



NEWSLETTER

April 2008 16th - Special AGM Edition

President – Lyell Jenkins, Secretary/Treasurer - Frank Hopkins;
Ride-Coordinator - Robert Overdijk, Quartermaster - Murray Osborne
Social Committee Secretary – Steve Jones
Committee members- Neil Adams – Ernie Baddeley
<http://www.ulyssesclub.org/branches/eurobodalla/>

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2008



Our AGM was held on 30th March 2008 with 26 in attendance and about 12 apologies. The nominated members were elected unopposed and all accepted the various positions. Full details will be separately distributed in the minutes of the meeting by our secretary.

INCOMING PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I would like to thank Suzanne for her time as President. We know it has been a difficult year for her and Paul, with Paul's accident and her own health problem. It seems all is on the mend now and they will be heading off later in the year on an

experience of a lifetime riding through USA and South America.

Also, apart from Paul I would like to thank Garry and Karin for their input on the committee during the past year.

Steve Jones has replaced Bob Edwards as the Social Secretary and I'm sure he will have some ideas to keep our social events continuing. Bob has moved to Queensland so many thanks to Bob for his past input with the social side of the club.

During the years I have been a member of the Ulysses Club I have been involved with a few Branches and can say that the activity of Branches ranges from nil to very active. I believe our branch is quite active with weekly coffee mornings, quarterly meetings, social events like the barbecues and regular rides with camping week-ends from time to time. Robert Overdijk puts a lot of work into the ride calendar and his Newsletter is excellent. Thank you Robert.

Dave and Barb Reynolds are leaving the district next week and I would like to thank Barb for her time as Secretary/Treasurer and wish them well for the future.

Frank took on this job last year, putting in a great effort and has been nominated again for this coming year. Thanks Frank.

Murray has been active in the Quartermaster role and he will continue to order our Branch gear. Thanks Murray.

I know some members feel we should be involved in charity work and toy runs. My view is that the committee is kept busy and as you know Secretary Frank advertised for a member to take over the role of Ride Co-ordinator to take some of the work away from Robert. No interest was shown. This means Robert continues in that role with the extra work as the Newsletter editor and Webmaster.

I have seen committees who try to do too much, burn out and members step down.

I say to anyone who wishes to have charity events or toy runs to organize a sub-committee and run it. This is how the South Coast Branch conducts their toy run.

Lyell Jenkins # 438



Cees showing off his new pride & joy at the recent AGM

2008-2009 COMMITTEE

President

Lyell Jenkins #438

Secretary/Treasurer

Frank Hopkins #29508

Quartermaster

Murray Osborne #42918

Ride Co-ordinator/Newsletter Editor/ Webmaster

Robert Overdijk #32149

Social Secretary

Steve Jones #45672

Committee Members

Neil 'Doc' Adams #13688

Ernie Baddeley #8935

Wednesday Ride Contacts

Peter Anderson

Stuart Davies

SUMMARIES OF SOME OF THE NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

These were distributed prior to the AGM

President- Lyell Jenkins

I have been nominated for the position of President of the Eurobodalla Branch to be voted on at the Eurobodalla Annual General Meeting , 30 March 2008. To introduce myself to members who may not know me I have submitted a brief history.

In 1962 I got my bike license so I could legally ride my 1948 250 BSA. Before that I sneaked out town after dark with my foot over the muffler and spent many hours riding the country dirt roads around Ungarie, Central NSW in the dark.(no bitumen). I am now on bike number 17, GL 1800.

I joined the Ulysses in February 1985, before there were local branches and only got to mix with other members at Rallies or the AGMs. When the Canberra Branch started Helen and I attended various rides and the monthly meetings that were a bit like our coffee mornings. A chance to catch up with friends, socialize and have a feed at the Tradies Club. I have done about 8 AGMs, starting with the Special General Meeting at Tumut in 1985. There were a few years in the late 80s and early 90s when house building and traveling filled in most of my time.

I am retired after spending the preceding 16 years in the ACT Fire Brigade. In April 1991 Helen and I moved to Tuross Head from Yass for a sea change before we needed walking frames.

*Because of our local branch we have met a lot of local people who I now regard as my friends.
Lyell Jenkins # 438*

Secretary/Treasurer - Frank Hopkins

In 1961 at the age of 16 years and 10 months I obtained my motor cycle learner's permit, having a month earlier traded my Speedwell pushbike on a 1960, 650cc BSA Road Rocket. (Mum nearly had a heart attack). At this time I was a Police Cadet and not long after this met Sandra. Her mother nearly had a heart attack when she saw the new boyfriend and his motorbike.

Well 48 years have slipped by since then and I still enjoy the bikes. I rode the old outfits in the early days and during my 6 years working undercover I found numerous reasons to ride bikes in heavy traffic, etc to follow suspects.

I have other interests, which include the Rural Fire Service, Deep Sea Fishing, Beach Fishing, Caravanning and the usual family commitments with our daughter and two sons, and the grandchildren.

After 35 years as a cop in Sydney we retired to Potato Point where we have had a holiday house,(prior to building out current house) for the past 30 years.

Frank Hopkins #29508



Frank laying down the law at the AGM.

**Ride-Coordinator/Newsletter Editor/
Webmaster - Robert Overdijk**

I have been nominated for the positions of Ride-Coordinator, Newsletter Editor and the Webmaster. I have been the ride-coordinator for 3 years and the newsletter editor and webmaster since April 2007.

I have carried out these jobs with much pleasure and I hope to continue with these positions. The

assistance & input from the members and recognition of the work involved, has been appreciated and I hope this will continue.

I have been a Ulysses member for over 5 years and the last 3 as a full "gold" member. I very much enjoy the Saturday coffee socials, Sunday rides and the occasional weekend away with the Ulysses riders. Both Kerry and I are looking forward to the Townsville AGM.

I came to Australia in 1975 and in 1976 undertook a 6 months solo bike ride on my Honda 750/4 through Vic, SA, NT, QLD and back to NSW which made me appreciate the vastness and beauty of this great country. This bike was certainly not designed for some of the roads I took it on.

I have been riding since about age 12 starting on my mum's Solex, then rode several mopeds and my first "big one" was a CZ175 of which I finally saw an example again in a very sad condition at the Nabiac museum last year on the way to the Coffs AGM. Except for a 10 year break, when my 3 kids got the priority, I have been riding most of the time.

My family and I have called the Eurobodalla home since 1989 and although the kids have moved away, Kerry and I will be here for some time yet. I still have some working years ahead of me before retirement and intend to follow into the footsteps of many of our more senior members and continue riding as a Ulysses Club member for many years to come.

Robert Overdijk # 32149

Social Secretary - Steve Jones

A quick summary. I have ridden bikes of various sizes, mostly small and just to get me to work and back. My first form of two wheeled transport was a 125cc Lambretta, at the age of 16 since then it was mostly dirt bikes which I would like to get back into one day. However to give you a small insight about me

I served my apprenticeship as a toolmaker in England I have since worked as a milkman, aircraft mechanic, fitter machinist in the rolling stock industry, self employed for ten years then a brief sortie in the mining industry. Which brings me to now live in beautiful Narooma with my wife Pauline and by far the best bike I have ever owned

Steven Jones # 45672

Committee member - Neil 'Doc' Adams

"Doc" Adams - Character sketch;

First bike in 1953 (my first year as a high school teacher of maths and science, at age eighteen) was a 350 two stroke Jawa with a Tilbrook sidecar. Next bike a 50 cc Cucciolo bolted on to a push bike,

when I came back to the city. Many bikes and many committees in intervening years – five of the bikes with sidecars (three B.M.s and one disastrous Kwaka - I couldn't pass a semi on it because it didn't have the guts to beat the slipstream) and I still think the best bikes I ever rode solo were my 250 NSU Max (in about 1954 -56) and a Moto Guzzi 750 G.T. in about 1976 – 77.

Probably the most useful committee I was ever on was the Illawarra Drug Committee which I chaired for several years and which, among other things, established a drug withdrawal and motivation house in Berkeley. Secretary and newsletter editor of the South Coast Conservation Society for several years late 60s. Federal councillor, chairman of Professional Affairs Board and newsletter editor for the Australian Ergonomics Society for a number of years.

I was also a councillor for Kiama Council for some time and sat on the Illawarra Regional Development Committee (when it was actually clean) in the '70s; and on a National Safety Commission committee on occupational stress in the '80s.

Currently semi retired and possibly (depending on sales and hospital stays) bikeless by the time of the AGM. Hopefully that bikeless condition will only be a temporary state if it does eventuate at all – I'd really hate to part with the Trike.

The "Doc" comes not from medical background but a Ph.D. in psychology, based on relationships between stress, academic performance and parent's levels of anxiety. Main fields are occupational safety and stress - on which I've lectured in U.K.; U.S.; Scandinavia; Indonesia; China and of course, OZ. I feel it's time I did a little to support the club that gives so much companionship and riding pleasure.

"Doc" Adams

QUARTERMASTER'S ANNUAL REPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank members for supporting the Gear Shop over the past 12 months. When I sat down and tallied up the figures to do this report I was astounded to find that 63 items have been purchased. What a great result. How did we reach this number, simple, it was generated by a great bunch of friendly people who are proud of the Branch and what it stands for. If anyone is in doubt all they have to do is turn up at one of our Saturday morning coffee meetings.

As most of you are aware I have put my hand up for another 12 months as Committee member and quartermaster. I do not expect the Gear Shop to have a second year of high turnover as most active members already have their respective Branch gear. The baseball caps and warm-up jackets are still popular and future sales should continue to be favourable. The sew on patches are a good buy at the current price of \$10 and are in stock. The polyfleece jackets have not been selling

due to seasonal requirements but I am sure orders will pick up as we get closer to the winter months. For those of you who are heading north for the AGM in Townsville and require Branch items please get your order in early. Being a small Branch I need to have more than one item on order with our supplier to keep costs down. That is the reason some member have waited sometime to get their order. If the supplier orders only one or two items the cost for delivery is high so please bear this in mind when ordering. For those new members welcome to our Branch. If you are interested in having a look at our gear I usually have some

items with me at our coffee meetings on Saturday mornings. All items for sale are displayed on our website under Gear Shop. My contact details are also listed on that page.

That is about all from me. **Remember to Gear up to Ride** and I look forward to your support and continuing friendship over the next year.

Murray Osborne

RIDE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Sunday 9th March we had a very good turn out for the short ride to Huskinson. At the north end of Ulladulla we ended up being stopped by the law. This forced short stop gave Cees a good opportunity to take this picture.



The ladies picked on the BMW's with pillions (Gary Leech and I) for some reason and apologised for not stopping our whole group, as it would have completed their quota for the day.

The next stop was one of the pleasant caf es in Milton where we had the obligatory cup of coffee and something to eat. As we had not far to go for the lunchtime stop at Huskinson, this became a pleasant long session amongst very good company. The ride through Vincentia was slow and getting a bit warm but great scenery. After some searching we found a parking spot and ended

up in the RSL club which has a fantastic view of Jervis Bay.

Sundays like these are easy to take and I would encourage all our members to come out more often and join the rides.



The Bay to Junee.

Peter Anderson's ride report and some photos on his recent trip from the Bay to Junee can be found on our website under *Ride Reports*. Peter also visited the Temora Aircraft Museum, which is the destination for the weekend trip on the Ride Calendar for 25, 26 & 27 April.



Several members are already going to see what promises to be a spectacular air show. Please contact me if you wish to join the ride to the National Fly-in Air Show.

Robert Overdijk

ODDS & ENDS

Skinny Dipping

An elderly man way up the north end of QLD had owned a large farm for several years.

He had a beautiful large dam at the back of the property next to the road. He'd fixed it up real nice with picnic tables and he'd planted some nice flowers and fruit trees next to the dam.

One evening the old man decided to go down to the dam and check it out, as he hadn't been down there for a while. He grabbed a big bucket to bring back some fruit.

As he neared the dam, he heard splashing and female voices shouting and laughing. As he came closer he saw that 5 young women

had parked their car at the side of the road, climbed the fence and were skinny-dipping in his dam.

He made the women aware of his presence and they all went hurriedly splashing to the deep end. One of the women shouted to him, "We're naked and we're not coming out until you leave!" The old man frowned and yelled back, "I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the dam." Holding the bucket up he said, "I'm just here to feed the croc."

Old men can still think fast (could have been a Ulysses member).

FOR SALE

JIGSAW PUZZLES

If you are looking for a different gift for a birthday or just for anything, a photo of Nan & Pop on their bike, kids, grand kids or anything that is nice and beautiful, have it made into a good quality jigsaw by Ernie



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99% sound... 1% advice

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