and all

**VALE KEITH MILLER**

Keith Miller (our founding Secretary Treasurer) passed away last Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2007 after along battle with cancer, he had me believing he was beating it with some very positive conversations I have had with him in recent times but in true Keith style he did not want to worry us or cause a fuss. Keith was the first person to put his hand up at the very first meeting at Corrigan's Beach with an offer to help in anyway he could and then nominated as our first Secretary Treasurer at Narooma to face the challenges helping to create a branch, Keith became a great friend and a monstrous help to me when I was trying to establish and get the branch of the ground, I have fond memories of many an afternoon spent with Keith working out how we could make The Branch run smoothly as possibly, he created the spreadsheets we still use today.

Keith Miller our friend Rest In Peace

Hans Ottevanger

**NEW AGM**

The next AGM is scheduled for 10.00am on Sunday 15th April, 2007 at the Moruya Council Lunch room, Campbell Street, Moruya (100m from the roundabout towards Araluen).

As the previous committee resigned the Caretaker Secretary will read the minutes of previous AGM, and present the Treasurers Report.

The nominations for President, Secretary/Treasurer and 7 Ordinary Committee Members are as follows:

President: Suzanne McDonald #43256

Sec/Treasurer: Frank Hopkins #29508

Ordinary Committee Members:

Ride Co-ordinator: Robert Overdyk #32149

Social Secretary: Robert Edwards #25487

Quartermaster: Murray Osborne #42918

Lyell Jenkins #438

Gary Erfurth #19512

Karen Erfurth #17749

Paul Wegmann #38087

General Business:

Website Co-ordinator: This position does not need to be held by a committee member and can be discussed on the day

Branch Admin Fees: A number of members who paid admin fees have donated those funds to the branch and if the branch agrees to abolish admin fees we will have approx. \$700 in the bank.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

It was with a sense of increasing for-boding that I read the branch committee's 27th February, Potato Point minutes. No reflection on our past president here, who after all was the founder of the branch and got it to where it is today ...BUT! Do I detect the odour of sour grapes, the formation of factions in the branch, or is it just me ? The resignations, secret Vs a show of Hans (please excuse my pun here Hans) ballots, membership, continual re-stating what we are (a social club ?) ad nauseum. Or, are these the growing pains associated with a larger Branch membership.

My real concern is the resignations and the loss of good people who are prepared to do a bit of work for the Branch and its members. In regard to the way the election occurred, sure its not an issue of who was elected first but which election method is considered the most valid. I shudder to think who we would get if our councillors or State politicians were put into power by a casual show of hands.

To whoever is victorious following the current coup d'etat ..... Good luck, because for other branch members and myself, internal politics and factions make the choice of when, where and who we ride with, very easy.

The very best to all members.

Ross Constable #29723

*To put it simply and short*

*No sour grapes, or factions involved here, Ross. Both types of election are a valid way of voting. But in this case a vote by show of hands was taken, counted and said out to all at the AGM meeting. Then someone protested that it should be a secret ballot, and this then occurred. No matter the result of either election, the first vote was technically the valid result. With this controversy the executive decided to resign and call a new AGM election. Ed.*

## VALE JIM BAIN

With great sadness I would like to tell you that Jim Bain passed away on Sunday 1st April.

Jim was a long term friend, colleague and fellow motor cyclist. He joined the Ulysses Club some years ago and particularly enjoyed the multi day rides such as the Dungog Rallies, Snowy Rides for the last 5 years and various other rides.

Jim postponed his latest operation until after the recent Tallangatta Rally in early March as he said he did not want to miss out on this ride.

Jim enjoyed the company on those rides and riding his black Triumph.

My wife and I visited him on Friday 23rd at John James in Canberra after his operation, he was looking and feeling reasonably well considering the severity of the operation and eager to go home.

## VALE JIM BAIN

Unfortunately unexpected complications yesterday cut his life far too short.

My condolences to his wife and family

He will be sadly missed

Robert Overdyk

*All branch members join you Robert in passing our condolences to Jim's wife and family. Ed.*



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## ADMINISTRATION FEES

From the Macquarie Dictionary,

Administration: the management or direction of any office or employment.

The caretaker secretary says that any ADMIN FEES the branch brings in can only be used for ADMINISTRATION.

Well if the branch has a function and requires any items such as a marque, porta loo or whatever, this does come under the administration or management of the branch. As they fall under items required to make the branch function functional.

The Admin Fee is only \$5 per year, a small amount to pay to spread any costs among many.

With out this admin fee you can expect to pay something like \$10—\$20 per function if a porta loo etc is required.

I know what I would prefer to pay, don't you ? \$5 per year or \$10—\$20 per function if amenities etc are required.

Any monies left over for the current year could be then donated to the Ulysses Club preferred charity of Arthritis Research.

So please attend the AGM and voice your opinions !!!

Ed.