

Eurobodalla



Branch

NEWSLETTER

December 2007 14th edition

President - Suzanne McDonald, Secretary - Frank Hopkins;
Ride-Coordinator - Robert Overdijk, Quartermaster - Murray Osborne
Acting Social Committee Secretary – Steve Jones

<http://www.ulyssesclub.org/branches/eurobodalla/>

QUARTERLY MEETING



ED; The November Quarterly Meeting at the Bermagui Hotel was very well attended with 23 present and also received 19 apologies. Although our President was unfortunately not able to attend, her report was presented.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Greetings to everyone. Events over the last few months have not allowed me to be involved with happenings within our Branch. However, Frank, Murray, Rob and now Steve have done some excellent work and have been more than happy to cover for me. I am extremely grateful for the amount of caring that has been extended to me.

Please accept my sincere apologies for not being with you today. If the clot in the wall of my carotid artery was not enough to deal with, I am now a very willing nurse for Paul who as you know had a serious accident whilst on the Snowy Ride.

Paul is in good spirits. He never complains, despite what must be a fair amount of pain and a large amount of inconvenience and frustration. He is a great patient and he says that I am a great nurse!!!! The next 6 to 8 weeks will see him back to his old self, although probably riding my Burgmann owing to the loss of yet another finger. This loss makes it impossible to apply the clutch on a regular bike, so the automatic will come in handy.

The support afforded to Paul during this trying time from Branch Members has been outstanding to say the least. Fellowship at it's best when most needed. If anyone would like to drop in to see him during his convalescence they will be most welcome, although we do plan to travel by car to be with you for the Christmas Party at Bodalla.

Once again, please forgive me for not being an 'active' President, although our Branch remains in the very capable hands of your Executive Committee. I am grateful for all that they are doing and I have no doubt that all our members are equally grateful.

My fondest regards to all of you, Suzanne.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The time is drawing near to make arrangements for the Branch AGM.

I would like to see it held on 30th March 2008. (the week after Easter) I will email nomination forms to Branch Members on 10 February and nominations will close on 2 March to allow 28 days prior to the AGM. Shortly after close of nominations I will advise the Branch of the nominees and provide a photo and short resume about each person.

The nominations need to be signed by the proposer, a seconder and the person so nominated to show that they accept the nomination. (All these persons need to be financial members of the Ulysses Club).

This brings me to a concern of the National Committee. There are a number of Branch Members who are not financial with the Ulysses Club. Secretaries have been asked to check on the financial status within their Branch and have been provided with the latest Club Register of Members to assist in this. Also the membership card should be inspected, and it has been suggested that the Branch AGM would be the time for this. Further, this will ensure that voting at the AGM is only done by financial members as set out in the Constitution. Another rule Natcom has incorporated in the Branch AGM process is as follows:- Where a secret ballot is not held and a show of hands is agreed to. The nominees for that position shall leave the room during the voting process.

To avoid members forgetting to renew their membership Natcom has advised that when the current stock of membership cards runs out a new card will be developed with the expiry date on the front and not on the back as is the present design.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Statement shows current assets of \$953.82.

In the latest Riding On magazine the National Treasurer has set out the requirement for Branches to pay GST at the end of December each year. I will be required to assess our profits for the year and send a financial statement with a cheque with our GST component.

He also makes the point that the Ulysses Club is not a Charitable Organisation and as such is not exempt from paying tax on money raised, even if that money is given to a charity.

Frank Hopkins

Secretary/Treasurer # 29508

QUARTERMASTERS REPORT



Members support has seen a steady sale of Branch items in particular the new lightweight jackets. A number of members have placed orders and they should be ready by the end of next week. If anyone would like to have a look at the new jacket I usually have one with me at the Saturday coffee meetings. If you cannot attend and

are interested get in touch with me and I will arrange to get one to you to try on because they are a large size which means you may need a size or two smaller than what you usually wear.

Branch sew on patches are in stock so if anyone is interested in purchasing one or two I always have some with me.

Robert Dawes approached me about having his name embroidered on the back of his Branch baseball cap. It is currently being done and should be ready in the next week or so. If anyone is interested the cost is \$7 and comes in either white or gold. It may seem a bit costly but when you take into account the extra work involved in setting up the machine for just a name without the logo I think it is a good price. This will be added to the Gear Shop shortly.

Many thanks to Robert Overdijk for keeping the website running efficiently and also to those who have supported the gear shop over the past three months.

The final date to order Branch items for this year will be Saturday 8 December as

our supplier will be closed over Christmas/New Year.

Remember to gear up to ride.

*Murray Osborne
Branch Quartermaster*

SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

(Ed) You are all probably aware by now that Bob Edwards has moved on to warmer waters, since then, Steve Jones has accepted the position of Acting Social Committee Secretary and Member endorsed by the Committee on a temporary basis until the 08 AGM. Steve has indicated that he is willing to be elected for this position at the next AGM.

However, we are still not completely rid of Bob as he will be back for the Christmas party.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Don't forget the Christmas party will held on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd December at Neil (Doc) Adams Place at Bodalla. See previous emails or website for details.



The Big Hole Weekend (photo by Ernie B)

This camping weekend on 6th and 7th October was enjoyable with good company to sit around the fire. It started off windy but that disappeared towards the night which was replaced by some light misty rain to make it interesting. The Sunday morning was taken up by a walk to the Big Hole and a

small group of 5 went on to the Marble Arch which is certainly worth the walk on a nice day.

RIDE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

After the successful weekend at the Big Hole (more photos can be found on our website) it is the intention to organise similar such events next year. Places such as Talbingo (we had a great 3 day ride some years ago), Tumbarumba, Murrumbidgee, Tallangatta (March 08), Dungog (Feb 08), Temora Airshow (April 08) have been earmarked for early next year as warm ups for the big ride to Townsville.

If you have any ideas for rides do not hesitate to contact me.



This road would be a challenge but unfortunately you would have to go to Bolivia to experience it.

At the quarterly I mentioned the idea put forward by a member to put the bikes, gear and/or trailer on a removal van from Batemans Bay to Townsville and after the AGM ride back at your leisure.

With a 9k price tag it would require at least 10 participants to make it a starter but

more will fit and will bring the price down. If you are short on time or are happy to cut the distance to ride in half, it would certainly be a good option. Seven have indicated their interest already. At the time of print the cheapest one-way ticket from Canberra-Brisbane-Townsville was \$273 on Saturday 24th May. You will be kept up to date on further news through e-mails or when we meet next.

ODDS & ENDS

God & Bike

From Tony Gors

A biker was riding along a California beach when suddenly the sky clouded above his head and, in a booming voice, the Lord said, "Because you have TRIED to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish."

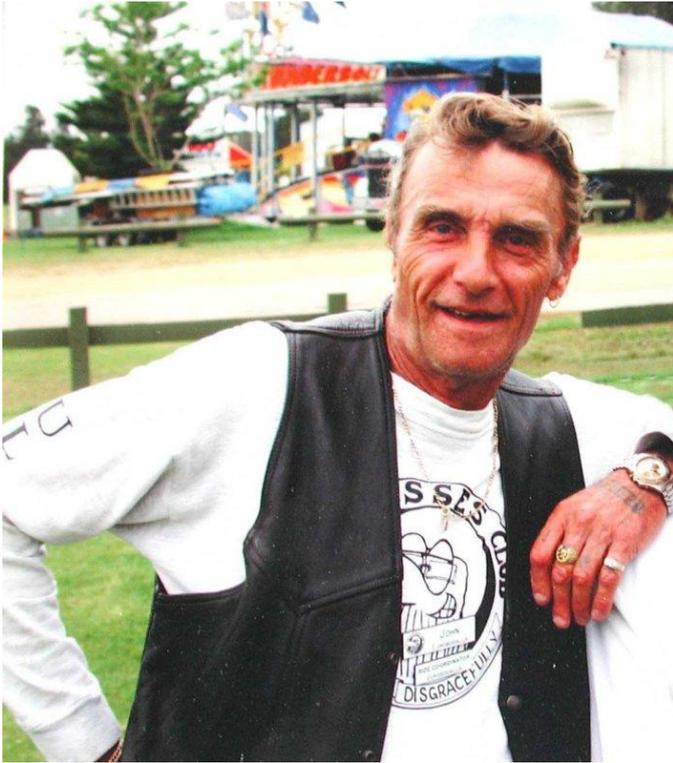
The biker pulled over and said, "Build a bridge to Hawaii so I can ride over anytime I want."

The Lord said, "Your request is materialistic. Think of the enormous challenges for that kind of undertaking. The supports required to reach the bottom of the Pacific! The concrete and steel it would take! I will nearly exhaust several natural resources. I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of something that would honour and glorify me."

The biker thought about it for a long time. Finally he said, "Lord, I wish that I could understand my wife. I want to know how she feels inside, what she's thinking when she gives me the silent treatment, why she cries, what she means when she says nothing's wrong, and how I can make a woman truly happy."

The Lord replied, "You want two lanes or four on that bridge?"

IN MEMORY OF JOHN ALLEN



Member # 7271 4/6/1945-5/10/2007

John had been riding bikes since about age 14 over in England on a BSA Bantam 175, then moved to Australia at age 15 in 1960. Some years later he joined the Manly Motorcycle Club (where he acquired most of his tattoos). After retiring from his job as a Driving Examiner with the RTA, he just lived for riding his bike. His most prized possession was his GL1500 Goldwing which is now in the good hands of his son Dan.

After many years as a Ulysses member he was one of the first members when the Eurobodalla Ulysses Branch was formed in 2003 and was the ride coordinator in the early days. He was very much a regular at the Saturday morning coffee get togethers over the years.

With his son Dan by his side John lost his long and hard fought battle with cancer on Friday 5th October 2007. John will be missed and we send our condolences to his family.

Robert Overdijk and the Eurobodalla Branch Riders

ED; With the end of 2007 getting close, just a thought that this year we also lost two other members, Keith Miller (our Branch founding Secretary Treasurer) passed away Sunday 4th March 2007 after a long battle with cancer and Jim Bain passed away on Sunday 1st April 2007 due to cancer related complications.

Those who knew them will have their own memories of these friends and fellow riders who are missed and still talked about.

Canvas City at Nelligen in October 2007

Frank & Sandra, Bob, Lyell & Helen, Murray & Margaret testing the new camper trailers.



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