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Hi to all our members,

Unfortunately, I will miss the April Meeting due to a holiday conflicting with the date. Fortunately for Michelle and I, we will be relaxing on a cruise in the South Pacific. See you at the May meeting or on a ride.

There have been a few mishaps on rides lately, resulting in serious injuries. One in particular was due to road conditions. Please be careful when negotiating poor road surfaces, whether it be gravel, sticks, water or road kill. These can appear quickly in a corner and leave you with minimal time to react and your skills will get tested. My thoughts go out to those who have sustained injuries and wish you a speedy and full recovery. There has been renewed talk of getting more members enrolled in first aid classes. The branch will back anyone who wants to undertake classes by paying half the fee while the National Club will pay for the other half on completion of the course.

In this issue we have the 3rd instalment of Frank Pellas' history with motorcycling. Ken has an article on web privacy and there is an article from the National website on how motorcyclists are not seen by other road users. There are the usual reports for Sunday and Wednesday rides, Friday Dinners and SA Breakfast club.

Keep up to date with upcoming events with What's On and our website calendar.

Regards

Maurice Stevens



Please email your story, ideas and contributions for the Odyssey Magazine to editor@ulyssesadelaide.org.au or phone me on 0407 011 251

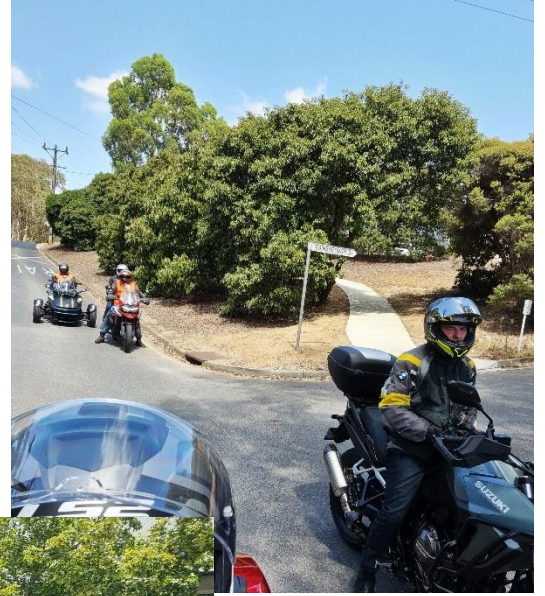


Sunday Ride Round Up 9th February 2025 Littlehampton Ride Leader **Rob Hartridge**

We left The Victoria Hotel with 7 bikes, 2 trikes and 12 people in total. The weather was perfect (a little windy on top of a couple of ridges). We had morning tea at Aldinga for something a little different. Thanks to Felix and Ken for doing TEC. Unfortunately, I had things to do after the ride and couldn't stay for lunch, but the pictures in the gallery suggests plenty of chatter and laughs. Rob



Sunday Ride Round Up 9th February 2025 Littlehampton Ride Leader Rob Hartridge



Sunday Ride Round Up 23rd February 2025 Mt Torrens Ride Leader Peter Wood

We had 11 members (including Graham and Rob from Fleurieu branch) set off on a pleasant summers day for our ride to Mount Torrens pub. Both Graham and Rob ride top end BMW's. We lost Allan and Ivan at morning tea in Balhannah, Allan to a back issue and Ivan do a bike problem, but the rest of us continued on to Mount Torrens where we had a very nice lunch in beautiful surroundings. It was great to see members from other branches on the ride, but I would love to see more Adelaide branch members come along. Peter



Sunday Ride Round Up 23rd February 2025 Mt Torrens Ride Leader Peter Wood



Sunday Ride Round Up 9th March 2025 Meadows Ride Leader Peter Wood

Only 5 turned up at Maccas, Magill. Yes, the forecast was for 36 degrees but we were headed into the hills where it would be cooler. Peter took us on a great ride and ok, it did get a bit hot at times but not unbearable. Roads were good, no incidents and great company, what could be better. Thanks to Peter for a well-planned ride and Harry for Tail End Charlie duties.



Up Coming Sunday Rides **All Rides Depart at 9.30am**

When	Leader	Event	Destination	Departing from
6 April	Peter Wood 0487 452 200	Day Ride	Balhannah	Pelican Plaza, 1007 North East Rd, Modbury
20 April	Rob Hartridge 0422 114 225	Ride to Rob & Judy's for BBQ	Forest Range	McDonalds, 303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens
4 May	Brenton George 0432 535 163	Day Ride	TBA	Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel O'Halloran Hill
18 May	Rob Hartridge 0422 114 225	Day Ride	Strathalbyn	Pelican Plaza, 1007 North East Rd, Modbury
1 June	Rob Hartridge 0422 114 225	Day Ride	Angaston	McDonalds, 303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens
15 June	Brenton George 0432 535 163	Day Ride	TBA	Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel O'Halloran Hill
29 June	Rob Hartridge 0422 114 225	Day Ride	Lobethal	Pelican Plaza, 1007 North East Rd, Modbury
13 July	Rob Hartridge 0422 114 225	Day Ride	Clarendon	McDonalds, 303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens
27 July	Brenton George 0432 535 163	Day Ride	TBA	Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel O'Halloran Hill
10 August	Rob Hartridge 0422 114 225	Day Ride	Charleston	Pelican Plaza, 1007 North East Rd, Modbury
24 August	Rob Hartridge 0422 114 225	Day Ride	Gawler	McDonalds, 303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens
7 September	Brenton George 0432 535 163	Day Ride	TBA	Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel O'Halloran Hill
14 September	TBA	SA Captains Ride	TBA	McDonalds, 303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens
21 September	Rob Hartridge 0422 114 225	Day Ride to Freene's for lunch	St Marys	Pelican Plaza, 1007 North East Rd, Modbury
5 October	Rob Hartridge 0422 114 225	Day Ride	Finnis	McDonalds, 303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens
19 October	Brenton George 0432 535 163	Day Ride	TBA	Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel O'Halloran Hill
2 November	Peter Wood 0487 452 200	Day Ride	Bow Hill	Pelican Plaza, 1007 North East Rd, Modbury

On Any Wednesday



by Claire Hartley

I've always thought that Summer was the best riding weather. This year has proved a bit problematic with February 12th being the hottest day on the planet here in S.A. It's been quite an interesting February and March, so here's the round up.

January 29th Twenty-five riders and seven apologies today. To Lobethal via Wistow, Wellington and Harrogate and circle work around Bridgewater. Perfect riding weather with John leading on that Italian bike and Lester TEC ably assisted by Andrew. Neil tested his new top box on the same road with no mishaps. All good.

Neil's top box departed from his bike enroute January 22nd. Luckily, he found the now damaged top box with its contents still safely locked inside. He has since replaced the top box with a lovely new one.

February 5th Twenty-one riders and eight apologies. To Lobethal via Mount Pleasant.

February 12th Eight for lunch at Meadows today. One hardy soul rode his bike (a Honda, guess who) nice lunch and good company. Thanks to Bruce and Claire for the prompt and Lester for the alternative Thursday ride offer. What a day! The temperature was in excess of forty degrees! As we all enjoy each other's company, we went to Pik-A-Pie in Meadows. This turned into a long, cool relaxing lunch in the air conditioning.

A hot start for some of our group on their planned trip to Merimbula in Queensland.

A WhatsApp from their coffee stop at Lameroo and again to let everyone know that they made Tooleybuc for their first night's accommodation.

February 16th On Wednesday Lester put out a WhatsApp inviting people to breakfast on Sunday, he had booked a table for ten people, first in best dressed! Six of us departed from the Top of Taps at 9 am. We picked up Bruce in Meadows on the way through to The General Store at Finniss. Newell met us there having come by car. A good breakfast was had by all followed by coffee on the way home at Pik-A-Pie in Meadows.

February 19th Twenty-one riders and twelve apologies today including two ROAR members. To Echunga via Strathalbyn and circle work around the hills and Nairne. Great to see Rob B at ROAR.

February 26th Twenty-one riders and seven apologies today. To Wistow via Woodside and circle work. Welcome back to our intrepid Eastern State travellers who battled searing heat and torrential rain. Good for the soul!!!

March 5th Nineteen riders and multiple apologies today. Ride split on Pound Road, Ashton and second TEC (Andrew) continued with the ride, and others remained assisting Clive, ambos and police.

Thanks to all and best wishes to Clive. According to Phil, who was riding behind Clive when it all went "pear shaped" the road gravel had been pushed up into a mound in the centre of each traffic lane. The gravel was a fine top dressing and as such slippery. The corner in question was in shadow from trees. Luckily an off-duty Emergency Department doctor from Modbury Hospital was passing and stopped to help out. Thanks to Bruce for organising the recovery and security of Clive's bike. Clive was admitted to the RAH with ten cracked ribs, cracked a/c in the shoulder and two cracks in the vertebrae but none of them needed further treatment. Just pain killers and rest! After he had been admitted he spent the rest of the afternoon and following days on

WhatsApp responding to the well wishes of all the Wednesday Riders. Clive has managed to take his adventure with exceptionally good humour despite the pain (they must have given him some fantastic drugs!)

March 12th Seventeen riders today and eleven apologies, to Lobethal via Williamstown. Didn't find Bruce at Williamstown (he was enroute home from a short trip) but saw a couple of koalas on the road and Lester's NZ namesake "Lister" (???) Thanks to Fred and Michael for TEC duties.

I guess this is a good time to mention ROAR (Retired and Other Absent Riders). The ROAR meets on the third Wednesday of each month at The Mawson House Café in Meadows at 2 pm (ish). It's a group of people who have retired from riding and wish to stay connected to the riding community. It also includes people who experiencing health issues and injuries. You might think that you don't fit the criteria, you might just want to get back into riding after a bit of a break. Anyone is welcome and the Wednesday Ride Group finish there. Don't be shy – come and meet us!



The offending section of road topped with loose gravel

SA Breakfast Club

1st February 2025

I counted 31 at the Appleseed Cafe Strathalbyn, for the February 2025 SABC breakfast. Delightful venue, if noisy. Good food & coffee, room(s) to ourselves down the back. Ken.



1st March 2025

The March 2025 SABC breakfast was at Illalangi Gourmet Foods, Waikerie. Down by the river. We had 4 from Adelaide, and about 16 from Mallee Branch there. Food was nice, coffee was good. It was a bit warm for Ken & Michele riding up on the Friday (max 37.5C on the bike), but nice day on the Saturday for the ride back to Adelaide.



Friday Dinners

14th February 2025

We had 16 turn up at the Arkaba for dinner. The meals were good and substantial, (no one went hungry)



14th March 2025

We only had 8 turn up for dinner at Tavern 540 but those that did, had a great meal. Company was great and an all-round fun night.





2025 Ulysses Club 31st SA Odyssey



Hosted by Ulysses Club Inc. Adelaide Branch
Friday 17th – Monday 20th October 2025
Location: Jamestown SA 5491

Accommodation:

There is plenty of accommodation in Jamestown and surrounds.

The Park Jamestown for cabins etc, van & tent sites: **ring 08 8664 0077.**
Mention Ulysses, ask for G'Day discount (if a member).

If you want hard accommodation or a van site, book early.

Itinerary to date:

More details to follow as they become available.

Most activities will be located in or near:

The Park Jamestown

Friday night - BBQ at caravan park camp kitchen.

Saturday morning - Egg & Bacon breakfast at caravan park camp kitchen.

Organised ride - to somewhere for lunch.

Saturday evening – Meal at Jamestown Football Club rooms.

Sunday - Do your own thing. Breakfast at bakery.

Online Registration will be available later.

Two Wheels, A lifetime, 60 years of Roads, Races and Revelations.

Chapter Three - Going Backwards.

By Frank Pellas

When I finished my apprenticeship in Bendigo, I got a job in Echuca. The United Bearing Factory was a big step backwards. After working in a government owned factory for three years, I suddenly found myself in a very second-rate workplace. I rode to Echuca on Sunday evenings, then back to Castlemaine on Friday evenings to see my girlfriend.

I had bought my first car by then, a new Monaro 186. I traded Mum's EK wagon for that car, and the deal was that Mum would use the car during the week, and I would have it on the weekends. Soon Mum got her own car, the Monaro didn't work well for her. That meant that I didn't have to ride the bike to Echuca each week. (But then this is not about cars).

One day after work I was at the Yamaha shop and spotted my next bike. The 250 was getting tired, or perhaps I was tired of it. A Yamaha (yes, another one) got my attention. It was an AT1, a 125cc trail bike. Yes, I was going backwards from a 250 to a bike half its capacity.



This little Yamaha was a great bike. I could ride it on the highway, and also through the bush. Now that I could drive to work in Echuca, I would take the AT1 on a bike trailer. This meant I could explore all the bush tracks along the Murray River.

While I was in Echuca, I met a bloke who was interested in starting a motorcycle club, specifically for Scrambles (motocross) events. After a few weeks we got some people together and arranged to use some land alongside the Murray River. I set out a challenging track over mounds, through gullies and around large gum trees. It was pretty tight and the only place you could overtake was on the main straight, and that had a large jump halfway along.

We did put on one race while I was living there. It was very successful, and another time we held a motorkhana. A flag and barrel race, slow race, barrel rolling and other stuff. All great hilarious fun. Especially on a highly manoeuvrable 125 Yamaha.

One day at work when things were not going well, I suddenly decided to resign. I left Echuca the next day and drove home. The very next day I drove to Melbourne, got a job at GMH and started work there the following week. Getting a new job back then was very easy.

I got settled into a boarding house in Elwood, rode the AT1 to work every day in South Melbourne, and back home for the weekends. Living in a boarding house that had no room to park a car, I decided to just use the bike.

I can remember some of the trips back to Castlemaine on a Friday evening after work in the winter. This Yamaha AT1 would occasionally just conk out. Only if it was raining though. The front wheel would dump water onto the engine and short out the spark plug lead. I would stop, clean it up, ride on, repeat. I tried all sorts of remedies and I think I finally fixed it.

While I was working in Melbourne, I bought my next car. I had the Monaro for about two years and a Torana GTR caught my eye in the local Holden dealer in Castlemaine. Of course, this is not about cars. Once I had the Torana and room to park it in the backyard of the boarding house, my trips back home each weekend were done in the car, towing the bike on a trailer.

Having the Yamaha in Melbourne during this time served two purposes. It was cheap to run, and quicker through the traffic to and from work. There was another reason, probably more important. If there was a party or a pub show during the weekend I would stay in Melbourne. I used the bike to get me to these events. Because there were always copious amounts of beer involved, I decided that if I used the car I would drive like an idiot and probably crash, but if I used the bike I would *not* ride like an idiot because a crash would really hurt.

During that time, I got married and moved into in a flat in Elsternwick (Melbourne). I still rode the 125 to work each day. Got stopped by the cops one morning because they thought I was going too fast. It just that I was getting through the traffic easier than they could.

My daughter was born soon after we were married. Yes, it was like that! Life in Melbourne changed as I moved into an office job with the German industrial automation company Festo. After working there for about a year I was transferred to Sydney. And a whole new chapter began.

After living in Melbourne for four years, Sydney came as a bit of a shock. The two cities were so different. Sydney was brash, crowded and in many ways old fashioned compared to Melbourne.

I still rode the Yamaha AT1 to work each day. After I while I got a job upgrade from inside sales support, to a Sales Representative. With a company car too. I eventually sold the AT1 to one of the engineers I used to call on. He bought it for his kids to ride. That bike served its time well with me. Apart from the eventually fixed water on plug lead issue it never let me down.

My son was born in Sydney, and when he was three years old our marriage came to an end.

Over the next few years, I built a Purvis Eureka kit car, got a company transfer to Adelaide, and had a gap of about three years with no motorbike.



Example of Purvis Eureka

Next: Chapter 4 - The First Big Bike.

The Internet for old farts

Privacy

Ever noticed how, soon after searching for something on the net (or asking Alexa, Siri or Google), you start getting ads for that product in Facebook or emails or phone texts or ... just spam.

The companies who harvest your credentials and browsing habits, either make use of them, or sell them to data aggregators.

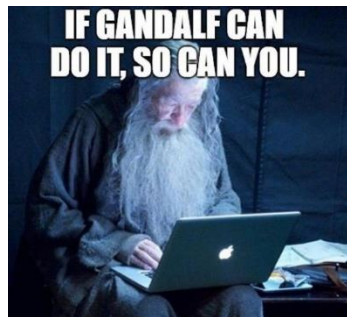


Here are tips from a guy I follow on YouTube, “*The Internet Privacy Guy*”, Rob Braxman.

- Clear all your browser’s cookies occasionally.
- Set your browser to block third-party cookies.
- Use *DuckDuckGo* as your search engine in your browser. It doesn’t store or sell your search terms, and doesn’t follow where you go.
- Use *Brave* as your browser, it is the most privacy-focused one out there. Make it your default.
- Don’t use Opera, it is perhaps the least privacy-focused browser.
- Do your Facebooking and Gmailing etc (Google products you have to log in for) in the one browser, e.g., Chrome or Firefox, and your general web browsing in another, e.g., Brave.

Explanation for the last tip: Websites save *cookies*, small files, on your computer. These store information to be used next time you go to that website, e.g., to remember where you were on the site. They can also store your credentials (name, email address, phone number, sex, where you have browsed to etc etc) possibly for nefarious purposes. Often for tracking you.

Websites can’t read cookies stored by other websites. But they can if they embed code from other sites. Examples are *Google Analytics*, and *Good AdSense*. Facebook have theirs too. So, an unrelated website can then read and write cookies left by Google etc. One thing they want to know is if you’ve seen their ads, and maybe the opposition’s. By isolating websites, you log in to from other sites, you reduce the amount of tracking.



And a tip from me: If you receive a suspicious email on your phone, read it on your computer, and before you click on a link, hover the cursor over it to see on the status bar where it will take you. If it doesn’t match the purported sender, e.g., Aust Post, ATO, MyGov, etc, delete the email.

No need to be paranoid, but they *are* out to get you!

Ken, the computer fiddler.

Inattentional blindness ..or..Sorry mate I didn't see you Ulysses National Website

Have you experienced the following scenario?

You are riding your motorcycle at a legal speed on a fine clear day. Your headlight is on and you are also wearing a brightly coloured helmet. You notice a vehicle well in front of you approaching on a side road which intersects with the roadway you are travelling on. You notice that the vehicle on the side road has slowed considerably as it approaches the intersection and as you get closer you also notice that the driver appears to be looking straight at you. You assume that the driver has seen you. You do not notice that the wheels of the vehicle are still turning slowly. Then the driver of the vehicle turns directly into your path. Later the vehicle driver tells the police officer, "I never saw the motorcycle." The driver was telling the truth.

Recent road safety research is focusing on a phenomenon known as inattentional blindness. It is also known as "perceptual blindness" and is the phenomenon of not being able to see things that are actually there.

Inattentional blindness is a term used to describe not seeing what is right in front of your eyes. It is caused by an absence of attention to the unseen object and proves that without attention we are blind. Like the last time you couldn't find your keys or your glasses and someone else was able to show them to you, right in front of your eyes.

To describe this in simple terms the brain does not always see what the eyes are looking at. This is because our bodies and eyes receive 11,000,000 bits of information every second through what we see, feel and smell etc. Our brains cannot process this much data, so we filter out all but the most important information. This allows us to focus on the important things going on around us at that time without distraction from other irrelevant events or objects.

We also notice what we are focussed on. If you are interested in buying a certain type of car, you start to notice them everywhere, and you do not notice other types. If you ride a motorcycle, you will notice every motorcycle that goes past and, in particular, your make and model. But there is a very high possibility that a person who doesn't have an interest in motorcycles and doesn't know someone who rides one will not normally see an approaching motorcycle.

Even though the motorcycle stands out the driver does not see it because the motorcycle is different from the vehicles the driver is expecting to see, and is looking for. Many collisions between cars and motorcycles involve cars turning in front of an oncoming motorcycle, with the car driver not seeing the motorcyclist. Given that motorcycles are far less common than other vehicles, inattentional blindness is likely to be the cause of the crash because the vehicle driver is expecting to see and is looking for another vehicle and not expecting to see or looking for a motorcycle.

This is supported by statistics showing that cities with more bicyclists and pedestrians had better safety records for accidents involving bicycles and pedestrians. Drivers in those cities are used to seeing bicyclists and pedestrians and therefore expected to see them. The same applies to cities with very high numbers of motorcycles such as in South East Asia. They actually have surprisingly good road safety statistics because vehicle drivers are so used to seeing motorcyclists and look out for them.

This also explains why some jurisdictions also run road safety programmes to educate drivers to become more motorcycle aware, e.g., "look left, look right, look bike"

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Welfare Officer - Friendly Reminder



As Ulyssians we greatly value the camaraderie and support that is provided by our fellow members.

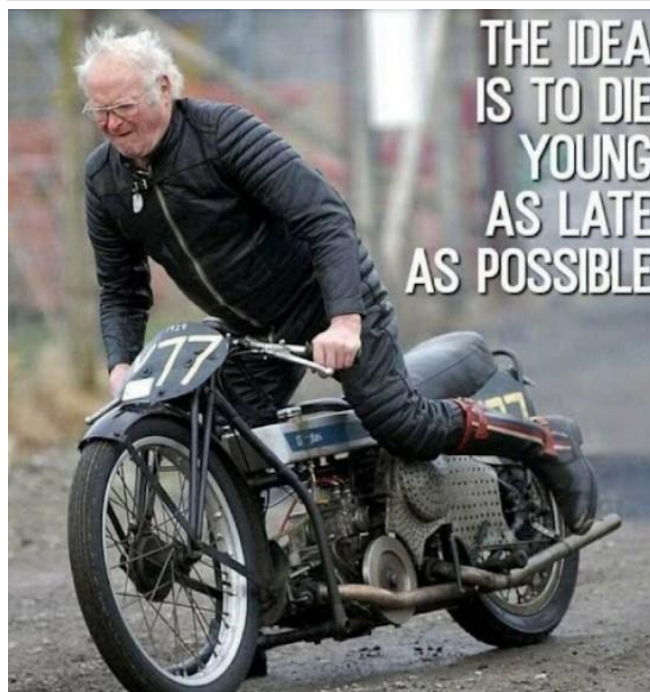
Adelaide's Welfare Officer is a central person in our branch to ensure members in need are assisted in whatever manner is appropriate for that individual.

All members have a responsibility to inform the Welfare Officer if you know of someone who needs support. Perhaps they are unwell, had a close relative / companion die, or experiencing any other physical or emotional need.

Let the Adelaide Branch Welfare Officer know immediately so they can organize a hospital visit, home visit, send a card or arrange any other appropriate help.

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Wednesday Midweek Rides

All Rides Depart at 10.30am for more details phone Steve 0405 120 542 or John 0407 794 147. The 1st 2nd & 5th Wednesday depart from The Feathers Hotel Car Park Burnside and the 3rd 4th Wednesday depart from the Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel, O'Halloran Hill. Please arrive with a full tank of fuel.

SA Breakfast Club

The SABC meets at an eatery somewhere around the state, on the 1st Saturday of the month, from 9.30am. It doesn't matter what the weather is. Come by motorbike, bicycle, car, or on foot. The SABC is about socialising with members from other branches.

When: 5th April 2025 at 9.30am

Where: La Crème Coffee Roasters, 8 Denis St, St Marys

When: 3rd May 2025 at 9.30am

Where: [TBA Please check our website nearer the time](#)

Please confirm your attendance as venues require numbers to provide adequate staff.

Contact Ken Wagnitz by the Wednesday before either ken@ulyssesadelaide.org.au or SMS 0417 353 389 with - SABC, your name, how many require breakfast.

Adelaide Branch Monthly Meeting. Official meeting starts at 7:30pm

Held on the 1st Thursday of the month and issues regarding the branch are relayed to the members. New members are welcomed and general business raised. A raffle is held on the night. Come early and enjoy a meal and drink available at the venue: - The Maid of Auckland Hotel, 926 South Rd, Edwardstown

When: 1st May 2025

When: 5th June 2025

Morning Tea

Adelaide Branch Mornings Teas are happening on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

When: 20th May 2025

Where: [TBA Check the Adelaide Calendar closer to the day.](#)

When: 17th June 2025

Where: [TBA Check the Adelaide Calendar closer to the day.](#)

Friday Night Dinners

Friday night Dinners are held on the 2nd Friday after the Monthly Meeting at 6:30pm. Venues require numbers so please let us know if you will be attending by email president@ulyssesadelaide.org.au or phone 0407 011 251 at least one week prior.

When: 11th April 2025

Where: Siam 49 Thai Restaurant, 308 Port Rd, Hindmarsh

When: 9th May 2025

Where: [TBA Check the Adelaide Calendar closer to the day](#)

When: 13th June 2025

Where: [TBA Check the Adelaide Calendar closer to the day.](#)

Upcoming Events Details on our website ulyssesadelaide.org.au