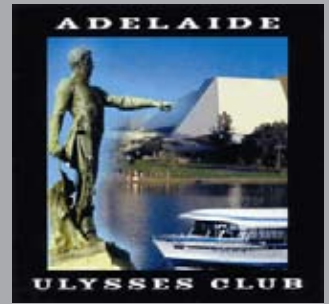




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Hello Everyone,

You might notice a few small changes in The Odyssey; after all this time I thought a change was as good as the proverbial holiday.



You shouldn't be bored with a full calendar of events for the year - weekenders, Sunday rides, Wednesday rides, Friday dinners, Christmas party, etc., to keep you busy.

Coobowie: After 5 days in Broken Hill (family), and a few days in Nurioopta, Garry and I went to Michele Wagnitz's Coobowie Weekend. Excellent roll-up from all over the place!

Paying by Direct Debit: If you pay for the Odyssey by Direct Debit, you must let me know. It is too late once the Bank Statement arrives to add you to the list for that issue. I ordered an extra 30 copies for February and I ran out. Also, the cost of postage individually is \$2! It is important that levies are paid BEFORE the magazine is printed in January.

Congratulations to all those elected to the Adelaide Branch Committee. You will notice we still do not have a Secretary. Our President, Ken, is not only the President, he is also the web master for our web site, one that is regularly kept up to date (one of the few, I think), and is also the Acting Secretary. So how about sharing the load and putting your hand up? I'm sure Ken would be only too happy to talk to you.

I'm looking forward to the Not the AGM Weekend at Port Broughton. I have 24 names so far. There are still plenty of \$60 cabins available, and one with a spa, but no en suite cabins left. Plenty of camp sites are available.

Chris Matthews has a 6 berth cabin that she is prepared to share.

On page 17 you will find an ad for a new advertiser, SA Motorcycles, Gepps Cross. Had occasion to visit this business and quite impressed with the service.

Wendy

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Wendy
Editor

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Wednesday Rides

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Sunday October 22	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	St Marys	Civic Park Main North East Road, Modbury
Sunday November 5	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Angaston	McDonalds 303 Magill Road Trinity Gardens
Sunday November 19	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Captains' Ride Meet at Balhannah Around 11.00 am	Birdwood	Top of Taps
Sunday December 10	MRA	Toy Run (Go to MRA web site, events page, for all info)	Callington Oval	Victoria Park
Sunday December 3	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Littelhampton	Civic Park Main North East Road, Modbury
Sunday December 17	Frank Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	Victor Harbor	McDonalds 303 Magill Road Trinity Gardens

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Guy's Award

At the Torrens Valley Ulysses meeting on Thursday, 21st February, I won the 'Bike enthusiast Award' for the Branch.

This trophy (pictured below) goes to the person that travels the most kilometres in one year on a motorcycle or combination of multiple bikes, if own more than one.

At the start of the competition, I worked out there were possibly 5 or 6 contenders to win. Due to good fortune on my part and a great bike serviced by Lee McPeake and his son Josh, and bad luck and misfortune to the other parties, I ended up winning this spectacular prize.

I travelled a registered 49,465ks. The trophy was presented to me by the Branch Ride Leader, Brian Cullinan, who also made the magnificent trophy.

I would like to thank Brian for the trophy and organising the competition, and also thank the other riders who registered and participated in the competition..

Guy Malpas



Adelaide Ulysses 2016 Rides Report

Highlights

Our first ride for the year began with a breakfast at Ken and Michele's place. Then a very leisurely ride to Lobethal via Strathalbyn. Great weather, terrific company and incident free, except for Judy lying her bike down on one of the corners near Dawesley. She heroically allowed the bike to land on her leg to minimise any damage to her new Ducati. Bike and rider (below) survived without too many scratches.



On our way to the bakery at Milang on February 7th, I was wondering why I had to wait so long for people to catch up at various stages along the way. When I found out why, I had an opportunity, at the Milang Bakery, to present Reg with the inaugural Golden Gastropod Award. He accepted graciously and posed for a photo.

On April 3rd we went out past the fire ravaged area between Hamley Bridge and Tarlee. A sobering site indeed!

On the 15th May, Kim Lim (below) arrived on his new BMW GTL1600, after a long absence from our Sunday rides.



On the 26th June, John Crowe arrived on his new BMW R1200 - very nice, we all thought. This was one of our coldest rides for the year, mostly around 8 degrees.

After the ride to Murray Bridge on 26th June, Bernie Gelston offered to take us for a ride around his work place. This happens to be the Mobilong Prison. About 6 of us took up his offer and got almost all the way around the perimeter fence before we were blocked by two security staff in an SUV. They leapt out and went straight to Bernie who was in front. Very surprised

they were too when he lifted up his helmet and they recognised their boss. Apparently the message that we were coming through was not passed on. Bernie said he would be having 'words' to staff on Monday.

The 24th July was the coldest and wettest ride for this year. Only 11 riders and 2 pillion started, and when we finally got to Lobethal for lunch, only 4 bikes were left. The 4 of us that were left, obviously dressed for the weather, were dry. Most left from Strathalbyn after morning tea, and most of these were wet through.

We had our first taste of an unsealed road on our 7th August ride. Lower Hermitage Road was where we went, a picture perfect, narrow, sealed road that took us along a quiet, green valley, past the hobby farms, cows, kangaroos and pole houses, up to Hannaford Hump Road. This was the unsealed bit. I was relieved to hear later that everyone (almost) loved it and said that the short bit of dirt was worth it for trip through the valley. This was the first ride that I can remember where we had a rider crash and an ambulance was needed. Big Al Coffey trowelled his bike into the Armco on Checker Hill Road. About half of the group was back there watching Al being attended to, while the rest of us waited, and the corner marshals between us sat and wondered where everyone had gone. Martin Humphries volunteered to go back and let the corner marshals know what was happening.

Fortunately, Al was in good hands. A passing first-aider looked after him while they waited for an ambulance, and Ken rode his damaged KTM to safety at the nearest farm house.

The 21st of August was a big day for Harry. He stole the show, arriving on his brand new Triumph Thruxton. Fire engine red with a rorty exhaust and clip ons. Even a low seat that had the riders with shorter inseams trying it on for size. Seemed to fit all of us, actually. And apparently it goes pretty hard too, judging by the way Harry stormed up the Sedan hill.

On September 4th, we went to Mt Compass pub. Along the way, we encountered a mobile chicane of the worst kind on the Delamere Road - Grandpa in the camper van, 70 km/h in the 100 zone. No amount of headlight flashing or horn blowing could get him to let us past. After lunch at the pub, Gary Priest won the Fathers' Day Raffle - a bottle of wine and some chocolate bars - that he distributed among the kids in the dining room. (No, not the wine).



The 16th of October was going to be a big day. Our destination was the classic bike show at Port Adelaide. Unfortunately, the weather turned nasty and only 6 of us turned up at Tapleys Hill. Only 5 (pictured) of us left for the ride; Bob Sadleir decided to go back home to Meadows. Ivan even rode in from Angaston. Respect! Oh, and the sun was shining at Port Adelaide when we got there.

The 27th of November was a special day for Peter Wood (below). He got to lead the Captains' Ride with around 50 bikes leaving from Balhannah and going to Birdwood. I was in Melbourne for the Moto-Expo.



The last ride for the year was to Victor Harbor, and a great ride it was too. I reckon this was our best ride for the year. Perfect weather, very little traffic, great roads, fabulous bunch of people, good food and coffee at Finnis on the way. We also had the entertainment provided by all the young riders at Victor Harbor, as they left in a testosterone fuelled blaze of tyre smoke and fumes.

Destinations and Distances

The 24 rides during 2016 had a large variety of destinations. We stopped at a total of 31 different places for morning tea and lunch. Quite a few, more than half actually, were visited only once. These were Angaston, Ashbourne, Craighburn Farm, Gumeracha, Hahndorf, McLaren Vale, Middleton, Mt Compass, Mt Pleasant, Murray Bridge, Nairne, Normanville, One Tree Hill, Port Adelaide, St Marys, Tarlee, Truro, and Victor Harbor. We went to Littlehampton and Birdwood 4 times, to Mannum, Meadows and Strathalbyn 3 times, and we went to Balhannah, Finnis, Lobethal, Lyndoch, Milang, and Williamstown twice.

Our longest ride was on 3rd April from Civic Park to Tarlee and then to Lyndoch - 215 km. Our shortest ride was on the 6th March from McDonalds to Birdwood - around 70 km. This was

cut short due to the weather.

The total distance for all the rides in 2016 worked out to approximately 4,160 km.

Attendance

From the ride on the 29th May I have been keeping a record of the people who came along - both riders and pillions. From then until the end of 2016 we had 15 Sunday rides.

Apart from the Captains' Ride in November, our biggest attendance was on our 7th February ride from Tapleys Hill to Milang and Mannum. On this ride we had 30 bikes.

The ride with the smallest attendance was to Port Adelaide from Tapleys Hill on the 16th of October. Only 5 of us.

Since I began recording the ride participants, there have been some individuals that have stood out this year. First of all is Trevor Thomas who missed only two rides, and except for one ride, was always our Tail End Charlie. When Ray Murray was on a ride, he was the second Tail End Charlie. Ray managed to come on 10 rides.

Ivan O'Hara who lives further away from the start points than most of us, missed only one ride, and that was because his bike was out of action.

Peter Wood and Judy Manoel were two others who came on most of the rides. Both of them did 12 of the rides each, and, of course, most of the photos you can see on the web site are Peter's.

Carolyn Heidenreich and Tracey Abell were our most persistent pillions; both of these rear seat riders did 7 of the 15 rides.

Although I am very grateful for the support of those mentioned above, I would also like to acknowledge the other 65 people who came along. Without all of you this would be a lonely task.

Thank You
Frank Pellas
Rides Coordinator



A soul infected by wanderlust has but a single cure (Courtesy of *Common Tread*)

Thirty-five years ago, Elspeth Beard came down with a serious case. At the age of 23, Beard, a Londoner, decided to ride around the world. She outfitted her 1974 BMW R60/6 with soft panniers, a tank bag, and an extra bag lashed to the pillion seat, then shipped her motorcycle to New York City. From there, she became an intercontinental rider, seeing considerably more of the world than most of us will ever dream of.

During her trip, she suffered mechanical breakdowns, as one would expect. She survived two wrecks, hepatitis, dysentery, and a robbery that left her without valuables or a passport. When Elspeth returned to England two years later in 1984, she'd racked up 35,000 miles on her bike. She disassembled it, and rebuilt it totally.

Elspeth just finished a book chronicling her trip that will be published next summer. She agreed to an interview with *Common Tread* with thoughts about riding, about motorcycles, and about traveling. Her story is larger than life, and her zeal for motorcycling is plainly apparent. Take a moment to enjoy some of her photos — how many people have photos of their bike in so many interesting landscapes?

L: What's your upcoming book about?

EB: My book starts with my early years riding bikes when I was 16 and my gradual progression until I bought my BMW R60/6 in 1980. Then, I cover my round-the-world journey. As you know, at the age of 23, brokenhearted and disillusioned with architecture, I ventured off to ride my bike around the world solo. The book chronicles that journey. It took me two and a half years. I covered 35,000 miles riding through North America, Canada, Mexico, New Zealand, Australia, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Iran, Turkey and Europe. This all happened in the age before email, the internet, mobile phones, satnavs, medivacs and in some parts of the world, reliable maps.

Rebuild time

I rode through post-revolutionary Iran during the war with Iraq, survived life-threatening illnesses and numerous accidents. I witnessed civil uprisings forcing me to fake my documents and had to fend off physical threats, sexual attacks, biker gangs, and corrupt police convinced I was trafficking drugs. I fell in and out of love three times. The book then brings readers up to date with where I am now in my life and the effect the trip had on me. I have not decided on a title yet. The manuscript is finished and the book should be published next June or July.

L: What sort of bikes do you love? What do you hate?

EB: I have to admit to being a bit of a BMW fan, especially the older ones. I have my old R60/6 which I did my 'round-the-world trip on and also a BMW R80GS Basic. The engines are so simple and fully accessible, so working on them and maintaining them is easy. Being a flat twin, the center of gravity is low to the ground, you don't feel the weight of the bike so much. They are very practical and understated, which I also like.

At the other end of the spectrum is the Harley-Davidson, which

to me has always seemed to be flash and brash and all about the image.

BMW's in India

One of Elspeth's many shots of India. Something tells me the camel has fewer miles on it than the slash six. Photo courtesy of Elspeth Beard.



L: How has adventure-touring changed since you started doing this? Do you find it convenient that huge aluminum panniers like the ones you built can be bought, or does it lower the barrier to entry and make the average hardcore touring rider a little softer?

EB: I think things are certainly easier. The bikes are more reliable, with any imaginable accessory available. The riding gear is far superior and safer, which I think is good. However, the biggest change is the information available now and the fact you can find out about everything anywhere and all with just a click [of a mouse button]. This has transformed the way people travel, because it takes away the fear of the unknown and provides a degree of comfort. I think it encourages more people to take to the road, which is a good thing, but I can't help feeling that something has been lost. Knowing what's around the next corner and being able to plan everything to the last detail takes away the unknown and uncertainty and ultimately the adventure.

The journey is not about sitting on your bike for four to five hours a day. It's the experiences you encounter, the breakdowns, the accidents, getting lost, and the people you meet and the bizarre situations you find yourself in when the unexpected happens. With so much technology and information out there, these experiences are minimized and there's a danger that the journey is no longer an adventure, but simply becomes a series of days just riding a bike.

Oz

L: What things did you think about when you were on the bike? That's a lot of time alone. Your mind must have wandered quite a bit.

EB: I thought about all sorts of things. I would often talk to my bike, cajoling her with promises of an oil change or a clean air filter if she got me over a mountain pass or to a particular destination. I would always be working out petrol consumption, planning my route for the next couple of days, working out

mileage, what things I needed to fix on my bike, etc. I was also suffering from a broken heart when I left the UK, so my thoughts would often focus on this and I would think of family and friends back home.

L: Did you ever get lonely? How discouraged were you when you ran into setbacks like losing all your documents in India?

EB: I did get very lonely. I didn't mind it so much when I was on my bike, but not having anyone to talk to when I stopped did make me feel very alone. I had numerous setbacks: cart-wheeling my bike in Australia, having all my money and documents stolen in Singapore, getting dysentery and hepatitis, battling my way out of India — the list is endless. I don't know why, but I was so determined nothing was going to stop me. Whatever happened to me and however bleak the situation seemed, I somehow always managed to pick myself up, dust myself down and carry on — failure was not an option.

I had absolutely no idea at the time that I was the first British woman to ride around the world. In fact, I only found this out about 10 years ago, so this had nothing to do with my motivation. Having been treated poorly by the motorcycling press before I left (they all just laughed at me), and with most of my friends and family thinking I'd be back in a month, I was determined to achieve my goal, proving to myself and everyone else that I could do it. In the end, when I got home, it seemed that no one was interested or had ever really cared about what I was doing. Life, eh? It always manages to bring you to your senses.

Beard today

Here's a more current snap of Elspeth, in front of the water tower she renovated into her home. Architects have some badasses in their ranks, too. Photo courtesy of Elspeth Beard.



L: Do you have plans to do something similar in the future?

EB: I have never stopped traveling! Since my return in 1984, I have travelled extensively around South America, Africa, and Australia. I also rode a Royal Enfield from Nepal into Tibet in 1998. In 2003, I guided 23 motorcyclists around the world. We covered 33,000 miles in three months as part of the Nick Sanders World Challenge.

Final thoughts

I must say, I wish this interview could have spanned more than a few questions. I could have picked Elspeth's brain for quite a while. I'm eager to score my copy of the book when it comes out, and I imagine a few other Common Tread readers will join me. There are some souls in this world who were meant to roam, and of those, some slake their thirst for exploration on two-wheeled machinery. The drudgery and mundanity of daily life seems to vanish for those people when they're atop a bike. They never seem to convey their emotions fully, but their words hint at the joy they've experienced. Their vigor is both irresistible and inspirational for many.

Elspeth's one of those.

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ELSPETH BEARD IS AN ARCHITECT, A RIDER, A BMW FANATIC, AND A HELL OF AN INTERESTING PERSON. PHOTO BY PETER ORME.



SA Ulysses RV Group

WIRRINA COVE FEBRUARY, 3-5, 2017

3 days and 3 different seasons and thank goodness one of them wasn't winter. Unfortunately, a bit of rain sent us under shelter on late Saturday afternoon and in the evening, but stopped not long after dark – it wasn't enough to dampen the social atmosphere. Although numbers were down a bit, it didn't stop people from arriving on the Thursday for an extended weekend.

On Thursday night, sitting out under the stars was a real treat in the warm conditions and, as usual, there was plenty of laughter, eating and hydrating. At the end of the night and around 12.30am, a person who will remain nameless, but responds to the name of a queen's representative, went to the amenities block prior to going to bed. His dear wife waited back at the caravan for him to return before turning lights off. 12.45am went by, then 1.00am so said wife phoned hubby only to find out that his phone was in the caravan. Hoping he was alright, but not wanting to walk across to the amenities in the dark, she continued to wait. Finally, at about 1.20am hubby arrives back at the caravan having to own up that he fell asleep on the pot, and not saying much more. Hopefully, he wasn't awoken by falling off. History tells us that this has happened before, by the same person, at a Ulysses Odyssey a few years ago. On Friday, word of his mis-adventure was out and it wasn't long before conversations on any topic were twisted to remind our friend of his "Cistern Snoozing".

Not far from Wirrina Cove is the little town of Second Valley which was hosting a weekend of ukelele music. Many of the musicians stayed at the Wirrina Cove Holiday Park and practised through the mornings for the event. It was quite surprising to hear the versatility of the uke, sometimes sounding as expected like a typical ukelele and other times like a guitar or banjo, and we were treated to this music (incl. singing) from many genres for free.

As Wirrina Cove hasn't got a swimming beach, some of our group travelled to a nearby location to spend part of Saturday at another beach, others travelled around the district, while the remainder chilled out in the beautiful park grounds.

For Happy Hour, and again after tea, everyone got together for more socialising except for Hobbit, who was also participating in the ukelele event at Second Valley. He and his mate, Geoff, did an afternoon and evening session to standing ovations from the crowds that packed out the venue – well done Hobbit and Geoff. When Hobbit returned to our group, a non Ulysses lady staying opposite us asked if he would play a couple of songs for her. Being a real charmer the first song he did was "It's because I love you". I'm not sure if we had consumed the right amount of alcohol or what, but we were all spell bound hearing Hobbit's version. Great Stuff Hobbit.

Everyone was leaving on Sunday but the owners of the park were quite happy for us to stay on into the afternoon, so that allowed us to relax a bit more and slowly pack up to go.

Wirrina Cove Holiday Park has only been with the new owners for 3 years, and they are putting a lot of work into making it a pleasant place to spend some time and relax. They have plans to keep making it better and must be very proud of the improvements already made. Both powered and unpowered sites were grassed, with the grass at the unpowered sites lush and excellent for tenting.

LYN LORD

In the week leading up to the Wirrina Cove weekend, news filtered through to Ulyssians of the passing of one of our active RVers, Lyn Lord. Lyn and her husband, Wayne, were regulars at our weekends and quite often were one of the first couples to arrive on site. Lyn is remembered as a very social person and was well liked within the group. Originally from Broken Hill, but living in Adelaide for many years, it was easy to see she was a country girl at heart and loved our Great Outdoors. At the Pt Julia weekend in November, it was Lyn who rounded up the late stayers on Sunday for a game of bocce, and ended up being the standout player. She will be sadly missed, and, on behalf of the SA Ulysses RV group, we send our condolences to Wayne and Family.

SA ULYSSES RV CALENDAR 2017

This year's calendar is now complete and we are trying out some new campsites. Sites and dates chosen are:

May 5th to 7th 2017 (near Keith)	Cockatoo Downs
August 4th to 6th 2017 Park/Showgrounds	Mt Pleasant Caravan
October 17th to 23rd 2017 Western Australia	AGM Margaret River
November 17th to 19th 2017	Clayton Bay Caravan Park

If you are attending the Cockatoo Downs weekend and going to book a site, please let them know that you are with the Ulysses RV group so that they can bunch us together. The site is a farm and has previously been the venue for a SA Ulysses Odyssey.

We would love to hear of any places that you have been to that would be a great spot for an RV weekend. Your thoughts and comments will help find sites in future years.

Happy Camping and Safe Travels

Guv & Barbie, Tony & Denise, Max & Jacqui



BURRA OVERNIGHTER

Nick Oliver organised this ride and Mick Sandley led it. Ten of us, a mixture of Adelaide and Torrens Valley riders met, finding just enough space among the parked cars in Julian Terrace. It was a fine warm day, but not uncomfortably so. The latest revamp to Murray Street in Gawler forced a route change, so we rode via Sandy Creek and Barossa Valley Way to Bethany and Mengler's Hill, to a lengthy morning tea at Angaston in the reserve with the statue of a draft horse.

After our break, we rode through Penrice to Stockwell and Truro before heading to the Colin Thiele Park in Eudunda for lunch. Peter left us there and we rode via Robertstown to Burra. There were no emus on the way this time, which was a bonus.

It was getting hot by the time we reached Burra Hotel, our overnight stay. The rooms were basic but clean and tidy and, fortunately, they had working air-conditioners. After a few drinks and bike chat, some of us wandered the town and explored some interesting antique and book shops. The dinner menu was good as they have a good chef, and we enjoyed our generous serves.

After dinner, some of us walked half way to Burra North to the reconstructed round chimney stack, the original being wonderfully crafted by Cornish stonemasons over a hundred and fifty years ago. Their accuracy building this without modern aids was amazing.

Next morning dawned fine and fairly hot again. We witnessed Burra's morning peak hour. At one point, there were as many as four travelling cars visible at once from the balcony.

After the "rush", most of us headed to the cider establishment on the hill behind the Burra Hospital. With its dry climate, we hadn't expected to see an apple orchard there, but sure enough, the enthusiastic young proprietor has his own orchard and bottling plant. He showed us over his little factory and we sampled his products, most of us buying a couple of bottles to take home and enjoy. It was an interesting and tasty visit.

Afterwards, we rode on to Clare for morning tea at the new bakery, on the hillside near the caravan park, before heading our separate ways home. It was an enjoyable trip with the two branches making up the number, and it was good to catch up with Ulyssians I hadn't seen for some time.

Guzzi Bob

DIESAL AND Dust Derby May 2017.

A few of us went to Keith for the Diesal and Dust Derby. I had never heard of it before... this was the 6th time they have held it at the Keith showgrounds. We camped on the town common. They brought in toilets, but that's all we had. Thank goodness for solar panels! Its run by volunteers, and most of the funds raised go to the Keith hospital.

They have dug a brand new power boat racing circuit, which will a feature for years to come. Also they had tractor pulls,

highly modified tractors that belched black smoke from their exhausts, souped up lawnmower races,(one had a v12 spitfire engine in it) motorcross, ute circle work, a centurion tank, which drove over a police car, V8 sprint /jump car racing. And finished with a header demolition derby, which was spectacular

A great day, from 8.30 – 6 pm and finished with a band till midnight.

Sue Freene



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The traditional structure will still be in place with the following events to once again be the major drawcards to the festival.

Friday 19th May

- Drakes Foodland Moonta Parade and Street Party
- The street party is a fun and exciting event for all ages, with tradition dancing on display from local schools the children dance the Furry Dance through the street and perform the Maypole winding ribbons and creating patterns through their teamwork. The parade is filled with traditional floats and interpretations along with community groups from the area.
- Following the street parade the fun filled Pasty Bake-Off kicks off out the front of Drakes Foodland where local students and VIP guests bake off in a race to make the best pasty from scratch the quickest.
- The festive excitement then moves to the town square rotunda where the Official Opening begins and invited VIPs and guests officially open the 2017 Kernewek Lowender.
- Newbery Chemist's Kernewek Lowender Art Prize Official Opening
- Come along and enjoy a night at the Ascot Gallery Kadina with prestige artists who have their art on display which is judged with awards being presented on the night.
- Country Music Concert
- Enjoy a fun night out at the Kadina Town Hall at this highly anticipated Country Music Concert. Featuring artists are still to be confirmed.

Saturday 20th May

- Village Green Fair Kadina including the Rotary Markets in the town square the town is a buzz with stalls galore and another spectacular showcase of Maypole Dancing and Furry Dancing along with entertainment throughout the day for all ages.

- The Cousin Jack and Jenny Competition is loved by many and is a great opportunity to dress up in traditional Cornish attire and have a go at winning a prize whilst getting in the festive spirit.

Sunday 21st May

- RAA Copper Coast Classic Cavalcade of Cars and Motorcycles
- Departing the marshalling yards at Viterra in Wallaroo this iconic event sees over 500 historic cars and motorcycles wind their way through the towns of Wallaroo, Moonta and Kadina finishing up at the Cavalcade Fun Fair at the Kadina Oval.
- Cavalcade Fun Fair
- See all the cars from the cavalcade on display at the Kadina Oval and soak up the fun family atmosphere with entertainment, food and stalls throughout the day.

The final programme will be available on the Kernewek Lowender web site or on arrival at the Port Broughton Caravan Park, with times, etc., so we don't miss out on anything.

The usual arrangement will be shared costs for breakfasts on the three mornings and Friday night's tea. Saturday night's meal will be at the Port Broughton Hotel. I need to know who is going so as to make a booking. Sunday night's tea has not been finalised yet.

PLEASE BOOK YOUR ACCOMMODATION ASAP AND LET ME KNOW YOU ARE ATTENDING.

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Weekender at Coobowie

24 members enjoyed a couple of great days at Coobowie 31 March-2nd April.

The weekend kicked off with a 'happy hour' with nibbles and drinks.

Friday night's tea was a BBQ with salads and breakfast was bacon, egg and tomato burgers

Above: Adrian Telfer, Nick Oliver and Jim Hemmings

Right: Brenton and Glenda George, Shelley Telfer and Peter Castle.

Below: Peter Castle, Garry King and Glenda George

Bottom: Peter Castle and Robert Anderson



Saturday night's meal was enjoyed at the Hotel, owned by the Peter Family.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their meals.

On Saturday, James Bartsch led a ride around the foot of the Yorke Peninsula, and took in many of the interesting sights.

The Caravan Park owners put on a pancake breakfast on Sunday morning, and by all accounts (we left early for the long trip home. lol) it was greatly appreciated and enjoyable.

Many thanks to Michele Wagnitz for another great weekender.



Robert and Lesley Anderson and the 'mouse house'
For some reason, the mice just loved Lesley's camper.



Adrian Telfer, Nick Oliver, Jim Hemmings



A celebratory kiss for our 57th Wedding Anniversary.



Right: Peter Everywhere doesn't know his own strength, and bottom right he's pictured with Chris Roberts cooking a great BBQ. Again, below, he's pictured with Shelley Telfer.



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5 day ride to the Great Ocean Road and the Grampians

Eleven Ulyssians on ten bikes from Torrens Valley, Adelaide and the Fluorides was a good number for our ride. There were six BMWs, two Triumphs, one Yamaha and one Suzuki. Unfortunately Guy's daughter wasn't able to pillion with him and Marilyn was stuck at home sick, but at Apollo Bay we met Holly and Ron from Melbourne branch riding a Suzuki and a BMW, making the baker's dozen of people and a plain dozen bikes.

We met at Tailem Bend in fine warm weather and decided to ride via the Coorong. After morning tea at the Meningie Lions Club stalls on the lakeside lawns, (front cover) we headed to Kingston for lunch at the refurbished BP station. At Millicent Kym led us on a side-trek to a wind farm with dozens of spinning windmills, though not nearly enough to keep poor old SA reliably electrified.

After reaching Kalganyi Caravan Park in Mt Gambier, we did a quick shopping session at the supermarket for supplies. Then Kym and Brian ably cooked our barbecue dinner which worked out pretty cheap at \$6 a head plus whatever drinks.

Next morning started cold and over the border it became foggy in the forests near Heywood, but it fined up by the time we reached Port Fairy for morning tea in a bakery. Then we rode to Warrnambool for a fuel stop where the fun began.

After leaving the servo the front bikes had to wait on the roadside. There had been a drama behind us. Mike Green took off to find a Huntsman spider dancing around inside his visor. Needless to say he pulled over quickly, stopped, flicked up his visor attempting to dislodge the unwelcome hitch-hiker, then removed his helmet. Eventually he saw it making its getaway, but in a fit of road-rage he stamped on it. So ended this adventure of "Spider Mike".

By now we were running late for our lunch stop at Laver's Hill so once we reached the Great Ocean Road we just kept going, enjoying its many curves and ignoring the roadside views. We had a good passage with only a couple of vehicles reluctant to use the slow vehicles bays – there are always a few who cannot/will not read the signs – ignorant morons.

After lunch we had a good run through the dozens of bends into Apollo Bay where we met Holly and Ron from Melbourne. We stopped there for ice-creams as it was getting hot. Despite health problems, Holly's a plucky lady and a good rider. Ron at 83 finds walking difficult, but he somehow rides his BMW K1300, and rides it well. They are two gritty Ulyssians and nice folk too.

After a good chat we had another exhilarating ride along the beautiful twisty sections to Lorne where we unloaded the bikes for our two-night stay. Some of us had fish and chips for dinner as the cafes and restaurants were horribly dear. Sulphur-crested cockatoos tried to join the feast too but were sent packing by the overly rotund fish and chips shop proprietor and his water gun.

For the middle day there was a choice of riding or doing your own thing. In fine warm weather some of us rode to Colac via Laver's Hill, enjoying a good run again apart from a few who were stuck behind an obstinate perverse individual who crawled up the hill ignoring the passing bays, imposing his speed on the unfortunate riders who weren't able to get past. The road to Colac was almost free of traffic so we had a good run there, where the ladies enjoyed a shop-crawl before lunch at a café for about half the price of Lorne equivalents.

After lunch some of us rode back to Lorne and some to Apollo Bay for more ice-creams before returning. That evening our foodies prepared a lovely picnic dinner which we ate by the Erskine River next to our caravan park.

The next morning I awoke to rain and a cool temperature, which always seems to intrude on rides in Victoria. Fortunately it cleared up by the time we were leaving so Plan B wasn't needed. We rode carefully at first on wet roads but as they dried we picked up the pace enjoying the twists one more time. After morning tea at Laver's Hill for the third day running, we left in rain so descended the tight twists to the Aire River section with caution. Then it fined up so we were soon free to skip along at a nice pace again.



Guy Malpas had never seen the stacks along the coast so we just had to stop for him at three locations so he could sample the spectacular coastal views before riding on to Warrnambool and lunch. Then we rode on via Dunkeld to Hall's Gap for ice-creams, with just one interruption half way down the line - an errant koala tested riders' brakes and nerves as it did a witless road crossing in a forested stretch.

After stopping at the Balconies Lookout on the Mt Victory Road, we reached Horsham a little later than expected, so we were late getting to dinner at the nearby restaurant, posing for photos in front of the Tyrannosaurus Rex at the entrance once again. Those who hadn't been to that restaurant before were in for a treat. After the usual top meal at bargain prices, we enjoyed a free port or chocolate to end another memorable 'last supper' there.

The final day was different this year. For the first time I can remember, the riders were not champing at the bit at sunrise to get home urgently for whatever reason. We left at our usual time in perfect weather and rode a longer but peaceful way via Natimuk and Goroke to Crow's Corner (near Wong's Blidge) famous, not for the SA football team but for John Crowe's childhood home and farm right near the sign. 'Crowie' posed for photos and we had a group shot. He then proudly emailed these to his family.

Further down the road we saw a sizeable murder of crows flying aimlessly about near the SA border. We Port barrackers smiled.



We rode on for breaks at Padthaway and Coonalpyn where an artist is busy on the silos - worth a look when you next travel through there. After a farewell break at Tailern Bend we went our separate ways. It had been one of the best rides I have led.

From four different branches, we all enjoyed each other's company, and yes, we'll do it again. While we didn't have the roads all to ourselves all the time, we had enough freedom to really enjoy most of the beautiful bends of the Great Ocean Road and the Grampians. Viva Ulysses! What a way to grow old disgracefully!

Guzzi Bob



JOHNNY CROWE..... or HAWK ??

He's a lad from West Victoria but he calls himself John Crowe,
 So his name's an oxymoron 'cos everybody knows
 That he barracks hard for Hawthorn,
 Never followed Port or Crows.
 So he's not a true Croweater, 'cos his real name's Hawk not Crowe!

If you're talking Crows and football to him it's cheese and chalk,
 'Cos his bird of choice can't aark aaaark, it can only screech and squawk,
 And he worships brown and yellow,
 Wears their colours, talks their talk,
 So go and eat some crow now John 'cos your real name's Johnny Hawk!!

Guzzi Bob

(you can sing this one to the tune of the Crow's Club Song)

Sunday Round-up

29th January Day Ride

Today's ride was 'officially' cancelled because of the heat, yet I knew there would still be some who would turn up at the Victoria Hotel ready to go. Surprisingly, there were 10 of us. Ken would have come too, but his knee was playing up and he couldn't get the big Exploder off its side stand.

The original ride was to take us out past Murray Bridge and to Mannum, not a good place to be if the temperature was expected to be more than 38 degrees. So I had an alternative route instead that would take us to the Cudlee Creek Cafe for morning tea. After that, people made their own way home. My plan was to stay in the hills and make the maximum use of the shade available. It worked too. I reckon we were in the shade for more than 75% of the ride, and the temperature only got up to 27 degrees.

We had some windy little roads and some tricky turns at times. Judy had a learning experience on one corner. I didn't see it but I believe it involved gravel, gross weight and gravity, but not gracefulness.

Many thanks to Trevor for being the Tail End Charlie. No photos this time though. It was an 'unofficial' ride after all.

12th February Day Ride to One Tree Hill

After a week of weather too hot (at least for me) to ride in, we finally had some respite with a forecast of 26° for this Sunday. Apparently, this was seen as a good sign by riders, as we had a group of 29 bikes assembled at Civic Park. There were some riders who were new to our group and that's always good to see. The destination today was One Tree Hill, in particular the Blacksmiths Inn. A count revealed that 21 of us would be having a pub lunch. The other 8 riders left at morning tea.

We shared the car park at Modbury, before we left, with the MRA riders, and they left just before us. By the time we got to Mt Pleasant for morning tea, they were there too. They must have taken a shorter route, because they were well settled in, along with others who flocked to the bakery that morning. It was disappointing that some riders are still missing turns. Today it was the first turn into Houghton Hollow. Anyway, they went to Mt Pleasant and waited for us to arrive.

We all had a pretty good run today with very little traffic in our way. Apart from Trevor's bike stalling and then refusing to start at Gawler, it was an incident free ride.



26th February Day Ride to Angaston

What a top day for a ride! We had a great group arrive at McDonald's for the start. Twenty eight riders turned up, and we had three pillions on board too. For some this was their first ride with us. So far, every ride in 2017, except for the one on the 27th January, has had more than twenty five bikes.

Unfortunately, on the past three rides we had problems with people missing corners for a variety of reasons and getting lost. This morning, I carefully went over the corner marshal procedure to try and eliminate any more problems. All to no avail - more about that later.

We wound our way through the suburbs to get on to Gorge Road. We had a great traffic-free run right up to the Kangaroo Creek Reservoir where we stopped for a mob-up. From here I continued through to Lyndoch, oblivious to the fact that a rider had left his post at the top of Torrens Hill Road. This meant that we had almost half the group stuck there with no idea which way we had gone. Trevor could not get through to anyone on the radio, and I didn't receive his phone message until we had stopped at Lyndoch. I believe that one of the corner marshals went back after waiting for twenty minutes, picked up the riders that were left without a direction to follow. Then they set off to follow the rest of us, and pick up all the other corner marshals on the way.

Because of this issue I called all the riders together to make a correction on our corner marshal process so that this does not happen again. From now on, at the pre-ride briefing, all riders will be requested to make sure that the rider behind them can see which way they are going. It's a buddy system that many of us have used before. Using that method as well as our regular corner marshals and our Tail-End-Charlies, we should eliminate any confusion in the future.

I have to say that, even though we left Lyndoch late, we still arrived at Angaston for lunch around 10 minutes after 1pm, and everyone arrived together, too. Very pleased to see that. As always, I am indebted to Trevor and Ray for their efforts at the back of the pack.



Sunday Round-up



26th Mar Day Ride to Lyndoch

There were 18 of us who arrived at the new start point in the Westfield car park (the normal start point was closed for the day) on a pleasant morning for a ride. Flavio arrived on his new beast, a 2007 Suzuki GSX 1000, but took it easy for his first major outing. We had an uneventful and pleasant run up to Birdwood for morning tea and a warmer, but still pleasant enough, second leg to Lyndoch for lunch. Many thanks again to our stalwart tail end Charlies, Trevor and Ray, and to Bev for lending a hand in taking the photos. Overall, another great day out. I expect Frank to be back to lead the next ride, so be prepared to go anywhere!

Peter Wood



12th March Day Ride to Mt Compass

A hardy group of nine riders set off from TOT for a ride that was predicted to be very wet and windy. (I fill in for Frank as ride leader and this is the weather I am in for!) We had an event free and quite dry (although the roads were damp) run to Normanville for morning tea. As we were about to set off on the second leg to Mt Compass, things went a little pear shaped. One of the group discovered his bike was unregistered, and proceeded to try and register it on line, with some difficulty. As we were about to set off again, another member slipped in to the servo to fill up, another wait. We then had a pleasant run down Range Road, but had to make a major detour in Victor Harbor for a fun run. In the end, 6 of us made it to Mt Compass and we all enjoyed a lamb roast for lunch. It was completed in mostly dry weather and dry roads. Thanks again to Trevor for his excellent tail end Charlie duties, and to Bob for taking some of the photos.

Peter Wood (acting ride leader)



The Odyssey



Runs and Rallies for 2017 - Please check with individual organisers for last minute changes.

Date	Event	Organiser	Destination
April 21-23	Sidecar Rally	Monarchs Club	Strathmerton (Vic)
April 28-30	Ausbruch Rally BMW Owners Club of SA	Harry 0418 847 871	Gladstone Gaol
May 5-7	Roaming Swagman	Mark 8634 4377 Lefty 0412 767 945	The Tank, near Crystal Brook
May 12-14	SA Sidecars Get-together	Peter 0428 315 815 Beet 0458 294 271	Whyte-Yarcowie
May 19-21	Wunkar Pub	Kingy 00421 073 909 Brian 0425 224 797	Wunkar Pub
May 26-28	MRA Great Escape Rally (Back to basics)	Harald 0421 289 714	Marrabel
June 9-12 LW	SA Rangers 2017 Rally	Beetle 0458 294 271	Farina Campground 24km North of Lyndhurst
June 10-12 LW	Wintersun	Sy (03)5021 1111	Mildura
June 30-July 1	Up the Creek	Marie 0417 113 675	Jung (near Horsham)
July TBA	FTMA Remembrance Ride	Lefty 0412 767 945	Caltex Port Pirie
August TBA	Flat Earth (back to basics)	Feral 08 8568 2503	Sedan
August 11-13	FTMA Wombat Rally (back to basics)	Lefty 0412 767 945	Warnertown Oval, SA
August 20	Sidecars, Sidecars and more Sidecars	Beetle 0458 294 271	Mannahill Pub
August 25-27	Pergrine Rally	Chris 0402 428 468	Jabuk
Sept 8-10	Ghost Town	Chickenman 0419 983 193	Copi Hollow
Sept 8-10	Gulnare Pub (SA Tourers)	Pub 08 8662 2602	Gulnare
Sept 29-30, Oct 1 LW	Golden Dragon Rally	Tony 0409 411 557	Tarnagulla (50km west of Bendigo)
Sept 29-30, Oct 1 LW	Oasis Rally	Bear 0407 394 322	Paruna
Oct TBA	FTMA Pink Ribbon Ride	Michelle 0437 323 089	Port Pirie
Oct TBA	Redback Tourers	Andrew 0418 803 293	TBA
Nov 10-12	Fish Holes	Secretary 0412 838 765	Portland (Vic)
November TBA	Caltowie Pub Run	Phil (pub) 08 8665 5003 Rabbit 0408 082 257	TBA
Nov 26	31st Pirie Toy Run	Trevor 0418 592 268	TBA

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Social Meeting

2nd Wednesday of the Month
at The Riverside Hotel

Why not come along and have meal before the meeting

Rides

Ride calendar can be found on the Ulysses Web Page with
all the details of each ride.

Rides depart McDonalds,

Murray Bridge, usually 9.30 unless stated on calendar.

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Suzie Terry

Treasurer: Sally Williams

Rides Coordinator: Rob Ryan
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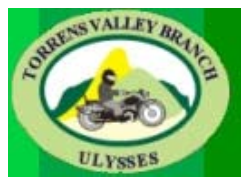
**Ulysses Club Inc
Whyalla & Districts Branch**

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Meet and Greet

top shopz deli on McDouall Stuart ave, [Next to Harris Scarfes]. At 9:30am on the first and third Sunday of the month starting Sunday 22nd January.

President	Perry Zimmerman	0419134511
Secretary	John Lawson	0421170181
Ride Co-ordinator	Gerry Messias	0475 075 413



**Torrens Valley Branch
Meetings**

7.30pm

Third Tuesday of the Month

Parafield Gardens Community Club
Shepherdson Road, Parafield Gardens

Meals available from the Club before the Meeting
All welcome

SA RV Events

RV events are open to any Ulysses member or partner.

Any type of vehicle can be used to get you there, what is important is that you are there.

Any further enquiries contact
Max Hart on 0407 564 109

May 5th to 7th 2017

Cockatoo Downs (near Keith)

August 4th to 6th 2017

Mt Pleasant Caravan Park/Showgrounds

October 17th to 23rd 2017

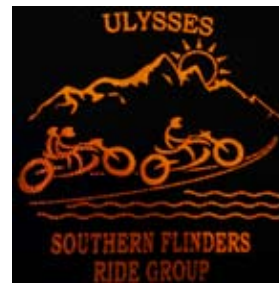
AGM Margaret River Western Australia

November 2017 to be advised

All types of camping welcome, from swags to motorhomes.

Any further enquiries contact Max Hart on 0407 564 109
email: maxhart187@gmail.com

Southern Flinders Riding Group Port Pirie



SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE AT HOT BREAD SHOP

We meet at the Hot Bread Shop on Sunday mornings for impromptu rides.

Rides Co-ordinator: **Ross Greenfield**

0403 777 672 email: rgreenfield@internode.on.net

President Gerry Kroon
0428 352 838

Secretary Linda Jones
0403 598 258

Treasurer David Lawson
0409 905 209

Rides Captain Trevor Blackall
0439 354 309

Sunday Meeting Place : Meet at the RSL on Sturt Street, Mount Gambier from 9.30 am onwards. All rides leave from here unless advised otherwise.

Check our ride calendar on the website as some rides may depart earlier.

Rides : As per Ride Calendar on the Web

Web Site: www.branches.ulyssesclub.org/limestonecoast

Our Web is now updated regularly, with Ride Calendar, Ride Reports & Photos.

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Come on any event on any sort of wheels!
Sunday impromptu rides from Town Jetty 10 00 am
All rides subject to change.
Visitors welcome.

Once were Warriors trip 2017

Saturday March 11 2017 saw 12 bikes leave Port Pirie in fine weather for our fifth annual ride to the Snowy Mountain area. The weather in the morning was perfect for riding and spirits were high at the first stop, the Morgan Bakery. We then headed across the ferry and along the Riverland towns and, in our usual style, managed to take several wrong turns (normal practice for us). Leaving Mildura, we rewrote the Paul Simon classic, 50 Ways to leave your lover into 50 Ways to leave Mildura. 12 bikes left the servo together and 3 blocks later there was only 3 of us to turn left, but, as we went down the road, bikes kept appearing from side streets, and 5 kms down the road we had 12 bikes together again.

That night, we stayed at the Victoria Hotel in Ouyen. A grand old pub with several rooms on the top floor. We were also joined by a bloke from Adelaide driving around the area in a small ex army tank. The pub had a great balcony to sit on and view the action while having a few drinks and solving the problems of the world.



The next morning, we had breakfast in the pub and headed off a bit later than planned. We headed down to Brim to have a look at the silo art, which was absolutely fantastic and well worth a look. Then headed to Warracknabeal for a drink. After this we headed off and some of the group decided they would head in a different direction than the ride leader and met us again at Kerang arriving an hour later than the leader's group. Then we headed off to Deniliquin in damp conditions to spend the night at the Sportsman's Arms Hotel. Here it was discovered that Cossy had lost his wallet (how can you lose something that big?). Then Rodney mentioned he had seen something come from Cossy's bike down the road and thought that he had hit a bird. So in near dark and wet conditions, Cossy and Dave headed out the road to see if they could locate the wallet, even though the exact spot was not known. By some sort of miracle, Dave managed to find the wallet in some grass approx. 13 kms from town. The credit cards were all found in the area the wallet was found and in the end nothing was missing. It was a very relieved Cossy who who arrived back at the pub.

The next day started with fuel and breakfast at the servo opposite the pub and then an orderly ride down to Tocumwal. There had been a Hot Rod show on in town for the weekend, and we watched quite a few of the nice rods still driving around in town. After a wait out the road for Dave to catch up, we headed down to Rich Glen Olive Estate for a bit of a feed and to look around the gardens. Some sampled the produce and Rodney purchased some bottles of sauce for the group to use with the meals over the next couple of days (and it was much appreciated by all). Then we headed to Mansfield which was to be our base for the next few days. When we rode into the main street, there were motor bikes everywhere and we knew Ross had made the right decision to base us here.

We had cabins in the High Country Holiday Park and this was a great venue for us to stay. The park was within walking distance of the main street, had a great bbq area/camp kitchen and the local IGA (including bottle shop) had a free delivery service. We did all our shopping then had groceries, ice and drinks all delivered to the caravan park very soon after we got there.

After settling in, some went for a dip in the pool (not a pretty sight) while others had a few drinks before cooking tea (thanks Paul and Rodney).

Over the next few days, we wandered around the town and did a few different local rides around the area. There are a great variety of rides and they vary from tight, twisty to more open roads, but the scenery was great everywhere. Different groups went to Jamieson, Bonnie Doon, Kevington Hotel, Whitfield, Glenrowan and Healesville. Wayne went to Warragul to visit his son and relatives. Dave went into Melbourne to get a new tyre on the Multi Strada and came back a different way which included 150kms of dirt (some of it a goat track) over the hills to get back. The tyres definitely had the shine removed by the time he arrived at the park.

Come Friday, our time at Mansfield was up and we moved on. We headed off in cool, clear weather and stopped at Yea for breakfast at the bakery. A couple of minor incidents with stationery bikes being dropped took some of the shine off the day but no-one was hurt and we all continued to lunch at St Arnaud (after an unplanned visit to the Puckapunyal Army camp). Then on to Dimboola to stay at the Victoria Hotel. This is a grand Hotel and has been well maintained and if you are in the area it is worth a look at. There was a very wide balcony that featured dining settings and lounges. We had drinks on the balcony and Ross made a few presentations to some of the trip participants. Mick C. was sharing a room with Dave and, after hearing our stories all week, decided he would look after the key rather than risk Dave losing it. Before they even got to the room, Mick had misplaced the key which was eventually found, and then later he went out locking the door but leaving the key in the room. The bar staff then had to come upstairs and unlock the door – lucky he didn't let Dave have the key!

Next day, we headed for home (a bit over 600 kms) with the group splitting and heading home in different directions. Morning tea was at the Harry and Rose Cafe in Keith (well worth a stop) and then it was a look at the silo art in Coonalpyn. The silos are



really incredible and are worth stopping to have a good look at.

Once again it was a fantastic 8 days organised by Ross and a great bunch of blokes to travel with. We had lots of laughs, told (and heard) lots of bull%#!)t, took our rehydration plan very seriously and rediscovered each other's funny little habits. Overall another very successful trip.

Les Beyer - Southern Flinders Group





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BICYCLES WITH AN AUXILIARY INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE - OUTLAWED

On the 15th of December 2016 various Acts and Regulations were modified to prevent the use of power assisted bicycles which have an internal combustion (petrol powered) engine attached. Bicycles with an attached internal combustion engine are now classed as motor vehicles (motor bikes) and must be registered and insured. As bicycles of this type do not meet Australian Standards the Department of Transport will not register them. Riders of 'petrol powered' bicycles will now face a fine of \$1,140.

By way of background:

The New South Wales Centre for Road Safety notes that *"Petrol-powered bicycles can travel at high speeds; however, their brakes are only designed for a standard bicycle, not for the high speeds produced by an attached petrol engine. They take much longer to stop than standard bicycles, greatly increasing the risk of a crash that can kill or seriously injure not only the riders, but other road users as well."*

Electric-powered bicycles are sold by most major bicycle retailers in South Australia and are covered by consumer protection laws and meet minimum safety standards. By comparison, there are no retailers in South Australia selling fully assembled petrol-powered bicycles.

On-line suppliers are selling engine kits which vary from 49cc to 80cc, produce 1.6 – 3.5 kilowatts (maximum permissible is 200 watts) and are assembled at home by the bicycle owner, often with little or no mechanical knowledge. The advertising literature generally suggests that the kits are for off-road use only, but do not address safety issues such as brakes, suspension, tyres or steering which may need to be modified for safety reasons, particularly as the engines which can produce 8 – 17 times the legal power output.

Since 1 October 2014, all petrol-powered bicycles have been banned on NSW roads and road-related areas such as footpaths, shared paths and cycle paths.



Yorke Peninsula

Wednesday Rides

leave the parking bay in the centre of Kadina Park at 9.30 am on Wednesdays.
Please contact Clive Ford on 8821 1598 before any Wednesday ride to get the latest information.



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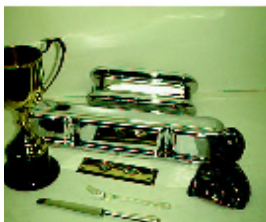
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